

ANNUAL REPORT

1949

The Annual General Meeting terminating the year 1948 was held on March 9th, 1949 at the Society's Home, No. 60, Asoka Road, Bangkapi, with the President, His Highness Prince Dhani Nivat, in the chair.

The Council for 1949 was elected as follows :

H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat	President,
Phya Sarasastra Sirilakshna	Senior Vice-President and Leader of the Travel Section.

H.H. Prince Prem Purachatra, B.A. Vice-President,

H.E. Chao Phya Sri Dharmadhibes Vice-President,

Mom Chao Ajavadis Diskul Hon. Secretary,

C.F. Grove Hon. Treasurer,

Mom Rajawongse Sumonjati

Swasdikul

Hon. Librarian,

Olcott H. Deming

Hon. Editor of the Journal,

U.L. Guehler

Leader of the Natural History Section.

Mom Luang Pin Malakul, M.A.,

Sanya Dharmasakti

Chaloem Puranananda, M.D.

Ariyant Manjikul,

Phya Anuvat Vanaraks,

Phya Arthakariya Nibond,

W.A.M. Doll,

Colonel Elliott R. Thorpe,

Luang Jamni Kolakarn,

H.E. Mr. Bhagwat Dayal,

Lauriston Sharp, D. Sc.

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

FINANCE :

The Senior Vice-President (Phya Sarasastra Sirilakshna),
Chairman,

The Honorary Secretary,

The Honorary Treasurer.

EXCHANGE :

The Honorary Librarian (Mom Rajawongse Sumonjati Swasdi-
kul), Chairman,

The Honorary Editor of the Journal,

U.L. Guehler,

W.A.M. Doll.

EDITORIAL :

The Honorary Editor of the Journal (Olcott H. Deming),
Chairman,

The Leader of the Natural History Section,

H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat,

H.H. Prince Prem Purachatra,

Colonel Elliott R. Thorpe.

The following changes were made on the Council during the year: Colonel Elliott R. Thorpe and Dr. Lauriston Sharp resigned from the Council owing to their departure from Siam for the United States. Mom Rajawongse Sumonjati Swasdikul resigned from the Honorary Librarianship of the Society but still remained on the Council. The position of the Honorary Librarian was taken over by Miss Mary Anglemyer, who was co-opted in June 1949. During the year under review the Honorary Treasurer was absent on home leave for six months and during his absence Mr. H.G. Frandsen was in charge of the Society's accounts in the capacity of Acting Honorary Treasurer.

There were three other co-options as members on the Council, namely, Mr. J.J. Boeles, Phya Anuman Rajadhon and Mr. C.M. Anderson, the first two to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Colonel Elliott R. Thorpe and Dr. Lauriston Sharp as already mentioned.

The Council held eleven business meetings during the year. Five meetings were held at the Society's Home in Asoka Road and six meetings at the President's house in Pechaburi Road.

At the close of 1949 the Society's membership was as follows :

Honorary	17
Corresponding	10
Free	4
Life	22
Ordinary	275
Associate	36

making a total of 364 as compared with 343 in 1948, 292 in 1947, 207 in 1946 and 160 in 1945. The number of members keeps growing month by month and it is again with great gratification that the Council is able to report that this figure is the highest on record as compared with the previous years.

The Society arranged the following meetings during the year :

Ordinary General Meetings :

- On February 11th, 1949: *Australian films* supplied by the Australian Consulate-General were shown;
- On March 9th 1949: R. Lingat, Ph. D., of the Faculte de Droit de l'Indochine lectured on *The Evolution of the Concept of Law in Burma and Siam*";
- On March 21st, 1949: H.H. Prince Prem Purachatra, Professor of English of Chulalongkorn University, lectured on "*Learning without Tears*";
- On May 17th, 1949: Nai Kamol Janlekha, Lecturer of the College of Agriculture, Kasetsatr University, lectured on "*The Siamese Rice Farmer and His Economic Problems*";
- On May 20th, 1949: Siva Narayana Sen, Dr. Litt. (Paris), archaeologist and anthropologist, formerly of the British Museum and Victoria and Albert Museum, London and of Nepal Museum, Nepal, lectured on "*Nepal and the Nepalese*";
- On May 26th, 1949: *Indian films* supplied by the courtesy of the Indian Legation were shown;

