
By the death of Patrick Hehir on May 1, 1937, the Indian Medical Service and the medical profession generally have lost a very remarkable figure. From being a student in the Calcutta Medical School, and a hospital apprentice in the Bengal Submedical Department, he rose to be a Major-General in the Indian Medical Service, a Companion of the Bath, a Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George, a Companion and later a Knight Commander of the Indian Empire, a Knight of Grace of the Order of St John of Jerusalem, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, and in 1893 Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. He saw service in many campaigns: Burma, 1886-87, medal with clasp; North-West Frontier, Tirah, 1897-98, medal with clasp; War of 1914-18; Iraq, as A.D.M.S. of Colonel Townsend's force in Kut; advance on Kut, battle of Ctesiphon, and defence of Kut; taken prisoner at Kut but released soon after; the second Waziristan campaign and Afghanistan, 1919. He wrote many books covering a wide field. He contributed to the Report of the First Hyderabad Chloroform Commission in 1892; he wrote Malaria in India (1927), a subject in which he was specially interested, and a number of other volumes. He was a man of many gifts, kindly in his outlook; a very hard worker, with a keen sense of duty; he spared no effort to equip himself for the work which he was called upon to undertake.

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