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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

of his day. He counted among his employers Emil Burckhardt, D. Marinelli, B. Minnigerode, besides men whose memories are still green with us, such as E. S. Kennedy, J. F. Hardy, E. N. Buxton, W. E. Hall, and others.

Among his first ascents were the N.E. face of the Bernina (1879) and the W. face of the Bernina (1880); but it was when he became the leader of Dr. Paul Güssfeldt, one of the most daring and energetic mountaineers we have seen, that he made the great expeditions with which their joint names are indissolubly connected, viz. the famous Güssfeldtsattel (1872), the N. face of Monte di Scerscen (1877), and the famous Bernina Scharte route (1878). In 1879, with Dr. J. M. Ludwig, he made the first ascent of the dangerous N.E. face of the Bernina, and in 1880, with Mr. B. Wainewright, the first ascent of the very steep W. face of the same peak.

A short, thick-set man, of considerable force of character, he will be long remembered as an enterprising and capable mountaineer. He died on April 30, 1902, aged 74.

The particulars of the ascents are taken from Captain E. L. Strutt's 'The Alps of the Bernina,' Part II. (Climbers' Guides Series), 1910.


Hans Grass Führer
Pontresina