

## WILLIAM J. JAMIESON, M.A.

Born 1857. Died 1897.

BY ROBERT ANDERSON.

MR. JAMIESON was one of the original members of the Club, and was also a member of the Committee down to his removal to the capital of the Midlands in 1894. A vigorous pedestrian and an enthusiastic mountaineer, he attended most of the Club's excursions during the period indicated. An agreeable walking companion, he was also one of the Club's chroniclers, furnishing graphic sketches of the excursions to the *Aberdeen Journal*—mention may be made in particular of an exceedingly interesting account of the excursion to Mount Battock and Clochnaben in September, 1892. Articles by him on "Glen Doll and the Capel" and "Cader Idris" appeared in the *C.C.J.* (Vol. I.), and to the holiday number of *Belgravia*, 1895, he contributed a little tale—"A Terrible Impasse"—the hero of which met his death while scaling the precipices of Lochnagar.

Mr. Jamieson was a son of Mr. Thomas F. Jamieson, LL.D., Mains of Waterton, Ellon. After graduating at the University in 1875, with first-class honours in Classics, he studied law, but eventually drifted into journalism. He was for a brief period editor of the *Aberdeen Journal*, but for about four years prior to his death (which occurred on 28th November, 1897) he had been on the literary staff of the *Daily Mail*, Birmingham. Suffice it to say here that he was an able journalist and brilliant writer.

For walking and mountaineering, Jamieson was particularly well-equipped. He was strong and sturdy, he possessed an equable temperament though he was at times taciturn, and he had infinite endurance—he virtually had "no tire". He always seemed to me the embodiment, in walking, of the doctrine "It's dogged as does it": other men might shirk a fresh ascent at the tail-end of a long day's walk and work—Jamieson would make the ascent, even if he did it alone. Old comrade, farewell!