

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

### Mr. F. R. Parnell.

We learn with regret that the Agricultural Departments in India are very soon to lose the services of two of their officers in the persons of Messrs. S. Milligan, Agricultural Adviser to the Government of India and F. R. Parnell, the Government Economic Botanist, Coimbatore. We understand that they leave India to serve the British Empire Cotton Growing Corporation in South Africa for developing the resources of the Empire in cotton growing.

When an experienced officer retires, the department loses the benefit of all this accumulated mass of knowledge.

In the case of Mr. Parnell who has been in the department since 1913, who has specialised in paddy and who has evolved new strains of paddy, there is little doubt that the Madras Department of Agriculture is losing a very valuable officer. He has organised work on safe and enduring lines and has moreover trained a band of young men who may be expected to continue his work, yet the want of the guiding hand is sure to be felt until his successor gathers the necessary experience.

In addition to his duties as the Government Economic Botanist Mr. Parnell has been Principal ever since Mr. Wood left for Africa. Mr. Parnell's genial temperament and frank manners made him popular among the Students and the Officers. His departure will, it is feared, tell rather seriously in the games' section of the college owing to the already existing state of depletion in the ranks of Sportsmen on the estate. We are sure the members of Our Union will always carry in their memory the able and patient way in which he conducted the General Body Meeting on the occasion of last College Day and piloted the heated and often straying discussion in safe channels and helped to make the meeting the complete success it was.

The Union is grateful to him for the interest he has taken in its welfare and we wish him all success in his future sphere of work in South Africa.

### Our Director - Mr. R. D. Anstead.

We are glad to note Mr. Rudolph D. Anstead has been confirmed as Director of Agriculture, Madras. Since August 1921 there have been changes in the personnel of the Director. We beg to convey our very hearty congratulations to Mr. Anstead and venture to hope that he would now have greater facilities to steer the department clear of obstacles along lines of progress and utility.

### Mr. P. Susainathan.

Mr. P. Susainathan, assistant in the Entomologist's Section has been selected by the Imperial Entomologist, Pusa as Assistant Ento-

mologist in charge of Plant Quarantine work and control of pests of the Date palm at Basrah, on a salary of Rs. 500. He goes on an agreement for two years in the first instance. We trust Mr. Susainathan will amply justify the selection made and win laurels in his new sphere of work.

### **Posts in Tanganyika Territory.**

We invite the attention of our readers to copies of correspondence and of a prospectus (printed elsewhere in this number) calling for applications for the posts of Overseers (managers) of Farms in Tanganyika Mandated Territory. The agreement is for three years in the first instance and in our opinion these posts should be considered as providing opportunities for our young men to go out and get experience, which will certainly be of value in their future career.

### **An Index for 1923 Journal.**

An index for the 1923 Volume of Journal, kindly prepared by our energetic Secretary Mr. M. U. Vellodi on his own initiative, has now been printed and is issued to all our subscribers of 1923 along with the current number. The preparation of indexes for the first 10 volumes has been kindly undertaken by Messrs. Rao Saheb T. S. Venkataramayyar and T. V. Rajagopalcharya and we trust they will be ready before long.

### **Agricultural Department.**

It is a matter of sincere gratification to us to note that in order to advance the interests of the agriculturists in India, a number of members of the Central Legislature, have formed themselves, into an 'agricultural party'. This is as it should be. Development of the country's resources cannot be a matter of disagreement or contention between any two persons in India, much less between the non-official and the Salaried custodians of public purse and public welfare. Responsible persons of all shades of opinion are happily agreed on this point. The Hon'ble Sir B. N. Sarma of the Viceroy's Council, when asked what steps Government were taking in regard to the development of agriculture in India, recently stated that proposals were under consideration in the matter of developing cotton cultivation and that the Cotton Research Institute would be established before long, the Military Dairy Farm in Bangalore had been taken over by the Imperial Agricultural Department — there was a fine breed of cattle in the farm and that higher education in Dairying would be given in the institute. He further intimated that the Experiment of evolving a dual purpose cow would be taken up here, at Karnal in the Punjab and at Pusa and that in the matter of sugarcane Government hoped soon to place the sugar industry on a better and more satisfactory basis. Lord Leverhulme, who visited Madras this month similarly drew positive attention to the necessity of developing agriculture. Our local legis-

lators of whatever persuasion they be have all been unanimous in furthering the cause of agricultural improvement. We are confident that the future is bright, for if under such auspices there be stagnation or setback in progress in the future, the reasons will have to be sought for elsewhere.

### DEPARTMENTAL NOTES.

#### *Appointments etc.—*

Mr Rudolph David Anstead, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Planting Districts and Acting Director of Agriculture, confirmation as Director of Agriculture with effect from the 22nd December 1923.

Mr. B. Ramayya, acting Deputy Director of Agriculture under training at Coimbatore, to be acting Deputy Director, II circle, Guntur.

#### *Leave.—*

1. Dr. R. V. Norris, Govt. Agricultural Chemist, commutation of leave into leave on average pay for 3 months and leave on half average pay for 7 months and 10 days

2. Mr. A. C. Edmonds, Deputy Director of Agriculture, I circle, leave on average pay for three and half months and leave on half average pay for five and half months in continuation thereof with effect from or after the 4th March 1924.

3. Mr. Saadat-Ullah-Khan, Deputy Director of Agriculture, VI circle, on probation granted leave on average pay for one month from 17th March with permission to avail of Sunday 16th March and to suffix the Easter holidays

4. Mr. K. T. Alwa Assistant Director of Agriculture, extension of leave for a week on half average pay in continuation of the leave for five months and 29 days granted to him from 29th August.

5. Mr. E. K. Govindan Nambiyar, Agricultural Demonstrator, Tellicherry leave on average pay for 17 days from 4th February 1924.

6. Mr R. Swami Rao, Demonstrator, leave on average pay for one month from the 1st February 1924.

7. Mr. N. Chinnasawmi Naidu, Farm Manager, Cotton Breeding Station, leave on average pay for twenty days from 28th January 1924.

8. Mr. K. Satyanarayana Gupta, Assistant Agricultural Demonstrator, extension of leave by 25 days on medical certificate.

9. Mr. N. P. Sankaran Nambiyar, 2nd Agricultural Teacher, Agricultural Middle School, leave on average pay for two months, on medical certificate from 15th January 1924.

10. Mr. C. A. S. Ramalingam Pillai Assistant Manager, Koilpatti, leave for 25 days from 26th February 1924 to 21st March 1924.

11. Mr. M. Singara Royan, Artist I grade of the Office of the Government Lecturing and Systematic Botanist, leave on average pay for two weeks from 19th February 1924.

12. Mr. K. Gurumurthi, Farm Manager, extension of leave on average pay for 14 days and leave not due on half average pay for 25 days.

13. M. R. Ry. C. V. Ramaswami Ayyar, Assistant in Chemistry leave on average pay for one month from 1st March 1924.

14. M. R. Ry. T. V. Ayyaswami Ayyar, Assistant Agricultural Demonstrator Srivaikuntam, leave on average pay for 15 days from 1st March 1924.

15. Mr V. S. Varadarajan, Assistant Agricultural Demonstrator, extension of leave on medical certificate for three months.

16. Mr. S. Subramanya Ayyar, Agricultural Demonstrator, extension of leave on half average pay for four months.

#### *Transfers:—*

Mr K. Gurumurthi, Farm Manager, transfer to II circle after expiry of the leave.

Mr P. Krishna Rao, Farm Manager, transfer to Millets Specialist section