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MOLLUSCA OF BANFFSHIRE.

At a meeting of the Club on March 1, 1923, Provost Alexander presiding over a good attendance of ladies and gentlemen, there was read a carefully prepared and beautifully arranged paper by Miss Jane Gowan, *The Wakes*, Cullen, on the land and fresh water mollusca of Banffshire. It contained a list of sixty species, and under each species there were mentioned its different varieties, and where, when, and by whom each of them had been found. Thus, under the heading *Helix Hortensis*, there were 13 entries, showing that varieties of the species had been found at Craigellachie, Gamrie, Glenrinnnes, Tomintoul, Dufftown, Cullen, Banff, and Boyne. Under the heading *Arion ater* there were 10 entries of finds of varieties at Ballindalloch, Tomintoul, Dufftown, and Cullen; seven of them were found at Cullen by Miss Gowan, whose own discoveries of molluscs in the county were very numerous. In not a few cases reference for identification was made to the notable collection of shells made by the late Mr P. Burnett, Banff, and among other names quoted, in addition to Miss Gowan, who had a large number to her credit, were those of W. Evans, G. Gordon, C. Oldham, L. Hinxman, and A. Robertson. In a covering letter Miss Gowan wrote—

“In the ‘*Scottish Naturalist*’ for 1916, Mr W. Denison Roebuck of Leeds, in his capacity as Hon. Recorder of the Conchological Society of Great Britain and Ireland, published lists of land and fresh water mollusca for several of the Scottish vice-counties, being parts of a scheme for a census of distribution for the whole of Scotland. At the same time he appealed to Scottish residents for help in collecting specimens, to which appeal I responded to the best of my ability. Mr Roebuck intended to add a paper on the land and fresh water mollusca of Banffshire to his series in the ‘*Scottish Naturalist*,’ and was in process of preparing it when he died in February 1919. Thinking the Banffshire Field Club might like to have the list, I wrote to enquire whether the MS. was amongst Mr Roebuck’s papers. Professor A. E. Boycott, in whose care Mr

Roebuck's MSS. were placed, was unable to find a completed Banffshire list, but he very kindly sent me a copy of the Banffshire records and also lent me one of Mr Roebuck's notebooks. From this I have compiled the accompanying list with dates and localities which I hope may be of interest to the Field Club. The identification of the specimens is authenticated by the Conchological Society's referees — Mr W. Denison Roebuck for the slugs, and Mr J. W. Taylor for the shelled mollusca."

The warm thanks of the meeting were awarded to Miss Gowan.