

Lt.-Col. R. B. S. Sewell, F.R.S.

CURRENT SCIENCE offers its hearty congratulations to Lieut.-Colonel Robert Beresford Seymour-Sewell on his selection as a Fellow of the Royal Society, London.

Beresford Seymour-Sewell on his selection as a Fellow by the Council of the Royal Society, London. He spent the best part of his life in India, first as an officer of the Indian Medical Service, later as the Surgeon Naturalist to the Marine Survey of India and finally as Director of the Zoological Survey of India; he went on leave preparatory to retirement from the 22nd April 1933. He was a member of the Editorial Board of the *Current Science* and gave us valuable help at all times and we are particularly glad to hear of



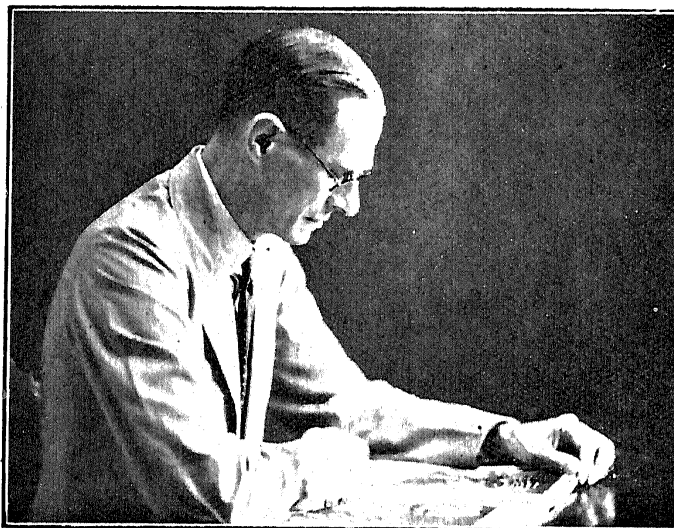
Lt.-Col. R. Beresford Seymour-Sewell, M.A., Sc.D., F.Z.S., F.A.S.B., I.M.S., C.I.E., F.R.S.

Colonel Sewell has done very valuable work as a Zoologist, Oceanographer and Anthropologist and a detailed list of his papers was published in the *Records of the Indian Museum*, Vol. XXXV, pp. 270-275 (September 1933), while an account of his life was published in the *Current Science* issue for April 1933. We sincerely hope that the results of his investigations as the Leader of the John Murray Oceanographical Expedition will greatly add to our knowledge of the oceanography and fauna of the Arabian Sea.

Dr. L. L. Fermor, F.R.S.

WE record with genuine pleasure the election of Dr. L. L. Fermor to the Fellowship of the Royal Society. This has

come as a fitting recognition of the long and devoted scientific labours of the present Chief of the Geological Survey of India. Dr. Fermor's connection with the Geological Survey dates from 1902 and throughout this long period, his work has been characterised by breadth of outlook and wide human sympathies side by side with mastery of detail and meticulous precision in the expression of scientific observations.



Dr. L. L. Fermor, O.B.E., D.Sc., F.G.S., F.R.S.

industry, is his monograph on the Manganese Ore Deposits of India dealing with every aspect, scientific and economic, of the subject.

Dr. Fermor's social qualities are equally great; they find full play in his administrative duties, not only in his department, but also such institutions as the Asiatic Society of Bengal, of which he is the President, and of the Mining and Geological Institute of India, of which he is the Treasurer and Editor. A happy disposition, an even temper at all times and the capacity to

understand and appreciate other points of view than his own, characterise his dealings with his official colleagues and non-official friends and acquaintances. We wish him long life and further honours.