

EDITORIAL.

Our Viceroy:—Our readers will remember that this Union sent a message of welcome to His Excellency Lord Irwin on the 4th April 1926 on his arrival at Bombay. His active interest in agriculture, the several speeches and references he has made on this subject in the Council Chambers at Delhi and Simla, and at the investiture ceremonies in the several durbars, his institution of prizes for boys—all show his keen interest. It is understood that he visits Mysore and he may probably also spend a day or two on the Nilgiris. It is likely that His Excellency may visit in this tour one or two nearer places in Madras and we hope Coimbatore will be one. It is no exaggeration if we say that, possessing Agricultural and Forest Colleges, which train students for development work in this country, Coimbatore does not yield in importance to any presidency town. In fact, it enjoys a very pleasant climate which will be lovely at the time of His Excellency's visit to Ootacamund. We hope His Excellency will find enough in these two institutions to strengthen his own conviction that Agriculture and Forests are the main-stay of this country, and will be tempted to include these two institutions in his programme.

Land-Revenue Bill:—After a very long cogitation and anxious consultations the Local Government have with the approval of the Governor-General introduced a bill to regularise their claims on land. This is a measure of vital importance to the cultivator and has been long overdue. Barring Permanent settlement which enriches only one class and that a small class of the population, the Land Revenue Bill if passed into law will strengthen the hands of the ryot and give him a status in the eyes of the law which any executive order liable to be misunderstood will only keep at arm's length and thus secure better harmony between the Government and the people.

Honorary Visitors:—For nearly 18 years the system of nominating gentlemen interested in agriculture as Honorary visitors to the College has been in operation and during the current triennium which will end with June 30 next, one was appointed from each district in the Presidency. Owing to numerous causes these gentlemen have not been able to come, the number of visits not exceeding ten during the last three years. It would seem necessary to interest M. L. Cs. and other public spirited gentlemen

if not also Zamindars in the affairs of the College. But an element of representation through election though in a partial manner may perhaps prove more attractive. As there are a number of Ryots' associations in the Presidency and several District Boards are working with elected Presidents we would suggest that these institutions may be permitted to elect severally or jointly one representative from each district. It is hoped that this may prove more successful.

*The Budgets ;—*It is extremely gratifying that Sir Basil Blackett at Delhi and Mr. T. E. Moir in Madras have been able to show surplus budgets and a return to normal conditions. This is now then the time for larger expenditure on nation-building departments, and several financial members also seem alive to this fact as is evidenced by the Bengal Government's decision to adopt the late Mr. C. R. Das's scheme for rural construction and sanitation. In our own province, rural problems are not less pressing and the recent pronouncements of all the three Ministers seem to assure us quick developments in this line. 16.16 lakhs is too small a sum for improving a cultivated area of 320 lakhs of acres.

DEPARTMENTAL NOTIFICATIONS.

Appointments posting and Confirmations:—

Mr. F. L. J. Lobo, a certificate holder, to be lower subordinate 5th grade, on probation, under Deputy Director of Agriculture, Live Stock Hosur.

Mr. R. Swami Rao, Demonstrator, on relief at Saidapet Teachers College, posted to Kalahasti.

Mr. I Kurma Rao, Assistant Manager is confirmed

LEAVE :—

First Circle:—

Mr. M. V. Kondal Rao, Assistant Demonstrator Ellore, leave on, average pay for one month from 5th March 1927.