31st December, 1905, under the provisions of the Friendly Societies Act, 1896 (59 and 60 Vict., cap. 25), viz.:-

Thomas G. Ackland, 3 and 4, Clement's-inn, London, W.C.

George S. Crisford, Rock Life Office, New Bridgestreet, Blackfriars, London, E.C.

Samuel Hunter, 9, College Green, Dublin.

George Lisle, 9, North St. David-street, Edin-

burgh. W. B. Paterson, Norwich Union Life Office, Norwich.

C. H. E. Rea, 24, Charing Cross, London, S.W. T. J. Searle, Mansion House-chambers, Bucklers-

bury, London, E.C. W. A. Sim, 35, St. Andrew-square, Edinburgh. Alfred W. Watson, 40, Shakespeare-street, Nottingham.

James Stirling, Scottish Imperial Insurance Co., 183, West George-street, Glasgow. C. E. Howell, 59, Dawson-street, Dublin.

Admiralty, 29th December, 1904.

In accordance with the provisions of His Majesty's Order in Council of 9th October, 1903-

Chaplain the Reverend John Bury Bourne, M.A. has been allowed to withdraw from His Majesty's Service, with a gratuity. Dated 27th December, 1904.

Admiralty, 30th December, 1904.

The following promotions have been made:-Commanders to be Captains—

> Harry Jones. Francis William Kennedy. Rowland Nugent. Hugh Thomas Hibbert. Cuthbert Godfrey Chapman, M.V.O. Willoughby Pudsey Dawson. Herbert Arthur Stevenson Fyler. Heathcoat Salusbury Grant. Dated 31st December, 1904.

Thomas Jackson. Frank Edward Cavendish Ryan. Charles Fitzgerald Sowerby. Philip Nelson-Ward, M.V.O. *William Edmund Goodenough. Michael Culme-Seymour. Dated 1st January, 1905.

*Promoted on retirement of Admiral of the Fleet the Right Honourable Lord Walter Talbot Kerr, G.C.B., from the position of First Sea Lord of the Admiralty.

Lieutenants to be Commanders-

Robert Warren Johnson. Arthur Bertram Finch Dawson. Octavius Harold Daniel. Ralph Philip Clutton. Hugh Francis Wyldbore Wyldbore-Smith. William Robert Willis, William Balfour Macdonald. Hector Lloyd Watts-Jones. Llewellyn Griffiths. Edward Stafford Houseman. Thomas Drummond Pratt.

Henry Lake Cochrane. William Nevill England. Arthur Courtenay Stewart. William Francis Benwell. John Roderick Segrave. Albert Charles Scott. Archibald Bertram Watson Higginson. Henry Rawdon Veale. Bertram Hornsby Smith. Richard Huth Walters. Charles Walter Campbell Strickland. Cecil Henry Fox. Arthur Herbert Charles Chesney Home. Francis Clifton Brown. Fawcett Wray. William Archibald Howard Kelly. Denis Burke Crampton. Dated 31st December, 1904.

Hubert Lynes. Bertram Sackville Thesiger. Percy Molyneux Rawson Royds. Arthur Noel Loxley. Frederick Shirley Litchfield. John William Leopold McClintock. Dated 1st January, 1905.

Sub-Lieutenants to be Lieutenants-

*Hubert Edwin Gore-Langton. George Mytton Hill. Mark Sutton Rothwell.

*Reginald Francis Eyre. Gilbert Cockshutt Heathcote. Cecil Henry Hulton Sams. Wilfrid Ward Hunt. Arthur Gordon Leslie. Robert Charles Cator Smart. Alan Frederic William Howard.

†Edmund John Birch. The Honourable Charles Frederick Cavendish.

Arthur Banuatyne Arnold Baker. George Bibby Hartford. Hugh Coningsby Johnson. Brian Patrick MacMahon. James Oliver Elliot. Hugh Barrington Worsley. Gordon Alison Matthew. Neville Brevoort Carey Brock. Henry Taprell Dorling. Philip Vere Kilgour.

Lindsay Richard Venn. *Cecil Bartlett Shaw. Henry Steuart Macnaghten Harrison. Walter Neville Lapage. Basil Lancelot Wymer. Cecil Mervyn Queripel. Frederic William Clarkson. Dated 31st December, 1904.

*In cases marked * promotion is subject to the Officer obtaining certificate of efficiency required by Article 304, Clause 3 King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions (Addenda).

† The promotion of Mr. Birch is subject to his completing the set of observations required by Article 290 King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions.

Engineer Lieutenant Charles Gerald Taylor has this day been promoted to the rank of Engineer Commander in His Majesty's Fleet.

Admiralty, 31st December, 1904.

Royal Naval Reserve.

Sub-Lieutenant William Edgar Kelway to be Lieutenant. Dated 30th December, 1904.