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GOD BLESS

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Among our ancient mountains,  
And from our lovely vales,  
Oh, let the prayer re-echo  
"God bless the Prince of Wales"  
With heart and voice awaken  
Those minstrel strains of yore,  
Till Britain's name and glory  
Resound from shore to shore.

*Chorus:*— Among our ancient mountains  
And from the lovely vales,  
Oh, let the prayer re-echo,  
"God bless the Prince of Wales."

Should hostile bands of danger  
E'er threaten our fair isle,  
May God's strong arm protect us,  
May Heaven still on us smile,  
Above the throne of England,  
May fortune's star long shine ;  
And round its sacred bulwarks  
The Olive branches twine.

*Chorus:*—Among our ancient mountains etc.

## IWO

A gbọ pe Oluwo mura lati lẹ si Oyọ ni oru Mọnda 13/4/25 ni inkan bi agogo mewa ade, sugbẹn nigbati o niyọ ninu oṣẹ Ogbeni, Moses John ti o de 48 Miles ni Odo Ogbhgbá, a gbọ pe mọto ná ri si inu odo yi; ko si se yọ titi ilẹ fi mọ ni inkan bi agogo mewa oṣẹ kejì.

A ki Oluwo pe o ku ewu. Bi o ba kẹ ki Olorun mọ yọ gbogbo wa.

## OFA.

Ni oṣẹ Wẹside ti 22. 4. 25 Ogbeni J. A. Sowemimo, Kafinta (Engineering Department) ko ọmọ rẹ titun jade ni dade agogo marun iṣẹlẹ. Awọn Egbẹ Egbá ti o pe si da bira sibẹ; iyoku iregbe, agogo mejila oru l'oda seria fun wọn ni oṣẹ ná. Inawo na ko kere, awọn egbẹ si sere pupọ, wọn gbe owo Sowemimo yọ. Ki Oluwa da ọmọ ná si fun u

## MINNA.

On the night of the 17th instant the house of one Quartey an Accra Gold Smith got burnt down. Mr. Quartey suffered a material loss of his tools—the only means of his livelihood—cash and his wife's effects were also burnt. Other tenants in the same building suffered the same fate.

Not an hour elapsed after the first occurrence when Mr. Johnson's house (a contractor, now on duty at Guni) started burning. The breeze blew the flames to an adjoining house belonging to the Nupes which was also burnt down.

Inflammable goods such as palm oil etc., stored in Mr. Johnson's house contributed to the velocity of the flames. Not until the arrival of the Assistant Commissioner of Police with few police on the scene an hour later that the extinguishing of the fire became effective.

The fire might have caused very great havoc but for the ceiling. Thanks are due to the merciful Father through whose pro-

tection all the children were miraculously saved. For the past two months, the burning houses among only the foreigners' quarters in Minna has reached such a stupendous figure that, at least, four houses are burnt down every week.

The only cause attributable in nine cases out of ten is selfishness and jealousy. With an energetic officers as the present Assistant Commissioner of Police at Minna, we anticipate less frequency of fires on their houses.

The Niger Company's Stores which was closed down towards the latter part of 1924 was re-opened on the 20th instant.

An Eye-witness.

## WHY ? WHY ?? WHY ???

It was quite a surprise to miss the appearance of the B. P. Boy Scouts (whose Chief in Wales is H. R. H. The Prince of Wales) in uniforms, to show their loyalty to the Royal Visitor, whilst he was at Ibadan.

An Elephant

## IJEBU-ODE.

Ọḍun Ajinde laririn nihin papọ ju ti eṣin lẹ; nitoripe awọn agbalagba ati gbajumọ Ijebu ko fẹ lẹ si Eriwẹ mọ nisi-yi. Sugbẹn nwon lẹ pupọ ni ọḍun yi; awọn ẹni bi Ogbeni:— D. O. Oworu, ati awọn iyoku gbogbo, tobẹ ge ti nwon fi lẹ Afesekokose ti Oibo darà diẹ lohun.

E ku iyedun, Ki Oluwa mu ẹni di ti amọdun ni alafia.

Ogbeni E. D. Šabi, awa-moto ti John Holt se ariya ọḍun ni Mọnde Ajinde, o fi si ohun jije ati mimu tẹ awọn ọd-mode lorun tobẹ ti ẹni mejì ko mọ akoko ti nwon mu-amu f'igo-gese. A ki Ogbeni yi ku inawo ọḍun.

Igbayawo Omidan Alice Eburn Yilú ati Ogbeni Leo. Ọḍunsi, gbamuse pupọ; ọḍomokunrin yi nọwo pàpà ti gbogbo enia, fi rohin re.

large retinues have arrived at Government Lodge from whence they were conveyed in their own cars to the newly built Officers' Mess Room at the Barracks for the Reception.

T. H. the Alake and the Owa attended by their Chiefs were already in their places, also the Orangun, Akarigbo, Olowu, Aja'orun, Olowu Oserowe, the Ologa the Bale of Meko with their chiefs and people, each with his own band of Drummers and "Kakaki" Trumpeters. The Residents and Political Officers of each Province and Division were also present.

Messrs Braithwaite and Amololu who had accompanied the Prince to Kano, several Cinema operators, Photographers, reporters were also in attendance, together with our Editor in Arabian garment.

