

on the craftsmen who have carried out the actual work. This is seen by the keen interest they have taken in rearing this palatial edifice and in their intelligent appreciation of the details of construction.

We feel, therefore, that the honour which Your Majesty has done this institution by consenting to open the new building to-day cannot fail to add to the interest which will be taken in it by the nation as a whole, and we desire heartily to thank Your Majesty for granting us the privilege of addressing You, which is at once a recognition and a recompense.

We have the honour to subscribe ourselves Your Majesty's most loyal and obedient servants.

To which Address His Majesty was pleased to return the following gracious Answer:—

"I have received with great pleasure the loyal Address which you have presented to Me on behalf of the Clerks of Works, Foremen, Artisans, and Mechanics, employed in the completion of these Buildings and the arrangement of the collections which they contain.

"I am glad to have the opportunity of congratulating the workmen on the result of their labour. I am informed that all have worked with a high degree of skill, and with keen interest in their respective tasks, with the result that the construction, finish, and decoration of the building are in every way worthy of the Architect's impressive conception.

"I hope that you and your families will often visit these collections. They are of inestimable value to the Nation, not only for the pleasure which their beauty affords, but also for the education which they convey in nearly every branch of the Fine and Applied Arts."

THE KING'S POLICE MEDAL.

The KING has been pleased to issue a Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:—

EDWARD, R. & I.

EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, to all to whom these Presents shall come: Greeting!

Whereas We have taken into Our Royal consideration the good services which are rendered by officers of the Constabulary Forces and by persons serving in Fire Brigades within Our Dominions and in Territories under Our Protection or Jurisdiction and the heroic acts of courage and instances of conspicuous devotion to duty of such persons which are from time to time brought to Our notice:

And whereas We are desirous of distinguishing such meritorious conduct by some mark of Our Royal favour:

We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, institute and create a new Medal to be awarded for such acts of courage and conspicuous devotion to duty.

Firstly.—It is ordained that the Medal shall be designated and styled "The King's Police Medal."

Secondly.—It is ordained that the King's Police Medal shall consist of a circular Medal of Silver with Our Effigy on the obverse, and on the reverse a design emblematic of Protection from danger, and shall bear on the rim the name of the person to whom the Medal is awarded.

Thirdly.—It is ordained that the Medal shall only be awarded to those of Our Faithful Subjects and others who being members of a recognized Police Force or of a properly organized Fire Brigade within Our Dominions or in Territories under Our Protection or Jurisdiction, have performed acts of exceptional courage and skill or have exhibited conspicuous devotion to duty; and that such award shall be made only on a recommendation to Us by Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Fourthly.—It is ordained that the names of those upon whom We may be pleased to confer this Decoration shall be published in the London Gazette, and that a Register thereof shall be kept in the Office of Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Such Register shall show the name and rank of the person holding the Medal, the Police Force or Fire Brigade of which he is or was a member, and particulars of the action for which the Medal has been awarded.

Fifthly.—It is ordained that each Medal shall be suspended from the left breast, and the riband, of an inch and three eighths in width, shall be dark blue with a narrow silver stripe on either side.

Sixthly.—It is ordained that any act of gallantry which is worthy of recognition by the award of the King's Police Medal, but is performed by one upon whom the Decoration has already been conferred, may, on a recommendation to Us by Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, be recorded by a Bar attached to the riband by which the Medal is suspended; and for every such additional act an additional Bar may be added.

Seventhly.—In order to make such provision as shall effectually preserve pure this honourable Decoration, it is ordained that if any person on whom the Decoration is conferred be guilty of any crime or disgraceful conduct which in Our judgment disqualifies him for the same, this Medal shall, by an especial Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual, be forfeited, and his name shall be forthwith erased from the Register of those upon whom the said Decoration shall have been conferred. And every person to whom the said Medal is given shall before receiving the same enter into an agreement to return the same, if his name shall be so erased as aforesaid under this regulation. It is hereby further declared that We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall be the sole judges of the circumstances demanding such forfeiture.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the seventh day of *July*, one thousand nine hundred and nine, in the ninth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

H. J. Gladstone.

The following Regulations shall be observed in recommending His Majesty to grant the King's Police Medal:—

1. A list of the names of officers of recognized Police Forces, or of properly constituted Fire