

Go back to the Land. A public meeting of the Students' Club was held on October 1932 when Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliar B. A. B.L., M. L. C., ex-Minister for Development addressed a large gathering on the theme "Go Back to Land". The lecturer after dealing in a lucid manner on the conditions obtaining in the villages at the present day analysed the defects of the present day and exhorted the students to go back to the land and help the country in its rapid advancement. He said that the students of this College were best suited to take up reconstruction work in the villages. The President, Mr. C. Tadulingam endorsed the views of the lecturer and assured him that his students will not be failing in enthusiasm to perform their duty to the country. After the usual vote of thanks by the Secretary the meeting terminated.

THE LATE RAO BAHADUR J. CHELVARANGA RAJU

The news of the passing away at Saidapet, on Friday, the 22nd of October 1932—due to diabetic carbuncle—of Rao Bahadur J. Chelvaranga Raju, Retired Deputy Director of Agriculture, must have come as a rude shock to many of his friends and admirers in the Department. He retired about ten years ago, from official life, but not from active service, for after retirement he was taking a large amount of interest in affairs of local self government, and was in fact, at the time of his death, the Chairman of the Saidapet Municipality.

The Late Mr. Raju passed out of the Agricultural College, Saidapet, in the early nineties, and entered service as Farm Bailiff at the Saidapet Farm. During well nigh three decades of service, he steadily mounted, through merit and hard work, the official ladder, being finally one of the first Indians to get into the Imperial Service. As a lecturer in agriculture for some years at the College of Agriculture, Coimbatore, he won the esteem and regard of his students by his wide and experienced knowledge of practical agriculture. As an executive officer, he endeared himself to all his subordinates, by his sympathy and by the readiness, with which he would always set about, to teach junior officers and help them even in matters of official routine. As a propagandist, he was eminently successful, for he combined in himself a rare knowledge of practical agriculture, and a clear exposition in the vernacular of scientific facts. He was in fact publishing a tamil monthly "The Agriculturist", and in spite of vicissitudes, was sticking to it, till his very end.

Mr. Chelvaranga Raju came of a well known Raju family of Tinnevely. His elder brother—the late Rao Bahadur J. Dharmaranga Raju (also an 'old boy' of Saidapet)—was the Dewan Peishkar of Pudukottah. His younger brother, Mr. J. Ranga Raju, is the well known novelist and dairyman of Madras. All the three brothers believed in agriculture as a profession, and practised it, successfully.

Mr. Chelvaranga Raju was one of the founders of the Madras Agricultural Students' Union; he was its first treasurer, a Vice

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President during the early years of its life, and was responsible along with other pioneers for its early nurture and healthy growth.

A man of sturdy independence, with confidence in his powers which was fully justified, a hard and sincere worker who paid great attention to minute details, and a gentleman with broad outlook and strong common sense, Mr. Chelvaranga Raju was a typical of the best products of old Saidapet and in his death, yet one more link between Saidapet and Coimbatore has been snapped. May his soul rest in peace!

Weather Review (OCTOBER—1932)

RAINFALL DATA

Division	Station	Actual for month	Departure from normal	Total since January 1st	Division	Station	Actual for month	Departure from normal	Total since January 1st
Circars	Gopalpore	4.1	-4.4	23.5	South	Negapatam	5.9	-4.3	24.5
	Berhampore *	3.5	-6.5	27.6		Aduthurai *	11.6	+2.9	27.3
	C. lingapatam	6.8	...	25.0		Madura	10.0	+2.8	23.3
	Vizagapatam	4.3	-4.6	19.5		Pamban	12.2	+2.8	16.4
	Anakapalli *	2.4	-7.2	28.8		Palamkottah	6.7	+0.3	17.4
	Samalkota *	5.6	-3.9	28.1		Koilpatti *	5.8	-1.7	26.8
	Cocanada	6.8	-1.9	29.0	West Coast	Trivandrum	20.3	+9.7	75.0
	Maruteru *	4.8	-8.3	32.7		Cochin	35.6	+22.4	125.6
	Masulipatam	6.2	-2.8	28.8		Pattambi *	19.5	+9.9	110.9
Ceded Dists.	Guntur *					Calicut	31.1	+20.8	152.2
	Kurnool	2.3	-1.1	18.6		Taliparamba *	24.9	+14.2	153.9
	Nandyal *	1.5	-2.0	17.9		Kasargode *	21.6	+13.6	121.9
	Hagari *	5.8	+3.6	21.7		Nileshwar *	30.6	+23.0	166.4
	Bellary	6.6	+2.7	21.7		Mangalore	18.8	+11.0	117.4
Carnatic	Cuddapah	1.7	-3.7	13.2	Mysore and Coorg	Bangalore	13.3	+7.6	38.6
	Nellore	4.5	-5.4	16.5		Chitaldrug	7.9	+3.8	31.1
	Madras.	21.9	+10.5	31.9		Mysore	5.1	-1.2	27.5
	Cuddalore	12.5	+2.0	26.4		Mercara	11.8	+3.0	133.2
	Palakuppam *	14.2	+4.6	28.4	Hills.	Kodaikanal	15.0	+3.9	52.2
Central	Palur *	9.6	+6.9	27.3		Coonoor *	13.3	-0.3	39.4
	Vellore	3.9	-2.8	20.9		Kallar *	17.9	+3.9	47.4
	Salem	11.9	+5.0	39.1		Nanjanad *	15.1	+6.4	55.5
	Hosur Cattle Farm *					Ootacamund *	17.2	+5.0	48.2
	Coimbatore Town	5.2	-1.1	21.8					
	Coimbatore Res. Inst. *	6.6	+0.7	23.5					
	Trichinopoly	5.6	-1.5	30.7					

