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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th August 1875.*

No. 245. Read the following letter from Colonel R. BENSON, F.L.S., Honorary Secretary, Agri.-Horticultural Society, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 7th August 1875, No. 484:—

I HAVE the honor, by desire of the Committee of the Society, to annex copy of Resolution passed at their last meeting, in order that the Government may be pleased to consider the amendment proposed in the Annual Report (Proceedings of Government, dated 3rd July 1875) of the Superintendent of the Government Garden, Ootacamund, on the alleged presentation of twenty-five West African Coffee plants by the Honorable Mr. Sim, C.S.I., in September last.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

RESOLVED that, with reference to the paragraph in the Superintendent's Report representing that the twenty-five healthy West African Coffee plants were presented by the Honorable Mr. Sim, C.S.I., in September last, the Government be informed that these plants were procured from the Royal Gardens, Kew, from Dr. J. D. Hooker, C.B., by Colonel R. Benson, Honorary Secretary, and made over to this Society for distribution as per Resolution appended; and that the Committee have brought this to notice, feeling sure the Honorable Mr. Sim, C.S.I., would not wish to be represented as the donor of plants he had not been instrumental in obtaining. Further, the Committee would be obliged by the Government permitting the Superintendent's Report being amended accordingly in this particular.

2. The Honorable Mr. Sim, C.S.I., then Chairman of the Committee, undertook the actual
(Signed, R. BENSON, Colonel, F.L.S.,
Honorary Secretary.

No. 246. ORDER THEREON, 25th August 1875, No. 1,278.

Miscellaneous.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council regrets that there should have been any misunderstanding as to the West African Coffee, and will be happy to give the explanation afforded by the Agri.-Horticultural Society every publicity.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Honorary Secretary, Agri.-Horticultural Society, Madras.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Proceedings of a Meeting of the Committee of the
Agri-Horticultural Society of Madras, held at
the Gardens on Wednesday the 5th August
1874.

PRESENT.

J. G. Coleman, Esq., *in the Chair*.

C. Simpson, Esq. | P. C. Vencatachella Chetty, Esq.

John Shaw, Esq., *for Honry. Secretary*.

The proceedings of last meeting were submitted and confirmed.

The Honorary Secretary then intimated that the following contribution had been made to the Library, and a vote of thanks was passed to the donor.

Note on Lac, by J. E. O'Connor, Esq.; from the Government Department.

I. Read letter dated Kew, 3rd June 1874, from Dr. J. D. Hooker, C. B., Director of the Royal Gardens, informing, in reply to Honorary Secretary's letters of the 25th April last, that he will shortly send a Wardian case of young plants of a very fine West African Coffee, but not the large *seeded* Liberian variety, which he has been as yet unable to procure, although endeavours to do so have been made for the last two years. With reference to the request that Jamaica Coffee may be sent, he informs that although nothing is yet known of it, he will procure seeds, raise them, and then forward a box next year.

Resolved, that on arrival of the young plants of the Liberian or West African Coffee, they be sent to the Government Garden at Burliar, or the Coonoor ghant, until such time as they are old enough to bear fruit; and that the sanction of the Government be solicited to this end. The Society to be entitled to the first crop of berries or seed for distribution; also that a copy of these proceedings be forwarded for the information of the Planters' Association of Wynaad.

II. Read letter dated Calicut, 4th July 1874, from F. J. Ferguson, Esq., thanking the Committee for their letter of the 20th June on the subject of shade for Coffee trees, at the same time asking for seed of the Coral tree or *Erythrina Indica*.

Resolved that the seed solicited be sent, but at the same time the above named gentleman be informed that the Coral tree,

Obt. of 1873

REVENUE.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY, AGRI-

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, MADRAS.

Dated August, 25th.

Recd.

O. C. 21th August 1874, No. 1278.

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West African Coffee Plants.—Expressing pleasure to give every publicity to the exhibition afforded by the Agri-Horticultural Society with respect to the numerous plants connected with the — alluded to be presented by the Honorary Mr. Shaw in September last.

"Erythrina Indica," is particularly common on the Malabar coast, being the tree used to support the pepper tree of commerce, "Piper nigrum," and therefore procurable on the spot.

