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Harold Moore of Crewe, fellow of the British Orthopaedic Association, and servant throughout his life of the London Midland and Scottish Railways as their consultant surgeon, hid his light under a bushel. Almost unknown as he was in this country, and still less overseas, he made a powerful contribution to the development of rehabilitation services in Great Britain. His lack of recognition arose only from his modesty and reticence. The fact is that rehabilitation and re-employment of injured workmen, in place of weekly compensation and lump-sum settlement with still remaining disability, gained greater impetus from this pioneer than from almost any other surgeon in this country. He recognised the psychological as well as the physical aspect of disability—and he recognised it thirty years ago. He was indeed a pioneer; and from his conviction he worked hard to remedy the obvious failures of County Court settlements.

During the last war he was Consultant Adviser on Rehabilitation to the Royal Air Force and Special Consultant in Rehabilitation to the Royal Navy; he gained recognition in the Order of the British Empire; but even before that he had made his contribution. It was his work in Crewe, stimulated and encouraged by Gwynne Maitland of Liverpool, that was the beginning of the rehabilitation now recognised so generally to be an essential part of the medical services of Great Britain.

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