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Ibadan African Club

HONOURS

MR. NKUNE,

HEAD-MASTER GOVT. MODEL SCHOOL, IBADAN.

On the occasion of his transfer to King's College, Lagos, the Ibadan African Club had a Tennis Tournament on Tuesday the 3rd instant, in honour of Mr. E. N. E. Nkune, Secretary to the Literary and Football Sections of the Club.

The tournament which took place on the Club's Grounds at New Court Road was well attended. Among those present were Mr. Clift the Superintendent of Education, Mrs. W. C. Dale, Mr. Owen of P. Z. & Co, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Emodie Postmaster Ibadan, E. O. Akinyele the I. N. A. Treasurer Messrs J. O. Ade Craig, J. O. Shobande, Donstan Cole, A. Laḡega, J. Ajomole, M. A. Abayomi L. A. Cole, Mr. & Mrs. Quartey, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Adewakun, Mrs. B. Agbisi, Mr. & Mrs. Quartey, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Adewakun, Mr. J. A. Winjibi representative Daily Telegraph and many others including the members of the various Tennis Clubs in town.

At the conclusion of the tournament, the following Address was read by Mr. S. A. Priddy, the General Secretary of the Club:—

We, the undersigned, representing the African Club, Ibadan, desire to present you, on the eve of your departure to Lagos on Transfer, this short address as a token of our appreciation of your manifold services among us both in fostering the aims and objects of this Club and in regard to your other contributions towards the literary and social progress of this historic town of Ibadan.

Transferred from King's College, Lagos in October, 1926 after a successful career, you were posted to the Old Government School, Oranyan. No sooner had you assumed the duties of your office than you began to rally round you the Old Boys of the School, and incited in them the necessity and power of Unity, which bore fruit in the evolution of that body known as the IBADAN GOVERN-

MENT SCHOOL, OLD BOYS, CLUB. This Club is still a forceful reminder of the responsibilities that all Old Boys owe to their Alma Mater, both in allegiance and utility by upholding the high standards and principles instilled in their School.

By far your greatest effort, and one in which you are confident you will always derive lasting satisfaction, is your inauguration of the IBADAN UNION OF TEACHERS early in 1927. It will despite other aspects, surely be a source of gratification to you to reflect that whatever activities and influence for good the Union exerts today, are derived from your clear vision and wise leadership.

Since your association with the African Club of which you are a Foundation Member, you have always impressed us with your unflinching devotion to duty and your unflagging interest in all that made for the welfare and progress of the Club. As Secretary to the Literary and Football Sections, and Librarian of the Club, you showed exemplary courage and energy by keeping alive and active what were already acknowledged as lukewarm sections of the Club. Such a willing and unreserved devotion to duty coupled with untiring efforts to hold up the flag in the face of relentless setbacks, we cannot help but hail as marks of a great man.

It will not be fitting to conclude this address without associating with it the name of your dear wife whose companionship in the latter part of your sojourn in Ibadan most certainly have been of incalculable benefit to you. Unfortunately circumstances have made her presence here today impossible, but our good wishes for her continued health and happiness as well as increased usefulness to you are none-the-less diminished.

As you return to King's College to resume your duties after a break of almost Ten Years, we bespeak for you success and prosperity and pray that at no distant date the present transfer may be a stepping stone to further preferment in His Majesty's Service.

Meanwhile, we say, "Au revoir" to you, our Friend and Jolly Good Fellow.

We are,
(Sgd.) D. A. Obase, - President.

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- J. B. Abimbola
- Sam A. Priddy Gen. Sec.
- Simon A. Wilson Hon. Sec.
- R. Tashu - Treasurer
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- A. A. Fetayo - Auditor
- E. M. Davies-Low, Member

Mr. Nkune replying to the Address expressed his appreciation of the honour done him by the Club and the praises bestowed on him in connection with his work as an officer of the Club, which he thought anybody placed in the same position could have done. He reminded the Club that co-operation among members and officers is essential to the success of any movement and of the Club in particular, that although he has to go on transfer to Lagos, he would always find time to visit the Club and his numerous friends in the town.

Mr. D. A. Obase then rose to thank the guests whose presence that day was a conclusive proof of the high esteem in which Mr. Nkune is held in the community; other functions had already been given the guest of honour who deserves them all and even more from the fact that it was Mr. Nkune, who, as Headmaster and at his own expense ordered out a Brass Band the first of its kind in Ibadan, for the use of Government School, Oranyan. That Band has filled a long felt want in Ibadan for some years till its being taken over by the Ibadan N.A. for its Police Band.

Those who are acquainted with this fact had refrained from publishing it for fear of losing Mr. Nkune's services in the community as it is always the case with Government servants.

But Mr. Nkune's merits can no longer be hidden and the Education authorities have noted him for transfer back to the King's College where, we hope, he may be given promotion to a higher rank of the official ladder.

Mr. E. D. A. Wilson ably supported the last speaker in moving a vote of thanks to the guests.

The function was closed by the singing of the National Anthem.

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Our Educational Policy.

III.

Continued from our last

WHEREAS a statement in one of the Annual Reports of Education Department to the effect that owing to lack of students possessing necessary qualifications, the Technical School proposed by a former Director of Education, could not be proceeded with, although the necessary votes for buildings and equipments of the School had been passed through the Estimates. This reversal of policy occurred only 3 months after the relinquishment of the post by the Director who had introduced the scheme 12 months previously.

