

interest in its work. Gouverneur Moeller, in replying, suggested that Rome had been the greatest exponent of colonialism and that we had all been colonized, and in greater or lesser degree civilized, by Rome. He welcomed the Italian Government's interest in our Institute and expressed on behalf of the Executive Council sincere appreciation of the hospitality which, on the initiative of Professor Grottanelli, had been so generously extended to its members.

After the conclusion of the Council's business sessions several of the members visited the new ethnographic museum which is shortly to be formally opened in palatial premises. This was followed by a cocktail party at the home of Professor and Contessa Grottanelli where members of the Council were able to meet a number of Italian scholars in the fields of ethnological and allied studies, and to enjoy a wide view over the roof-tops of Rome, including the flood-lit Dome of St. Peter's and the colossal monument to Victor Emmanuel.

The following morning, those who were able to rise early enjoyed an unforgettable visit to Hadrian's villa, with its library, baths and theatre, its tessellated pavements, marble pillars, and grandiose brick arches standing among olives and cypresses; and afterwards to plunge through fifteen centuries to the Villa d'Este and its sculptured fountains. Then, regretfully, but determined to return, to take the plane for the North.

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DIEDRICH WESTERMANN

AFTER this number had gone to press we received news of the death on 31 May of Professor Westermann, formerly a Director of this Institute and Editor of *Africa*. All those who had the privilege of knowing him, whether as friend, colleague, or teacher, will experience a deep sense of loss, and will join with us in extending their sincere sympathy to his family.

An appreciation of Professor Westermann will be published in the next number of *Africa*.