

in the Canadian Rockies and Selkirks. In 1922 he visited the Alps, climbing in various districts between the Graians and the Dolomites. From 1925 on he went to the Alps annually, ascending a large number of the classical peaks, among them Grand Paradis, Matterhorn (twice—once by Zmutt and Italian ridges), Zinal Rothhorn (twice), Finsteraarhorn, Schreckhorn, Monte Rosa, Lyskamm (traverse), Dom-Täschhorn (traverse), Weisshorn, Aiguille du Midi, Aiguille du Géant, Mont Blanc, Dent Blanche; high-level route, Fionnay to Zermatt. This is but part of a larger record. Underhill was a strong, conservative climber of winning personality. He went with the writer to Tyrol in 1929 and climbed the higher peaks of Stubai and Oetzthal. Later, with Alfred Streich, he was on the Wetterhorn and traversed the Aletschhorn. This was his last season. In 1938 he married Bertha Coer, who survives him.

J. MONROE THORINGTON

[Daniel Underhill served as Secretary of the Club, 1929-31, and as Vice-President, 1932-34. In the words of one of the tributes to him, "he was a man of sterling character and remarkable judgment—wise, modest, tolerant and kind of heart . . . and his memory will be cherished."—ED.]

DUNCAN McDUFFIE

1877-1951

When Duncan McDuffie was elected to membership in the American Alpine Club in 1927, he had for some time ceased to be an active climber of mountains; but his interest in preserving the scenic features of the West, and particularly those of California, was at its height. Since 1923 he had been chairman of the California State Parks Council, an organization devoted to the enactment of appropriate legislation for the establishment of a state parks system for California. In 1927 this was accomplished, and McDuffie would have been one of the first park commissioners had not his sense of propriety intervened, for the appointing Governor was his partner in business. Instead of accepting an appointment he put himself whole-heartedly behind the commission, of which William E. Colby was chairman, in the highly successful work of building the system

and establishing policies for its administration. He had previously been, and continued for the rest of his life to be, one of the prime movers in the Save-the-Redwoods League. In many other ways he lent his influence and gave wise guidance to causes generally classified under the term "conservation." It was for these activities, as well as for his creative work in residential real estate development, that the University of California conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Born in Iowa, in 1877, Duncan McDuffie came to California as a boy and was graduated from the University of California in 1899. In 1902 he participated in the Sierra Club outing to Kings River Canyon and began his mountain climbing with University Peak and Mount Brewer. In the following years he made other climbs in the Sierra and descended the Tuolumne Canyon, then a difficult feat. His two best climbs, however, were made later. In 1908, with J. N. Le Conte and J. S. Hutchinson, he made the first ascent of Mount Abbot in the course of an exploratory trip to discover a high mountain route the length of the High Sierra. In 1920 he and Hutchinson, with their packer, Onis Brown, made the coveted first ascent of the Black Kaweah.

McDuffie was President of the Sierra Club from 1928 to 1931, and again from 1943 to 1946. The latter term was accepted at a real sacrifice, for his health was impaired; yet he considered it his duty to respond to any call for the cause of conservation. His beautiful home with its terraced gardens, graciously presided over by Mrs. McDuffie, was often the scene of conferences and social gatherings of those interested in mountains, in parks, in forests, in gardens and in other aspects of natural beauty. Beauty and order and the warmth of friendship held Duncan McDuffie's attention to the day of his departure on 21 April 1951.

FRANCIS P. FARQUHAR

DEAN PEABODY, JR.

1888 - 1951

The sudden passing of Dean Peabody at the premature age of 63 leaves a very real void in the lives of all who were in any way associated with him. Although he had been a member of this club since 1929, and had served in the Thirties as Councillor and Vice-