

in 1873, he joined the Cairngorm Club and the Scottish Mountaineering Club in 1897, and contributed notes and articles, particularly to the S.M.C.J. He had an outstanding academic and professional career and was consulting surgeon to St Thomas's Hospital and to numerous other institutions. One unique distinction he held was that of being the only candidate who had been first in every subject of the M.B., B.C.(Cantab.). During the World War, he rose to the rank of Major and was mentioned in despatches. Mr Corner was little known to the present generation of Scottish climbers but his contributions to mountain literature show him to have been an indefatigable explorer and climber of our hills, and to have possessed the capacity to write of his expeditions with clarity and humour. A. M. T.

DONALD McCONNACH.

DONALD McCONNACH was a member of a party returning from the south top of Beinn a' Bhùird in bad weather on March 11, 1951. Heading for Coire na Ciche in extremely poor visibility, he reached the edge of the cornice, which gave way beneath him. By the greatest misfortune, the accident occurred above steep rocks and he was killed, apparently instantaneously. He was twenty-two.

He was educated at Aberdeen Grammar School and at Aberdeen University, where he graduated in medicine in September of last year. He was then appointed House Physician at the Royal Infirmary, which post he held at the time of his death. His interests were wide and varied, and while at school were typically those of a normal, healthy, athletic boy. He played rugby and this he continued with the Former Pupils' Club. He was a good swimmer and tennis player, and an active member of the 1st Troop of Boy Scouts and of the Scottish Schoolboys' Club.

As much of his life as possible was spent in the open air. Cycling and camping expeditions took him to the hills, first to his local Cairngorms and then to areas farther afield. All University holidays, when not working, he spent

climbing with his friends from Aberdeen or Sheffield, and he had a wide first-hand knowledge of the Scottish hills, having climbed in Glencoe, Skye, the North-west, Nevis, and the Mamore range as well as in the nearby Cairngorms and Grampians.

Climbing with him was never dull, no matter how bad the weather or the going. He was a careful, confident, and trustworthy partner on a rock or snow climb. Donald had an unforgettable personality; all who knew him remember his extravagant stories, told with a serious face but with a humorous twinkle in his eye. Of course they were not meant to be taken seriously, but how we loved to hear them! With his patients in hospital he had sympathy, firmness, and understanding, and he made many genuine friends among them. He was popular with all his colleagues, who respected his abilities and decisions. He was proud of being a member of the Club, which he joined four years ago. We have suffered a grievous loss in his untimely death, but our memories of him will remain always fresh and pleasant.

I. M. B.