

single planting without entertaining any doubts in their own minds or heeding the perverse criticisms of other people.

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Estate Notes.

Among the distinguished visitors who visited the College, Farm and Sugarcane station last month were the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. Cardew, I. C. S., C. S. I., Member of H. E. the Governor's Council, and Mr. P. Subbaraya Aiyar of Madura (Honorary Visitor). They were shown round by the staff and appear to have left the station well impressed with the work which is being done here.

There were 3 passengers travelling by different steamers from Great Britain to Madras in October last whose safe arrival against the attacks of the *Emden* then reported to lie in waiting off the Minicoy Islands, was very anxiously awaited at the College. They were Dr. C. A. Barber, Mr. G. R. Hilson and Miss Calder. The two former joined duty at Coimbatore and Bellary respectively on due dates and Miss Calder who arrived by S. S. Marseilles was married to Mr. MacRae on 28th October at Madras. After a stay of a few days at Bangalore, Mr. and Mrs. MacRae have come to Coimbatore. We extend a cordial welcome to the young lady on behalf of the residents of the College Estate.

Two road culverts had to be constructed on the Farm. The work was given on contract to students of class III. The materials were purchased for them and charged for, but all the labour was done by the students themselves. The profit made was handed over to the Indian Imperial Relief Fund.

The Officers' Club. During the last month, there were 5 scientific chats in the club. One by Mr. K. Jacob Cheriyan on "Genetics," two by Mr. C. Tadulingam on "General and Systematic Botany and how to study it," one by Mr. K. Unni Krishna Menon on "Hill cultivation and Hill tribes of Malabar", and one by Mr. K. Krishnamurti Rao on "Sugar Industry in India."

The members arranged a much enjoyed picnic in the tope near Chitrachavadi, the merrywheelers mustering strong.

The Students' Club.

Under the presidency of Rai Bahadur K. Rangachari, Mr. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Chemical Assistant to the Govt. Sugarcane Expert, delivered an interesting lecture on the Position of Sugar Industry in India and advocated the starting of factories in places like Hospet and Anakapalle where thousands of acres were grown under sugarcane. A lively discussion ensued in which Mr. T. S. Venkataraman, Botany Asst. to the Sugarcane Expert spoke of the aims of the Sugarcane Station and anticipated a great fortune for the Sugarcane crop as a result of growing canes from seedlings. Mr. T. V. Ramakrishna Aiyar asked if Bounties and Protection would not improve the industry. Mr. M. Mangesha Rao did not think that factories would thrive under existing conditions in Madras. Mr. M. R. Ramaswami Sivan said that the difficulty lay in the absence of sufficient superior technical skill in the country, although capital might be forthcoming for the starting of factories. He also pointed out that a sugarcane crop should be judged by the output of so many tons of sugar per acre, and not merely by the higher percentage of sugar which may be present in a smaller crop. Mr. N. R. Srinivasachari spoke of the difficulty he had in introducing the cane crop in his lands. It would appear that there is a deep rooted prejudice amongst some Brahmans of Conjeevaram against cane growing in their lands. When he suggested cane