four authors ever saw a copy of it, especially in the case of the last three. Yet there is a curious development in their accounts of it, which is not easily explained. Thus Lullin, in 1787, gives only the title without the date; Grillet in 1807 adds that it was published in 1786, and Leschevin in 1812 mentions both the date and the format. Moreover, while both Grillet and Leschevin describe it rather vaguely as an 'ouvrage,' Quérard, in 1836, informs us that it was a brochure, although I have already shown that Dr. Paccard probably intended to publish a good-sized volume.

I have now quoted, I believe, every important reference to Dr. Paccard's book, from the time the public was first invited to subscribe for it in the autumn of 1786 down to the present day. What conclusion are we to form as to its existence? With the evidence before us, and at any rate until further light is brought to bear on the question, I think we are justified in believing that it was never printed. The legend of the lost narrative is very probably due to Lullin, who in quoting the title in his 'Notice Historico-Topographique de la Savoie' doubtless thought the book had already appeared or that it was soon to be published. For my part I have accepted this conclusion very reluctantly, and I confess I find it hard to abandon the hope that some day some lucky collector may yet run across a copy of a book that has been the object of so much fruitless research.

MOUNTAINEERING IN SIKKIM AND GARHWAL.

Mr. Kellas sends us the following diary of his very successful Himalayan Expedition in 1910, the third he has undertaken. It will be noted that a number of ascents of over 20,000 ft. were made with none but native companions.

April 24. Started from Lachen, 8 days' march N. of Darjeeling. Bridges over Tumrachen and Lonach Chu had to be built.
27. Near Green Lake. Heavy snowstorm.
29. Green Lake Plain (15,400 ft.). Snowstorm at night.
May 1. Ascend to 18,000 ft. N.E. of Green Lake. Route over snowpeak possible but difficult.
2. Ascend to 18,000 ft. N. of Green Lake. No easy pass could be found.
4. Ascend Tent Peak icefall and examine Green Lake Glacier.
5. Ascend to Nepal Gap (21,000 ft.). Small rock wall at summit not ascended.

finally the *Bibliographie Nationale Suisse* (*Voyages*), by Herr Wäber, 1899, p. 176 —who adds the following note in parenthesis: 'Obwohl eine Schrift unter diesem Titel von Ch. Durier: Le Mont-Blanc, 3ième édit. p. 109, Paris 1881, erwähnt wird, ist es doch fraglich, ob eine solche wirklich existirt.'

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May 7. Ascend Tent Peak icefall and then crossed pass (Lhonak La, 19,500 ft.) to N.E. leading to Lhonak. Too difficult and dangerous for laden coolies.
8. Attempt to find pass to S.E. of icefall. Ascend to 18,500 ft. Unsuccessful, but route is not impossible.
10. Start for Zemu Gap (19,300 ft.).
11. Camp at 18,200 ft. in the Gap.
12. Ascend to summit and retreat to glacier.
13. Ascend and camp on summit of Simvu Saddle (17,700 ft.). Icefall to the south would be practicable with some difficulty.
15. Proceed up Tent Peak Glacier and camp on summit of Tent Peak Pass, between Tent Peak and Peak to east.
20. Cross the Chorten Nima La (18,300 ft.).
21. Ascend to summit of Sentinel Peak to east of pass (21,240 ft. in one map, 21,700 in another).
22. Recross Chorten Nima La.
24. Cross the Jongsong La.
25. Ascend to Langpo Saddle, but driven back by wind, and camp at 20,700 ft.
26. Ascend to near summit of Langpo Peak (22,500 ft.) to investigate the summit ridge of Jongsong Peak. Driven back by snowstorm and thick mist. Ascent far more difficult than in August 1909, when the summit (22,800 ft.) was reached.
30. Ascend to the summit of Long Ridge Pass (19,520 ft.), south of The Outlier, a solitary peak of the Jongsong Massif.
31. Attempt on Chabuk La. Cross Long Ridge Pass and camp under The Outlier.

June 1. Advance to deep gorge and return to camp.
2. Recross Long Ridge Pass.
3. Recross Jongsong La.
5. Cross Lungnak La and arrive at Thango. Very wet and misty weather, deep snow on pass.
10. Send Sirdar to explore approaches to Arun R.
11. Reach Giagong on way to Pawhunri.
13. Camp at 18,500 ft. on Pawhunri.
14. Attempt on Pawhunri. Driven back by high wind at 20,700 ft.
15. Move up camp to 20,000 ft.
16. Ascend to summit of Pawhunri (23,180 ft.).
20. Back at Thango. Meet Mr. Bell (Resident from Gangtok).
22. Leave for Sebu La and cross that pass on 23rd (17,600 ft.). Snow, rain, &c.
25. Recross the Sebu La. Weather bad.
26. Arrive at Thango.

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June 28. Send coolies to investigate north and west faces of Chumiomo. Unsuccessful.
29 to July 4. Wait for Sirdar, who should have arrived on June 25.
July 5. Cross Lungnak La.
7. Advance to south-west face of Chumiomo—mist and snow. Route practicable but somewhat difficult. Rock falls common.
9. Circle round to north-west of Chumiomo. Camp about 18,500 ft.
10. Camp at 19,500 ft.
12. Ascend to summit of Chumiomo (22,430 ft.).
13. Thango.
25. Darjeeling.
30. Arrive at Katgodam and push on to Bhim Thal.
Aug. 1. Almora.
4. Gwaldam.
10. Cross Kuari La. Heavy rains.
11. Joshimath. Letter from Deputy Commissioner of Garhwal prohibiting further advance.
13. Reach Badrinath.
16. Start for Kamet.
19. Ascend to 16,500 ft. Khaiam Glacier.
20. Ascend to Khaiam Pass (19,300 ft.).
21. Move up camp to 18,500 ft.
22. Re-ascend pass and examine west face of Kamet. Climb snow peak near top of pass 20,200 ft.
24. Camp at foot of Donerau Glacier.
25. Advance to north-east source of Donerau Glacier.
26. Ascend Donerau Peak (19,000 ft.) and examine north and north-west faces of Kamet. Retreat to Mana.
27. Joshimath.
29. Recross the Kuari La.
Sept. 9. Leave Bombay for London.

IN MEMORIAM.

EDWARD WHYMPER.

EDWARD WHYMPER, born April 27, 1840, was the son of Josiah W. Whymper by his first wife, Elizabeth Claridge. His father, the son of an Ipswich brewer, was himself of an artistic temperament. He walked up to London with the traditional few shillings in his pocket, made an improvident marriage and became the father of eleven children. But his talent overcame all obstacles and justified

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