III. Read letter dated Erfurt, 12th June 1874, from Messrs. Haage and Schmidt, acknowledging the receipt of seeds sent by this Society, and intimating the despatch of three bags of flower seeds as a gift in exchange; also requesting the Committee will be good enough to send seeds of "Musa superba," "Strychnos nux vomica," and any rare palms if available.

Resolved that the flower seeds above referred to be distributed amongst the members of the Society requesting a supply thereof, and that the request for other seeds be complied with as far as the Garden resources will admit.

IV. Read letter dated 27th June 1874, Singapore, from Geo. Mansfield, Esq., advising the despatch per P. & O. Steamer of a box of seeds from the Botanical Gardens, Batavia, conveyed free by the P. and O. Company.

Resolved that the seeds be forwarded to the Planters' Association, Wynaad.

V. Read letter dated 10th July 1874, Mercara, Coorg, from Donald Stewart, Esq., requesting to be enrolled as a member of the Society; at the same time enclosing a cheque for 28 Rupees as subscription in advance for 12 months, also bringing to notice that the coffee, in which he is interested chiefly, growing in what is termed the Bamboo district, both flat and hot, has suffered greatly from the ravages of the borer; and that as a preventive against the ravages of this destructive beetle, and also to secure shade for the coffee trees in dry seasons, they are planting trees suitable for the purpose, and therefore requesting that 10 bushels of the seed of Albizzia Moluccana may be procured for him.

Resolved that the Director of the Botanical Gardens at Java be requested to procure and send us 10 bushels of the seed of the Albizzia Moluccana for Mr. Stewart, who will pay for the same, in addition to the seed already promised for the Planters' Association of Wynaad.

The Garden Report, showing the amount expended last month, Rupees 605-1-8, and the estimated expenses, viz. Rs. 595 for the present month, was submitted and sanctioned.

J. G. COLEMAN, Esq., *Chairman.*
JOHN SHAW, Esq., *for Hony. Secy.*

Financial Statement for June 1874.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Cash balance on 31st May 1874	...	...	3 11 1
Received from Secretary by cheques	...	...	693 0 0
Drawn by Secretary do.	...	...	269 4 10
Debited by Messrs. Binny & Co.	...	...	204 2 1
	Rupees...	1,170	2 0

Expenses—			
Establishment for May 1874	...	...	365 0 0
Other expenses	...	...	793 9 11
Cash balance on 30th June 1874	...	...	11 8 1
	Rupees...	1,170	2 0

Actual balance to the debit of the Society's account on 31st May 1874	...	...	3,855 1 9
Drawn in June 1874...	...	...	1,166 6 11
	Rupees...	5,021	8 8

Revenue during the month of June 1874 and paid to Messrs. Binny & Co.	...	...	1,634 12 0
Actual balance to the debit of the Society's account on 30th June 1874	...	...	3,386 12 8
	Rupees...	5,021	8 8

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Financial Statement for July 1874.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Cash balance on 30th June 1874	...	11	8 1
Received from Secretary by cheques...	...	665	0 0
Rupees...	676	8	1
Expenses—			
Establishment for June 1874	...	365	0 0
Other expenses	...	305	5 6
Cash balance on 31st July 1874	...	6	2 7
Rupees...	676	8	1
Actual balance to the debit of the Society's account on 30th June 1874	...	3,386	12 8
Drawn in July 1874...	...	665	0 0
Rupees...	4,051	12	8
Revenue during the month of July 1874 and paid to Messrs Binny & Co.	...	699	15 0
Actual balance to the debit of the Society's account on 31st July 1874	...	3,351	13 8
Rupees...	4,051	12	8

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From

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Joc R O'Donovan & Co
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Society Madras

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government of Madras

Sir

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I have the honor to be

Agri Horticultural
Society's Gardens
Madras 7th August
1875

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Sir

Your Obedt. Servt.

J. B. B. W.

Wong Secretary.

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-dingly in this particular.

The Honble Mr. Sims U. S. S. then
Chairman of the Committee undertook the
actual distribution of these coffee
plants, as he happened to be at Gosport
at the time.

J. R. Sims
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Review passed by the Society at their
last meeting, in order that it may be
the occasion of a future meeting, of the
Journal of the Royal Society of
Medicine (1890-3) July 1895, in which
the alleged presentation of 2500000
copies of the 14th edition of the
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of our copies & will be
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