

Confidential.

(C.N. 11713/19049.)

SIR,

Admiralty, S.W.,
8th August 1905.

WITH reference to Admiralty letter of the 19th July, C.N.¹ 11713/17501, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that they have decided to appoint a small Committee to consider and report upon the proposals which have been submitted to the Admiralty by Professor J. S. Haldane, viz. :-

- (a) Improvements to enable men to dive in 30 fathoms of water and to do a normal amount of work.
- (b) Certain experiments in connection with the effect of rarified air on the crew of a submarine boat.

The constitution of the Committee is as follows :-

Captain Frederick T. Hamilton, R.N., M.V.O., I.L.M.S. "Excellent,"
President.
Professor J. S. Haldane.
Captain Reginald H. S. Bacon, R.N., D.S.O. (Naval Assistant to First
Sea Lord of the Admiralty).
Captain Edgar Lees, R.N. (Inspecting Captain of Submarine Boats).

I am to request that the President of the Committee will communicate with the several members as to the time and place for meetings of the Committee.

The Commander-in-Chief,
H.M. Ships and Vessels,
Portsmouth.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
C. J. THOMAS.

NOTE.—Staff-Surgeon Oswald Rees, M.D., was appointed to act as Secretary to the Committee on 20th October 1905.

Lieutenant G. C. C. Damant, R.N., and Mr. A. Y. Catto, Gunner, H.M.S. "Excellent," were appointed for the experimental work of the Committee.

Lettre de l'Amirauté britannique du 8 août 1905 commandant à Haldane les travaux qui aboutiront à la création des premières tables de plongée en 1908.
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