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PREFACE

The current issue of the Journal contains the Proceedings of the 18th Annual Conference of the Society held during December, 1957 at Nagpur. The Conference was attended by nearly 100 members and delegates from Central and State Governments, Universities and Research Institutions.

The subjects chosen for discussion at the Conference were :

- 1) Input-Output Relations in Indian Agriculture.
- 2) Experience of Co-operative Farming and Other Systems of Mutual Aid in Cultivation in India.
- 3) Agriculture and Its Terms of Trade with special reference to India.

An unusually large number of papers were received and read on Subject II, while on the other two subjects also select contributions were received. However, it was not possible to accommodate all the Papers submitted for the Conference in this issue, and a few contributions had to be dropped out because they did not conform to the standards of our requirements. The discussions were maintained at the usual high level. There was very lively discussion on Subject II, viz., "Experience of Co-operative Farming and Other Systems of Mutual Aid in Cultivation in India." There was not enough time to discuss all the aspects of the problem fully at the Conference. Moreover, the subject is of current interest. It was, therefore, suggested that if a small group of specialists in the subject could assemble and discuss it in greater details, some useful results may emerge. Hence, special arrangements are being made to hold a special Seminar at Poona on the 12th and 13th May, 1958. A limited number of invitations have been sent out.

As usual, arrangements were made to record the discussion by means of a tape-recorder, but was not possible to manage it owing to the failure of the machine during the Proceedings. Therefore, we very much regret that this issue does not contain the discussion on the subjects.

We take this opportunity of thanking the University of Nagpur under whose auspices the Conference met. We specially record our grateful thanks to Prof. S. D. Bal, the Local Secretary of the Conference, who had made excellent arrangements and to the Members of the Reception Committee for their generous hospitality.

31st March, 1958

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