

him devote all his spare time to studying the theoretical side of his work. A member of the Cairngorm Club, climbing was his only recreation. All his holidays and odd week-ends were spent in the Cairngorm district, with which he was thoroughly acquainted. A most careful climber himself, he was very considerate towards beginners whom he introduced to the hills. He had the happy gift of making a long march and a stiff climb a most interesting and enjoyable affair to his companions, especially when they were strangers to the Cairngorms. His fund of historical information and stories made one forget the long, rough tracks in the hills. To Mr. and Mrs. McLeod we extend our deepest sympathy on their sudden, tragic bereavement.

CHARLES ROBERTSON, INVEREY.

THE death took place last year of Charles Robertson, Inverey, a well-known gamekeeper of the old school, on the Mar estate. He had reached an advanced age, and had been in retirement for many years, during which not a few members have been acquainted with him. During the 'nineties of last century he was stationed at the Corrou Bothy, and those who were visiting Glendee or Cairn Toul at that time came to know him well.

During his life in retirement at Inverey, everyone who talked with him found much entertainment in his wealth of anecdotes and old lore about the district. Few people knew the hills of the Dee basin beyond Braemar better than he, and one could always turn to him for information that was authentic and exact about any detail of these hills. This was very noticeable in connection with the place-names of the district, especially of various of the hills. To go over some of the map names with him was to discover the extraordinary number of inaccurate and distorted names which were put down by the first Ordnance Survey when mapping the Braemar district; a state of affairs which was not much remedied in the revised maps. From Robertson one could very frequently get a more correct name than that which appears on the maps. He was a speaker of excellent Gaelic, and would probably be reckoned the last really first quality speaker of the Braemar dialect of the language.