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Parnell Cup:—The staff of the Paddy section raised a sum of Rs. 130 amongst themselves in appreciation of the qualities of Mr. F. R. Parnell who had been the Paddy Breeder since the inception of the station in 1914 and who retired on a proportionate pension in February 1925 to take up duties under the British Cotton Growers' Association for work in South Africa. The sum collected was sufficient for a bust of Mr. Parnell and a rolling cup in his name for the best team in an inter-class Hockey tournament. Both these have been handed over to the Principal by the donors recently. The bust has been skillfully done and is the work of the artist of that section—Mr. T. S. Alwar Ayyengar.

## NEWS AND NOTES.

Officers' Club:—The Officers' Club was treated this month to two excellent entertainments, one by the management of the Narayana Gurukula, Coonoor when Mr. Narasimha Ayyengar, B.A. Private Secretary to Mr. K. T. Paul helped with vocal music. On the second occasion, Mr. P. D. Karunakar, M. Sc. gave a conversazione on his four and-a half years' experience of his own University-Iowa and of American life.

Visitors:—During the month two Honorary visitors paid official visits to the College. They were Mr. Rao Sahib Rangaswami Ayyengar, B. A., B. L., Cuddapah and Lt. Colonel R. Dennistoun, Nilgiris. Mr. Wynne Sayer, Secretary, Sugar Bureau visited the Imperial Sugarcane Station during the middle of the month.

Students' Club:—On the 12th, the last working day for the senior students, this club celebrated its Annual Day. The special feature this year was the addition of a fancy dress competition in which eight students took part and their performances were excellent. Mr. B. V. Venkatachary as waiter, Mr. M. P. Narasimha Rao as a Tirupathi pilgrim, Mr. K. H. Subramanya Sarma

as a Lala, Mr. R. Vaidhyanathan as a Zulu fighter, Mr. Sanjivi Shetty as a hunch-back Moplah straw vendor, and the two Natesans as Postmen, created peals of laughter.

After the usual tea Mr. K. Ramanathan as a Bhaghavathar gave a delightful discourse on "Chitrasena Upakhyanam" in Tamil.

Reports of both the literary and games' sections were then read and prizes and cups were kindly given away by Mrs. Ramaswami Sivan. The following is culled from the reports:—

Owing to increase in strength of Class I this year, the number of members rose to 82. Two Madras dailies, one Bombay Daily, and 11 periodicals—both English and Vernacular—were subcribed for. A few periodicals and books were also presented by Messrs. R. O. Iliffe, R. C. Broadfoot, Rao Sahib M. R. Ramaswami Sivan, C. N. Krishnaswami Ayyar, and T. V. Ramakrishna Ayyar. Eleven public meetings were held. Chief among the speakers were Messrs. A. Srikantayya Bar-at-Law, T. V. Apparasundram, M. A., L. T. M. Ed., R. K. Shanmugam, B. A., B. L., M. L. A., Mustafa Effend L. Ziadg, of Egypt, Dr. S. K. Dutta, Rao Bahadur T. A. Ramalinga Chettiyar. One outstanding feature in the activities of this club during the year was in connexion with the visit of the Royal Commission to the College. The Marquis of Linlithgow visited the Hostel by special arrangement and gave them an address. Sir Gangaram and Prof: N. Ganguli visited on different occasions and engaged them on conversazione.

A benefit musical entertainment was arranged in connexion with the Poppy Day Fund and a sum of Rs. 45-0-0 was contributed.

Games:—These were lively owing to the increased strength in the College. There were two additional tournaments:—one Handicap Tennis doubles and the other Inter-class Hockey Tournament for the Parnell cup. In Cricket, out of the five matches played for the Father Rondy's Shield by a combined team of students and officers two were drawn and the rest ended in our defeat. In Hockey, nine matches were played in all of which, three were for the local Hockey tournament. After defeating two strong teams, our team came up for the finals in which, however,

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we had to yield to the Foresters, whom we heartily congratulate. In football, we tried our strength with the London Mission School in the Abraham Memorial Tournament but owing to absence of two good players due to sudden ill-health we lost the match. Tennis was the most favourite game of the year, membership rising as high as 45. In the handicap doubles, Messrs. S. Muthuswamy and S. Ramaswamy came out successful. In singles for the Cecil Wood Cup, S. Muthuswamy beat B.V. Venkatachary in the finals. In the Interclass tournaments, Class I snatched the "Victory Cup" in Hockey, Cricket and Football. In the Grigg memorial Sports our College won through Mr. K. Ramaswamy the cup and medal for the open mile race.

The following were awarded colours:— Mr. S. V. Ramachandran for Hockey, Messrs. Brito Muthunayakam and K. V. Natesan for football. The Parlakimedi Cup for the best all-round sportsman was awarded to Mr. K. Ramaswamy.

The proceedings were wound up by a speech from the Principal and President, Mr. Rao Sahib M. R. Ramaswami Sivan.

The Committee expressed their grateful thanks to several ladies and gentlemen who helped them during the year.

Office-Bearers for 1927-28.

K. Ambikacharan ... Club Secretary. T. Krishna Reddi ... Games Secretary.

C. Annamalai ... Representative. Class II.

Students' Tour:—Students of Class II were taken on a week-end tour to the Nilgiris. Messrs. T. V. Subramaniam, H. Shiva Rao and S. N. Chandrasekhar accompanied the party. A similar tour was undertaken by students of Class I conducted by the Principal who was assisted by Messrs. P. S. Jivanna Rao, P. N. Krishna Ayyar and S. Narayana Ayya.

University Examinations;—These examinations commenced with theory for Part I on Monday the 22nd Instant and will end with Practical for Part II on Wednesday, the 12th April.

Viceroy's Prize:—We are glad to learn that the Silver Prize for Madras has been won by Mr. K. Ramanathan of class III.

University:—A portrait of the Right Honble V. Srinivasa Sastri Privy Councillor was unveiled in the Senate House, Madras on the 14th of this month by Viscount Goschen.