

benefit from the connection, whilst to us it has been of incalculable value. On financial grounds alone I do not think that without their aid we could have survived". By now the Indian Science Congress has been able similarly to assist other more recently conceived causes. *Current Science* itself, we are glad to acknowledge, came into being as the result of an informal meeting of scientists from all over India called together at the instance of members of the Indian Institute of Science and other bodies, during the Bangalore Meeting of the Congress in 1932; and the harmony established between the various all-India scientific societies that have been formed, for the most part comparatively recently, in different centres, is due in no small measure to the negotiations of a special Committee appointed by the Science Congress at its 1934 meeting.

The general plan on which the Indian Science Congress was conceived and built up was that of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, and it is therefore peculiarly fitting that its Silver Jubilee should be celebrated by a joint meeting with that body. But it must not be supposed that the

former is simply a copy of the latter. Distances in India are so much greater than in Britain, that travelling takes much longer and costs much more. Consequently it is not possible for any large number of people habitually to attend every meeting. But those who endeavour to do so form a nucleus for gatherings, the composition of which varies in accordance with the geographical locations of the particular meeting but is always far from being confined to residents of that particular city or even Province or State. The Indian Science Congress may thus perhaps be said to bear a relation to its individual members intermediate between that borne by the British Association to its members in the British Isles and in the Dominions. Nor is this the only adaptation that has taken place to meet the need of Indian conditions.

The Indian Science Congress has already given twenty-five years of notable service to the country. We join in the thanks that must be given to those who have devoted their time and thought to its welfare, and we look forward to a period of steadily increasing utility for it in the future.

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