

## *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

be analysed if the study of cultural contact is to be placed on a scientific basis. The aim of this series, to which Dr. Mair will herself contribute, and which it is hoped will include among others articles by Dr. I. Schapera, Dr. A. I. Richards, and Dr. M. S. Fortes, is to make a first tentative effort in this direction.

### *Education and Culture Contacts.*

The fourth Summer Seminar in Education at Yale University is to be held from July 30th to September 8th. It will be devoted to a study of the social, religious, and educational problems which arise in areas where different races and cultures come into contact with one another, and Dr. Charles T. Loram, Sterling Professor of Education, who is well known to readers of this Journal, will be Director of the Seminar. He will lecture on 'Education and Culture Contacts in South Africa', and will deal with the cultural changes which are taking place among the South African natives as a result of contact with western civilization and their implications for education.

The members of the Seminar, who will be limited to one hundred, will consist of directors of education, superintendents, supervisors, inspectors of schools, principals, and teachers at training colleges and secondary and elementary schools, government officials, missionaries, social workers, and others interested.

Among the lectures to be given the following may be mentioned. Professor Alfred R. Radcliffe-Brown, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Chicago, will give a series of lectures on 'Comparative Sociology' including an analysis of the cultures of different peoples into such elements as health, family life, government, law, agriculture, industry, religion, and recreation, with emphasis on those elements which chiefly concern the educator.

Mr. Arthur I. Mayhew, Joint Secretary of the British Government's Colonial Education Committee, London, will lecture on 'Education in the British Colonies'. His lectures will include a summary of English influence on the education of India from 1800 to 1920; a discussion of education and culture contacts in Ceylon, Malaya, Hong Kong, and Palestine; English educational aims, methods, and results in the British dependencies in tropical Africa and in the western Pacific; a comparison of the educational processes of assimilation and adaptation as carried out in India, the Far East, the West Indies, Africa, and elsewhere; and an analysis of the desirability and possibility of cultural unity in education and methods of preserving distinctive characteristics of widely varying civilizations and cultures.

Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, Educational Director of the Phelps Stokes Fund, New York, who has conducted educational courses in Africa, Greece, and the Southern States, will present 'The Essentials of Education'—an outline analysis of civilization and its educational implications.