order that there may be no difficulty in announcing them to His Royal Highness.

The State Apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at half-past one o'clock.

LATHOM,

Lord Chamberlain.

# War Office, January 30, 1886.

THE Queen has been pleased to give orders for the following promotion in the Most Honour-able-Order-of the Bath:

To be an Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the said Most Honourable Order, viz.:— General Sir Frederick Charles Arthur Stephenson, K.C.B.

Chancery of the Order of
Saint Michael and Saint George,
Downing Street, February 1, 1886.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following promotions in, and appointment to, the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:

To be Ordinary Members of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

The Right Honourable Sir Henry Thurstan Holland, Bart., M.P., K.C.M.G.; and Sir Charles Tupper, K.C.M.G., C.B., High Commissioner in London for the Dominion of Canada.

To be an Ordinary Member of the Third Class, or Companion of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

Edmund Burke Pennell, Esq., of the Colonial Office, for services rendered as a British Commissioner on the recent Newfoundland Fishery Commission.

Chancery of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Downing Street, February 2, 1886.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following promotion in the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:

To be an Ordinary Member of the First Class, or Knights Grand Cross of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

Sir John Kirk, K.C.M.G., Her Majesty's Agent and Consul-General at Zanzibar.

THE following Notification, as regards the list of Royal Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty to inquire into the working of the Elementary Education Acts, England and Wales, is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of the 19th January last:—

### Whitehall, January 18, 1886.

Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Sir Richard Assheton Cross, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of Our Principal Secretaries of State; Our trusty and well-beloved the Most Reverend Cardinal Archbishop Henry Edward Manning, Doctor in Divinity; Our right trusty and right well-beloved; Cousin and Councillor

Dudley Francis Stuart, Earl of Harrowby, Keeper of Our Privy Seal; Our right trusty and right well-beloved Cousin and Councillor Frederick, Earl Beauchamp; the Right Reverend Father in God, Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Frederick, Bishop of London; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Charles Bowyer, Baron Norton, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Anthony John Mundella; Our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor Sir Francis Richard Sandford, Knight Commander of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Under Secretary to Our Secretary for Scotland; Our trusty and wellbeloved Sir John Lubbock, Baronet; Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Bernhard Samuelson, Baronet; Our trusty and well-beloved James Harrison Rigg, Doctor in Divinity; Our trusty and well-beloved Robert William Dale, Doctor of Laws; Our trusty and well-beloved Robert Gregory, Clerk, Master of Arts, Canon of Our Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, in the city of London; Our trusty and well-reloved Ben-jamin Frederick Smith, Clerk, Master of Arts, Honorary Canon of Our Cathedral and Metro-political Church of Canterbury; Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Daniel Cox Morse, Clerk; Our trusty and well-beloved Charles Henry Alderson, Esquire, Second Charity Commissioner for England and Wales; Our trusty and well-beloved John Gilbert Talbot, Esquire, Master of Arts, and Honorary Doctor of Civil Law of the University of Oxford; Our trusty and well-beloved Sydney Charles Buxton, Esquire; Our trusty and well-beloved Thomas Edmund Heller, Esquire; Our trusty and well-beloved Bernard Charles Molloy, Esquire; Our trusty and well-beloved Samuel Rathbone, Esquire; Our trusty and well-beloved Henry Richard, Esquire; and Our trusty and well-beloved George Shipton, Esquire.

## Whitehall, February 1, 1886.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed ander the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland granting the dignity of a Baronet of the said United Kingdom unto George Stephen, of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, in the Dominion of Canada, Esq., and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

#### Whitehall, February 1, 1886.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland granting unto the Venerable John Lionel Darby, Master of Arts, Archdeacon and Prebendary of the Cathedral Church of Ckester, the Deanery of the said Cathedral Church, void by the death of Doctor John Saul Howson.

### Whitehall, February 1, 1886.

THE Queen has been pleased to direct Letters Patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for presenting the Reverend John Richard Wykeham Stafford, M.A., to the Vicarage of Whitchurch Canonicorum, with the adjacent Chapelries of Stanton St. Gabriel, Chideock, and Marshwood, in the county of Dorset, and diocese of Salisbury, void by the death of the Reverend William Palmer.