

made him and Mrs. Forsyth a handsome presentation, as stated at page 229 of the present volume.

Dr. Forsyth was a notable man, and no less lovable. Naturally he was adored by his parishioners, and as years wore on was venerated by a wide circle of friends far beyond Strathspey. Much learning and the varied experiences of a long busy life had widened both his knowledge and his interests, but withal, the simplicity of his character was outstanding. It was to him, as he said, a delight to tell of bygone days, and

“To speak of you, ye mountains and ye lakes,  
And sounding cataracts, ye mists and winds,  
That dwell among the hills where I was born.”

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### JAMES SHEARER.

Born 1836.

Died 1907.

JAMES SHEARER, a humble member, but one of our most lovable, died at Cairnie on 9th May, 1907. He began life as a herd-boy, ultimately becoming a shoemaker. A man of many parts, he was a total abstainer, had deep religious feelings, though not rigid in sect; was a bee-master of some authority; a church precentor for several years; and a regular correspondent to the *Banffshire Journal* since 1866. In his younger days he attended the meetings of the Keith Mutual Improvement Society; in later years many a long walk he took to be present at discussions of the Huntly Field Club. The recently issued “History of Cairnie” is not a little indebted to him for information.

No member better enjoyed the Club's Excursions than James Shearer, and frequently he put himself to no small trouble to attend them. His fellow-members much enjoyed his company; his presence was welcomed by all. A love of nature and a passion for the hills made him kin with those he counted his “betters,” but he often marvelled at the terms of equality on which he was invariably received. He is survived by two married daughters, to whom the Club begs to extend its sympathy.