

**Khan Bahadur Mian Mohammad Afzal Husain, M.A. (Cantab.),  
M.Sc., F.N.I.**

WE have much pleasure in congratulating Khan Bahadur Mian Mohammad Afzal Husain, Principal, the Punjab Agricultural College, Lyallpur, on his appointment as Vice-Chancellor, the Punjab University.

Khan Bahadur Mian Afzal Husain, who belongs to a well-known family of Batala, Gurdaspur District, Punjab, had a distinguished university career both in the Punjab and at Cambridge. He was the recipient of the Alfred Patiala Research Scholarship of the Punjab University from 1911 to 1913. In the year 1913, he proceeded for higher studies to Cambridge, where he was elected a Foundation Scholar of the Christ's College in 1914 and a Bachelor Scholar in 1916. He won the Frank Smart Prize for Zoology in 1916 and the Charles Darwin Prize for original research work in 1918.

In 1918, he was selected by the Secretary of State for India for the Indian Agricultural Service and posted as Supernumerary Entomologist at the Imperial Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa. In 1919, he was appointed as the Entomologist to the Government of the Punjab at the Punjab Agricultural College and Research Institute, Lyallpur, which he held with distinction till 1930, except for a short break in 1925, when he officiated as Imperial Entomologist at Pusa. In December 1930, he was placed in charge of the scheme of Locust Research then started by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research under the designation of Locust Research Entomologist with headquarters at Lyallpur. In April 1933 he reverted to the Punjab Government to take

up the duties of the Principal, Punjab Agricultural College, as well as of the Government Entomologist. He is a Fellow of the Punjab University, and has been a member of the Syndicate since 1936.

As an Entomologist, he has been responsible for the sustained development of the Entomological Section of the Institute to its present state of high efficiency from the point of view of both economic work and teaching. He is the author of a number

of publications relating to various insect pests of the Punjab. He has also published several papers of high scientific value on the bionomics of the Desert Locust, research work on which he has been continuing with the aid of a research grant of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, even after relinquishing charge of Locust Research work in 1933.

In his capacity as Principal of an important college and as a Fellow and Member of the Syndicate of the Punjab University, Khan Bahadur Afzal Husain has rendered

conspicuous service to the cause of higher education both in the technological and literary fields. He is now summoned to occupy the highest post, which it is in the gift of the University to offer, and it is hoped that the knowledge and experience which have accrued to him will be of inestimable value in directing the destiny of one of the most important educational institutions in India, distinguished alike as an accomplished centre of scientific researches and of formal learning.

We wish Khan Bahadur Afzal Husain every species of success in his exalted sphere of work.



Dr. Afzal Husain.