

and only gradually came down to the swampy flats by the stream in the valley, is combated by Dr. Steub for the apparently good reason that the enormous number of Rhetian names of villages by the banks of the Inn, and Adige, and Eisack prove without a doubt that the first settlers lived in the valleys and not on the hill-sides above. But these results are less important to us than the general sketch of the linguistic history of the Tyrol which, after Dr. Steub, we have tried to give above. Dr. Steub is very strong on the necessity of getting at the earliest possible form of local names, in order to settle their meaning, as the only sure basis for such a task. Here he is certainly in the right, and if such a course had been adopted we might have been spared many a wild etymology. He instances Trafoi, which cannot come from 'Tre Fonti,' which would form 'Tresfunz,' but from 'trifoglio,' or clover, 'trafoi' being the name for clover in the Grödnertal and Enneberg.

There is a curious account of the little hamlet of Schlinig, near Mals, in the Vinschgau (now consisting of twenty-one houses only), in a very remote position, where in the sixteenth century the inn-keeper was annually elected by the people, without the power of declining the honour, and a certain money advance was made to him to enable him to lay in at once a stock of wine, for this he was compelled to do within a fortnight after his election under pain of heavy penalties. The four gulden advanced were handed over to his successor at the end of the year. This is compulsory 'local option' with a vengeance.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

A GENERAL Meeting of the Club was held in the Club Rooms on the evening of Tuesday, February 1, 1887, C. T. DENT, Esq. (President), in the chair.

Messrs. R. N. ARKLE, C. C. BRANCH, J. VIRIAMU JONES, C. W. MEAD, G. H. MORSE, W. MUIR, E. BURCHELL RODWAY, and Lieut. F. E. L. SWAN were balloted for and elected members of the Club.

The HON. SECRETARY presented the accounts for the year 1886.

Mr. WILLINK moved that the maps belonging to the Club should be rearranged, as they had long been in disorder.

Mr. FRESHFIELD, who had arranged them himself eight years ago, seconded Mr. Willink's motion, and said the remedy was in the hands of the Committee. He called attention to the fact that the map room of the Royal Geographical Society (1 Savile Row) is free and open to the public every day from 10 till 5.

The CHAIRMAN promised to bring the subject of the maps before the Committee.

The accounts having been passed, Mr. GROVE brought forward the motion for the alteration of Rule XII., of which notice had been given, as follows:—In Rule XII., line 6, after the word 'approval' to leave out all words to the end of the sentence, and to insert the following: 'and after election the name of the new member, and the

statement of his qualification, shall be entered in a book which shall be kept in the Club Rooms, and be open to the inspection of members.' He would propose this as a kind of 'declaratory act,' in accordance with the principle that the decision as to the sufficiency of the mountaineering qualification of a candidate was in the hands of the Committee, and his social qualifications in those of the members of the Club; but that the members had a right to know on what lines the Committee worked.

Mr. KING, M.P., seconded the motion.

The CHAIRMAN, at the request of Dr. MARCET, read the whole Rule as it would stand if so altered, and explained that the result would be that the candidates' book would in future be always on the table as a 'New Members' Book.' He then put the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN announced that Signor Prina had presented one of his pictures to the Club.

A vote of thanks to Signor Prina having been passed by acclamation, the CHAIRMAN brought forward a matter of considerable importance—namely, the preparation of a complete index to the 'Alpine Journal'—and he read to the meeting the paragraph which would appear in the February number (see p. 175). All he would now ask for was the general approval of the scheme by the meeting. He was glad to say that all the volumes had been already taken in hand by members of the Club.

Mr. FRESHFIELD suggested the re-editing of Ball's Guide as a subject worthy of attention.

Sir FRANCIS ADAMS made the following statement to the meeting of the expenditure of the fund subscribed for the families of Gertsch and Meyer, the guides concerned in the accident on the Schreckhorn:—

'After the fatal accident of August 28, 1886, on the Schreckhorn I agreed to the request of Mr. D. J. Abercromby, on behalf of himself and other members of the Alpine Club then at Grindelwald, to assist the pastor Strasser and Herr Fritz Boss in the distribution of the money subscribed, mostly by English, for the families of Gottlieb Meyer and Christian Gertsch. It was also intimated to me that the erection of a tombstone to Meyer's memory would give very general satisfaction. I gave the necessary order in Berne, and the stone, with an English inscription in indelible letters, together with two Scriptural verses in German, as desired by Meyer's mother, was sent to Grindelwald in December last. I went up there twice in that month, and found that, deducting the sums already paid to the families of Meyer and Gertsch, there remained about 2,000 francs for distribution. I suggested to the pastor and Herr F. Boss that this sum should be equally divided between the two families, and used for discharging mortgages on their property. On January 8 last Herr Boss wrote me a letter (which I received just as I was leaving Berne), in which he stated that the 2,000 francs had been given to the two families by the pastor, and were used to clear off mortgages. The pastor also wrote to me, expressing the thanks of the families to the subscribers and enclosing their receipts.'

