

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 ?

**MOUNTAIN ADVENTURES AT HOME AND ABROAD.** By George D. Abraham. With twenty-six illustrations. London: Methuen and Co., Ltd. 7s. 6d. net.—The author's aspiration for his book, 'that its many records and adventures may appeal to his fellow climbers,' will no doubt meet with fulfilment, though the work is primarily for those who take an interest in the doings of the devotees of mountaineering without knowing its joys by actual experience. It is not necessary, nor does the space at our command allow us, to speak of the book at great length. Part of it, and perhaps the most interesting part, treats of climbs in our home mountains, e.g. the Slanting Gully, the Devil's Kitchen, and pioneer climbs on the Pillar Rock.

One chapter is devoted to 'Some Autumn Days in Skye.' Another, styled 'Motors and Mountains,' takes the reader to the Crowberry Ridge on Buchaille Etive and to Bidean nam Bian. The author pronounces a motor car almost indispensable for mountaineering in Scotland 'when once one has experienced its advantages.'

The second chapter is devoted to 'Recollections of a Great Climber'—the late Owen Glynne Jones—and the third contains a description written by Jones himself of his ascent of the Dent Blanche in April, as well as an account of the terrible accident of August 1892. Ascents of such well-known peaks as the Matterhorn (without guides), the Schreckhorn, and the Aiguilles of Mont Blanc are fully related, while the reader is taken in Chapter V. 'Through the Heart of the Alps.' Chapter XIV. is devoted to 'Life in the Dauphiny Alps.' Chapter VI., entitled 'The Mountains Speak,' would have been better omitted.

Chapter XI., 'The Highest Climbs in the World,' contains much useful information and has an illustration—'Some of the well-known Highest Mountains—drawn to scale.'

The illustrations from photographs, as we have learnt to expect from the Messrs. Abraham, are excellent, though we should have been glad if that facing page 284, in the chapter entitled 'Narrow Escapes,' had been omitted. The book is furnished with an Index, and also with a 'Short Glossary of Mountaineering Terms (used in the book) for non-climbing readers.'

**THE YORKSHIRE RAMBLERS' CLUB JOURNAL.** Edited by Wm. Anderton Brigg, vol. iii., No. 9, 1910. London: T. Fisher Unwin. 2s. net.—We welcome another capital number of this well-known Journal, and whilst we congratulate the new Editor, Mr. W. A. Brigg, on the excellent beginning which he has made, we do not forget the long and successful work of the late Editor, Mr. Thomas Gray. Under his care the literary work of the Journal has always reached a high level, and we are pleased to see that the new editor has kept up the standard of his predecessor. We regret that space does not allow us to review the number at length. The Alps and our own hills are well represented, while caves and pot-holes

in England, Ireland and Japan, as is usual in the 'Ramblers' Club Journal,' receive special attention. We have read with interest the article by Mr. Reginald Farrar on 'The Population of the Alps,' a paper on the flowers of the High Alps. We share his enthusiasm for them, but we think that more climbers take an interest in them than Mr. Farrar supposes. We hope his paper will foster the love for them amongst our mountaineering friends in Yorkshire. The full-page illustrations are excellent, and there are some charming 'Tail Pieces' (views in Zermatt, Cogne &c.), by Mr. Eric Greenwood.

'THE ALPINE SKI CLUB GUIDES.'—THE BERNESE OBERLAND, PART I.—By Arnold H. M. Lunn. London: Horace Marshall and Son. 'The Alpine Ski Club Guides are intended to do for ski-runners what the "Climbers' Guides" do for summer mountaineers.' Thus the Author explains the aim of the series in his Preface. This volume consists of seven chapters devoted to Chapter I, Montana; II, Kandersteg; III, Adelboden; IV, Zweisimmen; V, Gstaad and Château d'Oex; VI, Adelboden to Villars, Lenk, Lauenen, Gsteig, Les Diablerets; VII, Villars. In Appendices will be found Notes on Mountaineering on Ski, a Bibliography, and Additional Notes. The book is furnished with an index, and will no doubt prove extremely useful. We wish it every success.