His Royal Highness and Suite with Sir Hugh Clifford arrived at 9 a.m., the Kings were introduced to the Prince in alphabetical order of their names as follows.—The Alafin, the Alake the Owi and Owa with each of whom His Royal Highness shook hands warmly. After which His Royal Highness gave a touching address, which was interpreted by the Hon. E. H. Oke, M.L.C., the Yoruba version of which is published elsewhere in this number. Then followed Investiture of His Honour Major Ruxton the Acting Lieutenant Governor Southern Provinces with the C.M.G.

As the Prince of Wales would be passing Abeokuta in the day light, the Alake had asked for a Reception of his brother Obas and chiefs which His Royal Highness consented to hold at Aro Station at 1.30 p.m. that very day. The Royal Visitor after this entered his Car and motored slowly round the circular lawn acknowledging the salutations of the assembled crowd of Chiefs and spectators.

The Royal Car then passed along

Egerton Road, Old Residency, Iwo Gate Agodi Oje, Yemetu, Adeyo "Bere" Court and the site of Council Hall at Oke Mapo where the Bale and his chiefs in gorgeous robes together with the elite of Ibadan in their best garments, the students and Principals of Wesleyan and Roman Catholic Colleges, the Ibadan Grammar School, the C.M.S and R.C. Girls' Schools, the pupils, Head-masters and Teachers of Bale Government School, St. David's Kudeji, St. Peter's Aremu St. James's Ogunpa, Baptist, Wesleyan Agbeni, Mapo Roman Catholic, Nanlende and Yemetu Schools were lined along the road between "Bere" Court and Oke Mapo, which was recently cleared and levelled for the occasion.

The different Societies in Ibadan with all available drummer: were concentrated at this point. There were about 80 richly caparisoned horses ridden by the Chiefs, Gwas and prominent gentlemen in the community: there were also 200 well-dressed cyclists intended to act as a Guard in honour of His Royal Highness.

But contrary to expectations, the Royal car did not stop at this point for the Bale of Ibadan and his Chiefs to be presented as was understood and the Scholars, Principals, Masters and Teachers were deprived of the great honour of welcoming the Prince of Wales. It was indeed a great disappointment to everybody in the town.

Evidently, there was a hitch somewhere in the arrangements. For an instance: those who were sent to notify the people that the centre of Motor Roads from Agodi to Iddo Gate should not be obstructed between 8 and 10.45 a.m. of that Monday simply frightened the people away in their ignorance with the result that the route was all deserted when the Royal Car was passing through the first quarters of the town

**ORỌ TI OMỌ QBA SỌ.**  
**FUN AWỌN IJOYE ILẸ YORUBA.**  
 Ni apejọ awọn Qba, ni Iladun.

"O dun mi pupọ pe, mo ti seleri pe, emi yio ri nyin l'Ọyọ ati awọn enia nyin: sugbọn nko wa ni ipi rẹ lati se bẹ mọ. Mo dupẹ l'awọn nyin, niti lila ti e se silẹ lati ki mi nibẹ. Ohun ti o tẹ mi l'arun pupọ ni, pe, mo tun ri aye loni lati gba iteriba awọn Ijoye ati awọn Asoju lati ilẹ gbogbo ti o jẹ ti Yoruba ati lati ki wọn.

O di ọlun (32) mejilelogbọn (1893) ti Ikọ Victoria Ayabọ nla, olögbe, tẹfẹbẹ ọ lati pari ogun t'ọ nja larin ilẹ nyin ati lati ma ki olukuluku ẹya l'ọ siwaju l'ona alafia ni ilẹ Yoruba. Gbogbo ẹya nū lo si joko nisisiyi lati gladun alafia yi; olukuluku ilu si wa li alafia pẹlu aladugbo rẹ.

O tẹ mi l'arun lati kọ 9 pe, ẹ nlo siwaju gidigidi. Awọn enia nyin ti n'ogun şowo ri, lati bi iwọn (30) ọgbọn ọdun wa, di ẹniti nşowo nla, ti nwọn si nle lo ohun ilaju nisisiyi; ọlomiran si nkọ ẹkọ ni ilẹ-iwe gaga.

Ilosi, tabi iwa ilu nyin si mbẹ l'awọn nyin. Awọn Ijoye nyin l'ọ ndajọ, ti nwọn si joko bi igbimọ ilu. Awọn lo si nk'owo ilu jẹ lati sanwo fun awọn osişẹ ilu. Ilosiwaju yi ni Ogun Ajakaiye fere parẹ ni ilu yi, ati kakiri aye ri. Ninu ogun na yi ni awọn enia nyin ati owo nyin, ati ohun ọgbia nyin papọ lati fi şegun ọta.

O dun mọ mi nigbati *Governor* sọ fun mi pe ilosiwaju nyin ko duro ati pe owo ko dasẹ.

Ni ti Baba mi, Qba, Alaiye, Alafia gbogbo awọn enia ilu to wa labẹ rẹ lo

leko lokan rẹ.

Adura baba mi ati ti emi ni pe, ki, alafia ti Ọlorun fun nyin le ma jẹ si i.  
 Ki Ọlorun sọ gbogbo nyin.

**ABẸOKUTA.**

Iji lile ẹni ọjọ meta yi mo şe aralẹto kẹ o. Igi ilẹ; ilẹ-ilẹ ọpọpọ, ilẹ pami lo ti ta jamba fun, eyi ti o wa yi wa ni ti ile kan nitosi Ita Şokona, ti o ti ile na si ihoho t'orule t'orule, t'igi t'igi, t'aja t'aja, gbogbo rẹ ni iji lile yi şe rẹnu.

