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Editorial Notes.

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We publish, elsewhere, a notice which was widely circulated in the District of Coimbatore regarding the enforcement of the Pest Act in relation to the "Pink Boll Worm" and "The Stem Weevil" on Cambodia cotton in that District. Just now such a measure will come as a shock to most growers of Cambodia, as the plants are still in bearing but the Government is compelled to enforce this, in the larger interests of cotton growing in general in the District. We will only remind our readers that similar acts are in operation in the other countries of the world and that the sacrifice of purely individual interests to the larger interests of the community is an indication of a higher type of civilization. We can do no better service to the country than to explain to the discontented the paramount need for such a measure.

We publish, elsewhere, details of the preliminary Peace Celebrations at the college. We desire to invite attention of our readers to that portion of the proceedings of the committee whereby they set apart a sum of Rs. 300 for forming the nucleus for a scholarship to be called "The Peace Scholarship" and to be given to one of the students at this college. We can assure the Peace Celebration Committee that they could not think of a more peaceful object than this. Agriculture is essentially a profession of peace.

The Peace  
Scholarship

We publish, elsewhere, details of an industrial laboratory proposed to be started at Coonoor by Sir Frederick Nicholson, the Hony. Director of Government Fisheries. Sir Frederick has become a name to conjure with, in this Presidency and the fact that the scheme has been launched by him is a sure guarantee of success. We invite his attention to the Bulletin shortly to be published and entitled, "Exhibit of food and Industrial Products made from Local Agricultural Produce at the Madras Industrial Exhibition, December 1917" as it contains work of parallel nature carried out in this college.

An Industrial  
Laboratory  
at Coonoor.

We would remind our readers of the advertisement which appeared in the issue of the Journal for August 1918, in which Messrs. Ranga Raju Bros. offered a handsome prize of Rs. 250 for an experiment on the cultivation of Avasarasambha, a short duration paddy. We have now received the report of the Judges who declare that M. R. Ry, K. S.

Ranga Raju  
Prize Essay.

Sankaran Pillai, L. Ag., Farm Manager, Koilpatti, has won the prize. The committee consider that the "competitor had taken a good deal of trouble over the experiment, and that it represented an honest endeavour to fulfil the conditions laid down" and that the "essay showed signs of considerable care both in the execution of the experiment and the maintenance of the necessary records." In the opinion of the Committee, the experiment showed signs of immaturity, and it recommended the awarding of Rs. 150 only to which the donors have consented. We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. Sankaran Pillai on the well deserved prize and also take this opportunity of offering our thanks to Messrs. Ranga Raju Bros. for coming forward to offer such an excellent prize and to Messrs. R. C. Wood, D. Balakrishnamoorthy and D. Ananda Rao for having acted as Judges.

We should like to record here, our regret and that of the committee of Judges, that only one should have competed in the whole of this Presidency, for such a valuable prize and to take to ourselves the warning, that, unless competitors come forward in much larger numbers and evince more interest than they do at present, we should lose the support of the generous members of the Union in such laudable objects. We hope our members will help us out of such a predicament.

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### **Some Blood-sucking Insects.**

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Chief among the blood-sucking insects are mosquitoes, sand-flies, bed-bugs and head-lice.