

celebration of the symbolical marriage of "Radha" and "Krishna" and the usual procession which was joined by many visitors from Coimbatore. In the afternoon there was a "Harikatha" on "Vatsala Parinayam" in Kanarese by a Lady Bhagavathar, Sanjeevi Bai of South Kanara. The performance was excellent in many ways—the music, the delivery and the diction being appreciated by a large audience. A "Bhajana" at night in the orthodox style of the devotional cult of Hinduism brought the function to a successful close.

Election of Office-bearers—Officers' Club. At a meeting held on the 28th January '24, the following elections were made. Mr. T. V. Ramakrishna Aiyar B.A., F.Z.S. was elected President of the Club for the current year by a large majority, Mr. T. V. Rajagopalacharya—Vice President, Mr. T. V. Subramaniam,—Secretary, Mr. Sekharan Nair,—Assistant Secretary and Treasurer and Messrs. M. U. Vellodi, C. Tadulinga Mudaliar and M. Anandan, members of the Managing Committee. Messrs. A. C. Rajagopala Aiyangar and D. Srinivasa Rao were appointed Auditors and Rao Sahib T. S. Venkataraman and V. Muthusami Aiyar, members of the Mess Committee.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS.

Millets Farm. Land lying to the north of the Cotton Specialist's Farm was acquired by the Government and handed over during September to the Millets Specialist. Work is being pushed on energetically to plot the fields and bring the land into working condition before the advent of the next season. Foundations for the Laboratory and Farm buildings have been laid and building work is progressing rapidly.

The Indian Science Congress—Bangalore:—The following officers were deputed to attend the Indian Science Congress which met for a second time at Bangalore during the week Jan. 14th to 19th:—Rao Sahib M. R. Ramaswami Sivan, Rao Sahib T. S. Venkataraman, Mr. B. Viswanath, Mr. G. N. Rangaswami Ayyangar, Mr. T. V. Ramakrishnayyar, Mr. P. S. Jeevanna Rao, Rao Sahib Y. Ramachandra Rao and Mr. Govinda Kidavu. Messrs: Kasinatha Ayyar, C. V. Ramaswami Ayyar, M. Suryanarayana, Cherian Jacob, Chandrasekharaiyar, M. Rajagopala Ayyar and K. L. Ramakrishna Rao (III Circle) also attended but at their own expense. Dewan Bahadur K. Rangachariar was also present, as also was Mr. P. V. Isaac, Dipterist, from the Pusa Agr. Research Institute.

The meeting of the Board of Agriculture, Bangalore. The Board met at Bangalore on special invitation by his Highness the Maharajah of Mysore from the 21st to the 26th Jan. The following officers of the Department attended the meeting:—Messrs Anstead, Hilson, Parnell, Littlewood, Munro, Rao Sahib T. S. Venkataraman, Rao Sahib M. R. Ramaswami Sivan, P. H. Rama Reddi and V. N. Viswanatha Rao. This meeting is remarkable on account of the fact that this is the first time that it is held in an Indian State.

Recruitment for Indian Agricultural Service. Mr. C. Tadulinga-Mudaliar appeared at Madras on 18th January 1924 before a Selection Committee composed of Mr. Milligan, Agricultural Adviser to the Government of India, Messrs R. D. Anstead, Director of Agriculture, F. R. Parnell, Government Economic Botanist, C. V. Venkatramana Ayyangar, B.A., B.L., M.L.C., Coimbatore, and Dewan Bahadur R. Venkataratnam Naidu M. A., M. L. C., Cocanada. An experience gained by 22 years of service in the Botanical Section of the Agricultural Department should with the recommendation of the Director of Agriculture, have been in our opinion, sufficient to secure for him a place in the Indian Agricultural Service, but the formality, we suppose, had to be gone through. We hope, he has satisfied the Committee and will we trust in due course be confirmed as the Government Lecturing and Systematic Botanist—the post recently vacated on retirement, by Dewan Bahadur K. Rangachariar.

Visitors:— Mr. J. Carlton B. Sc., Principal, Burma Agric., College, Mandalay, Rai Bahadur Kanaka Lal Barua, Director of Agric. Assam, and Mr. Chatterjee, Dy. Director of Agriculture, Assam, visited the College and Farm during the month.

Mr. C. F. C. Beeson, M. A., I. F. S., Forest Zoologist, visited the Entomological Section on the 30th January.

British Empire Exhibition. The following officers are sending exhibits to the British Empire Exhibition, London:—The Cotton Specialist, and the Superintendent, Central Farm, (Cotton samples) the Sugarcane Expert, the Government Economic Botanist (Paddies) and the Government Mycologist.

UNION ACTIVITIES.

Soon after taking charge of the site, building work was taken on hand and the building has now risen above basement level. It is hoped that work will be pushed through rapidly during the dry months of Feb-May and that the Building will be ready by the next