Igbadun Mọnde Ọjinde yi ma kelẹ ni bi nşẹ ni gbogbo ilu nlo ranyin. Ni irẹlẹ, ọna Iberẹkodo ko gba enia fun ere idaraya (Picnic) ti nwọn şe nibẹ.

Awọn sanmọri ilu gbogbo l'ọ kun ibẹ, awọn ledi, ati jenti, ati awọn ọlọpa onilu Oba; Ọtun gbogbo Ẹgba, Ọzbeni J. B. Majekodunmi tilẹ f'ese ra diẹ nigbatii ilu dun mọ 9 tan. Nşẹ ni ijo npe ijo ranşẹ nibẹ. Ọlorun jẹ ki ajinde ma jẹ fun gbogbo wa o. Amin.

Ni ọjọ kẹdogun ọşu yi ni ọfọ ajalu airotele kan şe Ọzbeni Bennet Coker ti Itesi nipa ọmọ rẹ ti o şe alaisi; iku ajimi pa ni işẹ toto; nitori li owuro ọjọ kanna yi, o nşere ni ode, lẹhin eyi ni otututa le e, ti Iya rẹ si fun u ni l'ọ Ọyagbẹ mu (Epson Salt) ki inu rẹ ba le mọ 9 mọ na san yagbẹ gburu ni titi o fi dakẹ l'ọjọ kanna yi.

Oluwa masai ta awọn obi ọmọde yi ninu.

**QDUN EGUNGUN L'QFA.**

Qdun egungun bẹrẹ ni ilẹ yi ni inkani bi 9şẹ meji ti o kọja, ọdun na ko si dun geşẹ bi ti eşin, nitoripe Qba Ọlọfa lo si Ilorin lati l'ọ pade Arẹmọ Qba. Lati igba na ni a ti nreti rẹ, ko si tii de di oni yi. Ki Ọlorun mu Qba de pẹlu alafia.

### A Short Biography

of the late

MADAM SABINA ADEGUN KESTER,  
aged 53 of 5, Evans Street, Lagos.

Since the death of this good mother, there appears to be a considerable difficulty in getting full particulars of the history of her life. Her paternal grandfather late Mr. Ogunraju Kester, alias Daddy Onibata was a native of Oyo. He came to Lagos with his wife as a settler and both of them remained there till the end of their lives. From whom Enoch Kester, the father of the deceased claimed his descent. She was trained by her maternal grandfather Daddy Vawyaw Williams who died at Sagamu while working as a Catechist under the Wesleyan Methodist. She also attended Aryloja C.M.S. School and remained there until she was betrothed to a Brazilian Merchant, Monsieur Francisco Bernardo de Paulissen, (the father of her son, J. F. S. Paulissen, now Deputy Registrar, Ifo Division) after his death she lived with Mr. Hector Johnson, the father of Mr. Violetta Aderonke Macaulay who died in England in 1923. She was very fond of her children; to her they owe much, their fathers having died when they were not old enough to support themselves. She cheerfully undertook the management of their training to fit them for their future destiny, and was in the habit of saying that she was bequeathing to them an imperishable legacy. She was well loved by all who knew her especially her relatives; by her death the family have sustained a great loss.

Her younger sister, Miss Regina Adeleye Kester is now taking care of their old mother, Mrs. S. P. Kester. To Messrs E. S. Kester, Pawn Broker and T. L. Kester, Asst. Superintendent of Police and the rest of the family we

tender our sincerest sympathy.

Until then my Saviour, when it shall  
To demand my soul. [ please thee.  
I shall willingly lay it down at thy  
And gladly repose in thy bosom; [ feet  
Rest from earthly cares and worries,  
Till thy last trumpet is heard,  
To answer the summons of thy judg-  
ment.

R.I.P.

### Iparoko.

Si Oniwe Irohin Yoruba.

Jowo ma gai ba mi fi oro yi si inu-  
iwe irohin re.

A dupe pipi lowo awon Oyibo fun  
ore ati anfani ti won se fun wa nipa ona  
moto ti won se si adugbo wa lati Ede  
bi si Edun-abon de Ile Ife niwon odun  
di sehin. Anfani na ko kere, nse ni  
moto nku bi ojo. Awon moto wonyi ko  
sini lati na ko ero, eru, Koko (Cocoa)  
ati Ekuro; o fere dabi enipe t'ojo t'oran  
ni koko won nso aso-yagi. Ata ti awon  
ara wa nfi koko wonyi da ko kere: Ile  
kik, moto rina, ati ago atata. Awon ara-  
oko oto, onisowo oto; eniti ko ti ni yio  
ni o, Eniti o ti ni Oluwa yio fi adun si i  
o; sugbon a be awon ara wa na ki nwon  
na se gbogbo re nina ogo Oluwa ati fun  
idagba soko Ilu won. O ye ki a dupe  
lowo Oloran ti o ran awon Oloran wa  
tun adugbo wa se bayi; ki Oloran na  
tubo ran won lowo ki won tubo ba wa  
tun ona moto na se. Igba ojo de, E ku  
ise, ase lowo lowo ni.

Eniti ndupe.

