

[Mr. Munday writes :—

‘ I venture to enclose a brief reference to “ Mystery Mountain,” in which you showed some interest last year. As you will note, we failed to reach the top by about 200 ft., due entirely to the most violent electrical storm I have ever experienced. We were within that short distance of the North peak at 7 p.m. We still think we showed good judgment in retreating as we did.

‘ The next “ Canadian Alpine Journal ” will carry fairly full accounts of our two expeditions into this rather remarkable region—I say “ our ” and “ we ” because my wife is even more than my lieutenant in every phase of the task.

‘ The mountain is now recognized as the highest in British Columbia, 13,260 ft. We have waited two years almost for vindication of our claim of its pre-eminence, most local climbers having been openly scornful. It is a strange thing, indeed, that this nearness to the mountain should produce such unbelief when those far off were more readily convinced.’]

NOTE ON MT. OLYMPUS.

(I) **T**O the list of books and articles on Mt. Olympus, which is to be found on page 96 of ‘ A.J. ’ 39, the following may be added :

Francis P. Farquhar : ‘ An Ascent of Mount Olympus, Thessaly, Greece,’ in the *Sierra Bulletin*, vol. ix. No. 4, January 1915.

Francis P. Farquhar : ‘ An Ascent of Mount Olympus in Thessaly, Greece,’ in *The Mountaineer*, vol. xiv., 1921.

The above two articles give an account of the author’s ascent to Skolion with A. E. Phoutrides in April 1914.

G. R. is the signature of an account of the celebration of Mass, according to the Roman Catholic form, on the summit of St. Elias in 1918. This account appears in *L’Illustration*, Paris, No. 3957, January 4, 1919.

Winona Bailey (‘ Eight Days on Mount Olympus in Thessaly,’ in *The Mountaineer*, vol. xv., 1922) describes her ascent with Mrs. Laurie Frazier on August 4, 1922. On July 31 they had reached the lower summit of Stefan, where they built the cairn ; but they were unable to reach its higher summit. On both occasions the ladies were accompanied by Kristo Kakalos.

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Richard Halliburton: 'The Glorious Adventure.' With Roderic Crane and a shepherd lad, whom they called 'Lazarus,' he ascended Mitka (wrongly called by him the Throne of Zeus), apparently by way of Skala. They were not skilled mountaineers, and were detained on the summit by mist till nightfall. A miserable night was passed under the lee of the cairn, a heavy thunder-storm adding to their discomfort. The weather cleared before midnight, and the morning was brilliantly clear. This ascent seems to have taken place in the early summer of 1925.

Daniel Baud-Bovy, in 'Le Haut Olympe' (*L'Illustration*, Paris, No. 4417, October 29, 1927), describes the ascents made by himself, with F. Boissonnas and others, in 1913, 1919, and 1927.

(II) The following is a complete list of the ascents of Mitka and Stefan, so far as they can at present be ascertained:

A. Ascents of Mitka.

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| 1. Aug. 2, 1913. | D. Baud-Bovy
F. Boissonnas
Kristo Kakalos |
| 2. July 21, 1919. | D. Baud-Bovy
F. Boissonnas
H. Boissonnas |
| 3. July 20, 1920. | Giorgio Kostandakos ¹ |
| 4. Aug. 12, 1921. | M. Kurz
Kristo Kakalos |
| 5. Aug. 16, 1921. | F. K. Kuhn ²
Kristo Kakalos |
| 6. Aug. 4, 1922. | Miss Winona Bailey
Mrs. Laurie Frazeur
Kristo Kakalos |
| 7. 1923. | Helmut Scheffel ³ |

¹ M. Kurz writes: 'I found the name of Kostandakos on a loose slab of the highest peak. This man seems to have been alone, probably some shepherd or hunter. He was unknown to Kakalos.'

² A Russian Officer.

³ There is some doubt about this ascent. The account in the *Mitteilungen des Deutschen Arch. Inst. Ath. Abteilung*, Band xxxvii., is as follows: 'Bei unserer Besteigung des Olymp in Sommer 1923 suchten wir. . . . Auf der höchsten Spitze haben wir keine Spuren einer antiken Kultstätte gefunden, wohl aber auf einem der Vorberge, der etwa eine Stunde südlich vom Hauptgipfel sich erhebt und ausweislich

A. *Ascents of Mitka (continued).*

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| 8. | 1925. | Roderic Crane
Richard Halliburton
'Lazarus' |
| 9. | 1925. | St. Kotsios ⁴ |
| 10. Sept. 3, 1926. | | L. A. Ellwood
W. T. Elmslie
C. M. Sleeman
A. E. Storr |
| 11. Sept. 12, 1927. | | D. Baud-Bovy
F. Boissonnas
W. J. Ellison
Twenty-two others |

B. *Ascents of Stefan.*

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| 1. Aug. 12, 1921. | M. Kurz
Kristo Kakalos |
| 2. Aug. 16, 1921. | F. K. Kuhn with
Kristo Kakalos |
| 3. Sept. 3, 1926. | L. A. Ellwood
W. T. Elmslie
C. M. Sleeman
A. E. Storr |
| 4. Sept. 11, 1927. | D. Baud-Bovy
F. Boissonnas
Capt. Demesticas
A few others |

W. T. ELMSLIE.
C. M. SLEEMAN.

unseres Höhenmessers etwa 2900 m. hoch ist, vom Hauptgipfel also nur ungefähr um 100 m. überragt wird. Hier glaubten wir Altarreste zu erkennen und lasen zwischen den Steinen des Gipfels einige hundert Scherben auf. . . ' E. Richter, however, writes as follows : ' I asked Helmut Scheffel at that time by letter for particulars about his ascent but could not get any detailed information. He has *not* been on Mitka or Stefan, but on a " Nebengipfel etwa 1 Stunde südlich vom Hauptgipfel." I think it must have been Sara. He intended at that time to visit the highest point on a later occasion.'

⁴ This name is inscribed on a rock at the summit. No particulars are to hand.