Mont Cenis and the Col de Bonhomme I carried nothing else, and found it ample. M. Gaillard is an officer in the French Génie. His first volume is well got up in a handy size ($4\frac{1}{2} \times 7$) and contains fourteen very useful skeleton maps to a uniform scale of 1 : 100,000.

The descriptions are very much after the well-known style of the Climbers' Guides, but the short 'Historique Sommaire' at the commencement does certainly not replace the very interesting historical notes which are one of the most valuable features of the Climbers' Guides.

The mountains in the country described are scarcely such as to need the marked outline sketches which always impress themselves on my mind much more permanently than any detailed description, and without which no modern Climbers' Guide can be considered complete. J. P. F.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

A General Meeting of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, London, W., on Tuesday evening, November 4, 1913, Sir Edward Davidson, *President*, in the chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected members of the Club—namely, Messrs. A. Barnes, I. de Bruÿn, E. C. Francis, Major P. B. Lindsell, and Lieut. R. D. Squires.

The President said: 'Gentlemen, although since we last met in June the Club has suffered some sad gaps in its ranks, I am glad to say that no serious accident has happened to any of our members in the Alps during the season just past. I much regret, however, to have to report the deaths of several members whose loss will, I know, be deeply felt by us all.

'First on the list comes Mr. F. F. Tuckett. He was in his eightieth year when he died, and was elected a member of our Club in 1859, two years after its foundation. He had long been one of the old guard, and had lived to become even a "vieux de la vieille." He was for some years perhaps the most active and ubiquitous of all the great climbers of his day, and combined, to a degree that has never been surpassed, skill, strength, and endurance as a mountaineer, with scientific knowledge, topographical aptitude and the true spirit of the investigator and explorer. He served on the Committee of the Club, and was Vice-President in 1866. On more than one occasion an offer of the Presidency was pressed upon him, but his invincible modesty, which was, otherwise, one of his greatest charms, unfortunately induced him to decline a position for which he was so eminently fitted, and which he would have greatly adorned.

'I will add no more to-night, as an admirable notice in the August

number of the ALPINE JOURNAL, written by one of his earliest mountaineering comrades and oldest Alpine friends, has anticipated more than adequately all that I could otherwise have said. At the same time I felt that the death of one whose membership conferred such honour on the Club could not be allowed to pass without some special tribute from this Chair.

'Then we have lost Sir Alfred East, whose death, following so soon upon that of our dear old friend Gabriel Loppé, makes a sad blank in the artistic circle of this Club. He was born in 1849, and was sixty-four years of age at the time of his death. He was elected a member of the Club in 1899, and the same year became an Associate of the Royal Academy. He served on our Committee not a very long time ago, and read an admirable paper on "Mountains from a Painter's Point of View" before the Club on May 7, 1907. He exercised a great influence over contemporary Art both in this country and abroad on the Continent, and was himself, in either medium, a landscape painter of great merit.

'He was elected to full Academic honours—with which alas! he did not live to be formally invested—only a very few days before his premature death.

'We have also lost one who of late has perhaps been better known to the members of the Club who regularly attend its meetings than either of the two gentlemen to whom I have previously alluded. I refer to Dr. Tempest Anderson. He was born in 1846, and was elected a member of the Club in 1893. He was a many-sided man of great attainments in his own profession, in which he ultimately specialised with peculiar success as an oculist.

'A scientific man of great distinction all round, he had made earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and other seismic disturbances a special subject of study, and he was one of the greatest authorities on these matters, in the investigation of which he visited all parts of the world. It was on his return from one of these voyages that he unfortunately died of enteric fever contracted at an age when, as I have understood, one is generally supposed to have attained immunity from this scourge. He was a most skilful and artistic photographer, as we who have seen his pictures on these walls well know.

'He was a regular attendant at our meetings and a frequent contributor to our discussions, and his conversational gifts and personal charm will be long remembered amongst us.

'He held a high place in the affection of his fellow members, and his death leaves a deep void in our ranks.

'Sir Reginald Cust, one of the most venerable of our members, has also passed away. He was elected in 1884, when he was in his fifty-sixth year, and, of course, at that age, he could hardly be expected to accomplish any remarkable climbing feats, but he always took a keen interest in the exploits of his younger fellow members, and his genial and kindly disposition made him a general favourite.

'With a reference to Mr. Wm. Maude, I am glad to say that the list is closed. He had been a member of the Club for twenty years, and I remember meeting him more than once in the Zermatt district long ago, but he had not been climbing much of late. I am sure we have all heard of his death with deep regret.'

