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EXCURSION TO DESKFORD.

THE members of this Club had an excursion to Deskford and Fordyce on the afternoon of Saturday last. The party, which consisted of ladies and gentlemen, left Banff Harbour Station at 1:20, and, on their arrival at Tochieneal Station, were joined by a contingent from Cullen. The drive past Tochieneal, up the Valley of Deskford, was most delightful. The bright autumn sun shining on a landscape of corn fields, diversified by green fields of turnips and luxurious aftermath, and interspersed with woods, which have not yet lost their summer verdure, made up a scene of quiet beauty that was truly enchanting, and seldom perhaps has the beautiful Valley of Deskford been seen under more favourable conditions. Mr Cramond, Cullen, acted as conductor, under whose guidance, it is needless to say, no object of interest was likely to escape observation. The first stop was made at the Old Church of Deskford, when Mr Cramond pointed out the various old monuments and objects in and around the ruins of the ancient building. The sacramental monument in the north wall, which has been preserved with praiseworthy care, was particularly admired. Seating themselves in the area of the church on forms which had been thoughtfully provided, the party then listened to the following exhaustive notes on the Church and Parish of Deskford, which had been prepared by Mr Cramond: