by Mr. W. Cecil Slingsby in 1876. The narrative is distinctly interesting, and is illustrated by two excellent pictures; the former of these, 'The Skagastölstinder from the Dyrhangsridge,' will make all climbers who see it wish to try it. There are ridges on it almost as formidable as its name. 'An Old Rambler' tells us of the 'Joys of the Open Fell.' And then a capital photograph, which at first sight suggests a tug of war, attracts us to 'Further Explorations in Gaping Ghyll Hole,' by Mr. A. E. Horn. A plan of Gaping Ghyll Cavern and Passages is given, and details of a visit for surveying are supplied by Mr. J. H. Buckley. Mr. F. Botterill is the author of 'The North-West Climb—Pillar Rock' (there are two full-page photographs to illustrate the narrative), and also of 'Over the Strahlegg Pass by the Rocks.' Dr. A. R. Dwerryhouse writes of 'Limestone Caverns and Potholes and their Mode of Origin,' and Mr. Charles A. Hill of 'Scoska Cave, Littondale.' A plan of the cave is given, as well as three illustrations of the skull which was found in the cave. It is that of a female Celt (about forty years old) of the Bronze Age. This is followed by an 'In Memoriam' notice of the late C. E. Mathews, and the 'Proceedings of the Club.' The numbers of the Club are increasing.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

A General Meeting of the Club was held in the Hall on Tuesday evening, April 9, at 8.30, the Bishop of Bristol, *President*, in the chair.

The accounts for 1906 were presented by the Hon. Treasurer, who pointed out that there was an excess of income over expenditure of 492*l.* 17*s.* 7*d.* He reminded the Club that the lease of the Club premises expired in the early part of 1910, and stated that they were promised by their landlords that the question of the renewal of the lease should be settled in March 1908.

Some discussion took place as to whether the assets of the Club were sufficiently described, and, on the motion of Mr. R. W. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. G. W. H. Ellis, it was agreed that a short statement of the Club's property, such as the Library &c., should be included with accounts in future.

Mr. J. H. Clapham read a paper entitled 'Dauphiné in 1906: a First Visit,' which was illustrated by lantern slides. Mr. Werner said that he had found it difficult, on the Pic de Neige Cordier, to find a way across the schrund. It was very wide, and there was no apparent way across. It had taken about 1½ hr. The view from the top, he considered, deserved everything that had been said of it. The position of the mountain was unique in being the joining point of three ridges, and the Ecrins and the Meije formed respectively the central points of the view towards the S. and N.W. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Clapham for his paper.

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A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall on Tuesday evening, June 4, at 8.30, the Bishop of Bristol, *President*, in the chair.

Messrs. A. E. Clarke, H. W. Dollar, G. F. A. England, and C. V. Rawlence were balloted for and elected members of the Club.

The PRESIDENT mentioned that, in accordance with a wish expressed by the late Mrs. Jackson, her executors, with the approval of Mr. H. J. Underwood, had very kindly presented to the Alpine Club a painting of the Matterhorn by Arthur Croft as a memento of herself. It was felt that this picture would be much valued by the Club.

The PRESIDENT referred to the circular announcing the arrangements being made with regard to the Jubilee Winter Dinner, and stated that the Committee would be very glad to consider any suggestions that members might send in to the Hon. Secretary. The President, in reply to inquiries, also stated that the Committee had decided that the guests at the Dinner must be restricted to those invited by the Club.

Mr. SYMONS suggested that, in view of the popularity of the informal meetings of the Club, one should be held in October or November. The PRESIDENT expressed his pleasure that the social meetings had been such a success, and said that the Committee would be glad to make such an arrangement.

The PRESIDENT then read an interesting paper on 'Ice Caves,' which was illustrated by lantern slides.

Mr. A. J. BUTLER remarked that he had once come across a bed of snow in a chalk pit on the Berkshire Downs three months after all other snow had melted; also that in some parts of Canada the ground some feet below the surface was never unfrozen.

Dr. TEMPEST ANDERSON also made some remarks on the paper, and stated that he had recently seen Mr. Bryce in Washington, who wished him to convey his good wishes to the Alpine Club.

The PRESIDENT then said that he should end the proceedings by moving, seconding, and carrying unanimously a hearty vote of thanks to the members of the Club for their most courteous attention.

Informal meetings of the Club were held in the Club Rooms on the evenings of April 23, May 21, and June 18. They were all largely attended.

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