

Transactions

OF THE

BANFFSHIRE FIELD CLUB.



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FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1898.

MEETING AT BANFF.

A MEETING of the Banffshire Field Club was held in the reading room, Town and County Club buildings, Banff, on Friday evening. Mr Wm. Forbes, Macduff, president, occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance.

Mr James Sim, Macduff, was proposed a member on the motion of the chairman, seconded by ex-Provost Smith.

It was unanimously agreed to elect Dr Milne, King-Edward, and Mr James Spence, Peterhead, to be honorary members of the club.

THE CLUB AND THE MUSEUM.

Mr John Yeats, the secretary, laid before the meeting a letter from the Town Council of Banff as to the Club co-operating with them in the management of the Museum.

Mr James Grant spoke in favour of the Club co-operating with the Town Council. The club had always taken a great interest in the Museum, and on several occasions money had been voted from the club in aid of the Museum. There was a feeling abroad—he had heard it expressed by members of the club in particular—that more might be done for the Museum than was being done. The Museum was a very good one, and there was no doubt it could be greatly improved. The question was how this could be done. The suggestion of co-operation by the Field Club with the Committee of the Town Council in the management of the institution was a very sensible one, as the advice of experts would be a great help. He suggested that the chairman, Mr Yeats, and Mr Peter Burnett be appointed by the club for this purpose. He did not think they could get three men with better experience to interest themselves in the Museum.

The CHAIRMAN said if he understood Mr Grant

rightly, the gentlemen appointed by the Club would simply be 'counsellors' to the Town Council. He did not see there could be any objections to that; for his part, he would be very pleased to do anything he could for the good of the Museum. He had seen a good many of the museums round about, and he thought the Banff one stood head and shoulders over a good many of them. There was a large number of magnificent specimens in it, and it was fitted to be of great educational value to the younger portion of the community. It would be a pity, he thought, if everything were not done to maintain the institution.

Treasurer FORBES endorsed the remarks by Mr Grant, and hoped the gentlemen who had been suggested would see their way to accept office, and be, as Mr Forbes put it, counsellors to the Town Council. He was sure if they accepted office, they would, from their skill and knowledge of the subjects with which they would have to deal, greatly strengthen the hands of the keeper, Mr Lemmon.

Mr Grant's suggestion was unanimously agreed to.