

Ladies who have themselves been previously presented to Her Majesty, and who are themselves present at the Drawing Room.

Under such circumstances a Lady has the privilege of presenting one Lady only at a Drawing Room in addition to her Daughters or Daughters-in-law.

This restriction does not apply to Ladies who, from official position or other circumstances, are specially privileged to make presentations to Her Majesty.

The Lady who proposes to present another must send in writing the name of such Lady to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, not later than *two days* previous to the Drawing Room, in order that the Lord Chamberlain may submit the name to Her Majesty, when, if it be approved, presentation cards will be forwarded.

Printed Forms for this purpose can be obtained at the Lord Chamberlain's Office.

It is particularly requested that the names of the Lady to be presented be *very distinctly written* on the presentation cards to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain at the Drawing Room, in order that there may be no difficulty in announcing them to The Queen.

It is not expected that Gentlemen will present themselves at the Drawing Room, except in attendance on the Ladies of their families.

Any Gentleman who under these circumstances should desire to be presented to The Queen will observe the same regulations as are in force for Her Majesty's Levées.

The State Apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at two o'clock.

LATHOM,

Lord Chamberlain.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office, St. James's Palace,
May 10, 1897.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Presentation of Mrs. Herbert Crossley at Her Majesty's Drawing Room on the 24th February last, has been cancelled.

AT the Court at Windsor, the 26th day of February, 1897.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by several Orders made by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council, of which the earliest was made on the tenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and the most recent was made on the eighteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, the persons hereinafter called the Civil Service Commissioners, thereby respectively appointed to be Her Majesty's Commissioners for testing, in conformity with Her Majesty's Order in Council, dated the fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, or such further Order or Orders, as Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, has issued or may issue in that behalf, the qualifications of persons proposed to be appointed to situations or employments in Her Majesty's Civil Establishments, were likewise appointed Her Majesty's Commissioners for testing, in conformity with regulations to be, from time to time, issued by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for War, the literary qualifications of candidates for first Commissions in the Army, and for admission to the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich:

And whereas, it is deemed expedient to transfer from the Secretary of State for War to the Civil Service Commissioners, the conduct of the preliminary arrangements connected with the competitive examinations for admission to the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, and the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich, and the literary examination of University candidates for Commissions in Her Majesty's Army:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that in making the Regulations for determining the eligibility of University candidates for admission to the Army, and of candidates for admission to the Royal Military College, and the Royal Military Academy respectively, the Secretary of State for War shall have the advice and assistance of the Civil Service Commissioners, for the time being, in matters relating to the educational tests and examinations.

It shall be the duty of the Civil Service Commissioners to ascertain, in accordance with Regulations issued by the Secretary of State for War, that each candidate is duly qualified in respect of age and character, and no University candidate for a Commission in the Army, and no candidate for admission to the Royal Military College or the Royal Military Academy shall be eligible for admission thereto, until the said Commissioners shall have reported to the Secretary of State for War that the candidate is duly qualified as aforesaid.

It is also hereby ordered, that no candidate for a Commission in the Army, who may be successful at a competitive examination, shall be accepted, unless he fulfils in all respects the conditions which may, from time to time, be laid down in Regulations issued by the Secretary of State for War.

C. L. Peel.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, April 26, 1897.*

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be an Honorary Knight Grand Cross.

His Serene Highness Prince Francis Joseph of Battenberg, K.C.B.

To be an Honorary Knight Commander.

Vice-Admiral Edouard Pierre Antoine Barrera, Commander-in-Chief and Maritime Prefect at Brest.

To be a Member of the Fourth Class.

William Allen Sturge, Esq., M.D.

To be Honorary Members of the Fifth Class.

Monsieur Julien Albert Hully, Station Master at Nice.

Monsieur Louis Alphonse Vallet, Station Master at Cannes.

THE GRAND PRIORY OF THE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM IN ENGLAND.

*Chancery of the Order, St. John's Gate,
Clerkenwell, London, E.C.*

May 10, 1897.

THE Queen has been graciously pleased to sanction the following appointments to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England:—

Lady of Justice.

Alice Frances Howley, Mrs. Sim (promoted from Lady of Grace).