

## REVIEWS.

**The Indian Labour Review.**

We welcome into the ranks of Journalism '*The Indian Labour Review*' a monthly devoted to the interests of all workers. We congratulate Mr. Ernest Kirk on the new venture. As a distinguished member of the Theosophical Society a world wide organisation whose motto is "Brotherhood of man", Mr. Kirk is best fitted to edit this journal on behalf of labour. He has been long connected with labour and as an Irishman has studied the woes of labour not only in his native land but in other countries as well. We hope that, guided by the principles for which Mr. Kirk stands viz; constitutional agitation and harmony amongst different sections of the population, Indian labour will considerably advance and gain their rights and privileges which they now know not of. We hope that workers in India will profit by the experience of fellow workers in England and other countries in the west and always be led by such selfless men as Sir M. V. Joshi and Messrs. Ernest Kirk, B. Shiva Rao, and V. Giri.

**Some Indian Dyes.**

In this small English booklet of 17 pages, Mr. C. Balaji Rao condenses a mass of useful particulars about Indian plants which yield materials for dyeing purposes. Information as to the parts which are used and their preparation is given in clear and simple language. Authorities are quoted wherever possible. Names A to G are dealt with in the present pamphlet. We hope Mr. Rao will pursue his labours further and very soon give the public a completed brochure. The usefulness of the publication and the very modest price of annas six will, we are sure, appeal to a large class of readers, and industrialists. Copies can be had of the author, Extension, Coimbatore.

**Hand book of Forest (systematic) Botany for Madras.**

BY G. VISWANATHAM, B. A.,

Curator, Forest Museum, Coimbatore.

PRICE 2/8. pp. 130. DEMI 8vo.

This handbook gives in a clear and concise manner the names, distribution and characters of over 200 Forest plants which would enable a layman to identify them without any reference to



experts or investigation in a laboratory. It is also a sure and safe guide to the novice in forestry. We congratulate the author on this production and hope the maiden attempt of this young botanist will receive due recognition and stimulate him to further work in spreading a knowledge of the Forest plants among the lay public. Copies can be had of the Author.

### EDITORIAL.

#### The Townsend Committee on Co-operation.

This country has taken very rapid strides in Co-operation. In this Presidency alone the number of Co-operative societies that function is large. But majority of them being only credit societies both the Government and the public have felt deep concern in the future advancement of the movement and it was therefore right that the local government appointed a committee to enquire into the existing situation and furnish them with their considered views so as to facilitate future progress. The personnel leaves nothing to be desired, constituting as it does of veterans in the cause. Mr. C. A. H. Townsend (Chairman) is a tried civilian of the Punjab. Mr. G. K. Devadhar is the pillar of the movement in Bombay. Mr. V. Ramdoss is the President of the local Provincial Co-operative Union. Other members are also ardent co-operators.

We hope their report will be unanimous and help Government to advance the cause of co-operation amongst the rural population.

#### Dr. T. V. R's Homecoming.

Mr. T. V. R. Ayyar, one of our distinguished members recently returned to us after an absence of about ten months. He left Coimbatore in November last. Voyaging across the Eastern seas, Mr. Ayyar landed on Xmas eve at San Francisco, that wonderful city in that young and fascinating country—the U. S. A. He spent about 8 months in the Stanford University which has now conferred on him the degree of Ph. D, in Zoology. His earlier work in Entomology enabled the University authorities there to