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Amodi nia kan ka la alagba Olola E. H. Oke, depo ti emini fi mile ni igbo-ro Ibadan, Eko. Iyeye ati gbozbo ibiti ebi alagba na zbe wa; sugbon a dape pe o ti san patapata tobe ti oja baba tun dabi gende bisisiyi.

A ki baba wa na pe, E ku ewu o, Ojo a juna die si o.

By me at Oyewole se amodi pupo lati inquiry that the mission does not postpone the process of the levy and the Native Revenue imposition and the (collective Pur-

DONALD KING, Secretary

Commission

Lagos,

22nd 1930.

News & Notes.

AGAIN!

We regret inability to issue this paper for the past six months owing to well! But we now seize this opportunity to acknowledge with gratitude, the good wishes of all our readers and patrons for their and ready support by which we are able to re-appear once more.

"May their tribes increase," and

"May the God of Africa bless them!"

(One of the four numbers of this paper still under the press is enclosed, the rest issues will follow later.

Since our last issue, several important events worthy of being chronicled have taken place some of which we can only record briefly.

The retirement on pension of Mr. J. L. Lasebikan, the popular Dispenser and Chemist, from Government service and his establishment at Kuleji, Ibadan.

The completion of the palatial cement block buildings of Bale Oyewole this year.

The recovery of the Hon. Elder H. Oke from a dangerous illness.

A send-off Dinner that His in honour of

The Senior His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Captain W. Buchanan-Smith, C.M.G., M.C. to be a Lieutenant-Governor in the Protectorate of Nigeria as from the date on which Mr. H. R. Palmer, C.M.G., C.S.I., assumes office as Governor of the Gambia.

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BEREAVEMENT.

Master Ebenezer Oyelakin Oyedele alias "Lakinmontability" among the clerks at Gusau who left Gusau Station 10.12.29 with his father S.M., E. J. F. Oyedele on two months leave of absence and who arrived with father safely at Ibadan 12.2.29 passed away quite suddenly on Dec. 29 after about 12 hours' illness.

This is one of the most mournful incidents experienced by Mr. Oyedele and he asks readers to pray for him that the other members of his family may be spared and that they may all be guided aright and safely from unseen arrows.

In te, Domine Confidimus est.

OIL PRESS DEMONSTRATION.

There was a demonstration of the Oil Expressing Machine at Klotalafia Balogun Sowemimo's Farm, Ojode, on Monday and Tuesday the 3rd and 4th of February, when equal quantities of palm fruits were treated by our native method and the Oil Press system, by an official of the Agricultural Department, resulting in 25% more oil by the Oil Press extraction. We understand Balogun Sowemimo has arranged to buy the outfit.

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Yours faithfully,

E. M. E. Agbebi,

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PRESS NOTICES.

It is announced for general information that His Majesty the King has been pleased to appoint Mr. Justice Petrides, Puisne Judge, Nigeria, to be Chief Justice of Mauritius.

It is announced for general information that His Excellency proposes to appoint Major C. T. Lawrence, O.B.E., to be Administrator of the Colony on his return from leave in succession to Major W. Murrell-Gray, C.M.G., who will shortly be retiring.

The Commission of Inquiry appointed by His Excellency the Governor to inquire into the recent disturbances in the Calabar and Owarri Provinces having concluded the taking of evidence will render its report to His Excellency as early as possible, after which, His Excellency will give his decision upon the various points raised before the Commission. In the meantime, since it has been brought to notice that misapprehension as to the powers of the Commission prevails in some parts of the recently disturbed areas, I desire to repeat and amplify the statement made by me at the commencement of the Inquiry that the sitting of the Commission does not in any way hold up or postpone the ordinary operation and process of the law, more particularly the levy and collection of taxes under the Native Revenue Ordinance, and the imposition and collection of fines under the Collective Punishment Ordinance.

DONALD KINGDON,

Chairman Commission of Inquiry.

Lagos,

22nd May, 1930.

His Excellency the Governor intends in due course to appoint Captain Buchanan-Smith to be Lieutenant-Governor of the Southern Provinces, Mr. C. W. Alexander, C.M.A., being transferred to the post of Lieutenant Governor of the Northern Provinces.

It is announced for general information that there has recently been a marked improvement in the situation arising from the locust attacks. In the Southern Provinces only a few scattered swarms remain in the Oyo Province. In the Northern Provinces there are still many flying swarms in the Bauchi and Adamawa Provinces, but elsewhere reports indicate a reduction in the number of such swarms. Young swarms or "hoppers" are numerous in the northern area of the Northern Provinces, but from other districts it is reported that these swarms have largely either been destroyed or have disappeared.

2. Damage to crops has been considerable, but in many cases replanting has been successfully carried out. In a few limited areas, a certain shortage of food will probably occur, but it is expected that this will be made good from neighbouring districts. The staff engaged on anti-locust measures is now being reduced, and the Lieutenant-Governor Northern Provinces reports that taking the Northern Provinces as a whole; a serious famine is now extremely improbable.

