glaciers and unbridged rivers being about the least of the obstacles encountered by this most indefatigable secretary.

The volume shows throughout that the love of mountaineering and the knowledge of snow craft are increasing year by year in Scandinavia, and that the descendants of the vikings are thorough sportsmen, and still possess the energy and pluck of ancient days.

Turistforening for Bergen's by og stift. Aarbog, 1894–5.

As most of the finest scenery in Norway is to be found in the province of Bergen, it is not very surprising that the citizens of the ancient capital and the inhabitants of this romantic province possess a tourist club of their own. The thriving condition of this club is reflected in its 'Aarbog,' which contains several most interesting papers relating principally to mountain exploration and adventure. There are eight good illustrations and two maps. Amongst the papers is a very racy one written by a farmer in his local dialect about a new glacier pass. Herr K. Bing, the editor of the journal, who is never so happy as when above the snow line, where he frequently spends several consecutive days and nights, has contributed an excellent paper on the Aalfoten Bræ, where he climbed a remarkable aiguille,* and the Austerdals Bræ,† which, oddly enough, he explored on the same day as the present writer.

Another most useful paper is added by Herr Simonnæs, an inspector of fisheries, which contains much of general interest.

Amongst the Notes are a list of new expeditions, a short description of the Dæmmevand—the Norsk Märjelen See—and a prospective notice of the inauguration of reindeer sleighing over the Folgefond. Amongst the many new attractions invented to waylay the unwary traveller in Norway probably none will prove more fascinating than that of gaily gliding over the glacier in a sleigh. This may go on for years without any serious accident, as there are, as a rule, no visible crevasses. They are there for all that, and the danger is none the less because it is latent. Just before the inauguration, which was to be attended by a large concourse of people from Bergen, Christiania, and other parts of Norway, the present writer was rejoiced to hear that the reindeer had run away.

The 'Aarbog' is in every way a success, and is a welcome addition to contemporary Alpine literature. WM. CECIL SLINGSBY.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held in the Hall of the Club on Monday evening, December 16, Mr. Douglas W. Freshfield, *President*, in the chair. The following candidates were balloted for and elected members of the Club: Messrs. O. E. Bodington, L. R. Furneaux, Henri Harlé, N. A. Heywood, A. B. W. Kennedy, W. W. King, J. S. Masterman, C. N. Nicholson, H. W. Rose, and Charles Slater.

On the motion of the PRESIDENT, seconded by Mr. G. E. FOSTER,

* *Alpine Journal*, vol. xiv. p. 382. † *Ibid.* vol. xvii. p. 351.

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Mr. Charles Pilkington was unanimously elected President in the place of Mr. Douglas W. Freshfield, whose term of office expired.

On the motion of Mr. C. T. DENT, seconded by Mr. S. F. STILL, Dr. G. H. Savage and Mr. Frederick Gardiner were unanimously elected Vice-Presidents in the places of Sir William Martin Conway and Mr. H. Pasteur, whose term of office expired.

On the motion of Mr. C. E. MATHEWS, seconded by Mr. F. A. WALLROTH, Mr. Ellis Carr, Dr. J. Norman Collie, and Mr. T. L. Kesteven were unanimously elected new members of the Committee in place of Messrs. Alfred Williams and J. A. Luttman-Johnson, who retired by rotation, and of Mr. A. F. Mummery.

On the motion of Mr. F. C. GROVE, seconded by Mr. F. O. SCHUSTER, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. H. Wicks) and other members of the Committee who were eligible—viz. Dr. W. A. Wills, Messrs. H. Woolley, H. Cockburn, G. P. Baker, and J. Heelis—were all unanimously re-elected.

The PRESIDENT announced that Sir W. M. Conway had resigned the Editorship of the 'Alpine Journal,' and stated that the Committee had appointed Mr. G. Yeld as his successor.

The PRESIDENT announced that he had sent, in the name of the Club, invitations to the foreign national Alpine Clubs, inviting their Presidents (or a delegate representing the President) to attend the Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Club, and that M. Durier, the President of the French Club, had accepted the invitation. Letters or telegrams expressing regret and congratulations to the Club had been received in response from the Swiss, Italian, and Austrian Clubs.

The PRESIDENT then delivered an address, in the course of which he announced that nearly 300 members had placed themselves on the higher subscription, and that he trusted that a large majority of the remaining 250 would do so, and thus enable the Club to fulfil worthily its purposes, literary as well as social. At the termination of the address a vote of thanks for it and for the President's services to the Club during his term of office was proposed by the PRESIDENT ELECT, seconded by Mr. H. WALKER, and carried unanimously.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to Sir William Conway for his services as Editor of the 'Alpine Journal,' which was proposed by Mr. W. TROTTER, seconded by Mr. J. CURTIS-LEMAN, and carried unanimously.

The ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS was held in the new Hall of the Club, and was open to members and their friends from December 17 to 31.

The WINTER DINNER was held at the Whitehall Rooms on Tuesday, December 17, the chair being taken by Mr. Douglas W. Freshfield, *President* of the Club. Two hundred and seventy-nine members and guests were present, the latter including Viscount Cobham, General Sir Robert Low, K.C.B., and Sir William Broadbent. M. Charles Durier, President of the French Alpine Club and an Honorary Member of the Alpine Club, was also present.

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