

The Imperial Council of Agricultural Research— Advisory Board Meeting.

The half yearly meeting of the Advisory Board was held in Delhi from 10th to 15th of February, Sir Bryce Burt, Vice Chairman, presiding. Sir Jagdish Prasad, Hon. member for Health, Education and Lands presided over the opening sessions on the 10th and welcomed the members. He paid a tribute to Sir T. Vijayaragavachariar who was the Vice Chairman of the Council ever since its inception. He mentioned it as a pleasing feature that while the Board in its early stages was concerned with a number of applications for grants, at present it was dealing with a number of progress reports in regard to schemes financed by the council to see that the schemes are being worked on proper lines. The important feature of the Board meeting was, he stated, that scientific workers were no longer working in water tight compartments. He referred also to the co-operation of Universities in carrying out important investigations.

The various sub-committees, dealing with rice, soil science, fruit, plant diseases, dry farming, insects, animal husbandry, animal breeding, etc., met at later dates to examine progress reports of schemes already working and to examine new schemes put up to the council for financial help. One of the subjects considered at the Board Meeting was the question of the future research programme of the council and arranging for a special review of the present position of agricultural and veterinary research. One of the new schemes from Madras that came up for discussion at this Board Meeting was about research on coconuts and, we understand, it was passed by the Board with certain modifications.

There are a large number of schemes from the different provinces already approved by the Advisory Board and awaiting sanction of funds to start work on them. We are glad that the Government of India in this year's budget has provided for a grant of 30 lakhs towards agricultural research, and we expect this will enable the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research to provide funds for a large number of schemes that could not be started earlier for want of funds.

College News & Notes.

Students' corner. Literary. The valedictory address of the literary section of the Students' Club was delivered by Mr. N. G. Charley, Research Engineer on 13th March. "My tour to Kashmir" was the subject of the discourse. In the lengthy discourse lasting for nearly 2 hours, Mr. Charley touched on the various aspects of Kashmir and Kashmiri life and illustrated his remarks by a number of lantern slides.

Sports. There were a hockey match and a cricket match between the officers and the students. The former ended in a victory for the students and the latter for the officers.

Club Day. The Annual Day of the Agricultural College Students' Club was celebrated with great enthusiasm on the evening of February 22nd. Mr. S. R. U. Savoor, M. A. (Cantab), D. Sc. (Lon.), Bar-at-law, I. E. S., Principal, Victoria College, Palghat was the president on the occasion. The function started with a well arranged tea for guests and members of the club numbering in all over two hundred. While at tea the guests were entertained to a fancy dress competition. The tea was followed by the formal distribution of prizes for winners in various