

ALPINE NOTES.

'ALPINE JOURNAL.'—The following parts are for sale at the Club-rooms, price 2s. 6*d.* each, except those marked with an asterisk, which are 5s. each, viz.:—Nos. 28, 50, 53*, 54, 56, 60, 61, 69*, 73, 76*, 77*, 80*, 87*, 89*, 90*, 91, 92*, 93*, 96*, 97*, 100*, 104-6, 107-14, 115-22, 123-30 (these three latter in sets only, price 20s. each), 112, 117, 118.

There is also for sale a set complete to Part 109.

No. 101 is required by a member, who would be glad to obtain it from any member having a copy for sale.

Members wishing for further particulars as to the above, or desiring either to dispose of or purchase back numbers, are requested to communicate with the Assistant Secretary at the Club-rooms.

ALPINE HONOURS. — Mr. Edward Whymper, Mr. Douglas Freshfield, the Revd. W. A. B. Coolidge, Sir Martin Conway, and Mr. C. E. Mathews have been nominated Honorary Members of the Club *Alpin Français*.

BALL'S 'ALPINE GUIDE.'—The first volume of the new edition of the 'Alpine Guide,' comprising the Western Alps, which has been revised and reconstructed by the Rev. W. A. B. Coolidge, will be delivered to subscribers and on sale to the public in the course of the present month.

MR. FITZGERALD'S 'MAP OF THE SOUTHERN ALPS OF NEW ZEALAND.'—In our review of Mr. Harper's work on the New Zealand Alps, vol. xviii., p. 348, an unfortunate oversight, which we much regret, occurred in the printing of the following sentence:—

'The map is excellent, but it is a pity that in this case (as with Mr. Fitzgerald's map) there is no imprint to show that it is in fact based, not on the work of any one or two men, but on that of a staff of Government surveyors.'

The words in parentheses ought to have come after, instead of before, 'there is no imprint to show.' The intention of the reviewer was to call attention to the fact that on Mr. Fitzgerald's map there is a conspicuous imprint, 'From the latest Government surveys, with additions by E. H. Fitzgerald.'

THE 'CHALET DES DEUX FRÈRES.'—Count J. de Nicolay has written to ask us to inform members of the Alpine Club that he has transferred his chalet, built in 1864 for the use of himself and his brother in their sporting excursions, to Louis Mollard, the son of his old guide, by whom it will be kept as an inn—open from June 25 to September 15. The chalet is placed on the Col de Tricot, at the foot of the Aiguille de Bionassay, and between the glacier of that name and the Chalets de Miège, at a height of 2,133 m., and is conveniently placed for excursions in this part of the chain of Mont Blanc. It will be fully provisioned, and has an excellent water supply. Guides and porters can be procured at La Villette, an hour and a quarter above St. Gervais le Village, or

from St. Gervais itself. Count J. de Nicolay particularly recommends Louis Mollard (at La Villette), Estivin and A. Magnin (at St. Gervais), and François Perroud (at Bionassay).

THE MONTANVERT HOTEL.—We understand that A. Simond is keeping on this hotel, having taken it for another term of years.

PRESENTS TO THE CLUB.—A mounted chamois-head, which has been very finely set up by Zollikofer, of St. Gallen, has been presented to the Club by Mr. G. Stallard. Mr. A. B. Thorold has presented to the Club two very interesting coloured prints of 'De Saussure's Ascent of Mont Blanc.' One is entitled 'Montée de M. de Saussure sur la Cime du Montblanc au Mois d'août 1785,' publié par J. P. Lamy à Berne, Basle et Genève; the other, 'Descente de M. de Saussure de la Cime du Montblanc au Mois d'août 1785,' publié par J. P. Lamy à Berne, Bâle, Lausanne, Genève—Grundmann del. The size of each plate is 12 in. by 9 in. Their interest lies in the fact that, though they closely resemble the coloured prints of the same subject already in the possession of the Club, which were published by Ch' de Mechel in 1790, yet they are not exact copies, for the figures, though in much the same attitudes and positions, differ in number, and the arrangement of the crevasses and seracs differs slightly. Mechel's well-known plates also measure 18 in. by 14 in. Curiously enough, none of the De Saussure prints are mentioned in Ebel's 'Switzerland,' 1809, which contains a very complete list of contemporary prints.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HIGH ALTITUDES.

To the Editor of THE ALPINE JOURNAL.

SIR.—In the February number of the 'Alpine Journal,' at the Geographical Society's meeting on March 28, and at the Alpine Club meeting on March 29, Mr. Freshfield has taken opportunities to put forward his views about certain matters connected with some high mountain ascents in opposition to published opinions of my own. In the preface to my 'Climbing in the Himalayas' the following passage occurs:—

'The expedition made by the brothers Robert and Adolph Schlagintweit in 1854-56 into Nepal and other portions of the Himalayas was not properly a mountaineering expedition, though some mountains were climbed, and a height of 22,239 ft. was reached. But Mr. W. W. Graham's expedition in 1883 to the mountains of Kumaon and Sikkim was a mountaineering expedition, because Mr. Graham was a trained climber; he was accompanied by two Swiss guides of repute, Emil Boss and Ulrich Kauffmann; and the making of ascents was his object. Unfortunately, he was not acquainted with the use of instruments, did not take photographs, and was thus without means for fixing his positions