- On June 14th, 1949: Mom Rajawongse Seni Pramoj, lectured on "*King Mongkut as a Legislator*";
- On July 22nd, 1949: *Australian Information films* were shown for the second time:
- On September 27th, 1949: Professor Ralph E. Turner, Sociologist and Durfee Professor of History at Yale University, former Professor at the University of Iowa, University of Minnesota and the American University in Washington, D.C., lectured on "*The Social Projection of Science*";
- On October 28th, 1949: Mom Luang Xujati Kambhu, Acting Director-General of the Irrigation Department, lectured on "*Something about Water in Thailand*";
- On November 29th, 1949: Dr. Amiya Chakravarty, D. Litt., Visiting Professor at the Howard University, Washington, D.C., lectured on "*Cultural Relationships between India and Siam*";
- On December 30th, 1949: Professor Harold H. Fisher of Stanford University, California, U.S.A., Chairman of the Hoover Library on War, Revolution and Peace and Director of the Civil Affairs Training School, U.S.A. lectured on "*Russia*";
- On January 20th, 1950: Sir Eugen Millington-Drake, K.C.M.G., Vice-President of the Poetry Society, London, Representative of the Royal India and Pakistan Society and formerly Chief Representative of the British Council in Spanish America, lectured on "*The Poetry of Asia and the Americas*";
- On January 31st 1950: Htin Aung, Ph. D. (Dublin), Barrister-at-Law, Fellow of the University of Rangoon, Professor of English and Administrator of Rangoon University,, lectured on "*The Burmese Drama*".

Natural History Section's Meetings:

- On September 12th, 1949: Colin C. Sanborn, Curator of Mammals at the Chicago Natural History Museum, U.S.A., lectured on "*The Expedition of the Chicago Natural History Museum in Siam*".

Travel Section's Meetings :

On July 31st, 1949: Excursion trip to Wat Sai and Wat Raj-Oros on the west bank of the Chao Phya River;

On August 21st, 1949: Visit to Wat Bovoranives.

One publication was issued in June 1949, namely the Journal of the Siam Society, Volume XXXVII, Part 2. Another Journal has been completed, namely Journal of the Siam Society, Volume XXXVIII, Part 1, and is now being forwarded to members.

The financial position of the Society remains satisfactory as in the former years, showing a surplus of Baht 5,618.96 over the expenditure at the end of 1949, which enables the Society to transfer Baht 5,000.00 more to fixed deposit account in the Siam Commercial Bank, Ltd., bringing the total of fixed deposit account to Baht 27,100.00 as compared with Baht 22,100.00 in 1948.

It is to be noted with some satisfaction that the work of the Siam Society is being gradually realized by a wider circle of learned and International Institutions as evidenced by invitations to their Conferences and similar courtesies. Unfortunately on account of our members being mostly men who have their individual business or calling to attend to, most of them had to be declined.

One act of great courtesy should be recorded. The Rockefeller Foundation, of its own accord, suggested giving a grant-in-aid to our Society for the support of an American scholar, Mr. William J. Gedney, doing research work in Siamese literature in Siam, on condition that the President of the Siam Society made a formal request in that scholar's favour. This was duly complied with and Mr. Gedney has benefitted by a substantial grant-in-aid to last for a year.

The Library received 132 copies of books and periodicals from local as well as foreign institutions during the year. Among the donors it should be mentioned that the Yale University presented a gift of 14 books to the Siam Society's Library through the courtesy of Professor Ralph E. Turner, who passed through Bangkok and lectured to the Siam Society on September 27th, 1949 on the subject of "The Social Projection of Science".

THE SIAM
Balance Sheet as at

Liabilities

Sundry Creditors:

Subscriptions prepaid per 31/12/1949 Baht 100.00

Consignment Account:

Otto Harrassowitz, Leipzig 671.10

Reserves:

General Reserve

Balance as at 31/12/1948 8,345.00

Add reserve for Home's

Electric Wiring 164.40 8,509.40

Repairs

Balance as at 31/12/1948 3,000.00

Set aside during 1949 3,000.00 6,000.00

Book Purchases

Balance as at 31/12/1948 2,000.00

Set aside during 1949 2,000.00

4,000.00

Less Purchases during 1949 162.52 3,837.48

Further Printing of Craib's Florae

Balance as at 31/12/1948 1,655.00

Publication of "The Sanctuary of the Sacred Fig-Tree"

Contribution received during 1949 1,500.00

Excursions

Set aside during 1949 665.10 22,166.98

Surplus:

Balance as at 31/12/1948 12,968.81

Less Transfer to Reserves during 1949 5,665.10

7,303.71

Add Excess of Receipts over Expenditure

during 1949 5,618.96 12,922.67

35,860.75

Audited and found to agree with the books and vouchers.

