

reached the open glacier.* Two hours' weary tramp brought us to the Goeschener Alp, where we spent the night. But this reminds me that I have gone beyond the limit of a week and the district of Stein.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY OF THE ALPINE CLUB.

THIS catalogue will be welcomed by all Alpine Club men, and will probably be found useful by non-members also. The last catalogue was published in 1888, under the care of Sir F. Pollock, since which time the number of works in the library has more than doubled, and its scope perhaps somewhat widened. The catalogue is of the same size as the 'Alpine Journal,' and the printing does credit to Messrs. Constable, of the Edinburgh University Press. It should perhaps be mentioned that maps, except so far as they may be annexed to books, or, in a few cases, collected in book form, are not within the scope of this catalogue. These have been catalogued separately in manuscript. Though absolute immunity from error can hardly be expected in dealing with so great a number of names, every care has been taken by Mr. Cockburn, the Honorary Librarian, to whose energy, as members know, the library owes so much, and he has been helped in his task largely by Mr. A. J. Mackintosh, the Assistant Secretary of the Club. The catalogue aims at being complete down to November 1, 1899. The price is 3s., bound in cloth ; postage 3d.

IN MEMORIAM.

S. F. STILL.

THE Club has experienced a great loss by the recent death—with almost dramatic suddenness—of Stafford F. Still, formerly one of its Vice-Presidents, and a well-known member of the committee. He commenced climbing in 1865, and up to 1876 did much good work in various districts of the Alps, including ascents by new routes of the Grand Paradis from Cogne in 1873, and the Monte della Disgrazia from Chiareggio in 1875, accompanied in both expeditions by the late F. Pratt Barlow, whose accounts of them will be found in the 'Alpine Journal,' vol. vii. p. 1 and vol. viii. p. 20; but to the last he missed but few seasons in Switzerland, and took the keenest interest in everything connected with the Club and the mountains. A born mountaineer, excelling especially on ice, he would, had he climbed without guides, have been an acknowledged leader in that branch of the mountain craft.

* This descent appears to be a new route.

To an attractive presence he added a frankness of manner which was peculiarly his own, and which secured for him a large circle of friends. He is gone, but will live in the memory of all who knew him as a delightful companion, a staunch friend, and fine example of a manly Englishman.

G. H. H.

REV. C. H. THOMPSON.

WE record with deep regret the death of the Rev. Charles Howard Thompson, at the early age of 33, after a severe attack of rheumatic fever. Educated at Radley, Christ Church, and Wells Theological College, he was ordained in 1889, and after two years at St. Margaret's, Lee, went to his life's work at St. Clement's, Bournemouth. Here for a short eight years he gave the fulness of his powers to the work of this large parish. How that work was appreciated was shown at his funeral. One who knew it best writes: 'His sunny nature endeared him to us all, and his brightness was especially attractive to children, in whom he took so much interest, whilst his active manliness and athletic powers strengthened his influence with the elder boys and young men.'

Here we would speak of him as a friend and brother-climber. He had, both before he became a member of the Club in 1896 and since that time, yearly spent his short holiday among the mountains. He had climbed in all the chief districts of Switzerland, as well as in the Graians, Mont Blanc range, and Tyrol. He was always a charming and unselfish companion, making the best of difficulties, and attracting all by his gentle consideration. It was characteristic of him that his considerable talent in music was known only to his more intimate friends. One of his guides writes with simple dignity: '*Seinen Tod bedauere ich sehr, denn er war so freundlich und gut gegen alle Menschen; aber nicht nur das; aber auch Gott hat er gefallen, darum hat Er ihn zu sich gerufen.*'

L. G.

THE ALPINE CLUB EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION.

THE Committee may congratulate itself upon the success of its venture in holding an equipment exhibition. Several of its present and late members have had such a scheme in their minds for years past, but the difficulty which presented itself lay, not so much in the task of collecting the exhibits, as in rendering the whole collection generally interesting to climbers and their friends. It is gratifying to know that the attendances have been well maintained throughout the whole period during which the exhibition was open, and fully equalled the attendance at former winter picture shows. The varied collections of old and new kits lent by members and the foreign and English trade, grouped in classes, have given members and their friends an opportunity of judging the merits of many articles, and have brought to the front the best the Alpine world can offer to the climber. Although it cannot be said that the exhibition was comprehensively international, it at least contained