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THE necessity for publishing the rules of the Club and other technical details in our first number has rendered it impossible to devote more than a very small amount of space to purely literary matter. This, however, if it be a defect, is a defect that will only apply to our initial venture.

The Committee, for a time, was somewhat divided as to the advisability of issuing the *Journal* so often as four times a year, there being a feeling in certain quarters that, sooner or later, difficulty will be experienced in obtaining a sufficiency of suitable material; but the Editor has already received such liberal promises of support, that there is every reason to believe that the course adopted will be justified by success. However, in order to make our publication thoroughly interesting, it will be necessary to provide a constant flow of entirely fresh climbing information, and this can only be done by the assistance of all the active members of the Club.

We number amongst us most of the finest rock-climbers of the day—rock-climbers who indulge in their pastime in every quarter of the earth, from the ridges and gullies of our British hills to the stupendous ranges of the Himalayas; and consequently there will be no difficulty in obtaining plenty of good material, if only these active and enthusiastic mountaineers will bear the existence of the Club in mind during their expeditions, and whenever they succeed in accomplishing anything they consider worthy of note, remember that at home in England awaits an Editor, eager and anxious for the fullest details.

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By special desire we are now publishing the accounts of two gully climbs, both of which have been accomplished in the comparatively short space of time that has elapsed since the resolution to form what we may describe as a union of climbers first began to bear fruit. The gullies in question are—the Western, or Slanting Gully, on the north face of Lliwedd (Messrs. A. & G. D. Abraham); and the “Devil’s Kitchen,” or Twll Du, a deep perpendicular rift in the north-east side of Y Garn (Messrs. Read and McCulloch). Both are situated in the Snowdon District of North Wales, and have for years been the recipients of much attention.

The Lliwedd Gully is probably the better known, owing to the unfortunate accident that occurred there in the summer of 1894; but since the determined attempt upon the "Kitchen" in 1895 by Mr. Owen Glynne Jones (which attempt, although made under the most unfavourable circumstances, was almost attended by success), this gully has been constantly assaulted, and at last has been forced to succumb.

In speaking of Messrs. Read and McCulloch's climb as a first ascent, we are not losing sight of the fact that during the severe winter of 1895 Messrs. J. M. A. Thomson and Harold Hughes ascended the "Kitchen;" but their feat of step-cutting up the frozen waterfall—a remarkable exhibition of care, patience, and skill—can scarcely be looked upon as a rock climb.

It is interesting to note that the first ascent of a first-class peak in the Alps this year was accomplished by a member of the Climbers' Club. We refer to the ascent of the Matterhorn, on the 15th July, by Mr. G. D. Abraham. Owing to the unusually late season, with phenomenal snowfall, the high peaks had been unassailable until that date.

Mr. Abraham's ascent was made under difficult conditions, and was a very fine performance. The time from the Alpine Club hut (10,000 feet) to the summit, which was reached during a severe storm, occupied 7 hours 15 minutes.

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We are arranging for a series of articles upon rock-climbing in the British Isles. The first of the series—on rock-climbing in England—has kindly been undertaken by Mr. Owen Glynne Jones, and will appear in our November number, which will also contain an article on "First Aid in Climbing Accidents," and an account of some practice scrambles in the Derbyshire Peak District, &c., &c.

It is the wish of the Committee to make the *Journal* of interest to every member; but it is scarcely possible to do this unless comments and criticisms are freely made; and therefore, whether you wish to offer suggestions or to utter complaints, the Editor will be delighted to hear from you.