‘ Herr Boss’s letter also contained the rough copy of the accounts, from which I have obtained the following result :—

	Francs
Subscriptions for both families	3,807
Mr. Van Rensselaer, for Gertsch	500
Miss Wooly, for Gertsch	250
Gift of insurance office for Meyer	200
Total	4,757
Amounts paid to both families on different occasions through Pastor Strasser, including the above three sums, making together 950 francs	2,450
Tombstone for Meyer, carriage, &c.	291
Sum divided between the two families	2,000
Total	4,741

‘ There would thus appear to be a small balance of 16 francs. The tombstone has yet to be placed in the churchyard.’

Mr. GROVE then read the address, which he was prevented from delivering at the annual general meeting in December.

At the conclusion of the address the CHAIRMAN expressed a hope that some one would take exception to the view that the Alps are played out. At any rate he would ask for a warm vote of thanks to Mr. Grove for his very interesting address. This was accorded by acclamation, and Mr. Grove having briefly replied, the proceedings terminated.

A General Meeting of the Club was held in the Club Rooms on the evening of Tuesday, March 1, 1887, C. T. DENT, Esq. (President), in the chair.

The CHAIRMAN referred in most feeling terms to the great loss the Club had sustained in the death of Mr. A. W. Moore, which took place at Monte Carlo on February 2 last. He was one of the leaders of the Club and a typical mountaineer. Some of the most brilliant achievements in the Alps had fallen to his share, such as the first ascents of the Brèche de la Meije, the Pic des Ecrins, the Gabelhorn, as well as the first passages of the Jungfrauoch and the Moming Pass. The Committee hoped to have some permanent memorial on the walls of the Club Rooms of one the charm of whose friendship was esteemed no less highly than his great qualities as a mountaineer were admired.

Mr. FRESHFIELD and Mr. GROVE spoke of Mr. Moore from their own experience as a companion, colleague, and friend. Mr. WHYMPER endorsed all that had been said. He and Mr. Moore had been friends from 1861, and in 1864 had made a tour in Dauphiné together. After speaking of Mr. Moore’s thoroughness in everything he undertook, and his coolness in danger, he proposed that the meeting should authorise the Committee to offer the condolences of the Club to his family.

Professor BRYCE, M.P., seconded the proposition, and spoke of the very high esteem in which Mr. Moore had been held by his colleagues at the India Office.

The CHAIRMAN put Mr. Whympers’s motion, which had already been considered by the Committee, and it was unanimously agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN then mentioned that a collection of Alpine paintings

by Signor Micocci, of Rome, would be on view in the Club Rooms for a fortnight from the following day; and announced that Mr. C. E. Mathews had presented to the Club Mr. Adams Reilly's original sketch map of the Mont Blanc chain. A vote of thanks to Mr. Mathews having been accorded by acclamation, Mr. HOLZMANN (Vice-President) took the chair, and called upon Mr. DENT to read his paper on the 'First Ascent of Tetnuld Tau.' The paper was illustrated by a map of the district, and by a large panoramic sketch of the chain from Tetnuld to Koschtan Tau; and at the conclusion remarks were made by Mr. GROVE and Mr. FRESHFIELD, chiefly with reference to Koschtan Tau. The latter contended that the highest point was not at the north end of the arête, but near the S.W. end, at the junction of the ridges. As regards Tetnuld, he considered the name belonged to the snow pyramid conspicuous from the southern valleys, and that Mr. Dent's peak, a quite distinct one, should be otherwise named.

Professor BRYCE, M.P., remarked on the interesting ethnological questions which presented themselves, and Mr. DONKIN described a luminous avalanche which he and Mr. Dent had seen while returning to their camp in the night.

Mr. DENT having briefly replied to the various questions raised, a vote of thanks was accorded to him by acclamation for his most interesting paper, and the proceedings terminated.

A General Meeting of the Club was held in the Club Rooms on the evening of Tuesday, April 5, 1887, Mr. C. T. DENT (President) in the chair.

Dr. WILLIAM CAYLEY was balloted for and elected a member of the Club.

The HON. SECRETARY read a letter which he had received from Mrs. Moore, thanking the members of the Club for the expression of their condolence with her in the death of her son. He also read a letter received that day from Mr. Cecil Slingsby, hoping that members would avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by the snow still lying in the Lake District for some interesting climbing.

The CHAIRMAN called attention to the forthcoming Liverpool Exhibition, in which it was contemplated by the promoters to organise an Alpine Court, and to invite contributions illustrative of Alpine climbing.

Mr. B. WAINSWRIGHT then read his paper on 'An Ascent of the Monte Rosso di Scerscen from the Scerscen Glacier, and the passage of the arête connecting this peak with the Bernina,' at the conclusion of which Mr. GROVE remarked on the antipathy of the local guides to going with Englishmen, but for which he would doubtless have been able to make the first passage of the Giussfeldt-Sattel. Mr. SLEE, who had accompanied Mr. Wainwright, confirmed Mr. Grove's remarks. The CHAIRMAN spoke of the decadence of mountaineering in the Engadine. Mr. WAINSWRIGHT made some further remarks in reply, and a vote of thanks having been accorded to him by acclamation, the proceedings terminated.

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