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Wonder at Jebba South.

*Lame Man Miraculously Cured
After 28 Years.*

A Happy Co-incidence.

A Lame man by name Amodu, a native of Shokoto, who had made his permanent home at Jebba South for a considerable length of time was miraculously cured after 28 years of suffering and now walks on his own legs without any aid.

On the night of Friday, a week previous to his curing, Amodu had a dream in which he was directed to make a sacrifice of three fowls and that he should see that the fowls were killed by the respective people to whom the sacrifice was made, this injunction was swiftly and obediently carried into effect.

On the following Sunday night, Amodu of his usual night sleep on his bed, the next night he had a vision which was unable to describe. Amodu had since telling him "What are you sitting for, you had better get up and away." To Amodu's surprise, his legs stretched touching the end of the bed, he got up, woke his wife who was in a perplexed state of mind on seeing her husband standing on his own legs.

Early on Monday morning, Amodu tended the mosque for the usual morning prayer. On the approach of people at the mosque, many of the men of the mosque who recognized Amodu were surprised to see him walking on his own legs. It was then that Amodu called on the jumal and says, I am Amodu the lame-man. Everyone to see Amodu was lost in amazement.

It should be noted that Amodu was a born lame, in his early age at Ado, Amodu was taken ill on a Sunday night and all medical aid then met with failure and he had since been a cripple.

What a happy co-incidence! Amodu is taken ill on a Sunday night about 28 years ago and became a lame-man, was miraculously cured on a Sunday night on the 20th January 1926. Surely the work of God is incomprehensible.

Amodu had since been to Sokoto to pay a visit to his family.

JAGUDA BOYS.

Of late the vilest actions of Jaguda Boys at Ibadan and more especially at the Railway Station is a matter that calls for an immediate and rigid measure, on the part of our Police authorities.

According to our personal observation the activities of these gangs of light-skinned fraternity are daily increasing and growing in devilish efficiency.

Some of these wicked boys had had on less than 10 previous convictions in Lagos in consequence of which they had been compelled to leave the township of Lagos.

In view of the fact that there have been no steps taken to make Ibadan a permanent place of abode for their nefarious activities, we are convinced the best thing to do for the authorities is to expel the gang from Ibadan township.

BARRISTER A. SOETAN.

Mr. Adesule Soetan Esq. who has been in town a few days ago on professional duty returned to Lagos by Train on the 27th ultimo.

MR. ERNEST IKOLI.

Mr. Ernest Ikoli, Editor, Nigerian Daily Telegraph who has been making a tour of the Southern Provinces in the interest of his journal was in town on Wednesday on his way from Benin and was the guest of Mr. Andrew O. Thomas Esq. Mr. Ikoli left for Lagos on the 27th ultimo by the 45 Dawn Passenger which left by 4 o'clock.

MR. ADEKUNLE COKER Esq. Esq.

Mr. Adesule Coker Esq. Esq. the popular Surveyor who had been in town on conveying duty also returned to Lagos by the same train.

MADAM TAMU KOROKO.

Madam Tamu Kosky, wife of Mr. A. L. Kosky of the Nigerian Railway who has been in Lagos about 2 weeks ago in connection with the nuptial ceremony of her sister returned to town on Thursday last by the 31 U. P.

MESSES R. A. MARTIN & J. T. JOSE.

Messes R. A. Martin, General Merchant and J. T. Jose, Timber Contractor both of Lagos, were in town on urgent business on Thursday last and returned the same day by the 45 D. P.

A PROGRESSIVE ORA.

Alalayeoluwa The Oni of Ife.

On Alalayeoluwa, The Oni of Ife visited the Agricultural Department's Best-Quarters on Monday, Feb. 24, in connection with a model farm scheme at Ife.

The Oni Alalayeoluwa who was accompanied by the leading Chiefs and members of Ife was received at the Best-Quarters, An. 2, Ibadan, by the Bule of Ibadan and Chiefs, who accompanied the Oni to the Government Farm at Moor-Pan-Oluwa, where the various activities of the Department were explained to the on-lookers by Mr. Brown the Superintendent of Agriculture.

Leaving Moor Pan-Oluwa Tax Unit and Suite passed through the town to the Bule's House where the Alalayeoluwa was given a royal reception by the Bule and Chiefs. Leading members of the Ife Club and Ibadan Progressives Union were in attendance.

The Oni returned to Ife in the afternoon of the same day, carrying away the good wishes of Ibadan people.

EWROGLARS AT AGBERO.

On Thursday morning the 27th ultimo the shop of Mr. J. A. Lohpo at Agbero was visited by gang of burglars who broke into the shop.

It is understood the Police are conducting investigations with a view to bringing the culprits before the bar of justice.

MR. D. ANTHONY OKA.

Mr. D. Anthony Oka, the popular Show-maker of Lagos who was for a considerable length of time, in charge of the Show-Making Dept. of the Kingsway Store in Lagos has now resumed his business in Ibadan, where he hopes to carry on his trade.

It will be remembered Mr. Oka is a son of the late Hon. E. H. Oka, the first member to represent Oyo Province in the Legislative Council.

We wish Mr. Oka success in his new sphere of commercial activity.

