ALPINE NOTES.

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THE ALPINE CLUB OBITUARY.—Trevilian, E. B. C. (1863).

THE MS. JOURNALS OF THE LATE A. W. MOORE FOR THE YEARS 1860 TO 1863 AND 1865 TO 1869.—The Committee has been fortunate enough to secure these very interesting records of the Alpine work of one of the greatest mountaineers of the time. The paper on the first ascent of the Gabelhorn is published in the current number, and it is intended to publish other of the papers from time to time, or the question of publishing the Journals of the more active years commencing in 1862 might be considered. A full list of the contents will be published in the November JOURNAL.

'MODERN MOUNTAIN CRAFT,' BY GEOFFREY WINTHROP YOUNG.—This book may be expected to appear in the autumn, and is certain to awaken very great interest in mountaineering circles. The publishers have been good enough to furnish an advance note of the list of contents: Preface; Management and Leadership; Weather; Training; Pace; Equipment (by Capt. Farrar, D.S.O.); Guided and Guideless Mountaineering; Rock Climbing; Unsound Rock; Unusual Rock; Climbing Down; Pegs and Aids; The Axe on Rock; Climbing in Combination; Corrective Method; Ice and Snow Craft; Glissading; Reconnoitring; Mountaineering in

Winter (by A. H. M. Lunn); Mountain Photography (by Sydney Spencer); Mountaineering in Tropical Countries (by A. F. R. Wollaston, M.D.); Mountaineering in the Arctic (Spitzbergen, by Sir Martin Conway); The Caucasus (by Harold Raeburn); The Mountains of Corsica (by George Finch); The Himalaya (by T. G. Longstaff, M.D.); The Mountains of Norway (by W. Cecil Slingsby); The Southern Alps of New Zealand (by Malcolm Ross); The Pyrenees (by Claude A. Elliott); The Rocky Mountains (by A. L. Mumm).

A NEW GUIDE TO THE PENNINE ALPS.—The Austrian Alpine Club announce that they have decided to issue a Guide to the Pennine Alps of much the same character as their admirable 'Mont Blanc Führer' already reviewed in this JOURNAL. The Editors are Herr Karl Greenitz, Dr. Leo v. Hibler and Dr. Richard Weitzenböck, and the book may be expected to appear in the spring of 1916. It is intended to illustrate the routes by means of marked sketches.

The Austrian Club requests the assistance of all mountaineers in furnishing any unpublished information as to expeditions, as well as any sketches or photographs such as are useful for the completion of the work.

Communications should be addressed to—Die Kanzlei des Ö.A.C., Getreidemarkt 3, Vienna VI., Austria.

'MONT BLANC FÜHRER,' or Guide-book to the chain of Mont Blanc, with fifty-three sketches of routes, lately published by the Austrian Alpine Club, and reviewed on page 118, is now kept in stock by Edward Stanford, Ltd., 12–14 Long Acre, W.C. The price is 8*s.* 6*d.*

'GUIDE DE LA CHAÎNE DU MONT BLANC' (new edition, revised, with thirty-nine sketches of routes), by M. Louis Kurz, just published, and reviewed in this number of the JOURNAL, is now to be had from Edward Stanford, Ltd., 12–14 Long Acre, W.C. The price is 10*s.*

THE COL DES CRISTAUX.—'La Montagne' 1913, 657 *seq.*, contains an interesting note (with a sketch map and a sketch) by M. J. Wehrlin. It will be remembered that the first passage of the Col with descent to the Argentière Glacier was made by M. Fontaine with the late Jean Ravanel and Léon Tournier in 1904 and the first ascent from the same glacier by Mr. J. J. Withers with Adolf Andenmatten and Andreas Anthamatten in 1908.

Since then it appears to have been crossed once in 1911 and twice in 1913. M. Wehrlin marks on his sketch four routes on the Argentière side, lying, it would appear, extremely close to each other!

An interesting expedition is to ascend the Col from the Argentière Glacier, then follow the arête over Les Courtes to the Col des Courtes, and descend to the Glacier de Talèfre—or the Col taken in the

reverse way makes a very pretty addition to the now deserted high-level route from Chamonix to Zermatt.

THE TÜRMLIHORN (SIMMENTHAL).—It was stated in 'A.J.' xxvii. 430, in describing the fatal accident to Pfarrer Baumgärtner, that this peak was first ascended by Pfarrer Hürner. A reference to the 'Jahrbuch des S.A.C.' xxix. 266, however, shows that the first ascent was made by the MM. Montandon with some friends in 1893.

