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**Editorial Notes.**

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The long pending reorganisation of the Department being sanctioned by the Government, has been brought into force from the 1st current. We touch on a few of the special features of the scheme. The posts of the Lecturing Botanist, Veterinary and Engineering Assistants are not affected either in name or salary by the reorganisation. The nomenclature attached to the various posts will in future be as follows :—

Reorganisa-  
tion of the  
Agl: Dept.

**Scientific Sections.**

**Agricultural Sections.**

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| (a) Gazetted officers. | Senior Assistant in. | Assistant Director.                    |
| (b) Upper Division.    | Assistant in.        | (i) Managers of Agricultural stations. |
|                        |                      | (ii) Agricultural demonstrators.       |

- (c) Lower Division. Sub-Assistant in. (i) Assistant Managers of Agricultural stations.  
(ii) Assistant Agricultural demonstrators.

The list of officers in the sub-divisions *b* and *c* as at present, will be seen under 'departmental notes' in this number.

2. Hitherto the notification of appointments, transfers and leave of officers in the Fort St. George Gazette had been the privilege of the Provincial and Imperial officers alone of the Dept., but we are extremely glad to observe that, thanks to the efforts of the M. A. S. Union, this privilege is now extended to officers of the 'upper division' also.

3. Personal scale is allowed to such officers as were likely to be affected by the introduction of the new grades. The thanks of such officers are due to the graceful act of the Director. The scheme is said to afford scope to really good men who, by showing merit in future (apart from what they have gained at present upon which coupled with seniority the lists are arranged) may aspire to reach to a maximum of 700 Rs. instead of to 400 Rs. as at present.

We may, however, point out that the maximum, where the grades are progressive, might have been reachable in 10 years as in the Educational Department. When a reorganisation is introduced it is not likely that it will be to the benefit and satisfaction of every one concerned nor can it be as lucrative as it was when the subordinates

were a few in number and the department was yet to expand. We hope that the spirit with which the re-organisation has been introduced will be appreciated. The effect of the scheme would be far reaching if there be scope for acting vacancies being filled up by men next in rank in the Department.

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This year, certificates of Proficiency and Diplomas in Agriculture were awarded on Sunday the 30th to the successful students of Classes II and III respectively, by D. T. Chadwick Esq. Director of Agriculture, at the College. The addresses of the Principal and the Director are published elsewhere. Might we not suggest the publication of the results in the Fort St. George Gazette after the students have left and the awarding of the Diplomas and the certificates on the occasion of the College Day? This procedure will naturally lessen the strain on the examiners, ward off the gloomy tinge of the Diploma Day and make the College Day more attractive, better attended and more enjoyable in the salubrious portion of the year.

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The Deputy Director of Agriculture, Northern Division, the Superintendent Civil Veterinary Department, the Director of Technical Education and Industries and the Deputy Director of Agriculture, Dharwar, were on the Estate towards the end of the month in connection with the examination of students of the Diploma and certificate courses. The Director of Agriculture with Mr. Allen Carruth the newly appointed

Deputy Director of Stock and Mr. Steele (of Messrs. Harvey & Co., Virudupatti) Honorary Visitor arrived on the 30th.

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We beg to offer a very hearty welcome to Mr. Allen Carruth, who has recently joined the Department as

Deputy Director of Agriculture for stock.

Mr. Allen  
Carruth.

Personally, we shall probably feel Mr. Carruth's influence most from the improvement which may be expected to result in the Dairy, since he is an expert Dairyman besides being a judge of live stock. That he is keen may be judged from the fact that he was at the Dairy with the Principal at 5 o'clock on the morning of his first day at Coimbatore! Mr. Carruth has, we believe, had considerable experience in propagandist work, as he had been employed seven years or so in Ireland, by the Irish Agricultural Society, and what this means may be gathered from the reports of the Society which are received in the College Library and which show the Society to be one of the foremost in the world. We hope at no distant date to get Mr. Carruth to give us the benefit of his experience on the platform.

Madras thus leads the way again, as the first Provincial Department to have its own Stock officer, before even the Imperial Department has got beyond considering one. We wish Mr. Carruth every success in his efforts to improve, or more strictly perhaps, to save from deterioration, our fine South Indian Cattle, notably the Ongole and the Kangayam, with which no doubt he will soon make a start.

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Rumour has it that a few more quarters for the subordinate staff and one for the Government Lecturing Botanist and one for the Assistant Principal have been sanctioned. The fast pouring in of the materials on the spot will, we hope, make the quarters of the Lecturing Botanist rise above the ground very soon.

A decent and well looking row of houses intended for the thotties of the estate has reached completion at the south-west corner of the Farm. This must be a boon to the thotties who suffer the inclemency of the weather in all seasons, in their present huts which by vanishing, will soon cease to be an eye sore to the College. The thotties will, we hope, on the occasion of their occupying the houses, have a sermon from the Principal, on temperance.

We are much obliged to Mr. M. E. Couchman, I. C. S. our first Director for the interest which he still takes in the Department and do not forget that it was his liberality which first stimulated gardening around the quarters and caused the desert if not "to blossom like the rose" at least to look rather better than when handed over by the D. P. W. Arrangements will be made to sow the beans, and we hope that Mr. Couchman, when he visits us in his new capacity, as Director of Industries, will be able to see the result. Seeds may be obtained on application to the President. (The note on the subject from Mr. Couchman we publish elsewhere).