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NOTES.

CAUCASUS CLUB.—Mr. W. R. Rickmers informs us that in Vienna the "Caucasus" Club has just been formed. Its chief feature is the rule that only such climbers will be considered qualified who, during their Alpine career have given sufficient proofs of their independence on the mountains. The number of members will be limited to one hundred, and the candidates will be subjected to a stringent ballot.

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BEQUEST TO THE SWISS ALPINE CLUB.—The *Athenæum* learns from the Central Committee of the Swiss Alpine Club that Herr J. H. Huber, who died in April, 1900, has bequeathed to the Club 20,000 francs, the interest of which is to be employed in grants to needy widows and orphans of "pratented" Swiss mountain guides who have perished in the exercise of their calling.

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ACCIDENTS.—None of the accidents referred to in our last issue appear to have been climbing accidents, and fortunately one has proved on investigation not to have been fatal. The fall of Mr. Wilfred McInnes on the Cyfrwy arête of Cader Idris is fully described by Mr. Fred. W. Jackson on page 000, and, as Mr. Jackson suggests, it certainly seems to shew that the human frame can endure more than would at first sight appear possible, but we venture to think that few could repeat Mr. McInnes's experiences with any hope of survival.

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ACCIDENT ON PAVEY ARK.—The full particulars of the death of Mr. Sowerbutts on Pavey Ark are never likely to be known. Such details as have come to hand are given on page 000, in Mr. Abraham's "Wastdale Notes." Accidents to solitary pedestrians, however much they may be deplored, can

scarcely excite surprise. Those who do not know the dangers of our British hills too often despise them, and shew their contempt by venturing, without the slightest precaution, in places where the expert would use the greatest care. When we think of the numerous tourists we have seen running gaily, in nailless boots, about the grass slopes that overhang Cwm Glas and other similar places, we can only wonder that fatalities are not of more frequent occurrence.

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ACCIDENT ON TRYFAN.—In August last, two tourists, whose names we have been unable to learn, left Bethesda with the intention of crossing the shoulder of Glydr Fach to Pen-y-Gwryd. The morning was misty, and instead of reaching the nameless bwlch which connects Tryfan with the steep serrated north ridge of Glydr Fach, they appear to have got on to the main ridge of Tryfan considerably to the north of the summits. Quite unconscious that they had deviated from the correct line, they commenced the descent of the east face towards Cwm Tryfan, but had only proceeded a short distance when one of them slipped, and, falling some fifteen or twenty feet, was so shaken and hurt that his companion persuaded him to remain where he was until he could procure assistance, and with this object recommenced the descent alone.

Later in the afternoon, the injured man decided it would be best to make an attempt to return to Bethesda, and recrossing the ridge he succeeded in getting down into Cwm Bochlwyd; and eventually reached Bethesda. Here he found no news of his companion, and the next day, enquiries at Capel Curig and Ogwen proving fruitless, search parties were organised, with the result that the body was discovered on the heather at the foot of the eastern crags of the north ridge. It would appear probable that he was near the foot of the rocks before he slipped, as the cliff at this point is not continuously steep.*

* Since the above note was written, Mr. J. M. A. Thomson of Bangor has furnished us with further details of this accident. These will appear in the March number.—ED.

By the kind permission of Messrs. Hutchison & Co., of Paternoster Row, we reprint the following beautiful "Mountain Prayer," which appeared recently in one of their publications. It is from the pen of H. M. Queen Margherita of Italy:—

O SWEET JESU, the bold son of the mountains invokes Thee, as Lord of the eternal snows and Sovereign of the lofty peaks. Incline Thine eyes towards these white plains, that have the likeness of Thy robe, spotless and snowy! Deign, O Lord, to soften the horror for mortals who go through the frozen ways; lead them, protect them in the dangerous paths; and if any should fall by the way and die, receive him into Thy pitiful arms. Softly spread over him the gentle cold shroud; and as soon as his soul abandons his earthly body, may he ascend to God's throne. O Blessed One, hear my prayer! Look Thou on all the deeds of his life; find out the noble thoughts that have sprung from his heart, and scatter them like fragrant mountain flowers before the feet of God, that, when his spirit reaches the face of the Lord, the Lord may in His infinite mercy welcome him. And may the golden light that crowns the Alps, which is an emanation of the Divine light, enfold him in glorious peace for ever! Amen.

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MR. C. W. NETTLETON, of Thirlmere Road, Streatham, Surrey, will be glad to hear from any member wishing to dispose of copies of parts 78, 79, or 99 of the *Alpine Journal*.

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