

### Genealogical.

To the Editors of *The Civilian*:

Sir.—While it does not particularly concern the Civil Service, I am taking the liberty of writing you on a question of history.

While it may savor of 'lese majesté' I should like to ask you whether or not our Sovereign, His Majesty Geo. V. gets his right to the throne in as direct a line as the present King of Italy. (i. e. to the throne of England). A friend of mine contends that the latter ruler not only has a more direct claim, but obtains it through a male ancestor, whereas our present Sovereign claims through one of the collateral branches and through a female progenator.

Can any of your readers give me this information.

Yours truly.

INQUIRER.

### THE IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER

#### Canada Gazette Announces Change of Regulations.

A number of important changes in the regulations of the Imperial Service Order are announced in an extract from the London Gazette, published in the Canada Gazette of Friday last. Henceforth it will rank next to the Distinguished Service Order.

Only the members of the administrative or clerical branches of the civil services shall be eligible for the distinction of Companions of the Imperial Service Order.

The number of companions of the order shall not exceed seven hundred, of whom two hundred and fifty shall belong to the home civil service, two hundred to the civil services in India including the staff of the secretary of state for India one hundred appointments being reserved for Europeans and one hundred for natives of India, and two hun-

dred and fifty to the civil services of the Dominions beyond the Seas and countries under British protection, including the staff of the crown agents for the colonies.

No person shall be eligible to be a companion of the order who has not at the time of his or her nomination rendered at least twenty-five years' services; provided that in the Indian empire the minimum period of service in the case of Europeans shall be twenty years, and that in any part of the Dominions beyond the Seas, or any country under British protection, which under the Pension Acts or regulations applying thereto is recognized as unhealthy, the minimum of service shall be sixteen years; provided also that it shall be competent to appoint specially to the order persons who, not having completed the aforesaid periods of service, have rendered such eminently meritorious service as to qualify them to become recipients of this distinction.

Companions of the order shall have the privilege of adding the letters "I.S.O." after their names.

#### Next to the D. S. O.

The Imperial Service Order shall rank next to, and immediately after, the Distinguished Service Order, and before the fifth class of the Royal Victorian Order, and the companions thereof shall, in all places and assemblies whatsoever, have place and precedence next to, and immediately after, the companions of the Distinguished Service Order, and shall rank among themselves according to the dates of their respective nominations.

#### Imperial Service Medal.

Members of the civil services, who are not eligible for appointment as companions of the order may, on retirement from the said services, after not less than twenty-five years of meritorious service, or, in the case of Europeans serving in the Indian empire, after not less than twenty