

## Enclosure.

[TRANSLATION.]

B. 17/29.

THE German Ambassador has the honour to request the kind assistance of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in the following matter :—

Professor Dr. Joh. W. Mannhardt, of the University of Marburg, the holder of the World-travel Scholarship founded by Albert Kahn, in Paris, is starting in February of this year on his tour of study to Latin America, New Zealand, Australia, the Dutch Indies, and Eastern Asia, which is estimated to occupy one year.

Monsieur Sthamer would be extremely grateful to Sir Austen Chamberlain if he would introduce Professor Mannhardt, who is travelling by reason of the international scholarship referred to above, to the competent Australian and New Zealand authorities and would request them very kindly to assist Professor Mannhardt in his efforts, during the winter of 1929-30, to become acquainted with the general conditions, the political and economic situation, and the higher and ordinary educational system of the two said dominions.

Germany Embassy, London, 8th January, 1929.

## No. 16.

New Zealand, No. 45.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 4th February, 1929.

I have the honour to state, for the information of His Majesty's Government in New Zealand, that, from a date many years before the war, it has been the practice in this country, in connection with open examinations for the majority of grades in the Civil Service in Great Britain in which an age-limit is imposed, to allow candidates to make a deduction from their age in respect of service in the Navy, Army, or Air Force.

2. The Civil Service Commissioners have now decided that, in giving effect to the above provision, whole time service in the Military Forces of a dominion or colony shall be viewed as equivalent to service in the Forces of Great Britain.

3. In this connection the Army Council have inquired whether, if and in so far as similar conditions as to appointments to the Civil Service obtain in other parts of the Empire, a similar concession could be made there in respect of service in the Forces of Great Britain, as is made in this country in respect of service in the forces of a dominion or colony ; and I should be glad if the point raised could receive the consideration of His Majesty's Government in New Zealand.

I have, &amp;c.,

L. S. AMERY.

Governor-General His Excellency General Sir C. Fergusson, Bart.,

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## No. 17.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 62.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 5th February, 1929.

With reference to Lord Lovat's despatch, Dominions No. 485, of the 7th September, 1927, I have the honour to state that the Prison Commissioners propose again to arrange a course of study for officers engaged in the administration of prisons overseas, the commencing date of which will be Monday, the 17th June, 1929.

2. The fee for attendance at the course will be twenty guineas, and the Prison Commissioners have asked that the name of any officer whom it is desired should attend may be furnished by the beginning of April next or as soon after as possible.

I have, &amp;c.,

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