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BRITISH LIBERTY.

IV.

ONE of the direct results of imber-
dication to parental control is the
steady—though gradual—deterioration
of those races or tribes who are mis-
using this liberty introduced into
Africa.

Whilst they "saw their wild Ours"
in Europe, it is the case of seeing
"savage Ours" in "civilised" Africa.
As it is well-known, the growing of
beakly trees largely depends upon the
possibilities of the seeds sown: the
"wild Ours" of Europe invariably pro-
duce strong populations, so the "un-
civil Ours" sown by the disobedient
Africans steadily reproduce frail, sick-
ly and diminutive children, who
often die about the middle age,
as shown by the statistics in our
countries.

Where in Europe the law generally
forbids the marriage of young people
under 21 years of age, and, specifically
18 years for fully developed girls at
their parents' discretion and consent,
the Yoruba father would not permit
his daughter to marry until she would
have been fully developed, which
usually takes place from 5 to 6 years
after puberty. This stage is called
"Laba" in Yoruba. In Maternity,

but the misguided young people in
entering their supposed history of
action often managed themselves early
in the serious affairs of life by asso-
ciating themselves in premature mar-
riage—the boy of 17 to a girl of 15 or
16—just at a time they should be

receiving education, learning a trade
or acquiring a profession that could
sustain them in life.

Of course, "the fathers having eaten
the unripe grapes, their children's teeth
were set on edge" in scriptural
paraphrase. It is best-tending to see
how rapidly the children of these un-
developed parents are dumbishing to
nature in succeeding generations.
The fact is, they are growing smaller
and smaller at such an alarming rate
so much that all thoughtful people
begin to fear what the resultant Race
will be within the next hundred years.

But say what we will, the law of
God is unchangeable, the 5th Com-
mandment has its blessings as well as
its penalties. There is the long life
for those who honour their parents
and the reverse for those who neglect
this duty.

Therefore "liberty" or no "liberty",
we respectfully appeal to our Prefectors
and our Natural Rulers to check this
growing evil by regulating marriage-
able age for our young people there-
by retarding the deterioration of our
Race.

News.

The Rev. J. O. Babalola, Esq., a Ju-
dicial of Abacha Grammar School and
Federal President of the Nigerian Liberty
or Teachers passed through the town on the
1st instast. We understood the energetic
President was losing the Prefectural
contest to the interest of his Union.

OBITUARY

MR. J. A. OKUTIGA.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr.
John Adegoke Okutiga, ex-Chief Signaller
of the Nigerian Railway, who passed away
at his residence, Lagos, Abacha on Thurs-
day night the 7th instast, and was buried
on Friday the 9th, after funeral services at
Igbite Church. The Rev. A. A. Falade and
I. O. Babalola, Esq., Honorary Members of
the United Brothers of Friendship, from
Lagos, Eshetu Meta, Ibadan and Abacha,
who ministered, were led the musical ser-
vants to the Church and grave.

To the bereaved family our deepest sym-
pathy.

IDIKO

July 11th, 1928.

Balewa kon poyopoye fun ara si
owore yi. Olaké ti óko ni gúnle, awon
ti wakale wakale, baal awon wáran ara
ogba kááta.

Ori ókè ti ara ókè wá pọ́. Ibiá
kon fun ara ti ókè ni wá. Awon ókè
kíko doro gbagba ni ókè ara láal ni pi ko
ni íyá ara ókè ara wá ni ókè ni ókè
ni ókè.

Ipade Pataki ti Ijo Baptisti

IDIKAN SE FUN DOKITA

Charles E. Maddy, D.D.,

ATI AWON TI O BA A WA.

Thursday, 7th, July 1928.

Ni owon oyo yi, ki ságo mewa
áto ni lo, Ibadan ná. O kun fun
oyopoye eni. F'ókunfa ati' o' obunfa;
beji awon imode kun ile-ékú wá
tópé. Awon Igbite Ijo ati' Eniway
A. A. Paduicome Alabajoto Agba,
ko jafara sípa orinfa oyo sipe sipe
ti awon sípa Olofowo ná.

Ko pé awon Ijo joko si Ijo
won ti Dokita Maddy ná ati' awon
ti o ba a wa. Bi won ti awon
ile-ékú, gbagbo oyo eni díde ara.
fun awon Ibadawo pataki ná. Ogbun
K. A. Allen ná baal lori Duro.
Awé Akrom to wá.

Eniway Alabajoto D. O. Togan
pe orin, Ibadawo A. A. Paduicome
gba ara wá. Igbite eyi ni
Dokita George Ibadan, wá. pe sápa
Dokita Maddy ati' awon ti o ba a wa
fun gbagbo oyo eni ti o ba a wá.

Ogbun D. A. Ojasa, ti o jé
okun ara awon Alabajoto Ijo Baptisti
lúkan ko iwe ikun kááto ni ókè Ijo
awon sípa pataki ná ati' eni Ijo
awon oyo eni ti o joko. Oyo ikááto
ni pé o' si kun fun oyo pataki, pataki,
sápa ókúni ti Ijo níle ati' ókúni ti
wá pé sááta.

Eyi ni sípa ikááto ti Ijo éle
sápa ókúni Ibadan won ati' kááto
ile-ékú gba fun awon ókúni ara ná
fun awon ókúni kááto. Áti pé Ijo
ti pé Ibadan ná won yá ko awon
ile-ékú gba wáni ná.

Dokita Maddy síle láti dááta
ati' oyo ikááto ti o wáni lori gááto
ná. O si ara ókúni ókúni púpú púpú
fun ara Ijo ni ókúni won ara ati'
awon gááto ókúni ná. O ni o' ókúni m' ókúni
púpú pé ara Ijo kááto, ati' wáni ara
awon ti ni ókúni kááto, ati' wáni ara
ni ile Nàgírí ná. Áti pé awon wa
pataki láti pé Ili Eni Duro, wá
ni m' ókúni kááto ti won pé sááta,
láti ti wáni ara fun Ibadawo a-
gá. Ili-ékú ati' awon ile-ékú won gbagbo.

O ni fun oyo ókúni sááta, awon
ti se igbáránta ati' pé Ili Eni Olorun
ti Baptisti ti ná ati' pataki kááto
ni ókúni ókúni ókúni ná.

Sagbon ná ókúni ti o ká ókúni sípa
tíni ókúni kááto kááto kááto. Ili-ékú
gbagbo re pé. Pépa tobe ti awon
ni láti dínka níni awon Oniwafo ti
awon ni áti ti awon ókúni kááto
ati' awon ile níniwa.

O ni awon ni líle Eni Duro Ijo
kon púpú, pépa awon ti o jé, ókúni wá
pélu won níni líle Olorun ná.

Níniwa, awon wa pataki láti bí
ti o jé ara si Ili Afrika tíni ara
Nàgírí ná, láti m' ókúni ti awon
Ijo Baptisti pélu awon ile-ékú won
níle tábí ti wáni ara sááta. Nípa pé

