

NOTES.

THE Lochnagar excursions having proved almost wholly unsuccessful, it may be time to consider whether these might be held later, with greater profit. Snow conditions vary, however, to such an extent that it is impossible to rule out the chances of excellent snow-climbing conditions in early February. The excursion arranged by Mrs Hendry on March 22 was favoured with better weather conditions, but the snow was unusually bad.

The May Holiday excursion to the Cairnwell district was poorly attended, the party being largely H. D. Welsh and his guests. Many parties took advantage of the long week-end to go farther afield, and there is a suggestion that the usual day excursion be replaced by a week-end meet. This would allow members to make fullest use of the week-end and would probably attract those unable to attend the Easter Meet. The time, however, would appear to be too short for a meet at a distance and the more popular of the nearer hills are absurdly overcrowded. On the occasion of the recent holiday, the final pyramid of Lochnagar was virtually inaccessible.

We are much indebted to Miss Elisabeth Rüttimeyer for her account of her Traverse of Monte Rosa; Miss Rüttimeyer is President of the Ladies' Section of the Basle Alpine Club. Our thanks are also due to Mr Whelan for his description and illustrations of the Alps of North Island, New Zealand. While Mr Whelan will probably miss the excitement of being pursued downhill by hot boulders, apparently a not altogether unheard-of occurrence down under, we hope that he will remain with us long enough to see the Cairngorms under better weather conditions.

Messrs J. and J. Bisset, of Ballater, have again courteously placed at our disposal a picture of an early Club Meet. We have to thank Swiss Federal Railways for permission to reproduce the view of the Matterhorn and German State Railways for the picture of Titisee.

The tail-pieces are by our new member, Mr T. Train.

The following additions have been made to the Library:—

- “The Alps in Nature and History,” by W. A. B. Coolidge.
- “Walking in the Grampians,” by Charles Plumb.
- “Songs of Skye: an Anthology,” by B. H. Humble. Presented by the Author.
- “Wayfaring Around Scotland,” by B. H. Humble. Presented by the Author.
- “S.M.C. Guide to Ben Nevis” (Revised Edition). (Two copies.)
- The Alpine Journal*, Nos. 249 (Nov. 1934), 250 (May 1935), 251 (Nov. 1935).
- The Scottish Mountaineering Club Journal*, Vol. XX., Nos. 118, 119, 120; Vol. XXI., No. 121.

The Rucksack Club Journal, 1935.

The American Alpine Club Journal, 1935.

The Italian Alpine Club Journal, 1935.

The Yorkshire Ramblers' Club Journal, Vol. IV., No. 22, 1936.

The Scottish Geographical Magazine, 1934, 1935, 1936 (March).

The Moray Mountaineering Club Journal, Vol. I., No. 1.

The Scottish Ski Club Journal, 1935.

FOR SALE.

The Cairngorm Club Journal, Volumes I. to X. inclusive, to the year 1923 (bound); subsequent numbers to July 1933, loose. Particulars may be had from the Hon. Editor.

CLOUDBURST IN THE CAIRNGORMS.

DESCENDING from Monadh Mor via Glen Geusachan in July 1935, two members observed traces of heavy flooding on the south side of the burn about three-quarters of a mile from the mouth of the glen. An extensive fan of detritus, composed of sand and boulders, some very large, stretched along the bank of the burn for some five hundred paces. The bulk of this material was at the west end, where the torrent had gouged out for itself a deep channel on the slopes of Beinn Bhrotain. Enquiry at Mr A. Grant, Glen Lui, and elsewhere, elicited the following facts:—

The cloudburst occurred on June 24, 1935. On that date heavy rain—"we think," Mr Grant says, "the heaviest we ever saw"—fell at Glen Lui; the Lui rose rapidly, as also the Dee, which showed heavy discoloration even at the Aberdeen Waterworks. The rainfall lower down the valley was negligible.

Details of the storm were given in the *Scotsman* of June 25. The north-east was not mentioned. Further interesting details appeared in "The Weather of June" in the July 20 issue of the *Scotsman*, which reported exceptionally heavy rainstorms during the night of June 23 and early morning of June 24. The Tay valley and Glasgow suffered most severely, the storm, although of brief duration, causing considerable damage and flooding.

On the afternoon of June 24 one of our members had the honour of rescuing a lady marooned on an island near Pannanich, by the sudden and unexpected rise of the Dee.

The *Scotsman* gives, among others, the following rainfall figures:—

Aberdeen	<i>Nil.</i>
Balmoral	0.03 inches.
Braemar	0.28 "
Derry Lodge	1.04 "
Blair Atholl	2.00 "
Pitlochry	2.55 "
Aberfeldy	4.25 "



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