Chancery of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Downing Street, December 23, 1912.

The KING has been graciously pleased to give directions for the following promotion in the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:—

To be an Ordinary Member of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders of the said Most Distinguished Order:—

Arthur Lewis Webb, Esq., C.M.G., late Adviser to the Egyptian Ministry of Public Works, and Director-General of Reservoirs in Egypt.

Buckingham Palace,

December 21, 1912.

This day had audience of The KING:

His Excellency Baron Takaaki Kato, to present his new Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the Emperor of Japan; and

Monsieur Antoine Constantin Sansaricq, to present his Letters of Credence as Minister Resident of the Republic of Hayti, and the Letters of Recall of his predecessor, Monsieur Jean Baptiste Dorsainvil.

Foreign Office, December 20, 1912.

His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received a telegram from His Majesty's Minister at Sofia, stating that, according to a report which he has received from the British Vice-Consul at Varna, that port was yesterday declared open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for vessels piloted according to the rules in force prior to the closure of the port. The Vice-Consul adds that the lighthouse has been re-lighted.

Foreign Office,

December 24, 1912.

H.M. Ambassador at Constantinople has reported by telegram that the lighthouses at Salonica, Dedeagatch, Rhodes, and their dependencies have been relighted.

Whitehall, December 19, 1912.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Thomas Wentworth Russell, Bey, Assistant Commandant of the Alexandria Police, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to accept and wear the Insignia of the Third Class of the Imperial Ottoman Order of the Medjidieh, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Highness the Khedive of Egypt, authorized by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

LONDON CAB AND STAGE CARRIAGE ACT, 1907.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department, by an Order under his hand, dated the 18th December, 1912, has revoked, so far as Richmond Railway Station is concerned, the Order of the 5th December, 1907, exempting from the operation of section 2 of the London Cab and Stage Carriage Act, 1907, the Richmond and certain other stations of the London and South Western Railway Company.

Whitehall, 21st December, 1912.

AUXILIARY HOME AT 5, MOUNT VERNON GREEN, LIVERPOOL

(known as "The Willows").

Resignation of Certificate.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice that the Managers of the Liverpool Reformatory for Girls at 6, Mount Vernon Green, and the Parkhill Road (Toxteth Park) Reformatory for Girls, Liverpool, have signified their intention of resigning the Certificate granted on the 26th August, 1910, under the provisions of the Children Act, 1908 (8 Edw. 7, ch. 67), to the Auxiliary Home at Mount Vernon Green, Liverpool, known as "The Willows."

Whitehall, December 23, 1912.

GIRLS' REFORMATORY, 6, MOUNT VERNON GREEN, LIVERPOOL.

Ten additional girls to be admitted.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice that the accommodation at the Liverpool Girls' Reformatory School, No. 6, Mount Vernon Green, having been increased by the addition of the premises No. 5, Mount Vernon Green, known as "The Willows," he has extended the Certificate of the said Reformatory to allow of the reception into the School of ten additional girls (making 90 in all).

Whitehall, December 23, 1912.

Factory Department, Home Office, December 17, 1912.

The Chief Inspector of Factories gives notice that, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. H. Hawksworth, an appointment as Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts at Welshpool, in the County of Montgomery, is vacant.

Factory Department, Home Office, December 17, 1912.

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. H. J. Neilson to be Certifying Surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts for the Nottingham North District of the County of Nottingham.

Factory Department, Home Office, December 23, 1912.

The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr. J. R. Munro to be Certifying