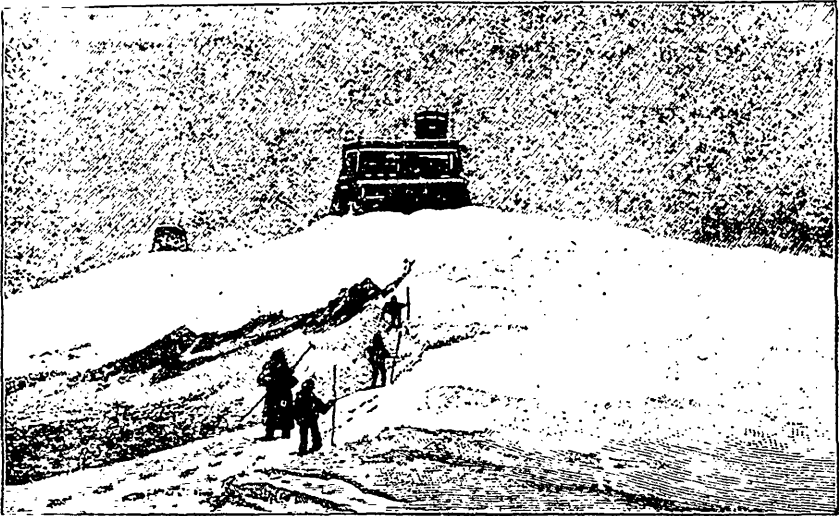


the following farewell message to his wife: "September 7, evening.—My dear Hessie, we have been two days on Mont Blanc, in the midst of a terrible hurricane of snow; we have lost our way, and are in a hole scooped in the snow, at an altitude of 15,000 feet. I have no longer any hope of descending. Perhaps this note-book will be

Twenty-five persons, — seven tourists and eighteen guides, or porters,—have lost their lives on this mountain.

The most signal conquest of Mount Blanc was the establishment of a scientific observatory for the study of astronomy and meteorology upon its very summit. This was a work of great



OBSERVATORY ON THE SUMMIT OF MONT BLANC.

found and sent to you. We have nothing to eat, my feet are already frozen, and I am exhausted; I have strength to write only a few words more. I have left means for C's education; I know you will employ them wisely. I die with faith in God, and with loving thoughts of you. Farewell to all. We shall meet again, in heaven. I think of you always."

difficulty. All the material—much of it heavy iron framing—had to be carried up on the backs of sturdy porters. Then the snow and ice had to be excavated to the depth of many feet in order to find a foundation on the living rock. But by persistent effort this was accomplished, and on this highest point in Europe, science has its outlook and reporting tower.

AS YE HAVE RECEIVED.

Know thou the ladder of fame, prophet and leader of men?
Give, and thy giving shall be steps on the paths angels ken.
What is the road to all truth, teacher of life's earnest lore?
Stay not thy gifts, said the sage; this be thy guide evermore.
What is the way of the cross, preacher and guide of the soul?
Hide not thy talent, and pray; give, for God lendeth the whole.
Give of your soul's best fruits, strewing the path as ye go,
Give as ye have received, thus shall ye reap as ye sow.