PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall on the evening of Tuesday, February 5, at 8.30, the Bishop of Bristol, *President*, in the chair.

Messrs. W. I. Beaumont, F. Cassel, E. Chubb, T. Collin, J. C. Gait, A. S. Jenkins, H. V. Knox, J. W. Schofield, and A. E. Western were balloted for and elected members of the Club.

The PRESIDENT said that the Committee proposed, in response to a wish expressed by some of the members, and subject to their proposal being favourably received at that meeting, to try the experiment of holding an informal social meeting of the Club, at which no business would be transacted, in each month, except December, in which a General Meeting was held.

This suggestion was agreed to by show of hands, and the PRESIDENT announced that the first meeting would be held on February 19.

The PRESIDENT also stated that a letter expressing his regret at his temporary severance from the Club had been received from Mr. Bryce, who would carry with him to his new duties in America the best wishes of members.

Mr. A. D. GODLEY read a short paper entitled 'The Alps.' On the motion of the PRESIDENT a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Godley for his clever paper was unanimously passed.

Mr. FRESHFIELD then exhibited slides of some of the photographs taken by Signor Sella while with the expedition of H.R.H. the Duke of the Abruzzi to Ruwenzori.

On the motion of Mr. WALLROTH, seconded by Dr. SAVAGE, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Duke and to Signor Sella for their kindness in sending the slides for exhibition. Photographic enlargements of some of the views and panoramas were hung on the walls of the Hall.

On February 11, at the request of the Committee, Mr. Freshfield again showed Signor Sella's slides at a special meeting, for which every member received a guest ticket. The Hall was full, about 300 persons attending.

The first informal meeting of the Club was held in the Club Rooms on the evening of February 19, when some sixty members were present.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall on Tuesday evening, March 5, Captain Farrar in the chair.

Messrs. O. Lecher and H. A. Millington were balloted for and elected members of the Club.

Mr. A. L. MUMM read a paper entitled 'The Bifertenstock and its Neighbours,' which was illustrated by lantern slides.

Mr. D. W. FRESHFIELD said that he had listened with great interest to the paper, as it reminded him of his early visits to that region, more than forty years ago. In 1866 he and Mr. Tucker went up the ice fall of the Biferten Glacier for the first time.

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The Tödi was a classic scene in the history of mountaineering, for Placidus à Spescha had struggled for years to get to the top. It was a very evasive mountain. The ascent was tried in vain by Leslie Stephen and Tuckett, both of whom were foiled by bad weather coming on, as he had been himself. His party in the descent thought that they had got to one of the known gaps, but soon found themselves in one of the worst places they had ever been in. Any climber going to Eastern Switzerland might do much worse than give a few days to the Tödi group. Its lower parts and the surrounding valleys were most picturesque. It offered good rock-climbing, fine ice falls and steep couloirs. The distant views were beautiful, extending from Piz Bernina round by the Lake of Constance and the Bavarian plains to Mont Blanc.

Mr. C. PILKINGTON thought the Tödi ought to be better known. He had only once been there himself, and only as far as the Sandalp, when the weather turned bad; but he hoped to return this summer.

Mr. WITHERS asked what were the best huts and the best centres to start from.

Sir MARTIN CONWAY described an avalanche of sheep that he had seen on one occasion near the Muttsee Hut.

Mr. MUMM, in reply, said that a hut was required at the Puntaiglas Glacier. When it was built it would be much the best centre and would be within reach of almost all the climbs It was a long way to the Muttsee Hut, and far from there to the Bifertenstock Bänder, but that route was so remarkable that he hoped it would receive more attention than hitherto.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Mumm brought the meeting to a close.

An informal meeting of the Club was held in the Club Rooms on the evening of March 19, which was well attended.

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