

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held at the Club rooms on Monday, December 16, at 8.30 P.M. The *President*, Mr. C. T. DENT, occupied the chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected members of the Club: the Rev. Frank C. Bell, Messrs. George Broke, Edward Alfred Broome, Otto Koecher, A. F. Calder Leith, Arthur Milnes Marshall, and Francis W. Newmarch.

The PRESIDENT announced that an admirable portrait of the late Mr. W. F. Donkin, drawn by his sister, Miss Alice Donkin, had been presented to the Club by the artist, and, on his motion, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Miss Donkin for her most acceptable and gracious gift.

The best thanks of the Club were also voted to M. Gabriel Loppé for his kindness in presenting the Club with a set of very beautiful photographs taken by himself.

The PRESIDENT then briefly alluded to the very serious losses again sustained by the Club during the year, remarking that amongst others we had to deplore the loss of an honorary member, Sir F. O. Adams; of one of the original members, Lieutenant-Colonel Eustace Anderson, who had served on the first committee; and of Mr. John Ball, our first president. Mr. Ball's name was a household word not only with ourselves, but with all Alpine Clubs; his loss had been felt with equal keenness at home and abroad. The Section Austria of the Deutsch-Oesterr. Alpenverein had put on record their sympathy with the Alpine Club on this occasion by a formal vote passed at one of their meetings. The committee, the President continued, had already, on behalf of the Club, expressed their deep sorrow to Mr. Ball's relatives; they had also under consideration the question of the possibility of re-editing 'Ball's Alpine Guide,' as the most appropriate tribute of respect to his memory.

Mr. WILLIAM MATHEWS also spoke, and referred to Mr. Ball's eminent services to the Club, and to his wonderful knowledge of Alpine geography and science.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place. On the motion of the PRESIDENT, seconded by Mr. W. MATHEWS, Mr. Horace Walker was unanimously elected President in the place of Mr. C. T. Dent, whose term of office expired.

Mr. WALKER briefly returned thanks.

On the motion of Professor BONNEY, seconded by Mr. G. E. FOSTER, Messrs. F. A. Wallroth and S. F. Still were unanimously elected Vice-Presidents in the places of Messrs. M. Holzmann and C. Pilkington, whose term of office expired.

On the motion of Mr. NICHOLS, seconded by Dr. LIVEING, Messrs. T. H. Carson and P. W. Thomas were unanimously elected new members of the committee in the places of Messrs. L. Pilkington and G. S. Barnes, who retired by rotation.

On the motion of Mr. WHYMPER, seconded by Dr. SAVAGE, the Hono-

rary Secretary, Mr. F. O. Schuster, and the remaining members of the committee—viz. Messrs. Conway, King, Beachcroft, Mortimer, Slingsby, and Willink—being eligible, were unanimously re-elected.

Mr. C. E. MATHEWS moved, and Mr. BLACKSTONE seconded, the following resolution, which was carried unanimously: 'That the best thanks of the Club be presented to the Rev. W. A. B. Coolidge for the great services he has rendered to the Club as the able, careful, and conscientious Editor of the "Alpine Journal" during a period of nine years.'

The PRESIDENT then delivered an address to the meeting, dealing with the development of mountaineering during the last three years, at the conclusion of which a vote of thanks to him for his interesting paper, and for his eminent services to the Club during his tenure of office, was moved by the PRESIDENT ELECT, and carried by acclamation and with the greatest enthusiasm.

*The Exhibition of Alpine Paintings, Photographs, and Appliances* was held at the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole during the afternoon of Tuesday, December 17, and attracted a very large number of visitors. A detailed notice will be found on p. 96.

*The Annual Winter Dinner* took place at the Whitehall Rooms on the evening of the same day, the chair being taken by the *President*, Mr. C. T. DENT. The attendance was by far the largest on record, about 200 members and guests being present; amongst the latter were Lord Thring, the Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie (President of the Local Government Board), Sir James Paget, Bart., F.R.S., Sir Alfred Dent, K.C.M.G., Mr. J. Hutchinson (President R.C.S.), Mr. Marcus Stone, R.A., &c. &c.

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*Errata in Last Number.*

Page 457, line 22, for 1860 read 1865.

" 518, note, for 'So Rivista Mensile. See C.A.J.' read 'See Rivista Mensile del C.A.J'

" 523, lines 9 and 10, delete the phrase between brackets.