

practically prohibitive charges for some of the more difficult ascents are, we see, still maintained. When satisfactory evidence is forthcoming that there are guides in the Engadine fit for first-class work, it will be time to call for their alteration.

It is needless to say that the translator's work has been thoroughly well done.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

May 2.—A General Meeting was held at the Club Rooms, Mr. C. E. MATHEWS, *Vice-President, in the Chair.*

Mr. G. FITZGERALD was elected a member of the Club.

Mr. TUCKER read the paper published in the last number, by Mr. Whitwell, on the 'Ascents of the Aiguille de Blaitière and Dent Blanche.'

At the conclusion of the paper Mr. GEORGE said, from an examination of the eastern face of the Dent Blanche, that the route Mr. Whitwell took in his descent of the lower part of the mountain was undoubtedly the right one.

Mr. WALLROTH said that having carefully looked at the eastern face from the top of the mountain, he could fully bear out Mr. Whitwell's statement as to the disintegrated state of the rocks, and from their great steepness he considered that the risk from falling stones was very great. He also spoke of an attempt he had made to reach the summit of the Blaitière from the base of the séracs of the Géant, but which he found impracticable, owing to falling stones and the nature of the rocks.

Mr. HOARE, who had descended the Blaitière by this way, confirmed the impracticability of an ascent.

Mr. MATHEWS congratulated the Club on Mr. Whitwell having succeeded in finding a new way up a first-rate mountain.

May 30.—A General Meeting was held at the Club Rooms, Mr. R. C. NICHOLS, *Vice-President, in the Chair.*

Mr. OAKLEY MAUND read a paper on 'The Mountain Districts of Sardinia.'

June 21.—The Summer Dinner was held at the Crystal Palace, Mr. HINCHLIFF, *President, in the Chair.*

About 60 members and their friends sat down.

We regret to have to record the death of one of the earliest members of the Alpine Club, Mr. H. WARWICK COLE, Q.C. Until his comparatively recent appointment to a County Court Judgeship at Birmingham, Mr. COLE was a frequent attendant at our meetings. Though not a great climber, Mr. COLE was fond of seeking out little-visited parts of the Alps, and a pleasant record of one of his journeys remains in 'A Lady's Tour round Monte Rosa,' published by Messrs. Longman in 1859.