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and later in England in connection with the large scale plant exhibited by Messrs The Nigerian Products at Wembley. . . . For various reasons it has not been possible to make any trial, in a village, of the improved "hand extraction process" mentioned in the last report. Further important improvements to this process have recently been devised and are now being tested."

In our editorial of 15th July 1924 on the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, we recommend the erection of this large scale Oil Extraction and Nut Cracking and Shelling Machine in the central markets of palm oil and kernels producing districts by the authorities, where the farmers can take their palm fruits to for oil expressing and also the cracking of the palm nuts at nominal rates to be charged by the administrations for the upkeep and depreciations of the machinery as the best solution. We still maintain the same view.

Each of the Native Administrations in the Western Provinces can easily afford to set up one or two of these machines in their important district markets as a beginning. The farmers will rather make half-a-day's journey to get their oil expressed and the kernels cracked and shelled at a small charge than to work in their farms for four days to prepare the same quantity of produce. The Yorubas believe in time-saving far more than any other African tribe. The way and manner the people have taken to motoring is a sufficient proof of this assertion; so that there is no cause to fear that such establishments by the authorities would not be patronised by the farmers. The improved "hand extraction process" might also be introduced into the small villages and farms on trial without delay.

Tobacco production cannot do otherwise but fail in a Province like Ilorin

where the majority of the people are unused to continuous manual labour but are mostly given to trading. Cotton growing has also failed in the same Province. Tobacco is extensively grown by Ibadan farmers for home consumption; and both the Ikire and Apomu districts are the homes of this industry, where large quantities of Tobacco are regularly raised and distributed all over the Yoruba States from time immemorial. The saying that:—

'Aṣà t' o dan ni o bẹ!

O tẹl' omọ rẹ d' Apomu"

is proverbial in Yoruba Land.

We trust the department will make it possible to extend to Ibadan the same opportunity—thrown away by the Ilorin Province—to develop this important industry. We guarantee that only two years' instruction would be required to familiarise the producers with the best process of curing tobacco for exportation to the markets.

The cultivation and preparation of Ginger might also be included along with the instructions to the farmers. The current price of this commodity in England is £56. per ton. In a country where arrowroots grow wild in the forests, it will not be difficult to put thousands of acres under Ginger cultivation in a very short time.

This interesting document closed with a short description of the department's Educational Activities as carried on in the Agricultural School. For aught we know of the rapid progress the students are making under competent Masters who are well qualified in scientific agriculture, it is certain that the school may develop into an Agricultural College in the near future.

We congratulate the Director of Agriculture O. T. Faulkner, Esqr., and Staff upon the good works the department is doing in every portion of Nigeria.

## CORRESPONDENCE

To The Editor of The  
"Yoruba News," Ibadan.  
Dear Sir,

I feel I shall be doing a service to all who live on the main road from the Station to the Town and many others when I call the attention of the authorities responsible for the oversight of our Township to the amount of dust which either pervades the air or rests upon our goods to say nothing of that which must find its way into our lungs. The nuisance as we see it at the moment is only extant during the dry period and would be much less noticeable were it not for the Motors passing along our roads in ever increasing numbers and some of us feel that the expense it would entail to provide means to allay this churning up of the dust would be more than compensated for by the gratitude it would arouse in the hearts and minds of our citizens. Each time a motor passes along the road it leaves in its trail clouds of dust so that there is little comfort to walk along our thoroughfares. One trader told me the other day he had had to engage a special and extra shopboy to do nothing except pass round the store removing the dust from his wares and any observer may see that the women traders by the road side are kept constantly engaged dusting their stalls—and have our Sanitary authorities nothing to say about the contamination of our foodstuffs?

Some of us feel like the soldier who when complaining, of sand in his soup said "he didn't mind serving his country but he didn't want to eat it." We appreciate the good roads and we appreciate that Motor Transport has brought work to many of our people but like many other blessings which have been

followed by a curse, they have brought this dust evil in their trail.

We do not desire that the blessing should be removed and even the concomitant evil of the dust we might suffer in silence were it unavoidable but we feel that if only a move were made in the right direction the evil could quickly be prevented or at leastly greatly diminished.

We are sure we need not make the suggestion that a water-cart would be an untold blessing, either mechanically propelled or hand, bearing some kind of water carrier with a spreader or even if nothing better, any one in charge of the cart could dispense the liquid (to which a little disinfectant might be added) by means of a watering-cart.

