Whitehall, March 31, 1931.

The KING has been pleased, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, bearing date the 30th instant, to present the Very Reverend Hewlett Johnson, M.A., B.Sc., D.D., Dean and Rector of the Cathedral Church of Manchester, to the Deanery of the Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ, Canterbury, void by the resignation of the Very Reverend Hugh Richard Lawrie Sheppard, C.H., M.A., D.D., late Dean thereof.

Whitehall, March 24, 1931.

His Majesty The KING has been graciously pleased to award the Edward Medal in Silver to Arthur Devere Thomas in recognition of his gallantry in the following circumstances:—

On the 14th January, 1931, Érnest Percival, who was engaged in dismantling a wooden staging fixed across the track of the Metropolitan Railway Station at Kings Cross, slipped and fell, from a height of about 20 feet, to the permanent way of the down Inner Circle line. He was rendered unconscious and lay face downwards across one running rail with his head close to the negative rail of the electrified system.

Arthur Devere Thomas, who was acting as flagman for the protection of the workmen, saw Percival fall and at the same time heard a down train approaching the station round the curve. Realising that a signal could not be seen by the driver in time for him to stop the train, Thomas immediately jumped down from the platform to the up line and, running across two positive and two negative rails carrying 600 volts, snatched Percival up from almost under the wheels of the approaching train, and held him, still unconscious, in a small recess in the wall whilst the train passed within a few inches of them. By reason of his employment, Thomas must have been fully aware of the risks he faced and he displayed conspicuous gallantry in successfully effecting the rescue of Percival.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS, 1901 to 1929.

In pursuance of Section 118 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, the Right Honourable John Robert Clynes, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been pleased to appoint William Douglas Hood, Esq., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., to be a Medical Inspector of Factories, as from the 1st April, 1931.

Whitehall,

30th March, 1931.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS, 1901 to 1929.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice, in pursuance of Section 80 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, that he has amended the draft Regulations under Section 79 of the Act, for factories and workshops or parts thereof in which the electrolytic plating or oxidation of metal articles by the use of an electrolyte containing chromic acid or salts of chromium is carried on, which were issued on 29th April, 1930, and that he proposes to make Regulations in accordance with the revised draft.

Copies of the draft Regulations as amended may be obtained on application to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, London, S.W. 1.

Objection to the amended draft, by or on behalf of any persons affected by the Regulations, must be sent to the Secretary of State, at the Home Office, Whitehall, London, S.W. 1, within 30 days from the date of this notice.

Whitehall,

31st March, 1931.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACTS, 1901 to 1929.

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice, in pursuance of Section 80 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, that he has revised the draft Regulations under Section 79 of the Act, amending the Building Regulations, 1926, in respect of cranes and other hoisting and lifting appliances used in certain Building Operations, which were issued on 1st July, 1930, and that he proposes to make Regulations in accordance with the revised draft.

Copies of the Regulations proposed to be made may be obtained on application to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, Londön, S.W. 1.

Objections to the revised draft, by or on behalf of any persons affected by the Regulations, must be sent to the Secretary of State, at the Home Office, Whitehall, London, S.W.1, within 21 days from the date of this notice.

Whitehall.

31st March, 1931.

CABS AND STAGE CARRIAGES (LONDON).

The Secretary of State for the Home Department hereby gives notice that on the 25th March, 1931, he made an Order, in pursuance of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act, 1869 (32 and 33 Vict. c. 115) amending the Order made under that Act on the 9th October, 1924 (S.R. & O., 1924, No. 1149) as amended by the Orders dated 6th April, 1926 (S.R. & O., 1926, No. 395) and 22nd April, 1927 (S.R. & O., 1927, No. 353).

The amendments relate to (a) licences in respect of stage carriages which are public service vehicles as defined in the Road Traffic Act, 1930, and (b) fees for licences to drivers of cabs and drivers and conductors of stage carriages.

Copies of the new Order (S.R. & O., 1931, No. 169), which comes into force on the 1st April, 1931, may be purchased (Price 1d.) directly from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses:—Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C. 2; 120, George Street, Edinburgh; York Street, Manchester; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff, or through any bookseller.

Whitehall,

31st March, 1931.