

OBITUARIES

Sir Edward Maclagan K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E.

Edward Douglas Maclagan, the son of General Maclagan, R.E., was born in the Punjab on 25th August, 1864, and died in London on 22nd October, 1952. Educated at Winchester and New College, Oxford, he passed the examination for the Indian Civil Service in 1883. In 1906 he became Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, and in 1910 Secretary of the Revenue and Agricultural Department to the Government of India. From 1915-18 he was Secretary to the Education Department. In 1919 he succeeded O'Dwyer as Lieut.-Governor of the Punjab and from 1921 till 1924 was its Governor. Good sense, patent sincerity, and a remarkable gentleness of manner, which was the note of his character even during his last days of physical affliction, endeared him to all classes and well fitted him to be the healer of the Punjab's scars at a time of great stress and disturbance.

On returning to England in 1924, Sir Edward occupied himself with writing a notable book on *The Jesuits and the Great Mogul* (1932), and he contributed many reviews to this Society's *Journal*. He was its President from 1925 to 1928, and again from 1931 till 1934, and remained a member of its Council until a long illness prevented his attendance.

Sir Edward's other great interest in retirement was the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, Putney, where he was not only an assiduous Vice-Chairman of the Board, but devoted many hours to visiting the patients and taking measures for their comfort. At his last visits he was wheeled, a fellow-sufferer, among those for whom he had done so much. His portrait in oils commemorates his long and tireless service to the Home. He leaves a widow and two daughters, to whom the Society extends its respectful sympathy.

R. O. WINSTEDT.

Edward Butts Howell

In 1898 Howell, aged nineteen, left Dulwich. Next year he entered the Chinese Maritime Customs Service. His ability won rapid promotion so that by 1922 he had reached the rank of Commissioner. When he retired eight years later he was in charge of Maritime Customs at Tientsin. In 1916 he had married Margaret