

guidance to several generations of African history students who now follow his approach in many of Africa's universities. Dr. Pereira's award is for his work in establishing one of the leading soil physics research departments in the tropics and in carrying out scientific work to the considerable benefit of African peoples. The 1966 Award for Ethiopian Studies has been made to Professor Rudolfo E. G. Pichi Sermolli, for botanical studies in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa.

Field Research in Southern Somalia

MISS VIRGINIA LULING, research assistant, Department of Anthropology, University College London, is currently carrying out field research on the social structure of southern Somali communities. The project, which began in July and is planned to run for two years, is financed by the British Social Science Research Council, with additional assistance from the Horniman Trust, and directed by Dr. I. M. Lewis. The aim of the study is to investigate the social structures of selected southern cultivating communities in the Somali Republic, with special reference to ecology, economics, and the ritualization of conflict. Comparable detailed material is already available for the kindred pastoral nomadic Somali of the north of the Republic who share the same general culture as the southern cultivators but differ considerably in social structure within what is virtually a common culture area. It will thus be possible to examine the contrasting effects upon social structure of the two variables: cultural and pastoral nomadism, and to relate these to different sociological conditions. A detailed study of the annual new-year fertility festival characteristic of the area should also throw new light on conflict rituals.

'Sierra Leone Studies'

Sierra Leone Studies is issued twice a year, in January and July, by the Institute of African Studies of Fourah Bay College, the University College of Sierra Leone, under the editorship of Mr. Michael Crowder, Director of the Institute. It is now the journal of the Sierra Leone Society and the editor is advised by a Committee of the Society.

'African Scriptures'

THE British and Foreign Bible Society is bringing out a revised version of Darlow and Moule's standard work, *The Historical Catalogue of Printed Bibles*, on a sectional basis. Miss Geraldine Coldham, Deputy Librarian of the B.F.B.S., has produced a complete revision in two volumes of the section dealing with African Scriptures, providing up-to-date details of all accessible Scriptures in over 400 African languages.

The Congolese Academy

THE Congolese Academy is a school and 'rural research centre' started by M. André Fukiau in the northern (Manianga) region of the Lower Congo. In addition to the teaching of French, history, mathematics, natural science, etc., M. Fukiau aims to instruct students in their own historic traditions and to encourage them and adults to write about these and traditional and contemporary social, political, and religious institutions. Some of these writings—the majority in Kikongo and other Congolese languages—and works by M. Fukiau himself have been mimeographed and are on sale. Further information may be obtained from: M. André Fukiau (please write in French), Académie Congolaise, B.P. 11,