

Notes and News

Charles Kingsley Meek 1885-1965

WE deeply regret to announce the death in April of Dr. C. K. Meek in his 80th year. Dr. Meek joined the Administrative Service in Nigeria in 1912; he was appointed Anthropological Officer for the Northern Provinces in 1924. He became a Resident in 1929. After his retirement in 1933 he lectured in anthropology at the Universities of London and Oxford. His publications included *The Northern Tribes of Nigeria* (1925), *A Sudanese Kingdom* (1931), *Tribal Studies in Northern Nigeria* (1931), and *Law and Authority in a Nigerian Tribe* (1937). The last, a study of the Ibo, was awarded the Wellcome gold medal of the Royal Anthropological Institute.

Dr. Meek was associated with the Institute from its foundation and was among the earliest contributors to *Africa*. He was a member of the committee which was formed in 1945 to decide on the form and scope of the Institute's Ethnographic Survey of Africa and gave much help and advice in the early stages of the project.

International African Seminar on the Influence of Christianity in Tropical Africa

THE seventh International African Seminar organized by the International African Institute was held from 6 to 16 April at the University of Ghana, Legon, by courtesy of the Vice-Chancellor, under the chairmanship of Professor C. G. Baëta, Head of the Department for the Study of Religions. The papers presented and discussed included:

Reactions to missions: an analysis of Independent Church movements across 200 African tribes (D. R. Barrett).

The conditions in which Christianity was introduced in Southern Cameroons (R. Bureau, S.J.).

Missionary attitudes, methods, relationships and service, with reference to the work of the Northern German Mission and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ghana (E. Grau).
Problems of the historical perspective: the planting of Christianity in Africa in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries (R. Gray).

The predicament of the Church in Africa (E. Bolaji Idowu).

The conception of God and religion in Africa and the interaction of Christianity on African life and thought (P. Laroche).

Religion and socio-economic action among the Serenje Lala of Zambia (N. Long).

The first conversions to Christianity in Buganda (A. Low).

Marriage and family among Christians or groups in process of Christianization in Dakar (V. Martin).

The ways and means of communicating the Gospel (J. Mbiti).

The African contribution to theology (V. Mulago).

The missionary struggle with complexity (T. Price).

Conceptions of Christianity in the context of tropical Africa; Nigerians' reaction to its advent (Joseph B. Schuyler, S.J.).

Ethiopianism: past and present (G. Shepperson).

Catholics and Protestants in the Congo from the 1880's to the present day (Miss R. Slade).

The attitudes and policies of the Yoruba African churches towards polygamy (J. B. Webster).

Some problems of African Christianity: guilt and shame (F. Welbourn).

A volume including the papers and an introductory review of the discussions is being prepared for publication by Professor Baëta.