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## OUR DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Dr. Charles E. Maddy D. D.

Dr. Charles E. Maddy, D.D., Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention of Richmond Va., U.S.A. was given a grand reception by the Ibadan Mission of the Nigerian Baptist Communion, at Idi-Ikan Church, on Thursday the 7th instant.

Dr. Maddy and Party, consisting of Mrs. Maddy, Dr. M. T. Andrews, D.D., Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. J. B. Boatwright on a visit to the Baptist Missions in Nigeria; they were accompanied by Dr. George Green, D.D., the General Superintendent of the Nigerian Baptist Communion, Dr. and Mrs. Scott - Patterson D.D.

Long before the arrival of the party, the Church building had been filled up with the representatives of Ibadan Baptist Mission Churches and the members young and old.

The Baptist Idi-Ikan Day School which ordinarily should have gone on holiday a week earlier was kept open purposely to welcome the distinguished visitor.

The Rev. A. A. Paddicombe, General Superintendent of the Nigerian Baptist Communion and the Rev. Supt. D. O. Tugun, both of whom came up for the District Council Meeting of the Communion, were busily engaged in setting everything in order for the reception.

Punctually at 10.30 A.M., Dr. Maddy and party, arrived in a large saloon Car and a motor lorry. They were received by PASTORS Paddicombe, Tugun the Officers and Elders of Ibadan Mission who conducted them to their seats on the Rostrum.

Whilst the organist Mr. R. A. Allen was playing the Processional March on the Harmonium, the Choristers filed into the Chapel and the meeting was opened with the singing of a Hymn - and prayer.

The distinguished visitor and party were introduced to the Assembly by the Dr. George Green, D.D., who spoke in very

good Yoruba.

In the absence of Bro. M. A. Adewusi the General Secretary of the Ibadan Mission, an Address of Welcome was read and presented to Dr. Maddy by Elder D. A. Obase in the name of the Mission.

The salient points in the Address of Welcome are:-

1. Expressions of the Mission's gratitude to the Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention in U.S.A. for sending Baptist Missionaries to this land.
2. For sending Dr. Maddy and Party to visit the Mission fields here at this particular time.
3. Remembrance of the pioneers of the Baptist Mission and the will of those early Missionaries both dead and living who had laboured in this country.
4. Enumeration of the seeds they saw in the number of social institutions they left behind.
5. Critical survey of the early method of evangelizing the country.
6. The needs of Baptist Churches and Schools.
7. The needs of Ibadan Baptist Mission in particular.
8. Prayers and best wishes for the party's good health and successful tour of the Baptist Mission fields in Nigeria.

Dr. Maddy in responding to the Address of Welcome expressed his pleasure at great reception extended to both himself and party, he observed that it is the same kind of welcome receptions he and his party had been receiving everywhere visited since their arrival.

He is happy of the opportunity given him by the Board of visiting Nigeria, though it had been the wishes of the institution that its Secretary should do so years ago, for the purpose of ascertaining the needs of Baptist Missions in Africa, and to arrange to meet up whatever is required for the progress of the work.

## The Fifth Anniversary OF HIS HIGHNESS S. O. LATONA II.

The Atsoja of Oyo, Sunday 17th July.

The celebration of the Fifth Anniversary of His Highness S. O. Latona II, the Atsoja of Oyo, on Sunday the 17th inst. was quite an impressive and successful event.

Precious to the day of the celebration, there was a large stream of prominent men and women including the Oyo Chiefs who

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## Correspondence.

May I beg you to spare me a space in your valuable journal to record the ill-treatment to dogs in our town, Ibadan.

I am very sorry to see every morning these Sanitary Labourers or some men carrying in their hands or shoulders some bamboo poles with some string inside in search of dogs, whenever one of them get hold of a dog, he will be dragging it along the ground, and the rope draws tightly to the animal's neck, the dog, which has never experienced such treatment before, begins crying, jumping and twisting all about, but instead of those people having mercy on the dog and drawing it gently, they will be pressing the bamboo pole, and go on dragging the poor dog till it is bruised and bleeding. What is still a wonderful thing to me is while I see what honours of all these dogs that had been caught? It is said they were killed at the Health Office.

May I beg the Authority concerned to warn the labourers to have mercy on both the dogs and the owners and spare the life of the dogs for a week till the owner comes for his or hers; because there were many persons who wished to get dogs and to pay for the license and some few which I hope may increase the revenue.

If Government would allow, they may spare those dogs for a week and if they do not see the owner, he should allow they may sell them at any rate to those who like them and can obtain license, and by those the revenue as aforesaid will be greater.

Hope this my petition will meet with the Authority's approval.

Thanks for the space allowed.

I am,

Yours faithfully

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