

NEW ZEALAND NOTES.

THE NEW ZEALAND ALPS, THE SECOND ASCENT OF MT. SEFTON.

CAPTAIN HAROLD PORTER writes :

'On Wednesday, February 4, Milne and I alone—a most joyous combination—attacked Mt. Sefton and conquered it in six hours from the Sefton bivouac, getting down again in four and a quarter, and back to the Hermitage by 5 P.M. It is most emphatically a mountain for experts only, but, provided that a route has been prepared through the very broken and tangled Huddleston Glacier the previous day and that the party can handle steep rotten rocks with speed and safety, a perfectly sound proposition. Near the top there is a section of 150 ft. divided into three pitches of splendid firm rock, two pitches having an 80° inclination, but so wonderfully constructed that you can walk up them like a staircase—the difficulty being comparable with that of the New West on the Pillar. On the way down we picked out the two great pitons which Zurbriggen hammered in and brought them down as trophies, one for Milne and one for me ! What Z. wanted them for I can't understand ; either he was terribly shaken by Fitzgerald's fall or there must have been a high wind, as the places he used them at would not have deterred any competent Lakeland climber. Our day was very poor, but there was hardly any wind : we were in a cloud all the way up the ridge and got enveloped in a flurry of snow on the way down. The only nasty bit of the day, however, was a horribly soft snow arête with very steep sides which had softened since the morning and was quite unpleasant in the descent ; this was well below Tuckett's Col.'

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Mt. Logan Expedition.—The whole of the estimated cost, \$11,500, has not yet been subscribed, and further subscriptions can be sent to Mr. A. L. Mumm, 23 Savile Row, London, W.1.

The R.G.S. has subscribed \$500, following the subscription of £100 by the A.C.

MR. DE VILLIER-SCHWAB writes :

'It might be of interest to the Alpine Club that there has recently been formed a *Harvard Mountaineering Club*. This is primarily an undergraduate association, having for its purpose the promoting of interest in mountaineering at the College, and the bringing of these