

THE ITALIAN ALPINE CLUB.

It may be interesting to the readers of the 'Alpine Journal' to know that this society is gradually gaining ground throughout the whole of Italy, and numbers at present about 400 members.

The Central Club at Turin has opened branches at Florence, Naples, Aosta, Varallo (in the Monte Rosa district), Domodossola, and at Agordo in the Dolomite region. Under the auspices of the Clubs at Varallo and at Domodossola, subscriptions have been successfully opened for establishing two barometrical stations, the first at l'Ospizio di Valdobbia on the summit of the col between Gressoney St. Jean and the village of Alagna; and the second at the College of Domodossola, in connection with the one at the Hospice of the Simplon. The branch at Aosta is busily occupied in adding to its collection of wild mountain animals of the district, to which His Majesty the King of Italy has most liberally contributed by the gift of an ibex from his own hunting grounds among the Graian Alps.

The general meeting and dinner of the Italian Alpine Club was to take place this year at Agordo, near Belluno, on September 17 and 18. Members of the different Clubs, and travellers desirous of any *special* information concerning the mountain districts of Italy, may obtain it by applying to the following gentlemen:—Signor Professore Baretti, Directeur du Club Alpin Italien, Palazzo Carignano, Turin; Signor Cav. Ingegnere Pellati, Directeur du Club Alpin Italien, Agordo, près Belluno; Signor G. B. Rimini, Secrétaire du Club Alpin Italien, Piazza de' Giuochi, 1, Florence; Signor Cav. Prof. Pietro Calderini, Directeur du Club Alpin Italien, Varallo, Piemont; Signor Avvocato Trabucchi, Secrétaire du Club Alpin Italien, Domodossola; Monsieur le Chevalier Gal, Président du Club Alpin Italien à Aoste, Piemont; Signor Prof. Barone Cesati, Vice-Président du Club Alpin Italien, Directeur del Orto Botanico, Naples. These gentlemen will also most gratefully receive any information from members of the different Alpine clubs and tourists which may be thought useful for the benefit of foreign travellers.

PANORAMA OF THE ALPS FROM TURIN.—The Italian Alpine Club is having produced by lithography (in four tints) the panoramic view of the Alps seen from Turin. An unfinished copy of this view has recently been forwarded to us, and it promises to be highly interesting to those who know the Italian side of the Alps. Its length is nearly 10 feet, and it will be sold at the moderate price of four francs. We understand that a limited number of impressions only will be taken from the stones.