

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### A WIND SHELTER ON THE SUMMIT OF BEN MACDHUI.

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

SIR,—I have read Mr Hutcheon's letter on the above subject, published in the last issue of your *Journal*, with interest and, I think, appreciation, having myself had only one fine day out of nine visits to the summit mentioned, but I would, nevertheless, like to disagree with his suggestions.

It would be a great pity if the sanctity of Ben Macdhuì, the highest and proudest of our Cairngorm Hills, was to be violated in the way Mr Hutcheon proposes. Surely the abuse of the immediate vicinities of the Corrou Bothy and of the Shelter Stone is sufficient warning as to the condition which the summit of Ben Macdhuì might be expected to assume in the event of the erection of such a shelter. As to the idea that further buildings of a similar nature be founded on the other principal peaks, I, for one, should be sorry to see the consequent russet of mouldering tin-can heaps spread like erysipelas from mountain top to mountain top. If your correspondent would improve the amenities of the district, I would suggest that he enlist the help of members of the Club and carry out annual scavenging expeditions to the Corrou Bothy and the Shelter Stone.

Further, if a wind shelter were built on the summit of Ben Macdhuì, there is a danger that ill-equipped parties, not realising the rigours of a winter's night on the high hills, might elect to camp out within its walls. That questionable adventures of this description are on the increase of recent years is common knowledge, and I should like to combat anything which might tend to encourage a spirit of recklessness based essentially on ignorance.—Yours, etc.,

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