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PREFACE

The current issue of the Journal contains the Proceedings of the 17th Annual Conference of the Society held in December 1956 at Cuttack. The Conference was attended by nearly 130 members from Central and State Governments, Universities and Research Institutions.

The subjects chosen for discussion at the Conference were :

1) Pattern of Employment of Hired Labour in Agriculture in India.

2) Effectiveness of Provision in the Tenancy Legislation for (*i*) Security of Tenure and (*ii*) Improvement in Tenurial Status of Tenants.

3) Trends in the Operation Techniques and Organisation of Agricultural Marketing in India.

An unusually large number of papers were received and read on Subject I, while on the other two subjects also there were select contributions. The level of discussions was maintained at the usual high level.

Unlike the previous Conference, it was not possible to arrange for a tape-recorder to record the discussion. Instead, arrangements were made to take down notes of the discussion by stenographers. However, notes have not been taken of the speeches of all the participants in the discussion. Hence, the discussion part on the respective subjects contain only reports which could be made available.

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

15th May, 1957

Manilal B. Nanavati
President