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The investigations on the Spotted Boll-worms described in this Monograph were carried out at Surat from September 1923 till March 1931, by a group of workers appointed by the Bombay Department of Agriculture. Mr. Ramrao S. Kasargode was in charge of them during the first five years, after which he had to retire prematurely on account of ill health and consequently they were conducted by me during the remaining four years. My thanks are due to my colleagues, Messrs. S. G. Kadkol, N. T. Nadkarny, B. J. Thakar, M. S. Patel and B. K. Desai for their sincere co-operation. I am greatly indebted to Dr. W. Burns for the guidance and encouragement which I received from him during the period of the last four years of this work. Throughout the period from 1923 to 1931, these investigations were financed by the Indian Central Cotton Committee.

As a result of these investigations, it was found that the "clean-up" measures, described on p. 91, offered the most promising means of controlling the Spotted Boll-worms. A scheme was, therefore, started in the Broach District in April, 1931, in order to determine the efficiency of these measures and this is still in progress. This scheme also is financed by the Indian Central Cotton Committee.

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