

of age, but he had already climbed many of the Deeside hills, and was full of enthusiasm for mountaineering—an enthusiasm that deepened into a passionate fondness for the hills as the years passed by and as his climbing experiences extended. The Club has numbered among its members no finer fellow than Robert Lyon, and to none of his friends has his untimely death come with greater poignancy of grief than to those who were privileged to be his companions in those excursions over the high Cairngorms in which he delighted.

GEORGE DUNCAN.

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LIEUTENANT W. B. MEFF.

Died of wounds, 14th November 1916.



The death of Lieutenant W. B. Meff has bereft the Club of one of its most enthusiastic members. He joined the 7th Battalion, Gordon Highlanders (the Deeside Battalion), in February 1915, and went to France three months later; and he saw much active service. On 13th November last he was hit by shrapnel, and he died in hospital

the next day. For some time he had been Brigade Bombing Officer; and Brigadier-General Douglas Campbell, in a letter written to Lieutenant Meff's



father (Dean of Guild Meff), said:—"He was a fine organiser, so cool and level-headed, and quite devoted to his work. As a member of our mess he will be much missed. His sense of humour was very keen, and he often cheered us all up by his amusing mimicry."

Lieutenant Meff was an all-round sportsman. He was a prominent member of the Aberdeenshire Cricket Club, and was also a very keen fisherman; he knew the Braemar water well, and also the surrounding lochs. He was, too, a photographer of fine discrimination, choosing his subjects largely from the mountains: an admirable specimen of his work, "Glen Lui," appears in Vol. VII. of the *Journal*.

Few corners of the Club's playground were unfamiliar to "Bill" Meff, and he was well acquainted with the animal and bird life of the glen and the hillside. He was one of the "Ultramontane" members of the Club, being exceptionally keen on snow-climbing; he had cut snow and ice-steps up most of the corries and gullies of the Cairngorms. It was a pleasure to those who climbed with him to see his fine figure and smiling face and to hear his humorous remarks. These were never lacking even in the foulest weather, and often, after a strenuous day, they enlivened the homeward journey along the mountain paths he loved so well.

JAMES McCROSS.

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WILLIAM ALFRED HAWES.

Died, 11th July, 1916.

Mr. Hawes was one of the little party of six who founded the Cairngorm Club; two-thirds of them, alas! have now joined the majority. The story of the originating of the Club was told by one of them in the first number of the *Journal* (page 7), and from it the following passage may be quoted: "My letter crossed one from him [the Secretary] to me intimating that he and a couple of friends were just starting for the Loch Builg district, and that a few of our common friends in