

alone among Swiss guides, did not yield to the panic prevalent at that time with regard to the Matterhorn. On two occasions he gallantly attacked the foe whom the best men in the Alps could scarcely be brought to face. But he more than once expressed his conviction that the conflict was, in fact, hopeless. In this we think lies the real secret of his defeat, and of Carrel's final victory. The latter alone believed in the possibility of the ascent from Breuil, and therefore to him alone it became possible.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

*The Annual General Meeting was held on December 12, 1871 ;
Mr. W. MATHEWS, President, in the Chair.*

The following gentlemen were balloted for, and elected Members of the Club—viz., Right Rev. Dr. Ellicott, Bishop of Gloucester; Baron Albert de Rothschild; Messrs. M. Beachcroft, E. Collins, W. Leaf, W. Marcet, M.D., T. Middlemore, S. G. C. Middlemore, Schütz-Wilson, and H. J. Smith.

Mr. BALL proposed, and Mr. STEPHEN seconded: 'That Mr. W. Longman be appointed President of the Club for the ensuing year.' After some observations by Mr. W. Longman and the President, in the course of which it was mentioned that Mr. Tuckett had been asked to allow himself to be nominated President, but had been unable, owing to other engagements, to accept the position, the motion was carried unanimously.

The PRESIDENT moved, and Mr. MACDONALD seconded: 'That the Rev. T. G. Bonney and Mr. E. Whympere be appointed Vice-Presidents, and Mr. Morshead and Mr. Wallroth new Members of Committee in place of the Rev. H. B. George and Mr. F. Walker, who retire by rotation; that the other Members of Committee be re-elected; and that Mr. A. W. Moore be appointed Honorary Secretary.' Carried unanimously.

Mr. NICHOLS proposed, and Mr. MOORE seconded: 'That the thanks of the Club be given to the retiring President, Vice-Presidents, Members of Committee, and Secretary, for their services to the Club.' Carried unanimously. The PRESIDENT acknowledged the vote.

Mr. STEPHEN then read a paper entitled 'Round Mont Blanc,' which appears *in extenso* in our current number. At the conclusion of the paper, several gentlemen made observations on the unsatisfactory character, as a body (and with certain exceptions), of the Chamouni guides. The points chiefly dwelt upon were their unwillingness to serve with Swiss guides, want of enterprise, and untrustworthiness in cases of emergency.

December 13, 1871.—The annual winter dinner took place at St. James's Hall this day, when sixty-five members and their friends sat down; Mr. W. Longman, Vice-President, in the chair. Among the guests of the Club upon the occasion were Captain Richard Burton, Colonel Malleon, Sir F. Pollock, Bart., and R. G. W. Herbert, Esq., Under Secretary for the Colonies.