

## NOTES AND NEWS

THE Fifth Meeting of the Executive Council will be held in London on Monday and Tuesday, July 16th and 17th. The Council will meet at the Colonial Office, and it is hoped that the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Rt. Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, will be present at the first session to welcome the members.

A summary of the minutes will appear in the next issue, which will also contain a list of members of the Institute.

Owing to the amount of important material received for this issue, the Institute again presents an enlarged number. As a general rule the Journal will, by decision of the Executive Council, contain ninety-six pages.

Specimens of African poetry appear regularly in the Journal under the heading 'The Voice of Africa'. In this number, however, Professor A. Werner's interesting article on 'Native Poetry in East Africa' takes the place of this section.

Dr. Hermann Baumann's paper on 'The Division of Work according to Sex in African Hoe Culture' is being published separately as Memorandum V in the series issued by the Institute and will be on sale at the offices of the Institute, price 1s. 6d.

A memorandum by Professor Daniel Jones on the tones of Sechuana nouns will shortly be published as Memorandum VI. Copies will be obtainable from the offices of the Institute, price 1s. 6d.

Mr. Hanns Vischer, the Secretary General of the Institute, has recently returned from a visit to Rome. Mr. Vischer was received by His Holiness the Pope in private audience, and he also had the honour of being received by Signor Mussolini to whom he described the work of the Institute.

Dr. Alice Werner, a member of the Governing Body, who is Professor of Swahili and Bantu Languages at the School of Oriental Studies of London University, and Miss M. Werner, will shortly be leaving for a visit to South Africa, with a view to doing research work on the Zulu and Xosa languages. Their time will mainly be spent in Natal.

Miss E. S. Fegan of Girton College, Cambridge, will in the near future visit West Africa, where she proposes to study ethnological and educational questions. Miss Fegan will spend most of her time in Nigeria, and will give particular attention to the problem of the education of girls and women.

An International Congress of Linguists met at The Hague in April 1928. This was the first time such a Congress had been held, and the results were so successful that it was decided to form a permanent organization and to hold similar gatherings every three years. An international Committee has been formed to carry on the work between meetings.

At the General Missionary Conference of Northern Rhodesia, held at Livingstone in July 1927, a resolution was passed urging on members of the Conference the importance of joining the International Institute of African Languages and Cultures. When questions of language and literature were discussed it was agreed to recommend to Language Committees that they should make serious endeavours to bring their literature into line with the Institute's proposals for practical orthography, so that there might be more agreement and uniformity.

A West Africa Missionary Conference is to be held at Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, beginning on September 16th, 1928, when it is expected that from 150 to 200 delegates will be present. Special consideration will be given to questions of language and literature.