Chancery of the Royal Victorian Order, St. James's Palace, August 18, 1908.

The KING has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of His Majesty's visit to Cronberg, to make the following promotion in and appointments to the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be Honorary Knight Grand Cross:

His Excellency Martin Johan Baron von Jenisch, Minister in attendance on His Imperial Majesty The German Emperor, King of Prussia.

To be Honorary Commanders:

Axel Albrecht, Baron von Maltzahn, M.V.O., "Kurdirektor," Homburg.

Professor Louis Jacobi, Director of the Saalburg

To be Honorary Member of the Fourth Class: Walther Lübke, Burgomaster of Homburg.

Downing Street, August 15, 1908.

The KING has been pleased to give directions for the appointment of Edwin Arney Speed, Esq., M.A., LL.B. (Attorney - General, Southern Nigeria), to be Chief Justice of Northern Nigeria.

Factory Department, Home Office, August 12, 1908.

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. A. W. Aldridge to be Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, for the King's Norton District of the county of Worcester.

Factory Department, Home Office, August 12, 1908.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the death of Dr. C. Arrol, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Sheerness, in the county of Kent, is vacant.

Factory Department, Home Office, August 15, 1908.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the death of Dr. T. Linde, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Lydbrook, in the county of Gloucester, is vacant.

Factory Department, Home Office, August 17, 1908.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. D. L. Davies, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Wisbech, in the county of Cambridge, is vacant.

Factory Department, Home Office, August 18, 1908.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. H. Dickman, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon, under the Factory and Workshop Act, at Holbeach, in the county of Lincoln, is vacant.

Board of Trade (Harbour Department), London, August 17, 1908.

H. 10193.

The Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of the following Telegram, dated August

14th, from His Majesty's Representative at Athens:—Three days quarantine on arrivals from Rostov and Taganrog.

RAILWAY AND CANAL TRAFFIC ACT, 1888.

Proposed Amendment of Classification.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Railway and Canal Traffic Act, 1888, the various Railway Companies of Great Britain and Ireland, represented by the undersigned, have applied to the Board of Trade to amend the Classification of Merchandise Traffic and Schedule of Maximum Rates and Charges applicable thereto charged by such Railway Companies by including Taximeters in Class 5 of the said Classification.

Anyone wishing to raise any objection to the proposed amendment may forward, by post, a notice of objection, addressed to the Assistant Secretary, Railway Department, Board of Trade, Whitehall, London, S.W.

Notices of objection must be transmitted to the Board of Trade so as to reach there on or before the expiration of 21 days from the twentysecond day of August, 1908, and every objector must at the same time transmit a copy of his notice of objection to the undersigned, as below.

F. MANSFIELD.

Dated the 18th day of August, 1908.

Note.—Copies of objection must be forwarded

F. Mansfield, Railway Clearing House, Seymour-street, London, N.W.

POST OFFICE.

Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post.

In pursuance of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, His Majesty's Postmaster-General hereby gives notice that a Warrant, dated the 15th day of August, 1908, and coming into operation on the 1st day of September, 1908, has been made on his representation by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury relating to the rates of postage on parcels to German Samoa.

And the Postmaster-General further gives notice that copies of the said Warrant may be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from Wyman and Sons, Fetter-lane, E.C.; or Oliver and Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116, Grafton-street, Publin.

Dated this 17th day of August, 1908.

Admiralty, 13th August, 1908. Royal Naval Reserve.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant William Soutter to be Sub-Lieutenant. Dated 5th August, 1908.

Admiralty, 15th August, 1908.

In accordance with the provisions of Her late Majesty's Orders in Council of 22nd February, 1870, and the 28th November, 1887—

Lieutenant Howard Fiennes Julius Rowley has been allowed to assume the rank of Commander on the Retired List. Dated 14th August, 1908.

Chief Carpenter Thomas James Alexander has been promoted to the rank of Carpenter Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet. Dated 17th July, 1908.