

NOTES.

Mr. A. LESLIE HAY, M.A., LL.B., has been appointed Secretary and Treasurer of the Club, in succession to Mr. John A. Nicol, D.C.M., M.A., B.L., Advocate.

WE regret to record the deaths of two veteran members of the Club.

Last December Mr. John Wallace died at the age of 76. He had led a busy life and given much public service, in the Aberdeen Town Council and in the Volunteers. He was a "Wet Review" veteran. He joined the Club in 1892. Five years his junior as a member, Mr. George Mackenzie, Advocate, passed away a few weeks ago.

THE Aberdeen District Committee of the Scottish Youth Hostels Association have issued a special appeal to the members of the Cairngorm Club "to show their sympathy with a movement which, like theirs, appreciates the open air, and seeks to encourage the younger generation, who could ill afford to move about otherwise, to find health and recreation in increased knowledge of the countryside." In spring, three hostels were opened in Aberdeenshire—at Ballater, Inverernan, and Birness. At each there is a resident warden, and experience has already shown that there is a real demand for the facilities provided. The appeal now is for better equipment of these hostels, and the provision of another "somewhere in Deeside or near the Cairngorms." The S.Y.H.A. deserve all the encouragement we can give. Contributions should be sent to Mr. Barclay Watt, C.A., Treasurer of the Aberdeen Branch, 4 Bon-Accord Crescent, Aberdeen.

A MOST interesting and instructive Countryside Exhibition was held in Aberdeen this summer, under the auspices of the Association for the Preservation of Rural Scotland, with the co-operation of the Deeside Field Club and other organizations. In connection with this a series of most appropriate lectures was given, and there was an excellent symposium on the subject of litter. Mr. Kenneth Ferguson, organizing secretary of the A.P.R.S., was a severe critic of the new Glencoe road. This "Brooklands" that the engineers have blasted out of the heart of Glencoe, he said, is a barbarism; for who requires such a race track, with an almost uniform gradient of 1 in 25, and miles of straight, from Tyndrum to Ballachulish—there to peter out under the supercilious gaze of the ferryman, demanding our cash to cross the clear waters of Loch Leven, or else to proceed a score of miles round

the head of the Loch in the smoke of the aluminium works? Mountaineers may give one answer to this question and the growing army of motorists another. In regard to litter, Lady Aberdeen, who presided at the symposium, emphasized the need for educating the young. The exhibition has served a most useful purpose in drawing attention to many evils that afflict the countryside, and suggesting simple methods of curing or averting them.

WHAT is claimed to be the world's mountain walking record has been established in the Lake District by Mr. Robert Graham of Keswick. Starting from Keswick Town Hall at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning, June 12, he climbed Skiddaw by the ordinary route. Then, descending into Skiddaw Forest, Great Calva was surmounted on the way over Saddleback, whence the descent was made to Threlkeld and so up to Wanthwaite Pike, to begin the long stretch over the various Dodds of Helvellyn. These were all taken in order over the summit to Dollywaggon Pike, Fairfield, and Seat Sandal to Dunmail Raise. After a short halt here the central Lakeland mountains were climbed and crossed in the following order:—First, Steel Fell was scaled, and so over Calf Crag, High White Stones, High Raise, Sergeant Man, Harrison Stickle, Pike o' Stickle, Rossett Pike, Hanging Knotts, Bowfell, Esk Pike, and Great End to the Cairn on Scawfell Pike, the highest mountain of England. By Mickledoor and Broad Stand Scawfell was gained, and so Mr. Graham went down to Wastdale, where a 20 minutes' halt was made. Then Yewbarrow was tackled, and so on over Red Pike, Steeple, Pillar mountain, Kirk Fell, Great and Green Gable and Brandreth, to Honister Hause. Darkness made the final section trying, but Dale Head was climbed, and by Hindscarth, Robinson, and High Snab, the Vale of Newlands was finally gained, near Mill Dam Inn, at eight minutes short of midnight. The four and a half miles to Keswick were covered in good time, and at 12.39 a.m. Mr. Graham passed the Keswick Town Hall. Mr. Graham, it is interesting to note, is a non-smoker, a teetotaller, and practically a vegetarian. The height climbed was 30,000 feet.