

of which—those descending towards Mestia, among the most important in the whole chain—are left out in the five-verst map, and in the maps, such as that in Reclus' "Géographie Universelle," unfortunately founded upon it, which has done so much to spread among geographers a wrong idea of the characteristic features of the Caucasus.\*

The views are about three hundred,\* the larger proportion being 16 × 12 inches, whilst the smaller size are about 7 × 5 inches. They are all silver prints, and are very clear and sharp, the lenses used being of extraordinary power. Signor Sella possesses the art of manipulating the negatives in the dark room to a marvellous degree. It is no easy matter to climb with a camera of the size of a 16 × 12-inch negative to an altitude of 13–14,000 feet, and then, having mounted guard, wait the opportunity of catching the subject of the picture free from cloud. Signor Sella must be endowed with an abundance of patience, a quality Mr. Donkin laid down as being above all things of the greatest necessity in the Caucasus.

It may be affirmed that Signor Sella has never produced a more artistic series of photographs. G. P. B.

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#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB was held on May 5, 1891, Mr. HORACE WALKER, *President*, in the chair.

The PRESIDENT referred to the new edition of Ball's 'Alpine Guide,' which is being prepared under the direction of the committee, and invited the cordial co-operation of all members of the Club in the work.

Mr. PERCY THOMAS read a paper: 'Mountaineering in Southern Colorado.'

Mr. L. NORMAN NERUDA read a paper: 'Three New Ascents in the Bernina Range.'

Mr. J. BRYCE, M.P., made some interesting remarks about travel and scenery in Colorado; the latter, though suffering from a want of snow and ice, had great beauty and charm, and presented delightful effects, resembling those of the East, which he ascribed to the great clearness of the atmosphere. One of the features of the country was that there were about forty or fifty peaks attaining a height of about 14,000 feet, but not a single one that reached 14,600. Travelling was easier in the mountains of Colorado than in the Selkirks, where the forests were most difficult to penetrate, owing to the quantity of undergrowth. Colorado presented a curious kind of society, which, however, he would hardly describe as dangerous. His rule was always to preserve a calm exterior; he had never found it necessary to carry a revolver, and had never experienced any difficulty. He further referred to the great difficulty of breathing felt by both residents and travellers, mostly before reaching a height of 9,000 feet.

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\* A catalogue with prices may be obtained at Messrs. Spooner's.

Mr. ECCLES remarked on the absence of glaciers in the district described by Mr. Thomas; in other parts of the Rockies glaciers existed, and a number had been photographed by Mr. Chapin.

Mr. DENT thought the difficulty of breathing referred to was to be ascribed to the daily great variations of temperature, fluttering of the heart and pulse being often associated with such conditions.

Mr. Norman Neruda's paper was then discussed, and Messrs. LAYTON, C. E. MATHEWS, and CONWAY spoke and congratulated the author on the success of his expeditions.

The meeting terminated with a cordial vote of thanks to the readers of both papers.

A General Meeting of the Club was held on June 2, 1891, Mr. F. A. WALLROTH, *Vice-President*, in the chair.

Messrs. F. Gonella, Guido Rey, and G. C. Smith were balloted for, and elected members of the Club.

Mr. H. W. HOLDER read a paper: 'A Month among the Southern Valleys and Mountains of the Caucasus.'

Messrs. WOOLLEY, DENT, and CONWAY took part in the discussion which followed.

A large collection of Caucasian views from photographs by Messrs. Holder, Baker, Sella, and Woolley was shown by means of the lantern, and Mr. Harold Topham exhibited and explained an interesting series of views taken by himself and Mr. Huber, illustrating his recent explorations in the Selkirks.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Holder for his excellent paper, and to the other members who, by exhibiting their photographs, had contributed to the success of the meeting, which was very numerously attended.

The Annual Summer Dinner was held at the 'Queen's Hotel,' Richmond, on Thursday, June 25, and was attended by thirty-five members and guests, Mr. HORACE WALKER, *President*, occupying the chair.