

ANOTHER DRAFT CONSTITUTION.

DOMINION STATUS.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NEHRU COMMITTEE.

NEW DELHI, August 6.

Information has been received from Allahabad that the final meeting of the Nehru Committee on the Indian Constitution was held there yesterday, Dr. Ansari also being present. It is understood that the report which covers 120 pages is unanimous and will be published about August 10. It is further understood that the Committee among other recommendations urges the grant of Dominion status for India and favours a constitution on the model of Canada and South Africa.

One Chapter deals with Indian States and their future relations with British India. Framers of the Report say that anxious Indian Princes should be assured of their *status quo*. Their relations with a self-governing India will remain what they are to-day with the Government of India. Indian Princes would be expected to have good government within their territories but the Crown theory would go for good and their future dealings would be with the Government of India and not with the British Crown which is what the Indian Princes claim to-day.

OBITUARY.

SIR ROBERT HENRY HOBART.

LONDON, August 6.

The death has occurred of Sir Robert Henry Hobart.—Reuter.

[Sir Robert Henry Hobart was born in 1836, almost in another age, a year before Queen Victoria came to the throne. Educated at Charterhouse and Trinity College, Cambridge, he served as Private Secretary to Marquis of Hartington (8th Duke of Devonshire) between the years 1863-74 and 1880-85 when the Marquis served in various capacities, as Secretary for War (twice), Postmaster-General, Chief Secretary for Ireland and Secretary of State for India. Sir Robert was also Private Secretary to four Secretaries for Scotland between the years 1886-87 and 1892-95. He was Secretary to the Earl Marshal (Duke of Norfolk) for the purposes of the coronation of Their Majesties King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra (1901-2). He was Gold Stick Officer at the Coronation of King George V and Queen Mary. On both occasions he was awarded the Coronation medal. He was elected Liberal M.P. for New Forest (1906-10). He was awarded the C. B. in 1885, created K.C.V.O. 1902 and a Baronet in 1914.]