

further strengthened recently by the appointment of another Deputy Locust Entomologist.

INDIAN LOCUST ACTIVITIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES

It has already been made clear that India, Persia and Arabia are inter-dependent in regard to locust activities, since swarms developed in one country invade others. In view of this, at the request of the Middle East Supply Centre, the Government of India sent delegations of Indian entomologists for control work in Persia during 1941-42 and 1942-43, and in Arabia during 1942-43 and 1943-44. Indian troops were also employed for locust work in Persia during 1942-43 and 1943-44 where they were mainly responsible for carrying out timely control work. At the request of the Middle East Anti-Locust Unit, the Government of India took over the responsibility for carrying out control work in Persian Mekhran in Feb-

ruary 1944. The organization is also working under the direct control of the Imperial Entomologist at New Delhi.

In addition to sending control missions described above, the Imperial Entomologist was deputed to attend an International Locust Conference at Tehran in October 1942 and again at Cairo in July 1943 where important decisions were taken with regard to the organization and technique of locust control work on international basis. To carry out well-organized work in Persia an International Control Committee was established at Tehran early in 1943 and a Government of India's representative (Superintendent, Locust Substation, Karachi) resided at Tehran for about three months during 1943 and two months during 1944, taking active part in the deliberations of the International Committee.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, MADRAS

FACILITIES for higher technological studies in the Madras area will henceforth be available at the new University College of Technology, which is for the present located as a temporary measure in the Government College of Engineering, Guindy. The inauguration of this College is well timed as there will be a great demand for chemical engineers and technologists in the post-war era of industrial reconstructions and developments in this country. Considerable progress has already been made under the auspices of the B.S.I.R. in various branches of Chemical Industries and a number of new processes have been developed in recent years. In order to preserve this progress, and to develop further processes in a keenly competitive world in the post-war years specialised chemical engineering talent and technological grounding and skill will be in great demand. It is, therefore, a happy augury that the Madras University has pushed forward with its arrangements for contributing to meet these very essential national demands. Parallel courses in Chemical Engineering, Leather Technology, Textile Chemistry, Electrochemistry, Fermentation Technology, etc., are under contemplation, but a beginning has been made this year with the Chemical Engineering course, through the kind courtesy of the Government of Madras, who have made available to the University the vast resources of the engineering laboratories and the workshop facilities at their College of Engineering, Guindy. The College is promised a substantial financial aid by way of a munifi-

cent grant from Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar, of more than Rs. 3 lakhs non-recurring, and an annual recurring grant of Rs. 25,000. The Government of Madras are also giving generous grants towards the building, equipment and maintenance of the College which has been so boldly ventured upon by the University in these difficult times from out of its own funds.

A good start has already been made with the appointment of highly qualified staff. Dr. D. R. Nanjee, who comes out shortly to India after nearly twenty years of experience in England, both in the Universities and as a Consulting Chemist, will be the Professor and Director of the College, while Dr. M. A. Govinda Rau, who has successfully organised and conducted the courses in Chemical Engineering at The Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, will be the Reader in charge of Chemical Engineering.

Great credit is due to the learned and enthusiastic Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dewan Bahadur Dr. A. L. Mudaliar, for it was he who proposed the scheme nearly three years ago and should now be justly most happy at these successful results of his tireless efforts. We congratulate Dr. A. L. Mudaliar and the University on the occasion of the Inauguration of the new College by His Excellency the Governor on the 28th of this month. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws will be conferred upon Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar at a special Convocation held on the same occasion.
