

from Wengern Alp, Ochsenhorn and Joch, Grand Combin, first ascents of the Râteau, the Grande Ruine, the northern Aiguille d'Arve (lower summit), Pic de la Grave; first passages of the Col de la Casse Déserte, Col du Vallon de l'Enchâtras; also the Col de la Pilatte (*descending* to Vallouise), the Col des Ecrins, Brèche de la Meije, and Col du Glacier Blanc. In no one instance did she ever make a false step, and very rarely required assistance; but on the Diablerets showed a local guide the best way down the precipices of the Creux de Champs. Her Alpine career closed with the death of her mistress. From that time she spent a quiet English country life, beloved and respected by all who knew her, until she passed away at a good old age. Of her excellent qualities this is not the place to speak at length. Suffice it to say that she had every canine virtue, was very good-tempered, extraordinarily intelligent, and of unswerving loyalty and affection to those around her.—W. A. B. COOLIDGE.

NOTICES.

GUIDEBOOKS.—Several of the old-established guidebooks have recently appeared in new editions. 'Murray's Handbook,' without changing its original character as a general traveller's guide, has at last been brought up to date with regard to glacier expeditions, and contains much information useful to mountaineers and not to be found elsewhere. The portion dealing with the Pennine Alps having passed through the hands of the Alpine Clubmen who know them best, may be trusted to contain the most recent and accurate information; and young travellers may now read the chapters of general advice with a certainty of finding in them the results of the best experience of English mountaineers. Special attention has been paid throughout to the class of travellers who, without being mountaineers, wish to make a few of the easier glacier ascents and excursions. For example, the relative difficulty and merits of the various passes of the Mont Blanc chain are adequately set out. Several new district maps have been inserted, and those of the Chamonix and Zermatt districts have been re-engraved. The work has been divided into two volumes convenient for the pocket.

Herr Karl Bädiker has issued new English editions of his Handbooks for Switzerland and the Eastern Alps. They are concise, and correct, and the editor has carried out his aim in every respect with singular industry and ability. The only technical oversight we note is the use of French feet in some of the panoramas and of mètres in others, while in the text English feet are used. Whether the result is our ideal guidebook is another question. For mere practical information these volumes are probably, as far as they go, the best of their kind. Nowhere else do we find so many details as to prices and modes of conveyance. In maps and panoramas they distance all rivals. They do these things better in Germany! But as books they seem to us to have the fault of being unreadable; and owing doubtless to the necessity for compression, the descriptions of the principal routes above the snow-

level (e.g. the Col du Géant) are meagre and unsatisfactory. To less concentrated works, such as the 'Alpine Guide' or Murray's 'Handbook,' they bear the relation a meat lozenge does to a good meal. Both are excellent things; the one in one's pocket on the road, the other at the inn in the evening. In one respect, however, the Leipzig publisher puts to shame his English rival. He is independent of the 68 pages of miscellaneous advertisements, which to the regret of all who use it, still find a place within the cover of the 'Handbook.'

Mr. F. S. Reilly has done good service to visitors to the Engadine by preparing a new edition of Dr. Ludwig's excellent local 'Guide to Pontresina.' It is furnished with an admirable map of the Bernina group.

Herr Ivan von Tschudi republishes his wonderfully compact German 'Tourist' with corrections and additions.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

May 6, 1879.—Mr. C. E. MATHEWS, President, in the chair. The following were elected members of the Club: Rev. W. WILKS, Messrs. J. MEURER, J. BRYCE, D.C.L., A. SLOMAN, Marquis A. DE PALLAVICINI, and Dr. BRUNO WAGNER.

The President announced that, in response to his invitation, many of the artist members of the Club had expressed their willingness to contribute works of art to the Club-rooms.

Mr. J. OAKLEY MAUND read a paper on 'A route over the Bietschhorn,' and Mr. H. S. HOARE one on 'The first ascent of Mont Maudit.' A short discussion followed, in which Messrs. LESLIE STEPHEN, DENT, HARTLEY and MATHEWS took part.

June 3, 1879.—Mr. C. E. MATHEWS, President, in the chair. M. OTTO SCHÜCK was elected a member of the Club.

A vote of thanks to Mr. W. E. DAVIDSON, for the able way in which he had discharged the duties of Honorary Secretary during Mr. DENT's absence, proposed by Mr. DENT, and seconded by Mr. WALLROTH, was carried unanimously.

Mr. JAMES ECCLES read a paper on 'The Rocky Mountain Region of Wyoming and Idaho,' illustrating his subject by maps and photographs.

In the discussion that ensued, Mr. W. MATHEWS remarked on the difference in glaciation between the Alps and Rocky Mountains, and mentioned some concentric moraines in Scotland similar in formation to those noticed by Mr. ECCLES. In answer to inquiries about the difficulties of travelling in the Rocky Mountain region, Mr. ECCLES stated that the chief troubles he experienced were those of transport and provisioning.

Messrs. BARLOW, HEELIS, and C. E. MATHEWS also joined in the discussion; the latter congratulating the Club on having heard a paper of great interest and somewhat out of the usual line.

June 17, 1879.—The Annual Summer Dinner took place at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, when fifty-four members and their friends sat down. Mr. C. E. MATHEWS, President, in the chair. Among the guests were Count STROGANOFF, Mr. ALBERT BIERSTADT, Admiral RYDER, &c.