

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

### New Year Greetings to our Readers.

To our Readers and to the Members of our Union we offer our very sincere greetings for the New Year: and we trust—so God help us!—the New Year, 1924, will turn out well for all, including this humble Journal.

The Year 1923 is now a thing of the past; - whether it be associated with pleasant recollections or unpleasant incidents, it is now become a mere memory, but, all the same, for every one of us a retrospect will generally prove to be profitable. Every man will have his own lesson to learn from his experience of the year gone by, so that, if he cares, he can always turn a new leaf and be the better for it during the year following.

Our Journal had, on the whole, a fairly good time of it, but it cannot be denied that it lagged behind from the time of the College Day and Conference for various reasons and in order to gain time double numbers had to be issued for September - October and November - December. However, from the commencement of the current year other arrangements for the printing of the Journal have been made and we earnestly hope that we may not have to plead guilty to the charge of unpunctuality once again.

Moreover, in accordance with the resolutions passed during the last meeting of the General Body at the time of the College Day, endeavours are being made to enlarge the scope of the Journal and to make it more popular. We appeal to our members to contribute a larger number of original articles than heretofore, and we would also request those living in the districts to supply us with news as to any happenings of agricultural interest in their part of the country. The latter would remedy the complaint sometimes received that the news circulated is restricted solely to items concerning the College and the Estate.

We would further beg to point out to our members the necessity of the patronage of one and all of them in order to enable the Journal to carry out the improvements suggested at the meeting. This Journal is primarily designed for the benefit of the members, to maintain a touch between students past and present and above all to preserve the *esprit de - corps* of the members in spite of their being scattered about. Every member should realise that in subscribing for the Journal he is not to deliberate on whether he is likely to get his

money's worth or not—our aim is to make the Journal as valuable and useful as possible—but to think only of supporting the Union and the varied objects and ideals it stands for. We trust that, with the help and patronage of our members and of our readers, the New Year will prove to be as prosperous and propitious for our Journal as one could wish.

### **A Cover of New Design for the Journal.**

Our readers will note that the cover of the current number of the Journal bears a new design and we trust that the change and the form of the design will meet with their approval. The design is the work of the Senior Artist of the Institute—Mr. C. R. Ranganatha Mudaliar—to whom the thanks of the Union are due.

### **Members of the Legislative Council.**

We are glad to note with pride and satisfaction the fact that many of our Patrons have again been returned to the Legislative Council by their constituencies and we venture to trust they will continue to evince the same sympathy and helpfulness as was shown by them in general to the Agricultural Department. To them we convey our sincere congratulations individually and collectively: to Lt. the Rajah of Ramnad, V. Madhava Rajah of Kollengode, the Honourable Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro, Dewan Bahadur Sir P. Theagaraja Chettiar, Lt. the Rajah Sahib of Parlakimidi, Khan Bahadur Haji Abdullah Sahib of Udipi and last but not least, the trio of Coimbatore, Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalingam Chettiar, C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar and V. C. Vellingiri Goundar. We are glad to note that our Ex - Minister for Development, Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu, was returned by an over-whelming majority of votes to the Council and beg to congratulate him on that circumstance and we are quite sure that he will continue to evince the same interest and sympathy in our department as when he presided over its destinies as Minister. We further beg to offer our felicitations to our Patron, Rajah Vasudeva Rajah of Kollengode, C. I. E., on his appointment as a Member of the Executive Council of Fort Saint George.

### **New Year Honours, 1924—Indian List.**

From the list published in the papers, it will be seen that of the 320 honoured, only 35 are persons connected with land or the agricultural profession. The Maharajadhiraj of Burdwan, the premier nobleman of Bengal gets a G. C. I. E., the only recipient of that honour this year. Our first Indian Director and the present President of the Legislative Council, Dewan Bahadur L. D. Swamikannu Pillai is made a C. I. E. One of our Patrons, the Honourable Rao Bahadur A. P. Patro is decorated with a Knighthood. Three Professors of Agri-