HALE OF IBADAN AT ILE-IFE.

His Honour Chief Olorunda the Bule of Ibadan and Chief of Ife the Oni Alalayeoluwa The Oni of Ife last Saturday Feb. 29. The Bule was given a royal reception.

After visiting Ife Water-works and the D. O's Office, the party returned in the evening of the same day.

Full report will appear in our next.

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Our Educational Policy.

THE present trend of education in the Southern Provinces of Nigeria deserves closer scrutiny by all who have the best interests of the Race at heart.

Those who have been watching the different policies of successive administrations have noticed glaring disagreements exhibited in the various methods and schemes introduced by the heads of the Education Department, each of whom prepared and brought in a new Code totally different from those of his predecessors in office. It is a good thing to be original in all one does, but when such line of action is not in the best interests of the work in hand, it is time such originality should be set aside and the usual course followed.

It was formerly the practice to teach Yoruba in all our schools side by side with the English language and those who were educated under the scheme derived great benefits from the bi-lingual instructions imparted in those days, the happy results of which the country is now reaping, because the foundation of knowledge was then well and truly laid.

The Amalgamation of the Colony of Lagos and the Southern Nigeria was the cause of changing the good policy hitherto pursued in that the vernacular was for all practical purposes discouraged, leaving only English as the sole medium of instructions at school. Certainly, this could not be otherwise as the Government had to provide a Code for all children attending school, whether they are by birth Yoruba, Benin, Isekiri, Ibo, Efik, Kalabari & the vernaculars of most

most of whom were not available as text books for school at the time.

The instructions given under the circumstances were therefore not as sound as in previous years with the result that we now have today, many who could not read Yoruba publications intelligently—even among the grown up and some school teachers are to be found those who could not understand Yoruba numeration. How funny it is at times to hear in some of our Churches the number 365 in the Yoruba Hymn Book called out by one of the conductors of the divine service as 'Osin Sita Efa, Arun' instead of Osin Ojidiolrinwo o le marun? But for those educated for the ministry, it is a question whether we could now find 30% among our literate people who could read Yoruba intelligently.

It is re-assuring to note that the vernacular is now recognised as a School subject by London University as well as our educational authority. It now rests in the hands of our School Managers to see that this scheme is carried out in full.

There is no reason why we should not make the most of our own language when those who are strangers to it have given it recognition. Though English is already a world language, yet the Welsh and Irish peoples continue to develop their own national languages whilst remaining partners of the United Kingdom and right in the centre of the British Empire.

This policy is bound to revolutionise education in our country by reducing the number of years usually spent by pupils in the lower divisions of our schools. We should always bear in mind that the English people were first taught at school in their own language after which, the other continental languages are usually added. Ability to read in one's own always simplify the acquirement of the language of other nations.

The main difficulty is the want of more text books for the different subjects taught in our schools. This will surely be remedied as long as the vernacular is made a compulsory subject in all our schools.

To be continued.

Try Again!

One of the moral principles that are usually instilled into the youth both in the home and at school is the lesson of "Perseverance". This habit, once formed is often reflected in the child's character throughout life.

It is plain that there are very few good things that one can achieve without perseverance as witnessed the struggles of those connected with

the numerous modern inventions such as the steam Engine, the Telegraph Telephone, Television, Electric Light, Gramophone &c. &c.

The best method of impressing this idea upon the youth is by a study of the lives of Stephenson, B. others, Isaac Newton, the Wrights Brothers, M. Santos Dumoust, Thomas Alva Edison, Dr. Morse, brooker Washington Dr. Marconi and a host of others who have achieved success in their different spheres of life by facing fearful odds, oppositions, evocations—even from their own peoples and untold sufferings in sticking to their convictions and ideas, in spite of many abortive attempts before attaining final triumph. Therefore: "If as first you don't succeed Try, Try, Try Again!"

Correspondence.

IBADAN OLD GRAMMARIANS' SOCIETY.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Please kindly allow me a space in your valuable journal to ask some questions from the Secretary of the above-named Society.

Whether the membership of this society is limited only to natives of Ibadan who have attended the school?

And whether the society has any list of old boys of the school?

And whether there is age limit for membership of the society?

Hope to hear from the Secretary soon.

Thanking you Dear Mr. Editor, for space allowed.

Yours,
L. O. J.
A.P.P.S.
Ibadan, 28/2/36.

**THE EDITOR,
YORUBA NEWS,
IBADAN.**

Dear Mr. Editor,
Please allow me a space in your valuable paper to congratulate you on your untiring efforts which had made the re-launching of your widely read journal the 'Yoruba News' an accomplished fact after about three years' absence from the journalistic arena of Nigeria.

The Yoruba News in its by-gone days was the only bi-lingual newspaper, in the columns of which we usually find the Yoruba language written in the best classical style next in rank of Yoruba publications was its Lagos contemporary the defunct "Akede Eko" under the editorship of Professor Adeoye Danigba.

I wish the Yoruba News a permanent stay and a great success in its new series and cherish the hope, that the paper will continue to serve the general community in the best journalistic spirit as it was its policy in the past.

I am
Yours sincerely,
Adeola Ogundeji

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