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DEATH FROM EXPOSURE ON LOCHNAGAR. Late on Saturday night the body of the Rev. G. S. Kelly, Congregationalist minister of Dundee, was found by a shepherd near Loch Callater, Braemar. It appears that Mr. Kelly left Hope Cottage, Braemar, on the previous Thursday morning about six o'clock, intending to climb Lochnagar, and thence to go down by Gleumuick to Ballater Station. During the day he was seen by a shepherd 20 minutes' walk from the top of the hill. Later on in the same day the unfortunate gentleman was seen also near the top of the mountain, and on the side nearest Braemar, by the Rev. E. F. Linton and Mr. R. Linton, who were staying at Braemar. They directed him as best they could, and subsequently, about three o'clock in the afternoon, they passed him standing about half a mile from the top, still on the Braemar side. At that time a fierce storm of wind and rain was raging, but Mr. Kelly said he thought it would clear up, and that he would go the top. As they were anxious to get back to Ballater, the tourists passed on, and did not see Mr. Kelly again. It is supposed that in endeavouring to make a descent on the road through Glenmuick he had lost his way, and, finally, attempting to return to Braemar, he had sunk down exhausted and died. The body was found on a green plot 500 yards east the gamekeeper's house at Loch Callater on Saturday night by a shepherd in the employment of Mr, Gordon, farmer and grazier, Auchallater. Having informed the gamekeeper at Loch Callater Lodge, who took charge of the remains, the shepherd proceeded to Braemar, and told the police of the matter. On Sunday morning the body was identified. Dr. James Noble, who examined the remains, on which there was no mark, was of opinion that death was due to exposure and exhaustion. Mr. Kelly had had some experience in hill climbing, having recently ascended Ben Lomond and Ben Venue.

The Hull University Herbarium contains 15 specimens collected by either Edward or William Linton on this expedition. The dates on the specimens range from August 3 to August 22 and show that they started their expedition in the Braemar / Clova area but later moved to Ben Lawers. The Linton brothers met with Mr Kelly on 9th August.