

of pleasant colour were sent by A. Williams, especially one of 'Broadford,' and there were some rapid and successful notes of effects by R. Clarke, including a clever 'Devil's Kitchen.' Amongst other drawings Mrs. Jardine had a successful but not very solid 'Wet Day at St. Luc,' and the delicate simplicity of Mrs. Parrish's 'Morning at Chamonix' and Miss Smith's excellent 'Snowstorm in the Engadine' must not be passed over.

The hanging was on the whole well done, and in all other respects, save the paucity of visitors, the Club may be congratulated on its summer exhibition.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING was held in the Hall of the Club on the evening of Tuesday, May 4, at 8.30, Mr. Charles Pilkington, *President*, in the chair.

Messrs. A. Barran, A. Fox, and B. Hopkinson were balloted for and elected members of the Club.

Mr. G. Yeld read a paper entitled 'An ascent of the Aiguille de Tronchey.' After the paper Dr. Tempest Anderson showed some lantern slides of the Mont Blanc range. Messrs. C. E. Mathews, Conway, and the President, took part in a short discussion, and the proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Yeld and Dr. Anderson.

A GENERAL MEETING was held in the Hall on Tuesday evening, June 1, at 8.30, Mr. C. Pilkington, *President*, in the chair.

The PRESIDENT announced the death of Mr. W. H. Stone, a member who had been elected in 1859. He then read a letter from Mr. Coolidge stating the condition of the new edition of Ball's 'Guide.' He also intimated that Mr. Freshfield had presented to the Club the original drawing of the map of the Caucasus, the copyright of which, however, he reserved; and that Mr. Heelis had presented a painting of Gaurisankar, by Mr. Alexander Scott.

Mr. HOLDER read a paper entitled 'Climbs among the Peaks of the Adyrsu, Central Caucasus,' after which Mr. Woolley exhibited some lantern slides illustrating it.

Mr. SOLLY said that he had heard from Mr. Woolley that Adyrsu Bashi was 14,200, whereas Mr. Freshfield put it as 14,673. He would like to know which was correct? * He believed it was the

* There are two peaks on the great Urubashi spur E. of the Adyrsu glen designated as Adyrsu Bashi on the one-verst map, which is singularly faulty and incomplete in this district. In my map I have retained the name only for the southern and higher peak (14,673 ft. one-verst map), that climbed by Mr. Holder's party. The second peak I have called Sullukol Bashi (13,930 ft. one-verst map). It was climbed by Messrs. Merzbacher and Purtscheller. All these facts and figures are given in the Appendix B to my recent volumes, which can be procured separately by members of the Club on application to the Assistant Secretary.—D. W. F.

highest climb of a new peak ever made by a guideless party. He had had a somewhat similar experience as Mr. Holder with regard to official obstacles to getting about the country, but he thought that the best way was to trouble the officials as little as possible, and they were little likely to trouble the traveller. If you applied to them they had to receive you very formally, and to comply with all regulations, and so long delays ensued. There is more exploring to be done on the Leksur Glacier than in any other part of the Central Caucasus. No one has been to the head of the Chalaat Glacier, or of the western arm of the Leksur Glacier, and in the Russian survey part of the Leksur Glacier is shown as part of the Chalaat Glacier. In the winter of 1893 he was asked by Mr. Freshfield, who was then studying photographs of the region, to observe what the facts were. He bore this in mind, and while climbing on the Leksur Glacier made a note on his map that Mr. Freshfield's supposition was wrong and the survey was right, but on going 2,000 ft. higher up, he had seen over a ridge and observed that Mr. Freshfield was right. He thought that this was a wonderful tribute to Mr. Freshfield's capacities as a geographer from photographs. No one, so far as he knew, had yet climbed on Freshfield's Chatuin Tau, which appeared to be very difficult as he saw it from the south. Since 1889 no English party had climbed a summit of over 15,000 ft., which showed the difficulties met with, and how much there is to do. Even in a short holiday of six or seven weeks there would be plenty of opportunity for the younger members still to climb new peaks.

Mr. NEWMARCH congratulated Mr. Holder on having ascended so difficult a peak. The great difficulty in the Caucasus was to find camping ground near the ascent. In any exploration of the Leksur Glacier it would be very important for any party to have its camp 3 hrs. higher up than his party had been able to find ground.

Mr. G. P. BAKER, referring to Mr. Solly's remark that Adyrsu Bashi had been the highest guideless climb made, said that he had, with Mr. Yeld, climbed Basardjusi on the extreme eastern end of the range without guides, a height of 14,700 ft.

The PRESIDENT congratulated Mr. Holder's party on their climb. Falling stones seemed to be one of the great dangers of the Caucasus, and of all mountains exposed to rapid changes of temperature. The district offered the great charm of novelty to members.

The proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Holder and to Mr. Woolley.

THE SUMMER DINNER was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Thursday, June 3, Mr. Charles Pilkington, *President*, in the chair. Twenty-two members and guests were present.