

In conclusion we humbly desire to express our loyal devotion to Your Majesty's office and person and the earnest hope that our Almighty Father may grant Your Majesty many more years of happiness and prosperity, and that He may bless all Your Majesty's arduous labours for the welfare of your people.

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

I thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address and for the feeling terms in which it refers to the Queen and myself. I recall with pleasure that, nearly fifteen years ago, I laid the Foundation Stone of the National Museum of Wales, and also that of its near neighbour—the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire.

The Founders of this Institution aspired to a high ideal—to teach the world about Wales and the Welsh People about their own Fatherland. To this end your efforts have been successfully directed. Within these walls provision is made for visitors whose interest has to be aroused and stimulated by the display of selected objects: also for the special student, desirous of investigating material bearing upon a particular subject. And these facilities to both visitor and student will be largely increased when, thanks to the liberality of your benefactors and with the assistance of the State, the successive additions to this wisely planned and skilfully designed building are completed.

Having in the past been a Trustee of the British Museum in London, I have followed with lively interest, which the Queen shared with me, the inception and development of the National Museum of Wales. I am glad to know that its influence extends beyond the City in which it has found a home and that, by means of affiliated museums, loan collections and in other ways, the whole Principality benefits from an Institution, the educational importance of which will be increasingly recognised by the people of Wales. In these days of material considerations when a large proportion of the population is congregated in towns and manufacturing districts, your Museum can render valuable help by cultivating in the Welsh People a sense of beauty and love of natural scenery: and, even more important, by fostering healthy pride in their Nation's historic past and kindling a spirit of loyal service to its future welfare.

I now declare the National Museum of Wales open for the use and enjoyment of the public: and the Queen and I are happy to have been associated with so memorable an event in its history.

*Lord Chamberlain's Office,
Buckingham Palace,
2nd May, 1927.*

Notice is hereby given that the statutory holiday to be observed by the Customs and Excise Departments for the celebration of His Majesty's Birthday will be Saturday, the 11th June next.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

*St. James's Palace, S.W. 1,
3rd May, 1927.*

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:—

For Gallantry.

John Beattie.

Joseph Clark.

On the 19th November, 1926, they showed outstanding gallantry in making persistent attempts to rescue a miner imprisoned in a narrow tunnel, although in grave personal danger from falling debris, gas and spontaneously generated heat.

*Crown Office,
House of Lords, S.W. 1,
2nd May, 1927.*

The KING has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal bearing date the 30th day of April, 1927, to appoint:—

The Right Honourable William Clive Bridgeman,

Admiral of the Fleet David Earl Beatty, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., D.S.O., LL.D., D.C.L.,

Vice Admiral The Honourable Sir Hubert George Brand, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.,

Vice Admiral Sir Alfred Ernle Montacute Chatfield, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.V.O.,

Rear Admiral William Wordsworth Fisher, C.B., C.V.O.,

Vice Admiral Sir Frederick Laurence Field, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.,

Rear Admiral Alfred Dudley Pickman Rogers Pound, C.B.,

James Richard Earl Stanhope, D.S.O., M.C.,

to be Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom.

*Crown Office,
House of Lords, S.W. 1,
2nd May, 1927.*

MEMBER elected to serve in the present PARLIAMENT.

The University of Saint Andrews the University of Glasgow the University of Aberdeen and the University of Edinburgh.

John Buchan, Esquire, in the place of the Right Honourable Sir Henry Craik, Baronet, K.C.B., deceased.

*Foreign Office,
February 15, 1927.*

The KING has been pleased to approve of:—
Señor Don José J. Zarza y Hernández, as Consul-General of Cuba at Cape Town.