The worst part we have seen is about Agbeni and Ogunpa but we are sure the same remarks apply to many other areas and whether householder, traders in stores or by the road-side or ordinary citizens passing along the road, all are at one in asking that immediate attention be given to this question and some effort made as quickly as possible to alleviate this evil which causes so much discomfort to us, to say nothing of the loss our traders must suffer by the inevitable deterioration of their goods.

Yours etc.,

S. S.

Ibadan, Dec. 8, 1925.

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 OGBENI "SOGAMOLIWON."

Abẹ-Oluṃṣ, Abẹkuta,

Bì o ba ri irohin daradara ni igboro Abẹkuta tabi agbẹgbe rẹ a o fi tayotayo gba a fun titẹ si inu Iwerobin wa yi. Eyiti o fi sọwọ si wa ni ojo kinni oṣu yi ka bọ si irara. O tilẹ glagbe lati fi orako rẹ papa si chin arokò nà.

Ed: Y. A.

THE RACIOMC CONGRESS OF BRITISH WEST  
AFRICA.

PROGRAMME OF THIRD SESSION.

SUNDAY, December 13.

Divine Service in all the Churches  
in British West Africa.

4.30 p.m. Special Divine service in  
St. Mary's School Room.

MONDAY, December 14.

9 a.m. 1. Welcome Address to the  
Delegation by I. J. Roberts, Esq. Local President.

Reply by S. R. Wood, Esq.  
General Secretary, National  
Congress of British  
West Africa.

2. General Matters, Questions  
and Resolutions.

11 a.m. Signing of His Excellency the  
Governor's Visitors' Books at  
Government House.

4.30 p.m. THE PRESIDENTIAL AD-  
DRESS by the Honourable  
T. Hutton Mills, Pres-  
ident the Congress.

Supporting Speeches.

TUESDAY December 15.

9 a.m. 1. The REPORT of the General  
Secretary.

2. Communications since last  
Session of Congress.

3. Discussions arising from  
Communications.

4. The CONSTITUTION of the  
National Congress (A-  
mendments; if any)

5. General Matters, Ques-  
tions and Resolutions.

4.30 p.m. Constitutional (including  
Municipal)  
Reforms by C. Ladepon  
Thomas, Esq.,  
Barrister-at Law.  
Discussion.

WEDNESDAY, December 15.

9 a.m. 1. Settlement of Resolutions  
on Constitutional Reforms.

2. Judicial Reforms, with  
particular reference to  
a West African Appellate

Court.

By,

3. Discussion,  
4.30 p.m. Sanitary and Medical Re-  
forms. By  
Discussion

THURSDAY, December 17.

9 a.m. 1. Special Topic and Ques-  
tions.—

a Letter relating-  
to Education (dated Mar-  
ch 23, 1923) by Revd  
Harry Webster, Chair-  
man and General Super-  
intendent, Wesleyan Mis-  
sionary Society, Gold  
Coast District.

b The Drink Traf-  
fic in West Africa,  
proposed by the Revd.  
Arnold Bethel, late Chair-  
man and General Super-  
intendent, Wesleyan Meth-  
odist Society, Sierra-  
Leone District and sup-  
ported by the Right Rev.  
George W. Wright,  
Bishop of Sierra Leone

c "National Edu-  
cation" or "Education  
along African lines."

d The Question  
of the Teaching Profes-  
sion being made pension-  
able.

e The Position and Edu-  
cation of Woman-  
hood in West Africa, sup-  
ported by the Right Rev.  
George W. Wright,  
Bishop of Sierra Leone.

4 p.m. Education, with particular  
reference to Compulsory  
Education and a West  
African University

FRIDAY December, 18.

9 a.m. 1. Settlement of Resolutions  
on Education.

2. Commercial Enterprise,  
reference to Commercial  
and Economic Independ-  
ence of the peoples of  
British West Africa by Mr. E.  
Defroy Jones.

4.30 p.m. Finance of Congress (Includ-  
ing London Delegation Accounts)

SATURDAY December 19.

4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Local President's Re-  
ception.

MONDAY, December 21.

To be continued.

## NEWS &amp; NOTES.

## Ibadan Baptist Mission.

The Agents and Teachers from their district Churches were in town last week for the General District Council of the Ibadan Baptist Mission which was in session from the 4th to the 6th instants when several important measures were adopted for the prosecution of the work. We say *ku iro*.

