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HIMALAYAN EXPLORATION.

A few days ago it was mentioned in our columns that the Duke of Abruzzi was coming to India with Swiss guides for an expedition in the Himalayas, The "Darjeeling Chronicle" now says: We hear on good authority that the Duke of the Abruzzis is coming out to India with a party of twelve Italian guides and porters to attempt the ascent of the Chogori, the second highest mountain in the world. The peak is also known as Survey peak K2 or Dapsang or Peak Godwin Austen and is in the Karahoram. Several attempts have been made to reach its summit, the last being in 1902 by a party consisting of Dr. Jacot Guillarmod, M. O. Eskenstein [*sic*], Mr. A. E. Crowley, Mr. G. Knowles, Drs. H. Pfann [*sic*] and V. Wessely. Dr. Guillarmod and Mr. Crowley are of course well known to us in Darjeeling as having been members of the unfortunate 1905 Expedition to Kangchenjunga. The other gentlemen are not known in these parts but it is rumoured that M. Eskenstein, who is considered a first class mountaineer, will be coming up here to make an attempt to ascend Kangchenjunga. Mr. Crowley has also expressed his intention of coming up here again in June.