

specimens of granite and six of microgranite from the main exposures of the "Erinpura" rocks have been analysed from their heavy minerals. M. DAMODARAN AND M. SRINIVASAN: *Ascorbic Acid (Vitamin C) Content of Some Indian Plant Materials*.—The ascorbic acid contents of a number of indigenous plant materials have been tabulated. The Indian gooseberry gives the highest reducing value by the Tillmann-Harris technique among the materials examined (See *Curr. Sci.*, 1935, 3, 353). B. N. SINGH: *The Correlation between Life Duration and Respiratory Phenomena*.—The study of the respiratory index of short-lived and long-lived plants has revealed characteristic differences between the two classes of plants. In the short-lived plants, the index

decreases for an early phase of the fourth cycle, the rate of fall becoming more pronounced before the initiation of the reproductive organs. In the long-lived plants, on the other hand, the rate is more or less steady and shows a stop only towards the end of the growth cycle. J. DAYAL: *Studies on the Trematode Parasites of Indian Fishes I.—A New Trematode, Monorchotrema taakree n. sp. from a Fresh Water Fish, Pseudeutropius taakree, from Lucknow*.—A trematode of the family Heterophyidae found as an adult in the intestine of a fish (*Pseudeutropius taakree*) has been described. S. B. KAUSIK: *The Life-History of Lobelia trigona Roxb. with Special Reference to the Nutrition of the Embryo-Sac*.—The nutritive mechanism of the embryo-sac has been described.

## University and Educational Intelligence.

### Annamalai University :

1. *The Founder's Day*.—The Sixth Founder's Day was celebrated on the 12th October, 1935, under the presidency of the Right Hon'ble V. S. Srinivasa Sastri, P.C., C.H., LL.D., Vice-Chancellor of the University. Captain M. Abdul Hamid, M.A. (Oxon.), Principal, Government Mohammedan College, Madras, delivered the Address.

2. *Convocation*.—On the 31st October, 1935, the Fifth Convocation of the University for conferring degrees, diplomas and titles was held when His Excellency Lord Erskine, G.C.I.E., Governor of Madras and Chancellor of the University, presided. Sir Mirza M. Ismail, Kt., O.B.E., Dewan of Mysore, delivered the Address to the graduates. 103 candidates were presented at the Convocation besides 44 who took their degrees and titles *in absentia*.

An ordinary meeting of the Senate was held on the same day at 3 P.M. The following resolutions moved by Mr. G. Srinivasa Ayyar were adopted :—

- i. The Senate recommends that a Bureau of Information of careers for graduates be opened at the University to provide facilities for the employment of the graduates.
- ii. The Senate resolves that an official register of the graduates of the University be maintained and revised every year to give particulars of their address, employment and achievements.

The Senate also approved of the proposal of the Syndicate to institute for a period of 3 years a teaching post in the grade of a lecturer for the Department of English, in view of the large number of students admitted this year and the additional work entailed thereby.

3. *Special Lectures*.—On the invitation by the Syndicate, the following persons delivered courses of special lectures during October, 1935 :—

Dr. H. Parameswaran—3 lectures on "Vacuum Technology." Prof. P. Sambamurthy—4 lectures on "South Indian Music," with an Orchestral Concert on the 2nd November.

4. *Library*.—The University Library has been re-organised with a view to making it more useful to the staff and students. Provision has been made for a spacious reading room and arrangements have been made for the Library to work

from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. on all days of the week including Sundays.

5. *Inter-Collegiate Debate*.—Under the auspices of the University Union, an inter-collegiate debate was held on the 19th October in which representatives of the Madras Colleges (Presidency, Christian, Pachaiyappah's and Loyola) participated. The subject of the debate was :

"That Science can achieve the moral well-being of humanity more effectively than religion."

Messrs. C. Jagannathachari of the Annamalai University and K. Rangachari of the Christian College, Madras, were adjudged the best speakers and awarded a prize each.

Under the auspices of the Sanskrit Society, M. R. Ry. K. Balasubrahmanya Ayyar Avl., B.A., B.L., Madras, delivered the Inaugural Address. The occasion was availed of to have the portrait of Mahamahopadhyaya Vidyavachaspati S. Kuppuswami Sastriar, M.A., I.E.S. (Retd.), Professor of Sanskrit and Comparative Philology, Presidency College, Madras, unveiled by the Vice-Chancellor.

6. *Talks on Popular Subjects*.—A system by which a member of the Staff gives a talk to the students every week or a fortnight on a subject of popular interest, was inaugurated in September last by the Vice-Chancellor.

The following members of the Staff gave talks on the following topics :

The Vice-Chancellor : on "The Italo-Abyssinian dispute."

Prof. M. S. Sundaram : on "The Far East."

Mr. V. R. Viramani : on "The Sanctions."

7. *Elections*.—The Elections to the several University authorities that are now being re-constituted are in progress and the new bodies will function from 6th December 1935.

### Andhra University :

The following candidates have been qualified to receive the degrees noted below :—

*Doctor of Philosophy* : A. Veerabhadra Rao, M.A. Title of Thesis : "Studies on Raman Effect."

I. V. Radhakrishna Rao. Title of Thesis : "Cirrhosis of the liver in Northern Circars."

*Master of Science* : Mr. D. S. N. Murti, B.A. Title of Thesis : "Isomerism in Organic Chemistry."