

schools was entirely cut off by an immense volume of water. His only route was through a doorway between the playground of the two departments. He unlocked this door and shouted to the children playing in the yard to make their escape to the boys' school yard, and one class escaped in this way. Mr. Williams afterwards opened the back doors of the girls' department, which all opened inwards, and closed the front door.

Mr. Williams then went to the infants' department, having to wade through a current up to his armpits. He satisfied himself that there was no imminent danger provided the walls of the girls' school could withstand the force of the water, and decided to take the girls to a slope near the back entrance of their school; but he found that the volume of water had greatly increased, and had burst in the front door and broken the lower parts of the windows. He succeeded, however, in entering the school and finally got all the children out safely, although the water inside the building was now fully four feet six inches in depth. While the last of the children were being rescued, a wall, eighteen yards long, ten feet high, and two feet three inches thick, which had formed a partial breakwater, was swept away, and the increased rush of water carried Mr. Williams out of the building, down a flight of steep steps, where he was severely bruised and narrowly escaped drowning. At the bottom of the steps he found about twenty girls struggling in six feet of water, and these he assisted to safety in the infants' school yard.

In the meantime, Mrs. Colville, an assistant teacher, and her class were caught in another corner of the yard, bounded by a high wall, which met the full force of the flood. She and the children were being whirled round by the torrent, but all were rescued by Mr. Williams, who, with a child in his arms, caught Mrs. Colville as she was sinking and being carried away.

Valuable assistance was rendered by Mr. Matthew Lewis and other members of the school staff.

Whitehall, December 28, 1910.

The KING has been pleased to approve of the issue of Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, conferring the dignity of a Baronet of the said United Kingdom upon Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim, of the City of Bombay, Knight, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

The Patent will be ante-dated the 20th July, 1910.

COAL MINES REGULATION ACT, 1896.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice that on the 16th December, 1910, he made an Order under Section 6 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1896, entitled "The Explosives in Coal Mines Order of the 16th December, 1910," the effect of

which was to add the explosive Nationalite to the list of permitted explosives.

Copies of the Order may be purchased at the Sale Office for Official Publications, Messrs. Wyman and Sons, Limited, Fetter Lane, E.C. Whitehall, 28th December, 1910.

LANCASHIRE INEBRIATE REFORMATORY, LANGHO.

99 Additional Inmates.

Sufficient progress having been made with the structural alterations at the Lancashire Inebriate Reformatory for the provision of additional dormitory accommodation to warrant the reception of 99 additional cases, the Secretary of State for the Home Department has this day certified that the Reformatory is fitted for the reception and detention of 284 female inebriates, being an increase of 99 in the number of inmates authorized on the 25th November, 1905.

Whitehall, 29th December, 1910.

Admiralty, 27th December, 1910.

The following Sub-Lieutenants have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet:—

Price Guthrie Chase Turner. Dated 15th November, 1909.

Ion Beauchamp Butler Tower. Dated 30th November, 1909.

Ian Colquhoun Cowan. Dated 15th February, 1910.

John Foster Barham Carslake. Dated 15th March, 1910.

Richard Fraser Busby Hoskyn. Dated 30th August, 1910.

Ronald Granville Studd. Dated 30th September, 1910.

Archibald Alison. Dated 15th November, 1910.

Frederick William Spurrell Glead. Dated 30th November, 1910.

John Alan Pennington Legh. Dated 15th December, 1910.

Oswald Ernest Hallifax. Dated 15th December, 1910.

Paymaster Bernard William Gillhespie Cook has been promoted to the rank of Staff Paymaster in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 26th December, 1910.

Admiralty, 28th December, 1910.

In accordance with the provisions of His late Majesty's Order in Council of the 8th December, 1903:—

Lieutenant Charles Vernon Lowcay Norcock has been placed on the Retired List. Dated 10th December, 1910.