

In Memoriam.

MISS MARGARET SKAKLE.

It was with deep regret that it was learned that Miss Margaret Skakle had passed over at her home, Ernan, Cults, Aberdeenshire, on Saturday, January 28, 1939.

Miss Skakle joined the Club in 1920, and she served on the Committee during the years 1934-36. She took a keen and lively interest in the activities of the Club and in everything that pertained to its welfare. Several contributions to the *Journal* appear from her hand, and although in her paper on "A Spring Traverse of Lochnagar" she said it might be a hackneyed subject, it was not so coming from her flowing pen. No Club Dinner would have been complete without the Club Song, composed and set to music by her sister and herself, which she always sang so artistically, for her musical talent as well as her dramatic skill were widely known and appreciated by a large circle of friends. Miss Skakle was a fine walker, and a delightful companion on the hills. It was a pleasure to be in her company, especially on a spring day excursion, and to hear her appreciation of the budding trees and the singing of the birds, for these things appealed to her equally with the rugged beauties of Nature's great cathedrals. Many a long hill expedition she had to her credit, but whether it rained or shined she was always in her element among the hills, and many of us will miss her happy laugh and the sunshine of her smile.

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MISS MAGGIE GRUER.

THE closing of the hospitable door of "Thistle Cottage," Inverey, and the passing of its notable hostess, Miss Maggie Gruer, who died after a short illness on March 11, 1939,