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Ninu ajoye ti a ba Olola Alagba E. H. Oka lo se pelu Otun Gomina, Major Ruxton, lodun to koja ni a so oro Koto Oranyan yi, ti Olola na so fun wa pe ise yi wa nitaju Oga Ise Ilu. Lohin eyi ni a ri i pe awon onise Ijoba ti dari ona agbara nla ti ngbe ofin yi lododun si ibomi, lafi igbana ni a ti nreti pe awon o kun koto na ki ole di titeju pelu opopo ona moto ti lo legbe ibe, sugbon bakana ni ona yi wa sibe di bi a ti nkowe yi. Opo awon moto ti nk ja nibe ni awon ti sobu sinu koto yi palu eru ati awon ero inu won. Eyi ti o sese ti a jihin lese tohun bunya, awon enia si farapa nibe pupo.

A fi eyi be awon Alase lati tete di Koto Oranyan ti nse enia lese lododun yi.

Iyana Banki nibiti moto Dokita'ati ti Ogbeni Afolabi Adelagun gbo sese, nfe Olupa kan tara lati ma dari awon ero ati moto ti nk ja nibe nigbagbogbo. O di ek ji ti moto ngesi nibe nitori orita ero putaki ni i.

Wedding Bells.

The nuptial ceremony of Miss Lucy Kofoworola Olande, daughter of Mr. Joshua Ogunlana with Mr. Victor Akintunde Oludotun Okuseinde took place at Wesley Trinity Church, Tinnubu Square last Tuesday the 9th April

at 10.30 a.m. The wedding was well attended by members of the family from Abeokuta, Ibadan, Ondo and Lagos besides a large number of friends in the city.

At the close of the ceremony, two separate Addresses and Purses were presented to the Bride by the Teaching staff of Wesley Trinity School and the Girls' Guild, in recognition of her 5½ years' service as a Std. VI certificated Teacher in the School.

The Bridal party returning from Lagos last Thursday was met at the Railway Station by their relatives and members of Aramo Girls' Guild in bright "Ebi" colours with numerous friends dancing to Native airs.

The outing at St. Peter's Church Aramo last Sunday was a grand affair; the large edifice was simply crowded with those invited guests who could not attend the function at Lagos and many well-wishers from every part of the town. After the service, group photographs were taken followed by a sumptuous Luncheon.

We congratulate the Senior Pastor & Mrs. J. Okuseinde upon the grand occasion. Wishing the couple a long and happy life of connubial bliss.

Acknowledgments.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt from the Government Printer of a copy of the Report of the Government Analyst Department for the year 1928.

Also a copy of Ile-Ife Calendar for the year 1929. Two portraits of His Alaiyeluwa the Omi of Ife adorned its center while, one each of the late Prince Abraham Adeyeye, the Aramo of Ife, Prince E. A. Adeyemi, Prince E. T. O. Adewoyin and the Editor Mr. Awojodu are grouped round the four corners of the calendar.

IGI OWO.

Lèhin awon igi-owo ataiyebaiye ti awon baba nla wa ti mo, ti won si ti fi nse ola:—gegebi ope, obi, orogbo, é-rù, áidan, igba, oro, owa, afon, agbon, okun, emi, iroko, omò, orombo, ibepe, ogede, agbayun ati awon mi bebè lo, ni orisirisi awon Igi-owo ni ti oibo nfe si tun wa ni ile wa.

Pataki ninu awon ti a mo nisisiyi ni, Irè *Rubber*, Sida, oropa, káranrín ikí tabi gedu onirura ti a mu lo lati oju omi ati ona reluwe, lo si Eko, ti nwon si nta ni owo iyebiye ni ilu oibo.

Eniti o ba lo si awon eti odo Osun, Sasa, Oni, Oluwa ni apa isale nibiti won gbe pade odo Osa, ni yio ri bi ogunlogo awon oibo ati awon enia wa ti nfi gbogbo ara se ise igi wonyi, ni kike ati wiwa lo si Eko ati Ilu-oibo fun tita.

