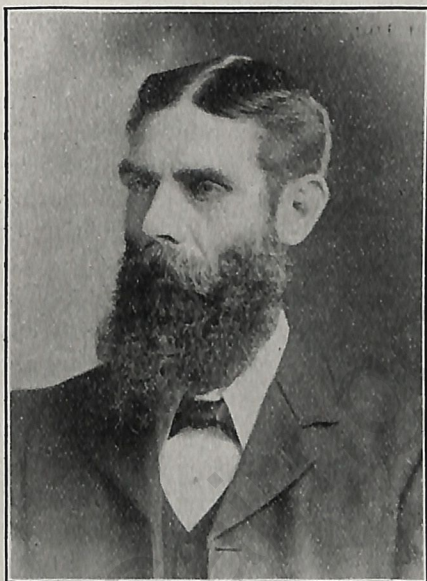


In Memoriam.

C. G. CASH, F.R.S.G.S.



THE death of Mr. C. G. Cash on 21st August of last year, came as a great shock to most of his friends; a devoted lover of the mountains and of nature generally, his stalwart figure, his never-wearying step, gave one the impression of robust health and the feeling that here was a man with the sure promise of many years of active life before him. But *dis aliter visum*.

Long vacations spent for a succession of years at Inverey and Inverdrue gave him a familiarity with, and a knowledge of, the recesses of the Cairngorm Mountains almost unequalled. "The wind on the heath," be it on the low ground or the high, never called on him in vain; he was a typical mountaineer—animal life, especially on the heights, had for him a charm which was irresistible, while botany and geology added to the pleasures of the day's outing. To those who had never exchanged speech with him he might have given the impression of some slight reserve; he was actually one of the most genial of men, and at the same time one of the best informed. He made maps, ancient and modern, one of his particular studies—indeed, was an authority on the

subject ; much of the knowledge thus acquired he applied with effect on his varied excursions and investigations. Meeting with kindred spirits, he was communicative of his rich stores and was ever ready to help in nature studies. An ideal companion on the mountains and in the glens, no point of interest was passed by without recognition and remark, yet he could be eloquently silent when the grandeur of the scene was beyond words.

Cash wrote much on the topography of Scotland ; in him the Ordnance Survey had a keen but appreciative critic. Our Club *Journal* was often enriched by his contributions ; its first editor has a great debt to acknowledge both in that capacity and otherwise. Cash had a quarter-of-a-century connection with the Royal Geographical Society of Scotland (he died a member of its Council), but it was through the Scottish History Society that he produced his monumental work. The title-page of "The Bibliography of Scottish Topography" has two names as authors, but it is no secret that the great burden fell on Cash. Two sentences from a review, written by Lord Guthrie in the *Scottish Geographical Magazine*, may well be quoted here :—"Thereafter (1909) Mr. Cash worked single-handed at an undertaking so immense that it might well have absorbed the labours of a large number of workers. . . . The result, contained in 705 clearly but closely-printed pages, represents an amount of patient and highly skilled labour for which Mr. Cash will never get credit from the public, because it can only be appreciated by those with some experience in such work." Doubtless the President of the Geographical Society, like many of us, looked for further literary work from Cash ; alas ! he died the same month as the review appeared. A. I. M.

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