

ALPINE NOTES.

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'ALPINE JOURNAL,' AUGUST, 1900.—Should any member of the Club or subscriber have received smeared copies of the Illustrations to Mr. D. W. Freshfield's paper he may obtain perfect ones on application to Messrs. Spottiswoode & Co., 5 New Street Square, E.C.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE ALPINE CLUB.—The Secretary to the Argentine Legation has presented to the Alpine Club a copy of the four volumes (folio, with numerous plates) of the 'Argentine Evidence,' as laid before the tribunal appointed by her Britannic Majesty's Government to consider and report upon the differences which have arisen in the demarcation of the frontier between the Argentine and Chilian Republics in the Cordillera de los Andes.—Col. A. C. Arkwright has presented to the Club some relics, picked up by Mr. Whymper recently, of the expedition up Mont Blanc in 1866 in which his brother, Captain Arkwright, and others lost their lives. The relics consist of a portion of a pair of trousers, a handkerchief, initialled 'H. A.,' and a woollen comforter.

MOUNTAINS OF CENTRAL ASIA (KHAN-TENGRI).—We learn from the 'Rivista Mensile' (C.A.I.) for October that Prince Scipio Borghese (A.C.), with Professor Brocherel and the guide Matthia Zurbruggen, has conquered several virgin peaks and crossed several passes of from 3,000 to 4,000 mètres in the Khan-Tengri group of the Thian Shan range.

SEGANTINI'S AND VERESCHAGUIN'S MOUNTAIN LANDSCAPES.—Alpine art was not conspicuously represented at the Paris Exhibition. In the building assigned to the French Alpine Club a few pictures and drawings were exhibited without any attempt at systematic arrangement, and so mixed up with photographs, diagrams, life-size female dolls, and other oddities that what was worth notice was in danger of being overlooked. In the Decennial Galleries there was a fine cloud effect on the Puy de Dôme by Millet. In the Swiss Section I noticed nothing remarkable at a hasty glance. But time was short and the Decennial Galleries were long! There were, however, in the Italian Gallery three mountain landscapes, striking in themselves and of a pathetic personal interest. Their painter—Segantini—has been known for a long time to connoisseurs as an artist of original genius, taking his own way, apart from the broad path of clever showiness followed by the mass of his contemporaries in Italy. He painted for some years scenes of peasant life in the Italian Alps in a mood

which recalls Millet, though his technical method was singular and very different from that of the French artist. Latterly his pictures became more imaginative; landscape inspired him with strange visions. To this class belongs 'The Punishment of Luxury,' now in the Liverpool Art Gallery, where female forms are driven along on the thin clouds that sweep across a white winter landscape in the High Alps. Signor Segantini spent of late years several summers in a house he had acquired on the Maloya, and in 1899 set to work to prepare for the Paris Exhibition three gigantic landscapes—an Alpine triptych he called them. While he was residing at the little hut on the Muottas Murail, above Samaden, for the purpose of making studies for one of these, he was suddenly taken ill, and died before medical aid could be procured. The landscapes are, therefore, exhibited as 'unfinished.' But they have been carried very nearly as far as most of the painter's recent work. His aim evidently was not so much to portray any particular scene as to convey an impression created in his own mind. The pictures are primarily subjective. But in two at least of them the source of inspiration is obvious—the view over the lakes of the Engadine and the glaciers of the Bernina from the heights S.E. of Samaden and the aspect of the granite peaks of the Bregaglia seen from the terraces of Soglio. A singular effect is produced by the lowness of the mountains on the horizon—the effect rather of the view from a great peak than of one from the lower standpoint actually adopted. The pictures are singular—to me impressive—and I think would gain on better acquaintance. I trust we may see in London an exhibition of this interesting painter's work. The 'triptych' formed a curious contrast to the three equally gigantic canvases shown at the Grafton Gallery two years ago, in which the Russian painter Vereschaguin brought before our eyes Elbruz, Kasbek, and the Vale of Akluthang, at the southern base of the Kanchinjunga group. Realism could hardly go further than in these remarkably able works. To look at them was like having the Caucasian summits themselves, with every fold of their glaciers and boss of their rocky ridges, brought back before one's eyes. The 'Heart of the Himalaya' gave a wonderfully vivid impression of the region in its winter garb. Vereschaguin ventured too late in the year among the heights, and had a narrow escape, I am told, of perishing in the snows of Sikhim.

