

Re-opening of the galleries. In order to inaugurate the educational scheme, a meeting, which was presided over by the President of the Board of Governors, was held in the Great Hall of the Institute on the 28th September. Invitations to attend the meeting were issued to the Head Teachers in the London area, and some 1,200 of them were present. They were addressed by Mr. Ormsby-Gore, Parliamentary Secretary for Colonial Affairs, and the Duchess of Atholl, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education. The galleries were afterwards thrown open to the teachers, and it was at once discernible that a large number of them had never realised how useful the galleries could be to them in assisting teaching of Empire development and economic geography. The galleries were opened to the public on September 29th.

Educational visits by school-children. By agreement with the London County Council, special tours of the galleries have been arranged for school-teachers at stated times. Parties are met by the two Guide-Lecturers, who conduct them round the galleries indicating the sources of supply of various products and their utilisation. The teachers then bring their children to the Institute and give them practical lessons in the galleries. This new scheme has the advantage over the old in that teachers are thus enabled to impart such information as they think their children can absorb in accordance with the standard of education which they have reached.

Since the inauguration of this scheme on November 1st till the end of the Christmas term (under 2 months) 538 teachers have taken part in these tours.

Commencing on January 17th, the scheme will be extended to include the schools in the Middlesex County Council area, and be further extended to the Surrey area at a later date.

Arrangements are still made, on request, for the Guide-Lecturers to conduct parties of children round the galleries. These are, of course, in addition to those parties brought by their own teachers.

It is specially important to note that I was approached by the Insurance Institute some time ago for a series of conducted lectures to the students, who were then attending a special course, on products in which they would be interested on appointment. I have been assured by the