

ANNUAL REPORT

1942.

The Annual General Meeting was held on March 1st, 1942 at the Society's Home, in Asoka Road, Bangkok, with the President, H. H. Prince Dhani Nivat, in the chair. In submitting the annual report and the statement of account for the year just concluded the President commented upon the close and loyal co-operation he had received all through the year from his colleagues on the Council.

The Council for 1942 was then elected as follows :

H. H. Prince Dhani Nivat,		<i>President.</i>
H. H. Prince Varnvaidyakorn,	}	<i>Vice-Presidents.</i>
Nai S. S. Sukhayanga, <i>Leader of Travel Section,</i> (Phya Sarasastra Sirilakshna).		
Mr. U. L. Guehler, <i>Leader of Natural History Section,</i>		
H. H. Prince Prem Purachatra,		<i>Hon. Editor.</i>
M. C. Ajavadis Diskul,		<i>Hon. Secretary.</i>
Mr. I. Zieler,		<i>Hon. Treasurer.</i>
Dr. J. J. de Campos,		<i>Hon. Librarian.</i>
Nai Saroj R. Sukhayanga, (Phra Saroj Ratananimman).		<i>Hon. Architect.</i>
Major E. Seidensfaden,		<i>Leader of Section for Archaeology & Ethnology.</i>

Reverend Father L. Chorin.

Mom Luang Pin Malakul.

Nai Visuddhi C. Krairiksh (Luang Chakrapani).

Nai Sukieh Nimmanhemin.

Professor T. Byodo.

Mr. Y. Nitta.

The Council held nine business meetings during the year. Two meetings in October and November had to be cancelled due to the flood and the consequent difficulty in the means of transportation

The new Council upon taking office appointed the following standing committees :

<i>Finance</i>	The Senior Vice-President (H. H. Prince Varnvaidyakorn), Chairman. The Hon. Treasurer. The Hon. Secretary.
<i>Exchange</i>	The Hon. Librarian (Dr. J. J. de Campos), Chairman. The Hon. Editor of the Journal. Major E. Seidenfaden.
<i>Editorial</i>	The Hon. Editor of the Journal (H. H. Prince Prem Purachatra), Chairman. H. H. Prince Dhani Nivat. The Leader of the Natural History Section. Dr. Vidya Sivasriyanond. Nai Ariyant Manjikul—being co-opted later.
<i>Membership</i>	H. H. Prince Varnvaidyakorn, Chairman. Mr. U. L. Guehler. Professor T. Byodo. Mom Luang Pin Malakul.

The Committee for Prizes was abrogated temporarily for the year.

At the close of 1942 the Society's membership consisted of :

Honorary	9
Corresponding	5
Life	3
Ordinary	156
Associate	19
Free	1

making a total of 193 as compared with 247 in 1941, 233 in 1940, 200 in 1939 and 186 in 1938. This considerable reduction can be explained by the fact that we have to lose numerous members on account of the state of war.

During the year the Society had arranged 8 meetings, namely :

Ordinary Meetings :

- on March 1st. 1942, Professor N. Tsuda lectured on "The Japanese Buddhism ;"
- on September 4th. 1942, films of old Thai ceremonies were shown by H. H. Prince Prem Purachatra ;
- on December 13th. 1942, Dr. R. Hoffbauer lectured on "A Medical Retrospect of Thailand ;"
- on January 18th. 1943, Professor George Coedès lectured on "The Empire of the South Seas (*Śrīvijaya*, 6th—13th Century)."

Natural History Section's Meetings:

- on January 12th. 1942, Professor K. Shibuya lectured on "Plant Growth and Human Diet ;"
- on June 26th. 1942, Dr. R. Hoffbauer lectured on "The Occurrence and Appearances of the Malaria in South Thailand ;"
- on January 17th. 1943, Nai Ariyant Manjikul lectured on "Glimpses of Pepper Cultivation in Thailand."

Excursion : •

- on September 6th. 1942, a visit was arranged by the Leader of Travel Section to the National Museum under the guidance of Nai P. Boriban Buriphan, the Curator.