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WHERE ARE WE ?

To-day, we in Nigeria, find ourselves face to face with a grave situation, a situation which calls for serious consideration of the future of our country in regard chiefly to our Export trade.

The advantages which the advent and occupation of the whiteman have brought to us are many, and the amenities which the adoption of western ideas or civilization diffused, by themselves, afford us ample cause for gratitude for the contact.

And for all we know, the whiteman is out to improve his less fortunate brother—blackman; to educate him, to teach him the English or other foreign language, as a means of effecting mutual understanding for the purpose of business and social intercourse; and he has verily been taught how to develop to advantage, the natural resources of his country.

At the same time, the whiteman looks after himself well; he does not and properly should not allow the blackman, with his usual impetuosity in grasping new ideas, to get more than his own little share in the deal; the position therefore is tacitly one of "Give and Take."

Here is the Blackman, happily endow-

ed with a soil brimming with rich products, the value of which he hardly has any conception, while his better-placed friend and co-adjutor benevolently undertakes to instruct him in the way of digging out his valuable products, how and what to cultivate, how and where to sell; and what is more, the whiteman, out of sheer goodness of heart, volunteers to bring to the Blackman's home all such goods and chattels as will conduce to the blackman's comfort and luxury.

The status of the Blackman has thus become raised, and his method is rationally modernised. Cocoa and such other things of a class used solely in the production of European food and requirements have rapidly taken the places of his yams, beans, etc, etc, and judging by the sudden burst of prosperity which this change has brought about, the Blackman felt justified in foresaking his father's tracks.

Human nature we all know, is highly adaptable, and to this rule the Blackman is no exception, whatever may, rightly or wrongly be considered his incapacities in other respects; he therefore readily assumes and apes the whiteman as fast as means at his disposal could carry him. He acquires and becomes accustomed to a mode of living completely beyond the loftiest dreams of his ancestors, and glancing around, he contemplates himself with placid satisfaction. And so far all has been well.

In every form of human event however, there invariably occurs at one time or another, a turning point, and men who are esteemed great, were those who look beyond the mere present; that quality of foresight, is what we Africans, with but few exceptions, lamentably lack, and it is visibly this that has brought about, the existing pitiable situation; a situation which

every responsible person must realize to be one grave enough to engage the serious thoughts of even the most flippant. The situation we repeat, is dreadful, and manifestly, we are fast approaching a point from which, if nothing occurs to alter, we are almost sure to be precipitated into a condition of an unimagineable degree of want and distress.

The healthy development of any country rests mainly on its commercial progress, and all we can boast of in this direction consists of Cocoa, Palm Kernels, Oil and a few other commodities, the prices of all of which are to-day highly discomfoting, whilst imported Goods, to which we have in varying degrees become foolishly accustomed are obtainable only at comparatively high prices: if this situation is not grave, none else is, and whether or not it is time for us to encourage our home industries, to use a little more of our country cloths, to return to our own native foodstuffs, and to improve upon them, are questions which we leave to time and our readers to answer.

Many of us in this as also in other parts of Nigeria have devoted money, land, and labour to the cultivation exclusively of cocoa to the almost total exclusion of yams, beans, and other articles of native food, a course which, quite apart from this impending calamity is, of itself, no indication of wisdom; and now that shortage of demand for Cocoa and Palm Kernels has brought prices to so absurd a standard,—What shall we do?

It is a matter of common knowledge that the experiences of those of us who have ventured to remove their crops away into foreign markets for sale, have been, (for reasons which we hope to discuss) of a nature so uncongenial and disheartening, that any suggestion for a repetition of such experiment

would make producers not only nervous but highly suspicious and indignant.

And it is decidedly puerile to indulge in any hopes for change in a near future because that is highly improbable of eventuality, considering the activities in other parts of the world, in the way of production of this same class of commodity on better and scientific lines, and probably at much lower prices which improved method and lower cost of production would render possible, therefore we ask again and in all seriousness,—What shall we do?

Let us now examine further into the causes which have brought us into this unfortunate labyrinth, the factors which militate against our commercial progress. Let us have a squint at our friend—the commercial-whiteman's side of the deal; there is no gainsaying the fact that gloom darkens his own horizon also, the depression so to speak is universal; but by how much does he suffer? And by how much does he arrange his schemes to help over the stile, the unfortunate blackman he had led out of peaceful obscurity? Is it not clear to all who can see that the blackman really counts little if at all in the huge schemes of the West African trade developments? We may be wrong, but from the look of things, the producer and traders have not yet seen that side of the Merger which is for the blackman's benefit.

The wise man's eyes are in his head, says Solomon, but the fool walketh in darkness.

There is more in this tangle than the naked eye can see.

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Correspondence.

THE W.A.S.U. MISSION.

Ibadan,

11th March, 1930.

Dear Editor,

Please permit my addressing this letter to you, being a public organ at Ibadan, on the subject of the Mission of Mr. Ladipo Sojanke, the delegate of the West African Student's Union.

