

IN MEMORIAM

HERBERT G. POPE

WE have to record with regret the loss of one of our senior members by the death on December 29, 1956, of Herbert G. Pope, who was for over thirty years the City Assessor of Aberdeen. Mr Pope was a former pupil of Aberdeen Grammar School and served his apprenticeship as an architect in Aberdeen. He held various posts in the Valuation Department of the Inland Revenue in the north of Scotland and was engaged on valuation work for the Admiralty in Orkney during the 1914-18 War. In 1919 he was appointed City Assessor in Aberdeen, from which office he retired in 1950.

Although he never took a very active part in the affairs of the Club, H. G. Pope was in his day a strong walker and had a sincere love of the hills. One of our members, William Mitchell, has happy recollections of days spent in his company in the Cairngorms and of a cross-country walk from Kirriemuir to Braemar. They had also a holiday in Skye together which included the ascent of Sgurr nan Gillean. Writing of these experiences Mr Mitchell says: "While H. G. Pope enjoyed his visits to the hills I am sure the toils up to the tops did not interest him so much as the pleasure he got in the corries or among the screes, searching for the beautiful flora of our Scottish hills: all those flowers were his greatest love."