

# BONAR-BRIDGE "WET REVIEW" VETERAN.

Late Mr W. A. Bethune, Bridge End, Bonar-Bridge.

The late Mr W. A. Bethune attained the age of 86½ years, having lived and died in the house in which he was born. He was a man of much ability and many activities and was held in warm affection throughout his long life. High tribute must be paid to his Volunteer work. His youthful enthusiasm did much to popularise the local Company of which he became Colour Sergeant. He stimulated competition in shooting in which he himself attained the high position of prizeman in the King's Hundred at Bisley. Even in approaching old age he keenly helped the local range and miniature rifle clubs, acting as secretary and giving a lead to the younger men among whom he developed many fine shots. He was pilot for all shipping coming to Bonar-Bridge in the days when there was extensive transport by sea and continued the service whenever required. In limited space, full justice cannot be done to his knowledge of all pertaining to seamanship. As agent for the Scottish Rural Workers' Friendly Society, he was efficient and obliging in business. His quaint old garden was always a beauty spot. His esteemed wife shared in his popularity. They had six daughters and three sons. One son died in childhood and young Sergt. Daniel Bethune recently died in action after a fine military career, leaving a young widow and two boys, another boy being posthumously born. Mr Bethune's surviving son is Corpl. Duncan Bethune of The Seaforths, who has also had fine service. The Bethunes, as a family, were noted in sport, prize-winners in shooting, golf, etc., helpful in all good works and they have done well in life. Deep sympathy is extended in the loss which the community shares.

The funeral to Creich Churchyard was largely attended. Officiating were—Rev. J. Martin, B.D., Bonar-Bridge, and Rev. Mr Macdonald, Sleat. Son-in-law and grandson were chief mourners.