'That this meeting fervently echoes the numerous protests of the Swiss people against the construction of a railway or lift up the Matterhorn, believing that, in the eyes of the great majority of English visitors, and of all to whom the sublimity of nature appeals, it would be an act of profanation and spoliation, and that the sacrifice of such a mountain to sectional interests and the materialism of the age would involve an irreparable loss to humanity and a wrong to succeeding generations.' He said that on that occasion he spoke for the Alpine Club, which was absolutely at one on this subject with the branch of the Ligue. The branch desired to be completely courteous to the Swiss Parliament, which, he was told, would have this matter before it next month. He suggested that they should urge the desirability of a *Freiheit* from invasion by railways for all Swiss mountains above the limit of perpetual snow (cheers), or, if this could not be conceded, then that there should be a *Freiheit* for the greatest of the Swiss mountains, which would, of course, include the Matterhorn.

Sir F. Pollock seconded the resolution, and said the suggestion of the watchword 'No railways above the snow line' appeared to be most sound and practical.

The chairman read a letter received from Mr. J. Bryce, in which he expressed his 'cordial sympathy with the efforts of the English branch of the Ligue to elicit a declaration of opinion from lovers of the Alps against the scheme to construct a railway up the Matterhorn.' A letter was also read from Mr. Whymper, in which were the following passages: 'The project of a railway up the Matterhorn is not a new one. It was formulated more than a dozen years ago, and has been held back until what is deemed a favourable moment. It is a scheme of a small group of company promoters. My opinion is that the project of a railway up the Matterhorn is injudicious and undesirable. I think that it will not benefit Switzerland, and will be injurious to the guides of the Zermatt valley and to those of the Val Tournanche.'

The resolution was carried unanimously, and the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

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THE following additions have been made to the Library since April :—

New Books and New Editions. Presented by the Authors or Publishers.

Alpine Gipfelführer. 8vo, ill.
Stuttgart u. Leipzig, Deutsche Verlags-Anstalt, 1907. M. 1.50 each
12. L. Humpeler, Der Grossvenediger. pp. 78.
13. A. Witzenmann, Sesvenna u. Lischanna. pp. 78.
14. G. Becker, Die Hochwilde. pp. 67.
15. H. Biendl, Die Jungfrau. pp. 84.
16. A. v. Radio-Radiis, Der Rosengarten. pp. 68.
17. K. Bindel, Die Marmolata. pp. 75.
An excellent series of monographs.

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Baedeker, K. The Eastern Alps, including the Bavarian Highlands, Tyrol, Salzburg, Upper and Lower Austria, Styria, Carinthia, and Carniola. 11th edition. Leipsig, Baedeker, 1907. 10/-
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8vo, pp. xxx, 288: plates. London, Simpkin & Co., 1907. 12/6 net

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Conway and Coolidge's Climbers' Guides. The Bernese Oberland. Vol. iii. Dent de Morcles to the Gemmi by H. Dübi. London, Unwin, 1907. 10/-
32mo, pp. xxiii, 136.

Illustrierter Führer auf die Gipfel der Schweizer-Alpen. Vols. 1–3.
Obl. 8vo, 52 plates and text in each. Luzern, Speck-Jost, 1905–7

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Obl. 8vo, 48 and 30 plates with text.
The idea of these volumes is good, and it is fairly well carried out. A picture of a mountain is given, with routes marked on it, and a short description of the routes. The contents of the French and German editions differ in arrangement and occasionally in matter. The price of each volume is Fr. 3.

Lorenz' Reiseführer. 8vo, maps. Freiburg i. Br. u. Leipzig, Paul Lorenz, 1907–8
Führer durch die Vogesen und die elsässischen Jura. pp. 100. M. 1.50
R. Noë. Die Schweiz in 15 Tagen. 4te Aufl. pp. 74. M. 1.50
Kleiner Führer durch die Schweiz. pp. 127. M. 2
H. Grabow. Savoyen und die Dauphiné. pp. 88. M. 2
R. Noë. Tirol und die angrenzenden Alpengebiete vom Vorarlberg, Salzburg und Salzkammergut sowie das bayerische Hochland nebst München. pp. 92. M. 2
A handy series of guide-books.

