

enough, he will carry out his original plan as far as his slender stock of provisions will allow, and he hopes at least to be able to complete the map of the Kara Sea. He adds that the naturalist of the expedition, M. Holm, has made large zoological and botanical collections by dredging.—A further telegram from Hammerfest dated September 4th, confirms the news of the arrival there of the steamer *Nordenskiöld* with the *Louise* in tow, having on board the crew of the *Varna*, of whom one man had died. Valuable magnetic observations are reported to have been taken by the expedition.

**Mountain Climbing in the Himalaya.**—Mr. W. W. Graham, who is travelling in the Himalaya with the two Swiss guides, Emil Boss and Ulrich Kaufmann, the companions of the Rev. W. S. Green in his recent ascent of Mount Cook in New Zealand, has reached the summit of a peak near Nynee Tal, which he has named Mount Monal, at an elevation of 22,326 feet. He has also ascended very nearly to the summit of Dunagiri, a peak north of Nanda Devi, having reached the height of 22,500 feet; a sudden and violent snowstorm alone preventing him from accomplishing the remaining 684 feet which separated him from the top. A remarkable fact in this feat of mountain climbing is that Mr. Graham did not suffer from the rarefaction of the air at this great altitude. Nanda Devi itself he found impracticable; his coolies deserted, and he and his guides, heavily laden with baggage, were obliged to find their way back over extremely difficult ground. Mr. Graham may be congratulated on having reached the highest altitude at present attained, exceeding that of the late Mr. W. H. Johnson, who, according to Colonel Montgomerie, once forced his way over a ridge 22,300 feet above the sea.\*

**Dr. Fischer's return to Zanzibar.**—A brief telegram announcing Dr. Fischer's return to the coast has appeared in the daily papers since our last issue. By letters more recently received from Zanzibar we learn that after the encounter with the Masai in the latter part of April, just before Mr. Thomson came unexpectedly on his track, the German traveller continued without further mishap in a north-westerly direction towards his destination, Lake Bahringo. He did not, however, succeed in reaching that point, the men of his caravan, who were serving him on condition that they should be allowed to trade on their own account, having found an excellent market about half-way, at Lake Naivash. Here they remained until they had traded away all their goods for ivory, when they wanted to return. Lake Naivash, or Nabasha, now seen by European eyes for the first time, is described as a sheet of water nearly circular in outline, some eight miles across and with an island in the middle; it is distant, according to the natives, ten marching days from Bahringo. Dr. Fischer fell ill of fever here, and on the return journey

\* 'Proceedings R.G.S.' old series, xix. p. 363.