

**FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (1951)**

I am submitting herewith the Fifth Annual Report for the year 1951 of the Indian Phytopathological Society. At the end of 1950 the total membership was stated to be 174. During 1951, four new members were enrolled. The total number of members in good standing now is 133 ; one is a Patron, 40 are Life Members, 92 have paid their subscription for 1951 and 5 have paid for 1952 also. 50 members have not paid their 1950 subscription so far in spite of repeated reminders and requests. It is earnestly hoped that they will pay up as soon as possible. In this connection I would like to point out that a considerable amount of time and money is wasted in sending reminders and I hope that the members will realise these difficulties and pay their dues on the first bill. Four members have expressed their intention to resign. They have been approached to reconsider their decisions and to continue their association with the Society.

Volume III, No. 1 and 2 of Indian Phytopathology were published this year. No. 1 has been posted to the members and the subscribers and No. 2 will be in their hands within a week. The Journal continues to enjoy great popularity in foreign countries and 25 new subscribers were added to the list of 82 this year bringing the total number to 107. This is very encouraging but unfortunately a large number of Institutions and Colleges are still not subscribing and individual members should exercise their influence to make their Institutions ask for the Journal if they are not already getting it.

As pointed out in my last report we had to change the press and entrust the work to a local press in the hope that we shall be better able to look after the printing work and expedite the issue of the Journal. Since the local press had not handed scientific material before, considerable difficulties were experienced in bringing out Vol. III in a satisfactory condition. Keeping in view the nature of work which the press had to handle, the output has not been bad and I crave the indulgence of the members and subscribers if some mistakes have crept in. Every possible care was taken and will continue to be taken to ensure the maximum amount of efficiency with the material at our disposal. Vol. IV, No. 1 is now in the galley proof stage and we shall make every endeavour to bring out Vols. IV and V before the end of 1952 thus making up for the arrears. To enable the Editor to fulfill this promise, the member should send their best articles for publication without delay because otherwise he can do nothing. Considering the wide circulation of our Journal it is no longer necessary for the research workers in this country to send their articles for publication abroad.

Putting aside a sum of Rs. 5,000/- invested in National Savings Certificates, the year began with Rs. 4,524/2/1 to our credit. Receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 4,016/12/- which includes Rs. 250/- given by the National Institute of Sciences of India as donation. The expenses incurred

during the year amounted to Rs. 1,989/9/3 only. This is due to the fact that no payments were made this year for the printing of the Journal. Next year we will have to pay for the printing of four issues, *i. e.* for Vols. III and IV, and may be for Vol. V also. Reckoning at the rate of Rs. 2,000/- as printing charges for each issue, a sum of Rs. 12,000 (Rupees Twelve Thousand) will have to be paid on this account alone during 1952. It is obvious that it will not be possible to meet this expenditure unless the membership and subscription fees are increased. It will also necessary to increase the number of members and subscribers. If every member were to undertake to enlist one more member and also makes an effort to see that his Institution becomes a subscriber, if not already so, it may still be possible to postpone the consideration of increasing the fee for another year in order to watch the results. I personally feel that we have reached a saturation point so far as the enrolment of members is concerned. We may at the most secure a few more members which will not solve the problem. A resolution is going to be put before you suggesting an increase in the fees which, I am sure, will receive your careful consideration. The cost of printing is gradually going up and there seems to be no alternative if we have to discharge our obligations efficiently. We have striven very hard to get the printing done as cheaply as possible and I am prepared to negotiate with any other press which will do our work at cheaper rates consistent with efficiency and standard.

The accounts for 1950 were audited by a Chartered Accountant at a cost of Rs. 25/- and are placed before you. They will be published in Vol. IV of the Journal. A tentative statement of Receipts and Expenditures for 1951 has been prepared and is submitted herewith. It will be properly audited by a Chartered Accountant as in the previous years.

Our grateful thanks are due to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for subsidising the printing of the Journal, INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGY, by 33 per cent and to the National Institute of Sciences of India for the grant of Rs. 250/-.

I take this opportunity to express my grateful thanks to the members of the Society, the Councillors and Dr. M. K. Patel, our president for the support, encouragement and advice which I have received from them. My grateful thanks are also due to Dr. R. S. Vasudeva for giving me the necessary facilities and to Dr. B. B. Mundkur for helping me most ungrudgingly whenever I approached him.

Lastly, I would like to be excused for not presenting my report to you personally. I had to give up the idea of travelling to Calcutta for reasons of economy and am requesting my friend Dr. B. C. Chona to act on my behalf. I wish to thank him for this trouble.

R. PRASADA
Secretary-Treasurer
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