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JOINT MEETING AT ELGIN.

There was held at Elgin on Friday the annual meeting of the Northern Association of Scientific and Literary Societies. The Societies taking part were:—Banffshire Field Club, Elgin Literary and Scientific Association, Inverness Scientific Society and Field Club, Nairn Literary Institute, and Morayshire Teachers' Field Club. Among those present were—Messrs John Yeats, M.A., Banff; A. Greig, Banff; J. Grant, LL.B., Banff; J. Bryce, Elgin; J. D. Cheyne, Alves; Provost Young, Elgin; Messrs Gillanders, Elgin; A. Hogg, Elgin; John Wink, Elgin; G. R. Shiach, Elgin; John Kintrea, Elgin; Simon Leitch, Elgin; J. Petrie Fraser, Elgin; John Adams, Elgin; John Allan, Elgin; H. B. M'Intosh, Elgin; R. M. Allardyce, Elgin; T. D. Wallace, Inverness; and Alexander Ross, LL.D., Inverness; Mr W. Taylor, Lhanbryd; and J. Fraser, C.E., Inverness.

Colonel Johnston of Lesmurdie, president of the Elgin Literary and Scientific Society, extended a welcome to the visitors. He trusted the proceedings would be of sufficient interest and of sufficient pleasure to them for their trouble in attending.

The Secretary, Mr R. B. Gordon, Elgin, intimated apologies for absence from Dr Traquhair, keeper of the natural history collections, Edinburgh Museum of Science and Art; Dr Milne, Clifton Road, Aberdeen; Mr Garden M. Hossack, Banff; Mr James Bennet, South View, Elgin; Mr Alex. Kintrea, Reidhaven Street, Elgin; Mr Kenneth Macdonald, town clerk, In-

verness; Mr William C. Young, Elgin; and Dr Cramond, Cullen.

The company then proceeded to the ruins of the Cathedral, where they were received by the caretaker, Mr Pozzi, and conducted over the buildings. One of the visitors, Dr Alexander Ross, Inverness, explained the architectural features of the Cathedral to the company. Afterwards, by special permission of the Marquis of Bute, the beautiful Greyfriars Church and Monastery, restored by the late Marquis of Bute, were examined.

Later the company returned to the Museum, where a number of papers on scientific subjects were read. Colonel Johnston was in the chair.

The following interesting paper was contributed by Mr John Milne, LL.D., Aberdeen:—