

With the view to closer co-operation with the Universities throughout the Empire, and in order to see that suggestions, made by the various Advisory Technical Committees as to the research which they consider desirable, should be undertaken, a letter has been addressed to the Universities throughout the Empire with the approval of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, asking for their co-operation in the matter of research, and, up to the present, it would appear that very material advances can be given mutually in this connection.

It is the aim of the Imperial Institute to have on record, as far as possible, a list of the various researches that are being carried out throughout the Empire so that information can be disseminated in connection therewith.

As previously mentioned, the Advisory Technical Committees have been of very great assistance in keeping the Imperial Institute in touch with the industries, while substantial help has also been afforded by the Department of Overseas Trade, the Colonial Office and the Geological and Mining Authorities in the various Crown Colonies and Protectorates.

The Mining and Geological Authorities in the Dominions and India have been in close and direct contact with the Imperial Institute, and their help and co-operation in connection with all matters dealing with mineral and metal industries of the Empire have been greater than heretofore, which has been of very material assistance.

During the year a closer co-operation with the Geological Surveys of the Crown Colonies and Protectorates has been attempted and in some measure was attained. Nigeria and Nyasaland had a considerable amount of work undertaken by the Imperial Institute, and this was carried out expeditiously, and all reports finished before the various members of the surveys returned to their respective countries. It is hoped that it can be arranged in future for all officers of the surveys who visit this country, to avail themselves of the facilities which the re-organised Imperial Institute can offer.

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