

The loss in weight in dry weather crops is practically negligible as they are usually cut dead ripe at the beginning of the hot weather. Further experiments are being conducted as it may be possible to arrive at some rough factors which will allow of suitable deductions being made for driage for the different staple crops." (Agricultural Journal of India). K. R.

*Mango Grafting*:—Experts in graft mango cultivation have found out by experience that the qualities of the stock play an important part on the graft, influencing the quality, size, and flavour of the fruit, prolificness or otherwise and the time of flowering. In preparing the stocks, the gardeners are cutting off the tap roots to facilitate potting, thereby forcing the plant to develop more surface roots. This is the chief reason why graft mango gardens have short life of 25 to 30 years in Alamanda and the neighbourhood. To improve the qualities and the longevity of the grafts, experts are now planting seeds of superior varieties by the side of the grafts, while starting fresh gardens. After the plant from the seed makes sufficient growth, the graft is then transferred to it and the original stock without tap roots gradually removed. For grafting, the trees are planted very close, about six feet apart and the branches forced to creep on the ground, so that the stocks for grafting are placed on the ground and formed into small beds by raising small bunds round them, rendering watering easier.

(Monthly Report, Assistant of Agriculture, I. Circle).

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It has been arranged with the present collections to get a bromide enlargement of Mr. D'Silva's portrait, which it is proposed to be unveiled during the College Day. As the committee will meet to make arrangements to start the annual prizes, they will feel thankful, if the intending subscribers would either send in their contributions or their names with the amount they wish to contribute, to the joint secretary before the College Day.

K. Raghavachari,  
*Joint Secretary.*

### Estate Notes.

*Mappillai*—*The Stud Bull of the Central Farm, Coimbatore* :—  
As a frontispiece to this issue we are giving the picture of Mappillai—the well-known Stud Bull. We very much regret to have to announce his death on account of old age. He is of the famous Kangayam breed and was purchased in 1910 from the Pattagar of Palayakottai, by Mr. C. J. W. Shepperson, then Principal of the College. Till 2 years ago, he was the head of