

Notizen zur Eisengewinnung der Hausa
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'The Scolma Directory of Libraries and Special Collections on Africa'

THE Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa (see *Africa*, October 1962, p. 395) has recently published its *Directory of Libraries and Special Collections*, covering Great Britain and Eire. The *Directory* is arranged in alphabetical order of place-names and includes university and public libraries, missionary societies, and African studies institutes, as well as private collections containing materials on Africa, both published and unpublished. A very full index completes this most useful work of reference. Copies of the *Directory* (15s. each, plus 1s. 3d. postage) may be obtained from Messrs. W. Heffer & Sons, Ltd., 3 Petty Cury, Cambridge. The compiler, Mr. Robert Collison (Librarian, B.B.C., Broadcasting House, London, W. 1) would be glad to receive any suggestions, amendments, or criticisms for the second edition of the *Directory*.

'Neologisms in Hausa'

MR. T. G. BRIERLY, who supplied the examples of 'French-influenced Hausa' published in *Africa*, July 1963, p. 269, has asked us to point out that the words in his list were rendered as they are pronounced and that they are not normally written. Niger, unlike Northern Nigeria, has no Hausa publications, though broadcasts are made in Hausa. The Gaskiya Corporation, which publishes an extensive Hausa literature in Roman script, did not succeed in creating a market for a Hausa newspaper in the French-speaking territories, where Hausa is not taught in schools and the only written language commonly used is French.

Secretary of the Institute: Retirement of Miss Ailsa Currie

MISS CURRIE retired from the secretaryship of the Institute at the end of January 1964. She first came to the Institute in 1954 and assisted in preparing the *Select Annotated Bibliography of Tropical Africa* which was published with a grant from the Twentieth Century Fund of New York. She became Secretary on Mrs. Wyatt's retirement at the beginning of 1958, when the activities of the Institute were expanding considerably, notably in connexion with the programme of International African Seminars and the series of Field Fellowship awards made possible by the grants of the Ford Foundation. She handled the detailed and often complicated arrangements that these involved with great competence, while many members of the Institute and others who have benefited from these projects have been grateful for the help they have received. Her marked administrative ability and sympathy in securing the smooth working of the office while meeting the personal needs of the staff have been greatly appreciated, and it is much regretted that, owing to family commitments, the Institute has lost her valued services.

Mrs. Olga Wolfe, who has been Assistant Secretary since 1961 and will already be well known to many members of the Institute, has been appointed Secretary from February 1964.