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Enyin onkawe wa; Eti nyin melo?
 Kii ẹ si nge? Hin i ẹ ọrọ l' ẹ si ngbo?

ATIKE.

A ri i gbo, a si fe so fun nyin pe a-
 sa atiké kikun ko dara rara, nitoripe
 Efun ná ti awon oge iwoyi fi nkun oju,
 ara ati orin ki i si o'un rara; toripe o
 nmu ẹjẹ awon ti n'oro, tobé ti awó wón
 fi má nyipá di bón-ú, bón-ú, di-
 diẹ.

Nigba atijọ, eniti nwon ba se se te n'
 Ifa tabi da oju Orisa fun ni nwon má
 nkun l' Efun bẹ; wón a si ma kun eni-
 ti nwon ba fe je niya nitori ekesise
 li efun pelu.

Pápa, aya yi ki i se tiwa rara, lati oke
 okun ni nwon ti ko o wa. Enyin ná
 si mo pe Osun ni a má fi nkun ara te-
 letele. Awon obi wa si mo o lo tobé
 ti enis fere ma le ri i ni ara eniti o ba
 kun un nigba pupọ.

Osun kikun fun omode ati agba da-
 ra pupọ toripe a má je ki ara jọjọ, to-
 rina ni a se nọpọ: "Iyawo ẹleşẹ osun."
 Ki i si ije ki ara tabi awó oju se funfun
 rara ni akoko oye. Awon oibo pápa
 ni rouge, etu pupa kan, ti nwon má fi
 npara ki awó oju wón le gun regi. A
 si rope o kuku ye ki a fi owo mu aya ile
 wa ju ki a má sare lo ba awon ara ile
 má da aya tiwon. O to ki a tete mu
 owo kuro ninu aya ti o le pani lara, ki
 a mase je ki o ná gbile si waju.

GB'OMO-GB'OMO?

Lati ose ti o kọja ni a ti ngbo oriṣi-
 risi ibin baruka pe awon kan oji omo-
 olomo gbe lo larin ilu yi. Okiki ná
 gbile yika igun mererin ilu tobé ti Balé
 pápa ni lati dida lo fi oyo yi han fun

Ajele. A gbo pe awon Olapa Ibadan
 ti bere si to ese inkan.

AJIYAWOGBE.

A gbo pe owo te awon Okunrin meji
 ti nwon lo si ipa gbe omoge kan pamo
 ni ona Akanran. Eni kinni ti o fe ni
 omoge yi l' aya lo be enikeji lowe pe
 ki o ba on gbe e ju si isu moto lairo
 tele. Ariwo gbomo-gbomo ti o gbailu
 kan tubu pelu inkan ti o mu awon ara
 abule ti o yi won ka ro jade lati wa gba
 omobinrin ná silẹ. Sugbon awe sa, o
 kanlugbo, o wa di eniti won adote re ka-
 kiri bi eni ndote franko igbe; nigbatori
 i pe owo fe te onun ti o ba sa gun ori
 igi lo. Nwon na ibon si i sugbon awe
 ko sokale si igbati nwon ge igi ti o gun
 lulẹ ni nwon to le mu u. A gbo pe
 Awon adajo ga awon odun meta mo
 enikini lara, nwon kilo fun enikeji ti o be
 lowe pe ki o ma tun da iru ẹ laṣa mo.
 Nwon fi eyi fon on leti.

ARAOTI, IVALODE ONISOWO.

Mrs. Caroline Johnson ti Eko, eni-
 ti gbogbo enia mo ni Araoti, Iyalode
 ninu awon onisowo pataki, ti mu aka
 owo re de ile yi, o si ti si ile itaja
 meji si Iyana Ogunpa Opopo Ggbagi,
 pelu awon gbajumo akowe meji, fun
 awon anfan onibara re nihin.

A ki Iyafin ná ku atijo: Aje a wo
 'gba o

BAŞQRUN IWR.

Professor N. D. Oyerinde, oloye B.A.
 B.D., ti Ile-eko Giga ti Ijo Baptisti, eni-
 ti o dakan lo si Eko, pada bo pelu Iya-
 wo re ninu oko-reluwe ti Monde ose ti
 o kọja, o si ti rekoja lo si ifoko re ni
 Ogbomoso.

