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**Results of Half-a-century Investigation
on the Glaciers of the Oriles-Cevedale Mountain Group
(Central Alps)**

The author, who has been mainly interested in the Alps since 1934, continued the tradition of his father, Prof. Giacomo Desio, and performed with the aid of some colleagues the present work during the preceding twenty years. Great depletion, mostly of the smaller areas, has occurred in Italy during the last century, especially in the Alps. When the author began his researches, the idea seemed to be to bring up gradually but steadily the number of areas under observation.

The author's work was aimed to a development along two main directions: one was the registration of changes suffered by the snow, but also in the physical properties of the snow; the other was the registration of the changes suffered by the ice, which was mapped in the form of a topographic map by the Italian Alpine Club in an effort to obtain a better knowledge of the glaciological conditions.

The author's work, however, was discontinued because of the bad political situation, which forced him to leave his beloved country. The author's report from the field offices during the period 1934-1945 is now available only in the original form, and it is not published. The author's report from the field offices during the period 1946-1950 is now available only in the original form, and it is not published.

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