

have, &c., J. W. HORNE, Secretary.—The Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office, Downing Street.

Sub-Enclosure 2.

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY.—At a meeting of the Committee, held on the 20th February, 1883, at the Society's offices, 4, Trafalgar Square, London, the following resolution was adopted, viz.: "When a Humane Society is founded in any colony of Great Britain, with rules and regulations having similar objects to those of the Royal Humane Society, and offers medals and other honorary rewards for saving life from drowning, the Royal Humane Society shall, when requested by such colonial Humane Society, abstain from awarding its medals, &c., to residents in such colonies, and shall only comply with such request provided it reaches them through official channels, and is not disapproved of by the Governor. That the above rule shall not apply to officers and men of the Royal Navy or the Army on active service, who, wherever they may be quartered or stationed, shall, as heretofore, be recognized as having claims on the consideration of the Royal Humane Society when they save life from drowning at the risk of their own. That the Committee of the Royal Humane Society are prepared to receive, as heretofore, information of acts of courage and devotion in saving life from drowning in the colonies; but in the cases contemplated, where the salvor is a colonist, notice of the application shall (after being recorded) be remitted to the Humane Society of the colony. If the colony has no Humane Society recognized by the Governor, then the case shall be adjudicated by the Committee of this Society."—Extracted from the minute-book. True copy.—J. W. HORNE, Secretary.

No. 3.

Government House, Auckland, 21st May, 1883.—My Lord,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch No. 15, of the 5th March last, covering a copy of a correspondence which has passed between the Royal Humane Society and the Colonial Office, concerning the request made by the Government of New Zealand that the gallant efforts of certain persons at Timaru, in this colony, to save life from drowning should be brought before the Society. 2. The Committee have evidently acted under a misapprehension as to the facts of the case. This colony "has no Humane Society recognized by the Governor." I learn, from the enclosures to your Lordship's despatch, that there is "a society in Melbourne bearing the name of the Royal Humane Society of Australasia," but, as neither I nor my Government have any cognizance of that society, New Zealand cannot be regarded as within its sphere. 3. I transmit herewith a copy of a memorandum which I have received from my Ministers on the subject, and I have the honour to suggest that, should your Lordship see fit, these facts should be brought to the notice of the Committee, in order that the case may be adjudicated by them.—I have, &c., WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS.—The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, &c.

Enclosure.

Memorandum for His Excellency.—In returning to His Excellency the despatch and enclosed correspondence respecting an application for the Royal Humane Society's recognition of efforts to save life during a storm at Timaru in May, 1882, the Premier has the honour to reply to the question put by His Excellency, that it does not appear that the Royal Humane Society of Australasia, at Melbourne, has been recognized by New Zealand, or indeed that any correspondence has taken place with the New Zealand Government regarding that society. The Premier would be glad if His Excellency would ask the Colonial Office to communicate these facts to the Royal Humane Society, and to state that it is the desire of this Government that New Zealand cases of bravery with respect to saving life should be considered and dealt with by that Society.—FRED. WHITAKER. Wellington, 8th May, 1883.

ARITHMETIC.

1. Explain clearly the difference between *concrete* and *abstract* numbers.
2. Find the greatest number that will divide 365 and 7,345, leaving remainders of 13 and 41 respectively.
3. What is the least sum of money that can be paid in crowns, dollars (of 50d.), half-crowns, florins, shillings, and sixpences?
4. I started on a journey on the 24th of the month at a quarter to 2 o'clock in the afternoon: commenced on a steamer for 215 miles, steaming at the rate of $12\frac{1}{2}$ miles an hour, but a breakdown detained us for $5\frac{3}{4}$ hours. On arrival had to wait $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours for a train, which took me 310 miles at 18 miles an hour; then took a horse to ride 48 miles, but having ridden two-thirds of the way at 8 miles an hour he broke down, and I had to lead him in, walking at the rate of 3 miles an hour; my detentions for sleep and refreshment were $10\frac{1}{2}$ hours. When did I get to my journey's end?
5. If 60s. 6d. is taken off an account for £75 10s. in consideration of immediate payment, at what rate per cent. is the deduction made?
6. Find the value of 1.83 of half a guinea + 4.25 of 5s. + 3.361 of $.81$ of £1 — 1.4 of £3.
7. Some years ago the population of three towns was 25,460, 18,935, and 8,904; since then they have increased 10, 12, and 15 per cent. respectively. What is the average population of the three towns now?
8. What amount is paid for rent and rates on 15 acres 3 roods 24 perches, when the rent is £3 6s. 8d. an acre, and the rates 2s. 1d. in the pound on the rent?
9. I sold out of the Three-per-Cents at 92, and invested in Four-per-Cents at 98, thereby improving my income by £25 10s. What was the amount of my stocks in the Three-per-Cents?
10. What is the length of a rectangular figure whose breadth is 4 inches and which is equal in an area to a square whose side is $12\frac{1}{2}$ feet long?