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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB.

THE first provincial dinner of the Climbers' Club was held at the Queen's Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, 5th December, with the President, Mr. C. E. Mathews, in the chair. Among those present were Messrs. H. Barrow, W. Barrow, O. Morland, C. E. Mathews, C. M. Mathews, F. V. Milward, F. S. Pearson, A. W. Southall (Birmingham), R. Williams, T. Williams (Birkenhead), T. E. Lowe (Burton-on-Trent), E. A. Baker (Derby), M. T. Pickstone (Edinburgh), E. R. Turner (Epsom), T. Arnold, Jun. (Greenwich), G. W. H. Ellis (Guildford), G. R. Jebb (Great Barr), T. Cox (Hampton-in-Arden), H. G. Gotch (Kettering), P. H. Thorp (Leigh), J. S. Sloane (Leicester), H. Bond (Lincoln), W. E. Corlett, P. O. Weightman (Liverpool), R. F. Backwell, G. B. Bryant (London), L. E. Whitaker (Newton-le-Willows, Lancs.), E. R. Kidson (Nottingham), C. H. Pickstone (Radcliffe, Lancs.), C. W. Nettleton (Streatham), A. Caddick (Sutton Coldfield), and G. T. Glover (York).

After the customary loyal toast, the chairman welcomed the members of the Club to Birmingham in an appreciative speech that held the attention of his audience for nearly twenty minutes. It is an exceedingly trying position for a speaker to have to follow Mr. Mathews when he is in one of his brilliant moods, but the speeches of Mr. F. Sternberg, who proposed, and Mr. R. Williams, who responded to the toast, "Our Club," would seem to shew that mountaineering and oratory go hand in hand. Mr. F. S. Pearson, in a few well chosen words, proposed "Our Guests," to which Mr. O. T. Bainbridge replied, and "Our President," by Mr. T. E. Lowe, called forth another delightful effort from Mr. Mathews, which closed the proceedings.

On the following day Mr. Mathews hospitably entertained those of the visiting members who were able to remain in Birmingham, at The Hurst, Four Oaks, an excellent lunch being preceded by a ramble through the Forest of Arden.