

CHARLES RUXTON.

Died, 28th November, 1918.

Senior members of the Club will have learned with regret of the death of Mr. Charles Ruxton, a well-known advocate in Aberdeen—one of the ablest lawyers in the city. He was an original member of the Club and was elected a member of the first Committee, and in that capacity he rendered considerable service in the preparation of the rules and in the initiation of the Club's work. He was a noted walker—"a stalwart of the stalwart, setting a pace with which few could keep up," writes a correspondent—and he was also an enthusiastic mountaineer; and these qualities indubitably pointed him out as the most fitting successor to the late Mr. Alexander Copland as Chairman of the Club. He became the second Chairman, holding office for the year 1891-2. Mr. Ruxton was present at the first excursion of the Club—to Cairngorm and Ben Muich Dhui on 9th July, 1889; and as Chairman he presided at a very memorable excursion to Beinn a' Bhuid and Ben Avon on 13th July, 1891. He subsequently became a member of the Alpine Club and his connection with the Cairngorm Club ultimately ceased.

The obituary notice of Mr. Ruxton in the *Aberdeen Daily Journal* contained the following interesting passage regarding his mountaineering tastes:—

As in business, so in his pleasure, Mr. Ruxton seemed to put his whole heart and soul into what was before him. An enthusiastic mountaineer, he was a member of the Cairngorm Club and the Alpine Club, and varied excursions in the Scottish Highlands with visits to Switzerland in his summer holidays. Every season for many years he and a select number of friends were wont to go to Switzerland, there to engage in mountaineering or, in later years, in long walks. He never lost his fondness for those walks, in his case rendered the more enjoyable because of his great love for nature generally, and for botany in particular. Few in Aberdeen had a more extensive knowledge of Alpine flora.