



IMPERIAL INSTITUTE,
LONDON, S.W. 7.

11th August, 1927.

Dear Sir,

It will be in the memory of the various Universities and other Institutions within the British Empire at which scientific and industrial research work is carried out, that on the 28th October, 1926, a letter was addressed to them by the Director of the Imperial Institute informing them of the re-organisation and expansion in the constitution and activities of the Institute.

In this letter, an allusion was made to the fact that at a recent meeting of the Advisory Council on Minerals, it had been suggested that post-graduate students working at the various Universities throughout the Empire might be glad to carry out research work on some subject of economic value, and that the professors under whom these students work would probably welcome suggestions. It was stated that the Governors of the Imperial Institute considered that co-operation between the Imperial Institute and the Empire's Universities on these lines might prove of material benefit, instances being quoted to that effect.

It was pointed out also that the Universities could assist the Imperial Institute in carrying out its functions as a clearing house of information in these matters by keeping the Governors of the Institute informed of any researches that may be undertaken independently at the Universities on British Empire raw materials.

It is pleasant to be able to report that the suggestions in regard to possible researches, epitomised above, have been welcomed by almost every University in the Empire.

Since the proposals alluded to were first mooted, meetings of the Advisory Technical Committees on minerals have been held at the Imperial Institute, at which a number of suggested researches, of varying degrees of economic importance and urgency, have been proposed and considered, and the recommendations of the Committees, which have been deliberated upon and approved by the Advisory Council on Minerals, are set out in the report enclosed herewith.

Neither at the Imperial Institute, nor, probably, at any one centre, is there available all the necessary detailed knowledge as to the nature and extent of the laboratory and other equipment established at each and all of the various Universities throughout the Empire, which knowledge would enable the sending on to each University information as to only such researches as the particular University is prepared to undertake or consider. ~~For this reason, and for the reason that it may be of interest to each of them to have the full list of subjects suggested for research before them,~~ the list in its entirety is attached hereto.

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