

January 8, taking with me the guides and porter of our expedition and nine more, several of whom were members of the Supersaxo family.

We found Mr. Bergne's body, as we had anticipated, at the foot of the rocks rising above the snow-covered scree slopes, and from the injuries he had received there can be no doubt that his death must have taken place immediately he had passed off the short snow slope on which he fell. His body was conveyed down on ski, and brought home for burial in Brookwood Cemetery. He was laid to rest on January 8 in the presence of his immediate relatives and a few of his most intimate friends, including some members of the Alpine Club, two of his companions on the ill-fated expedition, viz. Mr. Simon and myself, and his old and much attached friend, Sir Edward Davidson, who also, by request, represented the President and Committee of the Club. The Rev. Barton V. Mills, another old and valued friend, performed the funeral service. Mr. Wheeler was unavoidably prevented attending these last sad rites, and greatly regretted his inability to do so. Among the many beautiful wreaths sent was one from Herr Pierre Lagger, which accompanied Mr. Bergne's body from Visp to the grave.

The keenness and intelligence which characterised him as a mountaineer were equally prominent in his attitude towards his professional work; indeed whatsoever his right hand found to do that did he with all his might. To his companions in the Temple he had already shown promise of a successful career at the Bar, to which he had been called in November last, while his bright and sunny disposition won him friends in every quarter, and he will be greatly missed. He was much beloved, and by none more than by his numerous friends in the Club. At Saas Fee, too, there are many who had watched him grow up, and had followed his mountain exploits with interest and affection, and now deplore, as we do, his untimely fate.

GEORGE L. STEWART.

NEW EXPEDITIONS IN 1907 (*continued*).

Bernese Oberland.

GROSS GRÜNHORN (4,047 m. = 13,278 ft.) BY THE N. ARÊTE.— On August 4 Mr. H. V. Reade and I left the Concordia Inn at 5 A.M., and reached the arête joining the Gross and Klein Grünhörner immediately to the S. of the latter at 8.25 A.M. Proceeding at 9.5 A.M. we followed the rather broken N. arête of the Gross Grünhorn to a pitch about 20 ft. high. This my leader was very keen to climb by a ledge on its eastern side, but, as this led on to an inclined slab covered with 6 in. of powdery snow, he, after some demur to my strenuous, in fact, very forcibly expressed insistence, consented to traverse to the right over an unstable corner into a gully by which we regained the arête. The rocks carried much loose stuff and showed no signs of having

and skill; absolutely sheer on one side and nearly so on the other the whole way. The Grat is as sharp as a knife; for 5 hrs. there is next to no foothold, but the interest is surpassing. The whole day's work took 17 hrs.' hard going.

NEW ZEALAND.

