

REVIEWS.

The Alpine Journal, November, 1926. 10/6 net.—In this number the editors bid farewell to their readers. The veteran Mr. Yeld has served for thirty years, and his colleague,

THE CAPTAIN FARRAR, for eighteen. They have established a fine tradition and mountaineers everywhere owe them a debt of gratitude for the knowledge and enthusiasm they have devoted to the maintenance of the high standard of this record of mountain adventure and scientific observation. The new editor is Colonel E. L. Strutt, who is known as a skilled mountaineer and was a member of the second Mount Everest Expedition. He is to be congratulated on the May Number, the first to appear under his editorship. It is rich in illustrations, reproduced in colour, half-tone and photogravure, and including panoramic views attached to Captain A. H. MacCarthy's account of the first ascent of Mount Logan two years ago. This article is given the place of honour and along with it should be read two papers in the November issue, dealing with the problems of food and equipment which the expedition had to solve. Canadian mountains figure in another very interesting paper by Dr. Thorington, who gives an account of climbs made last year in the Forbes-Lyell and other groups of the Canadian Rockies, and some first ascents in the Northern Canadian Rockies are described by Mr. J. W. A. Hickson. In memoriam notices include one of Mr. Harold Raeburn to whose memory the President of the Cairngorm Club pays a tribute in this issue. In addition to the numerous pictures, there are nearly 400 pages of letter-press in these two numbers. It is all fascinating to the true mountaineer and in some places thrilling, as, for example, in Colonel Strutt's very frank account of "An Extraordinary Escape."

The Scottish Mountaineering Club Journal, Nos. 102 and 103, 2/6 each net. Mr. Sang's article, "Of Sutherland," in No. 102, has

S.M.C. an opening paragraph which will be widely endorsed, "The rapacity of the Highland hotel proprietor," he says, "has become a byword, especially south of the Tweed. It is no myth. Painful personal experience has taught me that, although absolute ignorance

may exist on culinary and domestic matters, finance is always a strong point." As he strongly resents being fleeced by his own countrymen, he has acquired "a Canadian super bus," and, he adds, "the charm of my plan is that it opens up the whole blessed Island and enables one to greet with a supercilious smile the hostile stare which so frequently takes the place of a hotel welcome on arrival. Even far Sutherland ceases to be a matter of time-table worries and advance bookings. It becomes instead a pleasant following of inclination, a drifting from beauty to beauty." The whole article bears this out, illustrated as it is by Mr. Sang's own photographs. Another series of excellent pictures by Mr. Parker relate to last year's Easter Meet of the S.M.C. at Cluanie. No. 103 gives first place to "Some Early Informal Meets" by Mr. Gilbert Thomson, who remarks that "some of the pioneer clubs, from which ours received many valuable members, had Meets in the early days, the most notable being those of the Cairngorm Club, as evidenced by Mr. Inkson McConnochie's paper on 'The Cairngorms in Winter,' which immediately followed the President's address in the first number of our *Journal*." In the account of the New Year Meet of the Junior Mountaineering Club of Scotland, the facts are given regarding the accident which occurred on the Couloir of Stob Ghabhar.

We have received No. 17 of *The Yorkshire Ramblers' Club Journal* (published at 10 Park Square, Leeds—5/- net.), which presents a most attractive budget of articles and pictures.

MUTTON An amusing article on "Food and the Mountaineer"
 SANDWICHES. gives some useful hints about what to take and what to avoid. The author specially appeals "for united action on the part of British climbers to secure the suppression of mutton sandwiches." Mr. C. E. Benson's paper, "Concerning Classification," deals with a subject about which, we suppose, mountaineers will always differ and ends with the truly sensible remark that "it is quite impossible for genius to appreciate a difficulty it cannot experience."