### THANKS FOR SYMPATHY.

Mr. Edmund Bannerman Richter on behalf of himself and family tenders his sincere thanks to all kind friends and well-wishers who by personal calls, letters, telegrams, donations and otherwise expressed sympathy with him for the loss of his dear beloved son, David Mingle-Richter who passed into eternity, at Oyo, Nigeria, on the 14th October 1924.

## KONTAGORA NEWS

**The Durbar at Kano:**

The whole of the Northern Emirates have since February been astir in order to make the Durbar at Kano the huge success that it deserves. Road parties from various remote parts of the Protectorate left for Kano in the latter half of March, and Train parties follow first week in April.

The Political Staff are having extra busy time to make the reception of the Prince of Wales truly worthy of His Royal Person. To them all we say "Sanunku D'aiki"

**The Ramadhan:**

The Ramadhan, preparatory to the celebration of the Lesser Bairam Festival, started here last Thursday, the 26th March, 1925. We look forward to the "Fulani Flogging Contest" which always forms the most interesting portion of the amusements connected with the celebration of the Lesser Bairam Festival. To all concerned we say "Sanunku da kichin ruwa," Sanunku d'agbo lada."

**Departures and Arrivals:**

Mr. L. H. Goble, Assistant to the D. O. Ifo Kontagora Division, left for Minna on the 14th March, to be the A. D. O. Ifo the Provincial Office there. Capt. G. D. Pitcairn, formerly A. D. O. Ifo the Provincial Office, Minna is expected to relieve him.

We wish Mr. and Mrs Goble very happy time at Minna.

**J. O. Hamilton:**

We are sorry that the partition of the Kontagora Province and the removal of Kontagora Police Sub-detachment will deprive us of pleasant company of our dear friend, Mr. Hamilton. He has been home (Ilmima) on leave since January last and will, in all probability, resume duty at Kaduna on his return. God be with you till we meet again.

**Good Friday.**

The Service was far better attended than had been expected. The exhortation for the eventful day was given by Mr. J. A. Angrah of the Posts & Telegraphs. It was very impressive.

**Easter Sunday:**

With all christian traders in Kontagora Town, the attendance on Easter Sunday was the largest ever had since the partition of the Province which saw 24 members away. The exhortation was most befitting the most glorious day in Christendom.

**Easter Monday:**

Having prepared all that was humanly possible to make the enjoyment of an Easter picnic complete, the Kontagora Social Club with a few ladies wended their way at dawn on Easter Monday to spend a happy day in the refrigerating breeze of the picturesque hills of Matachi bu—Udara. There in high glee the whole day passed merrily, and the party returned to the Residency at dusk, all declaring that they, in truth, a first-class picnic have had.

Cheerio! Happy fellows. It is wisest to be always on the sunny side of life

## ORITA KADUNA.

A y, lati rohin pe aya Ogbeni S. O. A lek la bi 9m birin kan ni mo ose yi. Awon Egbẹ npon 'nu ikom? Je. Bẹbẹ ni a ma ri o.

Daniel Alu se in awo isẹ-9 n ) re l'oko ni Weseide 8,4 25. Awon Egbẹ ti yau Babasale (Joshua Oke) Jacob Haronke ati Emanuel Daranla lati lo se omọ na loko ni agogo mefa aro, awon si se 9m) na ni "Egbẹbi"—Egbẹ Sisi ni o, ki ise Egbẹ idi-agede o—Oruko na a mo omọ na lori o.

Lati agogo mefa inle ijo na ni ese gbogbo Egbẹ ti pe si ibe lati gba lala oko ti won se omọ. Iwo Fo seli won gba bi? O ti, o dabi owe wa kan ti o se pe "B'awo ba ki fun ni, a ki f'awo" Iyoku o ma ye nyin.

Eni ba kọja niwaja ile Daniel Alu ni osupa ale ijo na ti Asiko nglin kin, ti awon alagbada ati oni sokoto gboru nran kuku 'di b'um, yio ni o pe enu ifo koro woyiwoyi o. Daniel Alu o ku inawo, omọ a ye o.

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**OUR ROYAL VISITOR**

II.

**W**EDNESDAY April 15th was a red letter day in the annals of Nigeria for, about the hour of 5.30 p.m. of that day, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales landed at Iddo, Lagos. His Excellency the Governor paid his Official call on His Royal Highness on the Battle Cruiser H.M.S. "REPULSE" at 3.30 p.m. and with His Royal Highness left the H.M.S. 'Repulse' at 4 p.m. on the "Attendant." A signal gun was fired when the "Attendant" cleared and at her entrance into the harbour; she steamed slowly down the Channel and as close to the shore as possible. All the vessels in the harbour and houses along the Marina were gaily decorated. The Boy Scouts who were waiting on the Marina saluted His Royal Highness as the "Attendant" approached and shouted "God Bless The Prince of Wales" and this was lustily taken up by the large concourse of people throughout the Marina. His Royal Highness acknowledging the salutations showered on him all along the way.

The Carter-Denton and the Over-head Crossing Bridges were densely crowded and the Iddo Wharf and Station were so packed with people that one could scarcely find a foot-hold anywhere in the vicinity. Although it was known that His Royal Highness would land at 5.30 p.m. streams of people were seen about four hours earlier that day, wending their way to secure prominent positions

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along the route in hope of seeing the Royal Visitor. All the high Officials, the Mercantile Agents, the Ministers of Religion, the leading Africans and the elite of the Community.

