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OBITUARY OF THE YEAR.

THE following is a list of the Fellows who have died during the year 1907-1908 (April 30):—

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Journeys of the late W. H. Johnson.

It would appear, from Dr. Workman's letter in the June number of this *Journal* (p. 683), that he still confuses Johnson's journey of 1864 with that of 1865. In his paper in the *Journal* for January last (p. 26), Dr. Workman, in discussing the possibility of Johnson having camped at over 22,000 feet, said that "it must have been on the peak E 61, the only peak in the neighbourhood exceeding 22,000 feet." Having placed Johnson's camp on E 61, he then proceeds to pull down the mountain. I pointed out (p. 345) in the letter he now replies to, firstly, that this camp could not have been situated on E 61 (see *Alpine Journal*, 1884, vol. 12, p. 58; *Proceedings R.G.S.*, 1875, vol. 19, p. 362; and 'Synopsis of Results, etc., G.T.S.', vol. 7, p. 39); and, secondly, that in the range of the Kuen Luen, of which E 61 (now Muztagh K₆) is, according to the latest surveys, the culminating point, there are five other measured peaks of over 23,000 feet (see latest maps and Dr. Stein's views of the Kuen Luen now in course of publication by the Society).

I have dealt more fully with some of Johnson's very remarkable but little-known mountaineering achievements in a paper in the *Alpine Journal*, which I am

told will be published in the May number this week, and to which I would refer any one interested in the history of Himalayan ascents.

T. G. LONGSTAFF.

June 4, 1908.

[*This correspondence cannot be continued.*]

The Westernmost Feeders of the Nile.

The Black Watch, Kilbegan, June 10, 1908.

It is with no wish to enter into what must be an unconvincing discussion that I beg to write to contradict some of Captain Perceval's contradictions. My deductions were not second-hand ones, and I venture to point out that the Arabic word meaning "custom" is spelt with a different letter to that of the penultimate syllable of "Barada." I spent very nearly a month at Kafiakingi. I regret that I took for granted that the "Um" preceding the names of several rivers is the Kreish word for "river." I did not verify it at the time. The small stream near Kafiakingi is known at times to illiterate natives as the (*Um*)-vongo. The *Umbelacha* is the well-known stream; the *Umbom* is a small perennial stream between the latter and former. That the Barada should be known as *Umbarada* bears out my contention. (I did not know that Schweinfurth came further north than Dem Zubeir.)*

As to size, the *Umbelacha* 40 miles north-west of the Barada (*i.e.* near Hofrat en Nahas) is quite one-third, if not half, again larger than the Barada.

As to the festival. It is a well-known one at Khandak, where the miracle tree and oracle have been for generations. This is 10 miles from Kafiakingi, and not on the river, I was informed. I did not go there myself.

In that very hilly district quite a number of streams of some size flow into both rivers; some quite considerable ones were passed by me on my way to J. Migi.

D. COMYN.

MEETINGS OF THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, SESSION 1907-1908.

Anniversary Meeting, May 25, 1908.—The Right Hon. Sir GEORGE T.

GOLDIE, K.C.M.G., D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.S., President, in the Chair.

THE Secretary read the Minutes of the last Anniversary Meeting, which were confirmed and signed by the President.

The Secretary read the list of newly elected Fellows.

ELECTIONS.—*Charles H. Laurance Alder; A. Bishop; C. L. Chevalier; J. S. Coates; Wm. Edwin Gaze; R. G. Grieve, M.A.; George Hepworth; S. M. L. Iredell; Captain E. M. Jack, R.E.; Rev. Thomas Broadwood Johnson; Captain H. H. Kelly, R.E.; The Earl of Kingston; Stanley Knowles; W. Kennedy Laurie Dickson; Lieut. Leander McCormick-Goodhart, R.N.; Hon. Robert McNab; Wm. Arthur Moore; Captain Stanley Musgrave; Hon. F. R. D. Prittie; Stanley Unwin; Harry Gordon Webb, M.R.C.S.; Mark Arthur Wolff.*

* Captain Perceval was not responsible for the reference to Schweinfurth, which seems to have been incorrect. That traveller did print an itinerary through the Kreish country, but the first mention of the Ada seems to have been made by *Potagos* (1876-77).—(ED. G.J.)