A ki Ogbeni ná, Kabol Ogbeni D.
 Ogunosun, ẹ ku alejo!

Candid Communications.

BT DAWIL

My Readers,

O/o Yoruba News, Ibadan.

Time has now rolled the length of six months, since I let fly a "Parthian Shaft" in a column of this paper, and of tipping the public my fin in an "au revoir" at the call of duty. I assure you the interim has been well applied and many "dives" have been made in the sea of literature, with equal amount in "catches" of fish and good red herring which we have eaten for the press. We are now "breaking the ice" and those of you who are desirous of trying "our paces" should look weekly into the columns of this paper and we promise you series of most delicious "Marsaroons" seasoned with "Attic Salt" made from our captures. Here we are again.

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The Superintendent of Education
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Sir,

We have read with pleasure in a contemporary the accounts of the part you have played at the recent conference of

teachers held at Akure. Your affability, geniality of disposition and the esprit-de-corps fostered among the members of the teaching fraternity. Are highly appreciated by every educationalist and all who have the true interest of Nigeria at heart. This is not the only occasion in which you have displayed these "bean ideal" qualities, which hang the push in the course of education. This must place you on wheels in a bee line with luck. Respect and Congrats.

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EGBE SERAFU.

Si gbozbo Egbe Iwasu titun ti nwasu kiri ode ti nwon pe ara won li Egbe Serafu. Ki Olorun ki o ran nyin lowo, ki o mase je ki Ewu ki o se amoma nyin.

Mo be nyin pupo, E ronni jinle ki e mase gbagbe oyo ti mo ti ntenu mo fun nyin pe: Oro mimo Olorun ni fitila ti a o fi rina la aye okunkun yi ju de ibi in je aiyeruya. Psal 119, 105.

Nitorina bi e o ba se ife Olorun. E o ma ka oyo mimo na lojomu pelu asaro Josua 1: 8. Eyi ni ni pe, ki e ma a kiyesara gidigidi, ki e ma ba se ohukohun ti o yato si ti inu Bibeli mimo ti a ti ipa. Emi Mimọ ko silẹ fun illo wa. 1 Tim. 1: 21. Kristi papa li o si pari Iwe Mimọ Ifihan 22: 16. Nitorina mo be nyin nipa ife, ara ninu Kristi, e sora ki e mase ohukohun ti o yato si ti inu Iwe Mimọ.

Ijo ti e njo ko jo ti inu iwe mimo: Ko jo ijo Dafidi ti o lo gbe Apoti Eri. Wo 2 Sam 6: 15-17. Kristi papa tun soro ijo ko pe siye ni ijo tara: eyi ni ni fifo soke fun ayọ. Luk 6, 23. Bi a ba kiyesi akoko ijo ti Dafidi ati akoko ti Oluwa wa wipe ki a fo soke ki ise akoko iwasu. Nitorina, mo be nyin nipa ijo ajopo tokunrin tobirin ni ita. Dajudaju bi e ko ba dawo ijo ni ibi iwasu ode duro, e o sina silẹ fun ota emi, nitoripe awon omo ehin Oluwa ko fi ijo wasu ki a ri i ka ninu Majemu Titun A ka ninu Ise 5: 41. pe awon omo ehin Oluwa yo aitori a ka awon ye si iya ije nitori oruko Re. Won ko jo, awon yo li a ri ka. Nitorina mo be nyin, bi e o ba je eleti omo, e mase jo lo si ibi

iwasu mo. Nigbe miran a ki mo igbati omi ma nbo loju e si nigbatia ba usoro Olorun tedunte fun. Erin ati ijo jinna si iwasu toto. Emi ko pose fun nyin sugbon mo mbe nyin ni, ki e le ronni. Bi e ba ngbadura fun awon alaisan nipa kiki igbagbe aise iyemeji ti o nran fun won. Ijoba Gesi yio yin nyin pupo, nwon yio si ma ba oja nla fun Egbe nyin, o da miloju, nitoripe awon fersn ilera ilu. Sugbon bi e ba nlo ogbon-koogbon ti e nda eniti aisan nse duro si odo ara nyin lai je ki o lo si odo awon ti o ko ogbon iwosan, ti e ngbadura si omi, ti e aleri fun u pe, e o fi adura wo o san, bi iru eni be baku si owo nyin, oran nla ni yio je. Mo be ayin pupo, e mase je ki Ijoba oloto ti nwon fi oyo inu Bibeli se ilu da ejo upania fun nyin.

