

the 'Alpine Journal' for November, 1878 (p. 106), read 'viâ the summit of the Pigne de la Lée.'

F. T. WETHERED.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

February 4, 1879.—Mr. C. E. MATHEWS, *President, in the chair.*

The Rev. H. W. Majendie and Messrs. C. E. Freeman and B. Wainewright were elected members of the Club. The accounts for 1878 were passed. The Honorary Librarian made his report as to the condition of the library and collection of maps, the latter being in his opinion in an incomplete and unsatisfactory state.

Mr. C. T. DENT read a paper on 'The Ascent of the Aiguille du Dru.'

March 4, 1879.—Mr. C. E. MATHEWS, *President, in the chair.*

Messrs. J. W. Smith and A. Caddick were elected members of the Club.

The President read a letter from Herr Meurer of Vienna, announcing that a new Austrian Alpine Club had been founded in that city, which now numbers 560 members. It may be remembered that some years ago the original Austrian Alpine Club amalgamated with the German. Herr Meurer, the Secretary, forwarded a copy of the 'Alpenzeitung,' the periodical of the new Club, and expressed its warm desire to enter into friendly relations with the English Club.

The President stated that Mr. Dent had gone abroad for some time, and moved 'That Mr. W. E. Davidson be appointed acting Honorary Secretary during the absence of Mr. Dent.' This was seconded by Mr. A. W. Moore, and carried unanimously.

The Rev. F. T. WETHERED read a paper on 'An Ascent of the Täschhorn from the Fée Glacier.'

April 1, 1879.—Mr. C. E. MATHEWS, *President, in the chair.*

Mr. GARDINER read a paper on 'Mountaineering in Dauphiné without Guides in 1878,' which was illustrated by some excellent maps and sketches, the work of Mr. C. Pilkington. At the conclusion of the paper an interesting discussion followed, in which the President, Messrs. Coolidge, Cust, Freshfield, Moore, and Gardiner took part. Mr. Gardiner and his companions (Messrs. C. and L. Pilkington) were on all sides warmly congratulated on the remarkable success of their experiment. A general feeling of satisfaction was expressed that it should have been reserved to three members of the Alpine Club to show to what an extraordinary degree of skill mountaineers of exceptional experience and aptitude might in rare instances attain. But it appeared at the same time to be strongly felt that Messrs. Gardiner and Pilkingtons' example was only to be followed with impunity by equally competent mountaineers; and that there was no reason for the club to alter its previously expressed opinion that 'mountaineering without guides' is for 'the general' a highly dangerous form of amusement which it is its duty, as a body, to discourage.

Mons. Loppé will exhibit a collection of Alpine Pictures and Sketches in the Club-rooms during May and June.