

Editorial

RUMBLING AND CRACKS, UNITY AND PROGRESS AT KANPUR

The Association of Physiologists and Pharmacologists of India established in 1955 was in its 15th year when it met in December, 1969 at Kanpur for its Annual Conference. During the previous year, organisational problems were to be reviewed by a Committee of the Association. The reports were presented and the deliberations of the Executive Committee came to a very mature and sensible solutions of the problems posed. These ideas were put up before the General Body meeting at the Conference.

It is gratifying to note that inspite of the din and noise created by a *vocal minority* to bring about a crack in the Association, the *silent majority* made its debut by way of organisational reform for better work of the Association. All efforts were made by the founders of the Association to put forward the imperative need of reform and infact to bring about greater consolidation and unity amongst the members of this vast body of Physiologists ; Pharmacologists and other allied scientists from all over India. It was decided to remain within the folds of the Association and to improve the health of the Association by making it more democratic according to the desired wishes of its members.

To the myopic the earlier set up was a coterie of a few elite of the Association. To the broadminded, the founders, all these years had worked to establish and nurture a new forum and a platform for scientific discussion, where none existed before. They had volunteered to steer the Association with their sweat and hard work, and had brought it to its present stature after fifteen years. It is with a sense of pleasure and satisfaction that the present Editor notes the immense progress made by the Association at Kanpur where, besides, two scientific symposia held, 110 scientific papers were read and discussed.

Rumblings in the Association—a sign of adolescence in its teens ("We are Fifteen going on Sixteen"); affect its organisation and hence made its impact on the management of the Journal also.

A new group of talented and dedicated members have offered their services to the cause of Physiology, Pharmacology and allied Sciences and have accepted the membership of the Advisory Board and Editorial Committee. With their enthusiastic and dynamic leadership it is sincerely hoped that the standard of our publication will remain second to none in the international fields of sciences of Physiology and Pharmacology.

There is slight lag in the publication due to organisational problems but we will catch up.

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