

## In Memoriam.

ALEXANDER SIMPSON.

By the death of Mr Alexander Simpson, of the Aberdeen Savings Bank, on February 28, 1937, the Club lost one of its most enthusiastic members. It is several years since Mr Simpson attended the Club excursions, for lately he had been compelled to husband his strength. He became a member of the Club in 1900, and for thirty years took an active part in all its proceedings.

We who have climbed many hills with him have memories of his spare figure as he tramped over the heather, discoursing on his many climbs, often arguing the point in his characteristic fashion. He seemed to have penetrated every remote glen in Scotland, for, with his brother as companion in his young days, he had scoured the Highlands on bicycle, carrying his machine over rough passes, difficult even without such encumbrance. The hill experience thus gained made him a valuable member of Committee, and he became a Vice-President in 1928.

On the occasion of his retiral from the Savings Bank in November 1934, many tributes were paid to Mr Simpson in his voluntary capacity as friend and adviser to many needy folk. His activities in musical circles are remembered with gratitude in Aberdeen. The Cairngorm Club naturally turned to him year after year for their musical programmes on the occasion of the Annual Dinner.

Like many another man who has "breasted the blows of circumstance," Mr Simpson was not long spared to reap the reward of his striving. His reward lies in the memory he has left of a seeker after beauty, in music, in nature, in the great wide open spaces.