

SIR T. S. VENKATRAMAN, Kt., C.I.E., D.Sc., I.A.S.

WE wish to extend our hearty felicitations to Sir S. Venkatraman of Tiruvadi, C.I.E., D.Sc., I.A.S., on the occasion of the



conferment of the Order of Knight-Bachelor by His Majesty the King-Emperor, in the

New Year Honours' List. This distinction is a belated recognition of his invaluable and brilliant scientific contributions to the development of the sugarcane production covering a period of more than 30 years. The Sugarcane Breeding Station at Coimbatore will ever remain a monument to his devoted labours and constitutes the very foundation on which the present prosperity of the Indian sugar industry rests. The breeding work carried out by Sir Venkatraman—aided by ample tariff protection—has been responsible for converting India from an importer of white sugar (1 million tons) to a position where the future of the Indian industry is in urgent need of securing export markets. It has been computed that the work has resulted in a conservation of about 15 crores of rupees in the country besides the obvious advantages which a prosperous industry necessarily brings to the cultivator and the manufacturer. These were denied to this impoverished country for at least half a century. We wish Sir Venkatraman many many years of greater achievement in his scientific field and many a higher distinction to crown his labours.

DEWAN BAHADUR DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIAR

IT is with great pleasure that we announce that Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Principal, Madras Medical College, has received the distinction of the Fellowship of the American College of Gynæcological Surgeons. He is the first Indian to receive this honour. Dr. Mudaliar enjoys the reputation of being one of the foremost Obstetricians and Gynæcologists of the day. In 1930 he was elected a Foundation Fellow of the British College of Obstetricians and Gynæcologists in England. His contributions to the development of this vital part of medical science, are well known and widely recognised.

Dr. Mudaliar, as member of the Syndicate of the Madras University, as the member of the Medical Council of India, as member of the Indian Research Fund Association and as the University representative on the Council of the Indian Institute of Science, has advanced the cause of higher medical education and medical research in this country. *Current Science* is fortunate in having Dr. Mudaliar as one of its staunchest supporters. The Government of India have decorated him with the title of Dewan Bahadur in recognition of his services.

We wish to offer Dr. Mudaliar our hearty felicitations on the distinctions conferred upon him.