

Notes and News

Sir Hanns Vischer's visit to Paris

FOLLOWING an invitation received through the French office in London, the Secretary General had the honour of calling on Mr. Giacobbi, the French Minister for the Colonies in Paris, to discuss, on behalf of the Chairman and the members of the Executive Council in London, the work of the Institute and its plans for the immediate future. In the course of the interview the Minister expressed his keen interest in our work, and promised to give us his support. The Secretary General also saw Professor Rivet, Monsieur Delavignette, the Head of the École Coloniale, and a number of permanent officials in the Ministry of the Colonies, with whom the future co-operation of French scholars and officials in promoting the Institute's activities was discussed in greater detail and with most promising results. The Secretary General also met Monsieur Labouret who handed to him his resignation as Director of the Institute. He further received letters from General Dérendinger and the Rev. Père Dubois who expressed the greatest pleasure at the prospect of further work as members of the Executive Council.

DONNANT suite à une invitation reçue par l'intermédiaire du Service des Colonies du Bureau Français à Londres, le Secrétaire Général s'est rendu à Paris où il fut reçu par le Ministre des Colonies M. Giacobbi, auquel il a pu exposer au nom de Lord Lugard et des membres du Conseil Exécutif à Londres les activités de l'Institut et ses projets de travail pour l'avenir. Au cours de cette entrevue le Ministre manifesta le plus grand intérêt et a bien voulu nous promettre son secours. Le Secrétaire Général a eu l'occasion de rencontrer le Professeur Rivet, Monsieur Delavignette, directeur de l'École Coloniale, et plusieurs membres du Ministère avec lesquels il lui a été possible de discuter en détail les moyens pour établir une coopération étroite entre l'Institut et les savants de France afin qu'ils puissent dès à présent apporter leur aide et leur appui aux travaux de l'Institut et maintenir l'intérêt dans nos activités en France et dans les colonies françaises d'Afrique. Le Secrétaire Général a aussi eu l'occasion de rencontrer Monsieur Labouret qui lui a communiqué sa décision de démissionner de son poste de directeur de l'Institut. Des lettres du Révérend Père Dubois et du Général Dérendinger reçues récemment expriment la satisfaction qu'éprouvent ces deux membres de notre Conseil Exécutif à l'idée de reprendre leur travail pour notre Institut.

Social Development in Africa and the work of the International African Institute

LORD HAILEY took the Chair at a joint meeting of the Dominions and Colonies section of the Royal Society of Arts and the Royal African Society on 21 November 1944, when Professor Daryll Forde, Director of the International African Institute, read a paper on Social Development in Africa and the work of the International African Institute.

In introducing the speaker the Chairman said that he himself had always emphasized the importance of investigation into the social conditions of Africa, and pointed out that modern sociological study was very much more vital and of much greater practical value than might be thought by those acquainted only with the older tradition of those studies. With regard to the International African Institute, Lord Hailey said that the best tribute he could pay to it was to mention the fact that for many years it had enjoyed the guidance of Lord Lugard—the most revered name in the history of African administration.

Professor Forde began his paper by indicating the change which had taken place in recent years, especially since the outbreak of war, in the attitude of colonial powers towards