

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.

Rural reconstruction and village uplift are receiving much greater attention to-day from all quarters both official and non-official and there is no better equipped set of men for this work than the graduates of this College. I hope that Your Excellency may keep this in mind and be pleased to utilise the material available whenever opportunities arise.

I find from the records of the Union that there are still many officers and a large number of them, ex-students of this College who have either not joined the Union or have discontinued their membership. I request you all to remember that during the last 25 years it is mostly due to this organisation that it has been made possible for us to come together annually to take part in these functions. I request all these officers to join the Union at once and to give it their full support.

We are fortunate in having a Viceroy who is a Practical Agriculturist. He has set a very good example for others to follow in purchasing and maintaining three breeding bulls for the use of the ryots to improve their cattle. It is to be hoped that many Zamindars and large land owners in this Presidency will follow his example. Breeding bulls alone will not fulfil this, it is essential that the young stock born to these bulls should be well fed and maintained from birth onwards. The female stock produces all our work cattle and milk and it is imperative to see that they are well fed and maintained. The high position of English Livestock to-day is largely due to the efforts and example of our noblemen and landed gentry in the past. These gentlemen devoted a large amount of their time and money to the development of Agriculture and the improvement of Livestock on their home farms and among the tenants in their estates.

I would like here to congratulate the members of the Coimbatore District Board and especially their President The Hon'ble Mr. V. C. Vellingiri Gounder on their efforts in the improvement of Livestock in this District. There are over 60 premium bulls in the District of which the District Board owns about 40 and proposals to place five Scindi and five Delhi Buffalo Bulls to improve the milking qualities of the cows and buffaloes in towns and villages have also been accepted by the District Board this month.

It is to be hoped that Government will see their way to open more cattle breeding stations in the near future so as to improve the various breeds of cattle and buffaloes in the Presidency, especially the Ongole breed, and to distribute more pedigree stock to the villagers.

The Secretary will shortly place before you a detailed report on the working of the Union for the last twelve months.

My colleagues and I trust that your visit here will be useful as well as pleasurable and that you will carry away with you pleasant memories of our Jubilee Celebrations.

Agricultural Education in Madras.

BY RAO BAHADUR D. ANANDA RAO,

Director of Agriculture.

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In response to the request of the Working Committee of the Madras Agricultural Students' Union, I have undertaken on this important and unique occasion--the sixtieth year anniversary of the Agricultural Education in this Presidency--to present to you, Sir, a brief account of the past. Ten years ago when the Golden Jubilee was celebrated those who were present on the occasion would have listened to a very succinct account of the history of agriculture in