Pyrenees. The Picturesque Pyrenees. Pall Mall 'Handbook.'
8vo, pp. 143; ill. London, 'Pall Mall' Press, 1907. 6*d.*

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4 vols, 8vo; 612 coloured plates.
Published in 57 parts at 1.25 M. each; 71.25 M. for the whole work.
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8vo, pp. 351; ill.
The articles are;—
L. Brasca, Le montagne di Val S. Giacomo.
V. Gayda, In Savoia; Pte. de la Glière, prima ascensione italiana; alla Grande Casse; traversata del Dôme de Chasseforêt; ecc.
G. Rovereto, Geomorfologia del Gruppo d. Gran Paradiso.
A. Brofferio, Quindici giorni nelle Dolomiti; Cima di Val di Roda; Saas Maor; La Rosetta; Cima d. Pala; Torri di Vajolet, prima traversata italiana; Fünffingerspitze; Croda da Lago; Kleine Zinne.
G. V., Carta d. Colonia Eritrea.
A. C. F. Ferber, L' esplorazione d. Passo Mustagh nel Karakorum-Himalaya.

—— **Monza, Stazione Universitaria.** Vade Mecum dello Studente Alpinista. 1907. L. 1
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8vo, pp. vii, 41; plates.

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6 numbers, 8vo, about pp. 20 each.

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'Ha per iscopo di promuovere tra i giovani le excursioni nelle regioni montuose, per rinvigorire il corpo con alpestri passeggiate ed ardue salite e per arricchire la mente di utili cognizioni.'

Club des Sports alpins, Chamonix. Statuts. 4to, pp. 3. 1902
Founded 1902, now 130 members: President, Dr. M. Payot. 'Il a pour but de favoriser les excursions sur nos montagnes et d'attirer les alpinistes dans notre vallée.'

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8vo, pp. 48; ill.

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E. Hahn, In den Savoyer Alpen.
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O. Mohr, Aus dem Parzin m. d. Allgäuen Bergen.
—— Aus d. Dauphiné.
C. la Quiante, Der Unfall am Zermatter Weisshorn.
F. Klinitz, Ueberschreitung d. Königsspitze, des Zebru u. d. Ortler.

—— **Bozen.** Statuten. 8vo, pp. 4. 1904
—— —— Jahresberichte 36. u. 37. 8vo, pp. 34 each. 1906, 1907
— **Braunschweig.** Bericht f. 1906. 8vo, pp. 24; ill. 1907
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— **Inner-Ötztal,** Sölden. Statuten. 8vo, pp. 7. 1882
—— **Innsbruck.** Bericht für 1905. 8vo, pp. 54. 1905
—— —— 1906. 8vo, pp. 74. 1906
Tariffs, huts, path-marking, library additions, list of members, etc.
— **Küstenland, Gau Gmünd.** Gmünd in Kärnten und Umgebung. 8vo, pp. 192; map, ill. 1893
For earlier edition *see* Gmündner Gebirgsverein.
—— —— Jahresberichte, 1893, 1894.
— **Landau,** Pfalz. Satzungen. 8vo, pp. 4. 1903
—— —— 9. Rechnungs-Abschluss. 4to, pp. 4. 1906
— **München.** 37. Jahres-Bericht. 8vo, pp. 64. 1907
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— **Starkenburg.** Statuten. 8vo, pp. 4. 1885
—— Bericht 1896–8. 8vo, pp. 13. 1899
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—— —— —— 1905. 8vo, pp. 23. 1906
—— **Stettin.** Satzungen. 8vo, pp. 7. 1886
— **Strassburg.** Jahresbericht 1904 u. 1905. 1906
8vo, pp. 28; 2 plates.
The plates are 'Strassburger Hütte gegen d. Panüler Schrofen' and 'Oberzalimhütte.'
—— **Traunstein.** Jahresbericht. 8vo, pp. 20. 1907
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— **Vorarlberg.** Statuten. 8vo, pp. 8. n. d.
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— —— Statuten. 8vo, pp. 4. 1901
—— **Wiesbaden.** Fest-Schrift zur Feier des 25jährigen Bestehens der Sektion. Wiesbaden, 1907
8vo, pp. 65; 11 plates.
This is a finely illustrated number, chiefly concerned with the Wiesbadener Hütte on Piz Buin.

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Derbyshire Pennine Club. Rules. 4to, p. 1. 1906
This Club was founded in Sheffield on November 30, 1906, for 'the organisation of rock-climbing, cave-exploring, and hill-walking, and the collection and dissemination among the members of information, literature, maps, etc., relating thereto.' There are 20 members.
The Hon. Sec. is H. Bishop, Avon House, Fieldhead Road, Sheffield.

Dundee Rambling Club. Notice and list of members. 1906
This Club was formed in April 1886 with the object of encouraging climbing of the Scotch hills, and monthly meetings were organised. In 1889 the summer meetings were discontinued and three winter meetings substituted. The same year the Dundee Institution Club, formed in 1879 by Mr. James Brebner, a member of the Alpine Club, was incorporated with the Rambling Club. The qualification for membership was till 1889 nominal, but is now a regular climbing qualification.
The Hon. Sec. is Mr. T. H. B. Rorie, 33 Albert Terrace, Dundee.
Mr. Harry Walker, A.C., has kindly furnished the above information.

