

Italy to the North Sea and the Baltic, and became especially famous for the part he played in revolutionising European warfare by training the first regular infantry (*Landsknechte*) bearing firearms.

One of the best and most interesting chapters is that dealing with the peasantry, and contrasting their condition under the feudal system with the happier lot of the peasants of to-day. The author reviews very impartially the advantages and disadvantages of universal military service, and gives some interesting reasons for the 'Italianisation' that is gradually taking place in South Tyrol.

A prominent feature of the book is the number of uniformly excellent illustrations, some of them—notably the view through the window of Schloss Matzen—being triumphs of photographic skill.

Alpine Plants at Home. First Series. London and Glasgow :
Gowans & Gray, Ltd., 1908. Price 6d. net.

This little work, consisting of 'sixty photographs of Alpine plants growing in their haunts,' by Somerville Hastings, F.R.C.S., is a wonderful book at the price. The photographs are many of them excellent—e.g. that of *Anemone narcissiflora*, which forms the frontispiece, *Anemone Alpina*, *Ranunculus aconitifolius*, *Trollius Europæus*, *Dryas octopetala*, and *Saxifraga oppositifolia*. In addition to the Latin names the English, French, and German names are also given. We recommend the book to all lovers of Alpine plants.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BARMAL GLACIER.

To the Editor of the ALPINE JOURNAL.

Kashmir: May 1, 1908.

SIR,—In the January number of the 'Journal of the Royal Geographical Society' there appeared an account of Dr. Hunter Workman's lecture about Nun Kun, in which he does me the honour of mentioning my high level explorations of that mountain. There are two points upon which he expresses his disagreement with me, and both refer to the Barmal Glacier. The Trigonometrical Survey map very incorrectly omits it altogether, and marks a large glacier discharging into the Suru River near Tongul. Dr. H. Workman's map shows that the Barmal glacier discharges south into the Bod Zoj Nai River. I claim that it goes due west and joins the Bot Kol. I have a letter from Major the Hon. C. G. Bruce, who writes that I am correct, and that he crossed the Sentik Pass, as shown in the map of my route in the 'Alpine Journal' for February 1908, and followed down to the Bot Kol. Dr. H. Workman does not accept this statement, and considers the topography of Major Bruce's expedition too confused.

If this direct statement is put upon one side, then many appar-

ently cogent arguments backed by photographs might be brought forward by both sides. The glacier is barely fifty miles from the valley of Kashmir, so the question had best be settled by another expedition.

As to its origin, I quite agree that the glacier comes from D 41 and Mt. Nieves (Penitentes). Whether these two are to be regarded as buttresses of the great Nun Kun massif or as independent summits is a mere matter of nomenclature.—Yours faithfully,

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Club was held in the Hall on Tuesday evening, February 4, 1908, at 8.30 P.M., Mr. Hermann Woolley, *President*, in the Chair. The following candidates, Messrs. J. J. Eberli, J. E. James, W. T. Lister, A. E. W. Mason, A. C. Morrison-Bell, E. G. Oliver, A. J. R. Runge, E. V. Slater, F. N. Trier, and E. G. Wells, were balloted for and elected members of the Club.

The PRESIDENT said: Since the last Meeting of the Club we have had to deplore the death of two of our members. On January 1 one of our oldest members, Mr. Horace Walker, passed away. As he had been a member for forty-nine years and a former President, his name is inseparably bound up with the history of the Alpine Club during the greater portion of its existence, and especially with that brilliant period from 1860 to 1870, when so many great peaks were ascended and passes crossed for the first time. His climbing career, extending over fifty years, was unusually long, and he kept in touch with the Club and maintained his interest in its affairs down to the time when his health gave way about twelve months ago. He was one of the most unassuming, unselfish, single-minded and kind-hearted of men, and his face, once so familiar, will be greatly missed by all those accustomed to attend these meetings. On the same day, January 1, we lost one of our youngest members, Mr. Francis Bergne, by an accident the more distressing on account of its suddenness and of the fact that there seems to have been at the time it occurred no apprehension or suspicion of any impending danger. We all deplore the loss of so promising and so deservedly popular a member, and feel the greatest sympathy with his family. Expressions of condolence have been conveyed on behalf of the Club to Miss Walker and to Sir Henry Bergne.

Mr. C. PILKINGTON said: Horace Walker was one of my oldest friends and companions, both at home and in the Alps. His constant kindness and courtesy endeared him to everyone, and made him one of the most popular members of this Club and one whose loss will long be felt.

Sir ALEXANDER KENNEDY spoke of Mr. Frank Bergne as a young man of great promise, who would certainly have made his mark in the public life of the country. In the Club he was personally very