EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (1954)

I am presenting herewith the Eighth Annual Report of the Indian Phytopathological Society for the year 1954. During this year eight new members were admitted to the Society bringing the total number to 188. The total number of subscribers at present is 126.

Three numbers of Indian Phytopathology were published during the year. Now that more papers are being received from the members for publication in our Jourual, it should be possible to issue three numbers in 1955, thus bringing the publication up-to-date.

It is a matter of great satisfaction to report that the financial position of the Society continues to be sound, inspite of the fact that, apart from a sum of Rs. 500/- received as publication grant from the National Institute of Sciences of India to whom our thanks are due, no other monetary aid was received from any other body. The year opened with a balance of Rs. 6,645/1/2, in addition to a sum of Rs. 5,000/- invested in National Savings Certificates which are kept in the custody of Lloyd's Bank Ltd., New Delhi. Receipts during the year amounted to Rs. 4,074-7-6 and Payments amounted to Rs. 5,533-10-6. The increase in expenditure is due to the fact that in 1954 piyments were mult towards three numbers (Vol. V, No. 2, and Vol. VI Nos. 1 and 2) as against two normally paid for every year. Besides, several Membership fees and subscriptions for 1954 are due which, it is expected, would be paid during the course of 1955.

Duly audited Statements of Receipts and Payments for 1953 and 1954 along with the audit Reports are placed before you for your consideration.

I take this opportunity to express my grateful thanks to the members of the Society, the President and the Councillors for their kind support. I am also grateful to Dr. R. S. Vasudeva, Head of the Division of Mycology, I.A.RI., for providing necessary facilities and to Dr. S. P. Raychaudhuri for helping me in various ways. Thanks are also due to Messrs. Aiyar & Co., Chartered Accountants, for auditing the accounts of the Society.

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