Frederick Seymour Clarke, Esq., to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Rio de Janeiro;

James Beethom Whitehead, Esq., to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Tokio; and

Cecil Arthur Spring Rice, Esq., to be Secretary to Her Majesty's Legation at Teheran.

FOREIGN OFFICE, October 1, 1898.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint—

Herbert Guy Nevill Dering, Esq., to be a Second Secretary in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service;

John Gorman Ford, Esq., to be a Second Secretary in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service; and

The Honourable Arthur Stanley to be a Second Secretary in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

FOREIGN OFFICE, October 8, 1898.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint James Rennell Rodd, Esq., C.B., C.M.G., to be a Secretary of Legation in Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service.

FOREIGN OFFICE, October 24, 1896.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint James George Scott, Esq., C.I.E., a Member of Her Majesty's Indian Civil Service and Superintendent of the Northern Shan States, to be Her Majesty's Commissioner under Article VI. of the Agreement of February 4, 1897, between Great Britain and China, relative to Burmah and Thibet.

DOWNING STREET, November 1, 1898.

The Queen has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honourable" by George Sinclair-Smith, Esq., who has served as a Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Natal for a period of more than ten years.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

November 4, 1898.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that an Open Competitive Examination for not fewer than 85 situations as Female Learner in London in the Department of the Postmaster-General, will be held in London, on the 20th December 1898, under the Regulations, dated the 15th April 1898, and published in the London Gazette of the same date.

No person will be admitted to Examination from whom the Secretary of the Civil Service Commission has not received, on or before the 1st December, an application on the prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Secretary at once.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,

November 4, 1898.

The Civil Service Commissioners hereby give notice that the following Regulations are published with the consent of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, viz.:—

REGULATIONS respecting Open Competitive Examinations for situations as Female Learner in the Department of the Postmaster-General in Edinburgh, Dublin, and certain other Towns.

These Regulations are liable to alteration for future Examinations.

1. Candidates will be required to satisfy the Civil Service Commissioners—

(*a*) That their age on the day of the Examination is not less than 15 nor more than 18.

(*b*) That they are duly qualified in respect of health and character.

(*c*) That they are unmarried or widows.

2. At each Examination the number of Candidates to be selected will be such as the Postmaster-General may from time to time fix.

3. The Examination will be in the following subjects, viz.:—

1. Handwriting.
2. Orthography.
3. English Composition, to be tested by a short essay or letter on a simple subject.
4. Arithmetic, including Vulgar and Decimal Fractions and Percentages.
5. Geography (general).

Candidates who fail to obtain such an aggregate number of marks as may indicate in the judgment of the Civil Service Commissioners a competent amount of general proficiency will not be regarded as qualified.

4. Candidates must be at least 5 feet in height. No officer, however, will be retained in the Service who does not attain the height of 5 feet 2 inches before completing her nineteenth year.

5. No Candidate will be admitted to Examination who does not, at such time as may be fixed by the Civil Service Commissioners, produce an undertaking, signed by her parent or guardian, that she will, if successful, reside within a suitable distance from the Post Office, either with her parents or guardians, or with relations or friends approved by such parents or guardians.

6. Persons holding situations in the Civil Service will not be eligible unless they produce to the Civil Service Commissioners the written permission of the authorities of their Department to attend the Examination, dated before the commencement of the Competition.

7. Application for permission to attend an Examination must be made at such times and in such manner as may be fixed by the Civil Service Commissioners.

8. A fee of 3s. will be required from every Candidate attending the Examination.

NOTE.—Female Learners will be required to resign their appointments on marriage.