

and points have been sold, and this sum, at an anna in the rupee, the commission which the firm is willing to offer, means a profit of Rs. 33. It must be remembered that though this is not very much, it necessitates no capital, the minimum of godown accommodation, and little time, while the chances of expansion, with judicious advertisement would seem favourable.

R. C. Wood.

POULTRY.

What the teetotaler thinks of it is not stated but the story of the experiment of the winefed hens is something to arrest attention. A professor of Agriculture at Fontainebleau has simply revolutionised poultry keeping by means of an experiment which has proved that the more drunk they are the more eggs the hens lay. He selected a dozen young hens and divided them into two indiscriminate lots of size each. Both were fed on exactly the same diet but to the food of one half a dozen there was added a daily ration of a glass of wine per head. The results were surprising. From the hens which got no wine Mr. Joubert had in October four eggs, in November one, and in December none and in January twenty two. The fowls which drank their glass of wine daily, responded nobly to the stimulant. In October they produced twenty seven, in November 28, in December 44 and in January 46, so that the two lots showed an excess of production over the teetotalers of 118 eggs. The wine is stated to have not only increased the output of eggs but also to have greatly improved its quality. What wine was used is not given but if it was Vin ordinaire, the experiment will be a commercial success. "This is an experiment worth trying." (Industry).

S. Sitharam Pathrudu.

Estate Notes.

Dr. Barber's son, Geoffrey Osborn Barber (aged 13½ years) obtained the Francis Wilmer Macaulay Scholarship of £75 per

annum at the Leys School Cambridge. He was bracketted second, gained Honour's marks in English, Latin, Mathematics and Essay, and was one of the youngest who sat at the examination. He is said to have won the highest distinction obtained by any boy from Caldicott, his preparatory school. In this school he won the swimming championship and was in all the teams of cricket, football and hockey.

The influenza, mystery fever or Bombay fever, whatever it may be called, proved in every way to be worse than the plague. The latter gave warning of its approach by the death of rats and people could evacuate their houses and migrate to detached lonely places. The new fever was often times mild in its attack and there was the tendency for patients to ignore its often-fatal effects. It was no respecter of persons and healthy and unhealthy surroundings and people were as easily attacked. While the casualty everywhere in India has been high, the college colony did not escape from it. So many who were attacked have got on very well, though many are still very weak. Absentees from classes were often 50% during the last month, and the classes are getting into nearly normal conditions just now.

We are sorry to have to report the deaths of the following so far as the Agricultural College is concerned and we offer our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved families:—

Mrs. Venkataramanayya, wife of Mr. H. Venkataramanayya, Engineering Assistant.

Mrs. Raghavendra Rao, wife of Mr. P. V. Raghavendra Rao, Assistant Farm Manager.

Sundaresan a lad of 14, son of Mr. S. Subramanya Ayyar, Farm Manager.

Milkmen, Ramana Goundan and Marutha Goundan.

Peons, Venkataswami of the Government Economic Botanist's Office and Mumman of the Principal's section.

Butler of Mr. Ananda Rao.

The Dispensary was not opened too soon and the new Sub-Assistant Surgeon rendered valuable service.

Correspondence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,

I do not at all approve of the native treatment for common ailments in cattle published on pages 108 and 109 May issue of your journal. There are some drugs which are harmless such as the Carminatives viz., ginger, garlic etc., which might do good in cases of diarrhoea due to indigestion. Again there are some harmful drugs such as Sweet-flag which cannot be given inside unless their active principles are standardised. It is simply absurd to think that a case of fracture can be cured by the application of the juice of some herbs.

A. J. Wilson.

Students' Corner.

Games.

In the beginning of the month our college played two hockey matches one with the Coimbatore united club and the other with the Forest College in both of which we got defeated. The defeats were primarily due to our not being able to put in a stronger team as some of our good players were away in the district engaged in food campaign work.

Hockey Tournament.

This began on the 28th and the college met the London Mission School first. Though the ball was near their goal for the greater part of the time, they played unusually well and when time

was up, neither of the team was left the winners. The match was continued again and we managed to put in a goal. Just at this time Dr. Norris who was playing in the forward got a bad hit near his eye and was incapacitated. Although we continued to play with ten, the opposing team was not able to equalise which left us winners of the day by a goal.

The next day we met the Forest College who had defeated the united club in the first round. The play was well contested and the ball was visiting both the goals in turns but neither of the teams scoring anything. Just before half time was about to be over Mr. Vittal Rao carried the ball into the ring and ably shot a goal; but the foresters very soon equalised it so that when half time was up the score was one all. When play began again the foresters put in another goal. We got several chances near their goal but our forwards could not score anything. Though it must be said to the credit of the defence that they played well, the offence was rather weak. It was then that the absence of Mr. Parnell from the offence was very badly felt. When time was up the foresters were left winners by two to one.

