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NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. A. H. SAVAGE LANDOR'S book "In the Forbidden Land" has been the cause of a large amount of controversy between that gentleman and an ex-President of the Alpine Club. We recommend everyone interested in mountaineering to read Mr. Douglas Freshfield's criticism in the November number of the *Alpine Club Journal*, also the article in the *Daily Chronicle* of January 1st, and the subsequent correspondence in the columns of the same paper. Several of our members have sent us reviews of Mr. Landor's book, but the opinion of experts on the subject of these extraordinary mountaineering exploits seems to be so unanimous that we should only lay ourselves open to the charge of plagiarism were we to publish them.

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As will be seen from the *Pen-y-Gwryd Notes*, those who spent their Christmas holidays upon the Welsh Mountains were not favoured with ideal conditions. To instance the severity of the weather, several of the daily papers gave the experiences of four gentlemen who, on January 2nd, left Roman Bridge Station to climb Moel Siabod. As they approached the summit progress became difficult, and a violent hailstorm coming on they had to obtain temporary shelter under a rock. The hail presently changed to snow, and to add to their difficulties they were overtaken by darkness. By the time they succeeded in fighting their way down to Capel Curig, a descent which occupied three hours, all sensation had been beaten out of their faces by the hailstones, and one of the party was nearly exhausted. The leader, a well-known medical man from Llandudno, is said to have had some mountaineering experience, but whether his experience includes a knowledge of his local mountains under winter conditions is not stated.

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IN our last number we referred to two gullies at the extreme base of the Northern arête of Crib Goch. Mr. J. M. A. Thomson writes to say that further round towards Cwm Glas there is an attractive gully, longer and far more deeply recessed than the two mentioned, which contains, besides minor obstacles, two remarkable pitches, and affords a most interesting method of getting on to the North Ridge. Mr. Thomson climbed this gully on March 16th, 1897. There is no record of any ascent having been made before or since that date. This terminating buttress of the Northern arête is known to shepherds as Dinas Mot.

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THE Editor will be glad to hear from any members who are acquainted with climbing in the Cader Idris district.

To the Editor of the CLIMBERS' CLUB JOURNAL.

20th January, 1899.

DEAR SIR,

ENGLISH CLIMBING FROM AN ALPINE STANDPOINT.

By an oversight a small error found its way into the above article. "Black Crag" should read "Iron Crag" in line 33, page 38. On page 39 the guess was hazarded that Messrs. Robinson and Haskett Smith climbed the Doe Crag North Gully in 1886. A recent conversation with Mr. Robinson has cleared up this matter of ancient history. Their climb was up the buttress to the right of the Easter Gully to the top of its major difficulty, thence up the gully itself; and apparently it was down the North Gully that Mr. Haskett Smith was lowered on the rope.

OWEN GLYNNE JONES.

To the Editor of the CLIMBERS' CLUB JOURNAL.

29th January, 1899.

DEAR SIR,

Without wishing to send round the hat, or descend to any of the more insidious forms of begging, may I point out that it would be of very great permanent and general utility if in such places as may become definite centres of climbing a few properties could be collected such as the following:—

Ordnance map of the district (framed).

Geological map (ditto).

A good barometer (in repair).

Thermometer (ditto).

A small bookcase (with lock and key).

Climbing books for the same.

Boot-iron, etc.

It is possible that any of us, at any time, in the course of house-changing, change of tastes, matrimony, or other disaster, might find he had little or no use for such things. They would be a great boon in such places as Pen-y-Gwryd. I cannot speak, from recent experience, of Wastdale Head. At any rate we cannot expect the inn-keepers in these places to provide them. Perhaps the Club might.

Yours very faithfully,

C. S.