Contents

Foreword	V
Preface	vii
West Africa and the English Language JOHN SPENCER The School of English, University of Leeds	1
The English Language in Nigeria AYO BAMGBOSE The Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages, University of Ibadan	35
Education and the Role of English in Ghana L. A. BOADI The Department of Linguistics, University of Ghana	49
Krio: an English-based Language of Sierra Leone ELDRED JONES The Department of English, University College of Sierra Leone	66
Nigerian Pidgin BERNARD MAFENI The Department of Linguistics and Nigerian Languages, University of Ibadan	95
West Africa and the Atlantic Creoles IAN F. HANCOCK The School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London	113

X CONTENTS

The Influence of West African Languages on English ANTHONY KIRK-GREENE St Antony's College, University of Oxford	123
The Influence of English on West African Languages GILBERT ANSRE The Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana	145
The Language of West African Literature in English PETER YOUNG The Department of English, University of Ibadan	165
References	195