Mr. W. N. Ling then read a paper on 'Some New Climbs in the Caucasus,' which was illustrated by lantern slides.

The PRESIDENT said: 'We are fortunate in having with us to-night several of our best-known Caucasian explorers. It is some years since any fresh explorations have been made in the Caucasus by British parties: indeed until Messrs. Raeburn and Ling broke the spell this summer it was more than ten years since any members of this Club had visited the district. Should, however, some Alpine "Truthful James" be moved to inquire "and is the Caucasian played out?" I venture to reply "No." Mr. Woolley is here, and I am sure we shall all be pleased to hear any remarks he may like to offer on the subject.'

Mr. HERMANN WOOLLEY said: 'A Paper on the Central Caucasus, after so long an interval, is a pleasant reminder of the brave days of old. I have listened to Mr. Ling's address with the greatest interest and am glad to be able to congratulate him and his companions most heartily on the success of their first expedition to this attractive country.

'I have had only one clear view of Chanchakhi from the south, and that was twenty-four years ago when with the search party of 1889, and I have ever since regarded it as one of the prizes of the Caucasus. Everyone who sees it from the south must be struck by its noble appearance. It towers above the western slopes of the Mamison pass very much as the Matterhorn towers above the head of the Vispthal, and one reason why it has not been attempted before may be that for many years it was supposed to have been climbed by M. de Déchy, in 1884. There are one or two good photographs of the peak from the south in the first volume of M. de Déchy's book on the Caucasus.

'It is not surprising that Chanchakhi proved to be a difficult climb; it looks exceedingly difficult and as both it and Nuamquam were attacked from the south the difficulty would in each case be increased by the hard ice-slopes encountered. I do not remember ever to have had any severe step-cutting when attacking a Caucasian snow peak from the north, but the mere recollection of some of the southern ice-slopes almost makes one's ribs ache.

'It is rather surprising that so long an interval as ten years has elapsed since the last British party visited the Central Caucasus, because I may safely say that the finest climbing I have ever enjoyed and the most splendid scenery I have ever seen have been in that magnificent mountain range. Now that Messrs. Ling and Raeburn and their companions have led the way, perhaps a new period of activity may set in.'

Mr. L. W. ROLLESTON said : ' I wish to congratulate Mr. Raeburn and Mr. Ling on the results of their expedition. It is ten years since Longstaff and I were in the Caucasus, and of the new ascents made by Mr. Ling's party I remember only Nuamquam. We failed to find a way up this mountain, and I think the ascent we have heard of to-night must have been an extremely difficult one.

' I envy Mr. Ling his visit to the Caucasus. It is perhaps the most beautiful mountain land in the world, and, with Mr. Woolley, I wonder that more of our members do not go there.'

Dr. T. G. LONGSTAFF said : ' The experience of Mr. Ling's party was very similar to our own ; that is in the value of the information received from Mr. Woolley. The most surprising thing about this expedition is the enormous amount of country covered. I believe it is a country that is becoming more popular than ever among the members of the foreign Alpine Clubs, but for about five years after we had been there it was deemed unsafe to climb in this district. I don't know if this was due to Rolleston's behaviour, or mine. I certainly think it is a most magnificent country and I do not know whether you could get finer climbing even in the Himalayas ; and it is certainly a happy hunting-ground for the mountaineer who is anxious for new peaks. We only had a month out there and I never had such a month's climbing and do not suppose I shall ever have such a month again. I think that the Central Caucasus both north and south give about as fine climbing as is to be found anywhere, and for anyone with even five weeks' holiday it is worth their while to go out there and have two weeks' climbing.

' I congratulate the reader of the Paper and his companions on getting through all that country and doing such very fine climbs as well. Nuamquam must have been a tough job.'

Mr. W. G. JOHNS said : ' Mr. Ling has covered the ground so well that I am afraid I can add nothing of interest to the Paper he has read. I was only away from London for six weeks, but that gave me a full month in the Caucasus and the long train journey is well worth making if one can get four clear weeks out there. I consider myself very fortunate in having been associated with two such excellent mountaineers and companions.'

The PRESIDENT said : ' I am very glad on behalf of the Club to welcome Mr. J. R. Young here to-night, and I am sure we all desire most heartily to congratulate him on the very beautiful photographs which he has obtained and has been good enough to place at our disposal this evening.'

