

## TWO EX-PRESIDENTS.

MR. WILLIAM GARDEN, M.A., B.L., joined the Club in 1896, and, right from the beginning of his membership, has been a most active and enthusiastic supporter of all the Club's activities. A busy man, he has, whenever possible, attended the meets and excursions of the Club, and many a young member has been encouraged and inspired by his enthusiasm and devotion to climbing. Mr. Garden has had a wide experience in mountaineering, not only in Scotland, but also in Switzerland, Norway, and Canada, and his knowledge of the science and art of this sport is not surpassed by that of any other expert in Scotland, and he has the knack of imparting his knowledge to others, so that not a few of those who would excel in rock or snow work owe their progress in its technique to him. His contributions to mountaineering literature are extensive, and his articles are always accurate, informative, and inspiring. The paper he wrote for *The S.M.C. Journal* (Vol. VII, 323-362) on the Central Cairngorms, is frequently quoted as a model of what a guide book article should be. His photographs are beautiful and have frequently been used to illustrate his own and other men's articles on the hills. He is a cheery companion on an expedition—the more difficult the work the cheerier he becomes, and, when he is in a really tight corner, his half-chuckle, half laugh, is a thing to remember and to take courage from. He was President from 1925 to 1927, and is going as well as ever. To him and his friend, Mr. James A. Parker, the Club owes a deep debt of gratitude, for these two have done more for the Club and its activities than any others have done.

MR. JAMES A. PARKER, B.Sc., M.Inst.C.E., joined the Club in 1907, when he came to Aberdeen. He was already an accomplished mountaineer, being a member of the S.M.C., the English Alpine Club, and the Austrian Alpine Club.



WILLIAM GARDEN, M.A., B.L., President, 1925-27.



*A. Rennie, Aberdeen.*

JAMES A. PARKER, B.Sc., M.Inst.C.E., President, 1928-30.

A very few weeks after coming to Aberdeen he made his first ascent of the Black Spout (in February), and since that time his expeditions to the Scottish hills have been continuous, winter and summer. His knowledge of the craft is extensive and profound, and his gift of uncanny accuracy and precision in everything he does is at once the admiration and despair of all his friends. Added to this, his energy is amazing, so that, at the end of a long day, he is generally as fresh as when he set out in the morning. He has climbed all the hills over 3,000 feet in Scotland, England, Wales, and Ireland. During his recent world tour he made ascents of the Woolworth building in New York (by elevator), the Pyramids of Egypt, several hills in China and Japan, and, finally, a good deal of serious climbing in the Canadian Rockies. His lecture on this world tour, illustrated by his very beautiful photographs, is a masterpiece of beauty and description. His enthusiasm for the hills led him to persuade the Club to erect an Indicator on Lochnagar. He planned the entire affair from start to finish, and, as usual, the building and erection of the Indicator showing the names, heights, and distances of mountains to be seen from Lochnagar was carried out without a hitch. A year later he did the same thing on Ben Macdhui, and later still on Ben Nevis, and the Blue Hill. He was President of the Club from 1928 to 1930. He was present at all the meets and most of the excursions of the Club during his term of office. His contributions to mountaineering literature are numerous and valuable, and his joint work with Mr. Garden, the Index of Vols. I to X of *The S.M.C. Journal*, is but one indication of the extraordinary capacity for hard work, for detail and for exactness which marks all the work of these two mountaineers.

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