

he made his first and memorable crossing of the Lairig Ghru. The walk was made from Rothiemurchus to Braemar during one of the worst gales of wind and rain experienced in that part of the country for many years. A faithful account of this hazardous journey appears in the Club's *Journal* of January 1919 and makes exciting reading. Like all true lovers of the sport, he had his appetite whetted by this experience and thereafter made the same journey annually for many years. In 1928, during similar weather, he took ill on his arrival at Braemar after making the Pass and was for many days confined to bed, but even this did not deter him later from revisiting that part of the Cairngorms for which his heart felt such affection. He did not, of course, confine his activities to this part only but made excursions with the Club over a wide area, and it was during these times that his knowledge of the countryside, his kindly advice, and his unflinching cheerfulness made him respected, admired, and loved by all who had the pleasure of his company. No one could say more fervently or with greater sincerity than he—"I to the hills will lift mine eyes."

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A. M. M. WILLIAMSON.

THE sudden death of Archie Williamson at a comparatively early age came as a painful shock to his many friends. He has for some time past been one of the leading junior counsel at the Scottish Bar and he enjoyed an enormous and very varied practice. He has appeared in many celebrated cases, one of the most recent of which was the notorious Crematorium prosecution from his native city.

Of late years the demands on his time made by his ever-increasing practice at the Bar prevented Archie from doing much climbing, but up till about ten years ago he was an enthusiastic and active mountaineer and there were few Scottish hills which he did not know well.

He was particularly devoted to Skye and for many years never missed a climbing holiday at either Sligachan or Glen

Brittle. He was familiar with all the better-known Cuillin climbs and pioneered several which at the time were not so well known. He contributed three articles to Volume X of the *Journal*, two of them relating to climbing in Skye. On one occasion his party climbed the Inaccessible Pinnacle by all the known routes and invented some variations. Their ascents of the Pinnacle for the day numbered twenty-two. Although not a record holder he was one of the many climbers who have traversed the entire Cuillin ridge in a day.

Archie was an ideal companion on a mountaineering holiday. His tremendous zest for living, his shrewd knowledge of human nature, and his pawky Aberdeen wit, with his incessant flow of anecdote, kept any climbing party of which he was a member in the best of spirits. He also had a very sound knowledge of mountain craft and was a competent and careful leader on many a rock climb on the Scottish hills he loved so well.

W. ROSS McLEAN, Comdr., R.N.V.R.

W. McQUEEN SMITH.

THE Club has lost in recent months some notable personalities who were interested not merely in mountaineering but also in other sports and activities. One of these was the late Mr W. McQueen Smith, who had long occupied a well-marked place in the legal life of his native city. He started practice forty-five years ago and had been a member of the Society of Advocates since 1914. Besides mountaineering, he was well known in connection with many other sports. He was a keen bowler, and in his earlier days he was both a cricketer and a football enthusiast. But it was as a golfer that he was probably best known. For thirty-two years he was Secretary and Treasurer of the Balnagask Club. He organised the Links Golf Championships and he was President of the North-East District Golfers' Union. He was a Freemason of long standing. But probably the interest that lay nearest to his heart was his close connection with the North Parish Church of which he had been an Elder and Church Treasurer for