

JUNE CEREMONIES

S. R. Crockett Memorial

GALLOWAY NOVELIST

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for the inauguration of the Memorial to S. R. Crockett, the famous Galloway novelist, on the afternoon of Saturday, 18th June. The Memorial, which has been carried out to the design of Mr J. Jeffrey Waddell, I.A., architect, Glasgow, has been erected on a site near the village of Laurieston, which is near Crockett's birthplace. The unveiling ceremony, which is to take place at 3 p.m., will be attended by Captain Wickham-Weekes, the Convener of the County Council of the Stowartry, who will preside, and Sir Herbert Maxwell of Monreith. Mrs Crockett, widow of the novelist, will unveil the monument. It will be recalled that alternative proposals for the Memorial were fully discussed, one being for its erection on the Island of Heston, which, as "Rathan," is the scene of exciting incidents in Crockett's most famous book, "The Raiders"; and another suggestion was that it should be placed at Clatteringshaws Bridge, near the entrance to the wild gypsy country, in which also many exciting episodes of "The Raiders" take place. It was finally decided, at a meeting of the subscribers in Glasgow, that the Memorial should be placed near Laurieston village.

Subscriptions to the Memorial were limited to 5s., and an opportunity is being given to any who have not yet subscribed to add to a fund to provide for the future maintenance of the ground and the Memorial.