

These Protectorates are separate and have distinct services, but they fall into two main groups- the East and West African. Within each of these groups the salaries, regulations of service, system of leave and pension etc., are practically the same.

The countries administered by these services have not so far loomed very large in the public eye and many people know very little about them. There will probably be a considerable change in this respect during the next 20 years or so and in any case the following figures will give an idea how great is the task of their administration. On the East side of Africa the Tanganyika Territory (late German East Africa) has a roughly estimated area of 380,000 square miles and a population of 7,500,000. The other Colonies and Protectorates have an area of 466,000 square miles and a population of 7,600,000. The West African Colonies and Protectorates cover an area of 450,000 square miles, with a population of 19,000,000. Nigeria alone is half as big again as France and has a population about twice that of Canada.

The duties of an administrative officer are usually very similar on both sides of Africa: they are of a very varied character. The Administrative Officer is the immediate agent of the Government in his district, and his responsibility extends to all departments of the Administration which have not a special representative of their own at his station. Thus, in addition to his primary functions (a) of magistrate, and (b) of political officer, (i.e. the officer responsible for the maintenance of satisfactory relations between the natives and the central administration), he may be called upon to take charge of a detachment of police; to perform the duties of accountant for his district; to superintend the district

X N.B. All figures rough estimate only.