

E. T. Compton for calling our attention to an error in our account of this accident. It occurred not on the easy Predigtstuhl, in the Niedere Tauern, but on a very difficult rock tower of the same name in the Wilder Kaiser group. This tower has lately come into fashion with the ultra-gymnast school of climbers, though it does not seem to be mentioned in Hess and Purtscheller's very full book on the 'Eastern Alps' (1894). It can only be approached by a very difficult chimney variously estimated at 100 to 150 m. in height and by an excessively bad traverse on which the slip took place.

(8) *The Meije Accident.*—Mr. Stutfield desires to disclaim any responsibility for any part of the account of the Meije accident published in November, except the quotations in inverted commas. Mr. Coolidge wishes to correct an error on p. 264 of the November number, wherein he stated that Madame Thorant was the first lady who ever ascended the Meije. In reality she was (in 1890) the first *French* lady to make the ascent, having been anticipated in 1888 by Miss Katherine Richardson, as was pointed out by Mr. Coolidge at the time.*

MR. D. FRESHFIELD'S CAUCASIAN MAP AND APPENDIX.—Members of the Club who desire to have separate copies of the map or topographical appendix to Mr. Douglas Freshfield's 'Exploration of the Caucasus' can obtain them from the Assistant Secretary of the Club, who will forward a copy of either post-free on receipt of 10s. for the map and 3s. for the appendix.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held in the Hall of the Club on Monday evening, December 14, Mr. Charles Pilkington, *President*, in the chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected members of the Club: Messrs. A. D. T. Carey, F. Y. Edgeworth, F. Fletcher, H. C. Foster, J. M. Gordon, F. Harrison, H. L. Joseland, J. Maclay, E. A. Martel, A. B. Thorold.

On the motion of Mr. F. O. Schuster, seconded by Mr. Mortimer, the President, Mr. Charles Pilkington, was unanimously re-elected.

On the motion of Mr. Willink, seconded by Mr. Curtis-Leman, the Vice-Presidents, Dr. G. H. Savage and Mr. Frederick Gardiner, and the other members of the Committee who were eligible, viz. Messrs. H. Cockburn, G. P. Baker, J. Heelis, Ellis Carr, J. Norman Collie, and T. L. Kesteven, were all unanimously re-elected.

On the motion of Mr. A. J. Butler, seconded by Mr. Eccles, Dr. Claude Wilson and Mr. G. A. Solly were both unanimously elected new members of the Committee in place of Dr. W. A. Wills and Mr. H. Woolley, who retired by rotation.

On the motion of Mr. G. E. Foster, seconded by Mr. Clinton

* *Alpine Journal*, vol. xiv. p. 163.

Dent, Dr. W. A. Wills was unanimously elected Honorary Secretary in place of Mr. J. Wicks, who retired from the office. Sir H. Seymour King proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Wicks for his services to the Club during four years. This was seconded by the Rev. H. B. George, and heartily accorded.

The PRESIDENT referred, with deep regret, to the three losses the Club had sustained since the last Annual Meeting, viz. Mr. C. D. Cunningham, author of 'The Pioneers of the Alps;' Mr. Charles Packe, who was well known amongst the older members of the Club, and much loved by all; and Capt. Marshall Hall, whose death had been previously mentioned.

The PRESIDENT then announced that he had been asked by the Committee to give the following message to the Club for the guidance of members, and to save the Editor of the 'Alpine Journal' unnecessary annoyance and work:—

'The Committee believe that the wishes of the members of the Club are that letters should not be published in the Journal reflecting on the conduct of any member without being first submitted to him and giving him reasonable time to reply.'

Mr. H. WOOLLEY then read a paper entitled 'A Week's Climbing round the Dykhsu Glacier,' which was illustrated by lantern slides.

Mr. DOUGLAS FRESHFIELD remarked that though Mr. Woolley had almost followed the Horatian maxim in allowing his paper years to ripen, it was not because he suffered from any lack of more recent matter. Mr. Woolley had last summer, with Mr. Holder and Mr. Cockin, made numerous interesting expeditions among the mountains round the sources of the Baksan, and had confirmed his (the speaker's) identification of the pass on the Urubashi range crossed by Messrs. Donkin and Fox. Signor Vittorio Sella had also made a long and interesting journey on the N. side of the Caucasian chain, climbed two fine peaks, Tepli and Sugan, and added to his gallery the photographs now hung on the walls. These journeys showed that Caucasian climbing was still exploration, and that, though work was going on, there was plenty more to be done. He hoped all mountaineers who went out would bear in mind that we were more or less in the position of guests, and would do nothing to offend the susceptibilities of our Russian hosts, and thus help to secure an open field for successors.

Mr. WOOLLEY, in replying, said he had to thank the Royal Geographical Society for the loan of the maps that were hung on the walls, and Mr. Clinton Dent for the slides which had been shown.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Woolley for his paper terminated the proceedings.

The ANNUAL EXHIBITION was held in the Hall of the Club, and was open to members and their friends from December 15 to 31. It was on this occasion confined to mountain photographs and old Alpine prints, the Committee intending to hold an exhibition of paintings in the spring (see p. 349).

The WINTER DINNER of the Club was held at the Whitehall Rooms on the evening of Tuesday, December 15, Mr. Charles

Pilkington, *President*, in the chair. Two hundred and seventy members and guests were present, the latter including Mr. F. C. Selous, Mr. Edmund Gosse, the Hon. Mr. Justice Collins, Alderman Sir Joseph Dimsdale, Professor W. Ramsay, and Dr. Pye Smith.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

The Editor of the 'Alpine Journal' will feel greatly obliged if any member of the Club who may have MSS. or the material for producing MSS. interesting to his fellow members will communicate with him. Any clear and concise records of scientific observations dealing with problems connected with the Alps or climbing he would be glad to find room for. He would welcome personal narratives of Alpine climbs interesting from their novelty or other circumstances, and still more papers or notes dealing with districts still unfrequented by Englishmen—such as, for example, the Silvretta Group, the Baitone Group, the peaks of Val Codera, the Eastern Dolomites, the Valli di Lanzo, the Val St. Barthélemy, the Avers Thal, and the Löttschenthal. He will give his best consideration to anything that may be sent him, and will return any MS. which he does not see his way to use within a reasonable time.

Errata in No. CXXXIV.

Page 288, *for* Leichtenstein *read* Liechtenstein.

„ 289, in the heading *for* Schallijoch *read* Schallijoch.