The most remarkable photograph of the exhibition is that of Mont Blanc, taken from Geneva (by M. Boissonas), a distance of fifty-four miles, upon a plate of about 20 × 16 inches dimensions, with a Dallmeyer newly invented tele-photographic lens of such extraordinary power, that to all appearance it brings Mont Blanc within three or four miles of the photographer, and although it is estimated that the buildings in the foreground of the picture are some fifteen miles distant, even the windows are so clearly defined that, if a figure had been present at the time of exposure, it would have been visible. Without entering into the principle of its construction, we may say that for the mountaineer, and particularly the explorer and map-maker, the instrument will prove both valuable and necessary. To practically illustrate the properties of the instrument, let a photograph be taken by means of two cameras, one supplied with a 'long focus' lens and the other with the new 'tele-photographic' lens, of the flame of an oil-lamp placed at a distance of 20 feet. With *equal* extensions of the camera the image of the flame given by the new lens will be five times greater than that by the other.

With such an instrument we may affirm that it is now possible from our Sikkim frontier to photograph the hidden mountains of Nepal, the peaks which Mr. Graham imagined he detected in the rear of Gaurisankar (*vide* A.J., vol. xii. p. 50). It is also possible for the photographer to get a snap-shot of a herd of bouquetins, or chamois (without going near enough to scare them), thus bringing the animate world above the snow-line within the range of the Alpine photographer. By a further utility of the lens, the mountaineer may, by extending his camera to the fullest magnitude, and by adjusting the focus at the lens, bring on to his plate the details of any particular part of a ridge or couloir which neither the eye nor the telescope can give him. This invention of Mr. T. R. Dallmeyer's* may be said to be the latest advance made in the science of optics, and without doubt a great achievement for long-distance photography, which will open up new fields in all its branches.

On the whole, the exhibition was a notable one, of greater variety and more interest than any we can recall. To the late hon. secretary this successful result was almost entirely due, and we may congratulate him that his unwearied efforts were so fully rewarded.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

THE Annual General Meeting was held at St. Martin's Town Hall on Monday, December 19, at 8.30 P.M., Mr. Horace Walker, President, in the chair, when the following candidates were balloted for and elected members of the Club:— Messrs. C. A. C. Bowlker, T. Brushfield, L. Friedmann, M. L. Hepburn, O. G. Jones, C. W. MacGillivray, C. G. Monro, C. M. Thompson, C. H. R. Wollaston. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place.

On the motion of the PRESIDENT, seconded by Dr. LIVEING, Mr.

* The Tele-photographic lens, by T. R. Dallmeyer.

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Douglas W. Freshfield was unanimously elected President in the place of Mr. Horace Walker, whose term of office expired. Mr. Freshfield returned thanks, and expressed the hope that during his term of office, whether long or short, there would be a continuance of that unanimity of good feeling among mountaineers which it was one of the objects of the Club to promote, and that members would continue to extend its fame, not only by their daring deeds, but by their literary and artistic efforts, and that they would climb all the mountains that geographers would discover for them.

On the motion of Mr. C. E. MATHEWS, seconded by Mr. C. PILKINGTON, Messrs. W. M. Conway and H. Pasteur were unanimously elected Vice-Presidents in the places of Messrs. F. A. Wallroth and S. F. Still, whose term of office expired.

On the motion of Mr. C. T. DENT, seconded by Dr. SAVAGE, Mr. J. H. Wicks was unanimously elected Hon. Secretary in the place of Mr. F. O. Schuster, who retired from the office.

On the motion of Mr. D. J. ABERCROMBY, seconded by Mr. W. E. HALL, Mr. J. A. Luttman-Johnson, Dr. W. A. Wills, and Mr. H. Woolley were unanimously elected new members of the Committee, in place of Messrs. Slingsby and Willink, who retired by rotation, and of Mr. J. H. Wicks.

On the motion of Mr. H. G. WILLINK, seconded by Mr. F. A. WALLROTH, the remaining members of the Committee—viz. Messrs. Carson, Thomas, Chater, Morse, and Williams—being eligible, were unanimously re-elected.

The PRESIDENT then delivered an address, at the conclusion of which a vote of thanks for the same and for his services to the Club during the past three years was proposed by the President-Elect, seconded by Mr. Dent, and carried by acclamation. The proceedings then terminated.

The Annual Exhibition of Alpine Paintings and Photographs was held at the Whitehall Rooms during the afternoon of Tuesday, December 20, when the Bijou Orchestra played a selection of music, and throughout the following day, and the large attendance on both days proved that the general interest taken in these exhibitions had by no means diminished. For detailed notice, see p. 342 *sqq.*

The Winter Dinner was held at the Whitehall Rooms on the evening of Tuesday, December 20, the chair being taken by Mr. Horace Walker, President of the Club. Upwards of 260 members and guests were present, the latter including Lord Aberdare, Viscount Cobham, Mr. Bourcart the Swiss Chargé d'Affaires, Capt. Kane, Sir D. Galton, Sir Dixon Hartland, M.P., Sir Forrest Fulton, Q.C., Sir H. Trueman Wood, Mr H. D. Traill, D.C.L., Mr. E. Wingfield, C.B., Mr. Alfred East, Mr. Onslow Ford, Mr. Wemyss Reid, &c., &c.

Errata.

Page 67, line 5 from bottom, *for* Matterhorn *read* Mettelhorn, and *for* Pic d'Arginol *read* Pic d'Arzinol.
" 232, " 29, *for* 200 *read* 1,500.
" 259, " 20, *for* ordinary *read* same.
Pages 261, 262, Ascents of Ruinette and S. Peak of Grandes Dents should be transposed with ascent of L'Evêque on p. 265.

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