As soon as His Royal Highness landed, a salute of 41 guns was fired by the Battery at Iddo and it was replied by the heavy guns of the H.M.S REPULSE. His Royal Highness inspected the Guard of Honour which was mounted at the landing and spoke to one of the men an African Sergeant in the Nigeria Regiment whose War Medals had attracted His Royal Highness's attention—the people cheering all the while.

The way in which the people were being driven back from the station was noticed by His Royal Highness and it was immediately stopped. After moving up and down the Railway Platform; (His Excellency attending) His Royal Highness entrained for the North.

The Royal Coach is the best ever seen in Nigeria; being superbly constructed and fitted with everything that is necessary to make His Royal Highness's travelling up and down the line safe and comfortable. It was driven so slowly to enable everybody standing along the line from Iddo, Denton Bridge to Ebute Meta to see His Royal Highness plainly and this evoked spontaneous cheering by the large concourse of people which was acknowledged by His Royal Highness.

The Royal Train arrived Ibadan at 1.30 a.m. of Thursday. His Royal Highness was noticed playing a stringed musical instrument in his carriage.

The news having gone about that the Big Jubilee would not be held, many

people awaited that night at the Railway station in order to gain a glimpse of His Royal Highness—owing to the lateness of the hour, the place was of course, strongly guarded. The Royal Train left Kano about 2 a.m. for the up journey.

Meanwhile, great preparations had been made in Kano for His Royal Highness's visit and the Durbar. The Reception Committee was divided into several sections for carrying out every detail of the function.

### Programme of Durbar,

18th April, 1925.

1. Parade of Nigeria Regiment
2. Jall by Kano Emirate
3. March Past of Emirs and Chiefs of Northern Nigeria in order of Precedence.
4. Advance and Presentation of Residents and of Emirs and Chiefs to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales.
5. Address to Emirs and Chiefs by His Royal Highness. The Prince of Wales.
6. Presentation to H.H., H. R. Palmers C.M.G., Lieutenant Governor of the Northern Provinces, of the Insignia of a Commander of the British Empire. (All will stand up during this Presentation)
7. Departure of His Royal Highness The Prince

Long before the "Street Decoration Committee" had commenced their assigned work, Kano Railway Station had been practically transformed into some sort of fairy land; flowers of all colours and hues had sprung up suddenly into existence whilst Streamers, Bantings and Flags of every description were floating over and around the Station. The whole of Lagos Street, Post Office, Manchester and Hadeija Road blazoned with Union Jacks, Flags and Streamers of all kinds; nor were the Firms behind in the flag decorations. "Goat-

skin" John Holt, Trading Association of Nigeria, John Walkden Paterson Zochonis & Co. Ambrozini, MacIver, Tanglakis, London & Kano, French Company and the host of Firms here vied with one another in the display of decoration.

On Friday, sometime before the designated hour, the whole streets were lined with anxious spectators right from the Railway Station. Doganis, Police and WAFF were in their allotted stations. The School boys were in their place in the Manchester Street. Punctually at 3.35 p.m. the Royal Train arrived and the guns boomed announcing the presence of the Royal Visitor in Kano. Leaving the Royal Car, he saluted the Falg, inspected the Guard of Honour while the National Anthem was pealing forth, then again saluting, jumped into his car accompanied by His Excellency Sir H Clifford and wound through the course of rejoicing public, responding to the salutations through Post Office Road, then through the highly decorated Manchester Road where the School boys in their station cheered him lustily; then bent his way through the Hadeija Road, on to the Residency. Later in the afternoon, H. R. H. visited the ancient city of Kano, then the Official Dinner and the Display of Fireworks concluded the days proceedings. Saturday the 18th, Durbar day a glorious day—the day of display of African Native State and pageantry. Thirty-four Emirs of different grades of Sovereignty were present to do homage and respect to the Prince of the Realm.

At 8 o'clock a. m. prompt, the Royal Car arrived and the 2 Battalions from Kaduna & Lokoja Presented Arms, Saluting the Prince. Then the Prince taking his sit on the Stand among so many spectators, Europeans, Syrians & Africans, the Battalions deployed to the right and marched pass under their respective

Commanding Officers, saluting the Royal visitor; then taking their stand by the Grand Stand. The Emirs according to order Saluted, dashing forward, brandishing their spears up to the point; after this, they marched and passed by with their numerous retinue, vying in number and colour of their costumes, beginning with the Sultan of Sokoto-head of the Moslem religion to the powerful Shehu of Bornu; then the Emir of Katsina who had twice visited England and the numerous other Emirs. After this grand and impressive March Past of so many thousand horsemen, The respective Emirs were presented to H. R. H., who warmly shook hands with every one and salute them with respect and friendliness.

The millions of spectators could not leave the Durbar till close in the afternoon. The Evening again was another Display of Fireworks and the Royal Car left Kano about the midnight.

The Durbar was a grand and imposing function in which about 40,000 horsemen participated, together with their retinues and spectators exceeded two million people. Our brethren in the Northern Provinces have become accustomed to this kind of shows and everything came off successfully.

We congratulate His Honour the Lieut. Governor Northern Provinces upon the honour conferred on him by His Majesty the King-Emperor.

### Ibadan Reception.

As stated in our last number, immense preparations had been made for the Oyo Durbar. The Residency where His Royal Highness would have had his Luncheon was specially refitted and painted for the occasion; its iron roof was covered with a superstructure of thatched "Beré" Grass to ensure coolness under the mid-day heat. Water-pipe was laid out from a newly

constructed Reservoir in the area.

