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Editorial Notes.

We congratulate Mr. D. T. Chadwick, I. C. S., our permanent Director on his appointment as the first Indian Trade Commissioner in London. Madras sent him to

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Russia in June 1916 to study the trade situation arising out of the War. A few months later came a circular announcing the availability of his services to other Chambers of Commerce in India. We then heard of the extension of his sphere of work to France and then to Italy. To all of us who are familiar with his energy and keenness, this appointment would appear quite in the sequence of the above events. We wish Mr. Chadwick success in this new and wider field of activity.

The Government has approved the proposal of the Director of Agriculture that successful diplomates of the

Agricultural College should in future be placed in two classes, those passing the diploma examination with signal merit being placed in the First class. In this connection the College Board resolved that the word 'Honours' should be reserved for future extension of the curriculum. No such classification was found necessary for those gaining the 'Proficiency Certificate,' as those showing particular merit would naturally be selected for the diploma course. Such classification as the above ought to provide a sufficiently discriminatory hallmark for various degrees of merit.

The Government has ordered that Revenue Officers are in future to be allowed to visit agricultural stations on duty. If there is not one in their own district, the one nearest can be visited. They are to meet the Deputy or Assistant Directors who will show them round and they will thus have an opportunity for a free discussion over matters agricultural. This is a good arrangement. It brings us a step nearer that ideal in which every Taluq head will be a centre of strength for enlightened agriculture. It was said of the late Mr. Dharma Ranga Raju, Dewan of Pudukottah, that in his tours he invariably took an agricultural assistant with him and that a double bullock cart taking a couple of Monsoon ploughs and a few sacks of kolinji seed used to accompany him. May similar enthusiasm spread through all such officers.

The temporary expansion in the cultivation and export of Indigo which has resulted from the War, has

induced Government to appoint Dr. Marsden, the Government Dyeing Expert as special Indigo Research Officer for a period of one year in the first instance. He is to undertake the investigation of the methods of manufacture by the ryots with a view to suggest improvements and reduce adulteration. He is to work in close collaboration with Mr. W. A. Davis, the special Indigo Research Chemist with the Government of India. One of the chief factors contributing to the success of synthetic indigo in spite of its increased cost of production is the fact that it provides the dyer with an article of standard quality in a form ready for immediate use. We trust that the researches of Dr. Marsden and Mr. Davis will remedy the now existing defects of manufacture and marketing. The Government has very rightly recognised that remedying these is not by itself likely to ensure a permanent revival of the industry and has urged a systematic investigation into the conditions necessary for the successful growth of the Java plant. We hope that these efforts will convert the old factories that this War has repaired, into permanent bulwarks of this once prosperous industry.

Another Assistant Director.

We congratulate Mr. M. Govinda Kidavu on his appointment as Assistant Director of Agriculture. He is a native of the West Coast and has served there for most of his twenty years service. His posting to the VII Circle offers exceptional facilities for further useful work.