

The Officers' Club.

Mr. R. V. Subramania Aiyar who was President of the Club for practically the whole period that the club had a President, was given a hearty send-off in February last, before he left the station, on a long well earned furlough, possibly prior to retirement. Mr. Subramania Aiyar took the B. C. E. Degree with honours in 1886 and served for about 3 years in the P. W. D. as an Upper Subordinate and for about a year as an Asst. in the Teachers' College; and, during the rest of his life from 1892 to 1914, he has been Engineering Assistant at the Agricultural College at Saidapet and latterly at Coimbatore. Students during this quarter of a century have passed through his hands. Possessed of a large fund of humour, he had a knack of making abstruse portions of his Engineering subjects understood even by those backward unfortunates whose brains were not responsive to Mathematics. When the Officers' club had its own small squabbles in its earlier life, Mr. Subramania Aiyar, by his equanimity of temper, helped to steer it safe. Mr. Subramania Aiyar is a practical social reformer in every way, but of the unostentatious type. We hope that Mr. Subramania Aiyar will return at the end of his furlough to the field of his earlier labours

Rai Bahadur K. Rangachari, M. A., L. T., Government Lecturing Botanist, has been unanimously elected President and Mr. B. V. Nath is the energetic Secretary.

Wednesday evenings are generally devoted at the club for scientific conversazione. Members in their turn give popular discourses on their special subjects. Questions are freely asked and answered and the attendance at these meetings is generally good. The following, among others, have started these talks.

NAME.		SUBJECTS.
Mr. T. S. Venkataraman	...	Sugarcane seedlings.
„ Y. Ramachandra Rao	...	The Common Insects.
„ T. V. Ramakrishna Aiyar	...	The House Mosquito and Malaria causing Mosquito.

Mr. S. Sundararaman	...	Palm diseases.
„ P. A. Subramania Aiyar	...	The gases involved in paddy soils.
„ A. K. Subramania Aiyar	...	Internal Combustion Engines.
„ J. Chelvaranga Raju	...	Fruit gardening and Cultivation of Roses.
„ M. R. Ramaswami Sivan	...	The Rocks of Southern India.
„ T. Lakshmana Rao	...	Photography.

They will be continued, we understand, fortnightly in future

The new terraced building of the Officer's Club was opened by Mr. R. C. Wood on 21st August 1914 in the presence of all the members of the staff and the students. Rai Bahadur K. Rangachari, President of the Club and Mr. B. V. Nath, Secretary, in requesting the Principal to open the building, gave an account of how the Club was able to construct a building of its own. The Government, through the recommendation of the Principal and Director of Agriculture, kindly gave a grant of Rs. 360 towards the building which cost nearly Rs. 1500 in the end. The difference represents the amount subscribed as a donation by the several members, usually one-fourth of the monthly salary. Messrs. Rai Bahadur K. Rangachariar, J. Chelvaranga Raju and Tadulingam Mudaliar becoming life members and paying a donation of Rs. 100 each. The work was entrusted to a building committee who completed the work as economically and satisfactorily as possible. The thanks of the members are due to Mr. Tiruvengadaswami Saidu, P. W. D. contractor who gave a large quantity of bricks, some gratis and some at cost price. After the ceremony of opening, each the Principal did in a few well chosen words, sweets were distributed and the audience was entertained by that clever, young Musician of Coimbatore, Venugopal Rao.

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The Club is well supplied with four Daily papers and a large number of periodicals. The present Club Committee consists of Messrs. T. S. Venkataraman, P. A. Subramania Aiyar and K. Sankaranarayana Aiyar, in addition to the President and Secretary.