

the whole Alpine brotherhood." And Mr. Frederick Greenwood, writing in the *Pilot* for February 27, 1904, thus describes the climber and first editor of the "Dictionary of National Biography." "Stephen walked from Alp to Alp like a pair of one-inch compasses over a large-sized map."

After the men who could climb and write came the crowds of mute inglorious tourists, bringing money into Switzerland and reaping enjoyment, for the Swiss man was as ready to receive a customer as he had been ready to receive and repel an enemy. The gratuitous advertisement has the debt of honour to pay to the men who by some turn of the wheel of chance found, clambered over, and loved Switzerland.

And the Swiss spread hands in hospitable welcome, seeing that this little centre of calm in the cyclone of politics was to be the playground, not only of Europe, but of the world.

To the average tourist the country is a country of hotels; and it is undeniably the country of the best hotels in the world. They are very careful, these Swiss, with an option on the mountains, to make their country pleasant for visitors.

In every centre of note there is a Verkehrs-Verein—a Travelling Bureau of hotel-keepers and others, who week by week discuss measures for the attraction of the wandering traveller. They draw out such