Eyiti o ni owo pupo lori julo ni igi osun ti awon oibo fi nse ese ti won fi nse owu ti won fi nhun ase olorisirisi awo wa ta fun wa. Bi a ba le ma gbin igi yi, ki a si ma fi iti re sowo si won ni ilu oibo, a o ma ri owo gerere gba lori re. Bi o ba je pe a ko le yi iti nla igi na wale, a le la a si apola-apola niwon ti enia le ru, tabi ki a fi ayin re won si iwon eru ori kofan.

Igi nla ti o ti pon daradara ni nwon nfe ni ilu oibo. Torina eniti o ba ni i ninu oko re le ma se e nise fun itaju at'gbigin. Ni *West Indies* ni won gbe nse ise igi yi pupo; a si gbo pe ki i je gbile ninu oko. Sugbon a ni lati gba iwe ki a to ge e gegebi igi iroko.

Eso Eso Pupa ti ile wa ni awon oibo nfe lati ra ni opolopó. Nwon o gba a bi a ba sa a gbe daradara ki a to di i sinu apo bi ati ndi *Cocoa*, Ekuru ati owu. Nitirin eniti o ba ni i lekinkule tabi ninu ogba ki o mura lati se e nise; owo ti won ngba a ni Ilu-oibo ko kere.

Beni atale. Sisa-gbe ni i, lehin ti a ti ha ba epo re kuro tun; a ko gbodo je ki omololu re ki o kan kuro lara re.

Ona owo kan tun re o enyin enia wa.

IROHIN ILE BALE

Munde 15.4.29.

Lèhin igbati awon igbimo yanju die ninu ejo ti nwon ti da ti ni Munde tohun ni Akowe Bale ka iwe ti Ajele ko si won pe ni pa ile die ti awon onigbagbo ni awon ure si i ni Molete ti oun si ti so fun won nipage re pe ki won o bere lowo Ekarun bi o ba fun nwon si i; bawo ni nwon ti so si i? Ni oju kanna ni Bale si ke si omo Ekarun na pe ki o jise fun Baba re bayi, ki o si gba esi wa fun awon ni awuro ola ki awon le mo iru esi ti awon o da pada fun Ajele.

Lèhin eyi, nwon tun ka iwe Ajele nipa okunrin kan ti o lo sa ba Ajele? pe okunrin kan gba oko Baba oun, oun siro owo Obi, *Cocoa* ati Inkan miran ti Baba oun gbin o je adotalerugba poun; oun be awon Igbimo ki nwon o ba oun gba a.

Awon Igbimo pe awon mejeji pe ki nwon tun ejo na ro. Ngbati nwon tun ro ejo yi sile, ti ariyanjijan tun wa wa nihe bi ti akoko, pe: "Oko baba mi ni, ti Baba re ko, temi ni." Bale ati awon Igbimo wa palase pe ki Akoda kan ati Onise ilu mer u ba won lo si oko na ki won o ti oju won bura ridi Obi ati Koko wonyi, ki nwon si wa fun awon ni abo ki a awon to mo bi awon o ti da ejo na si.

Salami ati Nasiru.

Ogbeni kan ti nje Salami tun mu elejo re wa sun ni iwaju Bale ati Igbimo, pe, Ogbeni Nasiru elejo oun ko je ki oun ri oko gbe, ni ojajumo ni i wipe ki nwon o ma lu oun i oun wa sa ba Bale ati Igbimo ki won o ba oun be e. Igbimo si fun u ni idahun pe: nigbati ejo won koi i ti ipari tan, kinni oun na lo si oko si? se otunla ni ojo ti awon da lati yan enia lo pa'a fun won ni okona?

Ori ki wa ni le ki emu o hu.

Awon omo Akinnale Mato, ti won nja ija ile riro ko ejo won lo si iwaju Bale ati Igbimo lana, ohun pataki ti a ri gbo nihe nipe, eniti ile riro kan lehin igbati Baba won ti ku, aisan mba ja, eniti o si tun kan ewe je alabikita enia sugbon ni enu oju melo kan koja, ni Bale ati awon Igbimo da oja aa ro

