

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 1963

Mr. President, members of the I. P. S., Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am presenting herewith the seventeenth annual report of the Society for the year 1963. Fifty three new members joined the Society, 19 as life-members and 34 as ordinary members. It is regretted that the membership of 47 members had to be discontinued due to non-payment of their dues and having no response from them in spite of several reminders sent to them. The total number of the members at the end of the year was 311 and that of subscribers 213. Now the subscription is due from a few members only.

During the year, volume XVI, numbers 1, 2 and 3, 1963 of *Indian Phytopathology* have been issued. The financial position of the Society continued to be satisfactory. Besides, a sum of Rs. 7,500 continues to remain in the form of National Savings Certificate. The amount to the credit of the Society in the savings bank account with M/s National and Grindlays Bank Ltd. (Lloyds Branch), New Delhi and cash in hand taken together on 31.12.1963, was Rs. 18,992.13. Thus the assets of the Society amount to Rs. 26,492.13. In addition, several cheques were in the process of collection at the end of the year under report.

During the year, the receipts amounted to Rs. 17,139.89 and expenditure to Rs. 12,346.89, thus showing a balance of Rs. 4,793.00 in favour of the Society. It may be mentioned that no financial assistance was received by the Society from any source during the year. We have paid the cost of printing vol. XV, Nos. 2, 3 and 4, of 1962. The printing of the journal was in the hands of M/s. Oxford Printing Works, New Delhi.

During the year under report, two council meetings were held to discuss the business of the Society.

Two important points discussed in detail during the Council Meetings were (i) Arranging an International Symposium on Recent advances in research on 'Diseases of Tropical Plants' and (ii) Proposed project on 'Manual of plant diseases in India'. Dr. P. R. Mehta and Prof. T. S. Sadasivan were primarily responsible for these ideas and we are very thankful to them. Thirteen papers read in the symposium on 'Role of therapeutic treatments for control of plant diseases' in February 1963, were published in Bulletin No. 1 of the Society.

The following lectures by eminent scientists were arranged during the year 1964:—

1. 2-1-1963. Dr. D. J. Raski, Visiting Professor from University of California 'Are nematodes plant pathogens?'

2. 23-8-1963. Dr. W. G. Solheim, Acting Dean and Professor of Botany, Wyoming University, U. S. A. "Vegetational Zonation of Wyoming with special reference to plant diseases".
3. 14-9-1963. Dr. Karl Maramorosch of Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, New York, U. S. A. "Multiplication of plant pathogenic viruses in insects".

Before I close, I may mention that we are indeed thankful to Prof. C. V. Subramanian, for organizing the symposium on 'Host Parasite relationships in plant diseases'. I am most thankful to Prof. T. S. Sadasivan, President of the Society, Dr. P. R. Mehta, the immediate Past President and Dr. R. Prasada, the Chief Editor for giving valuable suggestions from time to time. Lastly, on behalf of the Society, I express our sincere thanks to the Indian Science Congress Association and the University College of Science, Calcutta, for providing necessary facilities to conduct the meeting in the Science College Building at Calcutta. I am also thankful to Dr. D. Suryanarayana, Joint Secretary of the Society, and Dr. M. M. Payak, member of the Editorial Board for helping me in various ways in carrying out my work as Secretary-Treasurer during the year under report.

Sd/- (S. P. Raychaudhuri)

Dated : December 29, 1964.

Secretary-Treasurer