

17 hours) and saw splendid views both near and distant all the time.

In a favourable season our times could doubtless be considerably lessened. After leaving the top of the Königspitze the snow was very bad all day. Large cornices, frequently shifting from one side of the arête to the other, necessitated moving with great caution in several places—both on the Königspitze and Zebra.

The climb struck me as being difficult, but the guides informed us that in good condition it is much easier. The most difficult place was between the two summits of the Zebra. The weather was fine and the climbing interesting all day.

TIMES (actual going, excluding halts):

	Hours
Hallesche Hut to Königspitze (summit) . . .	3½
Königspitze (summit) to Suldenjoch . . .	4
Suldenjoch to Zebra (S. summit) . . .	2½
Zebra (S. summit) to N. summit . . .	1
Zebra (N. summit) to Hochjoch . . .	¼
Hochjoch to Ortler (summit) . . .	3¼
Ortler (summit) to Sulden Hotel . . .	3¼
	17½

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## 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 Rhone and Rhine valleys.

THE ALPINE CLUB OBITUARY.—P. R. Parkinson (1908), Rev. Canon C. B. Hutchinson (1862), F. Tendron (1876), M. Carteighe (1880), E. Kelly (1890), E. B. Rodway (1887), A. J. Butler (1886), A. P. Whately (1858).

THE FRENCH ALPINE CLUB. FIFTH INTERNATIONAL SKI MEETING. This meeting will be held at Lioran (1161 metres) from the 10th to

the 15th of February 1911. M. le Général Brun, Minister of War, has accepted the Presidency of the Meeting. Members of the Alpine Club are cordially invited to be present.

ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS OF THE S.A.C.—CLUB HUT FUND.—The subscriptions to the Club Hut to be given by the British to the Swiss, as a token of friendship and appreciation of their kind hospitality, now amount to £300. It is hoped the balance required (£200) will be subscribed in time to commence the hut early next year.

Among the subscribers are the Rt. Hon. J. Bryce, Lord Avebury, H. Woolley, Clinton Dent, the late C. D. Robertson, Sir Ernest Cassel, Captain Farrar, Walter Leaf, C. Pilkington, the Bishop of Bristol, J. J. Withers, G. L. Stewart, Sir H. S. King, M.P., Dr. O. K. Williamson, Dr. H. L. Dent, F. F. Tuckett, Rev. Dr. Rendall, A. E. W. Mason, L. W. Rolleston, Sydney Spencer, Andrew Johnson, Sir T. Chevasse, C. H. Wollaston, Colonel Blackden, E. de Q. Quincy, G. W. Prothero, Walter Larden and many others. The Treasurer, C. E. King-Church, Clive Lodge, Albury, Surrey, will be glad to receive further subscriptions. A committee will be formed to investigate the various sites proposed and report to a meeting of the subscribers.

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## REVIEWS AND NOTICES.

ODE IN DEFENCE OF THE MATTERHORN AGAINST THE PROPOSED RAILWAY TO ITS SUMMIT. By F. W. Bourdillon. With Coloured Frontispiece by J. Hardwicke Lewis. London: William Rice. Price 1s. net. We offer Mr. Bourdillon our hearty congratulations on his beautiful poem. It is perhaps too much to hope that it will touch the 'impious and ingrate' who desire to make a railway to the top of the Matterhorn, but it will certainly encourage those who are engaged in the task of thwarting that unworthy enterprise. We quote the last two stanzas.

Awake, fair Switzerland ! Art thou not she  
That in thy breast's own marble badest grave  
The record of thy brave  
Who for thine honour died, though not for thee,  
That they in lion-likeness might endure  
As thy strong mountains sure ?

What gold could buy of thee that guarded treasure ?  
What proffered bribe for injury atone  
To that immortal stone ?

Hast thou no wrath for these, who mine and measure  
Thy nobler trust, God's altar of the morn,  
The matchless Matterhorn ?