bi o ti je pe ile yi ko je ile ti a le fi oju foda ninu ilejawan Ijoye ni ile yi, lati ranse si Mogaji ti a'san mba ja pe, bi ko ti le wa si ode yi. awon nfe pe ki o wa enikan ninu omu won lati yan si Igbimọ. Kia ma fa oro gun lo titi mo. Mogaji ati aburo re alalibikita yi pinu lati mu aburo won ti o nilowo si ipo yi: nwon se be e ni ose ti o ko ja Sugbon nigbati ogbeni alalibikita na tun ro o pada. o ri i pe asise nlanla ni fun oun lati se be; nwon ko oro yi. o di ile Ba le: nigbati nwon de ohun ti nwon ko ejo yi ti nwon ro o tan ni Balogun Olola Abasi wa tako ogbeni yi pe: "Kia lo ri ni o be ti o fi wa iru s'owo?" nigbati o mo pe oun o je oye yi ati pe nitoto oun lo kan bi egbon won gba o ba le wa si ode mo: kin lo ro lati yan Arẹmo-kunrin re tele aburo re yi pe oun Mogaji ati iwọ na yan a lati je asoju ile nyin?

Sugbon nitoto a ko le fi egbon silẹ ki a fi aburo role, nwon fi ipinnu si i pe ki aburo yi fi oye na silẹ fun u. Awon apakan gba, awon apakeji ko gba.

Ajo tuka niwon agogo kan abo.

WESLEYAN METHODIST MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY, IBADAN CIRCUIT.

The Missionary Anniversary of the above named Circuit was celebrated on Sunday 7th and Monday 8th April 1929 in Agbeni Wesleyan Chapel.

On Sunday morning at 10.30 the service commenced with a very great number of people and all our workers in the out Stations came purposely for this. The Anniversary sermon was preached by the Rev. John Stewart, Chairman of the District and General Superintendent; his text was from St. Luke 2 verse 5-8 "The parable of the Importunate Friend" was grouped under three special headings (a) The traveller who was by on reason or another kept behind, and could not reach his friend in a good time when he could be properly looked after. (b) The host who had nothing while his friend came at such late hour in the dark. (c) The neighbour to whom the host went, so as to borrow some loaf, sea of bread with which to entertain the caller.

He gave how the missionaries as well as the ordinary members of the congregation would at times be approached for help when the need of the people will be very great either physically, morally or spiritually. The need for ministering unto those that need the aid was also emphasized. In the evening of this same Sunday at 7.30 a Service of Songs titled "Easter Violets" under the Chairmanship of the General Superintendent, supported by some ladies and gentlemen, was rendered by the choir of the Agbeni Chapel.

The address at this meeting was given by the Rev. A. B. Akinyele, M.A., L.T.H., Principal of Ibadan Grammar School.

The choir that sang and the congregation that listened had no cause to regret their having been at this service, for the songs as well as the address were of such great and spiritual importance that every one went home that night spiritually helped and better encouraged.

On Monday morning, at 10.30 Juvenile Missionary Anniversary meeting was celebrated in the Agbeni Chapel, when the chair was taken by Mr. M. A. Ako, Headmaster of the Agbeni Wesleyan School, the pupils of our town-school Elekuro, Agbeni and Agodi met together and listened to the speakers who were Messrs J. B. Oregajo, the Sub-Pastor-in-charge of Elekuro Chapel and D. O. Odunlami, the Sub-Pastor-in-charge of Olodo Station Chapel. This was a pleasing meeting to the School children and they wished to see such meetings held yearly.

In the evening of the same day at 7 o'clock the Adult's Missionary Anniversary meeting, was held in the same Chapel. The chair was again taken by the Chairman of the District. The speakers were Messrs. E. F. Blaobaku. The Catechist in charge of Labode Chapel, and S. A. Ola. Solara the former Sub-Pastor of Igbu-Elerin. Each gave in brief the difficulty met with in the work of his Station and how his work in Christ has been crowned with success.

The Chairman ended the meeting with encouraging words to the Missionaries as well as the members present.

May God further His work.

SIMMAY.

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This movement among the leading trading firms should be an object lesson to the Africans, whose lot is sure to be affected for weal or woe by the operations of the new syndicate—the offspring of a desire for more profits—through single control and uniform policy. These Mercantile firms are not to blame for adopting measures to benefit themselves as their principal object in coming out to Africa at all is not philanthropy but profit-making. All the same, their presence has, up to now, proved a great blessing to our people in many ways. Trade has been revolutionised, condition of living has improved immensely and we are adopting European standards in many things as a result of our contact with the merchants who, next to the missionaries, are more accessible to us among the other members of the white races.

