

## In Memoriam :

ROBERT HARVEY.

Died, August 6th, 1911.

LOOKING over the first list (1889) of members of the Club, one is appalled by the numbers who have already joined the majority. Though not one of the little band of club "founders," still all but intact, Robert Harvey has to be accounted as a pioneer of modern mountaineering in the North. Not only was he one of the select company that, under a roof, met and duly elected office-bearers on 9th January, 1889, but he was himself the Club's first Treasurer, and he filled the office of Chairman in 1902-3. Years before the formation of the Cairngorm Club he had acquired such a familiarity with the Monadh Ruadh, not to mention other heights, that he was generally regarded as a representative hill-climber. What memories are evoked when we allow ourselves to dwell on the past, and recall expeditions between Dee and Spey and wanderings on the Cairngorms in which Harvey took part with several other enthusiasts, of whom the writer is now the sole survivor! Those were the times when adventitious aids for a hill excursion were rather scorned. A memorable day was it when half-a-dozen of us attacked Cairn Toul from the Larig, dodged the head of Loch Eunach, and dropped into Glen Feshie from Carn Ban and so to Lynwilg—an unbargained for snow-storm, practically lasting from Dee to Feshie, making the journey one of the most trying that could well be imagined. When the storm abated we got a glimpse of the Feshie, but some of us had so lost sense of direction that the river was declared to be the Spey itself! There were necessarily certain decisive moments that long day, but Harvey's behaviour inspired that confidence so necessary in critical positions, and is the outstanding feature of a long series of hill days on which we enjoyed his company.

Mr. Harvey, who was in his 75th year, was a native of Aberdeen, and spent his life from 1854 to 1907 in the service of the Great North of Scotland Railway Coy., filling the important office of Goods Accountant at Waterloo Station for 27 years. He was an ardent politician, and took a great interest in municipal matters.