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NEW GUIDE-BOOK

The Staunings Alps, by D. J. Bennett (Gaston/West Col, £2.80). This, the first volume in a new series from the above publishing group, is a mine of information for the intending visitor to this part of Greenland—history, future climbing prospects, expedition planning, geology, flora, and fauna. There are two useful maps on a 1 : 100,000 scale.

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Sea Cliff Climbing in Britain, by John Cleare and Robin Collomb. (Constable, to be published early in 1973. Price £3.50).

This long-awaited book summarises most competently the state of progress in this new development, which adds to British climbing a new dimension of unclimbed summits with complex problems of access. It is well produced, though unfortunately the reproduction of the pictures does not always do justice to John Cleare's originals.

As an account of the whereabouts of the hardest climbs, the historical background and the deeds of the most advanced sea-cliff experts it cannot be faulted, except perhaps in minor detail. What is sad, however, is the impression it gives that only those at the highest level of competence can participate. For climbers (still perhaps the majority), who cannot lead above VD or mild S standard, there is plenty of sea-cliff climbing available in many, though not all, of the areas described.