

Whitehall, September 24, 1912.

His Majesty the King has been pleased to award the Edward Medal of the Second Class to Richard Brookes under the following circumstances:—

On the 8th of February, 1912, a workman named Thomas Rogers was repairing the spouting of a building at a height of 40 feet from the ground at the brewery of Messrs. Charrington and Co., Burton-on-Trent, when without warning the ladder on which he was standing broke, and he fell headforemost. Brookes, a fitter in the employment of Messrs. Charrington, rushed forward with outstretched arms and caught him as he fell, thereby saving Rogers' life at considerable risk to his own. His action was rendered more difficult and dangerous by his having to evade the portion of the ladder to which Rogers continued to cling as he fell.

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His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal of the Second Class to William Downing Wooley, Arthur Thomas Winborn, James Joseph Leach, and Llewellyn Howells under the following circumstances:—

On the 18th of May last an explosion of firedamp occurred at one of the pits which was in process of sinking at the Markham Colliery, Tredegar, and resulted in the death of five men. At the time of the explosion two men were down the shaft, which was then full of afterdamp. A rescue party was organised, consisting of the men above-mentioned, who descended the shaft, and after an hour's work reached the pump lodge room at a depth of 350 yards from the surface, where they found a man named Snashall, who was badly burned. After some difficulty they managed to get Snashall into the bucket, in which he was safely raised to the surface. All the rescuers were equipped with breathing apparatus, but Mr. Wooley had not previously worn it.

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His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal of the Second Class to Llewellyn Ince, Arthur Darby, and Shadrach Speke, and also to the widow of Shadrach Jackson under the following circumstances:—

On the 24th of July, 1912, a man named Heald descended into a melting furnace thirty feet high at the Darlaston Green Furnaces in order to adjust a piece of scrap iron under which some coke had to be placed. Heald descended into the furnace by a chain, and was almost immediately overcome by noxious gas which had collected there owing

to damp. A man standing at the top at once gave the alarm, and Shadrach Jackson and Ince came to his assistance. Jackson without hesitation slid down the chain, and a rope was thrown to him, which he tied round Heald, who was then pulled up, Jackson climbing up the chain after him. As Jackson, however, reached the door through which Heald was being pulled, he too was overcome by the gas and fell back to the bottom of the furnace. Ince then descended and placed a rope round Jackson's body, but unfortunately it slipped off before the man could be pulled out, though Ince, feeling that he was being overcome by the gas, climbed up the chain and escaped. On recovering Ince went down a second time, once more tied the rope round Jackson, but again failed to bring him to the surface, though he himself escaped by a ladder which had been brought. Arthur Darby then went down the ladder with a rope, which was attached to Jackson's belt, but unfortunately the belt gave way. On Darby coming out Speke went down, and, the rope having been more securely tied round Jackson's body, he was extricated, though unhappily it was found on reaching the surface that he was dead. All the men were fully aware of the great risk to which they repeatedly exposed themselves.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1906.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department has appointed A. E. M. Woolf, Esq., M.B., F.R.C.S., 10, The Crescent, Plymouth, to be one of the Medical Referees under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, for County Court Circuit No. 58, and to be attached more particularly to Tavistock and Okehampton County Courts, in place of Mr. J. Snowden-Smith, deceased.

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*Downing Street,
25th September, 1912.*

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Reginald Edward Stubbs, Esq., to be Colonial Secretary of the Island of Ceylon.

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The KING has been pleased to appoint Sydney Charles King Farlow, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, to be a Puisne Judge of His Majesty's High Court of Uganda.