

## Enclosure.

Despatch No. 142.

SIR,—

Department of External Affairs, Irish Free State, 23rd April, 1929.

I have the honour to refer to your despatch, No. 243, of 31st July last, regarding the question of reciprocity in medical registration between this country and New Zealand.

2. His Majesty's Government in the Irish Free State will be obliged if you will be so good as to thank His Excellency the Governor-General of New Zealand for the information conveyed in his despatch, No. 126, of the 9th June, 1928. They will be glad if at the same time you will inform His Excellency that as it is proposed that the right to medical registration in New Zealand should be conferred only on graduates of universities, to the exclusion of persons possessing diplomas granted by other examining and licensing bodies in this country, which entitle the holder to be registered, the Medical Registration Council would not be able to certify to the Executive Council that legislation on such terms would afford a reasonable equivalent in the matter of reciprocity in medical registration.

I have, &amp;c.,

(For the Minister.)

SEAN MURPHY.

The Right Honourable the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, Downing Street, London S.W. 1.

No. 33.

New Zealand, No. 172.

SIR,—

Downing Street, 6th June, 1929.

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch, No. 46, of the 25th February, I have the honour to transmit, for the information of your Ministers, the enclosed copy of a letter addressed by Mr. J. R. Darling, Director of the party of schoolboys who recently visited New Zealand, to the Honorary Secretary of the School Empire-tour Committee.

2. The Committee are most gratified to learn that this tour was so successful in every way, and they have requested me to ask that their thanks may be conveyed to your Ministers not only for the friendly interest which was taken in the proceedings of the party, but also for the generous concession of free railway transport accorded by His Majesty's Government in the Dominion to the members of the party. I desire, in forwarding Mr. Darling's letter of appreciation, to add my own thanks to those of the committee for the very cordial reception given to the party, and for the generous assistance extended to them.

I have, &amp;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., &amp;c.

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DEAR MISS BEST,—

Charterhouse, Godalming, Surrey, 1st June, 1929.

I am sure that committee will be writing to express their thanks to the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand for all that it did to make our tour possible. May I ask that you will add my thanks to yours? I have of course written myself when I was leaving New Zealand, but now that we are all back I should like to repeat what I then said.

Of course it was the assistance of the Government which really made it possible for us to attempt so ambitious a programme. Their generosity in the matter of railways and the extremely good way in which they always went out of their way to facilitate transport matters for us were indispensable to the success of the tour. But I think that even more than for that we owe them a debt for being really interested in us as a party and as an idea. The Prime Minister himself gave us of his time and spoke twice to us. Ministers were good enough to meet us. The Publicity Department arranged special films for us and gave us photographs. Above all, they sent Mr. Ardell round with us, and his knowledge of the country as well as his large number of friends everywhere assured us of a welcome. It is hardly possible to overestimate the advantage that this was to us, for, besides helping us in practical ways, he introduced us to people, advised us of local peculiarities, and was always ready to help me in a decision in which, if I had been left to myself, I might have gone wrong.

Wherever we went the local authorities warned by the Government went out of their way to welcome us and to help us. We were as we have often said, immensely struck with the welcome, which was not only official, but general and personal as well.

One other thing I should like to stress because we appreciated it very much: while we were in New Zealand many of the Ministers were also travelling about New Zealand, and when, as often happened, we ran into them, they always came up and spoke to us and associated themselves with us. I do think that that showed a most kindly spirit, and I should very much like them to know that we appreciated it.