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Editorial Notes.

Many of our readers will remember the "Water Hyacinth" which was on view at the Agricultural section of the Exhibition held in Madras in January and February 1916 and some may even recollect the placard which ran under it "A bad weed-kill it."

Water
Hyacinth.

It has now proved to be such a serious pest in parts of Burma that Government has found it necessary to legislate against it by passing an Act called "The Burma Water Hyacinth Act No. I, 1917.

The passing of the above act bears testimony to the foresight of our permanent Director, Mr. D. T. Chadwick, I. C. S., who as early as 1915 brought out an illustrated leaflet (No. V of 1915) urging the public to take arms against it and kill it. Acts of a similar nature against various insect and fungus pests are in force in most of the advanced countries of the world and we shall not be surprised if ere long similar acts come to be passed in our

country as well. Some may be inclined to look upon these as a curtailment of individual liberties but let us remember that the subordination of the individual to the interests of the state is one of the real tests of civilization

We understand that on the 18th of June there is to be a conference at Simla to consider certain important questions relating to Agricultural Education. Our Principal, Mr. R. C. Wood, has been invited to the above conference. At present the conditions of Agricultural Education in the various Provinces are different. We are not able to understand, for instance, why there should exist a University degree for Agriculture in Bombay and not one in Madras. We hope that this conference may go some way towards a standardisation of Agricultural Education in our country.

We commend to our readers the article on the Domestication of the Indian Honey Bee by Rev. L. V. Newton S. J. in the January issue of "The Agricultural Journal of India." The author and Rev. Father Bertram S. J. have studied the question as a hobby and have shown remarkable ability in the handling of it. A hobby like the above, trains the intellect, enlarges powers of observation, keeps enthusiasm alive and forms a very good recreation after the routine toils of the day. We hope that in the near future many of the students of our college will take to such hobbies as the training they receive gives them special facilities in this direction.