

brought to a conclusion long continued and serious controversies.

The Local Government Board Act will, I trust, prepare the way for important sanitary and administrative improvements: and the Act relating to the Judicial Committee will supply a much needed element of strength to an important tribunal, and afford a prospect of clearing away a serious arrear of appeals now before the Privy Council.

But there is every likelihood that for a long time to come, the great and varied interests of the United Kingdom and of the Empire at large, together with the extending demands of modern society, may prevent any lightening of the honourable but arduous burdens of legislation.

The condition of the Revenue, the revived activity of Trade, and the prospects of the Harvest, are subjects for congratulation; and I trust that these and all other bounties of Providence will ever meet their fitting acknowledgment in the hearts of a grateful people.

Then a Commission for proroguing the Parliament was read; after which the Lord Chancellor said:

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission, under the Great Seal, to us and other Lords directed, and now read, we do, in Her Majesty's name, and in obedience to Her commands, prorogue this Parliament to Tuesday, the seventh day of November next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Tuesday, the seventh day of November next.

**A**T the Court at *Balmoral*, the 19th day of *August*, 1871.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**T**HIS day, Sir Edward Thornton, K.C.B., was, by Her Majesty's command, sworn of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and took his place at the Board accordingly.

**A**T the Court at *Balmoral*, the 19th day of *August*, 1871.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**H**ER Majesty in Council was this day pleased; by under "The Local Government Board Act, 1871," to appoint the Right Honourable James Stansfeld, President of the Local Government Board.

**A**T the Court at *Balmoral*, the 19th day of *August*, 1871.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**H**ER Majesty in Council was this day pleased, on a representation of the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education, to appoint Adam Rankine, Esquire, B.A., of Balliol College, Oxford, to be one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools.

**A**T the Court at *Balmoral*, the 19th day of *August*, 1871.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to amend the Order in Council of the 4th June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, whereby rules were laid down for testing the qualifications of persons proposed to be appointed to situations or employments in Her Majesty's Civil Establishments:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, doth order, and it is hereby ordered—

I. In section two of the said Order, the words "until he shall have been reported by the said Commissioners to be qualified to be admitted on probation to such situation or employment" are hereby cancelled; and instead thereof, the words "until a certificate of his qualification shall have been issued by the Civil Service Commissioners" shall be substituted.

II. Clause six of the said Order is hereby cancelled; and instead thereof shall be substituted the following clause—

"After the candidate has passed his examination, and his certificate of qualification has been issued by the Commissioners, he shall enter on a six months' period of probation, during which his conduct and capacity in the transaction of business shall be subjected to such tests as may be determined by the Chief of the Department for which he is intended; and he shall not be finally appointed to the public service, unless his six months' probation shall furnish to the Head of his Department satisfactory proof of his fitness to be permanently employed in that Department."

III. A report by the Commissioners under the Order in Council of the 4th June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, that a person is qualified to be admitted on probation to a situation or employment, if given before the date of this Order in Council, shall, for the purposes of this present Order in Council, be deemed to be a certificate of qualification.

*Edmund Harrison.*

**A**T the Court at *Balmoral*, the 19th day of *August*, 1871.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

**W**HEREAS in pursuance of Her Majesty's Order in Council, dated fourth June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, Her Majesty's Civil Service Commissioners therein named have framed, and the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have approved, sundry Regulations for testing the qualifications of persons proposed to be appointed to situations or employments in Her Majesty's Civil Establishments, and part of such regulations (viz., the regulations contained in the schedule hereto) relate to Temporary Writers, whose services are not confined to any single Civil Establishment, but who represent, to whatever establishment