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THE SENIOR GUNNERY INSTRUCTOR AT WHALE ISLAND.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER GEORGE WROE, a native of Manchester, joined the Royal Navy in January, 1867, and has thus been nearly thirty years on active service. He became a 1st class Petty Officer and Gunnery Instructor in October, 1876, and reached his present rank in December, 1878; probably a longer record of Petty Officers' time than can be shown by any other man in the Service. WROE is a leader in all athletics, his name regularly appears as a winner in the athletic and rifle shooting meetings, and his energy is in a measure responsible for the success of the football, cricket and shooting teams sent out from Whale Island in late years. His first sea-going ship was the "Mecanee," a sailing two-decker, and his last the "Trafalgar," a battleship now in the Mediterranean. WROE wears the Royal Humane Society's medal, also the long service and good conduct medal; he is justly appreciated by all officers who know him.