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To the Editor of the CLIMBERS' CLUB JOURNAL.

PEN Y GWRYD, *Nov. 14, 1899.*

SIR,

THE COLOUR OF GLASLYN AND OF LLYN LLYDAW.

Glaslyn and Llydaw are the names of the two chief Snowdonian lakes.

Glaslyn has been noted from time immemorial for the greenish colour of its water, as is implied by its name ; but, until this year, 1899, there has been nothing peculiar about the colour of Llydaw. This last summer, however, for the first time within the last fifty years at least, the water of Llyn Llydaw has become as green as that of Glaslyn. The cause of this remarkable change of colour is not far to seek, for last spring (some time about March, I am told) the company that works the Snowdon copper mine commenced crushing and washing their ore on the bank of Llydaw, so that a large quantity of greenish debris is daily carried into the lake, whose water has thus become turbid and greenish in colour. The rock excavated along the copper veins is of a greenish colour, as may be seen by looking at the tips at the mouths of the adit levels. This change of colour in Llydaw explains the colour of Glaslyn, about the cause of which there has hitherto been some doubt, for it cannot now be doubted that Glaslyn owes its green colour to the detritus of green rock washed into it from the adit levels of the mines.

Yours truly,

J. R. DAKYNS.

To the Editor of the CLIMBERS' CLUB JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,

“BEDDGELEERT.”

On page 180 of his book on Beddgelert, Mr. Jenkins states that Llyn y Nadroedd (by him spelt Nadredd) is the lowest of the three little lakes in Cwm Clogwyn. This is incorrect. Llyn y Nadroedd, so far from being the lowest, is really the highest, of these lakes. The heights of the lakes, given on the Ordnance Map, 17 S.W., Caernarvonshire, are :—

Llyn Glas 1735'8.

Llyn Côch 1704'9.

Llyn y Nadroedd . . . 1741'7.

But even without actual measurement it is obvious to the naked eye that Llyn Côch is the lowest of the three, for it lies in the bottom of the Cwm, while the other lakes lie on the sides of the Cwm, one on each side of Llyn Côch.

Yours truly,

J. R. DAKYNS.

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SIR,

The path, known as the Pig Track, which leads from Pen-y-Pass towards Snowdon, is so called because it goes through a gap, called in Welsh “Bwlch Moch,” which means “Pigs’ Gap,” from two Welsh words, viz., Bwlch = Gap, and Moch = Pigs. As I am told by a Welshman, Moch is a plural word = Pigs. The singular is Mochan = Pig. The word Bwlch is used very much as the word Col is in Switzerland.

Yours, &c.,

J. R. DAKYNS.