L.F. Sequeira.

Honorary Auditor.

Bangkok, 28th February 1950.

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31st December 1949

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Assets

Fixed Deposit:

The Siam Commercial Bank, Ltd. Baht 27,100.00

Cash and Bank:

Cash in Hand 147.25

The Siam Commercial Bank, Ltd.,
Current Account 5,809.80 5,957.05

Sundry Debtors:

Orientalia, Inc., New York, U.S. \$84.53
@ Baht 20.00 1,690.60

Accrued Assets :

Accrued interest as at 31/12/1949 442.00

Consignment Account :

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THE SIAM
Financial resume

Receipts

Subscriptions:

Ordinary Members, Current Year	5,726.00	
Ordinary Members, Overdue Accounts	1,050.00	
Life Members 	<u>1,932.50</u>	Baht 8,708.50

Sale of Publications:

Journal of the Society 	5,596.60	
The Bulletin (Natural History Supplement)	676.00	
Le May: Coinage of Siam 	224.00	
Catalogue of the Stamps of Siam ...	7.00	
The Mon Dictionary 	<u>150.00</u>	6,653.60

Sundry Receipts :

Bank Interest 	470.37	
Foreign Exchange Adjustment ...	845.30	
Surplus from Excursions 	<u>665.10</u>	1,980.77

17,342.87

C.F. Grove

Honorary Treasurer.

Bangkok, 28th February 1950.

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of the year 1949

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Expenditure

Home's Maintenance :

Wage to Caretaker	660.00	
Fire Insurance (Baht 300,000)	843.20	
Electric Current	...	...	...	71.75	
Water Supply	...	...	...	101.20	
White Ants Control	...	...	...	<u>150.00</u>	Baht 1,826.15

Library and Stock of Publications:

Salaries to Clerks	...	...	...	960.00	
Insurance of Library and Furniture				134.16	
Misc. Expenses and Delivery Charges				<u>446.30</u>	1,540.46

Secretarial and Editorial:

Printing of Notices and Stationery					
Supplies	...	...	...	1,713.30	
Postage and Revenue Stamps and*					
Misc. Expenses	...	...	...	709.50	
Printing of Publications	<u>5,934.50</u>	8,357.30
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURE					5,618.96

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Property and Sundry Assets of The Siam Society as at 31st December 1949

- 3 rai Land as per title deed No. 3458, book 33, page 58
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H.H. Prince Prem Purachattra, B.A.	Vice-President,
H.E. Chao Phya Sri Dharmadhibes	Vice-President,
Mom Chao Ajavadis Diskul	Honorary Secretary,
H.G. Frandsen	Honorary Treasurer,
Miss Mary Anglemyer	Honorary Librarian,
Olcott H. Deming	Honorary Editor of the Journal,
U.L. Guehler	Leader of the Natural History Section,
Mom Rajawongse Sumonajati Svasdikul,	
Mom Luang Pin Malakul, M.A.,	
Ariyant Manijkul,	
Chaloem Puranananda, M.D.,	
Phya Anuvat Vanaraks,	
Phya Arthakariya Nibond,	
W.A.M. Doll,	
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J.J. Boeles,	
Phya Anuman Rajadhon,	
C.M. Anderson.	

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 Chairman,
 The Honorary Secretary,
 The Honorary Treasurer.

EXCHANGE :

The Honorary Librarian (Miss Mary Anglemyer), Chairman,
 The Honorary Editor of the Journal,
 W.A.M. Doll,
 U.L. Guehler.

EDITORIAL :

The Honorary Editor of the Journal (Olcott H. Deming),
 Chairman,
 The Leader of the Natural History Section,
 H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat,
 H.H. Prince Prem Purachatra,
 J.J. Boeles.

