assertions are as positive as possible, I wish to say that none of us even touched the said flag, which must have been blown down subsequently by the wind.

2. *Tellispitzen.*—The first ascent of these summits was not made by me, as stated in last number of the 'Alpine Journal' (page 529), but by Messrs. E. Thury, Miney, and Tschumi, S.A.C. Geneva, on August 5, 1888. A short account of this climb was published by Mr. Tschumi in the 'Echo des Alpes,' 1889, pp. 83, 84.

Believe me, dear Sir,

Yours truly,

Glockenthal, Thoune,
January, 1898.

PAUL MONTANDON.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held in the Hall of the Club on Monday evening, December 13, at 8.30 P.M., Mr. Charles Pilkington, *President*, in the chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected members of the Club: Messrs. F. Baker-Gabb, E. H. F. Bradby, H. S. Bullock, E. Calvert, H. W. Fowler, C. B. Grant, Hon. W. H. Lascelles, Messrs. C. W. Patchell, W. Rogowine, A. V. Valentine-Richards.

On the motion of Mr. H. Walker, seconded by Mr. F. W. Newmarch, the President, Mr. Charles Pilkington, was unanimously re-elected.

On the motion of Sir H. S. King, seconded by Mr. Alfred Williams, the Vice-Presidents, Dr. G. H. Savage and Mr. F. Gardiner, and the other members of Committee who were eligible, viz., Messrs. J. Heelis, Ellis Carr, T. L. Kesteven, N. Collie, G. A. Solly, Dr. Claude Wilson, and the Hon. Secretary, Dr. W. A. Wills, were unanimously re-elected.

On the motion of Mr. A. J. Butler, seconded by Mr. H. Woolley, Professor A. B. W. Kennedy and Mr. H. E. M. Stutfield were unanimously elected new members of Committee in place of Messrs. Cockburn and Baker, who retire by rotation.

The PRESIDENT moved on behalf of the Committee that in Rule III., second paragraph, be added after the word 'Vice-President' the words 'Editor of the *Alpine Journal*, Honorary Librarian,' and after the word 'or,' 'Honorary,' which paragraph would then read: 'The Committee shall have power to add to their body, as an extra member, the Editor of the *Alpine Journal* for the time being, or the Honorary Librarian for the time being, or anyone who shall have served the office of President, Vice President, Editor of the *Alpine Journal*, Honorary Librarian, or Honorary Secretary of the Club.'

This was seconded by Mr. F. Gardiner, and carried unanimously.

The PRESIDENT further moved on behalf of the Committee that in Rule VI., second paragraph, be substituted for the words 'January or February' the words 'March or April,' and after the words 'general business' be added the words 'and a copy of the

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accounts to be submitted to such meeting shall be sent to members with the circular last issued before the meeting.' Rule VI., second paragraph, would then read: 'A General Meeting of the Club shall also be annually held in March or April for passing accounts, and for general business; and a copy of the accounts to be submitted to such meeting shall be sent to Members with the circular last issued before the meeting.'

This was seconded by Dr. SAVAGE. Mr. F. O. SCHUSTER moved as an amendment that after the word 'members' the rule read 'at least three days before the meeting.' This was seconded by Mr. BUTLER. The alteration, as amended, was accepted by the President, and carried unanimously.

The PRESIDENT referred to the death of Mr. J. M. Hunt, who was elected in 1863. He drew the attention of members to the interesting photographs on the walls, especially those of Messrs. Baker and Collie of the Canadian Rockies, and of Signor Sella of Mt. St. Elias, which latter had been obtained by Mr. Freshfield for exhibition.

Mr. C. E. MATHEWS spoke of the fund raised for the Anderegg family. Locally, the sum of 67*l.* had been collected, 42*l.* of which had been given to Katharina Anderegg, and 25*l.* to Bertha Anderegg. The English fund amounted to 320*l.*; 14*l.* of this had been spent on the funeral, and 80*l.* given to Katharina, the mother of Johann Anderegg; the balance had been invested for Andreas Anderegg's children. It was always difficult to know what to do when a guide was killed. If a man were not known, the subscriptions would be few, and if well-known might be too much. Some day he hoped a scheme of insurance might be devised to which some addition might be made by the Alpine Club.

The Rev. H. B. GEORGE read a paper on 'Progress in the Alps.'

Mr. FRESHFIELD considered that the multiplication of huts afforded a great increase of pleasure, making a fuller enjoyment of the phenomena of the upper regions possible, though he found that the disadvantage of the huts was that guides were unwilling to start from lower stations in the very early hours of the morning. He regretted Mr. George had not referred to the increase in Alpine literature, for he had been the first editor of the 'Journal,' nor to Alpine photography, since he had published the first book illustrated by Alpine photographs. Mr. George had been a pioneer in an art which had resulted in so much benefit to all climbers, which could bring before us the glaciers of Alaska or Canada, and enabled us in imagination at least to plan how we should explore them. As regards democratisation, he had found that the crowds now tended to remain about certain centres, and that the lonely parts, especially in the South-western Alps, were even more deserted than they were 30 years ago.

Mr. C. E. MATHEWS referred to the placing of observatories in useless situations to the damage of the mountains' beauties. He understood that M. Jannsen's observatory on Mont Blanc was

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constantly shifting, and the expensive instruments in it were so disarranged by these movements that nothing was recorded. Even if they could record he doubted the utility of what they would register.

Mr. STABLE thought that Mr. George himself was largely responsible for the popularity of the Alps, which he deplored, since by his publications and his invariable courtesy to the younger members he had done much to attract people to them.

Mr. MORTIMER drew attention to the great difference in weight of the photographic apparatus required in Mr. George's early days and that required now. They went over the Lauteraarjoch, a party of thirteen, of whom three were required to carry the apparatus, which weighed 1½ cwt. Moreover, the plates had to be developed on the spot.

Dr. WILLS mentioned that the promoter of the Jungfrau Railway had been at the Club last summer, with the object of interesting the Club, if possible, in his undertaking. His chief argument in favour of his scheme was that non-climbers should be allowed to enjoy the view from the summit. He was prepared to strengthen his arguments with the most profuse hospitality to members of the Club.

Mr. H. T. MUNRO thought that the Club should use its influence with the Federal Government to prevent any desecration of the actual summit of any hill up which they should permit a railway to be built.

Mr. GEORGE replied that he had not taken the photographs himself which appeared in his book, though he had selected them all. He thought, however, that he was the first person somewhat later to take a dry-plate camera to the summit of an Alpine peak.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. George, and the proceedings terminated.

AN EXHIBITION of Alpine photographs was held in the Hall of the Club, and was open to members and their friends from December 14 to 31. Tea was provided for members and their friends on the afternoon of December 14. Exclusive of this private view day, there were nearly 1,000 visitors to the Exhibition.

THE WINTER DINNER of the Club was held at the Whitehall Rooms on the evening of Tuesday, December 14. Mr. Charles Pilkington, *President*, in the chair. Three hundred and four members and guests were present, the latter including Lord Harris, Mr. Augustine Birrell, Sir George Robertson, Major-General Sir William Butler, Mr. C. J. Longman, and Mr. Frederick Jackson.

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