At six the next morning we turned out, and by nine were in Zermatt, the first person to greet us being Melchior Anderegg.

As to the expedition itself, candidly I cannot recommend it except to those who like variety before everything, and do not mind a long day in getting it. We had done very little but prove that there is one way up the Breithorn, which is eighteen hours from Zermatt.

I have more than once dilated on the merits of my guides in this room. It was a most trying day for them. At the lowest estimate from two to three thousand steps must have been cut between them, and we changed leaders fully half a dozen times. As a rule, Pollinger smokes like a furnace during an expedition, but from the time we left the Gorner Glacier to the St. Théodule he never had his pipe out; a sure sign that his energies were being fully taxed. Almer seemed to have quite recovered from his accident on the Dent d'Hérens, and I consider that it was almost entirely owing to his indomitable pluck that we took the expedition in the way, or very nearly so, that we had intended when planning it.

NEW EXPEDITIONS IN 1884—*continued.*

Monte Rosa District.

PASS NEAR THE WEISSHORN (4,161 metres=13,651 feet). *August* 18. Mr. G. S. Barnes and the Rev. R. Chesshyre-Walker with Joseph Imboden and J. M. Schanton ascended the peak in 2½ hours from the Col de Tracuit by gentle snow slopes. The descent was made to the upper névé of the Bies glacier by rather steep rocks and a very steep snow slope, and occupied 3¼ hours. Randa was reached in 12 hours from the Tracuit Alp (including all halts) by way of the Biesjoch and the Bruneggjoch. The name Bieshorn might fitly be given to the peak.

IN MEMORIAM.

KARL VON SONKLAR.

GENERAL VON SONKLAR, for many years an Honorary Member of the Alpine Club, died at Innsbruck on the 10th of January last, in his 69th year. Born at Weisskirchen in the Banat, he was brought up in a military school, and entered the Austrian army in 1839. He first showed his literary power in pamphlets on military subjects. In 1845 his regiment was transferred from Graz to Innsbruck. There he found opportunities for exercising his natural taste for mountain exploration

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