The general line of ascent is at a converging angle to the main S.E. arête.

. The ascent is quite an interesting one, and is an alternative route up M. Blanc for those who already know the ordinary Midi route, which crosses the flanks of the M. Blanc du Tacul and M. Maudit at some way below their summits.]

La Tour Ronde (3792 m. = 12,441 ft.). Descent by the S. Face. Marchesina Emanuela Spinola, Barone Luigi de Riseis and E. G. Oliver, with Henri and Adolphe Rey and a porter.—August 19, 1914.—We left the Rifugio Torino at 7 A.M. and reached the top of the Tour Ronde by the Col des Flambeaux and S.E. arête at 10.30. We found very bad snow and frequent avalanches in the steep couloir by which one gains the arête, and had to keep on and close to the rocks on the true left of the couloir. We left the summit at 11.30, keeping for a few minutes along the west arête towards the Col de la Tour Ronde. We then descended the S. face, at first by a steep rib of rocks alternating with snow, for about an hour. On reaching the bottom of the rocks we descended directly the steep snow-face to the Brenva Glacier (rather over half an hour from the bottom of the rocks).

The snow, which had been exceedingly bad on the other side, was here in excellent condition. In a dry season the face would probably be all ice, and a descent by this route impracticable.

We reached Courmayeur by the Brenva Glacier at 5 P.M.

VARIOUS EXPEDITIONS IN 1914.

Mont Blanc Group.

The Brévent (by the Chamonix face).—This climb is not uncommonly recommended at Chamonix nowadays to those who want a scramble either for an off-day or when the weather has made the mountains in the Mont Blanc range impossible. The route lies up a gully for a good three-quarters of an hour; a traverse to the left is then made and a chimney followed to the top. The rock is everywhere rotten, and the danger from falling stones considerable. In addition, in more than one place several large boulders have become very loose in the gully above mentioned. Joseph Ravanel, who made the first ascent by this route in 1906, and with whom I did it this season, told me that the route formerly lay over the boulders, which were perfectly safe. Now, however, it is necessary to take the greatest care not to touch them, owing to their dangerously loose condition. On the way down by the ordinary path it is easy to turn aside for a few steps and obtain a view of the top of the gully (which is not climbed but left where

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the traverse begins). In the upper part it is nearly vertical and full of large stones, ready to fall at any minute. Since the route lies under these stones for at least three-quarters of an hour, it is evident that for this reason alone the climb is one to be avoided, and altogether it is most certainly not to be recommended to anyone looking for a pleasant day's scramble in the neighbourhood of Chamonix. A. M. CARR-SAUNDERS.

[The first ascent of this face was made in 1906 by the late M. Beaujard, led by Joseph Ravanel. It has since been many times repeated. A detailed account of the expedition by M. Cl. Joublot, together with a marked sketch of the route, is to be found in 'La Revue Alpine,' 1909, 357–362.]

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P. 370, *for* 1462 read 1492 (the original documents relating thereto are printed in Dr. Coolidge's edition of Simler).

P. 374, read Col *dei* Viso ; *cache* for câche.

P. 377 note. We are informed by Dr. Coolidge that this is the

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