

of letters bearing on the projected ascents of the Cervin prior to 1865, and incidentally on the relations between Whymper and Croz. One of these days I will attempt a summary of them.

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LE CONGRÈS DE L'ALPINISME À MONACO.

(1^{er} Mai-20 Mai 1920.)

THIS highly successful congress was attended by about 200 representatives of the mountaineering clubs of the world. Its success must be ascribed in a large measure to the great personal interest taken in it by H.S.H. the reigning Prince of Monaco and to the driving power of Baron Gabet, President of the C.A.F., who, aided by many devoted workers, organized the arrangements in a most complete manner. It must be confessed that the many outside attractions, such as luncheons, banquets, receptions, small mountain excursions and motor drives in the unrivalled environs of Monaco, organized by the Committee, tended to minimise the attendance at the reading of the many elaborate papers.

Among the English papers contributed were :

'A Consideration of the Chances of ascending Mt. Everest,' by Prof. Kellas (a very suggestive and valuable paper); 'Attempts on K₂,' by Dr. Jacot-Guillarmod; 'The Brunegghorn in History,' by Mr. Coolidge; 'Explorations in the Japanese Alps,' by Mr. Weston; 'History of the A.C.,' by Mr. Mumm.

The whole meeting was marked by a cordiality of feeling that leaves in the minds of the participants the warmest memories.

The English members were particularly struck by the veritable heights of eloquence attained by their French and other colleagues, while the far too flattering allusions to the British Empire and its representatives quite put them out of countenance.

Among the representatives of the C.A.F., besides the President, M. le Baron Gabet, were M. Berge (Hon. President), le Commandant Cuënot (Vice-President), M. Bregeault (Sec-général), M. Paillon, Editor of *La Montagne*, M. Gatine (Vice-President), M. Ferrand, the well-known Alpine author and President of the Société des Touristes du Dauphiné

(our hon. member), M. le Chevalier de Cessole (our hon. member), the indefatigable President of the Nice section, M. Filhoulaud, member of the Committee of the Nice section (who was mainly responsible for the organization of the Congress), and the super-eloquent, silver-voiced Professor Girardin.

The S.A.C. was represented by its Past-President M. Bernoud, a witty speaker, Dr. Jacot-Guillarmod, the Karakoram explorer, Professor Mercanton, the great authority on glaciology, whose gaiety and keen personality were a great factor, and M. Paul Montandon, our own hon. member. The Italian delegate was M. Bobba, the famous mountaineer and author.

The States sent Professor Charles E. Fay of Tufts College, President of the American A.C., whose speeches were much applauded, especially when he was called upon to answer for Canada (!)

Canada sent, above all, Mrs. Henshaw, besides Dr. Ami and Mr. Byron Harmon, noted for his mountain photographs and whose lectures were the best attended of any.

Mr. Weston represented Japan. Scotland sent Ling, our Ling, President S.M.C. The general secretaries were Mr. H. F. Montagnier and Capt. J. E. C. Eaton, who were quite indefatigable.

The A.C. was represented by myself (Acting President *ad hoc*) and the Hon. Secretary, Capt. Eaton. Upon my great good comrade fell the lion's share of the speaking, admirably done, as the threatened strike delayed me four days.

We wound up by giving a dinner to our colleagues, at which about twenty-four sat down—and finished up, very late—at the Café de Paris—going very strong, all out. The compliments paid to the A.C. and to us as its representatives were such as quite to exhaust my power of blushing, while Eaton seemed to accept them quite as a matter of course.

It was throughout a time of splendid, mutual good-feeling that cannot fail to produce valuable lasting effects.

At a breakfast given by H.S.H. the Reigning Prince, at the close of his speech, he turned to the English-speaking delegates, and in perfect English spoke as follows:

'Gentlemen,—I will also address a few words of welcome to you English and American friends who have proved all over the world your high qualities as mountain explorers. I never went on any mountain, however infernal it may be, without finding there some of your footprints.

'To understand my feelings when I call you friends you must remember how many thousands of your brothers have,

very few months ago, shed their blood on the soil of our countries, when helping to save our civilization; and you must know how highly we praise your friendship, as well in the peace and in the war.

‘Putting aside some political misunderstandings that remain under the responsibility of a few individuals, our nations at large are made to understand each other in questions that can lead all of us to more far-seeing and progress. Every man must feel to-day how foolish it is to ruin the future of our children for a bit of land or for some bubbles on the water.

‘And now as we know what power our allied nations can have against those who want to rule the world with guns, it seems possible to bring every matter of discussion on such battle-field as this one, where every one of us seeks for reason and truth.’

In any case the Alpine Club has reason to be proud of the warm-hearted estimation in which it is held.

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NARRATIVES OF ASCENTS OF MONT BLANC AND MONTE
ROSA IN 1855 BY MR. EDWARD HYDE GREG.

With a Note by GODFREY A. SOLLY.

SO far as I know the attention of climbers was first called to the expeditions of Mr. E. H. Greg by the paper of Mr. H. F. Montagnier in Vol. xxxi. of the ALPINE JOURNAL, page 305.

As I had known many of the family I made some inquiries, but it was only after the Armistice that by the courtesy of his son, Lieut.-Colonel R. A. Greg, C.B.E., I was able to see the records that he had left. He appears to have kept journals of his tour, and in 1896 he copied in his own handwriting the two accounts which follow, but the original journals cannot be found, and were probably then destroyed.

These copies are bound up with a large paper copy of Auldjo's Ascent of Mt. Blanc, and with manuscript extracts from some other printed accounts of ascents, and with them are his passport dated 1855, and signed by him in 1855-1875 and 1907, and the original certificate of his ascent of Mt. Blanc, dated August 29, 1855, and signed by the Syndic and all the guides as well as by Mr. Greg himself.