friendly, and I was more comfortably housed than at any huts before. A *salle à manger* was devised for me in a clean room in a separate hut where *seracs* were stored, and a bed was afterwards arranged in the same place, where I slept in comfort. The people said we were the first visitors that had ever slept there.

The weather now changed, and rain delayed our departure till a quarter to eight. Some distance above the huts is the fine *Lac des Vaux*, into whose clear depths we could see far down. It is a striking spot; above rises Mont Gélé, and passes lead in either direction to Val de Bagnes and Val Nendaz. We ascended that mountain by the arête on our left; the weather turned out better than we hoped, but the view, which from the situation must be pleasing, was far from clear. A thunderstorm overtook us in the descent, which brought us directly down to Lourtier. After some welcome refreshment at the restaurant here, we walked on to Fionnay, where there are now hotels, and the children of pensionnaires sail toy craft in a tarn formed by the water of a beautiful cascade, which drops from a lofty cliff in vapour and spray.

In taking this route, Fionnay might be directly reached by descending to the Col de la Chaux, and gaining by a short reascent to the right the western Glacier du Mont Fort. The course then mounts to the Col of that name, which lies over the ridge of the mountain nearly at its W. termination.* For the route from Fionnay to Sion by Val Nendaz, the lower passes of Louvie or Cleuson are probably preferable. For another exploration of a route to Arolla by Val Nendaz, see 'Alpine Journal,' vol. xi. p. 238.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

### SILBERHORN AND TELLISPITZEN.

Dear Sir,—Will you be so kind as to insert the following rectifications in your next number of the 'Alpine Journal'?—

1. *Jubilee flag on the top of the Silberhorn.*—Mr. F. Gardiner, in his article 'Early Summer in the Oberland,' 'Alpine Journal, November number, page 499, states that the flag planted by him on June 21 last on the top of the Silberhorn 'apparently did not meet the approval of some Swiss climbers who made the ascent shortly afterwards, as they removed it.' A party consisting of Dr. Rob. von Wyss, Mr. A. Bernoulli, and myself (without guides) ascended four days after Mr. Gardiner the Silberhorn from the Guggihut, traversing afterwards the Jungfrau to the Concordia, and nobody else can, therefore, be meant by the reproach of uncivility thrown by Mr. Gardiner upon his successors. The matter by itself is a very trifling one, but, although Mr. Gardiner's

* *Alpine Journal*, vol. xi. p. 116.

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assertions are as positive as possible, I wish to say that none of us even touched the said flag, which must have been blown down subsequently by the wind.

2. *Tellispitzen.*—The first ascent of these summits was not made by me, as stated in last number of the 'Alpine Journal' (page 529), but by Messrs. E. Thury, Miney, and Tschumi, S.A.C. Geneva, on August 5, 1888. A short account of this climb was published by Mr. Tschumi in the 'Echo des Alpes,' 1889, pp. 83, 84.

Believe me, dear Sir,

Yours truly,

Glockenthal, Thoune,
January, 1898.

PAUL MONTANDON.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held in the Hall of the Club on Monday evening, December 13, at 8.30 P.M., Mr. Charles Pilkington, *President*, in the chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected members of the Club: Messrs. F. Baker-Gabb, E. H. F. Bradby, H. S. Bullock, E. Calvert, H. W. Fowler, C. B. Grant, Hon. W. H. Lascelles, Messrs. C. W. Patchell, W. Rogowine, A. V. Valentine-Richards.

On the motion of Mr. H. Walker, seconded by Mr. F. W. Newmarch, the President, Mr. Charles Pilkington, was unanimously re-elected.

On the motion of Sir H. S. King, seconded by Mr. Alfred Williams, the Vice-Presidents, Dr. G. H. Savage and Mr. F. Gardiner, and the other members of Committee who were eligible, viz., Messrs. J. Heelis, Ellis Carr, T. L. Kesteven, N. Collie, G. A. Solly, Dr. Claude Wilson, and the Hon. Secretary, Dr. W. A. Wills, were unanimously re-elected.

On the motion of Mr. A. J. Butler, seconded by Mr. H. Woolley, Professor A. B. W. Kennedy and Mr. H. E. M. Stutfield were unanimously elected new members of Committee in place of Messrs. Cockburn and Baker, who retire by rotation.

The PRESIDENT moved on behalf of the Committee that in Rule III., second paragraph, be added after the word 'Vice-President' the words 'Editor of the *Alpine Journal*, Honorary Librarian,' and after the word 'or,' 'Honorary,' which paragraph would then read: 'The Committee shall have power to add to their body, as an extra member, the Editor of the *Alpine Journal* for the time being, or the Honorary Librarian for the time being, or anyone who shall have served the office of President, Vice President, Editor of the *Alpine Journal*, Honorary Librarian, or Honorary Secretary of the Club.'

This was seconded by Mr. F. Gardiner, and carried unanimously.

The PRESIDENT further moved on behalf of the Committee that in Rule VI., second paragraph, be substituted for the words 'January or February' the words 'March or April,' and after the words 'general business' be added the words 'and a copy of the

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