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To the Editor of the CLIMBERS' CLUB JOURNAL.

SIR,

FIRST ASCENT OF THE HIGH TOR GULLY.

In our *Journal*, No. 22, the anonymous writer of Kyndwr Club Notes makes reference to this climb, but, as his information was second-hand, it is not surprising that he has gone astray. His description does not tally at all with our scramble, and we saw none of the abominations with which he is so familiar.

The climb we did is that alluded to in the *Climbers' Club Journal*, Vol. I., page 62, "Practice Scrambles in Derbyshire," by Mr. E. A. Baker, late President of the Kyndwr Club, who wrote thus :—

"There exists a noble gully, which figures in all the pictures
 "of the High Tor, at Matlock, and, viewed at close
 "quarters, seems capable of giving first-class sport; but
 "every attempt to get into it from the bottom has
 "hitherto failed, owing to the smoothness of the rock."

You have kindly accepted a true account of the first ascent, but I shall be glad if you can also find space for this specific disclaimer, in case anyone should have been misled by the grotesquely garbled statement already published.

Very faithfully yours,

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President of the Kyndwr Club.

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To the Editor of the CLIMBERS' CLUB JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,

SCAFELL ACCIDENT.

The correspondence in the *Leeds Mercury* has just been brought to my notice.

It seems to me that the object of criticism of climbing accidents is to warn others of dangers, and so aid in avoiding them in future. All personal recriminations are not only unsportsmanlike, but also bad form under the circumstances.

Yours truly,

T. PAYNE.