

## THE PASSING AWAY OF KING GEORGE

In order to express deep regret at the passing away of His Majesty King George V, a meeting of all the residents of the estate was held at the Freeman Hall at 4-15 P. M. on Friday 24th January 1936 under the joint auspices of the Madras Agricultural Students' Union, the Indian Officers' Association, the Association of Economic Biologists, the Officers' Club, the Ladies' Club, the Students' Club, the Fieldman's Association and the Association of Upper Subordinates.

Mr. R. C. Broadfoot who presided over the joint meeting spoke as follows :—

Mrs. Munro, Gentlemen,

This meeting has been called under the auspices of the various clubs and organisations at the Agricultural College to publicly express our sorrow at the death of His Majesty King George V. Similar meetings have been held all over the world and all have proclaimed the love and high regard in which His Majesty was held by every one. As a King by precept and example he was kingly, sympathetic to all his subjects and a shining example of what the head of the Empire should be. His Silver Jubilee celebration held last year must have been to him a very great joy and his speech on that occasion when he dedicated the remaining years of his life to the service and welfare of his subjects was an expression of sincerity which will not be forgotten. None realised at that time that his death was so near but we have the satisfaction of knowing that his work up till the time of his death was for the peace and welfare of all Nations. His death was peaceful as befitted a gentleman who had lived a full good life, and today we mourn his passing with very sincere regret. The British Empire has been blessed with many wise and good rulers but King George V, will live in history because of his broad sympathetic outlook and good works. With these words I now move the following motion of condolence and request that those present will stand and receive.

This meeting places on record its sense of deep sorrow at the demise of His Majesty King George V and respectfully offers its heartfelt sympathy and condolence to the members of the Royal family.

The following resolution was also then moved from the chair and passed.

This meeting begs to record its sense of loyalty and devotion to the new King Emperor, His Majesty King Edward VIII.

## THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL BOTANICAL CONGRESS.

Sir E. John Russell, Director of the Rothamsted Experimental Station at Harpenden, England, speaking before the Sixth International Botanical Congress, called attention to the fact that plants, constantly sucking upward the water that trickles and oozes downward through the ground, profoundly affect the character of the soil in which they grow. In the eastern part of England the water drainage through cultivated soils is only about half that through uncultivated soils. The whole nature of the soil is affected, and the marked differences between feebly and strongly leached-out soils turn very largely on the intensity of action of plant roots in removing the soil water. Associated with this removal of water is also a transfer of mineral substances and nitrates from the subsoil to the aerial parts of the plant. Calcium, potassium and silica in particular are lifted in quantity to the leaves and stems; when the plants die they fall back on the surface