CLIMBING AT THE HEAD OF THE FOX GLACIER, SOUTH WESTLAND.—Early in January 1907 Dr. E. Teichelmann, A.C., of Hokitika, and the Rev. H. E. Newton, of Ross, with Alec Graham of the Waiho Gorge, went down to the iron hut at the snout of the Fox glacier (700 ft.); a base camp was pitched on Chancellor Ridge, at a height of about 3,500 ft., at the end of the scrub-line, and a high camp on Pioneer Ridge, in the centre of névé of the Fox glacier, at a height of about 7,000 ft. On January 26 the party climbed Mount Halcombe (8,743 ft.) on the divide between the Franz Josef and Fox glaciers, crossing over to the névé of the Franz Josef glacier and ascending the N. face and descending the S. face. On January 27 they climbed Glacier Peak (9,867 ft.) by the steep ice and snow western face. On January 28 they climbed Douglas Peak (also called the Horn); 10,107 ft.; starting at 4.30 A.M. they went for an hour over the snow fields, and then turned up to their right up the rocks, and at 8 A.M. reached the crest of the ridge running W. from Douglas Peak. They followed this ridge till 10. then at 10.45 started up the steep rocks of the S.W. arête and the W. face; at 12.45 they reached the last of the rocks, and an hour's step cutting led to the top. The high camp was not reached till 8.30 P.M. On February 4 Torres Peak (10,376 ft.) was climbed—the highest peak entirely in Westland, a long rock climb of 17 hrs. from the high camp. On February 7 the party crossed Pioneer Saddle, 9,000 ft. (aneroid), the first crossing from the W., and reached the Ball Hut by the Tasman glacier that night. After a week's bad weather Dr. Teichelmann had to go down by coach to Christchurch; the others returned to the Fox on February 14 by Pioneer Pass, the weather being too doubtful to try a new pass. After a spell of bad weather, on February 26 they climbed Mount Haast (10,294 ft.) from the saddle between Haast and Roberts, then climbed Mount Roberts (or Lendenfelt), 10,503 ft., and descended to the saddle between Roberts and Tasman, which they reached in 1903 and 1904, and returned by the Heemskirk glacier to the névé of the Fox. On February 27 they climbed to the divide at the head N. branch of the Fox, and traversing a small peak, 9,508 ft., which in some maps is wrongly marked as Mount Spencer, then climbed Mount Conway (9,513 ft.), where the Fritz Range, which separates the névé of the Franz Josef and Fox glaciers, joins the divide, and descended to Frenchay Col at the head of the S. corner of the Franz Josef, then descended the Franz Josef for a little distance and made a pass back to the Fox. All the above peaks were first ascents. On February 28 they crossed back to Franz Josef by the same pass, and, crossing the head of the Franz Josef

joined the Graham's Saddle route and descended to the Waiho Gorge. During the two months during which the party were up and down the Fox glacier extraordinary activity was noticed, especially in the lower portions. The weather was simply atrocious from a climbing point of view.

ALPINE NOTES.

'THE ALPINE GUIDE.'—Copies of Vol. I. of the new edition of this work, price 12s. net, and of 'Hints and Notes, Practical and Scientific, for Travellers in the Alps' (being a new edition of the General Introduction), price 3s., can be obtained from all booksellers, or from Messrs. Stanford, 12 Long Acre, W.C.

'THE ALPINE GUIDE,' THE CENTRAL ALPS. PART I.—A new edition of this portion of the 'Alpine Guide,' by the late John Ball, F.R.S., President of the Alpine Club, reconstructed and revised on behalf of the Alpine Club under the general editorship of A. V. Valentine-Richards, Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge, is now ready, and can be obtained from all booksellers, or from Messrs. Stanford, 12 Long Acre, W.C. It includes those portions of Switzerland to the north of the Rhône and Rhine valleys.

THE ALPINE CLUB OBITUARY.—E. de Fellenberg (1863), S. Rostron (1865), G. V. Yool (Original), A. Slee (1877), A. C. Slee (1877), R. M. Cuthbert (1864), Sir H. N. Dering (1864), Horace Walker (1859), F. à C. Bergne (1901), E. W. Bowling (1863), E. v. Mojsisovics (Honorary).

COLLECTION OF MOUNTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS.—The Committee of the Alpine Club recently approved of a proposal for the formation of a collection of mountain photographs, and the same has been duly taken in hand. The object principally kept in view is to get together a collection of views affording real topographical information, classified under the different mountain districts, and mounted and arranged in such a way as to be of practical use to present mountaineers. Under these circumstances the Committee will be glad to receive from time to time gifts of suitable photographs or enlargements of photographs of mountains in all parts of the world, subject to the following regulations: (1) The photographs should be unmounted and not exceed 15 in. by 12 in. in size. (2) Pictures printed by the more permanent processes are preferred. (3) Each photograph should be accompanied by a short statement giving the name of the photographer, the date, the exact locality, and any other necessary information. Forms for this purpose will be supplied. (4) The Committee reserve to themselves the right of deciding whether any photograph shall be included in the collection. Members of the Club and their friends are invited to contribute photographs. Communications should, in the first instance, be addressed to Mr. John J. Withers, Howard House, 4 Arundel Street, Strand, London.