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Editorial Notes.

The signing of Peace by Germany on the 28th June brings to a welcome close, the terrible sufferings of nations throughout the world during these five long years. It is unnecessary at this stage to deal with either the righteous aims that led us into the war or the various events that took place during this period. We hope that it will never be our lot to record again events of such a nature in the columns of our journal. We will only remind our readers, ere we drink in full measure the cup of tranquility that this Peace will bring us, of the full significance of the stupendous sacrifice of such a large number of young and heroic lives, but for which, we would never have had such an honourable and glorious peace. If it were only possible to have prevented this terrible carnage and heavy sacrifice, the world would not have been so poor of such a vast number of brave and noble lives, as it is today.

The joy of peace will necessarily be tempered with this sad thought, and may the aggressiveness of Germany always warn us against greed of power and land, and may her signing the peace terms herald an era of lasting and real peace and steady progress in the betterment of the peoples of the world !

On Friday the 13th June passed away in his residence at Guindy, near Madras, a noble soul in the person of Mr. S. L. D'Silva, one of the ex-Vice Presidents of the Madras Agricultural Students' Union. He had an attack of influenza and the complications that set in as a result of it culminated in his death.

The Late Mr.
S. L. D'Silva.

He was a native of South Canara and came of a respectable Catholic family. He joined the Madras College of Agriculture, Saidapet, in 1881 and finished his course in 1883. Through his natural abilities and steady application to work, he was easily the first amongst several batches of students. His pleasant humour and infinite fund of common sense endeared him to the late Mr. W. R. Robertson, the pioneer of agricultural education in South India. He took service under government in 1884 as Cattle Disease Inspector and was acting Deputy Superintendent of the Saidapet Farm from 1884 to 86, when Mr. C. Benson went on leave. In 1888 he joined the staff of the College and in addition to his being made a Lecturer in Veterinary Science and Live-Stock, was placed in sole charge of the only Government Veterinary Hospital at Saidapet. He soon became very popular and for over 25 years, it is not an exaggeration to say that there was not

an owner of a cow, a dog or a horse in Madras, who did not know him and count him as his best friend. His conspicuous abilities carried for him the approbation and high regard of Dr. Mills, Lieut-Col. Hazelton, the late Dr. J. D. E. Holmes, and Lieut-Col. Gunn—authorities on Indian Cattle Diseases in their time. When Mr. Kees left Saidapet in 1906, Mr. D'Silva was made Acting Principal; and in this capacity "did excellent work in difficult circumstances," especially at a time when the control of agricultural education was passing out of the hands of the Director of Public Instruction. On the abolition of the Saidapet College, he went on long leave and on its expiry joined the new institution at Coimbatore as Assistant in Veterinary Science. His long experience and intimate knowledge of animal diseases stood him in good stead here and he was most helpful to Mr. Wood in the management of Live Stock in the Central Farm. He was one of the founders of the Union, and was successively resident Vice President for several years. He was a good penman and the first set of rules for our Union for the drawing up of which he was responsible, has needed but little alteration since. He was a good classical scholar and had specialised in Latin, to which and to astronomy he was devoting all his leisure in the closing years of his life. He retired in 1915 in his 55th year. It was hoped that he would enjoy his well earned rest for several years, but God had decreed otherwise. A pious Christian, a sincere friend, a devoted husband, and a practical philosopher, the late Mr. D'Silva was an ornament to Society. His loss we all deeply mourn.
