

them upon one peg to make a pretty tale ; as, though my dogs did once dismount a curate, I was never in England had up before the 'beaks' on account of them. However, you see I have taken my revenge in inflicting this upon you.

I am, yours truly,

CHARLES PACKE.

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#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held at the Club Rooms on the evening of Tuesday, February 2, 1892, Mr. HORACE WALKER, *President*, in the chair.

Messrs. Arthur Bird, E. A. Fitzgerald, A. F. de Fonblanque, A. P. Harper, J. E. Koecher, Major-General H. C. N. Blanckley, Lieut. Hon. C. G. Bruce, and Conte F. Lurani were balloted for, and elected members of the Club.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer presented the accounts for the year 1891, which were unanimously passed.

Mr. J. H. GIBSON read a paper, 'The Eastern Arête of the Meije.' A short discussion followed in which the President, Messrs. Morse, Mathews, and Conway took part, and the proceedings terminated with a cordial vote of thanks.

A General Meeting of the Club was held at the Club Rooms on the evening of Tuesday, March 1, Mr. HORACE WALKER, *President*, in the chair.

Messrs. P. Fletcher and C. B. Heberden were balloted for and elected members of the Club.

The PRESIDENT referred to the loss sustained by the Club through the death of Mr. E. L. Ames, one of the founders of the Club, and a contributor to 'Peaks, Passes, and Glaciers.'

The Rev. GEORGE BROKE read a paper, 'A Fortnight round Saas,' for which an unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to him.

A General Meeting of the Club was held at the Club Rooms on Tuesday evening, April 5, Mr. HORACE WALKER, *President*, in the chair.

One candidate, Dr. Ludwig Darmstaedter, was balloted for, and elected a member of the Club.

The PRESIDENT announced the death of another distinguished member, Mr. John Murray, who had belonged to the Club since 1858, and had always taken a keen interest in Alpine matters, and whose loss would be much regretted. He was the publisher of many Alpine books, and all who had seen the last edition of his Guide to the Alps would agree that it was a most valuable work.

With regard to his remarks made at the General Meeting in December, in reference to the base of the Club Rooms, the President mentioned that negotiations with the landlord had taken place, and that it had been decided to continue the tenancy at the same rental as before for two years (with the option of a third year) from September 1, 1892.

He further announced that the Index to the 'Alpine Journal' was now completed and in the printers' hands, and that he hoped it would shortly be distributed to the members.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Whymper for having presented the Club with a copy of his new work, 'Travels amongst the Great Andes of the Equator.'

Mr. W. P. HASKETT-SMITH read a paper, 'Climbing in Cumberland,' illustrated by a number of excellent sketches, at the conclusion of which a short discussion took place, in which the President and Messrs. Butler, Slingsby, Wilson, Solly, Carr, and Schuster took part. The few members who had made the ascent of the Pillar Rock by the new route up the face from Ennerdale agreed that it was a most difficult climb which could hardly be recommended. The President congratulated Mr. Haskett-Smith on his numerous daring climbs in Cumberland and on his excellent paper, and the meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks.