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REVIEWS.

SCOTTISH MOUNTAINEERING CLUB JOURNAL. No. 51.
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THIS number contains three articles: one by the popular Hon. Secretary of the Club, Dr. Inglis Clark: the second by the Librarian, Mr. F. S. Goggs: and the third by one of the Club's ex-Presidents, Mr. H. T. Munro.

Mr. Munro tells us how his "bag" of peaks was duly increased in June, 1906, by several night ascents. Mr. Goggs describes a new climb on the cliffs of Coire Arder, the start for which, after a night in a stone chalet, was made at the Alpine hour of two a.m.!

Dr. Clark writes on "Memories of the Kingshouse Meet, 1906." Judging from the account this meet must have been an uncommonly pleasant one. Nine excellent illustrations; a further section of the S. M. C. Guide Book, dealing with a portion of the far N.W., and short notes on a number of excursions, make up a good number.

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FIVE and a half hours to accomplish 450 feet! Where? On the first ascent of some difficult Chamonix Aiguille? No: here in Great Britain, on her premier peak, Ben Nevis. Our members should read for themselves the excellent account of this strenuous feat, or these strenuous feet, by Mr. Harold Raeburn, in the first article in this number, entitled "A Scottish Ice Climb." Illustrating the article is a very fine

view of Ben Nevis in April, from a photograph by the Rev. A. E. Robertson, showing huge cornices and the well-known cliffs practically concealed with snow and ice. This photograph has in fact already been remarked on by the Editor of one of the Swiss Club Journals, who seems to have been struck by the amount of snow shewn in the illustration.

Another article which should certainly be read is one entitled "The Knees of the Gods"—an amusing anonymous skit. An extract would be unsatisfactory, so we must refer readers to the article itself if they wish for a hearty laugh and ten minutes genuine enjoyment.

Mr. E. W. Corner tells of the topsy-turvy behaviour of his compass in "An experience on the hills of Ey." Mr. H. MacRobert discourses pleasantly on Glen Brittle and the Skye peaks, whilst the petrol loving Hon. Secretary draws the attention of climbers to possibilities on Stack Polly—a very colloquial English name surely for a Ross-shire peak? We suspect it must be a Sassenach corruption of the Gaelic. A new constitution for the Club is promulgated in this number—long may our energetic S. M. C. friends prosper thereunder.

THE CAIRNGORM CLUB JOURNAL. No. 28. January, 1907.

ALL our members may not know that the President of this northern Club is our new Ambassador to the United States of America—the Right Hon. James Bryce. We congratulate the Cairngorm Club on its having such a well-known public man, and such an enthusiastic Alpinist, at its head.

The January number of the Journal contains six articles of more than usual merit: that of most interest to non-members being perhaps that entitled "Genesis of Highland Scenery," by the Rev. D. C. Mackay, which in simple yet graphic language tells us of the chief agents which have brought about the present scenery of the Scottish Highlands. A few woodcuts in the text are also helpful in making matters plain to the unlearned.

The most interesting of the climbing articles are those by Mr. W. Barclay "On the ridges of the Coolins," which contains a good illustration of the fine Alasdair Group, "In Coire Arder" by the Rev. Thomas Sinton, and "Sur les Diablerets" by Mr. A. D. Smith, who gives a pleasant account of a holiday in this, often passed by, limestone district.

Both the latter articles would be more interesting if they were illustrated.

