

The fall of Angostura was virtually the end of the war. Previous to this Mr. Thompson had been promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Paraguayan army, and had received from President Lopez the decoration of "Knight of the order of merit" (*Caballero del orden del merito*). A few months were passed in England in 1869, during which he wrote "The War in Paraguay," a work which gives a very faithful account of the campaign. Mr. Thompson then returned to South America and married a Paraguayan lady, who, with three children, survives him. In 1870 he proceeded to Cordoba, in the Argentine Confederation, where he was appointed President of the Topographical Department, and made and published a map of the province. He resigned that appointment in September 1871, and subsequently became the Engineer and Manager of the Asuncion and Villa Rica railway in Paraguay, which he gave up about two years ago, but remained in that country to the time of his decease, which took place at Asuncion in March 1876, after a lingering illness.

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Mr. JOHN HOOPER WAIT was born at Stevenage, in Hertfordshire, on the 25th of July, 1847. His education was conducted at Cheltenham Grammar School; but at the early age of sixteen he joined his parents in India, with whom he remained until commencing his pupilage under Mr. C. D. Roberts, one of the Resident Engineers on the Madras railway. In 1864 he was placed on the staff of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, and in the following year became an assistant to the late Mr. East, M. Inst. C.E., Executive Engineer of the Nellore Division, remaining in that position until the completion of the Nellore scheme in 1867, when he was employed under the late Mr. A. J. Dodson, M. Inst. C.E., one of the other Executive Engineers of the same company, as well as under Mr. H. O. Cotton. During the greater part of 1867 he was special Assistant Engineer in the construction of a line of telegraph. In 1868 and part of 1869 he was Assistant Engineer under Mr. Arrott Browning, M. Inst. C.E., Executive Engineer in the construction of irrigation works. For nine months in 1869 he was again engaged under Mr. East on survey work for large reservoirs in the Mysore District. Subsequently he was occupied on the Mysore State Railway Survey, and towards the end of 1871 he rejoined Mr. East, and assisted in the construction of the

Bhownuggur Waterworks, of which he had charge as State Engineer from 1872 until his death, which occurred on the 27th of June, 1876. At the end of 1872 Mr. Wait visited England, and during a short furlough of three months took steps for his admission into the Institution, having been elected an Associate on the 4th of February, 1873. He was always spoken of in the highest terms by those under whom he served, and was regarded as a man of more than ordinary intelligence and as an exceedingly agreeable companion. A brave and most unselfish act, done at the risk of his life, ought to be recorded. When the prisoners in the Bhownuggur jail mutinied in 1872, Mr. Wait led an attack upon them which put an end to the outbreak. The State acknowledged the service he had rendered by presenting him with a sword and ring.

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