

## THE TWENTY-FIFTH COLLEGE DAY AND CONFERENCE

### Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

#### HIS EXCELLENCY'S VISIT

*First Day.* At 11-45 A.M. on Wednesday the 29th July, His Excellency the Governor of Madras, Sir K. V. Reddy Naidu accompanied by his personal staff arrived at the institute, and was received by the Minister for Public Works, the Director of Agriculture, the Principal, and the Secretary of the Union. The students of the College, presented a guard of honour. The members of the Managing Committee and the Gazetted officers of the Department were then presented to His Excellency. In the Conference Hall a distinguished gathering of non-officials and officials was present. Among those present were Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam, Home Member, Rao Bahadur C. J. Paul, Development Secretary, Dewan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabapathy Mudaliar, Dewan Bahadur T. A. Ramalingam Chettiar, Mr. B. G. Holdsworth, Mr. V. C. Palaniswami Gounder, the Pattayagar of Palayakottai, and the Rajah of Kollengode. On His Excellency assuming his seat on the dais, the Principal moved a resolution congratulating His Majesty the King on his recent escape from danger. Mr. R. W. Littlewood then delivered his welcome address after which the Secretary garlanded His Excellency. Messages from the Viceroy and others were then read by the Secretary. Rao Bahadur D. Ananda Rao, made a speech giving an account of the progress of Agricultural Education in Madras. The Secretary read the report of the Managing Committee. His Excellency then delivered his speech, in the course of which, he reviewed the main activities of the Department, for the last 20 years, and dwelt on the benefits which have accrued to the people of this province thereby. He finished his excellent speech by exhorting his countrymen to put their shoulders to the wheel and do all they can in furthering the splendid aspiration and effort of the noble Viceroy who is determined to help India to the utmost possible extent. His Excellency then distributed the prizes to the various winners. The Director of Agriculture proposed a hearty vote of thanks to His Excellency and the proceedings came to a close.

At 1-30 P. M. Rao Bahadur D. Ananda Rao, gave a luncheon party in honour of His Excellency to which about 40 distinguished guests were invited. At 3-45 His Excellency accorded an interview to the Director of Agriculture, the Principal and the representatives of the estate residents in connection with the supply of Siruwani Water to the College Estate. At 4. P. M. His Excellency went round the exhibition, and was pleased with the effort of the Department. At 4-30 P. M.



His Excellency took tea with the Gazetted Officers of the Department, and left for Ooty at 5-30 P. M.

*Second day.* The Proceedings began with the unveiling of the potrait of Mr. Wood, by Rao Bahadur D. Ananda Rao. Mr. K. Ramiah in requesting Mr. Ananda Rao to unveil the portrait made a brief speech and gave an account of the Memorial fund. Mr. Ananda Rao in unveiling the portrait referred to the outstanding traits exemplified in Mr. Wood's character, and after a short speech unveiled the portrait amidst cheers.

The Hon. Minister for Public Works, Mr. P. T. Rajan then inaugurated the conference after a few remarks.

The following papers were then read.

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| 1. Our Viceroy and Agriculture.   | By Rao Bahadur.<br>K. S. Venkatarama Iyer.                        |
| 2. Improvement of Cattle.   | „ R. Cecil Wood.  |
| 3. Inheritance Studies in <i>Saccharum</i> .                                  | „ Dr. E. K. Janaki Ammal.   |
| 4. Agricultural Propaganda.   | „ Rao Sahib<br>N. S. Kulandaiswami Pillai.                        |
| 5. Studies on the effect of Arrowing<br>in canes under Coimbatore conditions. | „ K. Krishnamurthi Rao.   |
| 6. Sorghum for Popping.   | „ Rao Bahadur G. N. Rangaswami<br>Iyengar and M. A. Sankara Iyer. |
| 7. Research and Propaganda work<br>in Bee-keeping.                            | „ M. C. Cherian and<br>S. Ramachandran.                           |

The session closed at 11-15 A. M.

