

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAM MALCOLM

William Malcolm died suddenly on March 25, 1967, in his 87th year. He was President in 1934 and 1935 and was elected an Honorary Member in 1949. He maintained his interest in the hills and reported in the *Journal* an ascent of Snowdon in 1960. A batchelor and a most unassuming man who rarely talked about his affairs, business or leisure, he was manager of Clyne, Mitchell, Marine Engineers in Aberdeen, until they were taken over by a larger concern, with whom he stayed, less happily, for a few years after the war. On retiral, he went to live with a married sister in Worthing and will therefore be remembered only by the more senior members of the Club.

Records of many of William Malcolm's climbs will be found in the *Journal*. He had a wide knowledge of the Scottish hills, joining the Cairngorm Club in 1911 and the Scottish Mountaineering Club in 1931. He was a very safe and competent climber, particularly good on snow. In 1935, he led E. W. Smith and W. D. Hutcheon—the passing of both of whom we have also mourned in the past years—up the Tower Ridge in preparation for an Alpine holiday, one of several which he spent in various areas of Switzerland.

As President, he took his responsibilities very seriously. He did not approve of attempts to encourage all and sundry to take up serious climbing. One incident on Cruach Ardrain, in which he was not involved, but in which a slip on snow-covered ice by a Club party caused some minor injuries, as much as difficulties in getting away from his employment, probably led to his premature withdrawal from the Presidency.

He was essentially a man who preferred to be on the hills alone or with a few chosen companions, and one of his hobbies reflected this, as he was interested in astronomy, with a telescope in his garden in Bon-Accord Street.

E. W. SMITH

With the death of Edwin Wilkie Smith on January 25, 1962, the Club lost one of its most noted members. Born in Brechin at the



E. W. SMITH (LEFT) AND WILLIAM MALCOLM AT PAVILLON CATHREIN, CONCORDIA PLATZ, IN 1938