Although I have not opportunity to attend every meeting which might have been held for the purposes of this Mission but I witnessed two that might be considered important, viz., the one convened under the auspices of the Egbe Agba-o-tan at the Grammar School Compound sometime in December last and the one of yester-evening arranged by the Reading Circle.

It is regrettable that all that has yet been done to help the Mission in Ibadan is, all things considered, practically nil. It was said, *inter alia* at the first meeting, in the above order, that Ibadan is the largest town in Nigeria or rather in West Africa and that what therefore must be done should be worthy of that adjective. Since then it appears that even the diminutive of it has not been done.

The suggestion at the last meeting after the lecture is only one in a right direction and it will be advisable to put every necessary energy and sense to the arrangement lest it still be an unhatched scheme.

There is hardly any African with a living conscience in this community who would shrug his shoulders indifferently at the land's ambition when approached for help face to face by an authorized person. It will be realised that the general tendency is to evade launching out money in this way, notwithstanding the willingness, by pretext of every kind. It will be necessary to close every avenue of pretext.

We have first to consider that this is a matter of national interest and could never

be allied to any matter of political agitation, nor anything to jeopardise religions, sectarian, or personal interest.

In the above circumstances, I wish to offer the following suggestions in as concise a form as possible both as regards the formation of the proposed committee and its working.

1. The Committee to be large and representative of all interests from Chieftaincy to Peasantry, i.e. One or two members to be strictly responsible for the voluntary contributions by the Chiefs, a Representative member from each Government and Native Administration Offices, Mercantile Houses, independent Gentlemen and Societies of all kinds. Rivalry to be encouraged among collecting representatives in proportion to the number of their "Clients."
2. A representative from each "Constituency" may announce meeting of his constituents and explain to them vividly the object of the Mission and make arrangements for payments of their subscription. In the case of clerks, they may pay by monthly instalments—two at most. This is not intended an insult to the dignity of clerks, of whom I am one, but it is only a suggestion in sympathy for their convenience which, I believe, will induce some to subscribe a sum compatible with their reputation. No name in any constituency either subscribing or not should be left out in any constituency list put up.
3. Every paid up subscription to be published in the 'Yoruba News' and any other papers that the Committee may agree to, in acknowledgement of the receipt of the money and a guarantee for the correct delivery of subscriptions by the collectors.
4. Two Honorary Joint-Secretaries to be appointed for rendering the general account and making payment into the fund.

You will observe that above is an outline which admits of necessary widening. I sincerely hope, if adopted, it will work well and earn for us our boasted "largest". It is high time the community take as much interest financial side of the scheme as they do in hearing, admiring and praising Mr. Solanke in theory alone.

There are many willing but organisation is lacking.

Yours very truly,

METRODIST.

FAREWELL ADDRESS,

TO

MR. E. J. FESTUS OYEDELE,

Station Master, Gusau Station,

SIR,

When the intimation reached us of your going on two months' leave, it is to us an endless joy but, that after the expiration of your well-earned rest, you will not resume duty at Gusau, which of course, is duty's call, but sounds to us rather shocking to be separated, though bodily, from one who has been so passionately attached to and has been so fondly beloved, by us. We can assure you that your absence will be keenly felt not only by us who are your immediate staff and members of the C.M.S. Church, Gusau the latter of whom you are the dynamic force in bringing into its present state of perfection the church building, not only by the Hausa trading community to whom you have always given listening ears, but also by both Government and Merchantile Europeans for your civility, directness and honesty of purpose coupled with a strong sense of duty. The Nigerian Railway are supremely fortunate to have you as one of their intelligent Station Masters and that your devotion to duty is, we are cognisant, not unknown to the heads of the

Transportation Department as could be conceived or inferred by your recent promotion to the rank of 1st class clerkship.

It is a sorry thing indeed that we should miss you from our midst, but as the call of duty must be obeyed, we commend both yourself, Mrs. Oyedele, and your children to the care, protection and guidance of the Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent Allah, while we are far away from one another. We are presenting you with this poor purse in token of your kindness, good heartedness and exemplary conduct to us.

We solemnly pray again that the Almighty God may guide you aright in all your movements. Farewell.

We are,

Yours Fraternally,

A. R. Seriki, J. T. Ogungbade, D. Obayemi, J. O. Aboderin, J. B. Klug, F. Mdu-bisi, H. Shobowale, J. A. Idowu, J. O. Onoura, Williams, Joseph.

Gusau, 9.12.29.

REPLY.

Mr. E. J. F. Oyedele replied to the above in brevity. He urged the Railway Staff Gusau to co-operate with Mr. Lawson, as their good co-operation allowed him to achieve the good fame connected with his tenure of office at Gusau. He said he was proud for during the space of one year since he opened Gusau Station, no infraction of fines on him or any of his Staff and he appreciates God's protection over him and his. He greatly thanked his staff and friends for the precious purse given him and he prayed that they may meet again in the land of the living.

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