

apparent that much useful work yet remained to be done, the Council of the Exhibition took a wise and patriotic step in deciding to keep in being for another year what you have rightly described as a University of Empire.

The British Empire depends for its security and prosperity on goodwill between its constituent peoples: and the one sure foundation for that goodwill is a full knowledge of our mutual aspirations, capacities and needs. To seek knowledge, more knowledge and again more knowledge of the great heritage which has been entrusted to us is the soundest Imperial policy. I recognise the British Empire Exhibition as a successful instrument of that policy, and I trust that its achievements in 1925 will equal, if they do not surpass, those of 1924.

I am happy to welcome the representatives, official and unofficial, of my territories beyond the seas, and to express my pleasure that they are taking part in to-day's ceremony.

Heartiest congratulations are due to the Board of Management, to the Executive Council and to all who have co-operated with them in the splendid work of which we now have evidence. To present the Empire in a new aspect, to give as complete and vivid a picture as before, and yet a fresh picture, was a task calling for infinite resource and energy.

I am glad to learn from your Address that the results of the Exhibition in 1924 were so favourable; and that in 1925 this great project is to continue its beneficent work of bringing together to their common advantage the peoples of many lands. To them this Exhibition will demonstrate how many of their wants can be supplied from some part of our Commonwealth of Nations, while we at home will see the numerous opportunities offered by great countries overseas to those who wish for a wider horizon and new fields of endeavour.

This year the Exhibition has wisely decided to present its lessons in a lighter and brighter form. All who come here must receive some prompting to serious thought on their duties and responsibilities: those who come to be entertained will remain to be educated and will return to be further educated. I note with special pleasure that one of the great Halls has been devoted to exhibits illustrating those problems of housing and transport which call so urgently for solution. It was a happy inspiration to make housing and housebuilding a central feature of the Exhibition. For the foundation of the Empire is in the home: it is there that its future citizens should receive the most vital part of their training: and the provision of houses in which a healthy home life is possible is a matter not only of domestic but of Imperial importance.

I trust that when in November this Exhibition closes, it will have completed the work so well begun in 1924, and will have shown to our peoples and to the world at large a picture of the British Empire, intent on aims of peaceful reconstruction and of careful development of its resources, earnestly seeking peace both at home and abroad.

I declare this British Empire Exhibition open: and I pray that by the Blessing of God it may serve to draw closer the bonds which unite all parts of the Empire: to further the growth of commerce both within and without the Empire: and to promote the general prosperity and happiness of the world.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office,
Buckingham Palace, S.W.
19th May, 1925.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to appoint the Reverend Alfred Charles Eustace Jarvis, C.M.G., M.C., D.D., Chaplain General to the Forces, to be a Chaplain to His Majesty.

**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS
OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

*St. James's Palace, S.W. 1,
19th May, 1925.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the Award of the Medal of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire to the undermentioned, in recognition of conspicuous devotion to duty in circumstances of exceptional difficulty and danger on board H.M. Airship R.33 on the occasion of the breaking away of the Airship from the mooring mast at Pulham on the 16th April, 1925:—

For Meritorious Service.

Chief Engineer William Rose Gent.
Rigger Leslie Anderson Moncrieff.
Rigger Charles Bernard Oliver.
Wireless Operator Spencer Thomas Keeley.

*Crown Office,
House of Lords, S.W.,
18th May, 1925.*

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patents under the Great Seal, bearing date the 18th day of May, 1925, to appoint:—

George Philip Langton, Esquire, of the Inner Temple.

The Right Honourable Sir James O'Connor of the Middle Temple.

to be of His Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law.

*Crown Office,
House of Lords, S.W.
15th May, 1925.*

Days and Places fixed for holding the Summer Assizes, 1925:—

NORTHERN CIRCUIT.

Mr. Justice ACTON.

Mr. Justice FRASER.

Tuesday, 9th June, at Appleby.

Thursday, 11th June, at Carlisle.

Wednesday, 17th June, at Lancaster.

Monday, 22nd June, at Liverpool.

Monday, 13th July, at Manchester.

SOUTH EASTERN CIRCUIT

(Second Portion).

Mr. Justice TALBOT.

Tuesday, 16th June, at Hertford.

Monday, 22nd June, at Maidstone.

Monday, 29th June, at Guildford.

Saturday, 4th July, at Lewes.