

pretentious houses on the mainland of Scotland. Certainly I know no hotel in Shetland which is at all equal to it.

Now some of my readers are sure to ask—What is there to do at Hillswick? The cynical Frenchman who declared that the first remark of an Englishman on a summer day is—"It is a fine day; let us go and kill something," rather overshot the mark, but there can be no doubt that the average Briton cannot exist happily without finding some outlet for his physical energy, and at Hillswick there is no lack of "things to do" of a simple kind. Of walks there are plenty, and new roads are being at present made which will open up districts of much interest not hitherto easily accessible. Hiring can also be had, although the arrangements in this respect are at present not very complete. The roads are quite good enough for cycling, and the cyclist will be able to visit from Hillswick many beautiful spots on the island. Ollaberry, quite a short distance off and charmingly situated, is well worthy of a day to itself, and a ride there and back is the merest trifle to the cyclist. The road to Lerwick (38 miles) is by no means

difficult, and takes one through a long track of characteristic Shetland scenery. The deep-sea fishing at Hillswick is exceedingly good, and boats are plentiful. A number of lochs containing sea trout or brown trout are open to visitors at the hotel, and now is the time for sea-trout fishing. There is at present a want of ghillies, but that matter will soon right itself, and meanwhile, to the genuine angler, additional zest will be added to his enjoyment of his favourite sport by the fact that he must, to a great extent, find out for himself where to go for it. Bathing in the sea can be enjoyed without any difficulty, and boating can be indulged in in moderation. The botanist, geologist, and lover of birds will all find much to interest them here. A golf course is to be laid out, and will, no doubt, be ready next year. There is a billiard room with an excellent table in the hotel, and a lawn tennis and croquet ground are being prepared.

The cliff scenery within easy reach of Hillswick is magnificent, and it is a thousand pities that, owing to their very exposed position, these grand cliffs cannot