

Navy or Coast Guard, and of other seafaring persons.

All claims for admission to the School will be judged of by a Committee of Selection appointed by their Lordships, in the following order of precedence, special consideration being given to length of service at sea :—

1. Orphans, both parents dead.
2. Sons of fathers killed, drowned, deceased, wounded, or seriously maimed in Her Majesty's Service, or while employed by Her Majesty on board a merchant ship, or in action with an enemy, pirate, or rebel.
3. Those whose fathers, having served in the Royal Navy or Marines, are dead.
4. Those whose fathers are serving, and whose mothers are dead.
5. Sons of naval pensioners, and sons of seamen and marines now serving, both parents living.
6. Sons of seamen and marines\* entitled to the benefits of Greenwich Hospital.
7. Sons of other seafaring persons.

N.B.—The sons of commissioned and other officers are not absolutely excluded, provided that the peculiar circumstances of their case render them eligible for this charity.

Applications for admission are to be made to the Secretary of the Admiralty (Greenwich Hospital Branch), London, when the necessary forms will be sent, which, when properly filled up, must be returned as directed, with the two following certificates :—

1. A certificate of the marriage of the parents ; or, if not attainable, other satisfactory proof thereof.
2. Register of the child's birth.

The services of the fathers upon which the claim is founded will be ascertained at the Admiralty, and due notice will be given without further application, should the child be selected for admission into the school.

Boys eligible for admission must be between nine and ten and a quarter years of age, physically fit for sea-service, be able to read an easy sentence and possess a knowledge of the first four rules in arithmetic.

Boys will be discharged from the school on the first day of the month succeeding that in which they shall attain thirteen years of age, unless either they succeed by their talents, industry, and good conduct in obtaining admission into the Selected Division, after competitive examination, or volunteer, with the consent of their parents, to enter the Royal Navy as boys.

In the latter case, if they are reported physically fit, they will be retained until fourteen and a half years, and then entered for continuous service.

Vacancies occasioned by boys unwilling or unfit for service in the Royal Navy will be filled up by selection from the sons of seamen and marines who are thirteen years of age, fit and willing for service, and able to pass a sufficient examination in reading, writing, and arithmetic.

Applications for admission of boys at the age of thirteen must be made six months previously, in the same manner as above directed, and the parents or guardians must sign an agreement, before the boy is admitted, that he shall serve in the Royal Navy for a period of ten years' continuous and general service from the age of eighteen, in addition to whatever period may be necessary until he attain that age.

\* Including the Royal Naval Reserve.

The 'Selected Division' will consist of eighty boys. At the age of fourteen the boys in this division of the school will be required to enter into an agreement, jointly with their parents or guardians, to enter the Royal Navy at the conclusion of their tuition, in such capacities as they may be found best qualified to fill. They will then be retained in the school until fifteen and a half years of age, otherwise they will be discharged.

The education of the boys will comprise the usual elements of a sound English education, alternating with practical seamanship and other industrial occupations designed to prepare them for a seafaring life.

In the 'Selected Division,' elementary mathematics and mechanics, navigation, nautical astronomy, and French, will be taught.

Children of Roman Catholics, or of Protestants not being members of the Church of England, will not be required to learn the Church Catechism, and will be allowed to attend convenient places of public worship, in accordance with the religious persuasion of their fathers, provided application be made to that effect at the time of admission, by the father, if living ; and if the father be dead at the time of a child's admission, then the marriage certificate or baptismal register of such child, according to the rites and ceremonies of any established religious community, of a date previous to the said father's death, will be received as evidence of the religious tenets of the father ; that is, provided no authentic document written by the deceased father be produced, expressing a contrary wish or direction as regards the religious instruction of such child."

Her Majesty having taken the said Memorial into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed. And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty are to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*Arthur Helps.*

At the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight*, the 9th day of *August*, 1870.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the thirteenth and fourteenth years of Her Majesty, chapter forty-one; and of the Act of the nineteenth and twentieth years of Her Majesty, chapter fifty-five, duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a scheme, bearing date the nineteenth day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy, in the words following; that is to say:

"We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the thirteenth and fourteenth years of your Majesty, chapter forty-one; and of the Act of the nineteenth and twentieth years of your Majesty, chapter fifty-five, have prepared, and now humbly lay before your Majesty in Council, the following scheme for setting out and constituting a district for spiritual purposes, and annexing such district to the consecrated church of Saint Mary, situate at Moston