*Third day.* The following papers were presented on Friday the 31st July with the Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan in the chair.

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| 8. Village guidance in the New Era.  | By N. Lakshmanan.                              |
| 9. Cultural methods of controlling<br>plant diseases.  | „ Rudolph D. Anstead.                          |
| 10. Soil conditions as affected by<br>cropping in the black soil area<br>of the Tinnevely District.                            | „ Dr. S. Kasinathan and<br>M. R. Balakrishnan. |
| 11. Some Experiences of the perfor-<br>mance of Sorghum strains evol-<br>ved at the Agricultural Research<br>Station, Nandyal. | „ P. Subrahmaniam.                             |
| 12. The present position of Nandyal<br>14 in the northern area.  | „ L. Neelakantan.                              |
| 13. Preliminary studies in Plantain.   | „ M. Narasimham.                               |
| 14. Fruit sucking Moths on Tomato<br>and their control.  | „ M. C. Cherian and<br>C. V. Sundaram          |

The Minister then delivered his address.

The Principal propped a vote of thanks and the Conference came to a close.

*Fourth day.* The annual general body meeting was held, at 8-15 A.M. with the Principal in the chair. In the evening the College Day Sports



were held, and the Union was at home to members and visitors. Mrs. R. W. Littlewood kindly gave away the Prizes to the winners.

The celebrations were on the whole a grand success.

**Entertainment.** On Thursday the students of the college put on boards, four dramas, in Telugu, English, Malayalam and Tamil, which were highly appreciated, by the audience. The Hon. Minister for Public works, graced the occasion by his presence.

On Friday, the Demonstrators of VI Circle staged *Vivasayakandam* a drama written by Mr. C. S. Rajaratna Mudaliar, Mycology Demonstrator. The drama was the prize winning effort of the author, written in connection with the competition instituted by the Department for the best drama dealing with Agricultural Propaganda. The play and songs were very appropriate and the author and the actors, deserve our congratulations.

### The Principal's Welcome Speech.

MR. R. W. LITTLEWOOD, *Principal.*

*Your Excellency, Ladies & Gentlemen,*

In opening my address I must explain that I can only claim a very few weeks' intimate acquaintance with the work in the College and the activities of the Madras Agricultural Students' Union of which I am the ex-officio President. In the ordinary course Mr. R. C. Broadfoot should have enjoyed this privilege and we all miss his presence here to-day.

It is just over a decade and a half since Your Excellency first came into official contact with our Department as its First Minister, appointed from the elected members of the First Provincial Legislative Council. We recall with pleasure your efforts on behalf of Agriculture and Agricultural development in your official capacity then and the older members of this department, I am sure, must still remember with pleasure the various occasions on which they came into contact with you and had the benefit of your sympathetic guidance and help. In 1923 you presided over our deliberations and the encouraging words which you then uttered about the work of the various sections of this department are still remembered. This Union has been following your activities in and out of India with great interest and pride and it is with the greatest pleasure that we now welcome you once again to this College in your present capacity as Governor of this Presidency.

To our present Minister who, although he prefers to be known officially as the Minister for Public Works our welcome is certainly none the less sincere. To the Development Secretary Rao Bahadur C. J. Paul, to our Director of Agriculture Rao Bahadur D. Ananda Rao and to all of you Ladies and Gentlemen who have accepted our invitation I, on behalf of the Union, as well as on my own behalf, extend a cordial welcome. This is a special occasion in that we celebrate this year the Diamond Jubilee of Agricultural Education and the Silver Jubilee of the Students' Union.

By this time next year it is expected that full Provincial Autonomy will have been introduced into this Presidency. How and in what directions it will affect us, it is difficult to say now. But I, as one who has spent all his official career under the transferred half can assure Your Excellency that for the advancement of Agricultural Education and the well-being of the cultivating classes, the members of this Union will extend the same willing and loyal co-operation to the Government of the future as they have done in the past.