

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

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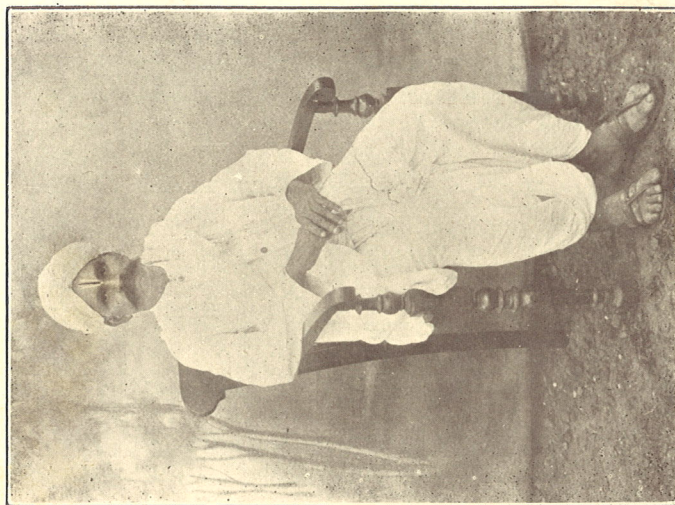
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dispense with some formalities necessarily insisted on in the case of a fresher. A few friends were at the time of his departure last year, of the deliberate opinion that it was an act of "unthrift" on the part of their friend to leave Indian shores at his own cost and at an advanced age, as he was well-known in entomological circles for ever 20 years and as he had to lean for this undertaking overseas solely on his own financial resources which were notoriously slender and as this trip could add very little to his intellectual equipment. For he was already the author of several entomological papers both in the Indian and foreign press and a specialist in Thysanoptera, Coccidae and Hymenoptera—three of the little explored orders of insects—and in numerous forms of economic importance. His letters that have appeared in this journal from time to time have proved delightful reading. His homecoming therefore was looked forward to with eagerness. His friends at the College welcomed him in a suitable way and his old students greeted him in a befitting manner and entertained him at a dinner. Dr. Ayyar is now the only official who possesses the highest academical qualifications in the Madras Agricultural Department. We hope his knowledge and experience will be fully utilised for the benefit of his countrymen. We wish him very many more years of usefulness and tranquillity in his future career.

Retiral.

Mr. N. Sitharamaswami Nayadu, Agricultural demonstrator, Samalkota, retired on the 29th June after 25 years' connexion with this department.

With an intimate knowledge of Godavari conditions and an amount of local influence Mr. Nayadu has been very helpful to all officers.

The success of the Smalkota farm in its initial stages and of the demonstration work in the Godavari delta is all due to Mr. Nayadu who since its inception in 1901 has laboured hard. The department is however indebted to Mr. (now Dr.) C. A. Barber, C. I. E. for discovering this "born agriculturist" as a devoted and loyal servant for work in the circars.

The Ramasastrulu-Munagala Prize 1927.

1. The Prize will be awarded in July this year.
2. The Prize will be in the form of a Medal and will be awarded to the member of the Union who submits the best account, of original research or enquiry, carried out by him on any agricultural subject.
3. The subject matter shall not exceed in length twelve foolscap pages type-written on one side
4. Intending competitors should notify the Secretary of the Madras Agricultural Students' Union not later than the 1st June the subject of the paper which they propose to submit and the paper should be sent in so as to reach the Secretary, Madras Agricultural Students' Union not later than the 15th June 1927, with a covering letter showing full name and address of the sender. The author's name should not be shown on the paper which should be entered under a *nom-de-plume*.
5. Four type written copies of the essays should be sent in.
6. The name of the successful competitor will be announced and the prize awarded at the time of the Conference.
7. The Union reserves to itself the right of publishing all or any of the papers.
8. All references in the paper to published books, reports or papers by other workers must be acknowledged.
9. Papers submitted will become the property of the Union.

Any further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Madras Agricultural Students' Union, Lawley Rd. P. O. Coimbatore.

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