

The sentiment which objects to all words of foreign origin might be excusable in Wamba, but since the days of Chaucer is something more than an anachronism.  
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB.

*Tuesday, May 6.*—Mr. W. LONGMAN, *President, in the Chair.*

The following gentlemen were balloted for and elected members of the Club :—Mr. W. R. Browne and Mr. A. D. Puckle.

Mr. F. T. P. BARLOW read a paper on 'The Ascent of the Grand Paradis from Cogne.'

Mr. W. MATTHEWS pointed out the importance of this route, lately discovered by the Italian Alpine Club, by which the long and tedious approach to the mountain through Val Savaranche is avoided, and Cogne made more than ever the centre for mountaineers in the Graians.

*Tuesday, June 3.*—Mr. W. LONGMAN, *President, in the Chair.*

Mr. C. C. TUCKER read a paper on 'The Rosengarten and Cima della Vezzana,' describing ascents made last summer of the Kessel Kogel, the northern summit of the Rosengarten range, and of the second in height of the peaks of Primiero.

Mr. T. CARSON agreed with Mr. Tucker in recommending Campidello as head-quarters for several interesting expeditions at the head of Val Fassa. He thought many of the Tyrolese mountains might be safely climbed without professional guides. Mr. W. Longman's experience of the inn at Campidello was less favourable than Mr. Carson's. Mr. Lealie Stephen thought the dolomites rather grotesque than sublime, and not likely to afford so much enjoyment as the Bernese Oberland. The absence of guides at Primiero was a reason against mountaineers frequenting this district.

Mr. D. FRESHFIELD pointed out that good rock-climbers, accustomed to act as guides, might be brought from Cortina or Caprile at very small expense. He and Mr. Tucker had been obliged to ascend the Cima della Vezzana alone, owing to an accidental failure in their arrangements. While holding that practised climbers were occasionally justified in doing without professional aid, he did not wish to take any share in the responsibility of inducing travellers to learn to mountaineer by themselves.

Mr. MACDONALD observed that 'Mountaineering without Guides' had been recently fully considered by the Club, and the subject could not be reopened with profit, unless there was some prospect of reversing the adverse verdict then arrived at. The Club was not, he thought, likely to do this.

*Wednesday, June 11.*—The summer dinner took place at the Crystal Palace, when more than sixty members and their friends sat down; Mr. W. Longman, *President, in the Chair.* Among the guests of the Club was General Imboden, late of the Confederate Cavalry.