

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.