AFTER LIMITED COMPETITION.

Post Office: Clerks on the Supplementary Establishment of the Secretary's Office, Edward White Bruce, Stanton Elgar, Henry James Elphick, James McMillan, Frank Milne.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

National Gallery, England: Attendant, New Gallery of British Art, Millbank, William Henry Locke.

Post Office: Learners, Hugh William Cochrane (Downpatrick), James Price Davies (Birmingham), Edith Mary Owen (Bangor), James Ernest Swift (Manchester), Arthur Taylor (Huddersfield), William James Tribe (Roch-(dale), Rachel Tyrrell (Workington), Thomas Tempest Weston (Birkenhead).

Postman, Wellington, Salop, Walter Gamble.

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AFTER OPEN COMPETITION.

Admiralty: Clerk (Class I), Walter St. David Jenkins.

Post Office: Male Sorter, London, Walter Marshall.

Male Learner, Edinburgh, Donald Kerr McLeish.

Female Learner, Cardiff, Ethel Harris Care.

WITHOUT COMPETITION.

Dockyard, Portsmouth Admiralty: Skilled Labourer, George Henry Jones.

Royal Mint: Hammerman in the Operative Department, Samuel George Cann.

Post Office: Sorter - Tracer, London, Walter George Wright.

Postmaster, Peel, Robert Harrison.

Learners, Frederick Walter Cox (Newark), Thomas Ford (Leeds), Nellie Nightingale (Reigate), Hugh Owen (Carnarvon), Charles Douglas Wood (Ayr).

Postmen, John Dwyer (Limerick), Samuel Gregory (Ludlow), Edward George Tyler

(Manchester).

Under Clause VII of the Order in Council of 4th June, 1870.

Royal Mint: Junior Clerk in the Melbourne Branch, George John Bolton.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

(Nos. 5 to 8 of the year 1898.)

[The bearings are magnetic, and those concerning the visibility of lights are given from seaward.]
No. 5.—ENGLAND—WEST COAST.

Liverpool Bay-Submarine Telegraph Cable to

Formby Light-Vessel.

THE Mersey Docks and Harbour Board has given notice, dated 24th December, 1897, that the submarine telegraph cable connecting Formby Point with Formby Light-vessel is now laid in the undermentioned directions:-

From Formby Point Life-boat House in a westerly direction to a position about 400 yards, N.N.E., from Q 6, black, can buoy; thence, in a bight, easterly, for 1,110 yards; then southward, crossing the channel about 300 yards eastward of C 1, black, can buoy and C 1, red, conical buoy; thence, in a curved direction, passing about 230 yards southward of C 1, red, conical buoy; thence westward for about a mile, curving to pass about 100 yards westward of Q 5, red, conical buoy; and then direct to Formby Light-vessel.

All vessels are prohibited from anchoring, or

using trawls, in the vicinity of the cable.

Approximate position, Formby Light-vessel, lat. 53° 31′ 25″ N., long. 3° 11′ 15″ W.

[Variation 18° Westerly in 1898.]

No. 26928.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Plan: - Liverpool Bay, No. 1951. Also, Sailing Directions for the West Coast of England, 1891, pages 344, 345.

No. 6.—AUSTRALIA—NORTH COAST. Thursday Island Harbour—Sunken Rock Northward of Heath Point.

INFORMATION has been received from the Government of Queensland that the rock, with a depth of 19 feet on it at low water, on which the steam-vessel "Duke of Devonshire" recently struck, and now named Devonshire Rock, is situated on a bank stretching off Heath Point, with the flagstaff a quarter of a mile westward of Heath Point bearing S. 63° W., distant 3\frac{2}{3} cables; and black beacon at western extreme of Thursday

Island Shore Reef N. 37° W.

Approximate position, lat. 10° 85' 40" S.,

long. 142° 12′ 20″ E.

[Variation 5° Easterly in 1898.]
This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Normanby Sound and Prince of Wales Channel, No. 691; Thursday Island Harbour, No. 383. Also, Australia Directory, Vol. II, 1889, page 434.

No. 7.—EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO. Linga Island-Light on Jang Point Exhibited. WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 797 of 1897:

THE Netherlands Government has given further notice that, on 7th December, 1897, a fourth order, group-flashing light, with a period of thirty seconds, showing two flashes in quick succession in each group, was exhibited from Jang Point, Linga Island.

Approximate position on Chart No. 1789, lat. 0° $14\frac{1}{4}$ S., long. 104° $57\frac{1}{2}$ E.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts: - China Sea, No. 1263; Eastern Archipelago, No. 941a; Banka Strait to Singapore, No. 2757; Channels between Sumatra, Linga, &c., No. 1789. Also, List of Lights, Part IV, 1897, page 80; and China Sea Directory, Vol. I, 1896, page 507.

No. 8.-NORTH SEA.

Sunken Wreck Westward of the Texel.

INFORMATION has been published in the Shipping Gazette that the Master of the steam-vessel "Ackworth" reports that in lat. 52° 45' N., long. 3° 45' E., he passed a sunken wreck, with the masthead and mainboom showing above water.

This Notice temporarily affects the following Admiralty Charts:—North Sea, Nos. 2339, 2182a. Also, North Sea Pilot, Part IV, 1892, pages 32-35.

By command of their Lordships, W. J. L. Wharton, Hydrographer. Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 6th to 7th January, 1898.

India Office, January 1, 1898.

OTICE is hereby given that Schedules of Estates under the charge of the Administrators-General of Bengal, Madras, and Bombay, for the half-years ending 30th June, 1896, 30th June, 1897, and 31st December, 1896, respectively, have been received, and are open to the inspection of the public in my department of this office.

A list of sums remitted by the several Administrators-General and Official Trustees previously to 30th June, 1897, for payment in this country,