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## COMMITTEE NOTES.

THE following new members were elected in January :—

William Walter Lucas, Cowper Road, Harpenden, Herts.  
 Robertson Lamb, Buxton House, Wallasey, Cheshire.  
 George Seatree, 39 Merton Road, Bootle, Liverpool.  
 Alfred Henry Binns, 10 Holmelands Park, North Sunderland.  
 W. H. Gover, 10 Old Square, W.C.  
 R. W. Lloyd, 97 Thurleigh Road, S.W.

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AT the meeting on the 10th March the following new members were elected :—

F. S. Young, The College, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.  
 Walter M. Roberts, Royal Military Academy, Woolwich.

Mr. W. P. Haskett-Smith was re-elected by the Committee as an extra member for the present year.

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THE Committee considered a memorial received from a number of members in the Manchester and Liverpool districts suggesting the adoption of better means to give members in those districts opportunities of gathering together in a social way without the necessity of coming to London. A reply has now been sent expressing the hearty approval of the Committee of the object sought after, and suggesting the formation of a local committee to carry out the necessary

details with the assistance of the Honorary Secretary of the Club. Possibly a dinner will be arranged to take place soon after Easter. There are about 50 members of the Club in those districts.

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THE memorial regarding the proposed light railway from Beddgelert to Bettws-y-Coed was read, and carefully considered. It was worded as follows, and signed by 66 members :—

“We, the undersigned members of the Club, have observed with regret that up to the present time no action has been taken by the Club in connection with the proposed light railway from Beddgelert to Bettws-y-Coed, through Nant Gwynant and Capel Curig.

“We are of opinion that the undertaking is one which adversely affects the vital interests of the Club, and that it is not yet too late to oppose it.

“We therefore respectfully call upon you to take all such steps as may be necessary to enable the Club to pronounce a collective opinion, and, if so decided, to use every possible means of opposition to the scheme, and to register against it their most emphatic protest.”

Letters were also read from two other members in opposition to the undertaking.

The Committee had in fact given full consideration to this matter at their meeting of the 18th March, 1904, and reached the conclusion that opposition to the scheme must be left to individual action. A petition against the railway, sent in last year, bore the signatures of a good number of members of our Club. On the 15th November last, at a meeting of the Board of Trade, the various parties were heard by counsel (including the Alpine Club), but the result was that the railway from Lake Gwynant to Bettws-y-Coed was “recommended.” The Committee were informed that the scheme would be officially sanctioned as a matter of course.

Under these circumstances, no action by our Committee

against the railway would seem to offer any hope of result, and of this our members have since been advised by circular.

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THE English Lake District Association having asked whether our Club was contemplating the building of foot bridges over mountain streams near Wasdale Head, the Honorary Secretary was requested to reply in the negative.

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THE Yorkshire Ramblers brought off their Annual Dinner at Leeds on the 11th February, and the President, Mr. Alfred Barran, held a reception before the dinner, which was attended by a large number of members and guests. The chief amongst the guests was Mr. C. E. Mathews, and there were also invited representatives of our own and all other kindred Clubs.

All that goes to make such a meeting successful was there in abundance. The dinner was good, as were the speeches; the music and recitation perhaps better still. Yorkshire hospitality has been heard of before, and lives up to its reputation.

Nor could he probably find elsewhere a better field for the exercise of patience and determination under trying circumstances.

The Club is twelve or thirteen years old, with a good history, a library of long standing, regular lectures, a growing membership running near a hundred, and a *Journal* which may justly claim a high place amongst other publications of its kind, whether from the scientific or the climbing point of view.

And for genuine work, out of doors, these modestly named Ramblers have earned high praise. In Switzerland and on the British hills, and especially perhaps in Norway, they are to be heard of.

And the subterranean wonders of their great county are peculiarly their own. No member of the Climbers' Club need lack of new sensations, if, under their guidance, he has the happiness to explore the silent and watery depths of their famous pot holes.