

principles, it would be to the Himalayan countries' benefit to enable the Himalaya to develop like the Alps, with the absolute minimum of government controls. This would enable climbers and trekkers to go into the mountains and walk and climb at will. Despite the problems posed by such an open-door concept, I am sure it would work out to everyone's benefit. To our Nepalese friends I would like to say how privileged I feel to be in Nepal once more and I am sure that all members of the UIAA will try to instil into our members from hereon the credo, taken from that most active of mountain conservation bodies the Sierra Club, 'Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints!'.

SOLDANELLA'S SONG

By Dr I. A. Richards

Here where the snow drifts shrink,
High upon summer's brink

Our Station is,
Our tassel heads we thrust
up through the icy crust.

Through Winter's full defeat
We signalled his retreat,
Our out-going his;
for when his snows are gone
Not long we linger on.

Who were the first to bring
Our witness to those Spring
Festivities

Here through these parching days
Breeze echoes of that praise.