The Residency grounds was artistically laid out with rare flowering plants and well-rolled lawn that looked like a sheet of carpet. The Durbar—site formerly a scrubby field, studded all over with "Igbi" (Locust) Trees—was cleared and levelled, leaving an open space about 1½ miles in circumference, could easily accommodate about 100,000 people. The Royal Pavilion, a large open building about 200 ft by 50 ft and 18 ft high, roofed on carved "Ayan" Pillars and covered with thatched "Beré" Grass with a "Kobi" or Kiosk jutting out over the Dais (a concrete platform about 12 ft by 6 ft and 2ft high). Two similar buildings were erected, one on each side of the Royal Pavilion. A Flag-staff 50 feet high was prepared from the Teak grown in the Administration Forest.

It was arranged to lay Water-pipes from the reservoir to the Durbar ground for the use of the large crowds of people, horses and motors. All the roads leading to the site were kept scrupulously clean and tidy. In fact, everything was quite ready, and some of the Yoruba Kings and Chiefs were arriving at Oyo only to learn of the cancellation of the Durbar, and that a Reception will take place at Ibadan instead.

The Reception Committee decorated the township section of the route through which His Royal Highness would pass and the Balé decorated from the "Beré" Court area to the Council Hall site at Oke Mapo with flags, patriotic mottoes and bunting.

The mercantile houses at Iddo Gate competed with each other in decorating their establishments. Likewise the African Merchants and Traders.

Early on Sunday April 19 many Kings and Chiefs from every part of Yoruba land were entering the city through the principal gates in *Reo* and pleasure cars.

The Alake of Abeokuta, his Chiefs, the Ojobo's and Oloroguns reached Igun that day, and were the guests of

## ABEOKUTA.

## Easter tide.

The Easter season with its usual protracted holidays was not wanting in both religious and social events in the town here, the former being solemnly and reverently observed in the various churches on the appointed days, and the latter in form of a Grand Picnic which, at the instance of a Committee of Gentlemen, took place at Arakanga Govt Rest-house and on the adjoining grounds on Easter Monday the 13th instant.

## The Picnic.

Punctually at 12 o'clock noon, the worthy chairman of the day Hon J. B. Majekodunmi Oton of the Egbas and his retinue arrived at the spot accompanied by the Hon. D. Sowemimo Balogun of the Christians, and were received and ushered in by the Secretaries to the Committee Messrs D. Abiola Jacobs and Jacob B. Majekodunmi. The distinct pleasure with which the numerous ladies and gentlemen (already awaiting their arrival) sang 'The Alake' to welcome them was simply gratifying, and the satisfaction such reception gave the two Councillors can better be imagined. The function thus opened was continued with dances by sections as arranged, with lively music provided for the ball-dancers by the Administration Police Band, and also Achico set, and Native drums for the others refreshments being served profusely at intervals till 6.45 p.m. Attendance on this occasion of Ladies and Gentlemen was large, and this coupled with the delighted attitude of our big men who were present on the day in goodly number is an encouragement and an assurance of their support. Among those present were the following:—

Misses Olu Wilson, Williams, A. Gbadebo, Johnson, S. A. Dalley, O. Jones Richardson, L. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Majekodunmi, Mr. and Mrs. J. Oshimosu, Mr. and Mrs. O. Majekodunmi, Messrs Gomez, Martins, Babatunde Coker, Matimoye, Ashley, M. A. Majekodunmi, D. A. Ogunro, J. A. Majekodunmi, A. Okikiolu, Sam Sodeke, J. O. Kashi, mawo, W. Olayofo, S. G. Majekodunmi G. S. Ajala, Arthur Popoola, D. A. Majekodunmi Esq., J. S. Okunju Esq., D. K. Adeogun Esq., Lambo Ajagba Esq., F. Sopein Esq., J. O. Shodipo, S. A. Sojounle and others too numerous to mention.

We appreciate the spirit of unity and unselfishness manifest among the committee

of gentlemen, the well-wishers that contribute liberally towards the fund, and the honorable Chairman of the day, and we heartily congratulate them for the success.

## KADUNA.

## ABODE QMO QBA LATI KANO

Ni Sa'de 13, 4, 25 ni agogo mejo a'g'or, oky Omo-Oba gunle si Tésun Oritu Kaduna. Akéle ti bi agogo ghu ki gbogbo igboro lule Satide telé pe ki gbogbo enia mu a lo pa'le Omo-Oba, nitori re Tésun kura fa re ti, ki oky to de. O to fakan bi agogo mesan ku bi ogun is ju ni Omo-Oba wa to: gokale lati inu oky; sugbo titi o fi fere de ibi ti gbogbo enia gbe duro, ko si eniti o mo pe oun ni i, nitoripe a nreti pe yi diresi ara jingbini ki a le mo pe Omo-Oba ni, sugbon kôtu kaki ati sokoto re penpe pelu ibose gigan lo wo pelu helingeti kaki ti o de. Sa'de 24 o wú éyan lori lati ri bi o ti nfi irélé ki gbogbo enia ati dadu ati funfun. - A je pe aye o!

## ARRIVALS.

Mr J. A. O Peters of the Secretariat arrived with his wife on Wednesday the 22. 4. 25. from his 3 months leave. Mrs. Peters had left Kaduna for a space of almost 2 years. We say to them E ku aby o.

## IPAROKO.

Arakunrin Qwau.

