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EVENING MEETINGS OF THE CLUB.

ON the 25th of November, the Club came together at the Inns of Court Hotel to hear Mr. A. W. Andrews give an account of his exploration of the Cornish cliffs. The freshness of the subject drew a large audience, and among them a good sprinkling of ladies, the notices having for the first time added to the word "friend" the definition "lady or gentleman."

In the regretted absence of the President, the chair was taken by Mr. W. P. Haskett-Smith, who congratulated the meeting on having established a precedent in the history of the Club by brightening itself with the presence of the fair sex. Mr. Andrews thoroughly deserved the compliment of being chosen to lecture on an occasion so important, and before an audience so interesting, because it was a reward due to him for his public spirit in taking over the editorship of the *Club Journal*, of which an excellent number—the first fruits of the new editor's labours—had just been distributed. He (the Chairman) fully expected that, after hearing Mr. Andrews, there would be a rush of ladies ready to lecture before future meetings, and of members ready to supply unlimited articles for future numbers of the *Journal*.

Mr. Andrews then proceeded to give a most fascinating account of his scrambles among the cliffs of North Cornwall, chiefly in the neighbourhood of St. Ives. Judging from the excellent and instructive photographs which illustrated the lectures, there must be a quantity of first-class work there for keen climbers. The impression left on the minds of the audience was that Pen-y-gwryd and Wastdale Head must be on their guard against a serious rival.

Mr. Bentham, who was introduced by Mr. C. E. Benson, very kindly followed with a laughable recitation, of which a great feature was the remarkable facility with which the performer passed so rapidly from speaking to whistling, and back to speaking again, that both of these seemed at times to be going on together.

After this agreeable interlude, Mr. Andrews gave the second portion of his lecture, which was mainly a display of Alpine views of great artistic merit, taken by himself, by Dr. O. K. Williamson and other friends.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was very heartily accorded, after which some Alpine photographs, taken mostly by Messrs. Donkin and Dent, were thrown on the screen by Mr. Haskett-Smith, and brought a very successful evening to a close. Members are reminded that an attendance book is now provided at every meeting, in which it is hoped that they will make a point of inscribing their names.

