

# SIAM SOCIETY

## ANNUAL REPORT

1946

The Annual General Meeting was held on February 24th, 1946 at the Society's Home, 60, Asoka Road, Bangkok, with the President, His Royal Highness Prince Wanwaithayakorn, in the chair.

In submitting the Annual Report and the Statement of Accounts for the year 1945 just concluded, the President mentioned that the transport and difficulties had not eased as much as one should have wished; the activities of the Society had therefore not been great, but the Council had tried hard and done their best under the circumstances.

After the conclusion of the business of the day the President gave an interesting and instructive lecture on "Coining New Words in Siamese."

It is with great regret that the Council has to refer to the sad demise of His late Majesty, Ananda, King of Siam, our Patron. Though His Majesty was among us only for the short space of six months, He was already evincing great interest to our activities and actually attended our meeting which took place during His stay in Bangkok on the 24th March when His Highness Prince Dhani Nivat lectured on the Meaning and Form of the Siamese Coronation Ceremony.

On Wednesday 24th July 1946 the Council, led by the President, proceeded to the Dusit Throne Hall to pay homage and lay a wreath before the Urn of His late Majesty King Ananda Mahidol in the name of the Society.

It is with much pleasure that the Council is enabled to announce that His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to accept our invitation to become the Society's Patron in succession to His august brother.

The Council of the Society for the year 1945 was re-elected *en bloc* for 1946 and the standing committee appointed by the Council were practically the same as before. During the year a few changes on the Council had to be made. The Honorary Treasurer on being transferred from Bangkok in his professional work was succeeded by Mr. B. Halbi; the Honorary Librarian on assuming the customary vows of the Buddhist monastic order was succeeded by Mr. Ariyant Manjikul. His Serene Highness rejoined the Council at the latter's invitation on the conclusion of his period of monastic life. Mr. W. A. M. Doll, Mr. D. C. Rivett-Carnac and Miss Dorothy Ward were also co-opted by the Council towards the end of the year.

His Royal Highness, the President, on account of his appointment as the Chief Delegate of Siam to the United Nations Conference in New York was absent from the country since August 1946 until January 23rd, 1947.

Mr. L. Heyde Petersen, who was elected Honorary Auditor at the last Annual General Meeting could not audit the accounts of the Society due to his impending departure from the country. The Council was fortunate to be able to co-opt the service of Mr. L. F. Sequeira, who was kind enough to take the trouble and to spare his time going through and duly audited the accounts and the Financial Statement of the Society.

The Council begs to report with regret that Phya Srisdikar Banchong, the Honorary Secretary, had met with a serious accident on January 2nd, 1947 when he was returning home after a business Meeting of the Council of the Society. He was knocked down from his bicycle which he was riding by a motor-cycle with a side car on Phya Thai Road, and had to be taken to the hospital in an unconscious state, and to remain there some weeks. It was necessary for the Council to find somebody to carry on the work of the Honorary Secretary. The Council in this case has been very fortunate to procure the service of His Serene Highness Mom Chao Ajavadis Diskul, who has recently rejoined the Council and who

was kind enough to undertake to carry on the work which was not new to him by any means.

The membership of the Society at the end of the year was:

Honorary Members	17
Corresponding Members	12
Life Members	12
Ordinary Members	159
Associate Members	3
Free Members	4

making a total of 207, as compared with 160 in 1945, 157 in 1944 and 233 in 1940.

The financial position remains sound as before.

On account of the general rise in the cost of living and consequently of the price of everything it was decided at a general meeting specially convened in December 1946 to raise the annual subscription for ordinary members to 50 baht and for life members to 500 baht taking effect from January 1947.

