

SURGEON CRIMMIN, V. C.

SURGEON JOHN CRIMMIN, Bombay Medical Service, was decorated, on Friday, 6th December, with the Victoria Cross by the Duke of Connaught for conspicuous bravery in the Burman War. All the troops in garrison paraded.

PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER, CHIN FIELD FORCE.

BRIGADE-SURGEON F. HOWARD, M. D., M. S., Principal Medical Officer, Chin Field Force, has had to return to Rangoon from the front, under the medical charge of Surgeon J. J. Morau, who has been directed to rejoin his appointment at Pakoko.

COPYING.

IT is in army orders that should an officer, when examined for his promotion, give in as his own work a paper which he has copied from the work of another officer, he will be guilty of conduct so unbecoming the character of an officer and a gentleman that his remaining in the army will become a matter for consideration.

TESTIMONIAL TO DRs. E. HART AND C. MACNAMARA.

THE original idea of presenting testimonials to Messrs. Ernest Hart and C. Macnamara, as a slight return for their exertions on behalf of the two Medical Services, has met with considerable success, especially in the Bengal Presidency, over Rs. 1,500 having been subscribed up to the present.

It has been suggested that Dr. Farquharson, M. P., and Surgeon-General Maclean should be included in the presentation, as all having worked hard on our behalf, and this the Committee consider should be carried out.

As some of the officers of the Indian Service took exception to the fact that the Committee was entirely composed of officers of the Medical Staff this has been rectified; and it is hoped that every officer of both services, who has not already done so, will send in his subscription, as soon as possible, to enable the Committee to close the account and order the pieces of plate for presentation to be put in hand.

The subscriptions proposed were Rs. 6 for Field Officers and Rs. 3 for others, but in many cases these amounts were largely exceeded, and further subscriptions were offered if required.

The Committee now consists of the following officers:—

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| Bengal, | Deputy Surgeon-General Morice, I.M.S. |
| " | Brigade-Surgeon R. Waters, M. S. |
| " | " J. B. Hamilton, M. S. |
| " | Surgeon-Major McConaghey, I. M. S. |
| " | " T. L. Bate, I. M. S. |
| " | Brigade-Surgeon W. Moir, I. M. S. |
| " | " T. Maunsell, M. S. |
| " | " Skey-Muir, M. S. |
| " | " R. W. Davies, M. S. |
| Bombay | " A. Allan, M. S. |
| Madras | " F. Howard, M. S. |

Please note.—All subscriptions should be remitted to the *Delhi and London Bank, Lucknow*, for the Medical Testimonial Fund, and should *not* be sent to the Honorary Secretary.

J. B. HAMILTON, M. D.,

Brigade-Surgeon, M.S.,

Honorary Secretary.

DAVID BOYES SMITH FUND.

SECOND LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Amount already advertised ...	Rs. 2,314 0 0
Surgeon W. R. Edwards ...	Rs. 32 0 0
Brigade-Surgeon K. McLeod ...	" 100 0 0
Surgeon-Major C. J. W. Meadows ...	" 32 0 0
Surgeon-Major T. H. Hendley ...	" 16 0 0
Dr. Gobind Chunder Chatterjee, (Comillah) ...	" 16 0 0
W. T. Woods, Esq. ...	" 200 0 0
Surgeon-Major James Reid ...	" 32 0 0
Surgeon J. French-Mullen ...	" 50 0 0
Surgeon D. E. Crawford ...	" 100 0 0
Surgeon L. A. Waddell ...	" 32 0 0
Surgeon D. M. Moir, 13th B. C. ...	" 50 0 0
Surgeon-Major A. Crombie ...	" 100 0 0
Brigade-Surgeon R. Harvey ...	" 500 0 0
Dr. T. Edmonstone Charles (Rome), £50.	

Correspondence.

THE LATE PROFESSOR DAVID BOYES SMITH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "INDIAN MEDICAL GAZETTE."

SIR,—The following, which I copied from the *Indian Medical Gazette* in 1886, may have some bearing on the case of the widow of the late Dr. Boyes Smith:—

"Officers of the Indian Medical Service are entitled to a pension for their widows under the provisions of the Royal Warrant, in addition to any pension which they may obtain from the Indian Service Family Pension Fund."

The following clauses from the "Memorandum regarding the position of medical officers to be appointed to H. M.'s Indian Forces" makes this clear.

"The claims to pension of widows and families of medical officers shall be treated under the provisions of such Royal Warrant regulating the grant of pensions to the widows and families of British officers as may be in force at the time being.

"The widows and families of medical officers are also entitled to pensions from the Indian Service Family Pension Fund."

The *Indian Medical Gazette* then goes on to say—

"A medical officer of the Indian Service died in 1872. The authorities in India ruled that his widow was not entitled to a pension under the Royal Warrant.

"Recently the widow's claim to a pension of £50 was admitted, and 7 years arrears of pension paid her, the matter having been carried Home."

I don't think that this case can be too widely known, and your remarks thereon.

Yours faithfully,

BANGALORE. } S. L. DOBIE,
October 25th, 1889 } Surgeon-Major, 1st Madras Lancers.