

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall at 8.30 on the evening of Monday, December 16, 1901, the Right Hon. James Bryce, *President*, in the chair.

Messrs. F. à C. Bergne, R. W. Lloyd, A. E. Maylard, W. M. Mordey, J. E. S. Moore, T. C. Porter, H. J. M. Pritchard, G. J. F. Tomlinson, A. G. Whitting were balloted for and elected members of the Club.

The election of officers then took place.

THE PRESIDENT said that Mr. F. O. Schuster, having ascertained that Sir Martin Conway was willing to serve, which it had been thought he would not do, had requested the Committee to withdraw his nomination as President for the ensuing year. Mr. Schuster therefore desired to retire, in the hope that Sir Martin would be nominated. The Committee, having regard to the terms of Mr. Schuster's resignation, which left them no option in the matter, had thereupon accepted his withdrawal, and having then proceeded to consider the course to be followed, had agreed to propose Sir Martin Conway. He therefore gave notice on the part of the Committee that they now proposed Sir Martin Conway. He was further requested by Mr. Willink, who as Vice-President was in the chair at the meeting of the Committee which nominated Mr. Schuster, to say that Mr. Schuster had at that meeting expressed a strong wish that Sir Martin Conway should be nominated, and had declined to accept the nomination unless it were certain that Sir Martin Conway would not do so. The President desired to add that the Committee thought that in all that had passed Mr. Schuster had been animated by an earnest desire to do his best for the interests and the welfare of the Club.

MR. SCHUSTER then made a short statement with reference to his withdrawal.

On the motion of Mr. HORACE WALKER, seconded by Mr. G. A. SOLL, Mr. WALTER LEAF and Mr. HERMANN WOOLLEY were unanimously elected Vice-Presidents in the place of Mr. F. O. Schuster and Mr. H. G. Willink, whose term of office was expiring.

On the motion of Dr. COLLIE, seconded by Dr. TUBBY, Mr. A. V. Valentine-Richards and Mr. R. N. Arkle were unanimously elected new members of Committee in place of Mr. A. B. W. Kennedy and Sir Henry Bergne, whose term of office expired.

On the motion of Dr. SAVAGE, seconded by Mr. C. PILKINGTON, the other members of Committee and the Hon. Secretary, being eligible, were unanimously re-elected.

THE PRESIDENT then explained that the Committee considered that if the meeting were adjourned for the completion of the election of officers there was nothing in the rules to prevent the nomination of Sir Martin Conway at such adjourned meeting, provided the seven days' notice required by the rules was given to members. It would, therefore, be competent for the present meeting to adjourn

itself to such day as it might select for the purpose of completing the election of officers.

Mr. F. A. WALLROTH then moved, and Mr. D. W. FRESHFIELD seconded, that 'this meeting of the Club do at its rising stand adjourned to December 30, at 5 P.M., for the purpose of completing the business of the election of officers.' This motion was carried unanimously.

The PRESIDENT then delivered an address.

Sir FREDERICK POLLOCK rose to propose a vote of thanks to the President for his services during his term of office. Mr. Bryce had represented the cosmopolitan side of the Club. He had seen the face of Kanchinjinga, he had traversed the mountains of the American continent, the Rockies and the Selkirks, and he was the first member of the Club to ascend Ararat and certify that its rocks were no longer a danger to mariners. Those who were wise in the East never left their work quite finished. Mr. Bryce was leaving the second volume of 'Ball's Guide'—*das ewig Werdende*—as a sacrifice to the envy of the gods.

Mr. DOUGLAS FRESHFIELD had no hesitation in recommending Sir Frederick Pollock's resolution. Mr. Bryce had been a record President in his attendances at the meetings of the Club, and whatever remote part of the world the reader of a paper might have described Mr. Bryce could always say he had been there first.

A vote of thanks to the President for his services was then unanimously passed.

The PRESIDENT expressed the pleasure it was to him to have been so warmly received by the Club on this his last presidential appearance, and to have had the vote passed with so much cordiality. It had been a great enjoyment to him to have officiated for the past three years. He did not deserve any credit for deserting Westminster to come to the Club Hall, for the meetings of the Club made a man much happier than did those of the larger and stormier assembly referred to. In some ways he had felt unsuited to act as President, as he had a somewhat deficient knowledge of the most recent developments of mountaineering in the Alps. But he yielded to no one in his love for the mountains themselves. He had always loved them. When he was twelve years old, long before he had crossed the English Channel, he knew most of the peaks of the Bernese Oberland and the Pennines from pictures and descriptions, and could have given the heights of many of them, and had already begun to learn climbing among the hills of Scotland and Ireland and the Lake country. The passion for nature, as seen in the solitude and grandeur of the high peaks, was the deepest source of delight which they all drew from climbing. He was able to look back with unmingled pleasure on the period of his presidency, and would always remember with gratitude the kindness he had received from every member of the Club. That his labours had been light and easy was chiefly due to the support of the Committee, and especially to the two Honorary Secretaries, Dr. Wills and Mr. Mumm. If at any time he could be of use to the Club he would

always be ready, as a member, to do whatever he could for its interests. He begged respectfully and sincerely again to thank the Club.

The proceedings then came to a close.

The adjourned session of the Annual General Meeting was held in the Hall on December 30, at 5 P.M., the Right Hon. James Bryce, *President*, in the chair. On the motion of the *PRESIDENT*, seconded by Mr. F. O. SCHUSTER, Sir MARTIN CONWAY was unanimously elected President for the ensuing year in place of the Right Hon. James Bryce, whose term of office expired.

The WINTER DINNER of the Club was held at the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, on Tuesday evening, December 17, at 7 P.M., the Right Hon. James Bryce, *President*, in the chair. 249 members and guests sat down, among the latter being Sir Clements Markham, P.R.G.S., Sir H. Trueman Wood, the Rt. Hon. Charles Seale Hayne, M.P., Mr. Augustine Birrell, K.C., Mr. F. Carruthers Gould, Mr. E. Onslow Ford, R.A., Mr. J. J. H. Teall, V.P.R.S., General Festing, R.E., Dr. J. Scott Keltie, Rev. H. M. Burge, Professor Ewing, Professor Bywater, Col. S. H. Lofthouse, and Mr. Horace Hutchinson.

AN EXHIBITION OF ALPINE DRAWINGS by J. M. W. Turner, John Ruskin, William Müller, and Elijah Walton, and a series of alpine studies by A. D. McCormick, was held in the Hall of the Club from December 5th to 18th. There was an attendance of about 800. Refreshments were provided on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 17th.