

Reid had several seasons abroad. In 1911, with the writer, he visited the Brenta Group in the Dolomites, where our principal ascent was that of the Cima Tosa (10,420 feet). It was my first rock climb with him and I was very much struck by the neat way in which he climbed an exceedingly steep rock face, as second man on the rope. In 1921 we had a short season in the Central Pyrenees, mostly in the Luchon district, and made five ascents, of which the Pic d'Aneto (11,170 feet) and the Pic d'Albe (10,761 feet) were the principal ones. In 1912 and 1913 he was at Zermatt and, in the latter year, with Henry Alexander, climbed the Matterhorn (14,780 feet). He had also visited the Canadian Rockies.

Reid was one of the founders of the Life Preservers' Society, was one of its most enthusiastic members, and rarely missed any of the outings (see pp. 123-128 and 276-279).

Dr Reid was an Accountant by profession and was one of the most prominent citizens of Aberdeen. He will long be remembered as having been a most generous benefactor to many of the Aberdeen hospitals and institutions; particularly to Robert Gordon's College, which was his old school, and of which he was for many years Chairman of the Governors; the Rowett Institute; and Newhills Convalescent Home. His passing was mourned by many.

J. A. PARKER.

#### JAMES CONNER, J.P.

JAMES CONNER, J.P., and late Sheriff-Clerk of Aberdeenshire, died in a nursing home in Aberdeen on February 26, 1944, after a short illness, and with his passing the Club has lost one of its oldest and most enthusiastic members. Mr Conner became a member in 1890 and, until his retiral from public service in 1930, never lost a chance, if he could avoid it, of attending the excursions into the hills he loved so well. Of light build, he was always in perfect condition for walking or climbing and could outstrip many of the younger members in speed and endurance.

In October 1918, along with another member of the Club,

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