

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

December 16, 1875.—The Annual General Meeting of the Club took place, Mr. T. W. HINCHLIFF, *President, in the Chair.*

Messrs. W. B. Gamlen, N. H. Paterson, Rev. W. Lefroy, F. Kelly, H. Cordier, W. E. Montgomery, Rev. J. W. Bull, H. Trotter, J. Brebner, and M. Cannon, were elected Members of the Club.

On the proposition of Mr. T. Middlemore, seconded by Mr. Hulton, it was unanimously resolved that Mr. D. J. Abercromby and Captain the Hon. P. Methuen be elected members of the Committee, in the place of Mr. Morshead and Sir J. Ramsay, Bart., who retire by rotation; and that the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and other Members of the Committee be re-elected.

The Rev. F. WETHERED read the paper on the Zermatt District, published in the present number.

A discussion on huts and chains was raised by some remarks in Mr. Wethered's paper.

Mr. A. W. MOORE, followed by several members, expressed his regret that the great peaks should be vulgarised by means of mechanical appliances, and the multiplication of resting-places. He should like to see all huts destroyed and all ropes and chains cut down.

On the other side it was suggested that such aids might be disregarded by those who disliked them, and that they were of service to many mountaineers who preferred to enjoy their mountains slowly and safely. Some members urged that the Club should do more towards the erection and maintenance of huts; pointing out at the same time the disgracefully dirty condition in which many of these refuges now are—*e.g.* the Gleckstein hut, to the erection of which we had subscribed.

It was replied on behalf of the Committee, that, looking to the ample interest gained by guides and innkeepers, in central Switzerland, on any expenditure they make towards huts, and to the assistance they obtain in less frequented districts from the local sections of their National Clubs, there did not seem any call on our funds. Moreover practical experience had shown that it was undesirable to make grants for this purpose except where a control—only obtainable by a local body—can be exercised over the way in which the money is laid out.

The Annual Dinner of the Club took place on December 17, at Willis's Rooms, when 141 members and guests sat down.

Among the principal guests were Messrs. T. T. Cooper, Marcus Stone, and Col. Burne.

Messrs. G. Barnard and Croft exhibited a number of their own drawings, which were much admired. Other Members of the Club also lent pictures and sketches.