

The S. R. Crockett Memorial.

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SIR,—With reference to the interesting letters on the above subject in your paper, I have read the various suggestions made by your correspondents, viz.:—Heston Island, on the Solway, the well on the road to New Galloway, &c.—but, somehow, I scarcely think that the sites suggested, however good, are the best places for this proposed memorial. I am a lover of and frequent Rambler in the Galloway area (taken thither at first by "The Raiders"), and Crockett always suggests to me the lonely places and what they stand for.

Heston Island, as one of your correspondents states, is ungetatable, and unless in very favouring conditions is rather a treacherous place in which to place a memorial, what with the tide and the sands:

The well site, on the New Galloway road, is better; but this, again, is on a main road, and with the rush of the motor age, seems rather alien to a man of the type and spirit of Crockett, whom it is desired to honour.

I suggest two sites which would meet all the desired conditions and just be sufficiently removed from main road traffic to lure the admirers of Crockett into the country he loved so well:—

(1) Some position on the hill road to Newton-Stewart just above the village of New Galloway (in the vicinity of, say, Faed the painter's bungalow.) From this site a wonderful view is secured of Loch Ken and country to the south, while away to the north a superb panorama to Cairnsmore of Carsphairn is available. Behind this site lies the Black Mount of Cairnsmore of Dee to complete the picture.

(2) An alternative site on the same hill road would be about Clattering Shaws or Bridge of Dee (on one of the knolls there.) Here would be obtained a view of the entrance to all the wild Rhynns o' Galloway area made famous in "The Raiders." This latter site may be rather far removed from the haunts of men (seven miles from New Galloway), but, somehow, it strikes the writer as the most appropriate site of all for the proposed memorial.—I am, &c.

"THE BACK HILL O' BUSH."