

‘On my arrival there, instead of the landlord appearing, the landlady came out, and on my asking for her husband, coolly said that he was “not at home,” but had “gone to Kandersteg, and had left no message;” all this with the most indifferent air, no regrets being expressed for his unavoidable absence, or facilities tendered for enquiring about the lost property.

‘Finding fair means unavailing, I put the Préfet of the district on the track, but to this hour not one farthing of the money has been restored to me. The whole tone of the landlord during the correspondence I subsequently entered into was most offensive, and he ended by saying that he did not believe my story, and that I had invented it.’

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

*Tuesday, May 7.*—Mr. D. W. FRESHFIELD, *Senior Member of the Committee present, in the Chair.*

Lieut. E. Clayton and Mr. A. E. Scott were balloted for, and elected Members of the Club.

Mr. BLACKSTONE introduced to the meeting Mr. Wm. White, F.S.A., who exhibited a form of framework, invented by himself, and intended to enable mountaineers to carry a knapsack with the least possible strain and inconvenience.\*

The Rev. W. H. HAWKER read a paper entitled ‘A Wolfhunt in the Maritime Alps,’ and at its conclusion displayed the skin of a fine wolf shot in the mountains behind Mentone. He subsequently added some particulars of an ascent of Monte Viso, made with local guides of Castel Delfino, of whose knowledge of the mountain he spoke highly; and gave a promise, which was warmly received, of several papers, historical and orographical, on the south-western extremity of the Alpine chain.

Mr. FRESHFIELD observed that the capabilities of various portions of the Alps for sporting purposes might, perhaps, in the dearth of new peaks, be more appreciated than hitherto by Members. In out-of-the-way districts chamois exist in far larger numbers than is popularly supposed. Bears are to be found in the wild mountains south of Zernetz, in the Lower Engadine, where a year seldom passes without one or more being killed by the hunters. Pinzolo, in the Lombard Alps, is also likely to prove good head-quarters. An old hunter of the neighbouring Val di Genova declares that he has killed with his own gun seventeen bears, besides over three hundred chamois.

A vote of thanks to Mr. HAWKER was carried unanimously.

*Tuesday, June 4.*—Mr. W. LONGMAN, *President, in the Chair.*

The PRESIDENT, before commencing the business of the evening, said that Members would share the sincere regret which he felt in announc-

\* The ‘Alpine porto-knapsack’ may be seen at Charles Pricc’s, 33 Marylebone Street, W.

ing the death of Mr. F. Walker. It did not seem fitting that a man so well known and popular among us should pass away without some notice on the part of the meeting. In Mr. Walker the Club had lost one of its oldest and most distinguished Members, a pioneer of Alpine exploration, who, having first visited Switzerland at a time when mountaineers were few, had, during the later years of his life, ascended nearly every great peak of the Swiss Alps; had made the first ascent of Mont Blanc from the Brenva Glacier when fifty-nine years of age; and last year, at the age of sixty-five, and stricken with a mortal disease, had reached with his daughter the summit of the Matterhorn. The President went on to refer to another recent and most melancholy event which would cast a gloom over a large Alpine circle: the death of Mrs. Fowler, the sister of Mr. F. F. Tuckett, a lady esteemed by many Members as a sympathetic friend and hostess, and well known to all as the author of some very charming sketches and descriptions of mountain travel. He felt sure that the Club as a body would wish to join with him in expressing sympathy and condolence with the families and friends of those whose loss would be widely deplored.

The PRESIDENT'S remarks were received with every token of assent by the Members present.

Mr. John P. Gubbins was balloted for and elected a Member of the Club.

Mr. C. C. TUCKER read a paper entitled 'A Week in the Graians,' in which he described the first ascent of the Grande Tour St. Pierre, and the passage of the Col du Grand Tétret from Ceresole to Val Savaranche. Messrs. NICHOLS and REILLY added some observations on the relative positions of the two couloirs leading from the side of Val d'Orca to the névé of the Glacier du Grand Tétret, and on the revised nomenclature of the peaks situated between the Grand Paradis and the Col de la Croix de Nivolet. A vote of thanks to Mr. TUCKER was carried unanimously.

Mons. Loppé, the eminent artist of Geneva, and an Honorary Member of the Club, having been introduced to the President, and cordially welcomed by the meeting, expressed his warm appreciation of the reception accorded him, and observed that he was indebted for many of his ideas to suggestions of mountaineers, and that it was the existence of bodies like the Alpine Club which encouraged artists to work in the High Alps, and to endeavour to reproduce those glorious scenes which might perhaps not be understood or appreciated by the general public.

*June 14.*—The summer dinner took place at the Crystal Palace, when fifty-one members and their friends sat down; Mr. W. Longman, President, in the Chair. Amongst the guests of the Club on the occasion were Mr. Budden, Vice-President of the Florentine Section of the Italian Alpine Club, Mons. Loppé, and Mr. George Grove. During the proceedings a congratulatory telegram was received from the Italian Alpine Club, to which a suitable response was despatched.