Omi near Adio Railway Station is fast developing into a first class Fair; the number of people attending it every fifth day is between two and three thousand, doing a large trade in foodstuffs selling cheaply at the market.

Most of those who attend the market from this town have to travel there in motor lorries which are always overcrowded in the up and down journeys besides many people who in fear of motor accidents go there on foot.

We believe it will pay the Railway authorities to institute a sub-urban Train service to run specially on Market days from Ibadan to Omi, Ilugun and Oloke-meji at each of which places there are large and flourishing markets, which will continue to develop with cheap transport facilities.

We understand that our esteemed townsman Mr. J. L. Lasebikan, Govt. Dispenser is here on two months' leave of absence and not one month as stated in our last number.

We congratulate Mr. Fawehinmi the newly appointed Assistant Master of the Agricultural School Ibadan Mr. Fawehinmi, one of the tutors in the C.M.S. Grammar School Lagos and a from student of King's College, was selected among many applicants for this important post.

Wishing Mr. Fawehinmi the best of luck and quick promotions in the department.

We also congratulate the Revd D. A. Fawehinmi, who was in town on a visit to his younger brother, the new Assistant Master of the Agricultural School

Revd. Fawehinmi, Pastor of C.M.S. Ojowo Ijebu-Igbo was formerly the Head Master of St. James' School, Ogunpa Bola Ibadan where he acquired by his sociality, a large number of friends among the leading members of the Church and the community in general.

The "Harvest" services last Sunday were conducted as follows:—

St. Augustine's Church, Oke Are, Revd. Father Edwd. C. Hill, M.A., Principal of the Catholic Training College

St. Peter's Church Arẹmọ: at 10 a.m. Revd. J. S. Alejumo; at 3 p.m. Revd. P.V. Adebiyi.

St. David's Church, Kudeti, Revd. S. A. Delumo B.A., and Revd. C. E. Doherty, M.A., L.T.H.,

St. James' Church Ogunpa Bola Revd E. M. Alalade.

C.M.S. Christ's Church, Oke Mọpo Revd A. O. Omideyi.

The Thank-offerings and sales were exceptionally good this year.

## PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

We acknowledge with thanks copies of the "Lagos Daily News" from the Editor and Printer Mr. V. Babamuboni. Price one Penny. We wish the enterprising Editor and Publisher the best of luck.

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## OWUYE.

Orọ ko dūn ni popo Abẹbi ni irọye Wẹsidede iṣe nigbatii Alagba J. Babamubun, oṣo iyafin A. Babamuboni ologbe de lati Eko pelu Ogbeni Victor Babamubun, On'iwerohin *The Lagos Daily News*, arẹmṣkunrin ologbeati awon iyafin Adegun Suberu, Gbadero Wilson pelu awon aburo ologbe yoku. Ero nwo bi omi, t'ile t'ode ko gbaye fun awon ebi, orẹ ati ero ijo gbogbo ti nwon wa ba won daro.

Adupe lowo awon Eni-gwo N. A. B. John D.A. Williams ati A.B. Akinyele ati awon Ogbeni J. B. Wilson, Charles Suberu awon alagba mi ti nwon tu Iya ologbe na ninu.

Won jade ofo ni ni Synde iṣeta. A ki Iya ologbe, pelu awon orẹ alagba ati Eni-gwo D. A. Williams E ku iroju. A si tun ki Ogbeni V. Babamuboni oṣo, lokun pelu awon ebi E ku aschinde.

Ninu oṣo Kabo (Kanu) ti o de ibin ni awuro Wẹsidede iṣe ni Olori Alufa ti Iṣo U.N.A. Eni-gwo D. A. Hughes, Alabojuṣo iṣo na pada bi lati Ile Oke-Oya nibiti o ti se iṣe pupo kiri larin awon Iṣo re ni Ile Hausa lati bi ogbonjo yi wa Putaki ni Minna, Zaria, Duchinwai, Jos ati Kano. Opo awon enia ti nwon gbogbo ti nwon si ti mura silẹ ni awon ṣeṣi ti mbe ni ilu wonyi ni o "tẹ n' igbagbo".

Bẹ si ni oniruru akanṣe isin pupo ti Alabojuṣo tun se fun won gagebi Ikore, Konfameson, Sakaramenti at Iyanni si iṣe iwasa.

