

The President then announced that the Council had appointed Mr. Harry Selby, 42, Ladbrooke Grove Road, W., to the vacant post of Hon. Secretary, subject to confirmation by the members. The appointment was unanimously confirmed. The following appointments were then confirmed:—Mr. Leslie Selby to be Assistant Hon. Secretary, vice Mr. Lionel C. Bennett, who resigned; Mr. L. C. Bennett and Mr. J. Stein, to be Hon. Auditors, vice Messrs. H. and J. Selby, who vacate the posts on their new appointments.

After the PRESIDENT had presented the medals to the successful competitors at the recent Society Exhibition—

Mr. J. MARTIN DICKINS read his papers, "A Suggestion," and "A Photographic Yarn." The "Suggestion" was that papers read before the Society should not be confined entirely to the scientific side of photography, but that, especially when other papers were lacking, proceedings should be made more cordial and less frigid by the relation of photographic adventures and so forth. "A Photographic Yarn" consisted in the relation, in jocular verse, of the adventures of two travellers in Australia, and of their difficulties in loading their slides in the open air after losing their dark tent in a bush fire.

A question was asked in the question-box as to the effect of ammonia fumes on the lungs. There being no medical man present, no professional opinion could be obtained. Mr. C. Whiting mentioned the ammoniophone in connection with the question.

A second question was asked as to the best toning bath for obtaining sepia tones on sensitised rough drawing paper. Mr. Bennet recommended platinum toning. Mr. Wilson had obtained good results with weak gold and borax. Mr. Hazeon suggested paper toned with a non-acid platinum solution. Mr. C. Whiting expressed doubt as to what was a real sepia tone, remarking that he found black tones easiest to obtain on such paper.

Mr. DIXON exhibited prints on matt-surface paper, and desired hints as to the method of procuring black tones. The general opinion seemed to be that the negatives were too thin for black tones.

Mr. H. SELBY exhibited a negative showing the sun with a distinct solar halo. The exposure was made on January 18th, at 3 p.m., with a quick shutter on a Mawson plate, with lens working at $f/8$.

The PRESIDENT made some remarks on the question of procuring a concession of cheap railway fares for photographers on the same lines as those granted to anglers and others.

Seven new members were proposed for election at the next meeting.

THE HACKNEY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

SOME American slides were shown before this Society; the audience included a number of ladies.

At the conclusion, slides of members were shown, Messrs. Barton, Gosling, and the secretary contributing, to which were added some Woodbury slides of Niagara.

The SECRETARY announced that at the next meeting Mr. Henry Sturmev would give a lecture on "Norway," illustrated by the lantern.

THE CROYDON MICROSCOPICAL CLUB.

THE annual meeting was held on January 21st at the Public Hall. In his presidential address, Mr. LOVETT congratulated the Society upon the position of the Club, and the successful year's work. Forty-four new members had joined in twelve months. Fifteen lectures and papers on subjects of general interest had been read during the year, and the meetings and excursions had been well attended. The exhibits at the meetings had also increased, and had given much zest to those gatherings. Mr. Lovett stated that he had succeeded in obtaining a room in the Public Hall, which he had fitted up as a dark-room and laboratory for the photographic section, and which he now desired to present to the Club for the coming year. This room, which is twenty-five feet long, and supplied with water, and warmed and lighted with gas, has a permanent screen fitted at one end, and will be useful alike for enlarging,

developing, and general photographic work. The president said that with this room, and its many other advantages, the Club would no doubt increase in members largely during the coming year; the present membership is over three hundred.

Mr. Sturge was elected treasurer in the place of Mr. McKean (resigned), and the two vacancies on committee were filled by Mr. H. D. Gower (hon. secretary) and Mr. McKean.

THE MANCHESTER AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

THE sixth annual report (1890) of the above Society was read at the annual general meeting, held at the Manchester Athenæum, Princess Street, last Tuesday, and, among other items, set forth that 73 new members have joined the Society since the last annual meeting; 13 members have resigned, and 25 been struck off the books for non-payment of subscriptions; there are now 328 ordinary and 2 honorary members as against 293 last year. The treasurer's account shows a balance of £60 18s. 5d., as against £44 8s. 10d. last year. Since the issue of the fifth annual report, there has been secured on favourable terms a good room on the ground floor of No. 14, Ridgefield, John Dalton Street, Manchester. This room is now being fitted with all requisites, and will, it is hoped, be of much service to members who may desire to make enlargements for the forthcoming annual exhibition. It has been arranged, too, that the Society's library shall be placed in the room, and in order that the books may circulate more readily, it is suggested that the librarian should attend weekly instead of monthly as at present. Lockers will be provided at a small charge for the use of those members who do not happen to have offices in town.

Underneath this enlarging room is a cellar of the same dimensions, and in case of necessity it will at any time be an easy matter to fit up a large number of developing sinks therein. The oil and lime-light lanterns have been lent out 135 times during the year, and the slides belonging to the Society have lost none of their popularity. The Society has purchased a magnificent 10 by 8 camera with lenses and all requisites, and this has been constantly in the hands of one or other of our members, and has given satisfaction.

THE GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION.

THE annual general meeting was held in the rooms, 180, West Regent Street, on Monday evening, January 19th. Mr. JOHN MORISON, junr., took the chair on his election as president. The following office-bearers were also elected for 1891:—*Vice-President*—Mr. Thomas Taylor; *Treasurer*—Mr. Hugh Reid; *Secretaries*—Messrs. Wm. Goodwin and J. C. Oliver; and a council of six members.

Mr. THOMAS TAYLOR then gave a demonstration of "Platino-type Printing."

The meeting closed with the usual display of lantern views by members, shown by limelight.

THE LONDON AND PROVINCIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION.

January 22nd.—Mr. W. BEDFORD in the chair. Mr. Thomas Illingworth and Mr. F. Parsons were elected members of the Association.

Mr. T. E. Freshwater presented Mr. Lewis Wright's latest work on "Optical Projection" to the library. A volume of Ganot's "Physics" was presented by Mr. A. Haddon.

A demonstration was then given by Mr. L. WARNERKE on "Collography." The lecturer expressed his opinion that a wide future is open for photo-mechanical printing. There was a general belief that special appliances were necessary, and that generally all processes of this kind were troublesome to work. The demand for cheapness and quickness of production had proved detrimental to good work. The process he intended to demonstrate was simple, requiring no special apparatus of any kind, enabling amateurs to produce quickly an unlimited number of copies on ordinary paper, with printer's ink, from photographic negatives. For the purposes of demonstration, the