The Fell and Rock Climbing Club of the English Lake District.
Rules and list of members. 1907
This Club was formed at Coniston on November 11, 1906, with the intention at first of its being a local Coniston Club. There is a membership of over 100. Its objects are 'to encourage rock-climbing and fell-walking in the Lake District, to serve as a bond of union for all lovers of mountain-climbing, to enable its members to meet together in order to participate in these forms of sport . . .' The Hon. Sec. is Mr. E. Scantlebury, 11 Clarence Street, Ulverston.

Gmündner Gebirgsverein, 1879–1890. Gmünd in Kärnten und seine Umgebung. 8vo, pp. 117. 1883
This Club became in 1890 a 'Gau d. Sektion Küstenland,' and in 1897 the Sektion Gmünd d. D.u.Ö.A.-V.

Grazer Alpen-Klub. R. Wagner, Die Gruppe des Hochlantsch. [1903]
8vo, pp. 98; maps, ill.

Hochtouristen-Club München. Statuten. 8vo. pp. 12. 1902
'Der Club verfolgt den Zweck, die Kenntnisse d. Alpen zu erweitern . . . die bergsteigerische Tätigkeit, sowie die Hochtouristik auszuüben u. zu fördern.'

Japanese Alpine Club. Rules. 1906
A typewritten copy of the Rules, translated by the Rev. Walter Weston.

Kyndwr Club, Derby. Rules. 8vo, pp. 4. 1899
This Club was founded on November 28, 1899. Its object is 'to encourage rock-climbing and rambling in the wilder parts of Derbyshire and mountaineering generally.' At present the membership is only 22. Cave-exploration has been an important part of the work of its members.

Norwegian Club, London. Yearbooks 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907.
8vo, ill.

Rucksack Club. Journal, vol. 1, no. 1. Edited by Geo. T. Ewen. Issued yearly. Manchester, Barber, 18 St. Ann St., February 1907
8vo, pp. 62; plates.
This first number opens with an article 'Round Pralognan,' by Mr. Chas Pilkington. This is followed by articles on 'The N.W. climb, Pillar Rock,' 'British Alpine Plants,' 'A Traverse of Mont Blanc,' 'Upper Valley of the Wharfe,' followed by notes on Club proceedings and reviews of the various numbers of the 'Climbers' Club Journal.' We heartily wish success to the new venture.

S.A.C. Basel. Jahresbericht für 1906. 8vo, pp. 52. 1907
Beilage: R. Thommen, Die Eroberung d. Leventina d. d. Eidgenossen.
—— —— Jahresbericht für 1905. 8vo, pp. 60. 1906
Beilage: C. Egger, Vom Géant zum Léman.

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Sierra Club. Seventh Annual Outing. Yosemite, etc. June-August 1907. 8vo, pp. 28.

Società alpinistica e turistica 'Liburnia,' Zara. Statuto. 8vo, pp. 10. 1899
This Society was founded in 1899 to promote mountaineering and touring in Dalmatia. In a letter accompanying the Rules, the Secretary kindly offers the services of the Society to any members of the Alpine Club who may visit Dalmatia, adding the useful information that a number of the members can speak English.

Società Rododendro. Statuto. 8vo, pp. 16. 1904

Société de la flore valdôtaine, Aosta. Bulletin, no. 3. 1905
In sending this, M. l'Abbé Henry has very kindly communicated the following information with regard to the various Societies at Aosta connected with mountaineering;—
(1) *La Petite Société alpine de Cogne* was never regularly constituted as a Society. It was composed of MM. Chamonin, Vescoz and Carrel, chiefly for the purpose of preparing and publishing 'La Géographie du pays d'Aoste,' which first appeared in the 'Feuille d'Aoste' for 1870. The *Club alpin d'Aoste*, sometimes referred to, is another name for the *C.A.I. Sezione Valdostana* or *di Aosta*. This was formed on May 3, 1866, as a 'Succursale du C.A.I.,' and as a section on March 10, 1873. (2) The above *Soc. de la flore valdôtaine*, formed in 1878 and re-constituted in 1884. (3) *L'Association pour le mouvement d. Etrangers*, formed January 7, 1906, which has published a guide to the valley.

Société de Géographie, Paris. La Géographie. Bulletin. Tome xiv. 8vo, pp. 426; map, ill. Paris, Masson, 1906
Nov. pp. 261–274; W. Kilian, L'érosion glaciaire et la formation du terrain.

