

within a period of ten years, and women students undertake to complete five years' service within a period of eight years, after finishing their courses of training.

3. The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have empowered the Board of Education to accept for the purpose of the undertaking in question service in the British dominions in schools, whether elementary or secondary, or other schools of types now accepted for the purpose of the undertaking in England, provided—

- (a.) That the schools are either maintained or aided and inspected by the Dominion, Colonial, or State Government; and
- (b.) That the service is such as to occupy the whole working-time of the teacher.

4. The Board of Education will not consider applications from teachers for recognition of colonial service as discharging the undertaking unless such applications are made through the Education Department of the Dominion, Colony, or State in which the teacher proposes to serve.

I have, &c.,
CREWE.

Governor, the Right Hon. Lord Plunket, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., &c.

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New Zealand, No. 109.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 27th May, 1909.

I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, the accompanying copy of a despatch from the Governor of South Australia, forwarding applications from Professor G. C. Henderson requesting permission to examine certain despatches now on record in Australia and New Zealand, together with copy of the reply which I have sent to Sir Day Bosanquet.

I have, &c.,
CREWE.

Governor, the Right Hon. Lord Plunket, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., &c.

Enclosures.

South Australia, No. 87.

MY LORD,—

Government House, Adelaide, 1st December, 1908.

I have the honour to forward the enclosed applications from Professor G. Henderson, M.A., Professor of History in the Adelaide University, for permission to have access to the despatches, &c., in this office during the last century for the purposes of historical research.

2. Professor Henderson received, in 1903, permission from me to examine the records and despatches in my office for his admirable work on the life of Sir George Grey. On the occasion of the present application I informed him of the substance of Mr. Lyttelton's circular despatch of the 21st September, 1905, on the subject, and of the limitation with regard to the periods and the conditions under which the Secretary of State permitted such investigation.

I informed him that I was bound by the rules laid down in that despatch, but that if he sent me an application I would forward it to Your Lordship with my recommendation that, if possible, his request may be granted.

3. I know Professor Henderson very well personally, and am satisfied that if Your Lordship saw fit to grant him this permission it would not be abused. If granted it should be carefully stated that it is not to form a precedent for others who might make similar applications, for, as a general rule, I think it would not be desirable to go beyond the conditions laid down in Mr. Lyttelton's despatch.

4. The other application from Professor Henderson, which is addressed direct to Your Lordship, is for permission to examine the records in the other State Governor's Offices in Australia and in New Zealand, I have, of course, confined my recommendation to that applying to South Australia only, but I informed him that I would forward this general application to Your Lordship with the one particularly relating to this State.

I have, &c.,
GEORGE R. LE HUNTE.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Crewe, K.G., &c., Secretary of State for the Colonies.