

My route took me first for about three miles down the left bank of the river to the fortified village of Tiznaf. There my attention was attracted by a large cemetery with a number of mud-built domes (Gumbaz), of which the photograph reproduced here gives a view. A short distance further down the Taghdumbash River turns to the east and enters



IN THE CEMETERY OF TIZNAF.

the narrow gorge of Shindah, by which it has forced its way through the meridional range. All the mountains around looked bleak and bare of vegetation, forming a striking contrast to the green fields and meadows of the riverine flat.

The winter route along the Tagharma-su, which joins the Taghdumbash River from the west slopes of Muztagh-Ata, was closed by the depth of the water. So we had to turn off from