

MOUNTAINEERING JOURNALS

American Alpine Journal, 1963. Modern artificial climbing in the Yosemite valley opens this number of the *A.A.J.*; the pictures (p. 320) of the final pitch of Lost Arrow, and that of Sentinel Rock (p. 321), are very impressive. By way of contrast, the next two articles deal with outstanding ice climbs, Tullparaju, Paccharaju and Nevado Copa, in the Cordillera Blanca, Peru. As usual in American journals, the illustrations are splendid. The Eigerwand (J. Harlin), the Little Dru, West face (R. Robbins), and the Walker Spur, Grandes Jorasses (H. W. Kendall) supply an Alpine aura; then back to America, with Mount McKinley accounting for two articles. Echevarria publishes Part II of his valuable 'Survey of Andean Ascents'.

Association of British Members, S.A.C. Journal, 1964. This journal, in addition to covering the principal domestic activities of the Association, contains three articles on outlying climbing areas that should be of interest to parties wanting to visit them. R. Wendell Jones, 'The High Atlas', W. R. Jeudwine, 'The Picos de Europa', and G. R. E. Brooke, 'The Heart of the Svartisen', all write attractively of their several expeditions. J. O. Talbot has a note on the first ascent of the North-east Pillar of the Wetterhorn.

British Ski Year Book, 1963. The Diamond Jubilee, 1903-63, of the Ski Club of Great Britain fittingly occupies first place in this issue of the *B.S.Y.B.* C. Stocken writes pleasantly of a visit with ski to the High Atlas in February, 1963, and the Editor contributes nearly forty pages of useful notes in his 'Review of the Year'.

Cambridge Mountaineering, 1963. J. W. A. Loney leads off with an article on a number of Dolomite climbs, including a traverse of the Fünffinger-spitze, Marmolada South face, and the Drei Zinnen. C. R. Donaldson Wood writes of 'Forty-eight Hours on Mont Blanc', a traverse of the Peuterey ridge in stormy conditions; R. H. Roschnik has no less formidable experiences to narrate in 'The Descent from Mont Blanc'.

Canadian Alpine Journal, 1963. Mount Waddington had a busy season in 1962, and four short articles (pp. 19-37) describe four different expeditions, which include the first Canadian-born party to reach the summit, the first woman to get up, and a new route on the North-west

Peak. 'Coast Range Diary, 1962' consists of a series of short sketches of work undertaken with the ultimate aim of a guide book to the Coast Ranges of British Columbia.

Climbers' Club Journal, 1963. D. W. Walker opens this issue of the C.C. J. with a short account of the ascent of the Central Tower of Paine (c.f. A. J. 68. 179). Arnold Lunn, in 'Alpine Pugilist', gives us an entertaining study of W. A. B. Coolidge, based on a scrutiny of his correspondence in the Zentralbibliothek, Zürich—and recommends that about nine-tenths might well be destroyed as being worthless. John and Ruth Neill discuss early copper mining in Snowdonia; there is the usual section of 'New Climbs and Notes', and a useful obituary notice of Wilfrid Noyce.

Ladies' Alpine Club Journal, 1964. Climbing in Turkey was a notable feature of the L.A.C. in 1963. Miss Nigella Blandy ('Turkey and Chamonix'), who shows that Whymper's later descendants are still active in mountaineering, and Mrs. Katherine Gebbie ('Turkish Meet, 1963') between them account for more than a third of the journal, and in these days of overcrowded Alpine centres, it is good to come across such visits to regions that still have the charm of primitiveness. Anything written by Freya Stark is sure to be good, and her recollections of 'The Marinelli Couloir in 1924' are very readable. Those who knew Graham Macphee and who recall the circumstances of his untimely death will find Esmé Speakman's description of climbing on Teneriffe of interest.

Midland Association of Mountaineers. Journal, 1963. The Picos de Europa are not very often written about by English climbers, so Richard Southall's record of a visit there in 1962 is to be welcomed. D. P. Davis writes of the Nuptse expedition, 1961; in 1962 Davis, with Colledge, ascended the Via Cassin on Piz Badile (the Ryan-Lochmatter route on the Aiguille du Plan is also mentioned, but very briefly); and Brian Wood, in 'Whatever happened to Mountaineering?', writes regretfully of the change in outlook about climbing, which he feels is no longer treated as a sport, but as though it existed primarily to 'build character'.

Mountain Club of South Africa. Journal, 1962. A. C. Partridge, 'Climbing in the Dolomites', writes attractively on the only non-African climbing area discussed in this issue. Most of the other articles are very brief, two to three pages only. New routes are still being worked out on Table Mountain, and as is usual in this journal, the illustrations are of a very high order.

New Zealand Alpine Journal, 1963. Bruce Naylor describes the activities of the N.Z. Andean Expedition of 1962 in the Cordillera Vilcabamba (see *A. J.* 69. 41), and J. G. Wilson deals with the Himalayan Schoolhouse party (*ibid.*, p. 23). Philip Temple's tale of collecting remains from a crashed aeroplane on Carstenz Pyramide is notable for the striking folding panorama of the mountain group. Antarctica accounts for a number of pages and includes a narrative of an attempt upon Big Ben, on Heard Island, a sub-Antarctic island of which we may hear more in the future. A. R. Lillie studies 'Structural Geology in High Mountains', especially the New Zealand Alps.

Oxford Mountaineering, 1964. Apart from some climbing in Norway, it is the Chamonix aiguilles that figure most prominently in this issue, with Colin Taylor's tale of climbs on the Fou, Crocodile and Caïman holding first place. H. Elwood summarises the attractions of various regions in Ireland. A loose-leaf insertion commemorates the late J. A. G. Emery.

The Polar Record. Spring, 1963. The Scott Polar Research Institute's journal is invaluable to students of the Arctic and Antarctic, but only occasionally does it deal with matters of particular interest to mountaineers. 'Frostbite', by Bradford Washburn, is one such article; it had, in a different form, appeared in the *American Alpine Journal* for 1962 (see *A. J.* 68. 337), and it is useful to have it now available in a periodical issued in this country.

Rucksack Club Journal, 1963. R. F. Jones writes in 'And No Birds Fly' of the British Pamirs Expedition of 1962, 'a gruelling expedition, with very little light relief or variety'. B. R. Goodfellow states his case for visiting the lesser-known centres of Alpine climbing, and describes the traverse of the Disgrazia in 1962.

Scottish Mountaineering Club Journal, 1964. The President of the S.M.C., W. H. Murray, catalogues the achievements of the Club in 'The Last Twenty-Five Years'; one needs to be very familiar with Scottish names of hills and routes to be able to follow the record properly. In 'Eigerwandering', D. Haston relates in a quick-fire style of writing the ascent of the Eigerwand in August, 1963 (see *A. J.* 68. 293).

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