

Following Lord Macmillan, Norman Collie, and James Parker as Honorary President was a difficult task, but one which R. M. Williamson performed with grace and dignity. To his family—Mrs Williamson predeceased him some years ago—we offer our sincere sympathy in their sorrow.

E. W. WATT

EDWARD W. WATT, one of the oldest members of the Club, died on April 19, 1955. To his many activities in other directions he combined a long fidelity to the Cairngorm Club and its interests. He became a member in 1912, served on the Committee from 1924 to 1926, and edited the *Cairngorm Club Journal* from 1924 to 1926, being well equipped for such a duty by his long and varied experience in journalism. Many times he spent his annual holiday at Braemar.

Himself in youth a participant in most of the games and recreations of early years, he remained throughout his life devoted to the interests of young people. He was actively connected with the Boys' Brigade, in which he was Vice-President and Treasurer of the Aberdeen Battalion. He was the first Chairman of the Aberdeen Juvenile Court; and amongst the other bodies with which he was connected were the Scottish Council of Social Service and the National Fitness Association for Scotland. He was an original member of the Scottish Central Probation Council.

In 1901 he joined the 1st Volunteer Battalion, Gordon Highlanders; and when the territorials took the place of the volunteers he commanded the University Company of the 4th Gordons. He was mobilised in 1914 as Captain, and served with the battalion in France and Belgium, retiring in 1921 with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Most members will be acquainted with his activities in civic affairs. He entered Aberdeen Town Council in 1927; and after being in succession Bailie and City Treasurer, he became Lord Provost in 1935.

One remembers Edward Watt with pleasure as having been present, now a good many years ago, at various of the Club's excursions as well as at many of its annual dinners. He brought to these occasions the same easy and agreeable personality which made him a highly acceptable colleague on the many committees of which he was a member in the course of his career. His portrait, a public appreciation of his service as Lord Provost, hangs in Aberdeen Art Gallery.

W. M. A.