

hereby heartily offered to the Italian Alpine Club for their kindness in providing so excellent a resting-place. As an anonymous poet says—

‘ We return our thanks to the C.A.I.,  
Whose prices are low though their inn is high ;  
*Bis dat* you know— but to sell us food  
At such fair prices is just as good.’

Unwillingly we retraced our steps across the Col du Géant on a glorious day, inspected the *grand moulin* and his rain-bow splendour, and after several pleasant days at Chamonix were driven by bad weather to the sylvan solitude of Neyracles-Bains and the basalt cliffs of Jaujac, which my companion has so well described and illustrated in this Journal for November last.

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## IN MEMORIAM.

### RICHARD PENDLEBURY.

THE Alpine record of the late Mr. Richard Pendlebury is of such a remarkable nature (although it only extended from 1870 to 1877) that something more than a mere passing reference to the loss that the Club has sustained by his death is due to his memory. Any careful student of the annals of mountain exploration must be struck by the frequency with which his name is connected with important expeditions made between 1870 and 1877 in almost all parts of the Alps. The Tirol, the Dolomites, the mountains of Dauphiné, the Monte Rosa district, the Bernese Oberland, the Graians, and the Mont Blanc group were all laid under contribution, and he made splendid expeditions in each, as volumes vi., vii., and viii. of the ‘Alpine Journal’ bear record. He contributed three papers to the ‘Alpine Journal,’ viz. ‘The Schreckhorn from the Lauteraarsattel,’\* ‘The Thurnerkamp, Zillertalfer Ferner,’† and ‘Gleanings from Cogne, the Grivola, and Tour de St. Pierre.’‡ His name, however, will always be best remembered in connection with the famous first ascent of Monte Rosa from Macugnaga in 1872, an expedition recorded in detail by one of his companions (Rev. C. Taylor, ‘Monte Rosa from Macugnaga’),§ but in my opinion the finest expedition he ever made was the ascent of the Schreckhorn from the Lauteraarsattel. In the Alpine Club Edition of Ball’s ‘Western Alps’ Mr. Coolidge specially mentions Mr. Richard Pendlebury as one of a ‘small band of mountaineers’ who

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\* Vol. vii. p. 34.  
‡ Vol. ix. p. 72.

† Vol. vii. p. 232.  
§ Vol. vi. p. 232.

from 1878 onwards proceeded to complete the minute exploration of the Dauphiné Alps, where his most important expeditions were the passage of the difficult Col de la Roche Faurio and the first ascents of the central peak of the Pic Olan (now known as the 'Cime Pendlebury') and the Pic sans Nom. In July 1878 Mr. Pendlebury made an attempt on the Aiguille du Dru, which Mr. Dent, in his paper entitled 'Two Attempts on the Aiguille du Dru,'\* considers was the first real assault upon that peak; and in 1876 he climbed one of the pinnacles of the Aiguille de Blatière,† which he speaks of as 'perhaps a foot or two lower than the central or highest peak,' and he modestly adds, 'The climb was of some difficulty.' Another famous ascent was that of the Grivola by the snow arête on the north, starting from the foot of the glacier on the north of the peak. Of this expedition he remarks, 'The ascent of this glacier was a little difficult; considerably more than 1,000 steps were cut on it and on the long ice ridge.' On most of his more difficult expeditions he was accompanied by his brother, Mr. W. M. Pendlebury, and by his well-known guide, Gabriel Spechtenhauser, of Unsere Liebe Frau im Schnalserthal, and sometimes by Joseph Spechtenhauser also, but on the celebrated Schreckhorn ascent the guides were Peter Baumann and Peter Kaufmann. I first met Richard Pendlebury on the Swiss side of the Matterhorn in 1872, when he, his brother, and Mr. C. Taylor were on their way to the old Matterhorn hut, and there received the news of the successful first ascent of Monte Rosa from Macugnaga, an expedition about as dangerous as the storming of a fortress, as Mr. Pendlebury once remarked about it. 'If nothing came down on you it was all right, but if anything did you would probably be *wiped out*!' As a matter of fact, although he never allowed the reputation for danger to deter him from attempting a new expedition, he never met with an accident of serious importance, and although a stone hit him during his way up the Schreckhorn, and caused a rather severe wound, it did not incapacitate him or prevent him completing the ascent. I had the pleasure of climbing in his company in Dauphiné in 1878, and several times in short expeditions to the Cumberland Hills, where on one occasion (I think in 1878) we made what was then considered an unusual ascent of the Pillar Rock, which I believe is now known by the name of the 'Pendlebury traverse.' He was Senior Wrangler at Cambridge in 1870, and a Fellow of St. John's College, but I do not consider this a suitable place to dilate upon his abilities and triumphs as a mathematician, nor am I a suitable writer to undertake that task, but as a mountaineer Mr. Pendlebury was so modest and reticent that there was danger of the claims of the pioneer and climber being lost in the eulogy of the scholar. Unfortunately Mr. Pendlebury, after 1877, found that, owing to a weakness of his eyesight, he was unable to stand the glare of the average Alpine expedition, but he never lost his love for the mountains, and finally made his home among them at Keswick,

