

guide-book English. An author who quotes so much good writing is bound to be careful as to his own.

Mr. Hare's other incursions into the Alps are almost too slight to call for notice. We may point out in passing the omission of Alagna, now a favourite summer resort; and we must repeat the protest made on a former occasion against the use of German names, e.g. Ledrothal and Toblinosee, in a description of the environs of Riva, a purely Italian-speaking district. Dr. Gsell-fels writing for Germans had an excuse for using such forms, but Mr. Hare has none for introducing them to an English public.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

*Tuesday, March 7.*—MR. HINCHLIFF, *President, in the Chair.*

Messrs. H. Backhouse, J. C. Leman, F. Teudron, F. C. Hartley, and G. F. Vernon were elected Members of the Club.

The Secretary read the following letter:—

*To the Committee of the Alpine Club.*

GENTLEMEN,—It having been decided to hold the ninth yearly Meeting, or Congress, of the Italian Alpine Club (numbering upwards of 3000 members), in the beginning of next June, at Florence, the committee of our Club has begged me to forward you the programme of our festival, with the different ascents and excursions; and at the same time they wish me to express to you what great pleasure it would afford them to see some of the members of the English Alpine Club present on this occasion, assuring them of a right hearty welcome, as they are not unmindful of the great services which your Club has rendered to the Italian mountains. I remain, gentlemen, yours very faithfully, R. H. BUDDEN.

President of the Florentine Section, Italian Alpine Club.

The first meeting will take place at Florence, at the Italian Alpine Club rooms, on June 10. The following day there will be festivities at Pistoja, and during the next week various excursions will be organised in the Pistojan and Carrara Apennines.

Mr. PRATT BARLOW read a paper on the 'Ascent of the Disgrazia from Chiareggio.'

Mr. D. FRESHFIELD suggested that a direct route to the summit from Chiesa might be found by ascending one of the glens opening behind that village and joining Mr. Barlow's route on the SE. ridge of the mountain. Strong observations, which were endorsed by the President, were made on the habit of Engadine innkeepers of overcharging and underfeeding foreign guides.

*February 1.*—MR. HINCHLIFF, *President, in the Chair.*

Messrs. F. J. Church, W. Penhall, H. G. Gotch, H. A. Beachcroft, P. Watson, G. H. Hodgson, R. E. Leman, C. E. Farmer, and J. T. Beard were elected Members.

The Secretary presented the accounts for the year 1875, which were passed after some discussion as to what sum it was expedient to leave on deposit account at the Club's bankers'.

Mr. WATTS gave an account of his expedition across the Vatna Jökull.

*April 4.*—MR. HINCHLIFF, *President, in the Chair.*

Messrs. J. B. Colgrove, W. Fairbanks, and G. G. Ramsay were elected Members of the Club.

Mr. D. FRESHFIELD read a paper on the 'Gran Sasso d'Italia,' and called attention to Mr. J. R. Green's recent contribution to Alpine literature (see p. 443).