

located at Mödling, near Vienna. Schmidt rightly points out that whoever has had the opportunity to observe the development of his periodical somewhat more closely would admit that, as the journal's *Gründung* corresponded to a natural need, so its development was by no means an artificially forced issue but rather a genuine growth, albeit in a way that lacked for a long time almost all systematics and concentration. What Father Schmidt meant was that from the beginning he was blessed with collaborators from the S.V.D. The fact is that Arnold Janssen (d. 1909), the Founder and first Superior General of the Society, farsighted as he was, had quite early appointed members of his missionary order to work with Father Schmidt<sup>3</sup>. When the Institute was formally established, Father Schmidt was, of course, appointed its Director, with his close associate Father Wilhelm Koppers as Vice Director. Father Georg Höltker was put in charge of the editorial office of the journal. As Director, Schmidt was ultimately responsible for the journal and its affiliated publications. However, the 1932 Announcement leaves no doubt that the members of the Institute were fully competent in their respective assignments. (Here, I feel, one member of the Institute deserves special mention. From the mid-thirties, and for forty-five years, Father Joseph Henninger either was, or belonged to, the mainstay of the journal's editorial office.)

The ever growing felt need for a systematic coordination of the work of Father Schmidt's associates had found its fulfillment in a structured, well-organized Institute. Father Schmidt himself, his associates, and the Superiors of the Society of the Divine Word were now able to look toward the future with greater confidence, as the editorial tasks became more complex and demanding, and new programs, especially fieldwork, called for greater attention and organization<sup>4</sup>.

In the concluding remarks of the Announcement, Schmidt states that the *Anthropos* enterprise (*Anthroposwerk*) will now, as an Institute, proceed essentially in its old ways, but in new concord and solidarity, and with a new and, if possible, even stronger resolve in serving the interests of Ethnology (*Völkerkunde*) and Linguistics. He, moreover, expresses the hope that the Institute would carry out its goals in close partnership with other spirited researchers and institutes. In particular he wished to introduce *Anthropos* in its new form to the missionaries around the world, and he offered them the services of the Institute so that they might, in accord with their unique opportunities, play an ever more significant role in the further development of Ethnology and Linguistics.

When Schmidt thus addressed missionaries, ethnographic opportunities among "untouched" and "primitive" peoples had already then begun to disappear, and rapidly so. Twenty years later, Schmidt himself took up this

<sup>3</sup> Rahmann 1956: 10. Towards the end of his life, in a letter dated May 11, 1952, and addressed to Father Alois Grosse-Kappenberg, then Superior General of the S.V.D., Father Schmidt warmly acknowledges the encouragement which he had always received from the Society since the days of its Founder (Rahmann 1956: 17f.)

<sup>4</sup> Concerning details about the fieldwork, see Rahmann 1956: 7-10.