The year under review has certainly been an abnormal one. Owing to unavoidable circumstances we have had to face a series of unpremeditated difficulties. All the funds formerly available having been deposited in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corporation and therefore rendered impossible to be drawn upon, we have had to depend entirely upon the current year's revenue for our maintenance ; our membership having been reduced for the reason as stated above, thus affecting our income in subscriptions ; lectures and meetings have had to be cancelled at first owing to the local black-out, then to the high and unprecedented floods and all through by the lack of benzine and the consequent limitation of means of transportation, which factor has necessitated abandoning altogether the excursions of historical and archaeological interest so successfully carried out in 1941.

Adversity, however, did not come singlehanded and was to a pleasurable surprising extent offset by redeeming features. When all is considered, especially in comparison with the state of affairs of the Society during the days of the last Great War of 1914-1918, our position cannot be said to be unsatisfactory. We have been able to present the members with not less than eight lecture meetings, two of which were very largely attended; we have been able to issue a number of the Natural History Bulletin and a Thai number of the Journal, and had it not been for the closing down of our firm of Publishers and the difficulties of obtaining paper in the market we should have been able to publish at least another number of the Journal; as it is, Volume XXXIV, part I, is already in the press; we have had fine support from the general body of our members by way of subscriptions and their arrears; and lastly our sales of publications have been particularly good, the figure for this year amounting to Baht 1,427.70, the highest figure reached since 1935. Actually there has been a further sale of Baht 1,603.50 to Japanese members, etc., but as the remittance had not yet reached this country the sale will be included in next year's receipts.

Looking ahead then, the prospect of our Society should be considered as satisfactory, for among other schemes we hope to be able to publish no less than two more numbers of the Journal but possibly more and to be able to keep up our meetings.

STATEMENT OF
ACCOUNTS

1942

FINANCIAL RESUME

		Receipts	Baht
<i>Subscriptions ;</i>			
Ordinary Members, Arrears 1935 - 40		Baht	225.00
" " " 1941	...	"	150.00
" " Current 1942	...	"	2,612.50
Associate Members	"	—.—
Life Members	"	—.— 2,987.50
<i>Sales of Publications :</i>			
Journal of the Society	Baht	433.80
The Bulletin (Natural History Supplement)		"	211.00
The Môn Dictionary	"	22.00
Le May: <i>The Coinage of Siam</i>	"	6.75
Craib's <i>Florae Siamensis Enumeratio</i>		"	254.50
Burnay et Lingat: <i>Lois Siamoisés,</i> <i>Code de 1805 A. D.</i>		"	—.—
Catalogue of the Stamps of Siam	"	—.—
Credner: <i>Observations in Tali Region Yunnan</i>		"	—.— 928.80
<i>Sundry Accounts</i>			
Bank Interest	"	5.67

 Baht 3,921.97

Examined and found to agree with the books and vouchers.

J. ERIKSEN,

Hon. Auditor.

Bangkok, 20th January 1943.

OF THE YEAR 1942.

Expenditure

<i>Home's Maintenance</i>		Baht
Wages of Caretaker	Baht 300.00
Fire Insurance of Building (Baht 25,000)	95.09
Electric Light and Fans	16.00
Mains Water Supply	10.80
Sundries	21.50
White Ant Control	60.00
Repairs and Renewals	— —
		503.39
 <i>Library & Stocks of Publications :</i>		
Wages of Clerk	Baht 180.00
Book-binding	— —
Fire Insurance of Books & Furniture (Baht 10,000)	38.04
Books purchased	— —
		218.04
 <i>Secretarial & Editorial :</i>		
Postage & Revenue Stamps, Hon. Treasurer	Baht	33.49
Postage, General & Hon. Secretary	77.60
Hire of P. O. Box No. 65	20.00
Printing of :		
Journal of Society	— —
The Bulletin (Nat. Hist)	633.02
Author's Separates	26.68
Circulars, notices & stationery	248.30
Wrapping & addressing Publications	13.96
		1,053.05
 <i>Sundry Accounts :</i>		
Representation, Meeting Expenses etc.	91.00
Exchange adjustment	00.02
Honoured uncashed cheques drawn on Hongkong Bank relating to 1941 items	384.57
		Total Expenditure Baht 2,250.07
Income over Expenditure forward to Finance Account	Baht	1,671.90
		Baht 3,921.97

I. ZIELER.

Hon. Treasurer.

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