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EDITORIAL NOTES.

IT has come to the knowledge of the Editor that a paper in the September number of the *Journal*, on the subject of right of access to Scottish deer forests, has caused annoyance to many of our members, whose attitude towards this much debated question differs widely from that of the writer of the paper. While taking the general view that the *Journal* should be open to all sides of questions directly affecting the interests of mountaineers, the Editor sincerely regrets the introduction of remarks which have naturally aroused a strong feeling of objection.

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ELDEN HOLE.—Mr. J. V. Brett sends us the following extract from a work, published in 1682, entitled : " Admirable Curiosities, Rarities and Wonders in England, Scotland and Ireland": by R. B.:—

" Eldenhole is a place remarkable, two miles distant from Castleton, a Town in the High Peak, the hole is about 30 yards long and 15 yards broad at the top, descending directly down into the Earth, but it is much straiter when it cometh forty yards deep, you may see into it above 60 yards, fyhich is as far as the light which cometh in at the mouth will admit; if you throw a stone into it, you may hear it strike 10 times on the sides of the Rock in its fall, and then you hear it no more ; it is reported that the Earl of Leicester, in Q. Elizabeth's time, hired a poor Countryman to suffer himself to be let down with Ropes tyed about him, and to hang in the middle, while they threw Stones, that thereby he might know the depth thereof; having a pole in his hand to keep the Stones from hurting him ; being let down in this manner above an 100 yards, and the stones thrown down, he was drawn up again ; but whether the fear of the Rope breaking,

or the stones knocking him on the head from above, or the Ghosts and Spirits which are supposed to be there, was the occasion of his disturbance is uncertain, but it seems he fell stark mad, and died within 8 days after ; and about 60 years since, Mr. Henry Cavendish, who had spent his days in travel, having been at Jerusalem, and several other parts of the world, hearing of this place, came to it, and caused engines to be made to let a man down into the hole, and one George Bradley was let down accordingly in a Rope of 80 yards, and then another engine was made to let him down fourscore yards further and at the end thereof a third engine whereby he was let down almost 80 yards further; at the top of the Rope was fastened a Bell, which he was to ring if he could go no further; when he was let down almost the third fourscore yards he rung the Bell, and being drawn up, he was much affrighted, remained speechless for a time and was struck with lameness; after he recovered his speech he declared that, as he descended down, there were bones of Deer, Sheep and other Cattel, and also of Men, and that he was affrighted, but how or in what manner he could not tell; he lived several years, but never was in his perfect senses, nor sound of his limbs."

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As the contract of the Swiss Alpenklub with Orelli Fiissli, of Zurich, expires with this year, the central committee of the Club has resolved, on and after January 1st, 1902, to undertake the publication of the *Alpina (Mitteilungen des S. A. C.)*. The Club proposes to issue twenty numbers during the year— from March to October on the 1st and 15th of each month ; and from November to February on the 1st of each month.—*Athenaeum*, 14th December, 1901.

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MR. W. PIFFE BROWN informs us that the minimum temperature registered by the thermometers on Glyder Fach during the winter, 1900-1901, was 15° Fah.