

## IN MEMORIAM—LAURENT LANIER.

ON May 1, as Alpine peaks were beginning to awake from their winter slumbers, a great guide entered into his long rest.

In Laurent Lanier mountaineers have lost not only a first-rate guide but also a firm friend and one not easily to be replaced. Thoroughly unselfish, his first thought was ever for his employer in resisting imposition or in lightening a weary day's work with his merry conversation; while his hearty assistance was at the command of every climber, whether in planning an expedition or in carrying part of a heavy load. He was in every sense a mountaineer. His rock climbing was sure rather than brilliant, but he was without exception the finest iceman I have ever seen. Though for the last two or three years a badly frost-bitten foot had prevented his taking part in very arduous expeditions, yet there must be many who owe the success of some fine ascent to his brave heart and strong arm, and by whom his loss will be felt.

But it was as a chamois hunter that he most excelled; he seemed a different being when matching his cunning with that of the game. His energy was untiring, and often after eight or ten hours' useless work has he started in the afternoon for a long stalk to try and redeem our bad luck. To the hardships attending on his winter hunting his early death is in great measure due. Having often to spend the night without food or fire in a ch<sup>^</sup>let half filled with snow must have done much to bring on the attack of pleurisy to which he succumbed.

And now at the foot of the Aiguille du G<sup>^</sup>ant, almost the last peak which he ascended, he sleeps amidst the flowery meadows of Courmayeur; but for one at least future Alpine holidays will lose much of their pleasure without a greeting from the cheery smile and honest hand of Laurent Lanier.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

*Tuesday, May 6, General Meeting.*—F. C. GROVE, Esq., *President*, in the chair. Mr. Reginald Cust was elected a member of the Club.

Mr. G. YELD read a paper upon 'Some New Expeditions in the Graian Alps,' at the conclusion of which Messrs. Carson, Wm. Mathews, and Freshfield made some remarks upon the district. An unanimous vote of thanks was, on the motion of the President, accorded to Mr. Yeld.

*Tuesday, June 10, General Meeting.*—F. C. GROVE, *President*, in the chair. Professor A. J. Butler was elected a member of the Club.

The PRESIDENT made the following announcement to the Club:

'One of the two gold medals conferred every year by the Royal Geographical Society as rewards for contributions to geographical science and discovery has been this year presented to Dr. Julius von Haast, C.M.G., F.R.S., an honorary member of the Alpine Club. Dr. von Haast took, twenty years ago, the leading part in the exploration of the Alps of New Zealand, making many journeys, in which four of his companions perished, three by drowning in lakes or torrents and one at the hands of natives. It is to these journeys, in the course of which