

Notes.

The Director of Agriculture and the Deputy Director of Agriculture S. Division were at Kaseragod in the latter part of the month, to select a site for a Farm.

M. R. Ry. M. Varada Reddy, Landlord Butchireddipaliam, Nellore Dt. writes:—"I have sown Bengal Daincha broadcast in April for green manure for the succeeding paddy crop (as advised by the Agl. Dept). It has grown 15 feet high. It is unpalatable to cattle being thorny. I think the coming paddy crop may yield very luxuriantly, as the Daincha grows. Surely it is in easy reach of the poor as well as of the rich to procure green manure as much as wanted (i. e.) to any extent."

Estate Notes.

We regret to announce that owing to illhealth and other pressing work M. R. Ry, M. R. Ramaswami Sivan avl. has found it impossible to continue the Editorship this year which he has been so ably carrying out ever since the inception of the Journal. We are, however, thankful for the assurance of his warm help and support and hope that he would soon recover his lost health and take a responsible portfolio in the Union next year.

Mr. S. G. Roberts I. C. S. visited the Institute and the Farm. The Hon'ble Mr. Buckley commissioner of agriculture was present at the College day on the 10th and also at the Conference on the 12th.

Honorary visitors. The Hon'ble Mr. E. F. Barber, The Hon'ble Mr. P. Ramarayanaiyengar and Mr. Vengail Krishnan

Nayanar were also present at the College day and Conference. Mr. K. Parameswarn Namboodripad of Kurumathoor also attended.

The minor Zemindars of Newington headed by Messers C. J. Morrison and D'La Hay visited the College the day after the Conference.

In honour of Mr. S. L. D'Silva, of whom an appreciation appears elsewhere, a successful social gathering was held in the College on the eve of his retirement. Most of the European and Indian officers of the Institute including many of his old students and friends were present. An interesting programme chiefly consisting of indoor games was gone through at the end of which Mrs. D'Silva gave away the prizes to the successful competitors. After refreshments to both Europeans and Indians the gathering witnessed a performance of mimicry, Ventriloquism and Shadowgraphy by Mr. Subramania Iyer of the Entomology section. Messrs Rajagopalier and Sundara Rao Bhutgoswami were responsible for the musical part of the programme in addition to the Gramophone. Mr. T. V. Narayana Rao the oldest student of Mr. D'Silva on the estate spoke a few words of farewell to Mr. and Mrs. D'Silva in appreciative terms. Mr. D'Silva replied in a few well chosen words. The interesting and successful function was brought to a close with three cheers to Mr. and Mrs. D'Silva who took leave of us shaking hands with all present. Messrs D. Ananda Rao and K. Cherian Jacob are to be congratulated for the excellent get up of the function. The students also gave Mr. and Mrs. D'Silva a social gathering in the Hostel quadrangle which was also successful. Group photos were taken on both the occasions.

At a general body meeting of the club held on 19th July. Mr. B. Viswanath—the Secretary—presented his report about the progress of the club during 1914-15. The great event of the year

was the occupation on 24 August, 14 of the new club building which was the outcome of voluntary donations from the members and well-wishers helped by a substantial grant from the Government. The strength of the club during the year was 63 as against 50 of last year. The members were supplied with 4 English local dailies and one Tamil daily and 14 weekly and monthly journals including illustrated ones. The increase in the number of journals was due largely to the formation of a circulating library which paid half the price of the journals, for the privilege of circulating them to its members at night. The finances of the club were quite satisfactory—the closing balance being Rs. 177-2-11. The Tennis section worked very well during the year and contributed members for making up estate teams in matches. The Badminton section showed only sporadic activities. The formation of a foot-ball section was organised but did not progress owing to the ground being occupied by the D. P. W. A parallel bar was added to the club mainly from private contributions. 3 dinner and 3 tea-parties and a whole day excursion marked the social activities of the club. The Nucleus of a library was formed by contributions from members and notably by presentation of numerous books from Mr. T. B. Fletcher. There were several conversaciones during the year on various subjects—scientific and general—given by members and by distinguished visitors. After the reading of the report, the election of the office-bearers for the current year was attended to. Mr. K. Rangachariar, Rai Bahadur—was re-elected President, and Mr. Y. R. Rao was elected Secretary. Messrs. P. A. Subramania Aiyar, B. Viswanath and K. Sankaranarayana Aiyar were elected members of the managing committee and Messrs. K. S. S. Aiyar and K. S. Puttaiyar, auditors. With a hearty vote of thanks for the office-bearers of the previous year the meeting came to a close.

Officer's Club, }
29-7-1915. }

Y. RAMACHENDRA RAO,
Secretary.

Athletic Club:—This short space of time was very lively with activities of the Athletic club. There was a Hockey match between students and ex-students during the College day. It ended as a drawn game. Messers. R. C. Wood and F. R. Parnell played for the Ex-students. A very interesting and keenly contested cricket match was played with the Newington wards. It was ultimately declared drawn as for want of time three of the Newington players and four of the College team had to go without batting, yet the college scored 132 runs as against 157 of the other team. On the college side the Principal Mr. R. C. Wood was responsible for 36 runs and Mr. Vittal Rao for 65. Out of the Newington players the Hon'ble Kavalapara nair scored 60 runs and Messrs. C. J. Morrison and D'La Hay 61 and 24 runs respectively.

Six players selected out of the Officers and Students of the Tennis Club played a tennis match with the Newington team of six players. It was also very interesting and the College gained by a narrow margin of 1 game over the Newington players.

His Highness the Gaiikwar of Baroda and the Maharani accompanied by the Diwan and suite visited the College. The Principal took them round the various sections of the College and Research Institute.

Amongst the volunteers who have been taking classes at the newly started night school for coolies on the Central Farm, we have to mention the names of Mr. Ramaswami Raju and Vetry. Hospital Compounder Ramaswami Goundan in addition to the three names we have already published in our last issue. We regret the omission.

Departmental Notes.

Mr. Narasinga Razu Asst. Farm manager Samalkota to relieve Mr. D. Panakal Rao who is transferred to the Central Farm Coimbatore. This cancels the appointment of the former to Central Farm.

Messrs. C. Krishna nair and C. S. Gopaldaswami Rao, Field men Govt. Mycologist's Office have been confirmed from 17th June 1915.

The appointment of Mr. C. Narasinga Razu L. Ag. and the transfer of Mr. D. Panakal Rao, L. Ag. have been cancelled by a subsequent order on 26-7-1915.

One month's privilege leave has been granted to Mr. M. Raman, Asst. Farm manager.

Mr. Vittal Rao, L. Ag. is appointed as the 2nd Botanical Assistant to the Govt. Sugarcane Expert in place of Mr. C. Nathaniel, B. A. resigned.

We are glad to hear that Mr. L. Sanker Kumar Pillai, L. Ag. of the last batch of licentiates has been appointed as Botany Instructor on Rs. 50/- in the C. M. S. College Tinnavelly.

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