

formidable difficulties which confront British Industries are to be overcome, and some return of national prosperity made possible. In this situation we believe that there is a special place and value for the efforts of the Church steadily directed towards strengthening the spirit of fraternity in all classes of the Community.

We welcome the indications of increased amity and concord among the Nations, and we trust that, as a result of the deliberations of Your Majesty's Government and the Governments of Your Majesty's Dominions, some means may be devised which will establish upon a more permanent basis the order and security of peace in Europe and throughout the World.

We are glad to notice that Your Majesty's Dominions are offering increased facilities and warm encouragement to Emigrants from this Country who wish to settle, whether in families, or groups of families, and we believe that in promoting the spiritual and moral welfare of such emigrants, the Church of England will play a useful part.

We are, however, of opinion that the restoration of Agriculture in our own Country is one of the first necessities of the present time, and we trust that all who are engaged or concerned in this great national industry will co-operate to promote its welfare.

We offer our earnest prayer that the blessing of Almighty God may rest abundantly on Your Majesty's Person, Home and Realm.

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

I thank Your Grace and the Bishops and Clergy of the Province of York in Convocation assembled for your loyal and dutiful Address.

I heartily agree with you that we must foster a spirit of brotherhood and co-operation between men of different political opinions and schools of thought in order to deal effectively with the grave problems which still confront the nation. As you have rightly said, to do this is essentially the work of the Church of Christ, and I welcome your assurance that you are fully alive to the special duties of the Church in this respect, and that it is your desire to promote and support all efforts of the Government which may be directed towards the moral or physical welfare of my people.

I share your view as to the difficulty and urgency of the Housing Problem. No one can fail to realise the disastrous effects of the present shortage of houses upon our social well-being. This question continues to engage the earnest attention of my Ministers, and I trust that their endeavours to encourage building enterprise and to increase the existing building resources of the country will, with God's help, be crowned with success.

The deplorable results of continued unemployment, combined with the high cost of living, to which your Address also refers, have long caused me deep concern; and the Government is seriously considering what are the best remedies for these evils.

Like you, I believe that the restoration of agriculture in this country is one of the foremost necessities of to-day. It is my earnest hope that all engaged in this great industry

will realise that it is by collaboration that the best interests, national as well as individual, can be served.

I thank you for the affection expressed and for the prayers you offer for myself and my Family. I pray that the Blessing of Almighty God may rest upon you and your labours.

Lord Chamberlain's Office,  
Buckingham Palace,  
24th February, 1925.

Notice is hereby given that The KING's Birthday will be celebrated in London and at all Stations, both at Home and Abroad, on Wednesday, the 3rd of June next.

Whitehall, 21st February, 1925.

#### IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL.

The notice regarding William Henry Herring in Gazette No. 32991 of the 11th November, 1924, is hereby cancelled, it having been subsequently ascertained that this person died before the date of the award therein notified.

#### WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACTS.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department gives notice that, on the 20th instant he made Orders under the Wild Birds Protection Acts, 1880 to 1908, for the Administrative Counties of Glamorgan and Somerset.

Copies of the Orders may be purchased through any bookseller or directly from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses:—  
Astral House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2;  
and 28, Abingdon Street, London, S.W. 1;  
York Street, Manchester; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; and 120, George Street, Edinburgh.

Whitehall.

21st February, 1925.

#### APPOINTMENTS OF STANDINGS FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES WITHIN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICT, AND REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED.

*By virtue of the Act 13 and 14 Victoria, chapter 7, intituled "An Act for consolidating the Office of the Registrar of Metropolitan Public Carriages with the Office of the Commissioners of Police of the Metropolis, and making other provisions in regard to the Consolidated Offices."*

I, WILLIAM THOMAS FRANCIS HORWOOD, Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, do hereby APPOINT a Standing for Fourteen Hackney Carriages, at Fitzjohns Parade and Broadhurst Gardens, N.W., and do make the following Regulations with regard to the Boundaries for the same, viz. :—

In two portions, viz. :—

*First Portion.*— Eight carriages commencing at North end of Fitzjohns Parade, and extend-