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## NOTES.

WE are indebted to a correspondent for the following copy of an entry made in the Visitors' Book at Pen y Gwryd by Charles Kingsley, on discovering that the verses written by himself, Tom Taylor, and Tom Hughes had been stolen :—

Fifteen years ago, Thomas Hughes, M.P., Tom Taylor, and myself wrote some verses in this book for these dear good people, and they were cut out and stolen by some snob, after ten pounds had been refused for them.

Now, such snobs are, unfortunately, of the human race, and will wed, and are therefore liable to produce little snobkins. Some such snobkins may visit Pen y Gwryd, and be still too uncivilised to be weaned from their parents' proclivities.

Any such I warn that he cannot well steal this bit of writing, and show it again, unless he wish to expose his own shame. And yet I am not sure that even this plan will be successful, for snobs being, at least half of them, fools likewise, he may steal this for the mere pleasure of boasting that he stole it.

Charles Kingsley's signature was written diagonally across the page. The original was kept by the late Mrs. Owen in her cash box, and might possibly be recovered if the box is still at the house.

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WE learn that a second and enlarged edition of the late Mr. Owen Glynne Jones' book, "Rock Climbing in the English Lake District," will be published at an early date. This new edition will contain entirely fresh chapters upon Dow Crag, Walker's Gully, Scawfell Pinnacle, Keswick Brothers' Climb, Pisgah Buttress, Scawfell, Pavey Ark, besides several minor notes on Great Gable, the Pillar Rock, &c., all from material left by the author. There will also be several new illustrations, an appendix containing details of the most recent climbs in the district, and a memoir of Mr. Jones, with a full account of the sad accident which robbed the Climbers' Club of one of its most enthusiastic members.

The revision is in the capable hands of Messrs. George and Ashly Abraham of Keswick, who, from their intimate knowledge of Lakeland, are peculiarly fitted for carrying on this work, upon which Mr. Jones was himself engaged up to the time he left England for that last visit to the Alps.

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IN our last number we referred to the intended sale by auction of the Muckcross estate (Killarney). Although there were several bidders, and the offers quickly mounted up to £50,000, no advance upon this could be elicited, and the estate was bought in by the vendors for £51,000. We understand the property, which comprises, besides 14,000 acres of freehold, a house (built of cut stone, at a cost of £30,000), and the tolls paid by visitors for seeing the Lakes, is still in the market.\*

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AN exceedingly interesting exhibition of mountaineering equipment has been held this month at Alpine Club. In addition to the usual mountaineering implements, rucksacks, ropes, axes, flasks, clothing, lanterns, boots, &c., there was a large collection of all the requisite materials, even for the most prolonged and difficult expeditions.

Perhaps the most interesting of all the personal exhibits was the outfit used by Sir Martin Conway and his party in the Andes. Base tent, with camp bedstead, reindeer skin, sleeping bags, and a small "Mummery" tent were all shown.

Among the other exhibits were the ice axes of the ex-presidents of the Club, beginning with that of Mr. Justice Wills, and the axes used by Mr. Whymper in his early climbs, and by Sir Martin Conway's coolies in the Karakorams.

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THE Hon. Treasurer desires to acknowledge the receipt of a postal order for 5/-, despatched from Cambridge on November

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\* Since writing the above, we learn that the Muckcross estate has been purchased by Lord Ardilaun for £60,000. Lord Ardilaun states that he has no intention at present of curtailing the privileges enjoyed by the public. Some new buildings may be erected, but these will not in any way interfere with the sights hitherto open to tourists. His lordship does not desire this to be regarded as a pledge for the continuance of the privileges, but merely as a reflection of his present intention.

20th last, and also of a postal order for 10/6, purchased at the Great Queen Street Post Office on January 29th, and having on the envelope the post-mark "London, W.C., 4.15 p.m., Ja. 29." In both cases the names of the senders have been omitted. As soon as these have been supplied the usual receipts will be sent.

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JUST as we are going to press we hear that an unfortunate party of two were benighted on the Pillar Rock on the last night of the year. We hope to be in a position to give details of their experiences in our next number.

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## THE MOUNTAINEER.

Do you not think that Nature often saves  
 The deepest secrets of her thousand moods  
 For him who, leaving lowland fields and woods,  
 Strives up to where the mountain flower waves?  
 Up, up, to where some snow-clad monarch braves  
 The winds of heaven and their tumultuous speed,  
 Clear or in cloud, yet paying little heed  
 Though Zephyr sighs, though ruder Boreas raves.  
 Oh, is there not a type in those far skies  
 Of that Eternal watching waiting One  
 Enwrapped in doubt, or dazzling in the Sun  
 Of living Faith?—for if one gain at last  
 The summit snow-drift driven by the blast,  
 Regret forgot, high Heaven will be the prize.