

the remains of an army." Lord Palmerston said in the British Parliament, "A greater display of courage or ability, of perseverance under difficulties, or of inexhaustible resources of mind than was evinced by General Williams never was exhibited in the course of our military history." On his return to England he received the medal and clasp of Kars, and was voted a pension of £1,000 a year, was made a K.C.B., received the Freedom of the City of London, with a sword of honor, and was made an honorary D.C.L. of Oxford, besides high honors and decorations from the Emperor of the French and the Sultan of Turkey. In Nova Scotia the Legislature presented him with an address and a sword, and King's College, Windsor, the honorary degree of D.C.L. He was General Commandant at Woolwich Garrison from 1856 to 1859 and was a Member of the House of Commons for Calne in Wiltshire. He was Commander-in-Chief in Canada from 1859 to 1865, and was in the latter year appointed Governor of Nova Scotia. From 1870 to 1876 he was Governor of Gibraltar, and in 1871 received the Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath. In 1881 he was appointed Constable of the Tower of London, and died unmarried 26th July 1883, and was buried at Brompton Cemetery.

His former aide de camp, Sir Christopher Teesdale, wrote of him, "He had marvellous self-reliance and perfect fearlessness of responsibility. He trusted his subordinates, but only consulted with them on points of detail. He would walk for hours alone, working out plans and ideals in his mind, and once settled, they were never departed from. Every one knew that an order once given had to be obeyed without comment. Firm as a rock on duty, he had the kindest heart that ever beat." He was a tall man, splendidly proportioned, of an impressive and commanding, yet kindly aspect, features regular and handsome, with the nose slightly aquiline, a man whose physical appearance seemed that of one born to rule. His sisters, or at least two of them, are said to have resembled him<sup>16</sup> The following anecdote, illustrating his cordiality of manner, is told of him in his native place. Meeting there after his return to Nova Scotia a son<sup>17</sup> of his old schoolmaster, the latter said to him, "Well, General, you thrashed the Russians!" "Yes," said he, "and many's the time your father thrashed me." The rod was not spared by schoolmasters in the General's schoolboy days, but doubtless the remark was a jocose exaggeration.

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<sup>16</sup> The General and one of his sisters were the only two members of the family whom the writer ever saw.

<sup>17</sup> The late A. W. Corbitt, Esq.