Departmental Notes.

Appointments :—

Mr. Thos. Tharyan supervisor, posted to Trichinopoly circle after the expiry of the 3 months' leave.

Mr. M. Satyanarayana murti, appointed supervisor, 1st grade on Rs. 125, 125, 125-12½-20), on probation to fill an existing vacancy.

Mr. Ch. Ranga Rao, is appointed supervisor, 2nd grade, on Rs. 75, 75, 75-5-125 on probation to fill an existing vacancy.

Mr. A. Lakshmayya Naidu, mechanic 2nd grade to be sub protem mechanic, 1st grade, vice Mr. P. N. Natesa Nayakar on deputation.

Mr. C. Subrahmanyam B. A., appointed Assist. 4th grade on Rs. 75, 75, 75-5-125 on probation in the Mycology section, Agricultural College, Coimbatore, to fill an existing vacancy.

Mr. C. V. Ramaswami Ayyar, L. Ag., appointed Chemical Assist, (Temporary) on Rs. 75, 75, 75-5-125, for U. P. A. S. I. analytical work but to continue to undergo training at Coimbatore for the present under the Govt. Agricultural Chemist.

Mr. T. Lakshman Rao, Assist. in Chemistry, transferred to Bangalore for analytical work for the U. P. A. S. I. until Mr. C. V. Ramaswami Ayyar has completed his training.

Leave :—

The leave granted to Assist. Agri. Demonstrator Mr. C. Arulanandam Pillai, is cancelled.

Mr. A. Ramaswami Ayyar, Assist. Farm Manager, Palur, privilege leave for one month from 1st September 1918.

Mr. K. Cherian Jacob, Assist. in Botany of the Lecturing Botanist's section privilege leave for one month from or after 6th September 1918.

Mr. R. Swami Rao, Farm Manager, Hagari, privilege leave for one month from or after 11th September 1918.

Mr. J. G. Rodrigues, Inspector of Agricultural Offices, privilege leave for one month from 17th September 1918.

Mr. K. E. Viswam Ayyar, Assist. Agri. Demonstrator, leave on loss of pay for 11 days from 9th August 1918.

Mr. T. A. Krishna Ayyar, Assist. Agri. Demonstrator, having been compulsorily recalled to duty from his 2 months' privilege leave the unexpired portion of 14 days leave is cancelled.

Mr. M. Ramachandra Naidu, Assist. Agri. Demonstrator, Tellicherry, 16 days leave on loss of pay from or after 10th September 1918.

The leave on loss of pay granted to Mr. Ramachandra Naidu, is hereby cancelled.

Mr. P. V. Raghavendra Rao, Assist. Farm Manager, privilege leave for 3 months with effect from 17th September 1918.

Mr. S. Dharmalinga Mudaliar, Farm Manager, is transferred from Palur to Central Farm to charge of wet lands.

Mr. K. Cherian Jacob, Assist. in Botany, extension of privilege leave for 13 days from 6-10-1918,

Mr. Maria Susai, Assist. Farm Manager, extension of leave from 25-8 1918 to 4-9-1918.

Mr. K. Ramiah, Assist. in Economic Botany combined privilege leave and leave on medical certificate for 5 weeks from 2-10-1918.

Mr. R. Swami Rao, Farm Manager, extension of privilege leave for one month and two days from 11th October 1918.

Mr. T. S. Ramasubramanyam, Assist. in Chemistry privilege leave for two months from or after 30th September 1918.

Mr. K. Narayana Ayyangar, Agri. Demonstrator is posted to be in charge of the Paddy Breeding Station after expiry of his leave.

Mr. A. Gopalakrishnayya, Assist. Farm Manager, Chintaladevi one month's privilege leave from 26th September 1918.

Mr. R. Thomas, Sub Assist. Sugarcane Breeding Station privilege leave for one and a half months from 23rd September 1918.

Mr. K. M. Jacob, Assist. Farm Manager, Samalkota Agri. Station privilege leave for 2 months and 20 days from date of relief.

Mr. H. Venkataramanayya, Engineering Assist. Agri. College Coimbatore, one month's privilege leave from 8th October 1918.

Mr. A. K. Subramanya Ayyar, Supervisor 7th Circle, Coimbatore, posted to the Agricultural College to do the duties of the Engineering Assistant.

Mr. S. T. M. Venugopal Naidu, Mechanic Ist grade appointed to be in charge of the 7th circle, Coimbatore, in addition to supervising the sugarcane Experiments at Pallapalayam during the absence of Mr. A. K. Subrahmany Ayyar.

Mr. A. Venkobachar, Assist. Farm Manager, privilege leave for one month after the return of the Assist. Managers temporarily transferred to I and III circles.