

intelligible. For at least a century the true northern limits of the Justedalabræ have been recognised, and during this period tens of thousands of horses, bred in the Nordfjord district, have been driven on their way to the Christiania market over the wild Kamphammer Pass, within a stone's throw of its most northern glacier arm. This glacier arm drains through several lakes and the Otta river into Gudbrandsdal, and so to the Christiania fjord, and not into the Justedal.

The prosperity of the Norsk Turist Forening is shown by the numbers of its members, which reach the grand total of 2,221.

WM. CECIL SLINGSBY.

The Yorkshire Ramblers' Club Journal. Vol. I. No. 4. Edited by Thomas Gray. (London: T. Fisher Unwin. 1902.)

We congratulate the Yorkshire Ramblers on the completion of the first volume of their journal. The present number maintains the high standard of its predecessors. Amongst other articles it contains one on 'A Run through the Dolomites in 1876,' by the Rev. W. A. B. Coolidge, and a brilliant paper by Mr. C. E. Mathews on 'Personal Reminiscences of Great Climbs.' At the same time what may be called the home work of the Club is very adequately represented. Of the Illustrations, of which there are a considerable number, that of 'Pike's Crag, Scawfell Pike,' pleases us most. It is satisfactory to find that the roll of members has increased, and that the social functions of the Club continue to prosper. We congratulate the editor on an excellent number.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE ORTLER GUIDES.

To the Editor of the ALPINE JOURNAL.

SIR,—In August 1895 you published in large type a note setting forth that complaints had reached you 'respecting certain second-class guides of the Ortler district who stated to their employers that they were in the habit of breaking up parties of four or more into parties of two, and roping one guide and one traveller together when about to cross *névé*, because such was the rule made by the German and Austrian Alpine Club,' and you stated that the representatives of that Club assured you that such statements were devoid of all foundation. Your number for May 1896 contained further correspondence on the same subject.

I desire to bring to the notice of all who may be concerned the following facts: In September last, with four young relatives, I arrived at Sulden, and was met by appointment by the head of the Sulden guides. He informed me that by the orders of the Prague Section of the German and Austrian Alpine Club, to which the Sulden guides were subject, every traveller in glacier expeditions.

must take a guide, and each guide and traveller must go on a separate rope. His statement was confirmed by the landlord of the Eller Hotel. After much debate the head guide and his comrades accepted my ultimatum that I would take three guides only, who should be responsible for three of the party, while I should be responsible for one of my companions. They roped the party in pairs, but agreed to join the ropes when called on to do so. I have since, in reply to my enquiries, received from the Secretary of the Prague Section a letter in which he informs me that the guides were correct in stating that that body requires that every traveller shall have a separate guide for the Ortler, but repudiating any responsibility for the further statement that only two persons are allowed on one rope, which he admits to be a dangerous practice.

It would be interesting to know, and I hope we may shortly hear, what steps the Austrian and German Club has officially taken since 1895 either to inform these Sulden guides that they are acting under a dangerous misapprehension, or to rebuke them for wilful misrepresentations which endanger travellers and bring discredit on the Austrian and German Club. The number of accidents of late years, and more particularly last summer, in the Austrian Alps has been shocking, and too many of these have been due to an utter disregard of the first principles of mountaineering, and in particular of the proper use of the rope.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,
DOUGLAS W. FRESHFIELD.

THE SECOND WETTERHORN ACCIDENT.

AN appeal is being made on behalf of the widows of Samuel Brawand and Fritz Bohren, who were killed by lightning on the Wetterhorn on August 20 last. From a subscription started in Switzerland Brawand's widow has received about 100*l.* and Bohren's widow nearly 70*l.* These sums, with the husbands' insurance moneys, have helped the widows to start, but to work their little homesteads successfully more is needed.

Subscriptions will be most gratefully received by the following, who will act as trustees to see to the proper disposal of the money collected:—Sir Charles Locock, Bart., Oaklands, Braintree, Essex; Sydney Spencer, Esq., Mount Beacon House, Lansdown, Bath; Macdonald Beaumont, Esq., 23 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.; Rev. H. J. Heard, St. Michael's Rectory, Bath.