

## BARBARA PYM

IT is with much regret that we must announce the retirement of Miss Barbara Pym, after twenty-eight years with the Institute. She joined the staff in 1946, and was at first concerned with editorial work for the Ethnographic Survey of Africa. In 1958 she became Assistant Editor of *Africa* in place of Mrs. Beatrice Wyatt, and since then has also dealt with all other Institute publications. Besides difficult and detailed preparation of the journal and volumes for the press, she did an immense amount of work in editing manuscripts and reviews, preparing 'Notes and News', keeping in close professional contact with presses and printers, and maintaining personal friendship with authors and reviewers, not all of whom were easy to deal with nor even good-tempered, but all of whom recognized and appreciated her knowledge, competence, and total devotion to the Institute.

We wish her all happiness and peace of mind in her retirement, and hope that she will at last have the time to play her *alter ego's* role as novelist. We shall miss her very much.

We are lucky in having her colleague and friend, Hazel Holt, as future Assistant Editor, who will continue to help maintain the high standard of the Institute's publications.