

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.

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## 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.

The failure of the North East monsoon was visible throughout. Paddy cultivation and demonstration work at Gudiyatham, grapevine and dry land crops on red soils at Krishnagiri, excellent fruit gardens in Salem, Mr. Anderson's farm at Kadiampatti, plantain, paddy and turmeric cultivation at Erode, all these fully engaged the attention of the students.

### **Literary Section.**

At a meeting of the Students' club held on 29-11-1923 with Mr. T. V. Rajagopalacharya—Asst. Prof. of Agre.—in the chair, S. V. Duraiswami opened a debate on "Are improved implements necessary for Indian Agriculture?" The attendance was large and a great many took part in the debate.

### **Games Section.**

In the local Hockey tournament, the Agricultural College played with the Auxiliary Force on 5-11-23 in the Recruits' ground and sustained a defeat by three goals to nil.

Two foot-ball matches were played on the Maidan between the officers and students of the Estate on the 18th and 21st November respectively. The officers presented a good team in spite of the absence of many of the ex-captains and colour-winners of the College.

The two matches were particularly interesting, for it is at least two years since the officers had a game at foot-ball with the Students, and further, Mr. Cherian, in whom we have a valuable addition to our estate sportsmen, was their goal-keeper,

The first match played on the 18th November began rather in a dull tame way, but, however, the Captain of the students, Doraiswamy broke the monotony of the game by his personally taking the ball twice or thrice from the centre to the opponents' goal though unsuccessfully. Towards the middle of the first half of the game Messrs Narasimham and Krishnamurthi prominently effected a combined run in taking the ball to the officers' goal, but with a faulty shot from the latter the ball was sent out.

Messrs Rajam and Ratnavelu played as forward and back respectively and it seemed as if they were going to disappoint us by not playing in their usual positions. But in the second half time, everything was alright. Rajam as back and Ratnavelu as forward played their game so beautifully that it looked as if the rest of the players in their team were but superfluous.

On the officers' side Messrs Rangaswami and Venkataramanan were like well-balanced towers of strength on either wing. Mr. Venkataramanan stationed himself as usual on the right, received the ball from various players and despatched it with a fine calculation to the

goal, but it was kept in check by the steady defence of the students. Now and then the students presented against the officers a united dash, but many a time it was cleared off by the measured shots of Mr. John. Ratnavelu taking the ball in serpentine tracks and leaving his opponents in the lurch tried often-times to beard Mr. Cherian, but his attempts resulted in scant success. In one of these advances Ratnavelu had to meet the foul attack of an officer. Annaswamy in kicking the ball for the foul, effected a fine measured shot which was responded by Mr. Cherian with a smashing thump into the air. Another time Ratnavelu advanced and once more he kept Mr. Cherian at bay. The latter once proceeded too far from the goal and in the attack that resulted, Ratnavelu escaped with the ball by a stratagem into the goal. The match was "hard-won, though hardly won" by students by one goal to love.

In the second match played between the parties on the 21st November. Messrs: Littlewood and Munro joined the officers. The attendance was large to witness the match and though this game also dragged on for some time in a dull fashion, yet it was extremely interesting to witness the play in the second half time. During the first half period Mr. John beautifully headed many a ball when the students tried to pierce the officers' defence, Ratnavelu finding himself surrounded by all his opponents sent the ball from the extreme right to the extreme left. Narasimham receiving it passed it on to Krishnamurti who effected a quick shot and drew the first blood.

In the second half time from the very start both the teams spared no effort in asserting their dominance; and in the midst of this severe fight, the ball was as it were in a cradle swung by the rival units. Once the officers with breathless on-rush brought the ball into the students' goal area and Mr. Venkataramanan's hard shot into the goal was diverted by Rajam's presenting his back to it. The ball went out: there was a corner kick but it was a blind shot.

Next Ratnavelu monopolised the ball and invaded as many as three times the opponents' goal in less than ten minutes. But Mr. Cherian beat him back by buffeting the ball each time. Another time Narasimham snatched the ball from Messrs. Littlewood and Munro and passed on to his wing-mate Krishnamurthi who in turn lost no time in despatching it to Ratnavelu, who was stationed just opposite to the opponents' goal. A skirmish ensued between him and the goal-keep, but the former succeeded in possessing the ball and putting in the second goal. The match was won by the students by two goals to love.

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