

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.