ALPINE NOTES.

'THE ALPINE GUIDE.'—Copies of Vol. I. of the new edition of this work, price 12*s.* net, and of 'Hints and Notes, Practical and Scientific, for Travellers in the Alps' (being a new edition of the General Introduction), price 8*s.*, can be obtained from all booksellers, or from Messrs. Stanford, Charing Cross.

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THE ALPINE CLUB OBITUARY IN 1905.—H. C. Foster (1896), G. W. Stevens (1872), H. E. Buxton (1864), E. F. Stapleton (1892), W. Fowler (1864), C. J. Joly (1895), Dr. Martino Baretti, Honorary Member.

MEMORIAL TO FRANÇOIS DÉVOUASSOUD.—We have received the following note from Mr. Douglas Freshfield: 'I had not intended to ask for any help towards the erection of a suitable and lasting memorial over F. Dévouassoud's grave; but several of his old friends have expressed their wish to take part in whatever is done, and their belief that others may have the same feeling. It seems to me difficult and undesirable to settle on the form of the memorial until we know the exact position of the grave with relation to others and to the neighbouring ground. My prolonged absence from Europe has prevented me from getting this information hitherto, but I hope to obtain it before long. Meantime François's family are content to wait, and I hope contributors may be. I will receive and acknowledge (at 1 Airlie Gardens, W.) any contributions sent, and will arrange that a photograph of whatever memorial may be erected shall be forwarded to each contributor.'

TORLOSA.—This fine peak, near Aconcagua, has been ascended by Mr. A. F. Wedgwood.

THE CAUCASUS.—The first two volumes of M. de Déchy's sumptuous work on the Caucasus (Berlin: Dietrich Reimer) have already appeared. We hope to say more of them in our next number.

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The Central Tian-shan Mountains, 1902–1903. By Dr. Gottfried Merzbacher. Published under the authority of the Royal Geographical Society. (London: John Murray. 1905.) 8vo. Pp. ix and 285; with Illustrations and a Map.

THIS very interesting and well written volume is a record of scientific exploration rather than of mountain-climbing. Dr. Merzbacher, however, by no means neglected the latter, and took with him first one, then a second Alpine guide; but his primary aim was to make their craft subservient to securing a thorough knowledge of this grand mountain region rather than to win

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