E kiyesi i pe Jakabu ti o wipe ki a gbadura fun alaisan wipe, ki a lo ororo ko wipe ki a gbadura si omi. E wo Isk. 5: 14-15.

Bi e lo ogbon kan ti o yato si ti inu Bibeli, owo Satani yio te nyin. E jowo, e sora, pelu adura. Adura nikan ko to, si sora nikan ko to, 1 Pet 4: 7. Olorun alafia yio si te Satani mole ni atelese nyin. Nisisiyi, Ore Ofẹ Jesu Kristi Oluwa wa ki o wa pelu nyin Amin.

Emi ni,

Ti nyin nitoto niti Oluwa,
I. E. Babamuboni.

Iwe Keji

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Awon Akewi
Wa ninu Eyo-Itewe.

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WHERE ARE WE?

(Continued from our last issue.)

We now come to the question as to what our prospects now are, and what they may in future become, in the Foreign Produce Markets; for quite apart from the unpropitious Schemes of the Great Merger, from what we are seeing of it from day to-day, we know also that there are other difficulties to be faced. Gold Coast and Nigeria do not supply all the world's demand for Cocoa and Oil-nuts, other countries have come on the arena, and with improved methods and scientific processes which reduce the cost of production, will be able to place their own supplies at much lower prices than at present obtain; but this drawback shall be for all West African Produce Markets, we need not therefore break our necks over that which will be a universal calamity, all we need do is to begin from now to provide for our own future needs, to work on such lines as will ensure our getting from within, all we need in the way of Foodstuffs, and with a little less of that bogus Europeanism so prevalent among the educated classes, we believe that things will go much easier for us.

It has always been painful to us to notice most of our people, particularly some of those who have been able to manage

to go to England or other parts of Europe for that which is after all a merely little higher education than the local standard, on their return develop such airs of mighty importance, and to enstrange themselves not only to persons with whom they were once familiar but also with objects and habits in the midst of which they were born and bred.

Such attitude reflects a shallow mind, and positive indication that nothing real has been learnt from Overseas, beyond the aptitude to make themselves objects of derision to the European they aspire to rank with, as the following expression of a well known personage amply demonstrates: "A coloured man on his return after a stay in England or other parts of Europe, is neither, FISH nor FLESH"

We hope our readers will appreciate the fact that this matter is one worthy of reference in connection with the question of progress of our Race; that that class of the community that are pleased to be referred to as the Intelligensia and who have often been heard to say "these Laymen" in the sense that men who do not go to Europe for profession belong to a different specie in the scheme of creation — Those men of the Intelligensia department require it to be dinned into their ears that they make no favourable impression by their attitude of aloofness and assumed respectability, that they do not advance the cause of their race, and that whatever they may have learnt by this attitude becomes scarcely of any real advantage.

Whatever a man may acquire to a degree beyond the average, whether it be in form of wealth, learning, culture or in any other form, is a gift of God, and should be extended to benefit some one, otherwise it becomes a burden—and an abomination.

Apart from the fact that details of how many of our people manage to go to Europe for profession is more often

than not, an open secret, the consciousness that any professional man must expect to make his living out of the laymen should constitute a good enough reason why he should be on the best of terms with the plebeians—instead of being a snob.

In trying to be like the whiteman, the would-be-European cannot be ignorant of how far short of his ideal he stands—He lives a purely artificial life, showing a stiff front over an unsound interior, and he so far forgets himself sometimes that he mates with the wrong half—a European woman, how incongruous?

Trying to be Gods the Angels fell,
Trying to be Angels Man rebel.

The Scourge of Unemployment in Nigeria.