cultural institutions have been invested with various distinctions. Principal S. Higginbottom of the Agricultural Institute, Allahabad, gets a Kaiser-i-Hind Gold Medal and our Rai Bahadur K. Rangachariar, retired Government Lecturing and Systematic Botanist, Agricultural College, Coimbatore becomes a Dewan Bahadur. Assistant Professor of Agricultural Chemistry, Lyallpur, Mr. Bhai Jagat Singh, becomes a Sardar Sahib. An old agricultural student and now Chairman, Trichur Municipal Council, Mr. K. K. G. Marar gets a Rao Sahib. Landlords in Madras are honoured in the persons of M. R. Ry. Gettu Venkatapathi Naidu, Madras, K. R. Venkoba Rao Madura, Sithambara Ramanatha Reddiar, Burma, with the title of Rao Bahadur and in Bengal Chaudhuri Maizuddin Biswas, Faridpur, is dubbed a Khan Sahib. The title of Rai Bahadur is conferred on Pandit Gurunarayan Chauba, Zamindar, Etawah, Lala Shiva Prasad, Rais, Bareilly, Babu Vidyanath Das, B. A., Rais, Benares, and Babu Sukharaj Ray, Zemindar, Bhagalpur. Mr. Chaudhuri Gulam Ahmad, Cultivator, Jamra Canal, Sind gets the title of Khan Sahib.

We congratulate the above recipients—who are all connected with agriculture in one form or other—upon the various distinctions conferred on them: and we would wish that Government will in future be graciously pleased to recognise the claims of the tillers of the soil to a larger extent, since it is but a truism to state that Agriculture is the premier industry of India and that ultimately the prosperity of the country rests on the toils of the patient Agriculturist.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Dewan Bahadur K. Rangachariar on his well-merited distinction, and desire to record how extremely proud we are of the honour conferred on him, as it thereby reflects credit not only on the College—which he graced for many years—but also on the Agricultural Department as a whole. His photograph appears as the frontispiece of this number.

### Indian Science Congress.

The Eleventh annual meeting was held this year at Bangalore on 14th January and the five following days under the Presidency of Dr. N. Annandale, C. I. E., F. A. S. B. The following were Presidents of sections :—

Agriculture	...	B. C. Burt, Esq.
Mathematics and Physics...	...	Dr. C. V. Raman,
Chemistry	...	Dr. E. R. Watson.

Zoology	...	Professor. K. N. Bahl (absent), Dr. F. H. Gravely acting as President.
Botany	...	Prof. S. P. Agharkar.
Geology	...	Dr. W. F. Smeeth.
Anthropology	...	Rao Bahadur L. K. Anantbakrishna Iyer.
Medical Research	...	Lieutenant-Colonel S. R. Christophers.

The number of papers read in each section was 26, 62, 63, 30, 43, 13, 8 and 28 respectively or a total of 273. Madras contributed more than 70 papers of which the Coimbatore Agricultural College is responsible for 17. We trust, we will be able to give a short account of the Bangalore Sessions of the Indian Science Congress in our next issue; but we feel, however, constrained to remark in this connection that our Department has not acted quite generously in withholding permission to all but a few officers of the Department, to take part in the Congress. It is true that the times are not very propitious and the department is in the grip of a retrenchment policy, and it is quite conceivable that finances could not therefore allow of a large number being deputed, but in view of the fact that the place of meeting was comparatively near and the expenses of deputation were relatively little as compared with those for more distant places, it might have been possible to allow a few more at least to visit the Congress. We take it that the chief benefit of attending a Congress of this kind, is not merely the privilege of reading a paper, but the opportunities of meeting workers in different lines from various provinces and of discussing experiences with them and of getting into personal touch with men of light and reputation. It is one of the ways by which Scientific workers can get inspiration and imbibe enthusiasm for fresh lines of work. From this point of view we regret that some of the sub-ordinate officers were denied a chance of presenting their papers in person under Government patronage, but we are very glad to note that some of these officers were actually so full of enthusiasm as to attend the Congress at their own cost and even availing themselves of leave.

### **Our Representation in the Senate.**

We are glad to inform our readers that in the reconstituted Senate of the Madras University, Rao Sahib M. R. Ramaswami Sivan has secured a seat as a representative from the Academic Council of the affiliated Technical Colleges in which he represents the Agricultural College, having been elected in October last by the teaching staff. We offer our congratulations to Mr. Sivan and feel that in his election as a Senator, the Agricultural Department has been honoured and its place, recognised in University education.