

MRS S. R. CROCKETT

Death of Novelist's Widow

MRS RUTH MARY CROCKETT, widow of S. R. Crockett, the well-known Scottish novelist, died at her residence, Bengairn, Peebles, on Saturday. Mrs Crockett, who was a daughter of a Manchester merchant, continued to reside in the house in Peebles where for many years her distinguished husband lived and worked. The name of the house is taken from the mountainous and remote district of Galloway in which part his most famous romance, *The Raiders*, is laid. It was at Bengairn that Crockett established his large library, for which a building had to be erected in the garden. Here also was his study, to which he could retire when he was concentrating on his work. This study, with a revolving roof, indicating Crockett's interest in astronomy, is still preserved.

Mrs Crockett, though of advanced years, was able to be present last summer at the unveiling ceremony of the memorial to her husband in Galloway, which has been erected at the village of Lauriston. She was accompanied then by her daughter, Miss Rutherford Crockett, who has also attained considerable distinction as a novelist.