A ri i gbo pe isin ti Alabojuṣo se ni Kanu ni 2ṣo k. kandilogbon oṣu ti o ko ja mi ilu na titi. Nitoto, Isin Anṣi Yisa ngbile ni ibi gbogbo ni Ile Hausa. Inkan soṣo ti o ku ti nfe iṣe na sehin ni pe ki Iṣoṣa lowo si ilekun arin gbogbo ilu wonyi silẹ fun awon Oṣiṣe orẹ Oṣurun gage bi won ti se ni gbogbo ilu Iṣale Odo Oya ninin.

Eni-gwo na tun lo si Ile-Ijaiye ni Fraide iṣarun fun ilẹwo. Ikore ati oniruru isin mi ni ilu na, nibiti a gbo pe iṣe na tun ngbile yi siwaju. Iṣe na iṣe tobe ti Alabojuṣo ni lati fi marun ninu awon Oṣo iṣe wonyi joye Iṣakoni (Oṣun Alufa) l'Pko ni Sunde ti mbo yi Dec. 13, 8' ku iṣe Oluwa E si ku ewu ona.

A daro awon ara Ago Ijaiye ni Abokuta-fun iyonu ajakale arun ti nja ni arin won nisisiyi. A gbo pe eni pupo ti be-arun yi rin; enia pupo si wa ninu re nisisiyi.

Beni awon Dokita nse wabala lati Kawo arun na. Ki Ba'a sūnu ma o fuyẹ, ki o si dawo ibina re duro.

Ogbeni J. S. Okokenu, okun ninu awon iṣe Abokuta-dakan wa si ile yi ni ana o si pada si Abokuta ni oṣun yi ninu moto Ayokole pelu Iyawo re Rebecca Morenike.

A si nyin o, Eku ewu ona.

Anu se ni lati tu ofo Ogbeni J. O. Adejumo ti o jisi ni Osoṣo ni Fraide iṣarun lehin amoli oṣo meṣa pere. Ologbe na se enire nigbatii o nṣise Olopa Igb (Forest Guard) ti Iyibi Iṣadan ati lati igba ti o ti fi iṣe silẹ, ti o si ngbe Osoṣo nibiti o gbe dako si. Awon orisi Egbe merin ni nwon fi ologbe na je Baba-egbe nitori iwa rere re.

O fi baba iya awon ara ati omi silẹ. Ki Oluwa tu won ninu.

Awon ero moto t' o de lati Ile-Iṣe bi a ti nse ato iwerohin oṣe yi ni nwon mu ibin wa pe Aara kolu ile Ogbeni Moworare ni pope Iṣeṣo ni awuro oṣo yi. O ka panu ori ile na lo, o si se enia marun lese; awon merin soji, sugbon eni karun ku patapata.

A ba Ogbeni na ati awon ara ile re daro iku ojiji ati iyonu nla yi. A daro Ogbeni E. Akinwale ti aya re farapa pelu. Ki Oluwa gbani lowo moya-moya ati Ara.

### Thanks for Sympathy.

Mr. V. Babamuboni and family beg to return thanks to all who by personal calls, letters telegrams and in other ways sympathised with them in the great loss they have sustained by the death of their mother Mrs Adedoyin Babamuboni who departed this life on the 1st December 1925.

### KONTANGORA.

On the 2nd November, the P. W. D. Inspector of Works, Mr. H. M. Forrest and Staff arrived here for the construction of the Kontangora, Dabai and Yelwa Native Administration Strong Room.

They left for Dabai on the 14th and hope to return via Yelwa during December.

On the 7th November arrived here Mr. Albert E. Sam, of the Dabai Divisional Office (Sokoto Province) en route for the Gold Coast on some 5 months leave. He was the guest of all old friends.

It was in May of last year Mr. Sam left here on transfer to Dabai, being relieved by Mr. J. S. K. Jibogun in the Records Branch of the Provincial Office. We felt very happy to welcome him back among us and only regretted his stay was unavoidably short as he had booked himself for an early Boat. On Sunday the 8th he was the organist at the Morning Service when he convinced all that he still maintained his position as a first class player. Mr. Sam, most unassuming, is politeness itself.

Among the natives he is popularly known and called "Akawu Maiyanga" because of his princely gait and habitual all-round neatness. We most heartily wish him bon voyage and very happy rest at home. "Sai wata rana."

