Weaving in India is carried on by eight million hand looms and a number of good sized textile works. The natives do not cut or sew the material out of which they make their clothes. Rather, they simply drape the cloth around their bodies. They care more, therefore, about how the ends of the cloth are finished than they do for the homogeneity of the material, because the folds hide any defects in the goods. Mr. Churchill improved the form of loom then in use until its efficiency was more than doubled. This loom was given first prize at the Industrial Exhibition in 1904. The speaker was not yet satiated with his work, however, and invented a new loom which is still more efficient than his former one. The air is a workman’s hut is humidified by sprinkling the floor with water several times a day.

Irrigation, another subject of great interest to the people of India, is the Bombay Presidency there is one system that supplies water to two hundred thousand subscribers at a rate of amount of water that the native farmers, and that the effect of this is to decrease the yield of the sugar cane crops. A motor system is to be installed as soon as a suitable meter is put upon the market. A device is also wanted which will make the amount of water delivered for any piece of ground constant, despite any change in the height of the water in the cistern.

Mr. Churchill believes that if one wants to succeed in India, he must be able to adapt himself to the customs and environments of the country. "Adaptation" has been the simple rule that has guided him to such great success in his work. Great applause followed the talk.

At this meeting of the society the applications of about fifty men for membership were offered, and the secretary was instructed to cast one vote granting their petitions. Vice-President Jones presided at the meeting.

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another set about developing the implements for weaving, and began the manufacture of wheels for Balloon carts. For two years his plans were not approved by the men in charge of educational work, and hence no "grant of aid" was forthcoming. At the end of that time Mr. Churchill claimed that his methods were the correct ones, and so the grant was renewed.