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in our opinion, justify a liberal grant of public money to meet such smaller contributions or guarantees as might be obtained locally and from traders."

In regard to English waterways, the Commissioners recommend that extensive improvements be carried out in the case of the important systems, by the Central Waterways Board, whose establishment is recommended by them. The main principle adopted is that the Midland mining, manufacturing and industrial centres should be linked to the main estuaries and seaports by efficient water communication. The centre of the network of existing waterways is, they point out, the industrial district round Birmingham. It is proposed to improve the waterways which lead outward from this centre to the Thames at Brentford, and (by means of the Regent's Canal) to that river below London Bridge, in one direction, and in the other directions to the Mersey, the Humber, and the Bristol Channel. A certain number of branch waterways which should feed the main routes with traffic are included. No construction of new waterways is recommended.

The work will involve the unification and gradual improvement of a number of existing waterways, fully described in the report.

The Report includes also a very instructive and exhaustive account of the waterways of the chief continental countries, based partly upon the observations of the Commissioners during their tours abroad, and partly upon the report by Mr. Lindley, an English engineer of great continental experience.

ERRATUM.—"Caledonia Rediviva." In Dr. Marcel Hardy's paper on this subject on p. 24, 11 lines from the top, the word *Fochabers* should be *Foyers*.

To the Editor of the "Scottish Geographical Magazine."

"CALEDONIA REDIVIVA."

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DUNIPACE, LARBERT, STIRLINGSHIRE, N.B.

SIR,—The principal reason why the initiative of the Drummonds of the Carse of Stirling was not continued or followed is, I fancy, quite historical. The Board of Trade stepped in and by special Act obtained the right to put a stop to the clearing off of "moss" by the course of the River Forth. I can easily remember huge masses of the upper moss—"crust" lying all along the bed of the river causing rippling surface-breaks on the water, whence I used to pick out many trout with fly. Since then all has become washed away as sediment, and has settled down as the "*slinks*," or mud-banks below tide-marks, and there has been no further cutting of peat or clearing off "moss" in the Carse of Stirling, or Vale of

Menteith. A proposal by a German company to utilise the "moss" of Kippen, I think, got "strangled" by the knowledge of the Board of Trade's veto, as well as by the difficulties attendant upon obtaining free levels.—Yours faithfully,
J. A. HARVIE-BROWN.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROYAL SCOTTISH GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

At a Meeting of Council held on the 18th December, the following ladies and gentlemen were elected Ordinary Members of the Society :—

Mrs. E. Miller.	George R. Donald.	George Davidson.
T. D. Hunter.	Nicol P. Brown.	G. W. S. Walker.
Alexander Mackenzie.	Andrew Richardson.	James A. Parker, B.Sc.,
John M. Kerr.	Miss Clara A. Fairgrieve.	M.Inst.C.E.
Douglas W. Swire.	Miss Patricia E. MacQuibban.	Alfred S. Fleming.
Thomas Macfarlane.	James Hendrick, B.Sc.,	William Stewart.
Robert Davidson.	F.I.C.	James Nicoll.
John Watson Stewart, M.A.	Colonel R. S. Thoms, V.D.	James Moon, M.D.
Major William Stewart.	John Fairlie.	James Tennant Gordon, F.S.A.
Miss Logan.	Laurence B. Huss.	(Scot.).
John Thornton.	R. S. Alexander.	Sir Duncan E. Hay, Bart.
Vaness C. Baird.	Malcolm Maclean.	Mrs. E. Veitch.
John Dunn.	John Taylor Tulloch, C.A.	John E. Macqueen.
Henry G. Pattullo.	Robert Nicol.	Alexander Duffus.
George S. MacLellan.	James L. Geddes.	George Duncan, M.A.
George A. Simpson, M.A.	Malcolm Livingstone.	Frederick W. Ray, M.A., B.L.
Commander Irvin Hayward,	John Cassels.	Ernest Rennet, M.A., B.L.
R.N.R.	John Inglis.	Mrs. A. Clark.
Frederick Dunsmure.	John Robertson.	Prof. F. M. Caird, F.R.C.S.
John Bonnar.		

The undermentioned ladies and gentlemen were elected Teacher Associate Members of the Society :—

Miss C. Yule.	Robert Macnab.	Miss E. M. Irvine.
Miss F. Yule.	Miss Elizabeth H. Raitt.	William Baird.
Miss Jessie Carrie.	P. A. Conacher.	Miss Mary W. Gilchrist.
Miss Emma K. Macdonald.		

At a Meeting of Council held on the 4th January, the following were elected Members of the Society :—

Alexander MacKelvie, C.A.	Mrs. E. J. Lochhead.	C. S. Howard.
Adam Hunter.	P. S. Brown.	

Mr. M. R. Gillanders, M.A., was elected a Teacher Associate Member.

LECTURES IN FEBRUARY.

Sir Ernest H. Shackleton will address the Dundee Centre on the 1st inst. on his explorations in the Antarctic Regions.

Prof. John L. Myres will lecture before the Edinburgh and Glasgow Centres on the 3rd and 4th inst. The title of his address will be "The Geographical Study of Greek and Roman Culture."

Mrs. Gabrielle M. Vassal will address the Society in Dundee, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, and Glasgow on the 15th, 16th, 17th, and 22nd February respectively. The subject will be "Life in Annam."