Mr. G. A. SOLLY said : ' I join in congratulating Mr. Ling and it is a great satisfaction to the Members of the Scottish Mountaineering Club, and, I think, a cause for some justifiable pride that an expedition organised by some of its most prominent members has been so successful. A great deal depended upon the weather, which has often been so bad in the Caucasus, and probably no expedition except that of Mr. Rolleston and Dr. Longstaff has

been so fortunate in this respect. Mr. Ling spoke of having had only two really wet days. My recollection is that in 1893 and 1894 we had only about two wholly fine days. It would be interesting if a table were prepared from the accounts of the various expeditions since 1868, showing the character of the weather each year.

'Referring to the picture of Moratvi the hunter, he is the same man that was with me on the ascent of Machkin in 1894, and he had also been with the late Herr Merzbacher a few years earlier still. Mr. Ling mentioned that he had seen "tur" * near the Gulba pass. I saw a bear near that pass but have only seen "tur" on the south side of the Ingur.'

The PRESIDENT said: 'The moment has now come for me to fulfil what is always a very pleasant duty, and that is to move a most hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ling for the admirable Paper which he has read to us and to which we have all listened with the greatest interest. It seems to be generally agreed that the weather in the Caucasus is extremely bad as a rule, but I gather from Mr. Ling, though at first it sounds rather paradoxical, that Ushba, the great mountain of the Caucasus from the climbing point of view, is best avoided after a spell of continuous fine weather, which turns snow slopes into ice and sets the stones in motion. In the circumstances it cannot be doubted that the party exercised a discretion which was the better part of valour, in recoiling before the impossible. However, as the old saw hath it, "he who fights and runs away will live to fight another day" and we all hope that the unsuccessful attempt on Ushba on this their first expedition to the Caucasus will be turned into a success on their second visit—for from something I heard earlier in the evening I gather that a second expedition to the Caucasus is contemplated—and I am confident that it is the wish of every man in this room that it will be left to them to make, at no distant date, the first English guideless ascent of Ushba.

'I move a most hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ling, and I am sure that you will all carry it by acclamation.'

Mr. W. N. LING in replying said: 'I can only thank you very much for the kind way you have received my Paper, and I should very much like to express my gratitude to Mr. Woolley, Mr. Raeburn, Mr. Young and Dr. Ronchetti for the help they have afforded me. I hope that the result of our expedition may induce other Members to visit the district.'

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall, 23 Savile Row, W., on Monday, December 15, 1913, at 8.30 P.M., Sir Edward Davidson, *President*, in the Chair.

The following candidates were balloted for and elected members of the Club—namely, Mr. William Scarth Dixon, and Mr. Philips Christiaan Visser.

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* *Capra Caucasica.*

The PRESIDENT, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 29, declared the following gentlemen to be duly elected for 1914 :—

As *President*: The Hon. Mr. Justice Pickford in place of Sir Edward Davidson, K.C.M.G., C.B., K.C., whose term of office expires.

As *Vice-Presidents*: Mr. E. A. Broome and Mr. George H. Morse.

As *Honorary Secretary*: Mr. C. H. R. Wollaston.

As *Members of Committee*: The Rev. G. Broke, Mr. C. Cannan, Mr. W. N. Ling, Capt. E. L. Strutt, Mr. R. W. Lloyd, Dr. O. K. Williamson, and Mr. C. F. Meade, Mr. G. E. Gask, and Mr. J. E. C. Eaton in the places of Mr. H. C. Bowen, Mr. W. A. Brigg, and Dr. H. D. Waugh, whose terms of office expire.

Mr. H. G. Willink proposed, and Mr. Hermann Woolley seconded the proposition, that Messrs. Richard L. Harrison and E. B. Harris be elected Auditors, to audit the Club accounts for the current year. This proposal was carried unanimously.

In declaring the election of the Hon. Mr. Justice Pickford as President of the Club for the coming year, the President said : 'I must congratulate the Club most heartily on the admirable choice which has been made.'

The Hon. Mr. JUSTICE PICKFORD said : 'Mr. President, I hope I may be allowed to say a few words to express my thanks to the Club for electing me their President. They will be few because I have found in the course of a not very short life that it is not a very difficult matter to talk when I do not care anything about the subject on which I am talking, but that it is a much more difficult task to me when I really want to express what I feel. I can assure you that I feel greatly the honour that you have done me in electing me your President. I feel it is a great honour and a great pleasure, and I also feel that it is a great responsibility. When I look back on the Presidents of this Club I find we have had men distinguished not only in mountaineering, but distinguished in other spheres of life, and I know it will be difficult to follow them, but I can only say that I shall do the best I can. I feel that there are other members of this Club who would be for many reasons more fitted to fill the Presidential Chair, as I did not begin to climb until rather late in life—in fact, about the age when many persons are thinking of giving it up.

