

A B C of Agriculture.

A is Agriculture, foremost occupation
The breath of my life, the backbone of the nation.

A directs it well and B teaches his portion
But our M L Cs have a different notion.

B is Botany, by right senior to C,
Nott may deny ; but will not others see ?

C is Chemistry, organic and inorganic
Soils, manures, and things you do not like.

D is Dairying, milk, butter and curd they make,
Farm may overflow ; but you are ever at stake.

E is Engineering, you the students hate,
Entomologist may fury, but let him wait.

F is Farm, an ideal one you must maintain
Emporium of animals, stores, implements it'll remain.

G is Grass, which you must learn to look,
Or one day surely you'll be brought to book.

H is Horticulture, flowers, fruits and vegetables to grow
Principles of propagation, pruning and grafting you must know.

I is Irrigation which none can ever ignore
Grant enough water, the ryot naught will deplore.

J is Me, my name you can identify,
But prosaic minds it will not satisfy.

K is knowledge so complement'ry to success,
Less of theory, the more of practical you are said to possess.

L is Livestock of which I know little
It means, I suppose, the care and improvement of cattle.

M is Mycology, gives advice for any disease
Cut and burn and spray or do as you please.

N is Nature, pious, fruitful and bounteous
Importance of Nature Study in schools is obvious.

O is Orchard a subject I've often taught
A paying proposition it can be, if well sought.

P is Poultry your farm may truly adorn
Or the cock will not crow and there will be no morn.

Q is question, do not argue but enquire
For it is that your work will inspire.

R is Reading, books, bulletins, memoirs all
But you will never do without the STUDENTS' JOURNAL.

S is Soil not all the Chemist's forte
It is the Physicist's, the Bacteriologist's and others' mote.

T is Time which you must choose aright
Rise early for your fields to appear bright.

U is Umbrella you must try to throw
An officer suffered for misuse, don't you know?

V is Veterinary, no veteran with all your might
For it is animal life you are to read aright.

W is Weed grows where not wanted
Kill it if you can, for it is not planted.

X is 'xploitation not unworthy of man
Utilise your resources, grow rich any way you can.

Y is yield a matter of little concern
If to agriculture you, graduates, do turn.

Z is Zeal, O! the joy of the specialist
Zoology is agricultural, be pleased Entomologist.