Société d. Grimpeurs des Alpes, Grenoble. Statuts. 8vo, pp. 11. 1900
—— —— Liste des membres et Liste d. Courses. 1907.

Sport-Club Ampezzo, Cortina. Statuten. 8vo, pp. 16. 1902

Steirischer Gebirgsverein, Graz. Satzungen. 8vo, pp. 8. 1900

Tiroler Bergsteiger-Gesellschaft "Alpler," Innsbruck, 1894. Statuten. 8vo, pp. 7. 1895
'Die Förderung d. rationellen Bergsteigens in Tirol, Anleitung zur Ausführung von Hochtouren und Ertheilung v. Auskünften u. alpine Fragen.'

Towarzystwo Tatrzanskie, Cracow: Sekcya turystyczna.
Taternik, nos. 1, 2. 8vo. March, May 1907
This section is solely for expert climbers. It consists of about 50 members.

Wayfarers' Club, Liverpool. Rules. 8vo, pp. 4. 1906

Pamphlets and Magazine Articles.

Brun, A. Quelques recherches sur le volcanisme.
8vo, pp. 54; plates. Reprinted from Arch. d. Sc. Genève. Mai, juin 1905; novembre 1906
Presented by Mr. H. F. Montagnier.

Ferrand, H. Les premières cartes de la Savoie. Paris, Imprim. nat., 1907
8vo, pp. 331–353; reprinted from Bull. géogr. histor. no. 3, 1906.

—— La conservation des montagnes.
8vo, pp. 10. Grenoble, Rey, 1907

Gletscher-Kommission. Bericht für das Jahr 1905–6. 8vo, pp. 6. 1907

Newbiggin, Marion I. The Swiss Valais, a study in regional geography. In Scottish Geographical Mag. April–May, 1907
8vo, pp. 172–191: 225–239; ill.

Schäffer, Mrs. Chas. The Valleys of the Saskatchewan with horse and camera. In Bull. Geogr. Soc. Philadelphia, vol. 5, no. 2. April, 1907
8vo, pp. 36–42; maps, plates.

Willcox, O. W. The viscous *v.* the granular theory of glacial motion.
8vo, pp. 23. Published by the author, Long Branch, N.J., 1906. 30c.

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Items.

The C.A.I. Stazione Universitaria, Monza, has kindly sent one of their brooches, a silvered ice-axe, 2 inches long, with the name of the section on the handle.

Studer, G. Copies of the panoramas from the following drawn by G. Studer between 1850 and 1859 have been presented to the Alpine Club by Mr. Rickmer-Rickmers;—

Aegischhorn, Mt. Brévent, Mt. Vélan, Piz Languard, Seelisburger Kulm, Uri Rothstock, Saasberg, Sentis, Piz de la Padella, Rinderhorn, Gornergrat, Mt. Pers, Höhe d. Sustenpasses, Gemmenalphorn, Gemmihöhe.

ALPINE ACCIDENTS IN 1907.

ANOTHER season of broken weather has produced a lamentable loss of life amongst the mountains, for which the weather cannot be held alone responsible.

To climb without guides—though we have nothing to say against it when undertaken under proper conditions—must always demand particular experience and precaution on the part of the climbers. To attempt the ascent of a great mountain *without guides in bad weather* must be exceptionally dangerous. Climbing in bad weather at all inevitably involves great risks, and, where there is no professional skill to fall back upon, it is not to be wondered at if lives are lost. Climbing alone, if, as would appear, it offers to some climbers exceptional satisfaction, also involves exceptional risks—we have before spoken of it only to condemn it.

Instead of further comment of our own we quote the following remarks from an article by a well-known mountaineer, which under the title 'Mountaineering in 1907' appeared in the 'Times' of September 24 last. After pointing out that as far our countrymen are concerned no serious climbing accident has occurred in the past season, not because their achievements have been less, but because guideless British climbers, recognising that mountaineering is not only a sport but a craft that must be mastered, have thoroughly learnt on their native rocks and on Alpine snows the laws of the game and observe them, the writer says—

'We might be content to congratulate ourselves upon our white season. But a mountaineer who climbs in the Alps assumes, together with his share in the delights of the mountains and the resources of the huts, a part in the responsibility for the general repute of Swiss mountaineering. Consequently it is his duty to call attention to a serious feature of the past season—the dangerous increase in the numbers of unqualified, guideless parties attempting the great peaks. We have no quarrel with guideless climbing. An expert has every right to choose for himself, and there is far more of mountaineering and of holiday in crossing a small pass with tried friends for pleasure than in being treated as an item in the business of a big climb by an unsympathetic peasant. Guides are not the demigods the early explorers found them. They are

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