

131. *Coconuts*.—There has been a considerable awakening in the South Kanara district to the possibilities of coconut topes. When the coconut trees were once established, it was the practice to give no further attention to them. The methods adopted at the Kāsaragōd station, where a large increase in crops has resulted from after treatment, have led to considerable interest and imitation and the district staff stationed in this district have done all in their power to bring our improved methods to the notice of the cultivators. During a recent inspection of the coconut station at Kāsaragōd, I had the opportunity of reading the visitors' book. I noticed in this that several gentlemen had pointed out that very few of our neighbours had adopted the methods which had been found so successful. I made a careful inquiry into the causes of this and discovered that wherever it had been possible the tenants had willingly adopted the improvements which they could see yielding good results at the station. In most of the gardens, however, the tenant is not in a position to alter his present methods. In most cases, the houses in these gardens were rented out to one individual, the ground in the garden to another, and the *usufruct* of the tree rented to a third person. I mention this to illustrate some of the difficulties which are met with in carrying out demonstration work by our district staff.