



NORMAN McLEOD.

In Memoriam.

T. R. GILLIES.

THE death of Mr. T. R. Gillies, on December 3 last, at the age of 83, leaves four original members of the Club. He was keenly interested in its welfare and, in its early days, did much to place it on a sure foundation. The third son of the late Mr. Archibald Gillies, he was born in Aberdeen on November 27, 1850. He was educated at the High School, Dundee, and the Aberdeen Grammar School, and was an alumnus of Aberdeen University in 1866-68 and 1871-73. Apprenticed to Mr. John Duguid Milne and Mr. George Walker (Milne and Walker), he was first in partnership with Mr. George D. Rutherford, the firm being Rutherford & Gillies, and then with his son from 1910 under the firm name of T. & J. Gillies. He was a Notary Public, and was auditor of the Sheriff Court at Aberdeen since 1892. He had a large general consulting practice. He was the joint author with his father-in-law, the late Mr. Alexander Copland, of "Two Days and a Night in the Wilderness," and author of various works.

Mr. Gillies is survived by Mrs. Gillies and a daughter. His only son, Captain J. B. Gillies, who was at one time editor of this *Journal*, fell at Beaumont Hamel in 1916.

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THE tragic death of Norman McLeod on Ben Macdhui on Sunday, May 6, 1934, has brought a most promising career to a sudden end. Norman McLeod was of a cheery disposition and well spoken of by all with whom he came in contact. He was educated at Ferryhill School and Robert Gordon's College. Even while at school he showed great interest and ability in woodwork. On leaving Gordon's College, he served his apprenticeship with James Blake, Central Joinery Works, Summer Street, Aberdeen, and, at the time of his death, was employed by that firm as a foreman, although only 23 years of age. Mr. Crerar, his employer, held him in high esteem both as a worker and as a personal friend. Norman McLeod had no hobby. His enthusiasm for his craft, and his desire to succeed, made

him devote all his spare time to studying the theoretical side of his work. A member of the Cairngorm Club, climbing was his only recreation. All his holidays and odd week-ends were spent in the Cairngorm district, with which he was thoroughly acquainted. A most careful climber himself, he was very considerate towards beginners whom he introduced to the hills. He had the happy gift of making a long march and a stiff climb a most interesting and enjoyable affair to his companions, especially when they were strangers to the Cairngorms. His fund of historical information and stories made one forget the long, rough tracks in the hills. To Mr. and Mrs. McLeod we extend our deepest sympathy on their sudden, tragic bereavement.

CHARLES ROBERTSON, INVEREY.

THE death took place last year of Charles Robertson, Inverey, a well-known gamekeeper of the old school, on the Mar estate. He had reached an advanced age, and had been in retirement for many years, during which not a few members have been acquainted with him. During the 'nineties of last century he was stationed at the Corrou Bothy, and those who were visiting Glendee or Cairn Toul at that time came to know him well.

During his life in retirement at Inverey, everyone who talked with him found much entertainment in his wealth of anecdotes and old lore about the district. Few people knew the hills of the Dee basin beyond Braemar better than he, and one could always turn to him for information that was authentic and exact about any detail of these hills. This was very noticeable in connection with the place-names of the district, especially of various of the hills. To go over some of the map names with him was to discover the extraordinary number of inaccurate and distorted names which were put down by the first Ordnance Survey when mapping the Braemar district; a state of affairs which was not much remedied in the revised maps. From Robertson one could very frequently get a more correct name than that which appears on the maps. He was a speaker of excellent Gaelic, and would probably be reckoned the last really first quality speaker of the Braemar dialect of the language.