

## OBITUARY NOTICE

### Colonel Rivett-Carnac

Colonel Rivett-Carnac always clung to the first part of his name, which was, in fact, his real name, his grandfather having added the name of Carnac on his marriage. The family were, in fact, Rivetts, of an old Suffolk stock, and it certainly seems rather hard that he should be denied what gave him so much pleasure in order that the modern and unfamiliar "Carnac" should be fastened on. Let it be agreed, therefore, that he was a Rivett, and that the latter half of the name was a mere excrescence. Let him have the happiness of feeling that he remains Harry Rivett-Carnac, who successfully resisted to the last the merging of his real name.

In other respects, too, he was known apart from his official rank. He was a member of an old Indian family, and might have been expected to rise on that account to the highest position in the old service, but no one will pretend that his actual rise was due to his descent, or was even in correspondence with his undoubted talent. To the end of his work in India he held a second-rate appointment—the opium commissionership at Ghazipore, but he held it with complete detachment, and was distinguished for things other than his official work. He was throughout his life the most generous and open-handed of men. He would pick up a broken loafer, and nurse him through untold breakdowns, until he left him in the end an established character. That was what made him so lovable. With a certain amount of brusquerie he never gave up the attempt to help other men.

It was the same with everything. At a time when volunteering was rather looked down upon, he took up the cause and stuck to it through much ridicule and abuse until he became A.D.C. to the Queen and Commander of the

Volunteer Brigade at Delhi. I shall never forget his coming to see me in Madir, and having an audience of the Queen Regent in his Volunteer uniform, which he informed Her Majesty bore a striking resemblance to that of the 10th Hussars. He saw nothing incongruous in the comparison. The Volunteer uniform was a serious thing in his eyes. The uniform of a body of Light Horse which was raised to serve the Queen.

In his archæological pursuits he was equally bold and fearless. He took up amongst other things the subject of cup markings on rocks, and made himself known by his researches.

The fact was that apart from his work he was original in all things, but above all original in his generosity. That was the essence of his character, and by that he will live in the hearts of many men whom he befriended.

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