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Editorial.

King's Birth Day Honours. We are glad to note that the title of Rao Sahib has been conferred on Mr. C. Narayana Ayyar, Head Quarters Dy. Director of Agriculture. He has been connected with the Madras Department of Agriculture for well over 30 years. His services has been mainly in the districts with the exception of a few years when he was in the Agricultural College, first as an Assistant in Entomology, and later as Lecturer in Agriculture. He is one of the earliest members of the Union and during his stay in Coimbatore has been the Editor of our journal for a period. Among his various activities his pioneering work in connection with rice improvement work in Tanjore District is still remembered in the tract. The recognition of his work has come none too soon as he is due to retire from service next November. On behalf of the Union we offer Mr. Narayana Ayyar our sincere congratulations.

It is with great pleasure we notice that Dr. Shaw, Agricultural Expert to the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research has been awarded the title of C. I. E. His services has mostly been in the Imperial Institute of Agriculture, Pusa, where starting as a Mycologist he was later appointed Imperial Economic Botanist, and finally as the Director of the Institute. His wide experience in Pathological and Breeding problems, had been very fruitful in evolving disease-resistant types of crops amongst which may be mentioned the famous wilt-resistant types of *arhar*.

We are also glad to note that the title of Rao Sahib has been conferred on Messrs. Thadani, Economic Botanist, Sind, and Bal, Agricultural Chemist, Nagpur, two other Agricultural Officers in India. We offer our hearty congratulations to the above three gentlemen.