

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

College Day. As is the case in most other matters, it is the "sinews of war" that will be the determining factor in the rapid progress of the work on hand, and it is requested that all those members who have promised donations will kindly remit money to the Secretary as early as possible. Such of our members as have not yet had an opportunity of giving a helping hand in the erection of the Union Building will kindly subscribe their quota at a very early date and intimate the fact to the Secretary.

Editor.

STUDENTS' CORNER.

Tours:— *B. Sc., Class III* went on a short tour on 1-11-1923 in this district and returned on 5-11-1923. Mr. T. V. Rajagopalacharya, Asst. Professor, was in charge of the party. Messrs P. S. Jeevanna Rao and H. Shiva Rao also accompanied the students to help them on the Botanical and Chemical sides respectively. Uthukuli, Kangayam, Palayakotta and Erode were visited. Pomegranate cultivation of Chengapalli near Uthukuli was enquired into and observations on tobacco, and Cambodia Cotton were made near Kangayam. Methods of Cattle-breeding at Palayakotta were studied and the unique knowledge of the Pattagar in this art was much appreciated.

This class again left on a pretty long tour on 21-12-1923. They visited Trichur, Aleppey, Ernakulam, Quilon, Trivandrum, Tinnevely and Koilpatti on the way and dispersed at Madura on 8-1-1924, to re-assemble at Coimbatore on 1-2-1924. On the Trichur Govt. Farm, Paddy Experiments and the study of the details of cultivation on 'Kole' lands engaged their attention. The gradually changing aspect in cropping was noted all the way until Quilon was reached. Here the practical measures adopted in working the local Irrigation Act for the furtherance of wet land cultivation by compelling an indolent minority to pay an extra cess were appreciated and the system of levying no tax on land on which coconuts are raised was noted. At the Trivandrum Cattle Farm, the Scinde and Montgomery breeds of cattle proved an attractive feature, as also did the pine-apple cultivation, on which a canning industry is intended to be built up. Mr. D. Balakrishnamurthi, Professor of Agriculture, was personally in charge of this party.

Class II, Short course:— Mr. T. V. Rajagopalacharya took students of this class for a fortnight's tour to the North Arcot and Salem Districts. The party left on 19-1-1924 night, to come back to Coimbatore on 3-2-1924. Mailpatti, Gudiyatham, Tiruppathur, Salem, Kadiampatti and Erode were visited besides having a peep into Palayakotta.