Mo daju pap, ki Olórùn ki o ran o lowo ki o je ki owo re ki o ma lo siwaju titi ninu ise rere. Je ki 'Onibewo llesa' pari owo re ki o to tun je ki nfun u li esi.

(Nipa ti Oni, ko ni ijiyan ninu pe, o je baba, nitori can li o ni ibiti gbogbo won ti tuka lo. Gege bi eniti o nso ti Ipile Yoruba ti nso lo, a ko le pe owo re yi ni iro. O ku bi Ijoba yio ba ti se si; gbon wa ko to tiwon, Nitorina bi a ba ti la ohun gbogbo ye won, ki a mu suuru ki a woran ogbon won. O daju pe won ki yio ba enikan ninu je. Je ki Oni mo eyi na pelu. O sa daju pe ire ibe wa ni unwa wa fun

Baba...

See page 9.

It was the same thing that happened when the Prince landed at Iddo and the people were being driven back from the Station through over-zealousness of some officials. But, from the Balé's house to the Railway Station the road was full of cheering crowds of people.

The Prince alighted from his car in front of the Cenotaph and there laid a wreath in memory of the gallant dead. His Royal Highness then inspected the Guard of Honour stationed at this point and also conversed with one of the men and then motored to the Railway Station which was tastefully decorated by the Railway Officials.

Here, a Reception of all the Europeans in the community was held by His Royal Highness, who shook hands with them together with some Africans who were invited. His Royal Highness entrained for Aro and Lagos at 10.15. a.m. the crowds cheering

Another hitch in the Programme was noticed in the fact that the Ibadan Grammar School and the Balé (Govt.) School Troops of Boy Scouts who were ordered to await the Prince at the Ibadan Railway Station were not presented at all, likewise the Jébu Ode Troops who came up specially for the occasion. Other mistakes and omissions were also noted in the proceedings, due to the short notice given of the alteration of the original Programme, and the unavoidable hurry and confusion in carrying out the details of the function which, after all, came off successfully.

We in Ibadan, Oyo Province, have been greatly honoured by the visit of

the Heir to the British Throne, being the first town in the Protectorate of the Southern Provinces to welcome the Ambassador of the great British Empire.

We respectfully tender our loyal welcome to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales to this portion of the Empire.

Our prayer on behalf of H.R.H. is:—

O God, Thine aid we now implore,  
To our Edward, Prince of Wales,  
Cause Thou th' elements propitious be  
To our bonny Royal Prince,  
Oke 'badan's bracing air direct  
On our Prince, his health improve,  
Thou Great Universal Architect,  
Our popular Prince protect;  
Throughout his extensive tour  
Among his subjects on Afric's soil,  
And across the sea to Argentine far,  
Safely land him on Britain's shore.

By D. A. Q̄BASA,

Ibadan, April 20, 1925

#### ARÈMỌ Q̄BA NI TÈŞỌN Q̄FA.

Ni ōjọ Tòsde 16-4-25 ni Arẹmọ Q̄ba rekoja ni Tẹşon Q̄fa; ōkọ rẹ gunlẹ ni 6-38 arọ, o si si ni 6.48 arọ, o gbe işşju mewa pere lōdọ wa; gbogbo akowe to wa ni Sabo ati eyiti o wa ni igboro ati awon ara ilu papa lo sure wa wo oju Arẹmọ Q̄ba. Tẹşon kun, o ya, enikeni ko f'ọju kan Orẹ afi Gomina Clifford nikan ni nwon nri; a si tun fi wagon rẹ.

Nitorina a be awon ōrẹ wa oninure, ki e jowọ yin si awa ara Q̄fa leti, bi iran omọ Q̄ba tiri, a o f'eti gb, a o f'ọju ri itu enia ti o je, nitorina ki e gba wa o; a fe gbawun irohin ni o, inu okunkun l'awa ni ile yi o.

## A TELEGRAM.

Executive Ibadan.

833 23/4/25 X the following message was addressed to Alafin on the 17th April from H. R. H. Please read it at a Meeting of Chiefs and people publicly.

Please convey the following to Alafin from H. R. H. The Prince of Wales.

I should like you to understand how very genuine is my regret at the disappointment which has been caused by inevitable cancellation of my visit to Oyo.

I know that you and your people have made elaborate preparations for my reception and I appreciate all the trouble which they have taken on my account no less than the messages from you which has been transmitted to me through Captain Ross. I shall stop at Ibadan on Monday, on my way to Lagos. I hope to drive through the largest town in West Africa which I know is situated in the country over which you rule so wisely and so well. I hope to have the pleasure of seeing there a number of the Chiefs of Yoruba land and I shall also see a large concourse of your people.

I know that it is the immemorial custom that the the Alafin should not quit Oyo and. I would not ask you to act in any way that might be repugnant to the sentiments of your people. If however, in the very special circumstances, you were to find it, possible to meet me at Ibadan, it would afford me great pleasure to meet a chief of whom such good reports have reached me. I thank you for your loyal good wishes which warmly reciprocate.

Edward, P.

