CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the ALPINE JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—Having been congratulated by several mountaineering friends on an article which appeared in 'The Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News' for March 17 last, concerning the trip which I made last year in the Himalayas, I write to say that I have never published, or authorised any one else to publish, any article or any of my photographs in any newspaper or any magazine. Nor did I know that any were being published. Nor should I have given any one permission had I known.

I have now obtained copies of 'L' Illustrazione Italiana,' 'Le Monde Illustré,' 'The Illustrated London News,' and 'The Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News,' containing reproductions of some of my photographs and very curious accounts of the trip in three languages. As these accounts all have a common origin, the versatile pen of J. Brocherel, a cousin of my good friends Alexis and Henri Brocherel, of Courmayeur, it will save space if I deal briefly with a few of the more absurd statements in the last-mentioned paper only.

Naini Tal is *not* in Central India. It is *not* 'probable that during the ascension of Nanda Devi, on June 10, 1905, the tourists had beaten the record of altitude,' because, as the barometer was *not* broken, I ascertained that the highest point we reached was about 19,700 feet. Nor was it 'indisposition of a member of the caravan,' nor 'the lack of provisions' that 'forced them to go back on the way.' I did *not* ascend Nanda Kot, which is *not* a peak of Nanda Devi. A Yak is *not* a human being, as the writer seems to imply, but a quadruped known to science as *Bos grunniens*.

I could go on indefinitely should you be in need of copy, but think I have said sufficient to justify me in asking you to publish my disclaimer in the 'Journal.'—Yours sincerely,

TOM G. LONGSTAFF.

Ridgelands, Wimbledon, May 30, 1906.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall on Tuesday evening, April 3, at 8.30, the Bishop of Bristol, *President*, in the chair.

The Accounts for 1905 were presented by the HONORARY SECRETARY and were adopted. On the motion of Mr. TOPHAM it was agreed that the Accounts should not in future be bound up with the List of Members.

The PRESIDENT announced that Mr. Withers had presented to the Club three large cases for holding mounted photographs, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Withers.

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