

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, Aduturai 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

to the Government of Madras was appointed to a post as plant breeder under the Corporation. He will proceed to South Africa shortly to work under Mr. S. Milligan, who has resigned his post as Agricultural Adviser to the Government of India to take up an appointment with the Corporation, to advise the Government of the Union of South Africa on all matters connected with cotton growing."

Mr. K. Gopalakrishna Raju L. Ag. left Coimbatore on the 9th instant on transfer to the VI circle as Asst. Director of Agriculture. Mr. C. V. Seshachari L. Ag. has taken charge of the duties of Asst. Superintendent' Central Farm. in his place.

Mr. F. T. T. Newland, Govt. Agricultural Engineer is to retire from service from about the end of the month. Mr. Dunhill of the Industries Department has been posted as Assistant Agricultural Engineer in his place.

We understand that Dr. R. V. Norris returns to India to take the place of Dr. Fowler—the Biochemist at the Tata Research Institute, Bangalore, on the retirement of the latter at the end of his agreement.

We learn from a recent Government Order that the Agricultural Middle schools at Taliparamba and Anakapalle—which had been more or less under a dual control from their inception—are to be handed over to the management of the Agricultural Department from the Educational with effect from 1st April 1924. It is a step which, we believe, will conduce to a better working of the schools.

UNION ACTIVITIES.

The walls of the Union Building have now risen to the height of the roof and steps are being taken to put up the roofing. As the Working Committee is keenly feeling the want of funds, it begs to request that such of the members as have subscribed would kindly remit their donations to the Treasurer as early as possible. Those that have not yet subscribed are requested to be so good as to send their mite at once to help the Union,

Secretary.