

A C K N O W L E D G E M E N T S

I wish to express my appreciation to my guide - Prof. A. R. Chavan, B. Sc. (Hons.), Ph. D. (Neb., U. S. A.), F. B. S., for helpful guidance. He has obliged me by registering my name under him at the stage when my earlier guide - Dr. V. G. Phatak, M. Sc. (Dist.), D. Sc. (Montepellier), at present Professor of Botany, University of Baghdad, resigned his appointment in the M. S. University of Baroda. During the course of this work, I derived great joy and inspiration from my teachers. My bow to them.

It is my duty to acknowledge my indebtedness to Rev. Father H. Santapau, S. J., Ph. D. (Rome.), Ph. D. (Lond.), D. I. C., F. N. I., F. L. S., F. B. S., Chief Botanist, Botanical Survey of India, for welcoming me to do the present work for several months at the famous Blatter Herbarium and Library housed in his department of the St. Xavier's College, Bombay, and by putting several research students almost constantly at my disposal, which simplified things considerably. Mr. Nazareth, the librarian and Keeper of the Herbarium, has helped me a lot during my stay. I thank them all. In the thesis proper, Fr. Santapau has kindly gone through the Introduction, Artificial Key to the Families of Pavagadh, and MS. of the Nomenclature of Pavagadh plants. I am indeed fortunate enough to have come in association with Rev. Fr. Santapau. I have derived great benefit through his numerous personal letters, copies of reprints, and discussions.

My sincere gratitude is due to Dr. F. A. Stafleu, International Bureau for Plant Taxonomy and Nomenclature, Utrecht, Netherlands, for gladly checking my MS. with respect to the nomenclature. My gratitude to Dr. Stafleu is something more than that of a student to his teacher !

My thanks are extended to Shri. M. B. Raizada, F. N. I., Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, and to the late Dr. D. Chatterjee of the Indian Botanic Garden, Calcutta, for their prompt help in the identification of some of my plants. Shri. Y. K. Sane, B. Sc., of my department did all the photographic work for which I am grateful to him. My thanks must go to Prof. J. D. Oza, F. B. S., Ahmedabad, Dr. V. S. Dubey of Banaras Hindu University, Mr. John F. M. Cannon and Mr. John Lewis of the British Museum (Natural History), London, Dr. Brian L. Burtt, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, Dr. Earl Edward Sherff (Michigan, U. S. A.), Honorary Research Associate in Systematic Botany, Chicago Natural History Museum, U. S. A., Mr. Isaac H. Burkill, Dr. Norman L. Bor, M. A., D. Sc., F. L. S., Mr. Jan B. Gillett, M. A., F. L. S., all of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and the authorities at Kew who gave us the 3 African duplicates of Indigofera, Dr. Y. I. Prokhanov, Makhatchkala, U. S. S. R., who have helped me in their own special fields.

' Flora work ' is a ' team work ' and something which is rather time - consuming ! But for the grace of Almighty and Goddess Kalika and Bhadrakali, it would not have been possible

for me atleast to concentrate on Pavagadh and bring the work to a successful completion. Next helpers are my parents and well - wishers - Rev. Fr. H. Santapau, S. J., Rev. Fr. J. Martin, S. J., Shri. Jayasing M. Ghorpade - former Indian Test cricketer, Mr. Nariman A. Irani, M. Sc., and Shri. B. B. Joshi, M. Sc., Dip. Museo. They were first to suggest that I should undertake this field work, and their encouragement has been given unsparingly and effectively in overcoming my difficulties. I thank them for many things, but especially for their keen interest which has never fluctuated.

Kothi Avenue Road,
Salat Wada, BARODA.

Independence Day, 15th August 1961.



G. M. Oze