

ESTATE NEWS.

Visitors. M.R.Ry. Venkataranga Rao Bahadur, Zamindar of Mungala, paid a visit to the estate on the 10th inst. and made a stay of 2 days. He went round the various laboratories and visited the Central Farm and the Dairy. It is a pleasure to note an enlightened landlord of his type taking such active interest in agriculture as to propose to send his son to undergo the B. Sc. course in agriculture. We understand his son had indeed preceded him and stayed a few days among the students in order to get an idea of the actual conditions of the course.

The Officers' Club. There was a social gathering at the club on the 11th inst. to bid goodbye to Mr. H. Balaraj, P. W. D. Supervisor in charge of the construction of new quarters, who went on transfer to Tiruppattur on promotion.

Gana Sabha. There was a musical entertainment at the Officers' Club on the 9th inst. at 4 p. m. under the auspices of the Agr. College Gana Sabha, when Brahmarsi Sembai Vaidyanatha Aiyar gave a fine performance in Vocal music to a fairly large audience. His very pleasing and melodious voice added to the scientific knowledge of music displayed by him gave general satisfaction to all.

Send-off to Mr. Parnell. On the 8th instant, the members of the Estate organised a Tea party in the College Quadrangle to bid goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Parnell who were on the eve of departure for England. There was a large gathering on the occasion including Europeans and Indians. Rao Sahib M. R. Ramaswami Sivan gave expression to the general feeling of regret of the colony as to the impending departure of Mr and Mrs. Parnell from their midst probably for good, and referred to the various good and amiable qualities evinced by Mr. Parnell in his capacity as Principal and as Economic Botanist. Mr. Parnell replied suitably thanking the members of the Estate for the expressions of good-will and kindly feelings demonstrated by them. The function came to a happy close with a call for cheers to the principal guests of the evening. Mr. Parnell was similarly the recipient of farewell entertainments from the section of Economic Botany and from the Students. He left Coimbatore by mail on the 10th instant.

Mr. G. R. Hilson was similarly entertained at Tea on the 7th instant by members of his section in view of his impending departure to take charge of the office of Secretary to the Central Cotton Committee. He left Coimbatore by mail on the 12th instant.

Mr. F. T. T. Newland who is on the eve of retirement from service as Govt. Agrl. Engineer was entertained by members of the Estate in the College Quadrangle on the 22nd instant at 5-30 P. M. There was a fairly large gathering on the occasion. Mr. C. Tadulinga Mudaliar in a short speech gave expression to the general feeling of gratefulness of the Estate to Mr. Newland in various matters—and particularly in reference to the completion of the new water-supply scheme—which in his opinion ought to be known as the “Newland” scheme and to which he should attribute the comparative safety of the Colony during the recent cholera outbreak. The party terminated with a call for cheers to the guest of the evening which was lustily responded to.

Mr. Muhammad Afzal B. Sc. Punjaub came here for training in cotton work under the Cotton Specialist at Coimbatore and left at the close of the month.

The Health of the Colony. The Estate received a very rude shock at the beginning of the month by the occurrence of two cases of “Cholera” of a virulent type, which resulted in the loss of two persons both members of the family of Employees on the Estate. It is believed that the dire disease was imported from the Karamadai Car Festival which took place recently. It is a matter for congratulation to note that there were no further cases of attack on the Estate.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS.

Mr. R. C. Broadfoot took charge of the office of Cotton Specialist on the 7th instant from Mr. G. R. Hilson on temporary transfer to Bombay as Secretary, Indian Central Cotton Committee.

Mr. F. R. Parnell handed over charge of the Principalship to Mr. R. C. Broadfoot under orders from the Government on the 10th instant; and of the office of Government Economic Botanist to Mr. K. Ramiah Asst. Ec. Botanist, Adjuturai Paddy Breeding Station. He left for England on 1st day preparatory to retirement on proportionate pension by the night mail of the same date.

In this connection the following Extract from “Nature” of Feb 16, 1924 would be interesting.

“At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation, Mr. F. R. Parnell, Economic Botanist