The only defect in our business activity is lack of unity and combination in our different enterprises. Individual efforts have, in by-gone days helped the native African merchants to acquire great wealth and affluence to such an extent that they were able to compete with European merchants in the field of commerce and important industries in West Africa, and the names of such great African merchants as the Hons. J. W. Cole, G. J. George, J. P., C. B. Moore, Messrs Isaac Coker-Aderopoko, J. G. Vaughan, Signor Da Rocha, J. B. Branco, J. Campbell, Peter Luga, Sant Anna, Seidu Olowu, J. H. Doherty, Cap. J. P. L. Davies, Consul J. S. Leigh, King Jaja, Chief Nana, the Iyalodes Tinubu, Efuntan and a host of other notables, too numerous to mention, are examples of what could be attained by that system.

The only reason why such efforts were successful was that there were also a large number of individual European traders, who run their own business side by side with our own indigenous traders of the same class; such houses as J. D. Fairley, G. B. Ollivant, H. B. W. Russell, C. Ungebauer, C. Fabra, John Holt & Co., were originally started as one man's firms, which, later developed into large concerns, admitting other shareholders to participate in their business.

It is inevitable that if African traders would continue to hold their own, they must of necessity organise themselves into companies in the different spheres of commerce and industry. Already, we have ocular demonstrations of the power of unity and joint effort in business by the success of such African firms of Messrs Nigerian Medicine Store, Alakija & Alakija, S. Thomas & Co., Nigerian Printing & Publishing Company, Native Traders Union and others. The Esusu Companies, Agbode Leagu, Native Doctors' Associations and

Ipampas, Aaro Clubs, are instances of the power of union upon indigenous native lines, which have proved beneficial to our ancestors, and we cannot do better than extend this method to every undertaking to make it profitable.

We trust our people will read, mark and inwardly digest the signs and lessons of the present trends of business combinations. *Verb. Sat.*

Success of the Day.

To The Editor,

"The Yoruba News"

Sir,

Will you kindly allow me a little space below to express my idea as to the success of the Easter Sunday at Edunabon a town between Ede and Ile-Ife.

On my recent tour to Edunabon, I found out that to all Christians in the place, March 31st 1929 Easter Sunday was the grandest day ever witnessed in the town: for, on that day, beside the usual ceremonies of Easter Sundays, important ceremonies like baptismal service and the outing of a branch of the Lagos Diocesan Girls' Guild were keenly and orderly performed by the active, energetic, and inspiring Pastor in-charge—Rev. F. O. Akingbehin.

Some days previous, Mrs. Akingbehin had been fully occupied and had devotedly made a full preparation for the success of the day.

At about 3.30 p.m. the magnificent building had been wholly filled, as it was in the morning service, ready for the ceremony to be performed. Just in time, the enthusiastic pastor came in and began the service with earnestness. One cannot but admire how the pastor conducted the singing of ten pieces of songs that was done by the Girls. The girls sang in such a manner that every living and music-loving soul admired them, "Okan ko jo kan ni gbogbo re je." The pastor gave a suitable address at the close of the ceremony.

It is worth noticing that Mr. Sowemimo,

the Regiment Teacher at Ibadan and the Organist of the Day, so nicely rendered help on the harmonium that the people who were present forgot to remember they have ever listened to such a music before, and, if ever they would listen to the kind again. May God bless your hand Mr. Sowemimo and those who trained you is my earnest wish. To regard the day as any ordinary Easter Sunday that has ever passed means to insult the common intelligence of those that were privileged to witness the occasion.

The Edunabon people are very lucky to have the able pastor in their midst. Wishing the Pastor and his wife years of long and inexhaustible service and blessings from above.

Thanking the Editor for the space allowed.

4/4/29

An Eye-witness.

Nothing Doing.

Station, N.P.,

2.4.29.

THE EDITOR, "YORUBA NEWS."

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the 2 copies of "Yoruba News", on the 15.3.29, and the other one again got to my hand on the 11.4.29, likewise a friend also received his own copies.

In reading the paper, I came across a certain word which I have enjoyed, not I alone but the others that, is to say, a company termed Dulcino and Sons Ltd, If the government can see to the matter of the natives, we shall be very thankful indeed. Because this very company has already shortened the daily food of many contractors here—

The reason is this, because many contractors who have been working with Railway Department from Olokemeji and from Port Harcourt have now been counted as common labourers by the Railway.

