

## J. LINDSAY DUNCAN

JAMES LINDSAY DUNCAN, Sheriff-Substitute of the Lothians and Peebles at Edinburgh, died there on Christmas Day, 1954. He belonged to a family which has had a long connection with the Cairngorm Club, his father, the late George Duncan, Advocate in Aberdeen, having been a member from 1899 until his death a few years ago.

From the time he joined the Club in 1928 until his professional work took him out of Aberdeen, James Lindsay Duncan was a frequent attender at New Year Meets at Braemar. A number of articles contributed by him to the Club *Journal* gave ample proof of his intimate knowledge of and love for the Cairngorms. He was one of the originators of the idea of a Visitors' Book at the Shelter Stone and was responsible for the first volume being deposited there in August 1924. The writer has happy recollections of more than one day spent in his company on the hills—particularly of a glorious spring day during the Club's Easter Meet at Spittal of Glenshee in 1929, when the highest top of Ben-y-Gloe was reached after a long cross-country walk. Latterly a serious illness prevented Sheriff Duncan from doing any strenuous climbing, but he continued to take an interest in the Club and was present at the Annual Dinner in 1951.

Sheriff Duncan had a distinguished legal career. A former pupil of Aberdeen Grammar School, he graduated LL.B. with distinction at Aberdeen University in 1930, being awarded the Hunter Medal as the most distinguished graduate of his year. The following year he was awarded the Cruickshank Law Prize of Aberdeen University and gained the Ph.D. of Edinburgh University. In 1931 he was admitted a member of the Faculty of Advocates and practised at the Bar in Edinburgh until in 1940 he was appointed Sheriff-Substitute at Stornoway. Two years later he was promoted to Kilmarnock, whence he went in 1951 to take up the important office in Edinburgh, which he held at the time of his death.

While practising at the Bar Sheriff Duncan for a time prepared reports for "Session Cases," the official collection of the reported cases of the Court of Session and the High Court of Justiciary in Scotland. He revised and brought up to date the third edition of Glegg on "The Law of Reparation in Scotland," and it is understood that he was engaged in revising the proofs of a further edition of that work at the time of his death.

In Sheriff Duncan's untimely death the Law has lost an able Judge,

and his friends in the Cairngorm Club have lost a good companion on the hills. To his widow and young family and to his sisters in the Club we would offer our respectful sympathy in their great personal loss.

J. E. B.

#### JAMES MCHARDY

JAMES MCHARDY, who died on February 6, 1955, joined the Club in 1932, and from then until the outbreak of war in 1939 was a regular attender of meets and excursions. He was always full of energy and enthusiasm and took a great interest in arranging outings for parties of our younger members, particularly long excursions—even starting at Derry Lodge and ending up somewhere in Glenshiel or in Skye. He latterly went to reside in Aboyne, and this, and failing health, prevented him from joining Club excursions, but to the last he was interested in its affairs.

#### MAITLAND H. GRAY

MAITLAND HENDERSON GRAY, who died on October 11, 1955, joined the Club in 1933. For many years his health kept him from the hills, but he retained his interest in the Club's activities, especially in connection with their various works projects, for which his most generous support could be relied on.

#### ROBERT T. SELLAR

R. T. SELLAR joined the Club in 1920 and did much of his climbing with James A. Parker. His connection with the hills was a real family affair, and we have had two of his sons as members. In fact, his last appearance at a Club excursion was when he arrived at Queen's Cross early one morning, having got up to see his son Pat on to the bus. He was also a member of the Scottish Mountaineering Club, on whose committee he served during the recent war.

We also regret to record the deaths of Mrs H. FENWICK, ARTHUR TAYLOR, A. MORICE WILSON, and ROBERT C. ROSS.