

## SCOTTISH MOUNTAIN INDICATORS.

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AN excellent mountain-view indicator, the gift of *The Daily Record*, was erected on the summit of Goatfell last summer. It consists of a lithographed drawing on paper, designed by Mr. D. K. Paterson, of Paisley, enclosed in a glazed metal frame. It is supported by a metal framework which is enclosed in rough masonry. The drawing consists primarily of an outline map of the south-west of Scotland, with radial lines pointing out the direction, distances, and heights of the principal points which are visible in clear weather. The most distant hills noted are Skiddaw (105 miles), Slieve Donard (104 miles), Creach Bheinn (90 miles), and the West Lomond (85 miles). Ben Nevis is not mentioned, although Mr. Shearer, in his Ben Nevis panorama, gave "Arran" as one of the points visible; but he apparently could not identify which peak it was—possibly the Castles.

The erection of the Goatfell indicator, like that on Ben Lomond, is due to the energies of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Federation of Ramblers, which is evidently a very enthusiastic body.

While the most distant point visible from Goatfell is Skiddaw (105 miles), as stated above, it is interesting to note that the most distant points visible from the other four mountains which have indicators are as follows:—

Ben Lomond—Knocklayd, Antrim, 95 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles.

Ben Nevis—Ireland, probably Knocklayd, 120 miles.

Ben Macdhui—Ben Hope, 98 miles.

Lochnagar—The Cheviot, 108 miles.

The number of mountain-view indicators in Scotland continues to increase and, in view of our own activities in this direction, the following list of the more important ones (with dates of erection) may be of interest:—

*Engraved on metal and not protected—*

- Arthur's Seat.
- The Law, Dundee.
- Eildon Hill, 1927.
- Falkland Hill, 1928.

*Engraved on metal and protected by removable wooden cover—*

- Brimmond Hill, 1917.

*Engraved on metal and enclosed in glazed metal frame—*

- Ben Lomond, 1929.

*Drawing on paper enclosed in glazed metal frame—*

- Stirling Castle Rock.
- Corsiehill, Perth.
- Grantown-on-Spey, 1914.
- Bridge of Weir Golf Course, 1927.
- Goatfell, 1929.

*Glazed stoneware, not protected—*

- Lochnagar, 1924.
- Ben Macdhui, 1925.
- Ben Nevis, 1927.
- Blue Hill, Aberdeen, 1929.

*In preparation—*

- Ben Cleuch, Ochils.

It will be interesting to find out in the future which of the above types prove to be the most permanent. The metal plate on Arthur's Seat has been very badly defaced by vandals marking their initials on it, while that on the Brimmond Hill has been hardly touched, as people write their names on the zinc-covered wooden cover. At Grantown-on-Spey the indicator suffers by people pushing spent matches through the small ventilating holes at the edge of the frame on to the drawing. On Ben Lomond the plate glass has been broken on two occasions, with the result that the metal plate has been so affected by damp that a new plate is being prepared and will be fixed next spring. The stoneware slabs are, I am glad to say, in as good condition as on the day they were erected.