

BER'S DEATH IN LAKELAND.

Recovered after a Perilous Ascent.

ling experiences of a party being rocky crags under Helvellyn. The climber are reported from where, late on Thursday night in yesterday's "Yorkshire" body of Dr. Arthur John Walker, the son of Mr. Robert Walker, of Bramham, Boston brought from Dollywaggon he he was killed while climbing. He left home on May 6 for a Lakeland. On May 11 a haversack, and two books were found near Tarn, which lies near the pass Grisedale to Grasmere. Every search was made, but the owner was not

got of a telephone message from the police on Thursday, the local police organised a search party. A cold and heavy showers made the ascent dangerous, and at one time the party got fast on a precipice and difficulty in retreating from its position.

FELL BACKWARDS.

The party continued, and at Grisedale was joined by Mr. J. B. Wright, a well-known Lakeland mountain climber. It was assumed that Dr. Walker may have attempted to climb on Pike, the only really difficult climb in the immediate neighbourhood. Mr. Wright and Anderson decided to explore the Ghyll, which is a thousand feet from the pass. The gully is over 600 feet long, and near almost perpendicular. In attempting to climb the gully Anderson's rope hanging over a rock and he fell afterwards saw a body at the foot of the rock, with the rope round the climber's legs, entangled in the legs. The observation of the gully Wright gave the opinion that Dr. Walker had fallen about 50 feet up and then fell backwards striking the rock in his head, and was instantly killed. He received severe wounds on the head, arms and bruises.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL BOY.

In an interview, Mr. Anderson (who was the youngest member of the search party) said that when near the crag he saw the body's nest, and thought it was Dr. Walker saw it and over-

came very great difficulty the body was found from the gully, and, in the evening twilight, was carried from the grassy slope of Dollywaggon. A rope was made into slings, in which the body was carried over a mile to Grisedale Pass to a point between Foxhounds Cove and St. Sunday Crag. A horse and sledge from a dale was waiting, and the body was placed on the sledge to Patterdale Police Station where the inquest will be held.

The climber was an Old Boy of Leeds Grammar School, which he entered in 1911. He held a County Major scholarship and a Exhibition, and left in 1918 to attend Balliol College, Oxford. Here he obtained a degree with first-class honours in Natural Science, and in the same year his B.Sc. in the same subject. He also held the University Scholarship. He took up research work in the D.Phil. degree at the end of the year. He was at the Experimental Station

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HAZARDOUS CLIMB TO RECOVER BODY.

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Killed While on Holiday in Lakeland.

With great difficulty the body of Dr. Arthur John Walker, (27), of Bramham, Boston Spa, and Queen's College, Oxford, was recovered from a Lakeland gully, in which it was found by two members of a search party.

It is believed that Dr. Walker, who was on a tramping holiday, fell from 20 to 40 feet while trying to climb a crag.

Tourists walking from Patterdale to Grasmere via Grisedale Tarn on May 8 found a haversack, coat, and walking-stick lying beside the tarn, but thinking the owner was near, left them. On May 10 another party found the articles, and took them to Grasmere police station. The search that followed is described below in a message from our Kendal correspondent.

On Sunday, Police-Constable Huck, of Patterdale, climbed over Helvellyn and examined Grisedale Tarn, but failed to find the owner of the articles. Following this intimation was received that Dr. Walker was missing. Yesterday Police-Constable Clarke, of Patterdale, organised a search party, which included Joe Bowman, the famous veteran hunts-



DR. A. J. WALKER, man of Ullswater Foxhounds, who knows every inch of the country, and other dalesmen and well-known cragsmen. They climbed up the pass, and at the head split into three sections. At Tarn Crag they were joined by Mr. J. B. Wright, the famous Lakeland guide and cragsman.

IN KNEELING POSITION.

Mr. Wright and another man volunteered to climb a dangerous gully that leads to Tarn Crag. About half-way up this climb they found the body of Dr. Walker in a kneeling position at the point where they themselves had prepared to rope for the final climb up the north face of the crag. They found the legs entangled in a lay. They found the legs entangled in a climber's rope. The assumption is that Dr. Walker had been attempting to climb the crag and had fallen. He might have fallen anything from 20 to 40 feet.

The rest of the party was summoned and the body was lowered

BRAMHAM DOCTOR'S FATAL ROCK CLIMB.

Untimely End to Brilliant and Promising Career.

The sympathy of all who know Mr. Robert F. Walker, the able schoolmaster at Bramham, and his wife, goes out to them in the terrible calamity which has disturbed their lives, and which has deprived them of their only son, Dr. Arthur John Walker, at the early age of 27 years.

Dr. Walker—a doctor of philosophy—is believed to have left Luton on May 7 to go to Windermere for a walking holiday. It was understood that he intended to go to a friend (Mrs. Wilson) at Burnthwaite, Westdale Head, but as he did not arrive, fears for his safety were entertained, and a search was begun on Sunday, the 13th inst.

A few days later a haversack and cap were found near the Tarn, and books in the haversack bore Dr. Walker's name and college. As the police in Oxford and Lakeland failed to trace him, the Tarn was dragged.

Dr. Walker was walking alone to Windermere, and it is believed that he started from Patterdale to cross the mountain pass into Grasmere.

Grisedale Tarn is near a well-known mountain track, half-way between Patterdale and Grasmere, and beneath the summit of Helvellyn. The track is not much used at this time of the year, there being few visitors in the district.

In response to inquiries Supt. Eccles, of Appleby, instructed P.C. Clarke, of Patterdale, to organise a search party.

The party were led by Joe Bowman, the veteran ex-huntsman of Ullswater Foxhounds. They searched Ruthwaite Cove, Nethermosrove and other precipitous but possible lakes on the eastern side of Helvellyn and then went on to Dollywaggon Pike, a spur of the mountain.

At five o'clock yesterday week the party were joined by Mr. Jeremiah Wright, of Keswick, a noted mountain guide. He suggested that seeing Abraham's standard work "Britain's Mountain Climbs" had been found with a ruck-sack and that the gully on Dollywaggon Pike, known as Tarn Crag, was the only climb in that area, he and John Anderson, of Patterdale, the youngest member of the party, should concentrate on that portion, which is about 2,500 feet above sea level and 1,000 feet above Grisedale Pass.

The gully is over 600 feet in length and difficult to traverse. After much hardship, Mr. Wright and Mr. Anderson reached a point where they saw a rope hanging from the rocks and soon afterwards Mr. Walker was seen lying face downwards at the foot of the gully with the climbing rope fastened round his waist and entangled about his legs.

Before climbing down, Mr. Wright took careful note of the surroundings and formed the opinion that Mr. Walker had climbed to the first chockstone 50 feet up the gully, had fallen backwards and struck the side of the gully 20 feet below. The turf there was newly dislodged and blood was found on the rock.

