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drowned while attempting to save the lives of others in one of the Scottish lochs, and they form a worthy memorial of one of the originators of the Scottish Lake Survey.

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'The Valley of Aosta.' By F. Ferrero. (New York and London: Putman. 1910. Pp. xvi., 336. *Maps and Illustr.* 7s. 6d. net.) This volume presents a somewhat rare combination, the author having applied genuine geographical study and historical and archaeological research in the district dealt with. His *métier* is apparently the two last of these; he does not appear to have any great command of the subject of physical geography, and the maps are elementary. But the whole book is eminently readable, and shows, at any rate, a most minute knowledge of the ground.

'Quiet Days in Spain.' By C. Bogue Luffmann. (London: Murray. 1910. Pp. xvi., 318. 8s. net.) The author has written of Spain before, and knows it well; but to judge from this work his interests lie entirely with the people, not with their country. And, truth to tell, the personal reminiscences which fill the bulk of the volume are not illuminating.

'Alpine Profile Road Book.' By R. H. U. Ellis. (London: Cyclists' Touring Club. 1910. Pp. 148. *Diagrams.* 3s. 6d. net.) This excellent little volume covers all the main routes between Geneva and Cortina and between Lucerne and Innsbruck and the Italian frontier. The profile diagrams are particularly clear, with scales in feet and inches, and there are careful directions and descriptions of the various passes and routes, which, it may be added, are by no means confined to cycling roads.

#### ASIA.

'A Systematic Geography of Asia.' By G. W. Webb. (London: Methuen. 1910. Pp. viii., 100. *Diagrams.* 1s.) This volume, like many of the same type, seems to attempt too much. It is not possible to give a topographical, economic, and historical survey of every component political unit of Asia in the compass of a hundred pages, if it is to be of much educational value. We submit that from general works of this sort the history, at least—piecemeal notes, covering perhaps thirty centuries in a page, and not particularly connected with the geographical treatment—be dropped. Apart from this objection to principles, the present volume is simply written and easy to read, and as systematic as it claims to be.

'A Short History of Burma.' By S. W. Cocks. (London: Macmillan. 1910. Pp. x., 229. *Map and Illustr.* 2s. net.) The author's manner of telling the story of Burma, with all its strange interest and incident, is as unemotional as an official document. But the book is admirably lucid and well proportioned, and should prove a useful text-book wherever this chapter of history is taught. It has a map distinguished by a number of place-rings to which no names are attached.

'The Russian Road to China.' By Lindon Bates. (London: Constable. 1910. Pp. ix., 391. *Map and Illustrations.* 10s. 6d.) The Trans-Siberian railway is used as a chain to link together a series of notes on divers subjects—description of towns and territories, history, the estimate of Roman development in Asia, and what not. The result is readable and informative, and the illustrations are good.

'Sport and Travel in the Far East.' By J. C. Grew. (London: Constable. 1910. Pp. xiv., 264. *Illustrations.* 10s. 6d.) This volume ranges very far east—even to New Zealand, though it is mainly concerned with shooting in India (Kashmir, Baltistan), while there is an interesting account of a tiger hunt in the Amoy district of China, and of an abortive journey in the Malay peninsula. In the intervals of sport there is ample description of scenes and experiences of travel, very pleasantly written, and the author's photographs are excellent.