IN MEMORIAM

We record with great regret the passing away of our late Patron, His Majesty King Ananda Mahidol, which caused a nation-wide sorrow and consternation. In the words of a distinguished foreigner, in fact, His death was an affair of international concern. His exalted position and the promise He gave of a real chief of state who could be depended upon to devote His life and loyalty to the important role He was to fill in the democratic development of Siam were factors which made our grief all the more deeply felt. In the short time He was in this country during the present visit His Majesty was already showing an interest in the activities of our Society, and, besides attending a lecture meeting on the 24th March 1946 at the home of the Society, was planning a series of visits of study to the home when more important affairs claimed His attention. We beg to offer our most humble and respectful expressions of condolence and sympathy to His Majesty King Bhumipol, to Her Royal Highness the dowager Princess of Songkhla and to the Royal Family in this their sad bereavement.
Members of the Council lay a wreath before the Urn of His late Majesty King Ananda Mahidol in the name of the Siam Society.