

Privy Council Office, June 11, 1910.

Notice is hereby given, that a Petition has been presented to His Majesty in Council by the President, the Treasurer, the late President, the late Treasurer, and the Clerk of "The Association of Deacons of the Fourteen Incorporated Trades of Glasgow," praying for the grant of a CHARTER OF INCORPORATION to the said Association. And His Majesty having referred the said Petition to a Committee of the Lords of the Council, notice is hereby further given, that all petitions for or against such grant should be sent to the Privy Council Office, on or before the eighteenth day of July next.

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Notice is hereby given, that a Petition has been presented to His Majesty in Council by the Council of the Borough of Bedford, praying, under the provisions of the Municipal Corporation Acts, 1882 and 1893, for an alteration of the number and boundaries of the Wards of the said Borough; and notice is hereby further given, that His Majesty has been pleased, by His Order in Council of this day's date, to order that the said Petition be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, on the fifteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

Whitehall, June 13, 1910.

The KING has been pleased to approve of the Albert Medal of the First Class being conferred upon Mr. Charles Wagner and the Albert Medal of the Second Class upon Mr. Alexander James Stewart, both of Pietermaritzburg, for gallantry in saving life as detailed below:—

On the 15th November, 1899, near Chieveley Station, in Natal, an armoured train which had been sent out on patrol was intercepted by the Boers and three carriages were thrown off the line. These vehicles lay between the rest of the train and the track over which it must travel on its homeward journey, and until they were removed the train, the engine and its escort—about 150 men—were exposed to a severe converging fire of rifles and artillery from the surrounding hills.

The sole means by which the line could be cleared was the engine, which moving to and fro butted at the wreckage until after about 50 minutes' work it was heaved and pushed off the track. The part played by the driver of the engine, Charles Wagner, and by the fireman, Alexander James Stewart, was therefore indispensable to the rescue of the wounded with whom the engine and its tender became crowded. The working of the engine itself was a difficult matter, because at each collision with the wreckage at which it was butting it might easily have been derailed.

The danger was exceptional. The heavy fire of shells and bullets inflicted many casualties, and more than one quarter of all in the train were killed or wounded. The shells repeatedly struck the engine and at any moment might have exploded the boiler. The driver, a civilian, under no military code, was wounded severely in the scalp by a shell-splinter almost immediately. Although in great pain he did not fail during the whole of this affair to manage his engine skilfully, and by clearing the line

saved from death and wounds a proportion at least of the 50 or 60 persons who effected their escape upon the engine and its tender.

Both the driver and his fireman are still in the service of the Natal Government Railways.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, June 7, 1910.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following promotion in and appointments to the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be Commander:

Captain Reginald Godfrey Otway Tupper, Royal Navy.

To be Members of the Fourth Class:

Commander Alexander Victor Campbell, Royal Navy.

Lieutenant the Honourable Matthew Robert Best, Royal Navy.

Major William Percival Monkhouse, Royal Horse Artillery.

Lieutenant David Thorburn Graham-Brown, Royal Navy.

Lieutenant Archibald Seaburne May, Royal Navy.

Captain Roland Hermon Hermon-Hodge, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards.

Lieutenant Ian Onslow Dennistoun, M.V.O. (Fifth Class), 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards.

To be Members of the Fifth Class:

Lieutenant John Standish Surtees Prendergast Viscount Gort, 3rd Battalion Grenadier Guards.

Lieutenant Ralph Henry Voltelin Cavendish, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards.

Second Lieutenant Henry Lancelot Fletcher, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards.

Gunner Henry Horace Albert Willmore, Royal Navy.

*Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order,
St. James's Palace, June 14, 1910.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to make the following promotion in the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be Knight Commander:

Captain The Honourable Seymour John Portescue, C.V.O., C.M.G., Royal Navy (retired).

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.,
June 13, 1910.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to sanction the following promotions in and appointments to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England:—

As Knights of Justice (from Knights of Grace).

Edwin Hanson Freshfield, Esq., M.A.

The Right Honourable Viscount Brackley, M.V.O.