

Students' club is specially indebted to Mr. Alan Guthrie, Government Leather Expert, who, during his temporary stay at the College, coached the students and showed in his masterly style how hockey is to be played with advantage, in the 2 or 3 games in which he took part.

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*Tennis.*

In Tennis, the Students' Club accepted the challenge of the Officers' Club to play in a tournament arranged for by the latter. Each team chose 6 pairs and Doubles were played between the contending pairs up to a total of 10 games, sides being changed after the 5th games. Of the 60 games played, the students won 41 while the officers won 19 games.

*Badminton.*

The Students' Club defeated the Officers' Club in the latter's court by 2 sets to nil, 31—16 ; 31—27.

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**ESTATE.**

Students, past and present, of Mr. R. V. Subramania Aiyar, Engineering Assistant of the College, gave a delightful entertainment in the College Botanic Garden on 12th September 1913, prior to his going on a long well-earned furlough of 2 years, after a continuous service of over 22 years. Games and amusements were provided. Mr. Subramania Aiyar, Artist, Government Entomologist's Office, entertained the audience with songs, mimicry, ventriloquism and shadowgraph. The guest of the evening was garlanded and a group photograph was taken. After refreshments, Mr. M. R. Ramaswami Sivan, as the oldest student of Mr. Subramania Aiyar, spoke, in a few words, about the clearness of his teaching, his sense of good humour and the attachment which his students had for him. Mr. K. Krishnamurti Rā referred to the unostentatious manner in which he had carried out social reform in his family. Mr. T. Paramanandam spoke of his kindness to the students in his capacity as Hostel Warden. Mr. H. C. Sampson, Acting Principal, sang "He is a jolly good fellow" and called for three cheers to Mr. Subramania Aiyar which were heartily responded to.

Several officers on the estate who own cycles have organised themselves into a *cycle corps*, under the somewhat facetious name of "the merry wheelers," the objects being to arrange for occasional spins and for the Co-operative purchase of cycles and cycle accessories and the carrying out of repairs. There are already 16 members. Mr. M. R. Ramaswami Sivan is the Captain of the corps and Mr. T. S. Venkataraman the Secretary.

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At the last annual meeting of the Officers' Club, Mr. R. V. Subramania Aiyar was re-elected President and Mr. B. V. Nath, Assistant to the Government Agricultural Chemist was elected Secretary.

The work of the building of the Officers' Club is in abeyance pending the receipt of formal orders from Government regarding the conditions of the grant of a site. Materials are being collected.

A number of Tennis and Badminton matches were played and a series of entertainments organised, some in honour of members who left the station on transfer. The function enjoyed most was the one at the Marudumalai Hill where the party were the guests of Mr. Ratnam Mudaliar, one of the P. W. D. Contractors in the estate.

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We are glad to announce that the Agricultural College Post Office has, from the 15th of November 1913, been converted into a combined Post and Telegraph Office. The Principal formally opened the Telegraph Office at 10 A.M. on that date, and sweets were distributed. Mr. Rajagopala Aiyar will continue to be in charge of the combined office.

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Mr. U. V. Venkatasubba Aiyar, 3rd Clerk, Principal's Office, has been appointed Hostel Manager.

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Plague has been rather virulent for the last 3 months in the town of Coimbatore which, however, has largely been evacuated, but the estate and the vicinity are perfectly free. Some of the residents, peons and coolies on the estate whom business takes often to the town have recently got themselves inoculated, as a precautionary measure. The parents of students need have absolutely no anxiety, as Coimbatore town is placed out of bounds for the students.

Another pot culture house is in course of construction for the use of the Government Mycologist, adjacent to the pot culture house of the Chemistry Section.

The send-off given at the College, in the first week of December, in honour of Mr. T. Bainbrigg Fletcher on his transfer to Pusa as Imperial Entomologist, was a brilliant success. In addition to the College staff and resident ladies, Mr. and Mrs. Maackenna and Mr. and Mrs. Dobbs were amongst those present. Mr. Fletcher was garlanded, and photographed with his staff. Refreshments were served on a lavish scale. The artists of the Entomologist's Section, contributed largely to the amusements, in the form of music, mimicry, ventriloquism and shadowgraph. The function closed with three hearty cheers to the guest of the evening, called for by Mr. Ramakrishna Aiyar and well responded to.

Mr. Fletcher was laborious in his work, voracious in reading and quick with his pen. He was a model, in his work, to his Assistants, and was very much liked by them, as well as by the other resident officers and students. We wish Mr. Fletcher long life and happiness.

The Meetings of the Board of Agriculture entailed so much labour on the members and visitors that it was quite refreshing to them to have had a number of social functions, amusements and games during the period.

Golf and Tennis during the day and Bridge at night were the chief games. The Officers of the Madras Agricultural Department held a grand Gymkhana on the night of 12th December. The Indian members and visitors were entertained at tea in the College Botanic garden by the Indian Gazetted officers and assistants. The members of the Officers' club had a tea party in honour of all Indian gentlemen who had come to the Estate on account of the Board Meeting. The Indian staff of the Pusa Institute gave a party in the College Hostel to the resident Indian Officers. Lady Atkinson, the President of the Madras National Indian Ladies' Association and the other distinguished European ladies who had come from all parts of India were entertained at the College

Botanic garden by the members of the Coimbatore Branch of the Ladies' Association. Last but not least, the members and visitors of the Board were entertained by their Excellencies Lord and Lady Pentland, at Government House, Madras.

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The Hon'ble Sir Robert Carlyle and the Hon'ble Sir John Atkinson were, in particular, impressed with the excellent arrangements made in the college compound for the comfort of the members and visitors of the Board of Agriculture that they sent a decent amount of money for distribution as presents to the subordinate staff who were engaged in that work. The chairman of the Board, Mr. Mackenna, complimented the college staff on the nice arrangements made for the convenience of the Pusa staff. The Director of Agriculture, Mr. D.T. Chadwick, expressed, in a circular issued at a later date, his satisfaction at the work turned out by the college staff. The hostel warden and those who were deputed to assist him at the time were largely responsible for the success in catering for the Indian visitors and their staff.

The Principal was also able to utilise the services of the Merry Wheelers who did the work asked of them gladly and promptly.

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#### A CORRECTION.

Mr. Unni Krishna Menon, Farm Manager, Taliparamba, writes to say that he gave an account of the village co-operative association formed in "an informal manner for the purpose of carrying out certain suggested improvements in Malabar" not during the 2nd session of the last Conference but at the informal meeting held on the previous day *re* the formation of agricultural associations on a co-operative basis. He further adds that what he said at the 2nd session of the Conference was that he had occasion to visit some of the Co-operative Credit Societies the Presidents of which were landlords and their tenants the members thereof and that, under such circumstances, he found the relations between the landlord and the tenants had greatly improved.

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