

appointed delegates to represent the Society at the Meeting of the British Association in Birmingham in September next.

Several photographic groups of members, taken at the recent excursion to Gleniffer, were exhibited, and names of those who wished to obtain copies were requested to be sent to the Hon. Secretary.

Dr. J. R. S. HUNTER, F.R.Ph.S.E., *Hon. Member*, read a paper entitled "The Geology of Annandale." The author confined his remarks entirely to the Permian and Carboniferous rocks, illustrating them by a considerable suite of the characteristic fossils of the district spoken of. The following discussion was taken part in by Mr. David Forsyth, M.A., Mr. Dugald Bell, and Mr. John Young, F.G.S., *V.P.*, the latter remarking that all the evidence went to uphold the theory that the Carboniferous limestone strata of Annandale lie far down in the Calciferous series.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Jolly) then declared the 28th session of the Society to be closed, and expressed a hope that all the members would be spared to meet again in health and spirits in the following October to begin the work of a new session, bringing with them an accumulation of observations from their summer rambles.

RECORD OF THE EXCURSION

TO THE PARALLEL ROADS OF LOCHABER IN JULY, 1885.

Our excursion, which had been long spoken of, to visit the celebrated Parallel Roads of Glen Roy, was successfully undertaken during the last week of July, 1885, by a joint party of the members of the Edinburgh and Glasgow Societies. Those gentlemen present were—Dr. Stevenson Macadam, Dr. Semple, Messrs. James Melvin, Ferguson, R. Matheson, and the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, of the Edinburgh Society; while representing this Society were—Messrs. William Jolly, David Tullis, James T. Tullis, Renwick, Horne, W. Stewart, J. B. Murdoch, and Dr. Gilmour. The party was also joined by Mr. Boyd, H.M. Inspector of Schools, Mr. T. C. Maggs, F.G.S., and Mr. Livingston, Fort-William.

Of the famous "Roads" no account need here be given, as a summary of all that has been written and said about them will be found in Mr. Jolly's paper at page 40 *antea*.

Favoured by the most glorious weather, the Glasgow party left Buchanan Street Station for Oban on Monday morning, being joined in the afternoon by the Edinburgh contingent.

At Fort-William a sudden resolution to ascend Ben Nevis was come to, and almost the whole party made the ascent, remaining in the Observatory on the top all night. The sunrise on Tuesday morning alone rewarded all their toils. With a clear and brilliant sky in all directions but the south, where a massive rain-cloud canopied all below, and resembled on its upward surface, with here and there a mountain-peak appearing through it, an ancient palaeocrystic sea, the panoramic view was superb

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beyond description. Hill upon hill, loch upon loch, were seen to the fullest possible extent, including those of Rum, Muck, Eigg, Skye, Harris, Uist, the Moray Firth, with Ben Lawers and Schiehallion. By nine o'clock the descent was accomplished, and all were *en route* for Roy Bridge Hotel, where the head-quarters of the party were. After breakfast Glen Roy was visited, and the "Roads" were minutely inspected. Wednesday was devoted to an examination of the widely-extended moraine of Roughburn, and the wonderful glaciation at the mouth of Loch Treig, with the terminal horse-shoe moraine in Glen Spean. On Thursday Coire-an-Eoin deer-forest was visited, and here again the evidences of glaciation were intense. On Friday another visit was paid to Glen Roy and Glen Colleraig, and some points bearing more particularly on statements made by Mr. Milne Home were carefully noted and recorded. On Saturday the party left with regret its pleasant surroundings, and after a long and super-heated journey, *via* Oban, reached in safety the point from which they had started on the previous Monday.

Mr. William Jolly, F.G.S., who had undertaken the conductorship of the party, proved himself to be thoroughly master of the district, and was a most admirable "guide, philosopher, and friend." Indeed, the entire success of the expedition was in great measure owing to his excellent arrangements, and before the party broke up a special vote of thanks was awarded by acclamation to him.

Many of those who were present had not previously been known to each other, but there existed throughout the utmost harmony and good fellowship, and one and all expressed a hope that the Glen Roy excursion might prove to be only the forerunner of a long series of similarly successful excursions to the more notable geological localities in Scotland. M.