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APPOINTMENTS BY THE C. S. COMMISSIONERS TO DATE.

Since the Commissioners took office last September, they have made up to August 1st, 1909, some 93 appointments. These appointments are subdivided according to the clauses of the act under which they are made as follows:—

(1.) Appointments to Third Division, Subdivision B, by open competitive examination	53
(2.) Appointments to Second Division, Subdivision B, by open competitive examination	9
(3.) Appointments by special competitive examination under section 13...	9
(4.) Appointments after competition under section 21.....	4
(5.) Appointments without competition under section 21.....	18
Total.....	93

It will be seen that of 93 new appointments made in the past ten months, 75 were the result of the candidates having demonstrated by examination their superiority to other applicants. THE CIVILIAN's opinion of Clause 21 has been voiced on a number of occasions previously. By way of keeping the topic alive we publish elsewhere to-day a statement with regard to the application of the competitive system to an appointment of the very highest calibre—that of chief of the Chicago Public Library. If the Chicago experiment succeeds, a large inroad will be made on the idea that competitive methods are not applicable in the case of the higher appointments.

Beginning with an early issue, THE CIVILIAN will publish a continuous record of the appointments and promotions sanctioned by the Commission, with the name, department and office in each case.

THE POSTMASTERS AND THE C. S. FEDERATION.

The editorial of the Postal Current on the Federation, which we publish on another page, is friendly, but in a doubting way. The Postmasters who have accomplished so much by their organization have a right to be doubtful. That is only business. This, however, should not be regarded as a reason for the employment only of long-distance methods of intercommunication. The Postal Current seems to father an impression that "Civil Servants" have an attitude of superiority towards the Postmasters. This is a mistake. The trouble is they have no attitude at all, and *vice versa*. If either had that silly attitude, it would be the greater reason for coming to-