\* Vol. vii. pp. 66-68.

† Vol. viii. p. 106.

where he passed somewhat suddenly away from heart failure at the age of fifty-five, very sincerely regretted by those who knew him well.

FREDERICK GARDINER.

### THE ALPINE CLUB LIBRARY.

THE following is an analysis under subjects of the items among the *new* books and pamphlets below :—

Alaska; <i>s.v.</i>	Mont Blanc; <i>see</i> Corcelle, J.
Botany; <i>see</i> Radde, G.	Monte Rosa; <i>see</i> Dainelli, G.
Central Asia; <i>see</i> Almásy, G. v.	Mountaineering; <i>see</i> Alpinisme.
Fiction; <i>see</i> Sutcliffe, C.	Baccelli, A., Campanile, V., Cer-
Geology; <i>see</i> Blaas, J., Martonne, E.	menati, M., Zavattari, O.
de.	Norway; <i>see</i> Pettersen, H.
Hannibal; <i>see</i> Garofalo, F. P.	Poetry; <i>see</i> Rawnsley, H. D.
India; <i>see</i> Collett, J., Freshfield, D. W.	Switzerland; <i>s.v.</i>

The following additions have been made since January:—

#### *New Books, presented by the Authors or Publishers.*

\***Alaska.** Giving the results of the Harriman Alaska expedition carried out with the co-operation of the Washington Academy of Sciences. By John Burroughs, John Muir, and George Bird Grinnell. 2 vols. Imp. 8vo, pp. xxxvii, 383; maps and numerous col. and other plates.

London, Murray, 1902. £3 3/ net

Vol. 1, Narrative, glaciers, natives; vol. 2, History, geography, resources.

**Alpine Majestäten.** Vol. 2, parts 1-2. Folio, plates.

München, Vereinig. Kunstanstalt, 1902

This keeps up its quality. The cover has been improved by the removal of the fanciful mountain deities. The price is M. 1 a part.

**Alpinisme,** Congrès international de l'. Tenu à Paris du 11 au 15 Août 1900. Compte rendu. 8vo, pp. 256. Clermont, Daix, 1902

This contains articles on glaciers, mal de montagne, flora, railways, education and insurance of guides, equipment, sport, medical aid, painting, school excursions, speleology, Norway, Pyrenees, Popocatepetl, Baltistan, etc.

**Argentine-Chilian Boundary.** 16 maps to accompany the Argentine Evidence. *q.v.* Alpine Journal, vol. xx. p. 283.

\***Baccelli, Alfredo.** Vette e Ghiacci. Impressioni e ricordi. Bibl. d. alpinista, 1. 8vo, pp. 213. Roma, Soc. Editrice Dante Alighieri, 1901. Lire 2.50

**Blaas, Dr. J.** Geologischer Führer durch die Tiroler und Vorarlberger Alpen. 8vo, pp. xxiii, 983; maps, ill. Innsbruck, Wagner, 1902. M. 20

This valuable compilation is in seven separate parts; Uebersicht; Bayerische Alpen, Vorarlberg; Nordtirol; Mitteltirol; Südtirol; Literatur u. Register; Profile u. Karten.

**Campanile, Vincent.** Calendrier Alpin avec des notices sur les éruptions volcaniques, explorations polaires, etc. 5me édition, 8vo, pp. 390.

Naples, d'Auria, 1902

This is a calendar of first ascents, accidents, etc., arranged under dates, with reference indexes of peaks, accidents, deaths of famous climbers. There is also a list of women who have ascended Mont Blanc, of peaks from the Maritime Alps to the Tyrol, and of the Apennines, with heights. The arrangement by dates would not of itself be of much use were it not that the copious indexes make reference easy. The work is a useful addition to the growing bibliography of mountaineering literature.

\* See 'Reviews and Notices' in this number.