The year has been gradual resumption of activities. Three lectures have been delivered, the first on the 24th of March by His Highness Prince Dhani Nivat, to which reference has been already made; the second by Phra Saroj Ratananimman, Honorary Architect, on the Golden Meru and the third by Dr. R. Hofbauer on the Superstitions and Beliefs of the Red Thai (Yang Daeng.) All the lectures were well attended. Besides lectures two excursions have been arranged, the first to the Grand Palace and the Chapel Royal of the Emerald Buddha and the second to Wat Phra Jetubon, otherwise Wat Po.

Our publications have had to face considerable difficulties, for though we do not lack material, there has hardly been available any publisher who could print for us within a reasonable space of time. Fortunately we laid in our stock of good paper some five years ago and even in a period when no good paper was to be had in the market we managed nevertheless to issue our publications. During the past year Volume XXXVI, Part 1 as well as the Thai Journal No. 3 was published.



THE SIAM  
FINANCIAL RESUME OF

**Receipts**

<i>Subscriptions :</i>		Baht
Ordinary Members, Current 1946	Baht 2,525.00	
— „ — Overdue	„ 25.00	
Associate Members	„ 15.00	
Life Members	„ <u>900.00</u>	3,465.00

*Sales of Publications :*

Journal of the Society	Baht 1,063.50	
The Bulletin ( Natural History Supplement )	„ 1,214.40	
Le May : The Coinage of Siam	„ 112.00	
Catalogue of the Stamps of Siam	„ 10.00	
Credner: Observation in Tali Region	„ <u>3.00</u>	2,402.90

*Sundry Accounts:*

Bank Interest	305.17
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			Baht <u><u>6,173.07</u></u>

Examined and found to agree with the books and vouchers.

L. F. Sequeira

*Hon. Auditor*

*Bangkok, 16th January 1947*

# SOCIETY

THE YEAR 1946

## Expenditure

### *Home's Maintenance :*

		Baht
Wage of Caretaker	Baht	620.00
Fire Insurance of Building ( Baht 25,000 )	„	95.09
Electric Light & Fans	„	90.00
Main Water Supply	„	27.00
Sundries, Conveyance, etc.	„	653.75
White Ant Control	„	60.00
Meeting Expenses	„	<u>10.00</u> 1,555.84

### *Library & Stocks of Publications :*

Wages of Clerks ( two )	Baht	520.00
Fire Insurance of Books & Furniture ( Baht 10,000 )	„	38.04 558.04

### *Secretariat & Editorial :*

Postage & Revenue Stamps, Hon. Treasurer	Baht	323.40
„ „ General Hon. Secretary	„	84.00
Clerical Service Hon. Treasurer	„	240.00
Hire of Post Box 65	„	20.00
Printing of :—		
Journal of Society, Thai Number, No. 3	„	785.00
Circulars, Notices & Stationery	„	<u>942.00</u> 2,394.40

Total Expenditure Baht 4,508.28

Excess of income over expenditure

carried forward to Finance Account „ 1,664.76

Baht 6,173.07

B. Halbi

*Hon. Treasurer*

# THE COUNCIL OF THE SIAM SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1947

*Patron*                      *His Majesty The King*

His Highness Prince Dhani Nivat	President
His Excellency Phya Sarasastra Sirilakshna	Vice-President & Leader of Travel Section
His Highness Prince Prem Purachatra	Vice - President
Mom Chao Ajavadis Diskul	Hon. Secretary
Mr. C. F. Grove	Hon. Treasurer
Mr. J. J. Boeles	Hon. Editor
Miss Dorothy Ward	Hon. Librarian
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Mr. Ariyant Manjikul	Leader of Natural His- tory Section
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Luang Raksa Naves	
Mom Rajawongs Sumonajat Svasdikul	
Mr. W. A. M. Doll	
Mr. D. C. Rivett-Carnac	
Mom Luang Pin Malakul	
Mr. Sanya Dharmasakti	
Mr. B. Halbi	

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The annual subscription is Baht 50. There is no entrance fee. Persons wishing to become members should communicate with the *Hon. Secretary, H. S. H. Mom Chao Ajavadias Diskul*

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### **LIBRARY**

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