

have had to be reprinted. We understand that *Ben Nevis* is to go into a second and enlarged edition, and we shall be surprised if there is not a speedy demand for another issue of Mr. Parker's *Western Highlands*, reviewed in this number (p. 10). Two more sections—*Northern Highlands* and *Central Highlands*—are due for early publication, and it is to be hoped the remainder will not be unduly delayed. The Scottish Mountaineering Club have done invaluable work in projecting this "Guide," and whether it was their intention or not, it must be a powerful agent in promoting the "Come to Scotland" movement. The whole country is surveyed for the climber and the walker, and the information given is authoritative and very clearly presented in the letterpress and the pictures.

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MIDMAR TO TORPHINS EXCURSION (May 23, 1931).

[To the Editor of *The Cairngorm Club Journal*.]

SIR,—With reference to the report appearing in the last issue of the *Journal* of the Saturday Afternoon Excursion (May 23), "Midmar to Torphins," may I be permitted to point out its inaccuracy? In the report it is stated that the route taken was via Midmar and Craigmyle, which is entirely misleading, as in point of fact neither was the ascent made from Midmar nor the descent by Craigmyle. That is a well-recognised way of doing the Hill of Fare but was certainly not the route taken on that occasion. Instead of the conveyance halting, as it was expected to do, at Midmar—a well-known point on the turnpike road—it continued the journey (although the driver slowed down intending to stop) for about three miles farther along to a point about opposite Bاندل. Here the party left the conveyance and took a line almost due south across fields and flat country to the crest of the north-west spur of the hill. Had the same course been continued over the south-west spur then the descent would have landed the party at Craigmyle, but instead of doing so a divergence was made to the right (the west) and the descent made. Continuing westwards across fields the main road leading from the Tarland Road to Torphins was struck, and then, after turning north and along the road leading round the north-west of Learney House (it being on the left hand), a walk of about two miles southward brought the party to Torphins Station. As Craigmyle lies about a mile due east from Torphins, it is obvious, since the party entered Torphins from the north, that Craigmyle was never touched at all. The matter is not, perhaps, of much moment, except that as some of the party are under the impression that they "did" the hill from Midmar to Craigmyle, they had better be disillusioned.

Yours, etc., J. A. H.