

Electrical Engineering at Glasgow before joining the Factory Inspectorate, where his duties fortunately brought him to Aberdeen, and introduced him to the Club in 1941. In 1947 he transferred to the Ministry of Supply and was subsequently seconded to the Iron and Steel Board, where he held the responsible post of Chief Development Officer at the time of his death, being directly concerned with the organisation and rationalisation of the British steel industry.

J. B. McDONALD

J. B. McDonald will probably be best remembered for the very fine films of wild life in the mountains which entertained members at numerous indoor meets. Two in particular must be mentioned: the graphic record of a day's stalking and the vivid pictures of an eagle's nest near Derry Lodge. In the preparation of these films he was ably assisted by R. O. Mackay, who introduced him to the Club in 1939. Another of J. B. McDonald's climbing companions was Lord Malcolm Douglas Hamilton, with whom he climbed the Mitre Ridge in 1942.

J. B. McDonald was in business in Fraserburgh, and therefore not frequently seen at meetings or excursions. It was with deep regret that we heard of his death in 1958.

MARSHALL J. ROBB

Marshall Jeffreys Robb died in Aberdeen early in 1960 at the age of 71. Not many of our present members have had the pleasure of his company in the hills, for it is a number of years since he took a prominent part in Club affairs. He joined in 1919 and was active in the '20s and early '30s, for instance reporting to the *Journal* in 1923 on the novelty of one-day trips from Aberdeen to the Cairngorms by motor-car. He was a keen photographer who contributed several photographs to the *Journal*, notably at the time of the erection of the Macdhuì Indicator. He was a member of Committee during this period.

Marshall Robb was also a member of the Scottish Mountaineering Club, and served on their Committee from 1932 to 1935. His other outdoor interests included angling. He was associated for many years with Dr J. F. Tocher, public and agricultural analyst for Aberdeenshire and other north-eastern counties, and succeeded him in 1946, but had unfortunately to retire a year later because of ill-health. In the course of his professional duties he gained a wide

knowledge of the production of Scotch whisky, and compiled one of the few books on this subject.

It is with great regret that we have also to record the deaths of the following members:—

Miss Mary Agnes Skakle (1920).
 Colonel A. G. Nicol Smith (1925).
 Miss Una M. Ellis-Fermor (1926).
 Miss Emily A. Mavor (1928).
 Mr Robert C. Ross (1930).
 Mr James D. Auld (1933).

Miss Mary Skakle will be remembered as the author of the words of the Club Song, of which her sister, Miss Margaret Skakle, composed the music.

We also regret to report the deaths of two good friends of the Club:—

Captain H. D. Ross, who was H.M. Commissioner for the Balmoral Estates, or more popularly Balmoral Factor, from 1930 to 1948, died in 1960 at the age of 80. Captain Ross never failed to permit the Club to traverse the restricted areas whenever it was possible for him to do so, and in particular to grant permission to use the Danzig Bridge for Lochnagar excursions.

Mr James W. Duguid was even more closely linked with the affairs of the Club. Since the early Saturday outings and the first Sunday excursions in 1931, we have relied on Mr Duguid's Swallows to get us to the furthestmost roadhead. In recent years many of us have thought nostalgically of the 14-seat charabancs and 20-seat coaches of pre-war days, as the present 40-seaters attempted to negotiate the bends and turning-points of the hill roads. Coaches serving climbers suffer treatment more severe than normal touring duties, but Mr Duguid placed few restrictions on us, and many a time waited patiently and in good humour for the delayed return of a winter party, even when the snow in the Muick road was drifting deeply. Mr Duguid had not been at the wheel much himself in the past few years, but fortunately the family connection is not lost, as his son has taken over. We hope that there will be a family representative at the Dinner for many years to come, and that the Swallows will still leave Golden Square early on Sunday mornings, picking up at Queen's Cross.