'I have not, and cannot have, what you, Sir, and your immediate predecessors and many others have had—the qualification of a long and distinguished career of mountaineering. Still less can I venture to claim the eloquence and knowledge of other past Presidents. But I do lay claim to this, that neither you, Sir, nor any of your predecessors could more earnestly wish to serve the best interests and support the position and dignity of the Club.

'In my new position I know that I shall have the valuable help of your advice and experience, and that of the Vice-Presidents, and I rely very much indeed upon the help I shall get from the Honorary Secretary, who, in addition to being, as the Club knows,

a most efficient Secretary, is, I am glad to say, like yourself, a very old personal friend of my own.

'But, Sir, there is one thing upon which I rely even more, and that is the good-will of the members of the Club. It has never failed and I am quite sure it never will fail anybody who honestly does his best, even if the results be not all that the members might wish, and having this help I accept with gratitude the honour to which you have elected me.'

The PRESIDENT (Sir Edward Davidson) then delivered an address.

Mr. E. A. BROOME said: 'It is my duty, Gentlemen, to-night—and a more pleasant duty one could not possibly have—to voice in your names a most hearty vote of thanks to our distinguished and, alas! retiring President. I think, too, you will wish me to thank him not only for his "Gracious speech from the Throne" to-night, but also for all he has done for our Club while ruling so ably and so tactfully over us during the last three years. He has summed up to-night all that has happened during that time: much that has been pleasant, much that has been sad, but every word most interesting, and I would not attempt to supplement or criticise anything he has said, even if I could.

'As regards the climbing portion of his address—and, after all, climbing should come first—we have heard of some remarkable feats by the members of the Club, and when it comes to a knowledge of the Alps, no one is more qualified to speak than our President: indeed, I should say that what he does not know is not worth knowing. He has been a most catholic and comprehensive climber himself; he has climbed all the chief peaks by all their best routes, and he knows what everyone else has done. Indeed the only mountain there are some doubts of his having achieved is the Riffelhorn.

'As our presiding genius here our heartiest thanks are due to him. He found the Club working harmoniously, he has left it still more so, and this is a feather in his cap; we are, perhaps, occasionally a little argumentative among ourselves; but with our President and Honorary Secretary both ready, if necessary, to throw oil on troubled waters, our sea has been smooth. To vary the metaphor, the wolves and the lambs have lain down together and a little child has led them.

'During his term of office our President has cemented many old friendships, contracted many new ones, and on the Committee it has always been a pleasure to work with him.

'As our servant he has served us faithfully and well, and worked for us at home and abroad with zeal and discretion.

'As our head he has been a marvel and beaten all records for assiduity and attendance. It is a fact, Gentlemen, that since he was elected he has never missed presiding at a single one of our General Meetings, and I may also tell you that he has never missed taking the Chair at a Committee Meeting: that, I believe, is a record.

I also believe that he has attended all, or very nearly all, of the Informal Meetings and Dinners. The only personal grudge I have against him is that he has never given either of his unfortunate Vice-Presidents a " look in " ; but they don't bear malice, and knew when they were well off.

' I have much pleasure in proposing in your name a most hearty vote of thanks to our President for his delightful address to-night, and for all that he has done for us during the whole term of his office.'

Mr. CHARLES PILKINGTON said : ' It gives me very great pleasure to second the proposition put by Mr. Broome, and I entirely agree with what he has said.

' As one who has passed through the mill himself, I ought to know how to appreciate the thanks that are given to retiring Presidents. I remember once thinking that the thanks ought to be the other way, for in asking a man to be President of the Alpine Club you confer on him a very great honour—in fact, you give him the greatest honour which it is in your power to bestow.

' In the present case, however, I think a specially hearty vote of thanks is due to our President, because he has given a very great amount of valuable time in carrying out faithfully the duties he has undertaken, and as it has been revealed to him by past experience all that there is to know about the history and work of the Club, and as he is an accomplished mountaineer, knowing the Alps from end to end, that time has been very valuably spent for us. Of course, you who live in London know more about these things than some who come from the more distant parts of the Kingdom, but I assure you that Sir Edward Davidson's services are most fully recognised in the North, and I feel sure that all parts of the United Kingdom will join in voicing a most hearty vote of thanks to him for the three years' service that he has so loyally and freely given to this Club. I have much pleasure in seconding the proposition.'

Mr. HERMANN WOOLLEY said : ' We are all very much indebted to Sir Edward Davidson, not only for his unsparing self-devotion to the interests of the Club over which he has presided, but also for the pleasant tone he has given to the meetings, and the unfailing courtesy, consideration and kindness he has always shown to his fellow members.