THE DENT BLANCHE BY THE W. FACE.—Reverting to the ascent recorded in 'A.J.' xxvi. 462, and to Mr. Freshfield's note in 'A.J.' xxvii. 240, the paper 'The early ascents of the Dent Blanche' by Dr. Coolidge in 'A.J.' xv. 64–68 can be studied with advantage.

It will be seen that of the six ascents recorded up to the end of the first week in September 1871, all but the first were by the W. face, the start having been made from Bricolla or a bivouac near it, and the S. arête not being touched until within a few feet of the summit.

PÈRE GASPARD, THE DAUPHINÉ GUIDE.—We learn with the greatest regret that this famous veteran had a paralytic stroke on November 11 when tending his sheep near the Fontaines Bénites. He is now confined to his bed unable to speak, although in full possession of his mental faculties. Only last summer, he made the ascent of the Tête de l'Etret and crossed the Col de la Muzelle to the Valjouffray.

LE PARC NATIONAL DE LA BÉRARDE.—A project is on foot to form a National Park. The limits to be: on the E. the watershed from the Roche Faurio to the Crête des Bœufs Rouges; on the S. the watershed crossing Les Bans to Les Rouies; on the W. the arête on the W. of the Glacier du Chardon and the Vénéon to La Bérarde; on the N. the arête bounding the Glacier de la Bonne Pierre on its N. side. A serious attempt at re-afforestation will be made, and the park will, of course, be a close preserve. The experiment will be watched with great interest.

THREATENED INTERFERENCE WITH FREE ACCESS TO THE GROSSGLOCKNER.—A certain Herr H. Willers, junior, of Kanalstrasse, Bochum, Germany, has addressed a letter, dated May 20, to the Central Committee of the D.u.Oe.A.-V., stating that he has purchased 'the Grossglockner together with an adjoining district (Gebiet)' and that as he intends to stock it with game it will be closed to travellers from August 1. He expressed his willingness, however, to leave open certain routes of access, and requested the Central Committee to lay before him their proposals and wishes.

The Central Committee found on inquiry that the actual transfer of the v. Aichenegg estate, which includes almost the whole of the Pasterze, had not indeed taken place, and further declined to lay

before Herr Willers, junior, any proposal as to his intended interference with the right to use paths which either lead to huts standing on their proprietors' own ground or which have been regularly used for many years.

The neighbourhood of the Pasterze is well known as offering the very scantiest pasture, insufficient for any animal.

It will be easily understood that the claim has led to severe comment in the Austrian and German press, as well as to resolutions of various Councils and interpolations in the Tirolese and Lower Austrian Landtage.

Further developments will be watched with the closest attention. —'Mitteilungen des D.u.Oe.A.-V.,' 1914, p. 169.

THE ALPINE CLUB OF CANADA.—The annual camp, to be known as 'Upper Yoho Camp,' is to be pitched at an altitude of 6700 ft. near timber-line in the Upper Yoho Valley about 18 miles from Field on the C.P.R., and is to last from July 21 to August 11.

The Yoho valleys are said to present the finest scenery in the main range, and among the peaks to be climbed are the President (10,287 ft.), Mt. Habel (10,361 ft.), Mt. Collie (10,315 ft.), Mt. Gordon (10,336 ft.).

A FAMOUS VETERAN.—The Rev. T. H. Philpott, aged seventy-two, a member of the English Alpine Club, who between 1863 and 1867 made several first ascents of the Alpine giants in the Bernese Oberland, has just returned to Grindelwald after a long absence to look at his conquests.

He made the only known ascent of the Silberhorn, 12,185 feet, from the north side in 1865. Owing to its great difficulty this feat has never been repeated. He was also the first to cross the Ebnefluh, 13,005 feet, which has only been accomplished since on one occasion, and the ascents of the Schmadrijoch, 10,863 feet, and the Agassizjoch, 12,630 feet, took him twelve hours.—*The Daily Express* Correspondent.

NOTES ON THE CAUCASUS.

THE KUISH (OR KWISCH) GROUP (CENTRAL CAUCASUS).—Dr. Oscar Schuster publishes in the 'Ö.A.Z.' 1914, pp. 161–6, an interesting review of what has been accomplished in this group, which lies immediately to the W. of the Ushba, on the route of the most frequented passes from the Baksan Valley to Suanetia, and which is probably the best explored of any of the Caucasian groups.

The peaks are more distinguished for the remarkable views they offer than for any particular difficulty, and it is to be hoped that