

JAMES SCRIMGEOUR.

THE late James Scrimgeour, B.L., who died on July 18, 1935, was educated at Dundee High School and Edinburgh University. His working life was spent as a solicitor in Dundee.

His connection with the Cairngorm Club was fortuitous in origin. Happening to arrive at the Invercauld Arms in December 1929 while the Club was holding its New Year Meet, he so enjoyed the company that he straightway knocked and it was opened to him. Thereafter till his death he remained a member. Residence in Fife prevented his attendance at the ordinary summer outings at the Club, but the writer well remembers the pleasure with which he looked forward to such of the New Year's Meets as he could get to and the gusto with which he enjoyed both the daily and nightly activities there.

Various articles contributed by him and other members of a little group of Dundee men to the *Cairngorm Club Journal* and similar papers bear witness to the fact that though he took to the hills later in life than is now the fashion, many of his happiest days were spent among them.

ETHEL O. ALEXANDER.

By the sudden and untimely death of Ethel O. Alexander at the age of 19, the Club has lost one of its younger members. A few years before she joined the Junior Section she spent a holiday in Arran, and it was while scrambling on the hills of that delectable isle that she became a lover of mountains.

Some will recall the brilliant day in July when she climbed Bennachie, testing proudly the adhesive qualities of the nails of her first (and last) pair of climbing boots on the summit tors; others that tropical day when a party tramped the Lairig, calling at Corrou on the way; others again Pinnacle Gully and the Black Spout, Lochnagar. She was present at the Club's excursion to the Brown Cow Hill, Strathdon, where her obvious enjoyment and happy



spirits added to the good cheer of the party. In September, only a fortnight before she died, she climbed Ben Lomond. By participating also in the social evenings, she availed herself of all aspects of the Club's efforts to bring together those who are alike in their enthusiasm for the "mountain-eering art."

Here was one of brilliant academic gifts, on the threshold of a career of increasing usefulness. She will be remembered for her unassuming ways, her delight in the simple pleasures of life, and her moral and intellectual integrity.