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KYNDWR CLUB NOTES.

THOUGH the members of the Kyndwr Club have been out of their holes frequently of late, they do not appear to have done very much, either inside or outside the earth's crust, that is worthy of record. This may be due in part to the debilitating effect of the annual dinner, which took place in Derby in October, and raised about a score of the brethren to a high pitch of hilarity. In default of something technically more relevant, I should like to quote one of the most eloquent of the highly eloquent speeches that were, unfortunately, not reported *in extenso*. It was in support of the toast " Scansors and Troglodytes," and the species, sub-species, and varieties of these recently differentiated mammals were scientifically handled, their extremely interesting habits and peculiarities being expounded with great erudition and acumen. Failing that, there is little indeed to report, unless I set down what the Club is going to do. The immediate programme includes cave-exploration in divers parts of England; but the Derby-shire part of the scheme looms with greatest importance, comprising the Blue John Mine and the Peak Cavern, both at Castleton, and the Bagshawe Cavern at Bradwell, to all of which the Club has been invited with a view to complete and final investigation. Mr. Puttrell has already been doing preliminary work, and has made some interesting discoveries, which will be duly chronicled.

Above ground, attention has been confined to developing home resources. It is surprising how prolific in new climbs, or at least interesting variations, are such familiar haunts as Brccdon and Birchover. On Cratcliff Tor, not an extensive crag, a route to Hermitage Chimney, and a stubborn little climb just north of the Owl's Gully have recently been worked out, but a sensational route up Sgurr-nan-Breedon has been found only, perhaps, in time to be blasted away.