

To Portuguese India the offer of a special Statute has recently been made, obviously in consequence of the separatist propaganda in vogue there.

This then is what is left of the marvellous epic which had its beginning five centuries ago, the heroes of which belonged to a country whose population then numbered only some two millions, of which the seafaring men cannot have been more than thirty or forty thousand; yet their language was still in the eighteenth century the *lingua franca* spoken along the coasts of Hindustan, as we are informed by A. Hamilton, and at the present day occupies the third or fourth place among the population of the Portuguese territories. Though we may be unduly proud of our past, and may have other obvious faults and failings, we are averse to anything in the nature of a colour-bar, and this gives us a high standing in the regard of those peoples and statesmen who are now calling the attention of a world victorious in the struggle against subversive racialism to a racial bias being manifested in the first World Parliament.

OBITUARY

MAJOR SIR EDWARD HUMPHREY MANISTRY LEGGETT, D.S.O.

It is with the most sincere regret that we record the death of Sir Humphrey Leggett, first treasurer of the International African Institute and for many years a member of its Executive Council and one of its most trusted advisers.

We hope to publish in our next issue an appreciation of his great services to the Institute and to East Africa generally.

DR. JACKSON DAVIS

DR. JACKSON DAVIS, Vice-President and Director of the General Education Board of the Rockefeller Foundation and President of the Phelps Stokes Fund, died suddenly at his home in Virginia on 15 April.

His connexion with Africa and his labours for the development of African education extended over many years. At the request of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America he organized an investigation into the means of utilizing to the best advantage the resources of the African Churches and Missions, and accepted leadership of the group which visited West Africa in connexion with this study in 1944-5 and issued the report *Africa Advancing* (reviewed in an earlier number of this journal).

The International African Institute counted Dr. Davis among its most valued friends, and throughout a long period had enjoyed his active and sympathetic support. During his recent visit to London, and subsequently in the United States, he interested himself particularly in promoting closer contact between the Institute and those groups and organizations in America which were pursuing African studies. His many friends in Britain and in Africa, no less than those in the United States, will regret the loss of one whose wise and clear-sighted tolerance and intelligent understanding had for so many years been applied to the service of the African peoples.