

recordings of African music, together with tape recorders, cameras, a strobocorn, and other equipment necessary for ethnomusicological research.

At present, three interdisciplinary research projects are being undertaken by members of the programme: a study of pictorial perception among African, Asian, and European primary school children, generously supported by the National Council for Social Research (Department of Education, Arts and Science) and the Ernest Oppenheimer Memorial Trust; the teaching of English as a second language in African schools; the investigation of prehistoric mining and food-producing communities at Iron Age sites in the Transvaal. A fourth interdisciplinary committee has been formed to plan and execute a series of research projects on Indian communities in the Transvaal.

Further information can be obtained from the Chairman of the African Studies Programme, Department of Social Anthropology and African Government, University of the Witwatersrand, Jan Smuts Avenue, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Aberdeen University African Studies Group

THE Aberdeen University African Studies Group (Chairman, Professor J. D. Hargreaves; Secretary, Dr. R. C. Bridges) has been founded as a result of the general growth of academic interest in and relations with Africa to encourage that collaboration among the disciplines which has been a distinguishing mark of post-war African studies. The first number of its *Bulletin* (February 1967) contains notes on major departmental and individual activities and a list of interested persons in the university departments and associated research institutes. A programme of interdisciplinary seminars is planned to approach a single broad theme over a period of two years or so; the theme suggested for the first seminar is 'The Transition from Subsistence to Cash Economies in Africa'. It is also hoped to develop library and bibliographical services.

A Study Centre for African Religions: Lovanium University, Kinshasa

A 'Centre d'études des religions africaines' (CERA) has been created in the Faculty of Theology at Lovanium University. The Centre is under the direction of Father Vincent Mulago and has as its object research in traditional and modern African religions.

'The Scolma Directory of Libraries and Special Collections on Africa'

A SECOND edition of this *Directory* (see *Africa*, April 1964, p. 170) compiled by Mr. Robert Collinson, has now been published by Crosby Lockwood & Son Ltd., 26 Old Brompton Road, London, S.W. 7, price 35s. The contents are arranged alphabetically by name of place and include university and public libraries, missionary societies, African studies institutes, and private collections containing published and unpublished materials on Africa. Some fifteen libraries have been added to the new edition and many of the contributors have taken the opportunity to amplify their earlier information.

'The Journal of Religion in Africa'

THIS new international quarterly journal, which is to begin publication early in 1967, will be devoted to the scientific study of the forms and history of religion (whether Christian, Muslim, traditional or otherwise) within the African continent, and in particular in sub-Saharan Africa. It will include articles, short notes and reviews, and bibliographical material and *instrumenta studiorum* will be a specially prominent feature. The languages used will be English and French. The Editorial Board will consist of specialists from universities in

Africa, Europe, and the U.S.A.; manuscripts, books for review, and editorial communications should be sent to Mr. A. F. Walls, Department of Church History, University of Aberdeen, Scotland. Business inquiries and communications should be addressed to the publishers: E. J. Brill, Leiden, Netherlands.

Early contributions are expected to include: *The Osu System in Igboland*, by S. N. Ezeanya; *A Bibliography of Religion in Sierra Leone*, by P. E. H. Hair and A. F. Walls; *On African Ideas of God*, by E. B. Idowu; *A Typology for African Religious Movements*, by H. W. Turner; *The Bibliography of the Society for African Church History*, edited by A. F. Walls.

'Africa Today': Special Issue

Africa Today has published a special issue (vol. 14, no. 2, 1967) on 'Education in African Development', price \$1.00. The journal was founded by the American Committee on Africa and is published bi-monthly by Africa Today Associates, c/o Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver, University Park, Denver, Colorado 80210. The editor is George W. Shepherd Jnr. and the annual subscription \$5.00.

'Canadian Journal of African Studies'

THE first issue of the *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, formerly the *Bulletin of the Committee on African Studies in Canada* appeared in March 1967. The journal will continue the tradition of bibliographical work started by the bulletin and the first issue contains a 'Bibliographie critique récente sur Madagascar', by Louis Molet. The journal, which will be bilingual, is edited by Donald C. Savage, Loyola College, Montreal 28, Canada, to whom correspondence and contributions should be addressed. The annual subscription for two numbers a year is \$5.00 or 30s. and should be sent to the Managing Editor at the same address.

Notes on the Ethnography and Precolonial History of the Bamenda Grassfields, West Cameroon (1966)

MIMEOGRAPHED notes by Mrs. E. M. Chilver and Dr. P. Kaberry, based on field-work carried out during several visits to West Cameroon, have been prepared for use by educational institutions in West Cameroon.

Language distributions, economy, and material culture are briefly surveyed. Traditions of migration, settlement, and state-formation are dealt with in some detail, together with the social and political institutions of selected chiefdoms. The appendixes include bibliographical notes, a gazetteer of principal chiefdoms, and numerals 1-10 in thirty-one languages and dialects spoken in the area. Copies have been deposited for consultation at some centres of African studies in West Africa, Great Britain, Europe, and the United States to make them more generally available to scholars. A list of these can be obtained from Dr. Kaberry, Department of Anthropology, University College, Gower Street, London, W.C. 1.

Abstracts of Folklore Studies

Abstracts of Folklore Studies, now in its fifth year of publication, has expanded its coverage to the field of African folklore under the Assistant Editorship of Thomas C. Maroukis, History Department, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. *Abstracts* is published in English and covers English as well as foreign-language journals. Besides abstracts, the journal contains bibliographic notes. It is published quarterly; subscriptions