

Transactions

OF THE

BANFFSHIRE FIELD CLUB.



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THURSDAY, November 24, 1892.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of the Banffshire Field Club was held in the reading room of the Town and County Club, Banff, on Thursday evening.

Mr John Runcieman, Auchmill, president of the Club occupied the chair.

The minutes of meeting held at Banff on 14th April and of meeting held at Haddo House on 13th August last were read and approved.

NEW MEMBERS.

On the motion of the president, Mr James S. Findlater Banff, and Mr George Muirhead, F.R.S.E., F.S.A. Scot., Haddo House, were admitted members of the Club, The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen was nominated for election as an honorary member; and Messrs Duthie, Collynie; Barclay, Strocherie; Barclay, Galashiels; Elphinstone, Fintray; Duncan, architect, Turriff; Patrick Rose Harper, Banff; and Dr Wilson, Banff, were nominated as ordinary members of the Club.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

The annual report of the treasurer, Mr G. M. Hossack, was submitted. It showed that the balance at the bank in favour of the Club was £47 12s. 2d.

The report was considered very satisfactory, and was unanimously adopted.

The Secretary (Mr John Yeats, M.A.) then read his annual report, which was in the following terms:—"Since last annual meeting on 5th November 1891, the Club has held four evening meetings, at which papers were read as follows, viz.:—By the Rev. W. S. Bruce, Banff, on "Greek and Egyptian Architecture contrasted with Styles found in Scottish Abbeys and Cathedrals"; by the Rev. W. L. Davidson, LL.D., Bourtie, on "The Nature, Origin, and Historical Development of Rhetoric"; by William Cramond, LL.D., Cullen, on "Old Letters"; and by the Rev. Walter J. B. Richards, D.D., London, on "Some Chemical Facts and Theories." From the well known ability of the writers, it is needless to say that the various subjects were ably handled, and that each of them furnished ample materials for an evening's discussion. The Club made one ex-

excursion to the Braes of Gight and Haddo House, which proved a most enjoyable and instructive one. It was well attended by the members of this Club, who had the pleasure of meeting a respectable contingent from the Buchan Field Club, as well as a number of ladies and gentlemen connected with the district. The Earl of Aberdeen, who was in London, telegraphed his regret that he could not be present, and giving directions that the excursionists should be shown over the house and have an opportunity of examining the other objects of interest in which the locality abounds—a behest which the factor, Mr Muirhead, and the other officials at Haddo House most heartily carried out. A number of papers, bearing on the history of the Gordon family and on the antiquities of the district, were read; and altogether such an enjoyable day was spent, that no one who was present is ever likely to forget. The best thanks of the Club are due to the President for his great care and foresight in making the arrangements; to the Earl of Aberdeen and the officials at Haddo House for their kind attention; to the gentlemen who prepared papers for the occasion; and, last but not least, to the *Banffshire Journal* for the very excellent report of the day's proceedings. The joint-meeting of Northern Literary and Scientific Societies was held this year at Inverness, and our Club was represented both by papers and personal attendance of members. Six new members have been admitted during the year; and two others have been nominated for admission—an accession of strength that will probably be more than sufficient to compensate for any loss of membership that the Club may sustain by resignation or otherwise. The Club have again to thank the *Banffshire Journal* for the careful way in which the "Transactions" have been got up. The volume for the past year forms a record of work of which the Club need not be ashamed. On the whole, the past year has been a fairly prosperous one, and such as to justify the Club in the expectation of being able to accomplish some useful work in the future.

The report was unanimously adopted.