

METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The dutiful and loyal Address of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members of the Metropolitan Water Board.

Most gracious Sovereign,

We, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members of the Metropolitan Water Board, humbly approach Your Majesty in order to give expression to our feelings of profound sorrow on the occasion of the death of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh of blessed and glorious memory, and to our loyal duty and homage upon Your Majesty's Accession to the Throne.

The Metropolitan Water Board was constituted and established by an Act of Parliament passed in the second year of the reign of King Edward VII for the purpose of acquiring and carrying on the undertakings of the Metropolitan Water Companies, which, under a number of previous Acts of Parliament, supplied water to the metropolis of Your Majesty's Empire.

We recall with deep gratitude the great interest which His late Majesty took in all matters affecting the public health and welfare of His subjects; and in particular in the supply of pure water to the urban and rural populations throughout the country.

In 1878, His late Majesty, as President of the Society of Arts, initiated the movement for the conservation of the national water supplies both to the large towns and the villages, and, in connection therewith, took equal interest in the allied functions of rivers pollution prevention, sewage disposal, rivers and canals conservancy, floods prevention, and the protection of freshwater fisheries.

In common with the whole of Your Majesty's Empire, we venture to assure Your Majesty not only of our profound sense of the nation's bereavement in the demise of a beloved Sovereign, but also of our respectful sympathy in the grief of Your Majesty and Your Majesty's Royal House, and especially of Her most gracious Majesty Queen Alexandra.

We have watched with respectful and loyal satisfaction the deep interest which Your Majesty has evinced in the welfare of the people, and we humbly express to Your Majesty the sincere desire of the members of the Metropolitan Water Board to do all within their power in the Department of Public Work which has been entrusted to them to second Your Majesty's efforts in the interests of the public health.

We tender to Your Majesty our dutiful homage and an assurance of our devoted loyalty to Your Majesty's Person and Throne, and our affection for Your Majesty's gracious and Royal Consort, Her Majesty Queen Mary; and we humbly pray that Your Majesty may be granted a happy and glorious reign, based upon the foundations of freedom, justice and peace, over a prosperous, a contented and a loyal people.

We are deeply sensible of the high honour which Your Majesty has graciously conferred upon the Metropolitan Water Board by consenting to receive this Address, and we venture to assure Your Majesty that this recognition of the magnitude and responsibility of the work

entrusted to us will greatly encourage us in the performance of that work which we are proud to carry on to the best of our ability in the interests of the metropolis.

Given under the Seal of the Metropolitan Water Board, this 22nd day of June, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

E. B. BARNARD, Chairman.

W. J. G. NORRIS, Assistant Clerk.

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

"I thank you on behalf of the Queen and Myself for the loyal and dutiful Address which you have laid before Me to-day.

"It is a consolation to Me in this time of sorrow to feel that My grief is shared by My subjects in all parts of the great Empire over which I have been called to reign, and to know that the character and aims of My beloved Father were appreciated by those whose prosperity and welfare were ever in His thoughts.

"You may be assured that it will be My constant endeavour to justify the confidence which you repose in Me, to follow with the help of Almighty God in My Father's footsteps, to uphold the honour of Our Country, and to labour, so far as in Me lies, for the prosperity and progress of My people."

Whitehall, June 30, 1910.

The KING has been pleased to grant to the following retired members of His Majesty's Civil Service, not belonging to the administrative or clerical branches, the Imperial Service Medal, which was instituted by His late Majesty for the recognition of long and meritorious service in branches other than those mentioned above:—

- Abraham, Charles Henry, Smith, Portsmouth Dockyard.
- Allison, Thomas Joseph, News Distributor, Central Telegraph Office.
- Bacon, Charles George, Postman, Colchester.
- Bacon, James, Chief Warder, Lincoln Prison.
- Baker, James, Town Postman, Malpas, Whitchurch, Salop.
- Barker, James Henry, Rural Postman, Derby.
- Barrett, Henry, Founder, Chief Engineer's Department, Malta Dockyard.
- Beamand, Charles Frederick, Sorter, Post Office, London.
- Beatt, John Russell, Superintendent, His Majesty's Customs, Bridgwater.
- Begg, George, Resident Housekeeper and Superintendent of Outdoor Staff, Glasgow Mercantile Marine Office.
- Bell, Henry, Fitter, Portsmouth Dockyard.
- Bennett, Samuel Dunn, Chief Warder, Stafford Prison.
- Birmingham, Thomas, Principal Warder, Maryborough Prison.
- Blackwood, John, Preventive Man, His Majesty's Customs, Glasgow.
- Box, James Edward, Overseer, Post Office, London.