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## COMMITTEE NOTES.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE BRANDELHOW ESTATE.—With the report for the year 1902-03 of the National Trust for Places for Historic Interest or National Beauty, has been circulated a reprint from the *Keswick Guardian* of October 18th, 1902, describing the opening of the Brandelhow Estate as a National pleasure ground. This Estate, an area of 108 acres of woodland and pasture, situate on the south-western shore of Lake Derwentwater, has been purchased by the National Trust at a cost of £6,500.

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SNOWDON.—In the autumn of last year a large portion of Snowdon came into the market, and the National Trust was publicly urged to take action to secure it as a National possession. The Council did not see its way to carry out such a scheme, but when the property, which formerly belonged to the late Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., failed to find a purchaser in the auction market, the owner's representatives were approached with a view to the transfer of the summit of the mountain to the National Trust. The owner, however, was unwilling to negotiate on that basis.

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THE receipts of the National Trust, during the year ending 30th April, 1903, amounted to £1438 8s. 1d. The Hon. Secretary, the Rev. Canon Rawnsley, Crossthwaite Vicarage, Keswick, would be glad to communicate with any member of the Club desirous of becoming a subscriber.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### THE SLIGACHAN CLIMBERS' BOOK.

*To the Editor of the CLIMBERS' CLUB JOURNAL.*

SIR,

In company with a climbing friend, "R. B." of Sunderland, I have just returned from a first visit to Sligachan and the immortal Coolins.

Understanding that we should find there a climbers' book containing Records which would enable us not merely to locate the different climbs, but to understand their relative difficulty, we went wholly uninformed save for a Pilkington's Map. This, coupled with a rucksack, a compass, an 80 feet length of rope, and a few notes that "R. B." had the good fortune to receive from Mr. G. A. Abraham on the fourth day, constituted our sole equipment to combat the Coolins and typical Skye weather. We supposed "typical Skye weather" is a local euphemism for blank blank weather. We recollected that 3000 years ago Solomon wrote that one of the "four things which say not it is enough" is "the earth that is not filled with water." We wondered whether Solomon had spent "a summer in Skye."

To our astonishment and disgust we learned on enquiring the first evening for the celebrated "Climbers' Book" that "the Sharps claimed it and had taken it with them when they left."

This meant that save for the map (which proved invaluable) we were practically in the position of pioneers, and in the course of eight full days lost much valuable time, and expended a quantity of misdirected energy in locating the climbs and negotiating the cloud-capped peaks and ridges of these grand and remarkable mountains.

No doubt we might have taken John McKenzie with us, but neither of us seemed anxious to suggest this solution of the difficulty.

My object in addressing you is two-fold. First, to let others, who like ourselves may be relying on the vanished climbing book, know the truth, and prepare themselves accordingly.

Secondly, we were interested in speculating to whom the book in question really belongs.

At present, I suppose, the Sharps have a nine-tenths better hold than anyone else—the tenacious hold which possession gives.

But surely the Scottish Mountaineering Club, are not going to rest contented with this piece of downright sacrilege—from a climber's standpoint—the asportation of the Sacred Book.

If I understand the law, it is impossible that the Sharps can make any use of the book, if indeed their title to "sit on it" cannot be displaced. From enquiries made we understand that the Sharps bought the empty book, and accordingly claimed the full one as their property.

But the copyright in the various manuscript notes, like the copyright in private letters, must surely remain in the several writers, who would be entitled to restrain publication. If this be so, the possession of the book must be a barren possession, and I imagine there should not be much difficulty in retrieving it, even if the Sharps would not voluntarily relinquish it on being tactfully approached.

Anyway, something ought to be done, and quickly. The practical view of the position would seem to be that the book should be held by the licensee for the time being of the house upon trust for the use *ad infinitum* of climbers resorting there.

Yours, &c.,

CH. H. PICKSTONE.

BURY, LANC.

[The Secretary of the Climbers' Club informs me that he has communicated with the Secretary of the Scottish Mountaineering Club on the subject, and has ascertained that the book in question was sent by Mrs. Sharp to the latter Club, the committee of which will decide whether the book shall remain in the Library of the S. M. C. or be returned to Sligachan.]—ED.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE MOUNTAIN CLUB ANNUAL. Edited by G. F. TRAVERS JACKSON.  
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(Cape Town : The Mountain Club, 1902. 6d.)

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- Group of Creag Meaghaidh. By C. B. P.
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