

## REVIEWS.

*The Alpine Journal*, No. 242, May, 1931. 10/6. net. The opening article in this issue is one by C. G. Bruce, entitled "Himalayan Contrasts," illustrated by two good photographs, that of Makalu being specially good. The next four articles describe THE ALPINE ascents in the Alps, and of these the most interesting JOURNAL. are Signor Benedetti's account of his ascent of the Furggen Ridge of the Matterhorn in 1930, and Miss G. I. Fitz-Gerald's description of her magnificent traverse of the Grandes Jorasses, also in 1930. The following two articles describe expeditions in Alaska (the first ascent of Mount Bona, 16,421 ft.) and in the Canadian Rockies. Mr. H. E. L. Porter contributes a long and well-illustrated article on "Glacier Peak and Mount Aspiring, N.Z.," which is followed by a most interesting paper by Mr. C. H. Archer describing the ascent of some rather grotesque peaks in Korea. There is next a 25-page article by the late Mr. R. P. Hope on "Solitary Climbs," from which one notes that he accomplished no less than 47 climbs alone. Various notes complete this very interesting and well-illustrated issue of *The Alpine Journal*.

*The Scottish Mountaineering Club Journal*, No. 111. April, 1931. 2/6 net. This is a most interesting number, containing 68 pages and six good illustrations. The opening contributions S.M.C. are two tributes to the late Mr. George Sang, who was JOURNAL. secretary of the S.M.C. from 1914 to 1930. Both Dr. Inglis Clark and Mr. W. N. Ling bear testimony to Mr. Sang's skill as a mountaineer and climber, and his ability as an organizer and administrator. In "Christmas at Cluanie," Mr. Lewis Graham tells of his experiences on the Glen Cluanie hills, and in "An Off-day at the Hut," Mr. Malcolm Matheson describes an interesting encounter on the Ben Nevis group. Mr. A. G. Hutchison writes a racy article, "New Year's Day, 1931," and Mr. R. R. Elton one on "Two Days on Garbh Bheinn of Ardgour." An interesting feature is the reprinting of a letter to Sir Walter Scott, dealing with the foundation and activities of a Mountaineering Club which was apparently formed in Scotland in 1815. The number contains the usual notes and proceedings of the Club, and of the Junior Mountaineering Club of Scotland.

*The Rucksack Club Journal*, Vol. VII. No. 1, 1931. 4/- net. In an excellent budget of articles, perhaps the most interesting is the first, "The Benediction of the Hills," by Mr. C. F. RUCKSACK Holland, who dwells on "considerations of climbing JOURNAL. philosophy that are all too infrequently dwelt on in our climbing journals." "The war," says Mr. Holland, "undoubtedly had the effect on many of making them observant of natural beauty and of the subtle changes of mood in the atmospheric conditions. . . . Certainly no spring was for me ever so lovely as when I was a runner in Plug Street Wood, and sunrise acquired a new significance. The nausea for the crags was at times insistent, and in one moment of particular depression I registered a vow to the effect that if ever I found myself in the Lakes again I would sing 'God save the King' on the top of the Needle, a vow duly carried out in the fullness of time." A feature of this issue are the accounts given of new climbs, including two in Lakeland and one on Ben Nevis, and there is also a valuable index to new climbs, as recorded in various club journals during the last five years. The numerous illustrations are specially good.

*Scottish Ski Club Journal*, 1931. 2/6. The editorial committee are to be congratulated on their efforts as recorded in this, their second number, but we can sympathise with their SKI demand for the appointment of an Editor, and it is to JOURNAL. be hoped that the right person will be found. Note is made of the great increase during the past season in the number of people participating in the sport in Scotland. During the month of February there were as many as seventy skiers at Killin, and at the week-ends in March there were sometimes over thirty to be found. Experience is held to bear out the contention that snow conditions in March and April are always better than earlier in the year. The article on "Modern Ski-ing Equipment" gives the *pros* and *cons* on many points, and is a most useful supplement to the paper on the same subject in the 1930 issue. Various expeditions are described, and of special interest to our members is "A Ski-ing Holiday in Scotland," in which Mr. A. G. C. Collins describes four days' ski-ing, based on Braemar, in the company of Mr. H. J. Butchart.

We have received *The Scottish Geographical Magazine*, Vol. XLVII, Nos. 2 and 3 (March and May, 1931). Two illustrated articles deal with "Water-Power Resources of Scotland" and "The Land Utilisation Survey of Britain."