

for putting up a large pandal for the accommodation of the visitors.

The Vengail Nayanar championship cup for the best Athlete was won by student Venkatachallam Mudaliar of class I.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF PRIZE-WINNERS.

100 Yards Race:—1. Achuthan Nambiar. 2. Venkatachallam. 3. Dharmalingam.

Long Jump.—1. Dharmalingam. 2. Srinivasachari. 3. Anantaraman.

Putting the shot:—1. Mangarazu. 2. Viravaradaraju.

$\frac{1}{4}$ Mile Race:—1. Venkatachallam. 2. Vridhachalam. 3. Gopalan Nair.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1. Tolar. 2. Adinarayana Rao.

High Jump:—1. Dharmalingam. 2. Vittal Rao. 3. Venkatachallam.

Slow Bicycle Race:—1. Rangaswami. 2. Vittal Rao.

Hurdle Race:—1. Dharmalingam. 2. Srinivasachari.

Sack Race:—1. Srinivasachari. 2. Sankaran Pillai.

1 Mile Race:—1. Adinarayana Rao. 2. Venkatachallam. 3. Srinivasan.

Obstacle Race:—1. Vittal Rao. 2. Kunhappa Nambiar. 3. Kuppusami Aiyangar.

Tug of War:—District Team. Captain, Mr. D. T. Chadwick.

Steeple Chase:—1. Venkatachalam. 2. Srinivasan. 3. Arulanandam.

Half Mile Race: [Open only to Outside Institutions]—1. John (L. M. H. School). 2. Joshna (L. M. H. School). 3. Oldbury (Stanes' School).

There were also 11 races for school children, boys and girls, peons and coolies.

THE CONFERENCE.

The conference was held this year, as in last, in 2 sessions on 19th and 20th July and was presided over on both occasions by the Hon'ble Mr. L. E. Buckley, i. c. s., Commissioner of Agriculture, who had come here specially for the purpose from Madras. There was a distinguished gathering assembled on both days and the lecture hall was quite crowded.

The programme began with an address of welcome to the old students by the Pricipal which he did in his usual hearty manner. His attachment to the old students, whether of Saidapet or Coimbatore, is great and he never lets go this opportunity of the College

Day without expressing that attachment to his old boys—several of them older than himself in point of age—in an open manner and extending his hospitable welcome to them to the original seat of their learning.

In the course of his speech Mr. Wood said.—“It is a pleasant duty to welcome to the fourth Conference held under the auspices of the Madras Agricultural Students’ Union, all the visitors who have kindly attended this year. I see, according to the programme, that my part is to deliver the Welcome Address. Without going to the length of an address I most gladly, both officially and in the name of the Union as its President, and privately as an acquaintance and friend of the visitors who are coming, take this opportunity of making them all welcome, and I hope they will enjoy and profit by this Meeting. There is little that I can add to that. The Secretary will shortly read to you the Report of the year, which, it is very gratifying to see, is one of progress, slow but steady in all directions. I am afraid I can take little credit for it. If all Presidents have so little to do as I had as President of this Union, I can assure you that the President’s work must be easy. I could not have been better helped by the very large number of willing volunteers who have come forth in readiness to do their part to make this Conference a success. Yesterday’s success was entirely due to the generous spirit actuating every one that it was a College Day. Some feel that it is a question of reputation of the College, and everything must be done as far as possible to enhance the reputation of the College. Whether they look back to this College or to Saidapet, this seems to be the feeling of all, though the activities of this Union are now spread further than the College. The work of this Union is, of course, extending beyond the College, but that spirit of corporate feeling on an occasion like this really shows what has been done. I must close with a word of regret that one of our most active members and Vice-Presidents of the Council,

Mr. Dharmaranga Raju is ill and not able to attend this Conference. It is the first time that a family that has done so much for the welfare of the Madras Agricultural Students' Union is entirely unrepresented. It is a matter of great regret, and it will be most fitting if I ask the Secretary to convey to Mr. Dharmaranga Raju our sympathy during his illness and hopes for his speedy recovery.

The Secretary next read the Annual Report of the working of Union during 1913-14 (Printed in Appendix).

THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

The Hon'ble Mr. L. E. Buckley, I. C. S., then delivered the following address :—

Mr. Wood, Ladies and Gentlemen,—It is usual for your President at this juncture to address a few remarks to you. I do not propose to take up much of your time. It is always a difficult matter to select a subject, but as Head of the Agricultural Department, I think it will not be out of place if I offer a few words of encouragement and advice to past and present students.

The calling you have chosen is one of the most useful in this world, and especially so in this country where so large a part of the population depends upon the soil for its employment and existence. I want to impress upon you—though I think you all fully realise it already—how very much depends upon your devotion to duty. We do not want in the Department the man who does as little as he can without being found fault with, or who carries out his work in a slipshod way without a care of what the result may be. The interests at stake are enormous, and you workers are only units among millions. We cannot afford to make mistakes, and thereby sow, amongst the people whom we wish to help, the seeds of distrust in our efforts. It is necessary, therefore, that every member of the Department shall throw his whole heart into his work and make up his mind that everything he does shall be done to the best of his ability;