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A LETTER

FROM THE

RIGHT HON. LEWIS HARCOURT, M.P.

HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

READ BEFORE THE DELIVERY OF THE FIRST OF THESE
LECTURES, AND PUBLISHED HERE WITH HIS CONSENT

DEAR PROFESSOR BURROWS,

I HAVE to thank you for bringing to my notice the course of six Public Lectures on Colonial Problems which are to be given in May and June at King's College. I need hardly say how gratified I am to learn that University of London, King's College, has found it possible to make arrangements for the delivery of these lectures, and I must congratulate you on the extremely interesting programme which has been arranged.

I have noticed, with much pleasure, that two

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of those who have served under me during my term of office have consented to render service to the University. Sir Charles Lucas's volumes on the history of the Colonies are recognised as standard works in the literature of the subject, and, from his long experience of the Colonial Office, there is no one better qualified to trace the influence on Empire of the progress of science. Sir Everard im Thurn can speak of native land and labour in the South Seas with an exceptional authority, as he has investigated the questions at first hand, and has brought to them knowledge of native customs and practices derived from experience in other parts of the British Empire. Professor Egerton is recognised as a leading authority on the early history of the self-governing Dominions, whose marvellous growth has brought to the front difficult and complicated questions of International Law which must in course of time be solved. I am glad to learn that these problems have now begun to occupy the attention of those who, like Dr. Lawrence, have made International Law their particular study. The British Empire is unique in the varied character of the forms of government

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which exist within its bounds, and Sir John Cockburn, from his experience as an Australian Statesman in the days preceding federation, is abundantly qualified to deal with the problems presented by that most interesting development in government. The all-important and complicated question of the future relations between the various component parts of the Empire will, no doubt, be illuminated by Mr. Sidney Low in discussing the question of an Imperial Executive.

I presume that these lectures will appear in due course in some permanent form, and I earnestly trust that the interest shown by the public will be such as to repay University of London, King's College, for the action which it has taken in the matter.

Yours very truly,

L. HARCOURT.

DOWNING STREET,
10th May 1913.

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