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This "Annual Report", which is published to make known to Engineers in India and other countries the problems confronting Irrigation Engineers in India, and the research and investigations, undertaken to solve them, is the fifth issue of its kind, and records the technical work of the Central Board of Irrigation during the year 1938-39.

The technical discussions are the result of three meetings given hereunder in chronological order:

(i) The Third Winter Meeting of the Research Committee, March 1939.
(iii) The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Central Board of Irrigation, November 1939.

For the information of the two last named meetings, summaries were prepared of the work done during 1938-39 by the five Research Stations which operate under the aegis of the Central Board of Irrigation, and are included with discussions in this publication.

The technical contents of the volume have been divided into seventeen groups, and the relevant discussions of the three meetings appear under their respective groups. It is thought that this new arrangement will facilitate reference.

Efforts have been made to provide a fully comprehensive index.

The undersigned would like to repeat the request contained in previous reports, for the supply of information relating to any of the problems mentioned in this publication, or any other matters of interest to Irrigation Engineers. He will gladly furnish further details of any of the experiments, investigations, etc., or other information relating to the problems mentioned in this Report.

A. R. B. Edgcombe,
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