

Herr Tanner dates his introductory note as follows :  
 ' Bern am Badilettag, 1934.' That sounds rather mysterious.  
 Is Badilet a private saint of our editor ?

R.

*Was nicht im Baedeker steht : Schweiz ; Ost und Süd, Nord und West.* By A. M. Schwarzenbach and H. R. Schmid. 2 vols. Pp. 240 + 304; illustrated. Munich : R. Piper, 1934.

THE title aptly describes these two delightfully written volumes which give all kinds of information respecting the towns and mountains of Switzerland. Quite frankly, they do not touch mountaineering, and will not be, consequently, of any practical use to the climber, who should nevertheless be interested to learn something about his favourite playground not found in ordinary guide-books. The various institutions of the country, the characteristic qualities, peculiarities and customs of its inhabitants are dealt with fully in an instructive and frequently humorous fashion. These volumes are well worth the attention of the foreigner, although he may find the German in which they are written not always easy to understand. The illustrations are excellent, displaying a keen sense of fun.

S. S.

*Cambridge Mountaineering, 1934.*

THE contents of this magazine, published once in two years, are very varied and interesting. The illustrations are excellent : especially views of St. Skagastölstind and of Ben Nevis, which latter gives a remarkably fine aspect of this ben. Articles cover Scotland, Wales, Norway, Pyrenees, Oberland, Greenland, Corsica, Himalaya. The Cambridge University Mountaineering Club, which is responsible for this magazine, was founded in 1883, largely by Mr. Valentine-Richards, for members of Trinity College. In 1918 it was re-formed on its present wider basis.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

### *Everest: the Final Problem.*

*To the Editor of the ALPINE JOURNAL.*

SIR,—In estimating the difficulties and analysing the problems inherent in the unclimbed portion of Everest, it is necessary to consider not only the manner in which this last 1000 ft. may be climbed but the problems involved by what may best be described as a foundation of attack without which the final attempt must fail.

The 1933 expedition were in the unhappy position of not knowing the best line of approach to the summit, the result being a division of opinion in a dissipation of climbing and mental energy between the N.E. ridge route and Brigadier Norton's traverse approach. The consensus of opinion now is that the latter route is one affording a strong chance of success and that it would be a waste of time and energy to endeavour to climb the 'Second Step,' or even of attempting to reach the foot of this formidable obstacle. Everest will only be climbed by a man who is single-minded in the matter of route, and any doubt or hesitancy in this respect must always lead to defeat.

Assuming, therefore, that the energies of the next expedition will be concentrated on climbing the final pyramid by means of Norton's route and the subsidiary couloir leading through the rock band above, it remains to be discussed how the party may best attack it.

Leaving aside vital questions such as the establishment of Camp IV on the North Col, and the economies in climbing strength which all are agreed must be made on the slopes of the North Col, the most important problem leading up to the final assault is one of camps. In 1933 Camp V was at 25,700 ft. and Camp VI at 27,400 ft., and attacks on the summit were launched from Camp IV, 23,000 ft. (the first attacks from 22,800 ft.). Do these camps both in position and number form a sound foundation of attack? Is Camp IV a sufficiently high advanced base from which attacks may be launched? The experiences of 1933 suggest 'no' to both these questions.