

## General A. C. ROBERTSON. By T. Stevenson, P.R.S.A.

General A. C. Robertson, the eldest son of Lieutenant David Robertson, of Royal Marines, was born at Edinburgh, February 8, 1816, and was educated at the High School and University there. I knew him from boyhood as a born soldier, always ready to fight his battles with other boys under every circumstance of disadvantage, and when he found a difficulty in getting his commission he at once joined other volunteers from this country who took part in fighting against Dom Miguel in Portugal in 1834. Serving under Sir de Lucy Evans, he saw much heavy service with the British Auxiliary Legion in the north of Spain. He was present at the relief of St Sebastian and at the other battles which followed in quick succession during the years 1836 and 1837. At Ametza Robertson was severely wounded by a rock splinter from a round shot. He received for his services in Spain two medals and the cross of the first class of San Fernando. Robertson had risen to be captain in the Legion when, owing to some difference with his commanding officer, he threw up his commission and enlisted in another regiment, and rose again to be captain—a promotion which took place before he was one-and-twenty. In 1837 he obtained a commission in the 34th Regiment, serving with it for three years in Canada, having got his company in 1845.

In 1842–43 he had studied at the Senior Department, Sandhurst—the germ of the present Staff College,—and obtained superior certificates in mathematics and surveying. In April 1846 he exchanged into the 8th (the King's), with which he continued for the remaining twenty-nine years of his regimental service. A few days after the arrival of his regiment at Delhi, Robertson joined it there along with Colonel Baird Smith of the Engineers, and served in the siege till September 11, when the breakdown of his health compelled his being sent to the hills. Colonel Greathead says in his diary:—"Robertson was under fire from seven in the morning until six in the evening;" and again, regarding the mutiny, "The work was very well done, and the King's behaved very steadily under Captain Robertson, who is one of the bravest and coolest men under fire that can be seen." For his services during the mutiny he was

mentioned in despatches, received the brevets of major and lieutenant-colonel, a medal and two clasps; and after obtaining his lieutenant-colonelcy in 1865, he commanded the 2nd battalion of the King's—a post which he retained for nine years at Malta and in various home quarters. In 1876 he was nominated to the command of the 13th and 14th Brigade Depôts, retiring finally in 1878. He was gazetted C.B. on 2nd June 1877, and 24th March 1880 was appointed honorary colonel of the 15th Lancashire Rifle Volunteers.

After his retirement he lived chiefly in Edinburgh, and subsequently died at Liverpool, on 2nd December 1884, of a disease of an incurable and most painful nature, borne with singular patience and cheerfulness. Robertson was a man of much thoughtfulness, as well as a zealous soldier, and wrote with great independence on the following subjects:—Infantry; the tactics of the three arms; on the first three parts of the field exercises and evolutions of the army, and on some of the resemblances and differences between them and the corresponding part of the French ordnance, &c.; on the means of applying the principle of stimulating the voluntary exertions of individuals to the improvement of the system of military training; and a variety of other subjects connected with his profession. Besides which, he devoted his leisure for some years to a verse translation of "Jerusalem Delivered." In later years he re-edited the Historical Record of the King's Regiment. Robertson was therefore a man whom we may well be proud to reckon among our Fellows.

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AUGUSTUS JOHN DARLING CAMERON. By T. Stevenson,  
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Augustus John Darling Cameron, the only son of the late John Cameron of Edinburgh, was born in October 1841, and was educated at the High School and University there. In 1860 he began an apprenticeship as a civil engineer with the late Mr John Paterson. He was subsequently in the employment of Messrs Foreman and McCall, Glasgow, and Messrs Wylie & Peddie, and was engaged on railway and other works. He held an appointment of engineer in