' I have always felt, and I am sure we have all felt, that one of the great attractions of our meetings has been the spirit of good feeling and fellowship that has always existed, and I may safely say that this traditional characteristic of the Club has been maintained and fostered by Sir Edward Davidson, not only at the evening Meetings, but also at the Committee Meetings.

' I have very great pleasure in supporting the vote of thanks.'

Mr. NEVILE S. DONE said : ' Mr. President and Gentlemen, it has been suggested to me in this quarter that perhaps the older and

more distinguished members of the Club would not think it unfitting that independent expression should be given to the thanks of the younger members to the President. I will not add to what has already been said, but will rather appropriate and adopt it on behalf of the younger members. Although you, Sir, hold so exalted a position, we have always felt that we were assured, no less than others, of a share in your interest. We have appreciated your kindly consideration and your genial humour, and we heartily concur in the thanks of the Club to you for your great services to it as President.'

The vote of thanks was carried with enthusiasm.

The PRESIDENT said: 'Mr. Broome, Mr. Pilkington, Mr. Woolley, and Mr. Done, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the very kind and touching things that you have said in reference to me, and I am deeply grateful to all my brother members of the Club who are present here to-night for the very generous way in which they have received the observations which you have been good enough to make. It is said that "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh"; I feel just at the moment that this saying would perhaps be more aptly rendered "When the heart is full the tongue refuses its office." I am indeed most grateful to you all, for the vote of thanks you have so heartily accorded to me and for the truly brotherly spirit in which you have on all occasions overlooked the many omissions and errors of which I am only too well aware that I must from time to time have been guilty. I can only say that they have been sins of omission rather than commission, and were not wilful on my part. I was particularly glad to hear one of my younger brethren say that the junior members of the Club, were, on the whole, not dissatisfied with me. When one gets on in years it is one of the greatest pleasures, if not the greatest pleasure, to see the feats that one may perhaps have been able, or which, at any rate, one thinks one might have been able, to accomplish in one's own more vigorous days, accomplished by younger men, at a time when one can no longer accomplish them oneself. The next greatest pleasure to working out a new route or ascent in the Alps is to suggest a new route and watch a younger man, in whom one is interested, make it.

'I am very glad that our senior Vice-President, on the last occasion of my occupying this chair as your President, has not failed to produce his usual scriptural quotation, although it took him rather a long time to bring it out, and he has called me something that I have never been called for more than fifty years, perhaps not for fifty-five years, "a little child." Whether the quotation was apt or not I leave it to you to decide. I hope, at any rate, that he did not mean that my "second childhood" was at hand.

'Brother members of the Alpine Club, I am deeply grateful to you for all that you have done for me during these three most happy years. I accepted this office with the greatest possible diffidence,


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but owing to the constant kindness and unvarying support which you have given me I lay it down with the greatest possible regret.

'Owing to the fact that I hold a post in the public service, the duties of which are always responsible and frequently very onerous, I have not been able to devote as much time as I should have liked to the affairs of the Club, but this I will say, with confidence that it is true, that on every moment that could be properly spared from my official duties, the service of the Alpine Club has had the first claim.

'I thank you all most heartily once more, and wish you all every success and happiness in the future both in the Alps and elsewhere.'

WINTER DINNER.—The Winter Dinner was held in the New Banqueting Hall at the Savoy Hotel on Tuesday, December 16, at 7 P.M., Sir Edward Davidson, President, in the Chair. There were present 351 Members and their guests, among the latter being The Right Hon. Lord Glenconner, The Right Hon. Lord Moulton, F.R.S., The Lord Robert Cecil, K.C., M.P., Sir John Wolfe Wolfe-Barry, K.C.B., LL.D., F.R.S., Sir Squire Bancroft, and Mr. John L. Griffiths (American Consul-General).

THE ENGADINE GUIDES.

PETER JENNY AND HANS GRASS.

THE portraits of Peter Jenny and Hans Grass, well-known Pontresina guides, here reproduced, as well as one of Christian Grass, have been kindly presented to the Alpine Club by Sir Squire Bancroft.

Peter Jenny's name occurs in many of the early Engadine ascents. He made in 1858, with Herr Saratz, the first ascent of the Bernina by the Loch, and in 1861, with the Rev. J. F. Hardy and Mr. E. S. Kennedy, the first ascent by the Festung. He also accompanied Tyndall, as narrated in a well-known article, and he was one of Dr. Güssfeldt's guides on the famous first crossing of the Güssfeldtsattel (1872). He is described as a man of considerable tenacity of character. He died in 1891, aged about seventy.

Hans Grass was by far the most famous Engadine guide