

Spelling (Part of a Paper on English Grammar and Composition).—For Class E, and for Junior Civil Service.

The Supervisor will be so good as to read through and then slowly dictate the following words, afterwards reading the whole of them again to afford opportunity for correction :—

Paroxysm, gauze, ceiling, woollen, colossal, embarrassed, idiosyncrasy, schism, eclectic, hygiene, fugue, coquette, harassing, languor, hectic, weird, hybrid, reminiscences, sentient, spontaneity.

English (Paper I., Composition and Précis).—For Senior Civil Service. Time allowed : 3 hours.

1. Correct anything that you see wrong in the following sentences :—

- (a.) Having taken an apprentice, the shop will be kept open each day till 8 p.m.
- (b.) Would anybody in their senses think of doing that ?
- (c.) He seldom or ever bestowed on John an encouraging word.
- (d.) And yet no one spoke to her nor disturbed her.
- (e.) It was a very different thing to say a thing than to do it.
- (f.) Nothing is so hard in the way of owning one's self wrong as to admit that we have been deceived.
- (g.) He is very particular as to who Mary associates with.
- (h.) He was as bad, if not worse, than his brother.

2. Write an essay on one of the following subjects :—

- (a.) The character of Tito Melema.
- (b.) Shakspeare's treatment of the supernatural as exemplified in "The Tempest."
- (c.) Ambition.
- (d.) Heroism.

3. Make an abstract of the following correspondence :—

[An abstract serves as an index, and should give the date of each letter, the names of the writer and the person addressed, and, in as few words as possible, the subject-matter of each letter.]

4. Draw up a *précis* of the same correspondence.

[A *précis* is a brief and clear statement of what passed, not letter by letter, but in the form of a narrative. It should include everything material, and be expressed very clearly, and as briefly as is compatible with completeness and distinctness.]

No. 1.

Council of Foreign Bondholders, 17, Moorgate Street, London, E.C.,

SIR,—

12th July, 1892.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st April last, and very much regret the decision come to by your Government.

I have now the honour to inform you that a committee has been formed to act in conjunction with this Council for the protection of the interests of the debenture-holders of the New Plymouth Harbour Board. The committee is constituted as follows: The Right Hon. Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P. (chairman), Mr. Walter Busby (vice-chairman), Mr. A. W. Ballance, Mr. Hyde Clarke, Mr. Gilbert Farie, Mr. Daniel de Pass, Mr. E. C. Schomberg, and General Sir Luther Vaughan, K.C.B.

The bondholders are, I believe, still prepared to accept a fair settlement of their claim, as suggested in my letter of the 2nd April, 1891.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. J. Ballance,

JOHN LUBBOCK, Chairman.

Colonial Treasurer and Minister of Native Affairs, New Zealand.

No. 2.

SIR,—

Premier's Office, 7th September, 1892.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th July last, No. 1126/92, informing me that a committee has been formed to act in conjunction with your Council for the protection of the interests of the debenture-holders of the New Plymouth Harbour Board, and stating your belief that the bondholders are still prepared to accept a fair settlement of their claim, as suggested in your letter of the 2nd April, 1891, and to inform you that your letter has been laid before Parliament.

I have, &c.,

R. J. SEDDON,

Acting-Premier.

The Right Hon. Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P.,
Chairman, Council of Foreign Bondholders, 17, Moorgate Street, London, E.C.

No. 3.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 10th August, 1892.

I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Ministers, a copy of a letter from the Council of Foreign Bondholders respecting the debenture debt of the New Plymouth Harbour Board.

I have caused the Council to be informed in reply that the matter is not one in which I can interfere.

I have, &c.,

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Glasgow, G.C.M.G., &c.

KNUTSFORD.