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RUCKSACK CLUB DINNER.

A VERY pleasant function was the annual dinner of the Rucksack Club, held at the Albion Hotel, Manchester, on 7th December. Mr. Charles Pilkington, the President of the Club, was in the chair, and there was a large attendance of members and guests. The toast of "Ourselves" was given by the President, who congratulated the members upon their achievements during the past year, and made special mention of guideless traverses of the Schreckhorn and Finsteraarhorn. Mr. A. R. Horsfield responded, and pointed out that in addition to their doings as climbers some of the members had brought great credit to the topographical section of the Club. The "Alpine Club" was proposed by Mr. Hermann Woolley, President Elect of that Club, and an old member of the Rucksack Club, and Mr. Joseland responded. Mr. George T. Ewan proposed the toast of the Kindred Clubs under the inclusive title of "Others," and good humouredly suggested that a little more energy might be infused into the doings of the Climbers' Club, for whom Mr. Roderick Williams responded. Mr. Ewan also referred to the useful work of the German and Austrian Alpine Club, for whom Mr. Herbert J. Mothersill responded in a very bright and amusing speech. The "President" was proposed by Mr. C. H. Pickstone, who in fitting terms spoke of Mr. Pilkington's valuable services to the Club. During the evening several excellent songs and recitations were given.