It will be interesting to know what are the qualifications in possession of which students were found wanting to such an extent as to have been the cause of the withdrawal of such a useful institution from the country. Having Olufemi Memorial School at Abeokuta and the Ibadan Industrial School at Iwo (near Ibadan) there is not a single school where technical instruction in the different trades and handicrafts is being given throughout the length and breadth of Nigeria today.

There was a serious attempt to remedy this defect in our educational system four years ago when a Technical School was opened in conjunction with the History Centre Institution of Lagos, to which pupils from every school were drafted as out-door students. The school, which formerly had

several years and produced many high grade workmen was the source of revenue deep learning in the knowledge of Carpentry, Joinery, Masonry, Blacksmithery and Painting, taught the students by master craftsmen who had acquired their knowledge from England, the Gold Coast and the Brazils. The success of the school had moved the then Governor, Sir Henry MacCallum to institute a scheme of training Africans as Foremen of Works and Surveyors for the Government Service, for the purpose of which a Government Technical and Survey School was opened in one of the rooms in the old Lagos Hospital compound. Among the students of the school were Messrs Julius C. Johnston, Victor Coker, D. Gladstone Coker, Hoffman Cole, Pedro Carera, Baji, Hoare, Carthair Leight, G. Leah and others all of whom had to pass an entrance Examination under Mr. H. H. Young, i.e., before being admitted.

In spite of the fact that the school was closed down about 2 years after its opening and students could not complete their training therein, the attainments of the first 4 students as Surveyors, Architects and Building Contractors are positive proofs of the suitability of Nigerian youths for training as Technical students for the Civil Service. It 28 years ago students possessing the necessary qualifications for admission into a Government Technical School could be found, and they are still being found for the Government Survey School which has since been reopened. We fail to see why the Technical School also has not been reopened and what useful purpose will this policy serve—except that it may lead our people to believe that the Government is anxious to raise our hands from us instead of teaching us how to develop it ourselves.

A Carpentry School opened by the Government had been discontinued as there are many carpenters in the country already. A scheme of distributing technical students among Government establishments recently introduced, is more extensive than the opening of a Technical School, where the training of Students could be concentrated, and instead of each department providing its own teaching staff only the necessary technical demonstrations to students should be left to the departments concerned.

We respectfully appeal to the Education Authorities to reconsider the reopening of a Government Technical School as well as Arts and Crafts Schools in the Southern Provinces.
To be continued.

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Deportation Bureaucracy.

By AFRICANA CORONER.

We are lost in great amazement to read in the editorial note of The African Morning Post, a paper pub-

lished in the Gold Coast, that plans are reported to be on foot to lay certain persons deported from the Gold Coast Colony because, it is alleged, their presence in that colony is injurious to the best interests of certain chiefs and a negligible minority of political grumblers and grumblers who reside in the Colony of Accra.

The worst part of the matter is that certain obscure persons have never made any efforts and have busily engaged themselves to convince certain chiefs that a petition to the Government through the Secretary for Native Affairs would really solve the problem.

According to our observation of the Gold Coast political events, we are convinced that the plans which are now on foot had been arranged by the recent political struggle which has placed Gold Coast affairs in the forefront of political history of British West Africa.

The chiefs, if the plans reported as true in all their bearings, seem to be sure to resolve whether the obligate-deportees are British subjects or the protected persons and whether the people proposed to be deported had participated in politics either in the cause of enjoying their rights or British criticisms on the Gold Coast.

It does not interest us in any degree to know whether the Province Chief of Eastern Province who are supposed to be connected with the plans have jurisdiction over the area in which the alleged people for deportation live or not, but one thing we are certain and that is if the plans were successfully carried into effect, it will undoubtedly raise grave questions of British constitutional law.

Surely Nigeria is a land full of milk and honey where any number of human race, be he yellow, red or black Gambians, Libyans, Sierras Leoneans, or Gullis—persons is allowed to enjoy his constitutional rights in all things and matters and especially in political affairs of the country, without any question of tribal jealousy, because he constitutes a member of the community, a fact which is quite undebatable.

It correspondingly follows that the Provincial chiefs of the Eastern Provinces of the Gold Coast are taking a level in matters which will ultimately result in a very serious inter-tribal jealousy. We know certainly that if the desires of the Chiefs are allowed to be an accomplished fact, it will undoubtedly upset the progress of West African Colonies in matters of co-operation among West Africans.

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OLORUKU OF OKRU.

On Tuesday last the 10th instant the Olokun of Okuku and his retinue left Okuku by the down Jebba train for Ibadan in order to attend a function which has been arranged for the Reception of His Honour the Chief Commissioner who, it was understood is due to arrive at Ibadan on Wednesday the 11th instant.

AKIRUN OF IKIRUN.

By the same train the Representative of Akirun of Ikirun also travelled to Ibadan for the same object.

ATAOJA OF OSOGBO.

The Ataoja of Osogbo travelled by motor to Ibadan on the occasion of a meeting with the Chief Commissioner on Wednesday the 11th instant.

TIME OF EDE.

The Time of Ede was also at Ibadan the occasion.

BARRISTER JUBRI. MARTIN

Mr. Jubri Martin, B.L.S., LL.B., was town on professional duty.

OTHER CHIEFS

Other Chiefs from the Province were at Ibadan to meet the Chief Commissioner was the Sales of Ogbomosha Obangon, the Olowu of Iwo and of Balso in the surrounding districts.

SALES' RETURN JOURNEY.

After the ceremony of meeting the Chief Commissioner had been over the Chiefs returned to their respective stations on the same Wednesday whilst others like the Olokun, representative Akirun of Ikirun returned on Thursday morning the 12th inst. by the up Jebba Train.

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