

4. The Commissioners have accordingly asked that the following arrangements which they propose to make may be brought to the notice of your Government :—

- (i) A course of study in problems of prison administration will be held during the first fortnight of July, 1927. A provisional programme is enclosed.
- (ii) Accredited representatives of the Governments of the different countries of the Empire will be eligible to attend the course.
- (iii) The cost for each representative will be £20, to be paid at the opening of the course. This amount will cover all rail and motor fares throughout the period, and all hotel expenses during the time spent on tour. The sum is considerably less than would be expended if the officers travelled to the establishments named in the programme.

5. The Commissioners ask that the names of officers who it is desired should attend the course may be furnished by the middle of April.

I have, &c.,

L. S. AMERY.

Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart.,
LL.D., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., &c.

Enclosure.

PROGRAMME.

Monday.—10.30, welcome by the Chairman; Business notices. 11.0, lecture by the Chairman of the Prison Commission, "The Development of the Prison System." 12.0, lecture by Dr. Norris, "The Young Offender." 2.30, meet at Wandsworth Prison; lectures by Sir W. Grant-Wilson and one of the women visitors.

Tuesday.—10.30, lecture by Mr. Paterson, "The Borstal System." 11.45, lecture by Colonel Knox, "A Good Staff." 2.30, meet at Pentonville; lecture by Major Benke on "The Troublesome Prisoner."

Wednesday.—10.30, lecture by Mr. Lamb, "Classification of Prisoners." 11.45, lecture by Mr. Turner, "The First Offender." 2.30, meet at Wormwood Scrubs; lecture by Colonel Bevis on P.A.S. work.

Thursday.—10.30, lecture by Miss Barker, "The Girl Offender." 11.45, lecture by Mr. Clarke Hall, "On Remand and on Probation." 2.30, meet at Holloway; lecture by Dr. Morton on "A Woman's Prison."

Friday.—10.30, lecture by Dr. Griffiths, "The Medical Care of Prisoners." 11.45, lecture by Dr. East, "Mental Questions." 2.0, visit to Feltham; cricket match against the lads.

Monday.—To Isle of Wight; visit to Parkhurst Prison

Tuesday.—Visit to Camp Hill Prison; depart for Portland.

Wednesday.—Visit to Portland Borstal Institution and Dorchester Prison; on to Birmingham.

Thursday.—Visit to Birmingham Prison; on to Leeds.

Friday.—Visit to Leeds Prison and Wakefield Training Centre; return to London.

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SIR,—

Downing Street, 8th November, 1926.

With reference to my despatch, Dominions No. 493, of the 18th November, 1925, regarding the holding of courses of instruction at New Scotland Yard for senior police officers of the Police Forces of the Dominions, India, and the Colonies I have the honour to request Your Excellency to inform your Ministers that the Commissioner of Police proposes to continue these courses in 1927 on similar lines to those previously held, but, owing to representations that have been made, a winter course will be held in November, 1927, to suit the convenience of those officers who take winter leave.

2. The courses for 1927 will, therefore, be two summer courses of three weeks' duration each, to take place from about the middle of May to the middle of July, and a winter course of three weeks, commencing about the middle of November.