

in the mind for a very long time and which quite a few of us will be privileged to remember.

On the practical side, Margaret soothed or averted several nasty blisters on a number of hillsides with her special system of bandaging.

For those who only knew Margaret from a distance, she will be remembered for the energy and enthusiasm she put into all she undertook, and be respected for her knowledge, sense, ability and enjoyment of the hills.

Margaret, who joined the Cairngorm Club in 1965, also joined in many Club outings and was often at Muir Cottage. Latterly she became a great bothy enthusiast, and it was her ambition to stay in every mountain bothy in Scotland, especially the more remote ones.

For a great many years to come, certain places such as the Cuillin of Skye, where she climbed her 100th Munro in 1971, and so many hilltops and bothies, will hold fond memories of Margaret Gauld. For the many of us who knew her well, it will be these memories which pay tribute to a very special member of our Club.

J.M.M.

GEORGE EDMOND CROMBIE

We regret to record the death of George Edmond Crombie in December 1972. Although a comparative newcomer to the Club, he had known the Cairngorms well since boyhood. During family holidays spent at Braemar forty to fifty years ago he explored the glens and visited the tops in that area. After graduating, with honours in Classics, at Aberdeen University, in 1930 he entered the Indian Civil Service. In the Second World War he served in the Indian Army. After 1947 he was transferred to the Foreign Office and held a number of overseas appointments, which took him to, among other places, Canada and Gambia. On his retirement he returned to live in Aberdeen and joined the Cairngorm Club to renew his acquaintance with the Scottish hills. Many of us will have happy memories of his company on recent excursions.

J.E.B.

ANNE ELIZABETH ESSELMONT

Betty Esslemont died in Wick last September, after becoming suddenly ill at Bettyhill where she and her husband were on holiday.