

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

thirty years. In all these activities Mr McQueen Smith will be much missed, not merely for the good work he did but also for his singularly sincere and upright personal character.

G. D.

ALEXANDER ESSLEMONT.

ANOTHER member of the Club who will be missed by many is the late Mr Alexander Esslemont, a member of the well-known Aberdeen family of that name, one of whom—his uncle—was Lord Provost of the city and Member of Parliament for East Aberdeenshire, and another—his cousin—was a Magistrate and Member of Parliament for the South Division of the city. Mr Esslemont was educated at the Aberdeen Grammar School, where he was a class-fellow of the late Lord Meston. All his life he was closely identified with the ecclesiastical life of the city. He was Session Clerk of his own Church and for the long period of fifty-seven years he had been a teacher in, as well as Superintendent of, its Sunday School. For some time also he was a member of the Presbytery and a prominent member of the Aberdeen Elders' Union. At his death, after a well-spent life marked by genuine though unobtrusive piety, he had reached the ripe age of eighty years.

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