Multifarious have been the cause ascribed to this canker-worm knocking at the root of our social and commercial "vitals," and economic experts seem to have been exhausted in the attempt, without avail, of fixing a solution to this problem. This scourge was unknown to our forefathers and up to the last day of the "boom" era, the greatest "father of MYSTERIES" will believe against his oracle that the position of things can be what it is to-day. In the sudden slump of 1922, this scourge loomed ahead and the position becomes accentuated by the merging of the Associates and the Combine precipitating in the United Africa Coy Ltd. This great merger is stretching its tentacles farther and farther every day with the result that some factories are being closed down, others being reduced in staff; the small trader being starved out by selling below cost price and others squeezed out of the market entirely. The magnates of the merger

represent the scheme as an *El Dorado*, pregnant of benefits to the natives but it appears that the irony of circumstances is turning to folly the wisdom of their forecast as reflected in the results. The present pooled prices of export produce have intensified the position, minimising or nilling the potentialities of the slogan "back to the land" as a solution to unemployment problem. On the other hand, the import trade is also tainted by the same grabbing influence, making the position of the natives entirely a precarious one. Well is the question asked, "Where are we?" It cannot be imputed on us as a crime or a fault for following in the wake of civilisation by assimilating western ideas, culture and language. The one is to elevate our mentality, refine our bearings and outlook of life, and the other is a medium of expression. In this course, through defective education, the clerk class of employees had been produced in a greater measure than any other class, and through that something in the human breasts so tenacious of privileges once obtained, discrimination takes prominence in the choice of occupation with a strong tendency to clerkship and the abhorrence or depreciation of work involving manual labour and staining of clothes and soiling of hands and face, because we have a smattering idea of the rules of syntax and can differentiate the letter B from the Bull's footprint. If there is relaxation from this sort of selective discrimination, and the consciousness awakened that work is honourable whatever is its nature, the present high tension of unemployment may be eased, and more appreciably will this be, if also a little abstemiousness is exercised from the extravagance reflected in our wardrobes, household and self-aggrandisement. These are some of the chief sources of luxuries absorbing our earnings and making us to start the next year just

where we began the previous one. If we determine to limit our desires to only those things which are absolutely necessary and essential, we shall be able to accumulate savings to form a capital and sink it in an enterprise which must absorb labour and thereby relieve unemployment. Some people have the money and others the tact, and if we copy the principles inculcated in the Aggrey anblack and white keys, blending these elements together, a chord on it, stricken in the right direction, will produce a harmony resounding through the strongholds of unemployment.

WHY WRITE TO A NEWSPAPER? TO MAKE OR TO MAKE?

BY MODÉST.

While we feel highly gratified to see our intelligent men entering actively into literary and journalistic fields, we greatly deplore the selfish and vain glorious motives which are the only impetus that moved almost the majority (it is sad to say) to newspaper arena. We suppose one of the reasons for assuming a pen name is to hide the identity of the writer in order to allow his comments to be received with unbiased minds and probably to avoid personal glory.

Looking around us what do we see? Our self styled "Dr. Johnsons" having written their articles will show or whisper the contents to about a score and four friends before handing them to the editor; so that before the newspaper is out from the press, these local Lord Macaulays' essays would have become public property. They take advantage of the present level of the local average intelligence in order to enhance their reputation as mighty (?) writers, they brag about of their production and in every quarter you may go, you will hear "Hùn Mr. X sfoji, awon igi iwe ni yèn, lantilanti l' o nju u" etc. etc.

It is thus plain why such men invariably play the role of critics: to run down the other

men in order to establish themselves as the only all-knowing and all-powerful writers—instead of calling a spade, a spade they endeavour to display the ability to exhaust all the queer words in the English dictionary and they usually quote from other people's books as they generally lack originality in themselves.

It is this spirit which is the cankerworm that is eating away unceasingly the fabric of society in Nigeria to-day. All individual interests are centred in self, none cares to sacrifice anything for the general good. We must state here that we do not seek to depreciate the value of constructive criticism, no sane person should grudge his faults being pointed out to him, but what a lot of difference is there in the way it is done? We are on the lowest rung of the ladder of progress and our civilisation is in its embryonic stage; what one would have liked to see manifest among us is the spirit of hard work and unity, but, on the contrary, our leading men are hankering after personal glory while a hundred and one obnoxious legislations are being passed over our heads whilst we are fighting, biting and tearing one another in fraternal feuds. What a favourable land for exploitation by the aliens!

In the editorial of this paper for the 10th Dec. 1929, but which was published only last week, men were called upon to co-operate with its editorial staff; would to God that our men in responding to this call realise their duties to their country and race!

