

infected by a sooty mould. The specimens were examined and the leaflets were found to be covered with cleistothecia of a *Meliola*. The fungus under report very closely agrees with *Meliola albizziae* Hansford and Deighton<sup>1</sup> described from West Africa and is being reported here for the first time from India. A brief description and illustration of the local collection is presented in this note.

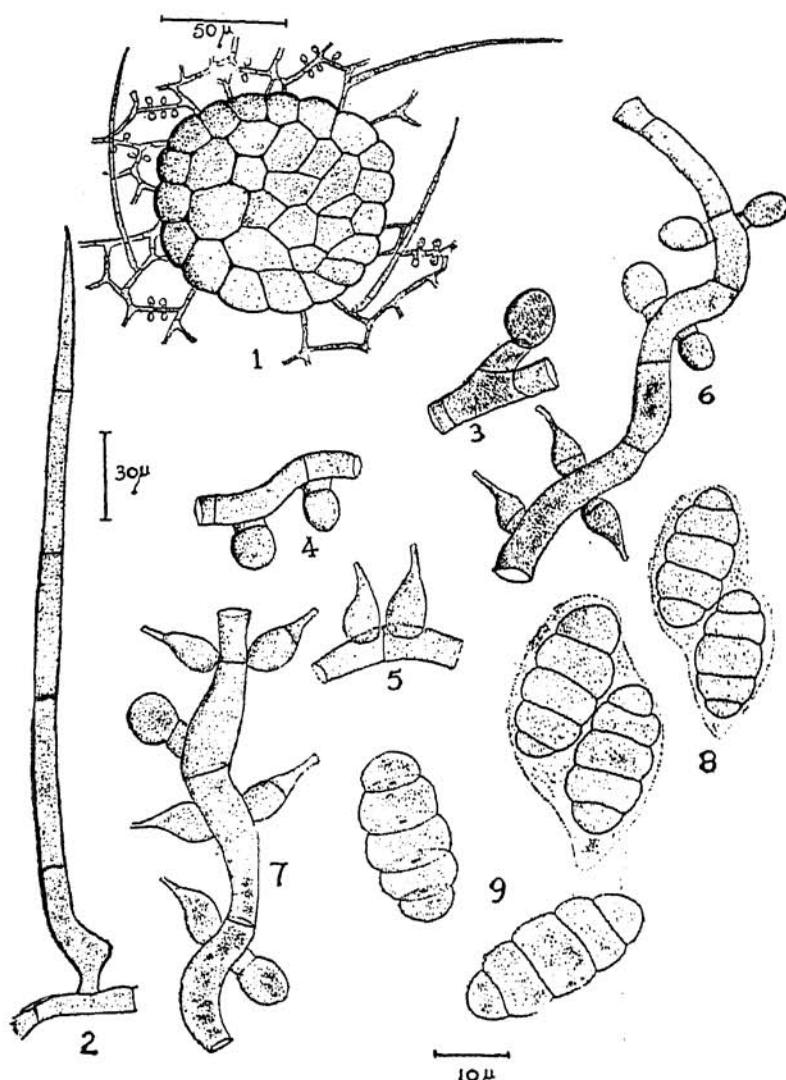
Plagues epiphyllous, thin to dense, more often confluent than discontinuous. Mycelium dematiaceous, sinuous, repent, measuring up to  $8\mu$  in diameter, composed of individual cells that are up to  $30\mu$  long, ramified, reticulate. *Hypopodia capitata* are alternate or opposite, attached obliquely to the mycelium, at times erect to sub-erect measuring 10 to  $15\mu$  long, the basal cell short, cylindrical, 3 to  $5\mu$  long, the apical cell cylindrical, clavate with obtuse or subconical apex straight or somewhat curved, measuring up to  $10\mu$  in diameter. *Hypopodia mucronata* dispersed between *Hypopodia capitata*, alternate, opposite or indifferent, ampulliform or conoid, measuring up to  $15\mu$  long. Mycelial setæ abundant, scattered, erect, measuring up to  $300\mu$  long by  $8\mu$  broad with rough surface. Perithecia scattered, globose, verrucose, up to  $160\mu$  in diameter. Ascii two-spored, ascospores hyaline when not mature turning fuligineous with maturity, cylindrical with obtuse apices, 4-septate, constricted at the septa, measuring 30 to 40 by 12 to  $14\mu$ .

The specimens are deposited in the Mycological Herbarium, Tocklai Experimental Station.

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FIGS. 1-9. *Meliola albizziae* Hansford and Deighton. Fig. 1. Cleistothecium showing mycelial setae and hyphopodia. Fig. 2. A mycelial seta. Figs. 3-4. *Hypopodia capitata*. Fig. 5. *Hypopodia mucronata*. Figs. 6-7. Showing the arrangement of the hyphopodia. Fig. 8. Ascii with spores. Fig. 9. Ascospores.

1. Hansford, C. G. and Deighton, F. C., "West African Meliolinea II", *Mycological Papers, Commonwealth Mycological Institute*, 1948, 23.