

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

December 17, 1879. Mr. C. E. MATHEWS, *President, in the chair.*

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Club:—Rev. W. S. Green, Mr. F. Hardcastle, Baron Max von Thielmann, Messrs. Heywood Smith, Howard Barrett, Rev. C. E. B. Watson, Messrs. W. G. Hutchinson, W. Pasteur, Rev. H. F. Tozer, and Mr. W. F. Donkin.

Messrs. H. Seymour Hoare and E. Hutton were elected members of the Committee in the place of Messrs. D. J. Abercromby and T. Mid-dlemore who retired by rotation. The President, Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary, and the other members of the Committee were re-elected.

The President announced that the following gentlemen had been nominated by the Committee Honorary Members of the Club:—M. Charles Durier, the author of 'Le Mont Blanc'; Herr Ivan von Tschudi, the editor of the 'Schweizerführer'; General Major Karl von Sonklar, Dr. Edmund Mojsisovics von Mojsvar, both well known for their contributions to the knowledge and cartography of the Eastern Alps; Signor Quintino Sella, the distinguished Italian mountaineer and examiner; and Signor C. Martino Baretto, late editor of the 'Bollettino' of the Italian Club, and the author of many valuable scientific works on the Graian Alps.

Dr. Mojsisovics has presented the Club with a copy of his important work, 'Die Dolomit-Riffe'; Dr. Baretto with a complete set of his Alpine publications; Mons. Durier with a copy of 'Le Mont Blanc.'

Mr. CHARLES PILKINGTON read a paper on 'An Ascent of the Grand Pic de la Meije without Guides.'

Messrs. COOLIDGE, FRESHFIELD, and MATHEWS joined in the discussion following the reading of the paper: on all sides Mr. Pilkington and his companions, Mr. F. Gardiner and Mr. L. Pilkington, were warmly congratulated on the success of their expedition.

On Dec. 18, 1879, the Annual Winter Dinner took place at Willis's Rooms. An unusually large and interesting collection of Alpine Paintings was brought together. In addition to the well-known Alpine artists, who were for the most part strongly represented, two new exhibitors, Mr. Compton and Mr. Alfred Williams, showed important works. The exhibition was thrown open during the afternoon to members and their friends.

One hundred and forty-five members and guests sat down to dinner in the evening, the President, Mr. C. E. Mathews, in the chair.

Among the guests present were the Hon. Mr. Justice Stephen, Mr. J. A. Froude, Lieut.-Col. Lovett, C.S.I., Dr. J. W. Ogle, &c.

M. Loppé, in recognition of the assistance afforded him by the Club in the use of its rooms, has presented it with three oil paintings, representing the Märjelen See, the Aiguille du Dru, and the Matterhorn from the Riffe.

Mr. Alfred Williams has presented to the Club a large and fine water-colour drawing of the Grandes Jorasses.

Mr. Donkin, one of the newly elected members, has sent a collection of his Alpine photographs, probably the best as yet produced by an amateur photographer.