

# Transactions

OF THE

## BANFFSHIRE FIELD CLUB.



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MEETING AT BANFF.

On Thursday evening a meeting of the Banffshire Field Club was held in the reading room of the Town and County Club, Banff, the president, Mr Garden M. Hossack, in the chair.

THE LATE MR JAMES SPENCE.

On taking the chair, Mr Hossack said—"I think that it is right and fitting before we commence the business of this meeting that I should refer to the great loss which the Club has sustained since we last met in the death of Mr James Spence, of Peterhead, a former president, and for many years a vice-president of this Club, and I feel that in this you will all sympathise. Speaking for myself personally, I mourn the removal from our midst of one of my oldest and best friends, one for whom I entertained the highest respect, for it was my privilege to have made his acquaintance and retained his close friendship from the time he came to reside in Banff, upwards of forty years ago, to the date of his death. Mr Spence was one of the original founders of this Club, and its first secretary, and has all along done much to promote its objects, having contributed a variety of learned and valuable papers for the edification of its members. We shall miss his genial presence from our midst, for though he lived for some years past at a distance, he gave us a periodical visit, accompanied invariably with an intellectual treat. The last occasion was some few months ago, when he read a valuable paper upon Celtic and Pictish history, particularly as regards our own neighbourhood. I think you will agree

with me that we should express in our minutes the sense of the great loss which the Club has sustained in Mr Spence's death, and that the secretary, Mr Yeats, should be asked to send an extract thereof to Mrs Spence and family." The Chairman's suggestion was unanimously adopted, and on the proposal of Mr Grant, it was also agreed that Mr Hossack's statement should be embodied in and form part of the minute of the meeting.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

Mr Alexander Colville, Banff Castle, was admitted a member of the Club, and Mr Scott, M.A., Hilton, was nominated for election at next meeting.