me that he could not remember when it had been crossed last. We mounted to the plateau between the two icefalls and took the right side, as the crevasses to the left appeared impossible. We reached this side of the summit ridge in 5½ hrs., finding a huge ice wall all along the top. After spending 1 hr. trying to find a way round, we decided to try and hack our way through the wall at its W. extremity, where it appeared least formidable. After 1 hr. of hard chopping, we contrived to creep through a hole in the ice wall on to the summit on the other side and so descended to Concordia and the Eggishorn. I remember in those far-off days, the Scheidegg hailed our appearance on the summit with much firing off of cannon ! '

The ancient Refuge XAVIER BLANC, above Le Clot-en-Valgaudemar, has been transformed into a modern Chalet Hôtel. (Communication from M. Maurice Paillon.)

A bronze tablet was unveiled on September 11, at Valtournanche, to the memory of DANIEL MAQUIGNAZ (1856–1910). Signor Commendatore Bobba represented the Alpine Club. The handsome tablet, the erecting of which is largely due to Captain J. P. Farrar, is inscribed as follows :

DANIEL MAQUIGNAZ,
GRAND MAÎTRE DE L'ALPINISME.
HOMMAGE.

WE learn with deep regret of the sudden death, on November 6, of Dr. D. G. HOGARTH, C.M.G., President of the R.G.S., distinguished alike as a great scholar, archæologist, and man of action.

HIMALAYAN NOTES.

THE MOUNTAIN CLUB OF INDIA came into existence at Calcutta on September 23, 1927. Brig.-General the Hon. C. G. Bruce, C.B., M.V.O., has been elected President and Mr. W. Allsup, Gun and Shell Factory, Cossipore, Calcutta, is Secretary. Members are being vigorously recruited and rules framed. We wish this, the youngest, possibly some day the most important, of all the Alpine Club's numerous and prosperous offspring, every conceivable success and fortune.

It is stated in the Press that an ITALIAN EXPEDITION to the Himalayas, under the auspices of the Milan Section of the C.A.I., is in contemplation. The British and Indian Governments having given their consent, another attempt, it is said, will be made on K^2. We wish the Expedition, should it materialize, every success, and can assure its members that they will not find themselves held up or arrested—on British territory—by irregulars or frontier guards.

NEW ZEALAND NOTES.

MR. MALCOLM ROSS kindly informs us that besides the expeditions of Messrs. Porter and Kurz, described in the present number, the following important climbs were accomplished during the last summer in the Southern Alps :—

MOUNT DE LA BÈCHE (10,058 ft.) ; December 30, 1926, Messrs. Syme, Mace and Allan, *via* Rudolph glacier to Graham's Saddle, S.W. face, S.E. arête.

MOUNT ELIE DE BEAUMONT ; January 5, 1927. Messrs. Syme, Mace and Allan, *via* E. face and S.E. arête.

MALTE BRUN ; January 6, 1927. Messrs. Syme and Mace, *via* Malte Brun glacier and W. arête.

MOUNTS GREEN AND WALTER (9507 ft.) ; January 14, 1927. Messrs. Syme, Mace and Allan, *via* E. arête to divide, N.E. arête to Mount Green, by S.W. arête to Mount Walter.

HAMILTON (9915 ft.) ; January 21, 1927. Professor and Mrs. Algie with C. Williams, *via* Darwin glacier to head of Bonny glacier, up ' main ' arête to summit.

MOUNT SEALEY (8651 ft.) was climbed many times, while the Copeland Pass was ascended thirteen times, Graham's Saddle four times, and Glacier Dome seven times during the season.

The Hermitage has been well patronized and several new hostels will be opened for the next season.

ACCIDENTS IN 1927.

ONCE again the list of accidents makes sad reading. The Alpine Club has lost a Vice-President, a mountaineer of great experience and distinction as also one of its most invaluable ' Himalayan ' members, but we may consider ourselves fortunate to have escaped comparatively lightly. The greater number of accidents has occurred, as usual, in the Eastern Alps. The vast majority were, we regret to say, easily avoidable. The numbers of guideless climbers—we have heard of no fatal accidents to guided parties—have increased beyond