

We have received the first copy of 'The Peradeniyan' just started at the Tropical School of Agriculture, Peradeniya, Ceylon. It is to be a half-yearly journal to be published on 1st October and 1st March and is priced at Rs. 3/- a year. 'The object of the journal is to chronicle the doings of the school of Tropical Agriculture and of the students of the school past and present.' The school itself is a unique one and its doings should certainly be interesting. We are told that it is not to be an agricultural journal and subjects of a purely technical nature will not be given undue prominence. Space will be provided for matters of general interest and of a lighter vein. This journal resembles our own in some respects and we give it a very hearty welcome.

We are very sorry to find that owing to an oversight, we forgot to make mention in the leading article of the conference number of our Journal, of the fact that during the College Day an announcement was made of a donation of Rs. 100/- by the Zemindar of Parlakimidi, for the institution of a cup to be presented to the best athlete of the College for 3 or 4 consecutive years. We owe the Zemindar an apology for this omission.

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### D'Silva Memorial Fund.

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At a meeting of some of the old students of Mr. D'Silva resident on the College Estate held on 6th October 1916 and presided over by Mr. Ananda Rao it was resolved,

(a) that the Working Committee of the Madras Agricultural Students' Union, in collaboration with the following old students, residing in the mofussil (Messrs. Vengail K. Krishnan Nayanar, T. N. Virarayan Thirumalpad, P. Kochu Kunjuni Achan, Rai Sahib A. Sethurama Ayyar, G. Jogi Raju and Badami Siva Rao) be requested to take steps to start a Memorial to perpetuate the services rendered to the Agricultural College by Mr. S. L. D'Silva.

(b) that Mr. Vengail Krishnan Nayanar be the President of the Committee and Messrs. T. N. V. Thirumalpad and K. Raghavachari (Joint Secretary, Madras Agricultural Students' Union) be joint secretaries.

(c) that the balance of Rs. 25 being the surplus from the send off collections be handed over to the Memorial Fund.

(d) that it is desired that a protrait of Mr. D'Silva should be hung in the College Hall and a prize in Veterinary Science be awarded at the College.

Old students of Mr. D'Silva, his friends and admirers are requested to subscribe towards the Memorial. Remittances may be sent to Mr. K. Raghavachari, L. Ag., Agricultural College, Lawley Road, P. O. Coimbatore or to the District Urban Back, Coimbatore, to the credit of D'Silva Memorial Fund. Contributions will be acknowledged by the grant of a receipt and also in the issues of the Journal of the Madras Agricultural Students' Union.

The precise forms which the Memorial should take can be determined only after knowing how much money is collected. Remittances are therefore requested to be sent early.

### Subscriptions for D'Silva Memorial Fund.

#### I. List.

1.	Surplus from send off entertainment to Mr. D'Silva—Through Mr. M. R. R. Sivan	...	25—0—0
2.	Mr. Vengail Krishnan Nayanar	...	30—0—0
3.	„ T. N. Veerarayan, Fourth Tirumalpad of Nilambur	... ..	30—0—0

4.	„	R. C. Wood ...	...	...	...	15-0-0
5.	„	Rai Sahib A. Seturama Aiyar, Needamangalam...				15-0-0
6.	„	P. K. Atchen, Adoor Cochin	...	...	...	15-0-0
7.	„	Ananda Rao ...	...	...	...	10-0-0
8.	„	G. Jogi Raju	...	...	...	10-0-0
9.	„	M. R. Ramasami Sivan ...	...	...	...	5-0-0
10.	„	T. S. Venkataraman	...	...	...	5-0-0

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### Students' Tour, I:—in the Districts of Coimbatore and N. Arcot.

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During the last week of August, the Assistant Principal took the Second Year Students on tour. On this occasion, the students spent a week in camp visiting Erode, Tirupathur and Vaniambady. At Erode, the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Southern Division with his assistant met the touring party and took it round Erode and Unjalur. The students observed the intensive wet cultivation that is in practice around Erode and made detailed enquiries regarding plantain and turmeric cultivation for which Erode is noted. The importance of the Bhavani River to the Coimbatore District was brought home to the minds of the students and the methods of farming of the greedy ryots in taking three successive paddy crops in a year in certain plots of their holdings protected by the Kalingarayan Channel were most interesting. On account of the intensive wet cultivation ryots have to spend much money and energy in getting green leaves, especially Kolingi, from far off places, and the great necessity of the introduction of green manure crops into that locality was forcibly brought home to the minds of the students. To their pleasant surprise, they found at Unjalur about 20 miles from Erode, an excellent crop of Bengal daincha grown by one, Mr. Subramania Ayyar in accordance with the advice of the Agricultural Department. No doubt the crop at present is only a matter of curiosity to the neighbouring ryots, and the department may have to devote much of its time and energy to its extension before it receives the universal acceptance of the ryots of that locality.