

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

A general meeting of the Club took place on December 18. Mr. C. E. MATHEWS, *President, in the chair.*

The following gentlemen were elected members:—Messrs. G. Scriven, W. C. Smyly, W. Little, H. E. Bury, C. E. Layton, and W. O. N. Shaw.

The President congratulated the Club on their first meeting in the newly furnished and altered Club Rooms, and suggested that some of the pictures in the possession of the Club were hardly worthy of their places on the walls. He hoped that a good collection of Alpine paintings might gradually be acquired.

Mr. D. W. FRESHFIELD hoped that the library also might be improved, and announced that Mr. C. C. Tucker had consented to undertake the re-arrangement of the books and maps.

Messrs. F. Gardiner and W. Leaf were elected new members of the Committee vice Messrs. Horace Walker and C. C. Tucker, who retired by rotation. The other officers of the Club were unanimously re-elected.

Mr. W. A. B. COOLIDGE then read a paper on an ascent of the Grand Pic de la Meije. Mr. H. G. GORCH narrated his experience on the mountain.

The President congratulated Mr. Coolidge on his success.

The Annual Winter Dinner took place at Willis's Rooms on Dec. 19.

The usual exhibition of Alpine paintings was on this occasion thrown open to members and their friends during the afternoon. Some two hundred persons, including many ladies, availed themselves of the invitation.

One hundred and forty-eight members and their friends sat down to the dinner. Among the guests were Prof. G. M. Humphry, Messrs. N. Chevalier, H. Curzon, &c.

N.B. The Club Rooms have recently been entirely refurnished. In the Committee Room a map cupboard has been placed, in which, in the course of a few weeks, it is hoped that members may find a tolerably complete and easily accessible collection of Alpine Maps. The library will also be increased from time to time, as the funds of the Club allow. The Honorary Librarian, Mr. C. C. Tucker, will be obliged to any member who will indicate works he may think worthy of purchase. He will be particularly obliged to members who will present such works, or any writings of their own, to the Club.

POSTSCRIPT.—On January 27 Mr. Coolidge, with Ch. Almer, the latter's two sons, and a porter, reached the top of the Gross-Schreckhorn in 8 hrs. 55 min. from the Schwarzenegg hut, returning in 3 hrs. 5 min. The final ridge was alone found difficult, but this, owing to the quantity of snow piled on it, was extremely so. The weather on the summit was warm and mild, scarcely fairly represented by the reading of Mr. Coolidge's barometer, + 2° Réaumur.