dispute, because the records will speak for themselves, and I am only stating facts with no object of belittling Mr. FitzGerald's work, but merely to show that we are not so behindhand in our topographical knowledge that he can have made all the discoveries he claims. Had not the President showed in his address how erroneous an impression had been conveyed I should possibly have said no more. And, sir, I think you and Mr. FitzGerald—when he sees these plain facts—will be ready to admit that his grand climbs and first ascents in an already explored district can hardly be admitted on the *broader basis of exploration and discovery*. To send additional proof at this distance is difficult, but I shall be glad to furnish it should it be required.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

ARTHUR P. HARPER.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall on Tuesday evening, May 5, at 8.30 P.M., Mr. Charles Pilkington, *President*, in the chair.

Mr. R. J. MORICH was balloted for and elected a member of the Club.

The PRESIDENT regretted to have to announce that a very old member of the Club, Captain Marshall-Hall, had died suddenly on April 14. Up to the last he had taken a very active interest in the objects of the Club, having devoted himself specially to the study of glacier movements. He endeavoured to obtain information on the subject from every quarter of the globe, and a few days before his death was engaged in writing an article for the 'Alpine Journal,' which unfortunately he left unfinished.

Mr. SCHUSTER was sure that, in expressing his regret, he was only echoing the feelings of all members of the Club. Captain Marshall-Hall was one of those who considered that the duty of members was not only to climb, but to collect information as far as possible in all departments of mountain science. His example might well be followed by others, especially the younger members.

Mr. E. A. BROOME read a paper on 'The Weisshorn from the Schallijoch.'

Mr. SCHUSTER thought it was many years since a paper had been read on any of the familiar mountains visible from the Riffel, and this paper had brought back the old spirit of the Club. He considered it very creditable that Mr. Broome had found a new route up an old mountain, and one so full of climbing interest.

The PRESIDENT said that eighteen years ago he had set out for the expedition just described by Mr. Broome; but he had given it up, as his two guides thought it was not possible. He proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Broome for his paper, which was cordially given.

The PRESIDENT then drew the attention of members to the new

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electric lantern, stating that the thanks of the Club were due, in the first place, to Professor Kennedy, who had not only given extremely useful advice, but had also presented the lamp and resistance coil. The thanks of the Club were also due to Captain Abney and Mr. Woolley, who had each presented 5*l.* towards the cost of procuring a thoroughly good lens, and to Mr. Ellis Carr, who had not only designed the stage and bracket, but made a present of them to the Club. A number of views were then shown, and the lantern was pronounced to be not only a valuable acquisition but a great success.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall on Tuesday evening, June 2, at 8.30 P.M., Dr. G. H. Savage, *Vice-President*, in the chair.

Mr. G. H. MORSE read a paper entitled 'In the Chamonix District,' and a number of lantern slides illustrating the paper were exhibited.

Mr. C. E. MATHEWS thought there was a charm about Mont Blanc that would last for ever, and which neither the Caucasus nor the Himalayas could ever possess. He had himself made the ascent ten times, and considered that no expedition on the mountain could be more beautiful than the one followed by Mr. Morse, ascending by the ordinary route and descending over Mont Maudit, Mont Blanc du Tacul, and through the seracs of the Géant to the Montenvers. He proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Morse for his paper.

Mr. DOUGLAS W. FRESHFIELD considered it would be interesting for some one to follow the lower portion of De Saussure's route, which, as far as he knew, had not been followed since De Saussure's time; the ascent being made by the Montagne de la Côte would avoid the risk of stones falling from the Aiguille du Midi, and possibly some trace of De Saussure's encampment might be found. Further, if the Dôme du Goûter were then ascended, all risk of avalanches on the Petit Plateau would be avoided. He had much pleasure in seconding the vote of thanks to Mr. Morse.

After a few words from the Rev. H. B. GEORGE and the VICE-PRESIDENT, Mr. MORSE replied that the danger of avalanches on the Petit Plateau was very much minimised by keeping sufficiently far to the E., and that although stones undoubtedly did fall from the slopes of the Aiguille du Midi across the path a little above Pierre à l'Echelle, by keeping a look-out they could always be avoided.

THE SUMMER DINNER was held at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on Thursday, June 4, Mr. Charles Pilkington, *President*, in the chair. Thirty-eight members and guests were present.

AN EXHIBITION OF SKETCHES, made by Mr. A. D. McCormick while on a journey in the Caucasus last year, was held in the Hall of the Club, and was open from June 11 to July 4.

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