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HONSTOCK (10,416 ft.).—On August 9 Messrs. G. W. Young and C. K. Clague found an interesting variation route up this much-visited Bel Alp peak. In the S. face, somewhat E. of the summit, there is a conspicuous curved chimney, filled at a third of its height by a large mass of white quartz. The climbing starts directly from the scree. Behind the quartz the crack disappears for some 70 ft. into a funnel. The minute upper exit of this was only finally passed by the leader at the cost of almost all but boots and some cuticle, the second man following with difficulty after enlargement. There is another good double-cave pitch close under the summit ridge; which is reached 5 min. E. of the highest point.

The crack takes 2 to 2½ hrs., and, though the rock is not always dependable, it is a pleasanter climb than the ordinary loose-stone couloir. In the funnel were found some very large detached smoked crystals.

THE HORUNGTINDER. NOTES ON THE RANGE OF THE SKAGASTÖLSTINDER.—On July 28 Fröken Bertheau, Messrs. Baker, Priestman, and Slingsby, with Ole Berge as guide and Hogrenning as porter, climbed Store Skagastölstind by Heftye's route, made the traverse of Vesle and Mellemste Skagastölstind, and descended the latter by the west face, one of the most delightful, interesting, and beautiful mountain expeditions which can be imagined. For the first time the present writer realised to the full the character of the grand mountaineering exploits which have been undertaken with great patience and persistency by Herr Carl Hall, who, during several years, unravelled the innermost secrets of this the finest range of mountains north of the Alps, and thus well sustained the credit of the Alpine Club, of which he has been for many years a member. The writer is absolutely certain that where Mohns Skar now abuts against Skagastölstind a crag has fallen away, which has made the lower portion of the final ascent to be much easier than it was in 1876. The chimney originally climbed still exists, but the present and comparatively easy ridge which leads above this chimney is so obviously the best route that it would undoubtedly have been followed on the occasion of the first ascent had it been in existence.

One portion of the main ridge of the chain, and one only, still remained untraversed, a deep V-shaped notch between Mellemste and the two northern peaks. This was, of course, reputed to be impassable. Ole Berge and another of the party reconnoitred it well from the northern ridge of Mellemste, and ascertained that if the V could be climbed the rest was also feasible. This dictated the Næbbe Skar expedition (p. 271).

THE ACCIDENT ON THE ECRINS (see p. 259).—All climbers who are acquainted with the Dauphiné will hear with great regret of the death of the well known Vallouise guide Pierre Estienne in this lamentable accident. Being caught by bad weather on the descent, Monsieur Mestrallet slipped on a steep slope and dragged the whole party down, across, and into a crevasse at the bottom of a steep slope. Pierre Estienne had three ribs broken, and in consequence of this and the exhaustion of some of the party it was found necessary to pass the night high up. They had left their food lower down, on the ascent, and the storm continued through the night; consequently by the morning two of the party were almost moribund. Pierre Estienne's brother therefore descended with one traveller in search of the food, and on his return he found the two remaining travellers and his brother Pierre dead.

Monsieur Roux, the President of the Société des Alpinistes Dauphinois and editor of the 'Revue des Alpes Dauphinoises,' has written to the Honorary Secretary stating that a subscription has been opened by the 'Revue' on behalf of Pierre Estienne's widow

and four children, the eldest of whom is 15 years of age. He states that the family is very ill-provided for, and begs that English climbers will join in helping the widow and children. It is satisfactory to add that the money subscribed to this fund will be invested by the Société des Alpinistes, and strictly reserved to the children, the widow being given the interest for the maintenance and education of the children, while in the event of her remarriage the administration of the children's money would be taken entirely out of her hands.

Subscriptions should be sent to Monsieur C. Robert, Rue St. Jacques 13, Grenoble.

CRISTALLINA.—As a note on Mr. Cust's paper in the August No. of the 'Alpine Journal' it may be worth mentioning that this mountain is a convenient connecting link between Tosa Falls and Fusio. The time from point to point is about 9 or 10 hrs., not including halts. The route from Tosa Falls lies over the Bochetta di Val Maggia to the Robiei Alp, and thence either by the Lago Sciundran and up from the W., as described by Mr. Cust, or over the Passo di Lago Nero, making the final ascent from the S. The latter route has the advantage of avoiding the loose stones and broken rocks on the W. side of the mountain. A. A. BOOTH.

CAMPO TENCIA.—When crossing this mountain from Fusio to Faido, instead of going straight down from the N. peak over the Crozolina Glacier, as described in the 'Climber's Guide,' it is well worth while to follow the ridge over the central peak to the gap '2,957 mètres,' between the central and eastern peaks. From here a direct descent can be made to the stream below the Crozolina Alp.

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