Resident

Oyo Province

17th April 1925

## ILESA.

Ojo Isimi ti o larinrin ni eyi je Owa Ilesa pelu awon Iyawo re ati opolopo awon ijaye re wa si Soji Iloro lo ni ojo Ajinde; gbogbo ile kun, o ku ki enia ma tun ri ibi fi ese si lehin ode-ki a sa kukan so pe Soji kun akunya ni ojo na. A ko le ma so bi o ti ye Oba wa to

li, inn wa yio si dun pupu bi Oba ti o feran igbgbu bayi le ma wa be wa wo nigba gbgbo bayi. Ki Oluwa lora eni Oba wa. O si ya opolopo lemu pe oto dada wa ninu isin na; ko si ariwo tabi idanlapan na. A ko le se aladunq lewo awon Ogbeni M. O. James, J. Oluhonoru, S. Ade; Ogunbiyi, fun iranlowo won ojo na. Awon ti o wa si ibi isin na je (1911) egbewa o sin nikanbi-Iduna. Awon egbe akarin ko orin meji ti o wa ni lori pupu. Ogbeni Z. Osokoya, Aluduru te "dabi ara" li ojo na.

Eniwo S. A. Oloyemi se ase dig; ohun tia se akoyesi nipe o jise Olorun yi ko fi yti tabi ohun mimu ti o le yi enia loju pada si ibi ase na, likose omi gbigbona ati onje miran ti o dara fun ikun enia. Ninu awon ti o wa nibe ni S Ade; Ogunbiyi ti o se alaga, Ayọ Banjo, igbakeji re, Z. Osokoya ati J. O. Adeleye.

Ni irule oni ni awon omu Ile-eko ti Omofe ati ti Iloro se ere ti a nireti pe yio mu efun wa. Awon Ogbeni J. O. Adeleye ati S. Ade; Ogunbiyi ni nwon se kokari ere yi.

Awon Eni-owo R. S. Oyeboke, I. M. Lanahun ati Peter Adebiyi lo si Eko lona fun Ipade Sinodi ti ododun. Iyawo Eni-owo Adebiyi-duro de oko re ni Iloro.

Awon omu Ile-eko Otapete ti nwon ti gba isimi ni o se kan siwaju Fraide Rere bere ise won ni Tusde o se yi.

Ilu yio joro pupu lemu ojo meta yi; nitori opolopo enia ti nlo pade omu Oba wa nla ni Oyo ni ose ti mbo, bi a ti ngbo, a ro pe egbedogun enia ni yio lo lati Ile-Ilesa.

17. 4. 25. Ogbeni R. C. Brown ti Bookshop ni Eko de si ile yi lona lati be eka ise ti Ilesa wo. O si ti pada lo ni Munde 20/4/25

## ABĒOKUTA RECEPTION.

Subsequent to the cancellation of the Oyo Durbar, time was not lost in the arrangement to give the Yoruba rulers an opportunity of meeting the Ambassador of our great Empire, and as anticipated the 20th day of April dawned and saw the illustrious guest in Ibadan, where The Alake of Alēokuta in company of the brother rulers, and with few of our nobilities, met the great Prince and paid him homage; but as luck would have it, the Prince's programme contained a halt for us again at Aro Station to receive the welcome from the Egbas and accordingly the place was gorgeously decorated for the reception which was fixed to take place at 1 o'clock noon that same date.

A little after the morning breakfast, the place had been filled to overflowing by representatives of all the communities: the Ogbonis, Parakoyis, Oloroguns, Mohammedans, Christians, Europeans, and women headed by their respective Iyalodes, and in iridescent and costly native attires. The Alake and his retinue arrived on the spot at about 12.45. p. m. from Ibadan amid cheers and shouts of "Kabiyesi." Immediately after the appointed time, the train arrived at Aro Station and with the Alake on horseback the Killas formed his body-guard mounted as well; no sooner the Heir Apparent accompanied by our popular Governor and other officers of State stepped out of the princely carriage than the Alake dismounted and on behalf of all Egbas welcomed 'Our Royal Guest.'

After the exchange of greetings with each other, and the introduction of the local whitemen, the dinning shouts of the welcome from the people, the penetrating sound of the trumpets and the mixed beating of the native drums were really deafening and the scene can better

be imagined than described. The Prince returned to the carriage amid loud cheers and expression of loyal wishes and the train whistled off; but the waving of both hands by the Prince continued to increase the shout of "O digboso o" (Farewell) from the people until the train disappeared.

The elaborate preparations made for the reception by our people and the orderliness displayed by them are creditably commended, and both the Alake and our energetic Resident are congratulated for the huge success achieved.

GOD BLESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.

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### OJO IBI OMỌ

Ni ojo Tuside 21-4-25 Ogbeni J. A. Adebisi akowe agba ni *Loco Office* se ojo ibi omọ re. Inawo ojo na ko kere onio oniruru lo se "a-je-gbagbe fila" ni onye ari mimu na je awon akowe ti won wa labẹ re si se bebe ni ojo na fun ero sise. Ogbeni Adebisi na jo jo, o re ẹ, a si ki iyawo re pāpā, fun inowo ati ijo ojo na, adura wa ni pe ki Olorun da omọ na si ki o si pese ti anfani pelu.

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### ON OKE IBADAN.

Softly, quietly in the evening  
I laze and watch the fiery sun  
Drop beyond the stately palm fronds,  
Drop and rest for work is done.

Faintly comes the scent from lime trees  
And moths begin their feathery flight  
Stars peep out and seem to shimmer—  
Great God! What Glory in the night

Pale, thin clouds race across the moon.  
A warm, soft wind rustles in the grass,  
Pita-pata on the tin roofs,  
The rain has come—alas! alas!

L. D.