

The University of Nigeria Pays Tribute to a Pioneer Missionary



Rev. Mother Mary Osmund in the early days at Ifuho.

"We have named this College of Home Economics after Reverend Mother Mary Osmund of the Catholic Church, who spent a quarter of a century to encourage female education in this country and who was one of the pioneers of domestic science education among our girls," said Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, the Chancellor of the University of Nigeria, at the dedication ceremonies last December.

It is not the first time that official tribute has been paid to Reverend Mother Mary Osmund for her zealous work in the Missions. In 1950, King George VI awarded her the O.B.E. and in 1955 Queen Elizabeth II made her "Commander of the British Empire" in her Birthday Honours List. During her tour of Eastern Nigeria the following year, the Queen personally conferred the decoration on her.

It was only fitting that France also should recognize what Reverend Mother Mary Osmund had done for African womanhood; after her return to her native land in 1958 she became "chevalier de la Légion d'honneur".

The new Osmund College of Home Economics, University of Nigeria.



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