

CORRESPONDENCE.

MOUNT FAY.

To the Editor of the ALPINE JOURNAL.

Dallas, Texas : January 23, 1905.

Dear Sir,—Referring to my article in the 'Alpine Journal' for August 1904, entitled 'The First Ascent of Mt. Fay,' I understand that in May of last year the Dominion Topographical Survey transferred the name from Mt. Fay, as mentioned in my article, to a mountain heretofore known as Mt. Heejee, a somewhat higher peak in the same range. The name of Mt. Little will probably be transferred to another peak in the same range known heretofore as Mt. Non. The peak heretofore known as Mt. Fay will be known as Mt. Bident, and the peak mentioned as Mt. Little will be known as Mt. Quattuor.

My authority for the name of Mt. Fay was an official map issued over the name of Jno. J. McGee, Clerk, Privy Council, Dominion Government Map, No. 2181, issued in 1901, and furnished me by Mr. A. W. Wheeler, of the Dominion Topographical Survey, shortly after I climbed the peak.

Will you kindly publish this correction in your correspondence, and very much oblige,

Yours truly,

C. S. THOMPSON.

VORDER THIERBERG.

To the Editor of the ALPINE JOURNAL.

Glockenthal, Thoune : December 1904.

Dear Sir,—

VORDER THIERBERG (3,107 m.) (GRIMSEL GROUP).—In the last number of the 'Alpine Journal,' pp. 325 and 326, Mr. Winthrop Young describes what is the second ascent of the above peak, proposing for it the name of *Tyndallhorn*. The said gentleman, with Joseph Lochmatter, on August 5, 1904, mounted to the summit mainly by the N. arête. 'Leaving the newly erected cairn,' they went down by the W. arête, following the same as far as the Hinter Zinkenstock. The said cairn was built on June 29, 1904, by Dr. R. von Wyss, Mr. Albert Weber, and myself, and our ascent (without guides) was put down in the book at the Pavillon Dollfus. We made the climb from the Oberaar Glacier in a direction the reverse of that taken by Mr. Winthrop Young, but followed, on the descent, the N. arête throughout to the S. foot of the point 2,806 m., climbing down thence to the glacier on the W. and reaching ultimately the Unteraar Glacier by way of the Grünbergli. Mr. Winthrop Young, making a variation of this route, reached the N. arête from the glacier to the E., climbing over point 2,806 m. As will be found in the next 'Jahrbuch S. A.-C.' we chose for the peak 3,107 m. the name of *Vorder Thierberg*, proposing to change the name of 'Thierberg' 3,202 m. of the Siegfried map into

'*Hinter Thierberg*,' in the same 'ordre d'idées' as the names *Vorder* or *Hinter Zinkenstock*, which the map gives to two summits of the same chain. We ask permission of Mr. Winthrop Young to keep to our name in preference to the one proposed by him. Tyndall's great name is already attached to one of the mightiest and most famous arêtes in the Alps, and in our opinion it would be offering him a very slight additional homage to name a summit of minor importance also after him.

The same above-named party made, on July 1, 1904, the first ascent of the *Nord Lauteraarhorn*, 3,478 m., and the following day that of the highest *Klein Lauteraarhorn*, 3,742 m. (traversed from the W. to the N.W.), which is a very fine climb. This latter peak was probably the last high summit of the Bernese Alps yet unclimbed.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL MONTANDON.

To the Editor of the ALPINE JOURNAL

February 11, 1905.

Dear Sir,—I am obliged to you for the opportunity of expressing my regret to M. Montandon for having suggested in your last number the name *Tyndallhorn* for a point which he had already made his own as the *Vorder Thierberg*. I need not say that I was entirely unaware, in recording my ascent with Joseph Lochmatter on August 5, of the prior ascent by M. Montandon's party on June 29.

I may, however, perhaps correct a misapprehension in his letter. He quotes my account ('A. J.' vol. xxii. p. 326), 'leaving the newly erected cairn,' &c., and continues, 'the said cairn was built by Dr. von Wyss,' &c. The cairn referred to was, of course, 'newly erected' by Lochmatter and myself. I should not otherwise have included the climb among my notes to you. On reaching the summit from the north side the sight of the easy southern slopes of this ridge made it seem improbable that the point was still unconquered, and we instituted a search for the usual signs. It was only after failing to find any record or trace whatever of a previous ascent that Lochmatter built a cairn, and that I assumed, after some further inquiry among the local guides, that the point was still as unvisited and nameless as I had supposed it to be for some years past.

As a matter of purely private interest I should be glad to know from M. Montandon where his cairn was erected, and how his party dealt with the great step in the N. arête, which proved such a difficulty to Lochmatter and myself.

I agree with M. Montandon that the peak is of trifling importance, and I regret the mistake the less that it has enabled him to call attention to the admirable climb of his party on the *Kleine Lauteraarhörner*.

I am yours obediently,
G. WINTHROP YOUNG.

THE RIFFELHAUS.

To the Editor of the ALPINE JOURNAL.

February 10, 1905.

Sir,—Kindly allow me to correct an inaccuracy in the obituary notice of Madame Clausen, printed in the last number of the 'Alpine Journal' (p. 309). As the sentence stands (lines 18-19) it implies that the original Riffelhaus was opened in 1859. The hotel was opened in 1855. Madame Clausen began her career of management there in 1859.

Yours faithfully,

C. T. DENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the hall on Monday evening, December 12, at 8.30, Sir Martin Conway, *President*, in the chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected members of the Club: The Rev. H. J. L. Arnold, Messrs. E. Backhouse, A. Basset, M. G. Bradley, L. M. Earle, W. P. R. Ellis, J. B. Farmer, W. B. Fryer, R. E. Osborne, and E. T. Roberts.

The following officers and elective members of committee for 1905, proposed by the committee, were declared duly elected:—*President*, The Right Reverend George Forrest Browne, Bishop of Bristol, in place of Sir Martin Conway, whose term of office expired; *Vice-Presidents*, Mr. J. H. Wicks, being eligible for re-election, and Mr. Walter Leaf,* in place of Mr. Hermann Woolley, whose term of office expired; *Honorary Secretary*, Mr. A. L. Mumm; *Elective Members of Committee*, Messrs. R. N. Arkle, G. W. Prothero, L. W. Rolleston, J. J. Withers, and E. H. F. Bradby, being eligible for re-election, and Capt. J. P. Farrar, Messrs. Howard Priestman and H. V. Reade, in place of Messrs. S. Spencer and A. V. Valentine-Richards, whose term of office expired, and of Mr. C. Hopkinson, who did not offer himself for re-election.

On the motion of Mr. A. B. W. KENNEDY, seconded by Mr. J. NORMAN COLLIE, Messrs. J. H. W. Rolland and C. H. R. Wollaston were elected *Auditors*.

The *PRESIDENT* announced that the committee had elected Mr. W. A. B. Coolidge an honorary member, and referred to the deaths that had occurred among members during the year. Due mention had already been made of Sir Leslie Stephen. In Mr. G. F. Watts the Club had lost one of its oldest honorary members, who had been, as his pictures proved, a true lover of mountains. One of the last pictures he painted was of Scotch mountains, one of

* It will be remembered that Mr. Leaf retired in December 1903, having completed only two years of office, in order to start a rotation by which a new *Vice-President* should commence his term of office in each of the years in which there is no change in the office of *President*.