

The idea of a library has long been cherished in the Cairngorm Club and Mr. Anderson's pious gift to the Club which he loved so well, now provides the definite start for such a collection. There are some 50 bound volumes and some 60 maps and drawings in the bequest. The bound volumes include complete sets of the *Cairngorm Club Journal*, and the *Scottish Mountaineering Club Journal* and a set of the *Fell and Rock Climbing Club Journal*, down to 1921. There are also loose numbers of the journals of the Climbers' Club, Rucksack Club, Yorkshire Ramblers' Club, French Alpine Club and Scottish Ski Club. The other bound volumes include two older works of considerable value and interest, John Hill Burton's classic, "The Cairngorm Mountains," and Dr. John Longmuir's "Speyside: Its Picturesque Scenery and Antiquities," and among more recent books, Mr. G. Gordon Jenkins' "Hill Views from Aberdeen," and Mr. A. I. McConnochie's volumes on "Deeside" (1st and 2nd editions), "Bennachie," "Lochnagar," "Ben Muich Dhui," and "Strathspey."

To several of these volumes Mr. Anderson has added interesting notes of ascents, newspaper cuttings and other annotations. The collection is particularly rich in maps relating to the north-east of Scotland, comprising both the original and the revised Ordnance Surveys, while there are also various hill diagrams, topographical leaflets, and some maps in rolls. A volume of monographs and odd papers relating to the Cairngorm Club and group photographs of the Club taken on May 5th, 1895, on Sockaugh and on September 23rd, 1895, on the Buck of Cabrach must be mentioned.

MR. THOMAS JAMIESON.

Mr. Thomas Jamieson, late City Analyst for Aberdeen, was one of the earliest members of the Cairngorm Club and though over seventy at the time of his death, which took place on May 3rd, he retained to the last the keenest interest in the open countryside and a zest for the moors

and hills and wide spaces. For over forty-six years he was analyst to the city of Aberdeen, and during that period no fewer than 12,000 specimens or articles were examined and reported upon by him. His work in this capacity was uniformly careful, accurate and responsible, Mr. Jamieson's interests, however, were much wider than those of an analytical chemist. He was an enthusiastic student of science in its application to agriculture, and for fifteen years he held the post of Fordyce Lecturer in Agriculture at the University and for many years conducted the Glasterbery research station, his experiments there being fruitful in practical results for farming. He was a pioneer in this field long before the days of Agricultural Colleges and State supported research institutes.

Mr. Jamieson was familiar with the Deeside hills and the present writer recalls vividly two expeditions which he had with him at an interval of twenty years or more. One was in the nineties up Glas Maol, when the party cycled from Braemar to the Shan Spital bridge and leaving their cycles there, had a very pleasant day upon the hill. The later expedition was an accidental one during the height of the Avon controversy. It was Mr. Jamieson who first suggested the Avon as a water supply for Aberdeen, and by his letters in the *Free Press* and his persistent and capable advocacy he succeeded in having the scheme adopted by Lord Provost Wilson, and the Town Council of the day. Its subsequent defeat before the Parliamentary Committee is matter of local history. I had motor-cycled out to Cockbridge one afternoon and found Mr. Jamieson there. He was wearing Highland dress, if I remember rightly, for he liked the kilt. He had planned a visit to the Avon next day and I went with him. It was a lovely summer day and we walked over to Inchrory and past the Linn of Avon—I have some charming little photographs of the falls taken by Mr. Jamieson—and up the Avon to the point where the Allt-an-t-Sluichd comes in from the south. Here he took measurements of the volume of

water in the Avon, his object being to show that there was an ample flow even at midsummer for the city of Aberdeen. As I had to return to Aberdeen that evening, I left him there busily and happily engaged in his task. The possibility of securing the Avon as a water supply for his native city appealed to Mr. Jamieson's imagination as a mountaineer, and he threw into his advocacy of the scheme all his knowledge as a man of science and all his force and vigour as a controversialist. Last summer I met him at Dinnet, where he was living at Clearfield, and he was still the same alert figure, physically and intellectually, as I had known him for thirty years.

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