On the 13th November Capt. G. D. Pitscairn, A. D. O. left for Lagos en route for

the United Kingdom on leave. Capt. Pitscairn has been to all a jolly good fellow and he is an admirable gliston for work. We wish him bon voyage, very happy time at home and safe return to us in due course.

On the 18th November, Sgt. Beedman of the W. A. F. F., who has just returned from leave, arrived here en route for Zuru, his new station, and left at dawn on the 20th.

On the 23rd November, Dr. R. H. Miller, Medical Officer, left here en route for United Kingdom on leave. Since the Dabai and Yelwa Divisions of Sokoto Province had been added to his jurisdiction Dr. Miller has had a by no means easy time of it. He is a very skilful healer of native ailments. To him we wish bon voyage. Dr. Morrison, his relief, is being expected first week in December.

Mr. H. W. Couper, First Class District Officer for Dabai Division, arrived here on the 24th en route to the United Kingdom on leave.

Mr. Couper is no stranger to Kontangora where he had served as District Officer and Acting Resident. We wish him bon voyage.

Mr. Crowther of the P. & T. arrived here on the 25th from Yelwa where he had been spending part of his leave. He was the guest of Mr. J. A. Ankrab, the Sub-postmaster. He left on the dawn of the 27th for Minna via Zungeru. He is a hail fellow well met.

The Nigerian Winter, the redoubtable Harmattan, has spread his frigid wings over the land of Nagwamache since the third week in November, and whether prepared or not for his arrival, all have had to welcome him. We trust he will deal leniently with his hosts and hostesses as was the case last visit when his arrival was fully three weeks earlier. Lest friends forget, John Holt quotes at 4s. per dozen certain uniforms best suited to all nights while the visit lasts. Place your order at once, or you may regret delay.

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and later in England in connection with the large scale plant exhibited by Messrs The Nigerian Products at Wembley . . . . For various reasons it has not been possible to make any trial, in a village, of the improved "hand extraction process" mentioned in the last report. Further important improvements to this process have recently been devised and are now being tested."

In our editorial of 15th July 1924 on the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, we recommended the erection of this large scale Oil Extraction and Nut Cracking and Shelling Machine in the central markets of palm oil and kernels producing districts by the authorities, where the farmers can take their palm fruits to for oil expressing and also the cracking of the palm nuts at nominal rates to be charged by the administrations for the upkeep and depreciations of the machinery as the best solution. We still maintain the same view.

Each of the Native Administrations in the Western Provinces can easily afford to set up one or two of these machines in their important district markets as a beginning. The farmers will rather make half-a-day's journey to get their oil expressed and the kernels cracked and shelled at a small charge than work in their farms for four days to prepare the same quantity of produce. The Yorubas believe in time-saving far more than any other African tribe. The way and manner the people have taken to motoring is a sufficient proof of this assertion; so that there is no cause to fear that such establishments by the authorities would not be patronised by the farmers. The improved "hand extraction process" might also be introduced into the small villages and farms on trial without delay.

Tobacco production cannot do otherwise but fail in a Province like Ilorin

where the majority of the people are unused to continuous manual labour but are mostly given to trading. Cotton growing has also failed in the same Province. Tobacco is extensively grown by Ibadan farmers for home consumption; and both the Ikeri and Apomu districts are the homes of this industry, where large quantities of Tobacco are regularly raised and distributed all over the Yoruba States from time immemorial. The saying that:—

‘Aṣàà t’o dun ni o bẹ!  
O tẹl’ omọ rẹ d’ Apomu”

is proverbial in Yoruba Land.

We trust the department will make it possible to extend to Ibadan the same opportunity—thrown away by the Ilorin Province—to develop this important industry. We guarantee that only two years' instruction would be required to familiarise the producers with the best process of curing tobacco for exportation to the markets.

The cultivation and preparation of Ginger might also be included along with the instructions to the farmers. The current price of this commodity in England is £56. per ton. In a country where arrowroots grow wild in the forests, it will not be difficult to put thousands of acres under Ginger cultivation in a very short time.

This interesting document closed with a short description of the department's Educational Activities as carried on in the Agricultural School. For aught we know of the rapid progress the students are making under competent Masters who are well qualified in scientific agriculture, it is certain that the school may develop into an Agricultural College in the near future.

We congratulate the Director of Agriculture O. T. Faulkner, Esq., and Staff upon the good works the department is doing in every portion of Nigeria.

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