

bus. On our approach several keas flew up from a rocky outcrop near the hut. These birds are large grey-green parrots with murderous-looking beaks, and a scarlet patch under the wings which becomes conspicuous when they fly. They have a reputation for mischief. Any boots or cooking utensils left lying about are liable to disappear if keas are around! Shortly before we left a scud of rain blew across the valley. This brief shower was all I was destined to see of what is reputedly the worst weather in the world.

I decided before leaving home to make no plans and to leave everything "in the lap of the gods." Now that this journey is ended I can surely say that the gods were bountiful with their favours, and that during my short stay in the Southern Alps they gave me all, and more, than I could possibly have hoped for.

### IN MEMORIAM

It is with deepest regret that we record the deaths of the following members and past-members:—

Dr George Hendry	.	.	.	1920 to 1952.
Dr J. Leith Hendry	.	.	.	1927 ,, 1953.
Mr Arthur J. McIntosh	.	.	.	1946 ,, 1953.
Mr R. P. Masson	.	.	.	1919 ,, 1953.
Mr R. M. Murdoch	.	.	.	1925 ,, 1953.
Mr James B. Nicol	.	.	.	1917 ,, 1953.
Mr William Stewart	.	.	.	1925 ,, 1953.