

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,

ST. JAMES' PALACE, S.W., January 1, 1912.

The Queen has been pleased to accept the resignation of the Honourable Sybil Brodrick of her appointment as one of the Maids of Honour to Her Majesty.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice, under the Sinking Fund Act, 1875, 38 and 39 Vict., c. 45, s. 8, that the sum of £3,000,000 will shortly be issued to the National Debt Commissioners on account of the New Sinking Fund for the year 1911-12.

Treasury Chambers,
2nd January 1912.

NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT, 1911.

(1 & 2 Geo. 5, c. 55, s. 83.)

Notice is hereby given, that the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by section 2 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, and by section 83 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, and of every other power enabling them on that behalf, issued under date the 28th December 1911, Provisional Regulations constituting a joint committee of the several bodies of Commissioners appointed for the purposes of Part I. of the latter Act, and providing for the exercise and performance by such joint committee of certain of the powers and duties of the several bodies of Commissioners as provided in subsection (2) of the above quoted section.

Copies of the Provisional Regulations may be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from Messrs. Wyman & Sons Limited, Fetter Lane, E.C.; or Messrs. Oliver & Boyd, Tweeddale Court, Edinburgh; or Messrs. E. Ponsonby Limited, 116 Grafton Street, Dublin.

WHITEHALL, December 28, 1911.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal of the Second Class to John Frederick Booth, under the following circumstances:—

On the 21st October 1911, John F. Booth, Surveyor at the Felling Colliery, Durham, accompanied by two men named George Padbury and William Robson, was engaged in the exploration of some disused workings. The workings were not ventilated, and, with a view to obtain experience in the practice of rescue apparatus under actual mining conditions, it was arranged that the men should wear the Draeger breathing apparatus. Owing, it is supposed, to some defect in the supply of oxygen, Robson became affected by foul air about two hours after entering the workings, and became unconscious. Padbury, who had gone for assist-

ance, leaving Robson under Booth's care, was also overcome. Booth then returned to the surface, obtained a fresh supply of oxygen, and went alone to the rescue of his companions. He was joined after a time by the remainder of the Rescue Brigade belonging to the Colliery; but it was not until additional assistance had been obtained from Elswick that Padbury and Robson could be removed to a place of safety. Both were found to be dead.

WHITEHALL, December 28, 1911.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal of the Second Class to the widow of George Groves, under the following circumstances:—

On the 2nd of November 1911, a workman named Berry was employed at the Standard Ammonia Company's Works, at East Greenwich, in cleaning an Ammonia Tower, which is a cylindrical iron vessel about thirty feet high and five feet in diameter, when he was overcome by an inrush of poisonous gas, due to an unsuspected defect in the plant. He fell unconscious to the bottom of the tower, and Groves immediately went to his rescue. He was lowered into the tower, and succeeded in reaching Berry, but before the men could be raised to the top of the tower, Groves was himself overcome, and both fell back into the poisonous atmosphere and lost their lives.

WHITEHALL, January 1, 1912.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the King's Police Medal to the following Officers of Police and Fire Brigades in the United Kingdom and His Majesty's Dominions beyond the Seas:—

ENGLAND AND WALES.

- Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Smith Daniell, late Chief Constable of Hertfordshire.
- Captain George Robinson Bridge Drummond, M.V.O., Chief Constable of West Sussex.
- Captain Lionel Arthur Lindsay, Chief Constable of Glamorganshire.
- James Cann, Chief Constable, Bristol.
- Thomas Middleton Harris, Chief Constable, Wakefield.
- Robert Peacock, Chief Constable, Manchester.
- Frank Castle Froest, Superintendent, Metropolitan Police.
- John Michael Mulvany, late Superintendent, Metropolitan Police.
- John Stark, Chief Superintendent, City of London Police.
- Robert Hannah, Deputy Chief Constable, Warwickshire Constabulary.
- William Leah, Deputy Chief Constable, Cheshire Constabulary.
- George Sydney Staunton, Superintendent and Chief Clerk, East Suffolk Constabulary.
- John Tomlinson, Superintendent, Liverpool Police.
- William Clapp, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police.