I am yours

A. Contractor.

Correspondence.

To the Editor,

2/14/29

'The Yoruba News',

A REPLY TO

MR. "SON OF CHIEF."

A Correspondent who wrote under the pen name "Son of Chief" in the *Nigerian Daily Telegraph* of the 19th ultimo, tried to vent his spleen against Councillor Durojaiye Sowemimo, Balogun of the X'tians, the redoubtable statesman and leader of the intelligent members of Egba Council.

Mr "Son of Chief's" sole complaint against Balogun Sowemimo's re-election to the Council is: that being "a literate Chief (he) has not been genuinely patriotic during his regime (?) in that assembly for the lengthy period of three years."

In the first place, may I ask Mr "Son of Chief" to kindly explain what he meant by the word 'regime'? Does Mr. "Son of Chief" intend to convey the impression that Balogun Sowemimo was the ruler or president of the Egba Council for the lengthy period of three years?

Secondly, if "it is true that the general clamour is to strengthen the Council with more educated members" as stated by Mr. "Son of Chief" I fail to see what useful purpose could be served by his attempt to discredit the valuable services rendered to Egbaland by Balogun Sowemimo, who, by virtue of his office as the head of the Christian community of Egbaland, was elected to the council.

It seems that the root of Mr. "Son of Chief's" trouble is jealousy and spite. It is a true saying that: "Finding it impossible to eat *Sese* (a kind of hard-shelled beans) a rat will scatter it about with its hind legs."

"Bi Jarinka ko ba le je sese.
A fi ese wa a danu."

Spiteful, perhaps, because that experienced Chief refused to side with those patriots whose only aim is to upset the administration of H.H. the Alake Adenla II (Kabiyesi)

It is best for Mr. "Son of Chief" to bide his time, if passed over by the electors, for the new term, at the same time I advise him to think more of the good of Egbaland than the mere hope of securing a sit on the National Council.

Another Son of Chief.

OSOGBO.

Mr H Cox the popular Agent for G B. Oliviant & Co., Ltd. here left on the 10th instand for Lagos and his assistant Mr. J. L. Lydon has taken over the the Post as agent CONGRATULATION. The latter joined the service three years ago. What a good luck?

With profoundest regret we have to report the death of a brilliant youngman in the person of Mr S. T. Adejoni a tutor at St. Andrews College Oyo at about 3 o'clock of Saturday April 13 1929. The youngman was suffering from rheumatism and was taken to Creek Hospital Lagos in Sept last; he remained in the hospital for good four months but there was no hope of recovery so he was asked by the Doctor to take an operation which he felt reluctant to do there-by come for native treatment in Jan and latterly succumbed R.I.P.

News & Notes.

Robbers are prevalent in the town. It was just a fortnight ago that the No. 2 Township of Messrs G. B. Oliviant & Co. was robbed and the night watchman in charge of the shop has since been sentenced to six months imprisonment

Messrs John Walden's Township was also burgled last Sunday when a large quantity of trade goods was stolen.

Last night we learnt some policemen returning from duty met with a band of robbers who wounded one of them when trying to capture the night gentries

Several houses at Ekotefo and Oke Padi were also visited by these mastauders with disastrous results to the inmates.

Now that the wet season with its unusualy dark nights is setting in, we trust the Administration will increase to three times its present strength the number of police-men available for night duty.

Mr. A. R. Jones, the Executive Engineer has invented a cheap oil expressing machine which could be seen at Agodi and Mapo Hill. We understand the cost is not more than 40/- each. We trust our farmers will now avail themselves of this opportunity.

News & Notes.

We extend our cordial welcome to Mr. D. Mac Laughton the new Engineer who relieved Mr. A. R. Jones the Executive Engineer of the Native Administration.

OUR "DEVIL"

The reply of "Another Son of Chief" in our last number was fearfully mutilated by our Printer's Devil" to the great annoyance of our correspondent who has requested us to re-insert same in this number.

In Memoriam.

In loving memory of our dear Grandmother, Mrs. Louisa E Coker, who departed this life on the 21st of April, 1928

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