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**The people's Park Fair and Exhibition.**

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**CHRISTMAS 1915.**

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We hope few of our readers missed this Show, which was interesting not only for its novelty but also for the many excellent exhibits which were to be seen there. In the fullest sense too, amusement was combined with instruction and for those who were bewildered by the completeness and the intricacy of the instructive exhibits, there was always opportunity for relaxation.

The agricultural Department was, as might have been expected, well to the front, with a series of exhibits which, for variety and completeness, compared well with any other on the ground. It was clear to the intelligent observer that a deal of steady preparation underlay even the simplest of the striking series of diagrams and specimens

which they displayed, while the crowds which daily thronged the section, showed that the organisers of the exhibit had accurately gauged the public taste. This very popularity in fact detracted to no small extent from the educational value of the display, since with the best will in the world, the numerous demonstrators were unable to reach more than a small section of their audience and the mere sight of many of the exhibits was at times almost a physical impossibility.

We hope to be able to print some of the papers which were read in Madras in connection with the Exhibition. A happy scheme was arranged for the delivery of short lectures by experts on some aspect of the work with which they were most intimately concerned. In the rush of Christmas time in Madras and the number of competing attractions it was perhaps too much to hope that the audiences would be very large, and for that reason we are particularly glad that they are to be printed and thus made available to the widest possible circle. Officers of the Agricultural Department were responsible for four such discourses, Mr. Chadwick the Director, Mr. McRae the Mycologist, Mr. Ramakrishna Ayyar, the acting Entomologist, and Mr. Ananda Rao, who spoke on Dairying, a subject which the model Dairy which he had been running in Madras, had brought prominently to the notice of the public.

We hope we have not seen the last of these efforts to arouse public curiosity and stimulate public interest on the part of the Department. The price paid is no doubt heavy, and workers may at times feel discouraged by what

appears to them a waste of time and energy, which might be devoted to what seems at the time more pressing work, but abhorrent though advertisement is to the sincere worker, it is only by bringing to the public the valuable results which have been already produced by his work, that he can obtain due recognition and the chance of embarking on wider schemes. There should be few among the educated classes who have not by now heard at any rate of the Department.

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### **Growing green manure crops in Tanjore Delta.**

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The following extract from paper read at the annual meeting of the Kumbhakonam Agricultural Association by M. R. Ry. Rao Sahib A. Ram Rao, Farm Manager Manganallur, will be of interest to our readers.

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You know we are not getting the same amount of fertilizing silt through the River Cauvery as we were getting some decades back owing to the damming of the river higher up for the extension of irrigation and other works which cause the deposition of the silt in the beds of the river and the channels and its distribution over a larger area than formerly.

It is therefore high time for us not to depend any more on the silt brought down by the river, but to take to other means of manuring our lands in order to get remunerative yields which are most essential for self preservation in these days of increasing population and keen competition.

The manure of cattle and other domestic animals in the Delta is too small to meet the demand to any appreciable extent and in fact the quantity available is hardly sufficient for seed-beds and Kuruvai fields which form a very small portion of the wet area. We know there are also no facilities for increasing the number of our cattle for manuring and breeding purposes.