

## Correspondence.

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ABERDEEN, 28th August, 1913.

MY DEAR MR. EDITOR,

I think it may interest some of our members to read the following record among the Cairngorms this summer, which seems to have been performed under somewhat unusual circumstances.

When residing at Aviemore last month I met a gentleman from London who told me that he casually picked up Mr. Seton Gordon's 'Charm of the Hills' at a London book-stall. Though he had never been north of the Border, and never used a map or compass before, he was so enthused by Mr. Gordon's descriptions that he determined to purchase these necessities, and to visit forthwith the haunts of the golden-eagle.

Finding himself at Aviemore, in the midst of the gorgeous weather—for which the summer of 1913 will long be famous—this is what he did:—

17th July.—From Aviemore to Braeriach by Loch Eunach, and back by the Larig.

18th July.—From Aviemore to Lurcher's Rock, Cairngorm, and back by Loch Morlich.

19th July.—From Aviemore to Braeriach by Loch Eunach, Angel's Peak, and Cairn Toul, and back same way.

20th July.—From Aviemore to Sgoran Dubh, from Loch Eunach, and back by Argyle Stone and Loch-an-Eilean.

21st July.—From Aviemore to Lurcher's Rock and Ben Muich Dhui, and back same way.

22nd July.—From Aviemore to Lurcher's Rock, Ben Muich Dhui, and on to Braemar *via* Loch Etchachan and Glen Derry.

23rd July.—From Braemar by Loch Callater to Lochnagar, down Glen Gelder, out by East Lodge, Balmoral, and caught motor-bus back to Braemar.

24th July.—Waded Dee at Ford, up Glen Quoich, climbed Ben a' Bhuid and Ben Avon, descended to Loch Builg, ascended between the Culardoch and Carn Liath, came down to Inver Inn by Glen Feardar, and picked up motor-bus to Braemar.

25th July.—Strolled up to Derry, rested till 10.15 p.m., started for Ben Muich Dhui, and reached top 2.30 a.m., saw sun-rise; got to top of Cairngorm 6 a.m., and breakfasted at Aviemore at 9.30 a.m.

27th July.—Climbed Braeriach, Angel's Peak and Cairn Toul (each twice), and back to Aviemore.

I had the pleasure of accompanying the gentleman on his last expedition, and a better walker, a more pleasant companion, and a man more imbued with the true spirit of the hills I have never met.

If Mr. Gordon's book inspires others south of the border or elsewhere, as it has done in this case, his work has not been in vain. I think we should be proud to have Mr. Hoare enrolled among our members.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM GARDEN.