

Transactions

OF THE

BANFFSHIRE FIELD CLUB.



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MONDAY, December 19, 1910.

MEETING AT BANFF.

To-night a meeting of the Club was held at Banff—Mr James Grant, solicitor, presiding. There were admitted as new members—Professor J. A. Thomson, Aberdeen University; Mr James Barron, C.E., Aberdeen; and Mr John R. Gordon, Banff.

THE LATE MR THOMAS EDWARD.

The meeting considered a proposal by Dr Murray to give a donation from the funds towards the proposed memorial to the late Thomas Edward, F.L.S. Dr Murray recalled having brought up the matter at last meeting. Since then a committee of the Town Council, of which committee he had been convener, had endeavoured to ascertain the state of the funds that might be devoted towards the memorial. He believed there was in hand from the old fund about £9, and so far as he was aware contributions had been promised to the extent of £6 or £7. They were well aware that Thomas Edward was one of the original founders of their Club. They did not need him to recapitulate the work he had done in connection with the Club, the promotion of the Protection of Wild Birds Acts and other matters—he had already spoken of that—and accordingly he moved that a donation from the funds be given towards the memorial. He also mentioned the desirability of a committee from the Club being appointed to co-operate with the Town Council committee. Mr Robertson said he had taken the liberty of writing the late Mr Edward's son on the matter, and he had indicated that he would be very pleased indeed that a monu-

ment should be erected in the new cemetery burying ground to the memory of his father. The Chairman said that the other members of the family would also be exceedingly gratified were this done to perpetuate his memory. Mr Alastair Tayler of Glenbarry had stated his willingness to bear the expense of having a suitable memorial tablet put on the house on the Shore occupied by Mr Edward. He was sure all the members of the Club would be unanimous in the proposal to give a donation from the funds. Mr Robertson concurred. He thought it was rather a reflection on Banff that no public monument or such like had been erected to the memory of a man so well known as Thomas Edward—a man whose name had been introduced to the world so freely by Dr Smiles's book—and that he should lie in a nameless grave, almost, might he say, "unwept, unhonoured, and unsung" by the community to which he had belonged. He seconded Dr Murray's motion, and it was cordially agreed that the Club should give a donation of £5 towards the erection of the monument. A committee to represent the Club was appointed to co-operate with the Town Council Committee in furthering the proposal.