

to behind the ear, necessitating a serious operation. He is reported as progressing favourably. The services and unfortunately the losses of his famous regiment need no further mention.

MAJOR E. L. STRUTT has been appointed General Staff Officer, 3rd Grade, having partially recovered from his wounds.

MAJOR L. C. F. OPPENHEIM, who, as already reported, was wounded on November 10, has been appointed Military Attaché at the Hague, with temporary rank of Major.

LIEUTENANT C. R. TAYLOR, R.A.M.C., attached 2nd Battalion Royal Scots, a well-known mountaineer (although not a member of the A.C.), has served throughout the campaign with much distinction.

ALPINE NOTES.

'BALL'S ALPINE GUIDE.' VOL. I. THE WESTERN ALPS.—Copies of the new edition (1898) of this work, price 12s. net, can be obtained from all booksellers, or from Messrs. Stanford, 12 Long Acre, W.C.

'BALL'S ALPINE GUIDE,' THE CENTRAL ALPS. PART I.—A new edition (1907) of this portion of 'The Alpine Guide,' by the late John Ball, F.R.S., President of the Alpine Club, reconstructed and revised on behalf of the Alpine Club under the general editorship of A. V. Valentine-Richards, Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge, is now ready, and can be obtained from all booksellers, or from Messrs. Stanford, 12 Long Acre, W.C. It includes those portions of Switzerland to the N. of the Rhône and Rhine valleys. Price 6s. 6d.

'BALL'S ALPINE GUIDE,' THE CENTRAL ALPS. PART II.—A new edition (1911) of this portion of 'The Alpine Guide,' by the late John Ball, F.R.S., President of the Alpine Club, reconstructed and revised on behalf of the Alpine Club under the general editorship of the Rev. George Broke, is now ready, and can be obtained from all booksellers, or from Messrs. Stanford, 12 Long Acre, W.C. It includes 'those Alpine portions of Switzerland, Italy, and Austria which lie S. and E. of the Rhône and Rhine, S. of the Arlberg, and W. of the Adige.' Price 7s. 6d.

THE ALPINE CLUB OBITUARY.—Adams, W. Grylls (1864); Fox, J. H. (1859).

CORRIGENDA.—'A.J.' xxviii. page 335, line 9, read *interpellations*. 'A.J.' xxix. page 28, line 10, for *ten* read *two*. Page 38, footnote, read 'A.J.' iv.

‘A.J.’ xxix. page 23. The paragraph commencing ‘The rock arête’ in No. 9 does not refer to illustration No. 9, but to the picture in ‘A.J.’ xxviii. 227, which it had been intended to use again.

A NEW GUIDE TO THE PENNINE ALPS.—Reverting to the note on page 85, Dr. Coolidge now informs the Hon. Secretary that the book will appear in French as well as in German and that the right of translation into English has been reserved to himself, in terms of his contract of November 29 with the S.A.C.

ODE ON THE MATTERHORN.—‘Ode in Defence of the Matterhorn against the proposed Railway to its summit,’ by F. W. Bourdillon (A.C.), with coloured frontispiece from a water-colour by J. Hardwicke Lewis (A.C.). Copies of this are to be had from the author, Buddington, Midhurst, price 1s. nett. The proceeds are now devoted to the Fund for the Swiss Guides suffering from the War.

GUIDES’ RELIEF FUND.—The Association of British Members of the S.A.C. has remitted to the S.A.C. for the relief of Swiss guides, whose means of livelihood is jeopardized by the war, the sum of 5500 frs. Any further subscriptions will be received by the honorary secretary of the Association, Mr. J. A. B. Bruce, Selborne Lodge, Guildford.

CLUB HUTS OF THE S.A.C.—At the annual meeting of the S.A.C. to be held at Berne on April 11, it is proposed to grant subsidies for the following new huts:

1. In the Val Cadlimo (massif of Piz Blas).
2. Near the Wangserseeli (massif of the Graue Hörner).
3. On the Moosstock, about two hours above the Göscheneralp Inn. This will be very useful for the traverse of the Dammastock and the other peaks and passes of the Winterberg.

Grants are also to be made for the reconstruction of the Calanda hut, destroyed by an avalanche, and for extensive repairs to the Schwarzegg and Strahlegg huts.

Some alterations are to be proposed in the *Règlement* for the conduct of the huts. The preamble already declares that the huts are meant to be *starting-places for mountain expeditions*, and not simply excursion objects or mountain inns, and the alterations generally aim at carrying out this definition, which of late years has been completely lost sight of.

By Article 22 it is determined that all huts are to be supplied with firewood at a fixed price.

Article 24 fixes the charge per night, for members at 50 cts., non-members 2 frs. Firewood is extra. The charge for guides is as for members.

Article 25 requires any considerable caravan of tourists desiring to stay at a hut to arrange ten days beforehand with the Committee

of the owning section—otherwise a prolonged stay ('längerer Aufenthalt') can be refused them.

Further, *'one-fourth of the sleeping-places shall be reserved to members of the S.A.C.; these places shall be expressly termed "reserved places." The sections shall agree with the Central Committee the time during which these places shall be reserved.'*

This is, no doubt, a move in the direction of restoring the *raison d'être* of the existence of Club huts, but it would seem that the S.A.C. would enormously increase its numbers and strengthen its influence by definitely confining the use of its huts to its own members and members of reciprocating Clubs, as was suggested in 'Alpina' of August 1 last. The tendency of late years has been for the huts to become more and more excursion points for the visitors at the valley hotels or stopping-places, often for days together, of people who contribute nothing to the S.A.C. The S.A.C. has done splendid work in constructing these huts, but its hospitality has become liable to abuse detrimental to its own members.

PIERRE BLANC of Bonneval, the constant companion of Mr. C. F. Meade in the Alps and Himalaya and one of the very best of the younger generation of guides, is in the Chasseurs Alpains, and has been in the hard fighting in the Vosges since August last. His many friends in this Club will follow his fortunes with great admiration and earnest hopes for his safety.

JEAN JOSEPH BLANC-LE GREFFIER OF BONNEVAL.—The death of this famous guide and chamois hunter occurred at his home in October last, aged seventy-two. He was the father of Auguste Blanc, killed on the Mont Dolent, and of Pierre Blanc, two of the ablest of the younger generation of guides. Owing to the absence of so many of the French guides on active service, a fuller notice of his career is postponed until the next number of the JOURNAL.

DEATH OF MRS. ULRICH ALMER.—We regret to learn that Ulrich Almer's wife died at Grindelwald on February 28, aged 65. The doughty little man himself was 66 in April. She was a Boss, one of the great families at Grindelwald (not the Bär branch). Her brother Fritz Boss was second guide to Ulrich and Mr. Gibson when they reversed the Purtscheller-Zsigmondy traverse of the Meije. He was shot by accident when chamois-hunting a few years ago.

DR. RICHARD WEITZENBÖCK of Graz (Austria), one of the authors of the admirable 'Mont Blanc Führer' published by the Austrian Alpine Club, is reported to have been killed in action.

CASUALTIES IN THE D. UND OE. ALPENVEREIN.—Up to about the end of last year the number of members killed in action is stated to be 653.