

The Selkirk Range. Topographical Map of the Selkirk Range adjacent to the Canadian Pacific Railway, from photographic surveys by A. O. Wheeler. Natural scale 1/240,000; Contour interval 100 ft. 1906

A photographic reproduction of the four maps above presented by Mr Wheeler.

Studer, G. Panorama vom Männlichen. Bern, Dalp [?1865]

Switzerland. Various old maps and two panoramas, by Ebel, of the Alps from Neuchâtel, have been presented by Mr. H. S. Thomson.

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 8s., 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 IN 1908: Charles Taylor (1878).

THE LADIES' (LYCEUM) ALPINE CLUB.—This Club has now been definitely established, with Mrs. Aubrey Le Blond as President, Miss Adeline Edwards as Vice-President, and Miss Carthew as Secretary. Its head-quarters are at the Lyceum Club, 128 Piccadilly, London, W. No precise standard of proficiency is required, but the Council of the Club, consisting of seven members, in addition to the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary, will decide upon the mountaineering qualification of candidates for membership.

'THE CLIMBERS' GUIDE TO THE BERNESE OBERLAND.' VOL. IV., PARTS I. AND II.—We have received these two welcome additions to the series of Climbers' Guides. Part I., Grimsel to the Sustenlimmi, and Part II., Sustenlimmi to the Uri Rothstock, are both by Dr. H. Dübi. The price of each part is ten shillings. We hope to speak of these very acceptable volumes again.

HOTEL AT THE MOUNTET, ZINAL.—It may interest readers of the JOURNAL to know that the guides of Zinal have built and will open a new hotel this year at the Mountet, within two minutes' walk of the old hut, where provisions are no longer sold under the direction of the Swiss Alpine Club. The hotel will be open from July 1 to September 20, and the guides promise that the charges will be

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very moderate. Below I give you the tariff which Louis Theytaz (the head of the syndicate) sends me:—

20 beds	from 4 francs
Breakfast	1.50 „
Lunch	4 „
Dinner	4 „

ALFRED HOLMES.

‘GUIDE TO THE WALKS AND CLIMBS AROUND AROLLA.’—We have received just as we go to press Mr. Walter Larden’s ‘Guide to Arolla.’ Copies may be obtained at the hotels at Arolla, or from Dr. Brushfield, St. Mary’s, Scilly Islands, Cornwall, price 2s. 9d. post free. ‘All receipts go to pay actual expenses involved in the printing of the book, and after that will be devoted to charitable purposes in Switzerland, most probably to the relief of the widows and families of guides who have been killed in the exercise of their professional duties as guides (p. vi).’ We understand that the note (14) on pp. 104–5 on the central and north peaks of the Dents des Bouquetins was not intended to be printed as it stands: its appearance is due to an unfortunate inadvertence.

REVIEWS AND NOTICES.

The Alps in Nature and History. By W. A. B. Coolidge. With maps, illustrations, and diagrams. Index. (London: Methuen & Co. 1908. 7s. 6d. net.) Pp. xx, 440.

THIS long-expected and delightful book will be welcomed by all mountaineers. It is impossible for us, with the space at our disposal, to do more than give a brief account of its contents and express our opinion that it will be found as invaluable to students of the history of the Alps as the new edition of ‘Ball’s Guide’ is to climbers and travellers.

The book begins with the question, ‘What are the Alps?’ The ordinary reader replies, ‘The Alps is the name given to the principal mountain range in Europe,’ but when the Alpine folk speak of ‘the Alps’ ‘they have in mind the highland summer pastures, that extend along the mountain slopes below the snow line, yet at a considerable height above the village itself.’ ‘The confusion between these two meanings of ‘the Alps’ finds an exact parallel in that which prevails in the case of the more general words ‘Berg,’ ‘alpe,’ ‘montagne,’ or ‘monte.’

Chapter ii. treats of ‘The Pastures of the Alps,’ and is full of interesting information—*e.g.* how the men of one valley have got possession of pastures in other valleys. ‘We can trace a struggle of this kind (*i.e.* between rival herdsmen) best in the valley of Engelberg, where the Blacken Alp, at the very head of the glen, has never belonged to the monastery, but to Attinghausen, in Uri (opposite Altdorf); while the pastures of the Nieder Surenen Alp,