

At the Sikandarbagh

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in and about India quelling disturbances and conducting expeditions to Cabul and Candahar, in the course of which he became colonel, major-general, and general, and was made a baronet.

From this time on the career of Lord Roberts has been well in the public eye, and the story of his brilliant campaign in South Africa and the honours showered upon him in recognition of his services by a grateful Government are familiar to every reader. From first to last his opportunities of witnessing brave deeds on the field of war have been exceptional, and should he ever put his brilliant record upon paper it will be a brave story bravely told.

Lord Roberts is a man of action rather than of letters, though he is master of a vigorous and vivid pen, and when asked to name the bravest deed he ever saw, he naturally preferred to describe the incident privately to his interviewer by word of mouth, rather than in written form, and his interviewer was proud—as who would not have been?—to become his mouthpiece in addressing the wider world outside.

The incident narrated by Lord Roberts as the bravest deed he ever saw took place in 1857, just after he had joined Sir Colin Campbell on the road to Lucknow.

"Sir Colin Campbell," said Lord Roberts, "had determined to obtain possession of the Sikandarbagh—a difficult place to attack, some 130 yards square, with a twenty-feet loopholed wall surrounding it, and flanked at the corners by circular bastions. The