

whether it was in the giving of an opinion or in the conducting of a party over the mountains, and certainly in the Scottish climbing clubs his great personality and commanding figure were an inspiration to younger generations of climbers.

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GEORGE DUNCAN, C.B.E., LL.D.

By the death of Dr George Duncan the Club has lost one of its prominent senior members, who attended many of its Meets and took a keen interest in its affairs. As a citizen of Aberdeen he was very well known, and tribute to his civic activities has been paid elsewhere. He was an active walker at all times and was familiar with the Braemar district where he spent his annual holiday for many years. All those who have accompanied him on walks in that region or elsewhere will recall the remarkable fund of anecdote and allusion which he had at his command. He could at all times recount curious circumstances relating to persons or places which enhanced the interest of such walks. Noticeable about his anecdotes, whether concerned with past or present, was the feeling for history which underlay them, Dr Duncan was an assiduous reader. His interests were many. Remarkable in so practical-minded a man was, for instance, his interest in supernatural events. The tales of the Ben Macdhui ghost, or the better documented case of Sergeant Davies, seemed to attract him as matters for evidence, not to be dismissed with a laugh. Dr Duncan's conversation on these and other topics will be fresh in the memory of many members; as is that of his excellent physique in his active years. Also remembered will be the cordiality with which he was wont to support any useful new project or idea.

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EDRED MOSS CORNER

WE regret to report the death of Edred Moss Corner, B.Sc. (London), M.A., M.B., B.C.(Cantab.), F.R.C.S., a life member of the Club and a distinguished surgeon. Born

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