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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE

I AM glad to be able to inform Members that the reorganization and development of the Institute's activities are, despite continuing war-time difficulties, proceeding most vigorously. We are now able not only to resume a great deal of our earlier work, but also to prepare plans for meeting the demands and opportunities of the future.

Members already know that since Professor Coupland was compelled to resign as Administrative Director owing to the increasing pressure of his other duties, our Hon. Secretary General, Sir Hanns Vischer, has borne the heavy responsibility of directing the Institute's affairs. Our debt to him for his services throughout this difficult period is immeasurable; and we have also to thank the members of the Interim Committee who have aided him so ably. Confident of their continued support in the future, we are able to take further steps forward.

We have been able to secure the appointment of Professor Daryll Forde as a Director. He will be responsible for the administration and the promotion of our plans for research development. Professor Forde will already be well known to many of our Members, particularly for his work in Nigeria and his contributions to this Journal. He is seconded from the University of Wales and has been released by the Foreign Office from his post in its Research Department to take up his appointment in the Institute. Under his able direction and with the assistance of the Interim Committee, the Institute will, I am confident, resume its distinctive place in the field of African studies and development.

LUGARD, *Chairman*

OBITUARY

ON behalf of this Institute I desire to record the deep regret with which we have heard the sad news of the death of Dr. Frederick Paul Keppel. The Institute is not only indebted to him as President of the Carnegie Corporation of New York—to whose generosity is due the establishment of our fund for assistance in the publication of selected books on Africa—but also for his personal interest and encouragement in the work of the Institute.

May I add my own personal sorrow and that of the Secretary General, Sir Hanns Vischer, at the loss of a very valued friend.

LUGARD, *Chairman*

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