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CHESNEY GOLD MEDAL.—FIRST AWARD.

ON the death of General Sir George T. Chesney, Royal Engineers, K.C.B., C.S.I., C.I.E., a committee, composed of friends and brother officers, was appointed to raise funds to suitably commemorate his distinguished services. A special memorial was established at the Royal Indian Engineering College, Cooper's Hill, a portrait of the General was presented to Lady Chesney, and, at the request of the committee, the Council of the Royal United Service Institution consented to take over the balance which remained from the General Memorial Fund, for the foundation of a Gold Medal. The conditions ordain that this medal shall be awarded by the Council of the Institution from time to time, as funds admit, to the author of "an original literary work treating of Naval or Military Science and Literature, and which has a bearing on the welfare of the British Empire."

It will be seen by the accompanying correspondence that the first medal has been awarded to Captain A. T. Mahan, United States Navy.

31st May, 1900.

SIR,—The Council of the Royal United Service Institution of Great Britain, of which I am President, have requested me to be the medium of communicating to you a resolution, which was carried at a recent meeting of their body.

The Gold Medal, founded in memory of the late Sir George Chesney, a distinguished officer of the Royal Engineers, is to be awarded from time to time on the decision of the Council of the Royal United Service Institution, to the author who has produced an original literary work treating of Naval or Military Science and Literature, and which has a bearing on the welfare of the British Empire.

The first award of the medal having come under the consideration of the Council, it was resolved that you should be invited to accept the distinction in consideration of the three great works, of which you are

the author:—"The Influence of Sea Power upon History," "The Influence of Sea Power upon the French Revolution and Empire," and "The Life of Nelson."

It is a matter of satisfaction to me to be the means of assuring you that the award has been made at the unanimous will of the Royal United Service Institution of this country, which was founded, and is maintained, for the promotion of Naval and Military Art, Science, and Literature in the British Empire.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

GEORGE,
President.

Captain A. T. MAHAN, U.S. Navy.

QUOGUE, NEW YORK,
10th July, 1900.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE,

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 31st May, transmitting to me the Chesney Gold Medal, with the gratifying notification that the Council of the Royal United Service Institution have awarded it to me in recognition of the bearing of my works—"The Influence of Sea Power" and "The Life of Nelson"—upon the welfare of the British Empire.

In expressing my thanks, it seems scarcely necessary to say how deeply I feel the personal honour of this distinction, conferred by the unanimous wish of a professional organisation of the high standing of this, over which your Royal Highness presides. May I be permitted to add that I value even more highly, if that be possible, the assurance that, in such competent judgment, my works have contributed in some degree to the welfare of the British Empire, the strength of which is so essential to the cause of our English-speaking race, and of mankind in general.

I have the honour to be,
With profound respect,
Your most obedient servant,

A. T. MAHAN,
Captain, U.S. Navy.