

Notes and News

Executive Council Meeting.

THE thirteenth meeting of the Executive Council of the Institute was held in London on May 17 and 18 in the Conference Room at the Colonial Office, kindly placed at its disposal by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The Session was presided over by the Chairman, the Rt. Hon. Lord Lugard, and the following members attended: Rev. Father Dubois, Professor Éd. de Jonghe, Professor W. Köhler, Professor F. Krause, Professor B. Malinowski, Professor P. Rivet, Sir E. Denison Ross, Professor C. Conti Rossini, Professor P. Ryckmans, Rev. Professor W. Schmidt, Professor C. G. Seligman, Rev. E. W. Smith, Professor H. Labouret (Director), Professor D. Westermann (Director), Dr. J. H. Oldham (Administrative Director), Mr. H. Vischer (Secretary General), Miss D. G. Brackett (Secretary). Professor Barnard, representing the University of Capetown, and Principal Kerr, representing the South African Inter-University Committee on the Governing Body of the Institute, attended under Article V, Rule 6 (f) of the Statutes.

The Council was entertained by H.M. Government at a luncheon at the Park Lane Hotel when the Rt. Hon. W. Ormsby-Gore deputized for the Secretary of State for the Colonies and welcomed the guests on behalf of H.M. Government.

A report of the proceedings of the Council will appear in the next number.

The Study of Culture Contact.

Dr. L. P. Mair is collecting material for a series of articles to be contributed by anthropologists who have made the study of culture contact among African peoples their main interest, and the article by Miss Monica Hunter in this number is the first of the series. This is the newest branch of social anthropology and one in which the Institute is particularly interested. It presents its own peculiar problems of method both as regards the lines of inquiry to be followed up and the ways of obtaining information. Such problems were the subject of an informal discussion held at the London School of Economics last December, as a result of which the idea took shape of collecting a series of opinions upon them from anthropologists who have already engaged in such studies.

The process of culture change, whether in the particularly acute form in which it is observable at the present time in Africa or in the more gradual type of development which represents the history of all human culture, is one to which anthropology has so far devoted little attention, but which must