

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (1950)

I am submitting herewith the Fourth Annual Report for 1950 of the Indian Phytopathological Society. At the end of 1949 the total membership was stated to be 196, of whom 28 had not paid their 1949 dues. In spite of several reminders 22 members did not pay their subscription and they may be considered as having resigned the membership of the Society. During the year under report 21 new members were enrolled, of whom one was a Life Member. The total number of members in good standing now is 174; one is a Patron, 39 are Life-Members of whom 5 are paying their dues in instalments, and 134 members are paying their subscriptions annually.

Volume II, Nos. 1 and 2 of Indian Phytopathology were published during this year. The Journal has proved very popular in foreign countries, specially the U. S. A., thanks to the efforts of Dr. B. B. Mundkur, my predecessor in office, and we have now 82 libraries in India and abroad on our list of subscribers but out of these only 27 are Indian. Efforts should, therefore, be made by individual members to induce more libraries and institutions in this country to subscribe to our Journal.

On account of difficulties with the British India Press, the work of printing the Journal had to be entrusted to another press. This has meant so much delay in bringing out Vol. III. In spite of our best efforts, it has not been possible to issue the 1950 volume so far. The first number is, however, in the galley proof stage. Since the work has now been entrusted to a local press in Delhi, it would be possible to expedite the printing of the journal and we hope to issue both the numbers of Vol. III by the end of June at the latest.

Putting aside a sum of Rs. 5,000 invested in National Savings Certificates, the year began with Rs. 4,762-8-7 to our credit. Receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 6,351-8-3 which includes Rs. 200 given by the National Institute of Sciences of India as donation and Rs. 1,268-8-0 granted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research as subsidy towards the printing of two numbers of Indian Phytopathology during 1950-51. The efforts of my worthy predecessor have thus borne fruit. The expenses incurred have amounted to Rs. 6,588-14-9. This is due to the fact that payment was made this year for printing *three* issues of the journal, namely, Vol. I, No. 2 and Vol. II, Nos. 1 and 2, in place of two issues per year and also on account of increase in the printing rates and cost of paper. A second hand type writer was purchased for Rs. 100. The accounts for 1949 were audited by a Chartered Accountant at a cost of Rs. 25 and are placed before you. They will be published in the next issue of the journal. A tentative statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1950 has been prepared and will be properly audited by a Chartered Accountant as in the previous years.

On account of rise in the price of paper and of printing charges, the cost of issuing two numbers of the Journal per year would amount to not less than

Rs. 3,500. It is obvious that it will not be possible to meet this expenditure unless there is a larger membership and an increase in the number of subscribers. As pointed out in the last Annual Report, many Institutes, Universities and Colleges in India have not yet subscribed to the Journal. Unless we can increase the income of the Society by securing more members and subscribers, either the annual subscription will have to be increased or the standard of the Journal lowered. I am sure the members would not like to economise in the latter direction. It is, therefore, before you to consider the ways and means to increase the revenues of the Society. In my opinion the membership fee will have to be raised to Rs. 12/8 per annum and the subscription of the Journal to Rs. 18 or £1-6-0 foreign per volume. Unless you agree to this, I am afraid, it would not be possible to make the two ends meet, in spite of all economies.

Our grateful thanks are due to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for subsidising the printing of the Journal by 33 per cent and to the National Institute of Sciences of India for the grant of Rs. 200.

I must express my grateful thanks to the members of the Society for their kind co-operation, and to the Members of the Council in general and Dr. B. B. Mundkur, President of the Society and Dr. R. S. Vasudeva, the Editor-in-Chief, in particular, for the support, encouragement and advice which I have received from them.

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