

## **SIR GEORGE SAMPSON ELLISTON KGStJ MC MA (1890-92)**

He was born on 27 July 1875 in Ipswich, 4<sup>th</sup> son of nine siblings amongst whom were his brothers; Canon Elliston of Ely Cathedral, William Rowley Elliston, Recorder for Yarmouth and Dr Eric Chatterton Elliston MD.

After attending Cambridge, he became a barrister at Lincoln Inn. During WW1 he served in the Royal Army Medical Corp and rose to the rank of Captain. He was awarded a Military Cross on 3 June 1918 for "Distinguished service in the field".

In 1929 he became a Member of the Corporation of the City of London, rising to Chief Commoner in 1943. In this capacity he submitted to the Court of Common Council a resolution conferring the Honorary Freedom of the City of London on Sir Winston Churchill.

In October 1931 he became Conservative MP for Blackburn, a seat he held until 1946 when defeated by Barbara Castle.

In addition to the above, he held many roles as chairman/director of medical related bodies and hospitals. Interestingly, included in this list is chairman of the Council of Cremation Society of GB! He was an authority on public health.

In 1944 he was knighted with the rare Knight of Grace, Order of St John of Jerusalem (KGStJ).

He was a member of the Corporation from 1940 and Chairman of the Governors from 1946 to 1949 (the first OF to hold to hold this office). He was also SOF President in 1908 and 1944 and presented the prizes at the 1936 Speech Day.

He died 21 February 1954.

He appears with Framlingham contemporaries **H H Le May (1891-95)** and **C H Scott (1890-93)** in the portrait by Francis Hodge, which was commissioned by Hugh Le May. All had been President of the SOF. This portrait still hangs in the Clarke/Martin Reading Room – now the Boardroom at the College.