* Meteorological Stations of the Agricultural Department.

General weather conditions: The whether was generally unsettled over the whole of the area till about the 10th, under the influence of a pressure distribution which determined uniform pressure over the central regions of the Bay and northeasterly winds over the peninsula. A wave of low pressure propagated

westwards influenced the weather over the south and on the 11th lay off the Malabar coast. It concentrated into a depression and persisted in the east Arabian sea till the 26th by which time it drifted northwards and disappeared.

The second disturbance formed in the Andaman sea on the 19th and developing into a storm of small diameter moved rapidly in the northwesterly direction, crossed the Circars coast near Calingapatam on the 20th and recurving to the northeast disappeared over Upper Burma on the 26th. The third depression appeared off the coast of Ceylon and concentrating into a depression on the 30th lay centred about 11°N and 83°E . It moved northwards and was centred about 13°N and 83°E and was approaching the Circars coast on the 31st. The first depression caused widespread rainfall over the south and west of the peninsula, the second owing to the rapidity of its progression over the Bay did not influence the weather to any great extent beyond causing a heavy fall at Calingapatam on the day it crossed the coast. The third depression gave rise to very heavy rain on the coromandel coast and widespread rain over the greater part of the presidency. Rainfall was markedly above the average on the west coast, Coromandel coast, parts of Mysore and the Hills and below normal elsewhere. Some heavy falls were reported, the chief of which are:— Cochin $4.7''$ (2nd), Madras $6.0''$ (8th); Cochin $4.7''$ (12th) Calicut $4''$ (21st) Calicut $5.7''$ (25th) and Madras $7.3''$ (30th).

Temperature was above normal at the beginning of the month but fell rapidly and was below normal generally over the south till the end of the month with the frequency of rainfall.

Weather Report

Report No. 10/32

Absolute maximum in shade	...	...	91.3°
Absolute minimum in shade	...	...	69.0°
Mean maximum in shade	...	...	86.4°
Mean minimum in shade	...	...	91.2°
Total rainfall in month	...	...	6.64 inches.
Mean rainfall for month	...	...	5.97 "
Departure from normal	...	...	0.67 "
Total number of rainy days	...	...	13
Mean daily wind velocity	...	...	1.0 M.P.H.
Mean 8 hrs. wind velocity	...	...	0.6 "
Mean humidity at 8 hrs.	...	...	86.2%
Total number of hours of bright sunshine	...	...	166.0
Mean daily hours of bright sunshine	...	...	5.4

Summary of Weather Conditions.

The weather was generally unsettled throughout the month and numerous thunderstorms occurred. The rainfall was slightly above the normal. Temperature was nearly normal, and humidity in excess.

P. V. R. and S. L.

Departmental Notifications.

Gazette Notifications : Mr. C. Narayana Aiyar, Deputy Director of Agriculture (provisionally substantive), to be Deputy Director of Agriculture (Permanent) from 25th October 1931. Mr. N. S. Kulandaiswami Pillai, Assistant Director of Agriculture and Officiating Deputy Director of Agriculture to be Deputy Director of Agriculture (permanent), with effect from 18th December 1931. Mr. K. Gopalakrishna Raju, Assistant Director in charge, III Circle, Bellary, to be Deputy Director of Agriculture (permanent), with effect from 15th August 1932. Mr. M. C. Cherian, Assistant in Entomology and Officiating Lecturer in Entomology, Agricultural College, Coimbatore, to be Assistant Director of Agriculture,