

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

growing, he had an opposition from his grandmother who predicted that it would bring some calamity. He brought over his uncle to his side and a good crop was produced. Curiously enough, the cooly who was driving the cane-laden cart, sustained injuries by the capsising of the cart and succumbed to the injuries. The uncle developed an abscess which necessitated his stay for 2 months in the General Hospital. Though fortunately he recovered in the end, the idea of growing sugarcane in his lands had to be given up, at least so long as the grandmother was living!

The chairman pointed out the difficulties of introducing the factory system in Madras, but all the same a solution had to be obtained for increasing the output of sugar in the country, at least enough for local consumption, if not for export.

Criкет. A cricket match was played at the College with Podanur Railway team on 14th November and the College sustained an innings defeat. There was little or no practice and the home team was weak in bowling, fielding and batting. Although a good number of cricketers have been leaving the College year after year, we have a few veterans still and it behoves the student members to keep up this most important game, practice regularly and show better fights in future matches.

Hockey. In hockey, several Inter class matches were played in all of which class I won. We played 3 matches with Police Recruit School whose Principal, Mr. Furness, has taken enormous pains to coach his men. In the first match, the Police won by 2 goals to one in the second, we won by 2 goals to one; in the third, the Police after a hard fight won by one goal to nil.

Our men have a rare combination and dash and we should have done better but for the Police goal keeper who saved a large number of extremely hot and difficult shots.

Colours in hockey were given to the following players last month:—Narasimhachari (Captain), Venkatachallam, Gopalan Nair and Sanjiva Rao. During the current month, *Colours* have been awarded to Vittal Rao and Vridhachalam.

Departmental Notes.

PRINCIPAL'S SECTION :—

1. Mr. R. Ramaswami Aiyar, Farm Manager, 1st grade, to act as Chief Ass. to Principal, *vice* Mr. J. Chelvaranga Raja on leave.
2. Mr. S. Subramania Aiyar, Dip. Agri; Farm Manager, 1st grade—transferred from Palur Farm to Central Farm.
3. Mr. T. V. Narayana Rao, Dip. Agri., Farm Office Manager, privilege leave for 1 month.
4. Mr. J. Rodrigues to be Head clerk *vice* Mr. C. Swaminatha Pillai transferred to Director's office.

GOVT. MYCOLOGIST'S SECTION :—

1. Mr. S. R. Venkatakrishna Mudaliar, B. A., Junior Assistant, Bacteriological Institute, Guindy, to be 3rd Asst. on Rs. 50—5—125.
2. Mr. C. Krishnan Nair, Farm clerk, Dy. Dir. of Agri. S. Divn. to be Fieldman on probation.
3. Mr. C. S. Gopalaswami Rao, clerk, Dy. Dir. of Agri. N. Divn. to be Fieldman on probation.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, S. DIVISION :—

1. Mr. H. C. Sampson, B. Sc., Dy. Director, to be on special duty in connection with the Agriculture—Trade Conference to be held at Madras in December.
2. Mr. Roger Thomas, B. Sc., 3rd Dy. Director, on relief by Mr. G. R. Hilson, to be in charge of Southern Division *vice* Mr. Sampson on special duty; and to work under Mr. Sampson, on the latter's return, with head quarters at Virudupatti.
3. Mr. K. Gopalakrishna Raju, L. Ag., Asst. Farm Manager—transferred from Palur to Koilpatti.