

In Memoriam :

HENRY KELLAS.

MANY members of the Club will have learned with regret of the death of Mr. Henry Kellas, advocate, Aberdeen, (of the firm of Messrs. Gray and Kellas), which took place at Braemar on 4th July. Mr. Kellas was spending a holiday at Braemar, when he was seized with illness, and he succumbed somewhat suddenly after being laid aside for only a few days. He was a son of a well-known and highly respected citizen of Aberdeen, the late Mr. James F. Kellas, superintendent for many years of the Local Marine Board, and he was fifty-two years of age. He was a brother of the late Dr. A. M. Kellas, who died in Tibet two years ago, while with the Mount Everest Expedition.

Like his brother, Mr. Henry Kellas had a great love for hill-climbing, and his holidays were generally spent in some mountaineering district in his own country or on the Continent. This love began in early life, for in the first volume of the *C. C. Journal* there is a note on "Camping Out on the Cairngorms" contributed by the two brothers, which opens with the statement that "In 1883 the mountains had definitely laid their wonderful fascination over us after an ascent of Mount Keen," at which date Henry Kellas could have been only twelve years old. He became a member of the Club in 1895, and was an occasional contributor to our pages. An account of an ascent of Ben Alder at the Easter Meet of 1910 was from his pen, and he was joint author with Mr. James Gray Kyd of an article on "The Corryairick and Minikaig Passes," which appeared in the January

1915 number of the *Journal*. He was one of the party of five who, in 1908, accomplished the feat of climbing the six highest Cairngorms in one day. Some years ago he made the ascent of Mont Blanc from Chamounix. A Braemar correspondent records that he was fond of the mountain solitude and made many long tramps among the hills. About eighteen months before his death he left Braemar in the early morning and travelled through Mar Forest to the Perthshire march, intending to return down the Baddoch. The hills were heavily covered with snow, however, and he lost his way. He found his bearings near the Spital of Glenshee and returned to Braemar by the Cairnwell—"a good day's tramp," as the correspondent very properly remarked.

Than Mr. Kellas there were few men more attractive and delightful as a companion in a mountaineering expedition. Gay and vivacious, he became the life and soul of any party he joined; and one can readily endorse the eulogy which appeared in the local press:—"Of spare build, Mr. Kellas was extraordinarily active in his movements, so that he could cover long distances as fast as any other climber. He never seemed to be in a hurry, and never seemed to be excited, but was always in good humour, and, of estimable personal qualities, was the best of companions upon a hill expedition."

JOHN RITCHIE, M.A., LL.B.

IT is with the deepest regret that we record the death of Mr. John Ritchie, Sheriff-Clerk of Perthshire, which took place on 3rd May at his residence, Rockbank, Kinnoull, Perth. A member of the Club for about twenty years, and a frequent contributor to the earlier volumes of the *Journal*,* he was compelled, on medical advice, to give up climbing some time ago. He was 59 years of age.

* See "The Ben Uarns" (July 1902), "Glas Thulachan" and "A Summer Night on Beinn a' Ghlo" (January 1904), "Cat Law" (January 1906), and "Beinn Heasgarnich and Others" (January 1907).