

WE have received Nos. 5 and 6 of Vol. XLVIII. of *The Scottish Geographical Magazine* and also the very full and most useful index of this volume. An interesting note calls attention to the fact that Sheet 22 of the Popular Edition of the ST. KILDA MAPPED. 1-inch Ordnance Survey Map, published last year, shows as an inset the St. Kilda group, this being the first appearance of the group on an Ordnance Survey Map. The first four numbers of Vol. XLIX. have also reached us. Among the numerous excellent articles, we may call attention to "Developments in Soil Science and Recent British Contributions to its Literature," by Dr. W. G. Ogg, of the Macaulay Institute for Soil Research, Aberdeen, and to "Kilimanjaro and Kenya Mountains," by Rev. Dr. John W. Arthur.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

"THE SCOTTISH ALPS."

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

SIR,—Has anyone ever encountered the phrase "The Scottish Alps"? I find it used by a French writer of the sixteenth century in a rather interesting passage. This is in Belle-Forest's "Cosmographie Universelle," a book published in Paris in 1575. That author's words, which are rather quaint in spelling, are as follows:—

Aupres d'Aberdon sont les Alpes d'Escosse, qui sont inaccessible aux gens de cheual. Aux piedz des montagnes il y a de grandes forests, ou on pense que autresfois a esté la forest de Calidonie, & y a és dictes forests une multitude incroyable de cerfs & dains. Aberdon a esté autresfois la cité royale des Escossois mais aujourdhy cest Edinbourg.

(Near Aberdeen are the Scottish Alps, which are inaccessible to people on horseback. At the foot of the mountains there are great forests, where it is thought the Caledonian forest formerly was, and in the said forests there are an incredible multitude of stags and does. Aberdeen was formerly the royal city of the Scots but now it is Edinburgh.)—Yours, etc., W. M. A.