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## NOTES.

ENGLISH LAKE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—We have received the report and balance sheet for 1899 of the English Lake District Association. This Association, which appears to have for its object the making and improvement of mountain roads, bridges, and paths, has spent during the past year the sum of £97 16s. 9d, the chief items of expenditure being—

Making new path, Ambleside to Keiskstone, . . . . .	£10	8	0
Rossett Ghyll path repairs, . . . . .	2	10	0
Repairing path over Armboth Fell, . . . . .	5	18	6
Repairing Patterdale paths, . . . . .	4	16	0
New bridges at Seathwaite and Borrowdale, . . . . .	5	19	6
Repairing cairn on Scawfell, . . . . .	0	7	6

The Association has been in existence since 1877, and has now a balance in hand of nearly £300.

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LUDWIG PURTSCHELLER.—A well-known mountaineer writes us as follows :—Ludwig Purtscheller, who succumbed to influenza complicated by pneumonia on March 3, at Bern, while still not completely recovered from the effects of an accident on the Dru,\* was Tyrolese by nationality, being born in Innsbrück, on October 6, 1849. In the earlier years of his life he climbed entirely in the Eastern Alps, and there was probably no valley and no mountain of even fourth-rate character which he had not visited in the whole of this immense district. Later (in 1883) he extended his travels to the Western Alps, and in '98 he was able to say that he had, in the Alps, ascended more than 1500 named and

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\* On August 25 last, Herr Purtscheller broke his arm in two places when descending (with a guide and another traveller) the steep snow slope above the bergschrund at the foot of the Aigurth du Dru.—ED.

surveyed summits, more than 40 of which were over 4000 metres high. With Meyer he was the first to climb Kilima Njaro. In the Caucasus he had conquered Tetnuld, Don-gusorun, Adyrsu, Djanga, Elbruz, and others. Of his personal character it is difficult to speak. He was of a retiring and almost shy nature, and it was not easy to make his acquaintance. But his chief hobby, apart from the sciences connected with mountains, was history; and he was keen and enthusiastic about education in its true and higher sense. Poor himself, he was yet generous to a fault. But the mountains claimed by far the most of his time. One of the things that annoyed him was to lose a day in his all too short vacation on account of weather. For endurance it would be difficult to find his equal; while his judgment, especially of ice, was unsurpassed, and wherever he went the best local guides would defer to his opinion. As an example of enthusiasm and endurance, I may mention the following incident. In '98 Purtscheller and his trusty friend, Blodig, made a new ascent of the Täschrhorn. Benighted on the way back, they bivouacked on the rocks, and then came straight up to my camp on the upper levels of the Schönbuhl Glacier, and ascended the Dent Blanche the next day.

He himself went always guideless; occasionally he would go with others who had guides, and it was on one of these expeditions that he met with the accident which indirectly caused his death. In his later years, he was no longer a great rock-climber, as the term is now understood, but one would have had to look a long way for a "bit" to beat him. There is in fact no doubt whatever (and, on the Continent, it was acknowledged by all) that he was by far the best all-round mountaineer that has ever lived.

His loss is the greatest we have ever suffered. It is not often that one can use truly, as one can of Ludwig Purtscheller, that hackneyed and abused quotation—

"He was a man, take him for all in all,  
I shall not look upon his like again."

KYNDWR CLUB.—We have received the following note from a correspondent:—The Kyndwr Club is the name of a small association, having its headquarters at Derby, which comprises several members of the Climbers' Club, and is a useful example of how to make the most of local opportunities. Derbyshire hardly affords material for a club of scramblers pure and simple, and so the love of outdoor science, archæology, and even a congenial interest in literature, enter into the bond of union, and give occasion for frequent meetings and excursions.

During the hard weather in February a memorable day was enjoyed on the lonely moors about the upper Derwent. The atmospheric conditions were severe, one man suffering a slight frost-bite. But when the sun came out in the afternoon the panorama of snowy fells could hardly have been surpassed in brilliance in the Lake District. Since then practice has been had on a couple of fresh climbs, short but good, on Rowtor Rocks, and on the familiar ones about Cratcliff Tor. On Robin Hood Stride a party would seem to have been in a terrible funk lately, atop of the harder pinnacle, for 35 feet of Alpine Club rope was discovered tightly but nervously attached, with the end hanging over and cut. Sacrificing the moral support with a vengeance!

A paper on rock-climbing in the neighbourhood was read the other day, and more than sixty excellent slides, illustrating local rock-work, were exhibited.

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IN deference to the wishes of several of our members, we have decided to alter our method of numbering the *Journal* in order to facilitate reference. The present issue consequently is No. 7, and the numbering will in future be continued without regard to the volume.

We have to apologise for the omission of Mr. W. Gurney Angus' name from the list of members published in our last number.

We shall be obliged if members failing to receive their copies will communicate with the Editor.

The Hon. Treasurer desires us to acknowledge receipt of another Postal Order for 10s. 6d., with a London post-mark, but without name or address of the sender.