

They will pass a portion of their time in the Drawing Office, and at the Dockyard Schools.

6. All the Engineer Students will be examined, as to their theoretical and practical qualifications, on the completion of their time at the Dockyards, and those found qualified will proceed to Greenwich as Acting 2nd Class Assistant Engineers on the 1st October succeeding the examination.

7. Those Engineer Students who fail to pass this Examination will be allowed to remain one year longer at the Dockyards, and then be re-examined, when, if they are unable to pass, they will cease to be eligible for the rank of Naval Engineer. The pay of such Students during this last year of probation will be the same as during their 6th year.

8. Acting 2nd Class Assistant Engineers will remain at Greenwich for one term for study. They will be examined on the completion of the term and will receive Certificates in three Classes. Those taking the 1st Class Certificate will be granted 12 months, the 2nd Class, 6 months additional time, to count for promotion only.

9. Those taking a 3rd Class Certificate will only count the time since they passed out of the Dockyards.

10. Engineer Students who may have completed their time at the Dockyards in July, 1873, will be admitted to the Naval College at Greenwich on the 1st October, 1873, under the regulations now established. Those whose time will be completed at the Dockyards in January, 1874, may, if they desire it, come up for examination in July, 1873, and if found qualified will join at Greenwich on the 1st October following; those not qualified will remain at the Dockyards until July, 1874. A similar course will be adopted until all those now at the Dockyards and those entered at the examination in December, 1872, have left.

11. Four Acting 2nd Class Assistant Engineers will be selected from those who take the highest place at the examination, on the completion of their term, to pass through a further course of scientific instruction if they desire it.

12. These four will be examined at the end of the second term, and one or more will, at the discretion of the Admiralty, be allowed to remain a third term, on the completion of which they will be sent to sea as 2nd Class Assistant Engineers, and after one year's service at sea they will be considered eligible to fill positions in the Dockyards and at the Admiralty.

13. Acting 2nd Class Assistant Engineers will be borne on the books of one of Her Majesty's Ships, during their time of study at Greenwich.

14. Those passing the second and third terms at Greenwich will be attached, during the vacation, between 30th June and 1st October, to the Dockyards or the Steam Reserves, where they will attend trials of new and repaired Engines, and obtain experience respecting the duties they will have to perform at sea.

15. No Acting 2nd Class Assistant Engineer who has passed the 2nd or 3rd term at Greenwich will be allowed to leave Her Majesty's Service within 7 years of the completion of his term at Greenwich, unless he shall pay the sum of £250 to defray the charges of his education.

16. Acting 2nd Class Assistant Engineers will receive 3s. 6d. a-day, and 1s. 6d. towards the mess during their first term of study at Greenwich. If selected for further study during one or more terms they will receive their full pay of 6s. a-day, and 1s. 6d. towards the mess.

17. When the Engineer Students already in the Service are qualified for and promoted to the

rank of Acting 2nd Class Assistant Engineer they will receive full pay during their course of study, whether at Greenwich or at the Dockyards, viz., 6s. a-day, and 1s. 6d. towards the mess.

18. The Acting 2nd Class Assistant Engineers, Engineer Students, and Dockyard Apprentices will form a mess.

19. The Engineer Students who would, under the present regulations, return to South Kensington on the 1st October, 1873, will proceed to Greenwich on that date, to complete their course of study. They will be lodged while at Greenwich, and will receive 1s. 6d. a-day towards the mess. In addition they will receive pay as follows:—

Those who are in their 4th year, since their entry in the Dockyards, 24s. 6d. a-week.

Those who are in their 5th year, since their entry into the Dockyards, 26s. 6d. a-week.

Those who are in their 6th year, since their entry into the Dockyards, 34s. 6d. a-week.

When at their own Dockyards during the Vacation, they will receive their pay, as above, but not the messing allowance. When at other Dockyards, the messing allowance will be granted.

When they have completed 6 years' service from their original entry and have passed the necessary examination they will become Acting 2nd Class Assistant Engineers, and will receive the full pay of their rank, viz., 6s. a-day, and 1s. 6d. towards the mess.

#### 8. Dockyard Apprentices.

Dockyard Apprentices bound for 7 years, will be entered annually between the ages of 14 and 15. The examination will take place in June in each year, and will be held by the Civil Service Commissioners in London, as well as at the Dockyards, viz., at Pembroke, Chatham, Sheerness, Portsmouth, and Devonport. The present limits of age will be adhered to at the Examination in June, 1873.

1. Three among those who have passed 5 years at the Dockyards will be selected annually by competitive examination for study at Greenwich. They will remain there 3 terms, passing the vacation between 30th June and 1st October, at one of the Dockyards.

2. While at Greenwich, Dockyard Apprentices will be lodged, and will receive 1s. 6d. a-day towards the mess. They will mess with the Acting 2nd Class Assistant Engineers and Engineer Students.

In addition they will receive pay as follows:—

Those in their 1st year at	s.	d.
Greenwich ..	21	0 a-week
2nd and 3rd years ..	22	6 „

When at their own Dockyards during the Vacation they will receive their pay as above, but not the messing allowance. When at other Dockyards, the messing allowance will be granted.

3. Those selected for study at Greenwich must join with their Parents or Guardians in a Bond for the sum of £250 to serve under the Admiralty for 7 years, if required, after the completion of their apprenticeship.

4. If found well qualified at the completion of their course at Greenwich, they may be sent in one of Her Majesty's Ships for one year, if their Lordships think it desirable, and will then be appointed Assistants to the Foremen of the Dockyards, or to any other post for which they may be considered fit. In those cases where their Lordships do not deem it desirable to send them to sea, they will at once be appointed to such posts as the above.