When next you are writing, what are you going to write?

Yearly Revival Services

OF THE

IBADAN BAPTIST MISSION

will take place at their Idikan Church
from Monday August 25-31.

PRESS NOTICE

It is announced for general information that there has recently been a very marked improvement in the locust situation in Nigeria.

2. The Southern Provinces are now reported to be entirely free from locusts. In the Northern Provinces, the movement to the North and Northeast continues. Flying swarms are still present in the central and Northern areas, but "hopper" swarms now only remain in the most Northern Provinces.

3. Local prices of foodstuffs are either normal or only slightly above normal. The damage to crops has been small and so much less than anticipated that the Lieutenant-Governor, Northern Provinces, now reports that of the 1,000 tons of grain ordered as an emergency measure only a comparatively small portion will be required.

Owing to the fact that the attacks of locusts have practically ceased and that there is no longer any shortage of food, the restriction on the export of foodstuffs has been removed.

A statement having appeared in the Press implying that the publication of 'The Appointment and Disposition of Chiefs Ordinance, 1930, has been postponed in consequence of a petition to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, it appears desirable that the public should be informed that the only reason why the Ordinance has not yet been published is that it has not yet received the Governor's assent, having been reserved by His Excellency for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, in consequence of the amendment made in Council to the original Bill.

News & Notes.

On Monday night the 4th instant, thieves entered the hardware store of Mr. J. M. Ogunni's premises at Ogunpa road, by forcing one of the front doors of the building opposite the main road. Luckily, they failed to gain entrance in to the first floor and the strong steel safe in the store having resisted their efforts, the rogues left the place without doing any damage.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ogunni on their very fortunate escape.

The serenity of this community has been violently shaken the last few days by the rumoured disappearance of some children in the town. This matter had been reported to the authorities who are making every effort to unearth the culprits and a £10. reward is offered to anybody who could supply information leading to the arrest of the offender or offenders.

We regard this event as a conspiracy by some ill-disposed person or persons unknown, against the new Bale who is popular with every section of the community. The whole country is grateful to the Resident for prompt action taken to nip the mischief in the bud.

While attending the morning service at Kudeti Church last Sunday, Mr. V. H. Sowemimo and family of Ile Olanloye were robbed of a large quantity of wearing apparel, trinkets and other valuables belonging to members of the family then in town and at the farm, leaving only Mr. Sowemimo's European garments behind. The case is in hands of the Police. Our sympathy.

Our able Medical Officer I of Adeoyo Hospital, Dr. W. C. Dale has proceeded to England on furlough. The natives owe to Dr. Dale a debt of gratitude for his assiduous task in treating the patients and serious cases at any time they required his services. We wish him a well earned rest and safe return to this Division after the expiration of his leave.

Among the visitors to Lagos during the last holiday was Mr. J. F. S. Paulsen of the Administrative Department, Agoli, Ibadan who went down for the baptism of his infant daughter Elfrida Adelbist which took place at the Holy Cross Cathedral on Sunday last at 3.30 p.m. The child was received into the Church by the very Rev. Father Freyburger, Mr. Maurice Siffre S. L., and Mrs. Marie, Yewaude Johnson being the sponsors. After the ceremony which was largely attended by friends and his family, refreshments served at his residence No. 116 Danton Street, Eboumetin. Long live the child.

Mrs. M. Awolaji, the Matron appointed for the Adeoyo Hospital has been doing a very good work and she has contributed a lot to the improvement of the condition of the Hospital especially among the female patients. We wish Mrs. Awolaji a long life of usefulness.

Mrs. S. T. Quenum has also been appointed as Matron-in-training for three years on probation and her retention is subject to satisfactory work and good behaviour.

One Joseph, an ex-Soldier, is wanted by the Police in connection with the murder of a woman he had once seduced from her husband at Bayegan Ogunmuga's house

A serious motor accident occurred near Zibiti last Wednesday, when two lorries collided in crossing a culvert at the same time, in which six passengers were seriously injured.

The Resident H. L. Ward-Priest Esq., returned from Ifo last week.

We hope the dispute among the Royal Families of Ifo will be settled without delay and that the successor to the late Alaiyeruwa The Ori of Ifo will be announced shortly.

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