

## NOTES.

THIS number completes Volume XI. The title page, contents, and index will be issued with the next number. Our *Journal* is now in

its 35th year, the first number having been published in July, 1893. The opening article was by VOL. XI. the President, later to be known as Viscount Bryce, the subject being "Some Stray Thoughts on Mountaineering."

IT is of interest to note now when the Blue Hill is a subject of discussion, that our first number contained a long and very informative article, dealing with the history of the hill and discussing "the magnificent series of views" which the

BLUE HILL hill affords. This article was the joint production of Dr. Alexander Cruickshank and Mr. Alexander Copland and its special interest at the present time lies in the fact that it records that in 1879 "Mr. David Stewart, younger, of Banchory . . . erected at his own cost, for the public convenience, the present solid and substantial cairn." A bronze plate on the north side of the cairn bore the following inscription :—

THIS BRONZE PLATE  
Was Affixed in 1891

TO

THE BLUE HILL CAIRN

BY

DAVID STEWART OF BANCHORY

LORD PROVOST OF THE  
CITY OF ABERDEEN

To commemorate its erection by him  
On this the highest point of his Estate  
At the suggestion of

Dr. A. GERRARD and Dr. A. CRUICKSHANK.

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The Cairn is 13 feet high and the  
Hill 467 feet above the sea  
It affords an extensive view over  
Sea, Plain, Valley and Hill,  
The sea horizon being 28 miles distant  
And the land horizon varying from  
Six to Sixty miles.

TIME and the weather, alas ! have proved too much for the "solid and substantial cairn," which collapsed some years ago, but it is gratifying to know that Colonel Stewart, the present proprietor of Banchory, has undertaken to re-erect

A SUGGESTION the Cairn, originally built by his father. We should like to suggest that the bronze plate of 1891 should be affixed to the Cairn, with an appropriate addition, recording its collapse and re-erection.

THE Club Song (words and music) is issued as a supplement to this number. Extra copies may be obtained at the Secretary's office, price 6d each. The song was sung for the first

THE CLUB SONG. time in public at the annual dinner of the Club last November by the composer, Miss Margaret Skakle, and to her, and to her sister, Miss Mary Agnes Skakle, the authoress, the Club is under a deep debt of gratitude.

MRS. CLARKE writes--"In the recent issue of your *Journal* I have just read a beautiful appreciation of my husband, Robert Clarke, which has touched me deeply. There is just one

THE LATE ROBERT CLARKE mistake in it which I should feel very grateful if you would kindly correct in your next number. It says he was a native of Stirling. This is quite wrong. He was born and educated in Aberdeen, but worked for a short time in Stirling. He was very fond of his native town, and fought many a wordy battle on its behalf."

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At Windermere on Saturday, October 8, the Fell and Rock Climbing Club of the English Lake District celebrated its coming of age.

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The well-known guide Hans Burgener, of Grindelwald, has died at the age of 75. For many years he was keeper of the Gleckstein Hut on the Wetterhorn. He had climbed most of the peaks in the Bernese Alps.

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A mountain landslide a quarter of a mile in extent, caused by heavy rains, occurred near Kamloops last September. Two men were killed and two injured by the falling mass, which overturned a 100-ton steam-shovel and completely buried a goods train of eight trucks.

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A girl of 16 fell 90 feet down the cliffs at Linney Head, Pembrokeshire, on December 12, and was discovered six hours later, clinging to a rock, with a broken thigh and submerged to her shoulders. She had been trying to recover her hat which the wind had carried away.