

In Memoriam :

REV. DR. ROBERT SEMPLE.



WE regret having to record the death of Rev. Robert Semple, D.D., a former chairman of the Club, which occurred at his residence, 24 Balmoral Place, Aberdeen, on 8th October last. Dr. Semple—he was then plain Mr. Semple—was an original member of the Club, and his activities in connection therewith may be gauged from the fact that he was appointed fifth chairman, holding that office during the years 1898-99. A man

of much more than the average height, and rejoicing in a vigorous physique, he was a good walker, was keenly interested in mountaineering, and participated in many of the excursions; of one of these, the excursion to Beinn a' Ghlo in July, 1893, he furnished an interesting account

to the "Notes" section of the *Journal*. He also contributed an article on "Distance of the Visible Horizon" to the number for July, 1895. He dropped his membership of the Club a good many years ago, and so was comparatively little known to the younger generation of members, but older members have a keen recollection of his fine presence, his splendid staying powers, and his genial companionship.

Dr. Semple—he received the D.D. degree from the University of Aberdeen on his retirement from the active duties of the ministry in 1918—was for half a century minister of the Ruthrieston Free (afterwards United Free) Church, Aberdeen. He was also for thirty-seven years clerk to the Presbytery. He attained his ministerial jubilee in February of last year, and the celebrations on the occasion included the presentation to him by his fellow-Presbyters of his portrait in crayons, executed by Mr. John M. Aiken, Aberdeen. Dr. Semple was 77 years of age.

MR. ALEXANDER EMSLIE SMITH, JUN.

We have also to record the death of Mr. Alexander Emslie Smith, Jun., M.A., advocate in Aberdeen, which took place suddenly from a heart attack on 22nd August last. Mr. Smith, who was 58 years of age, had been a member of the Club for the past twenty years, and took part in many of the excursions. He was a good walker, and indulged in many pedestrian excursions with friends. Of one of these he contributed an interesting account to the *Journal*—"A Westward Tramp in Ross-shire" (January 1912).