Phya Sarasastra Sirilakshna was appointed the Leader of the Travel Section as in former years.

One change was made on the Council during the year: owing to Mr. U.L. Guehler's departure from Siam on home leave in March 1950 Dr. Robert L. Pendleton was co-opted to the Council on March 20th and at the same time appointed as the Leader of the Natural History Section in place of Mr. Guehler.

The Siam Society suffered a great loss by the death of one active member of the Council, namely Mr. U. L. Guehler, which occurred in Hamburg, Germany, on August 26th, 1950 after an unsuccessful operation for brain tumour. The late Mr. Guehler had served the Siam Society strenuously and had been on the Council for many years in the positions of Vice-President as well as the Leader of the Natural History Section. Several valuable contributions of research to the Siam Society Journal were from his pen. To fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the late Mr. Guehler's death, H.E.

Mr. Edwin F. Stanton, the American Ambassador, who is reputed to be a scholar of things Siamese, was invited to join the Council and was co-opted on September 14th, 1950

The Council held twelve business meetings during the year: seven meetings were held at the Society's Home in Bangkapi and five meetings at the President's house in Pechburi Road.

At the close of 1950 the Society's membership was as follows:

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Corresponding	10
Free	3
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Associate	36

making a total of 443 as compared with 364 in 1949, 343 in 1948, 292 in 1947, 207 in 1946 and 160 in 1945. It is with great satisfaction that the Council is able to report that this figure is the highest on record.

The Society arranged the following meetings during the year:

Ordinary General Meetings:

- On April 30th, 1950: *Films* showing the coronation ceremonies and the Society's excursions to Wat Sai and Wat Raj-Oros on the west bank of the Chao Phaya River on July 31st, 1949 and to Wat Bovoranives on August 21st, 1949, a commentary on the coronation ceremonies being given by H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat;
- On June 21st, 1950: *Films* showing various events since His Majesty the King returned to the capital, arranged by Mom Chao Sukaravarnadis Diskul;
- On July 21st, 1950: *Films* showing the Royal Cremation and other educational films supplied by the Ministry of Education;
- On November 13th, 1950: Mr. A.S.B. Olver, Far Eastern Research Secretary of the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London (Chatham House), lectured on "*The Work of the Institute of Pacific Relations*";

THE SIAM
Balance Sheet as at

Liabilities

Sundry Creditors :

Subscriptions prepaid Baht 1,150.00

Consignment Account :

Otto Harrassowitz, Leipzig Baht 671.10

Reserves :

General Reserve 8,509.40

Repairs

Balance as at 31/12/1949 6,000.00

less repairs during 1950 to

Home's electric installation 70.74 5,929.26

Book Purchases 3,837.48

Further Printing of Craib's Florae 1,655.00

Publication "The Sanctuary of the

Sacred Fig-Tree " 1,500.00

Publication of the work on the Florae of

Siam compiled by the late Dr. A.F.G.

Kerr contributed during 1950 ... 1,413.81

Excursions

balance as at 31/12/1949 665.10

surplus from excursions in 1950 218.77

883.87

expenses in 1950 546.50 337.37 Baht 23,182.32

Surplus :

Balance brought forward

from last year 12,922.67

Excess of Receipts over

Expenditure in 1950 3,674.67 Baht 16,597.34

Baht 41,600.76

Examined and found to agree with the books and vouchers.

L.F. Sequeira.

Honorary Auditor.

Bangkok, 10th February 1951.

SOCIETY
31st December 1950.

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Assets

Fixed Deposit:

The Siam Commercial Bank, Ltd. Baht 27,100.00

Cash and Bank:

Cash in Hand 28.00

The Siam Commercial Bank, Ltd.,

Current Account 12,111.06 Baht 12,139.06

Sundry Debtors:

Orientalia Inc., New York:

U S \$ 84.53 @ 20/00 Baht 1,690.60

Consignment Account:

Otto Harrassowitz, Leipzig Baht 671.10

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THE SIAM FINANCIAL RESUMÉ OF

Receipts

Subscriptions :

Ordinary Members,				
current year	11,050.00
Ordinary Members,				
overdue accounts ...	...	...	...	4,900.00
Life Members ...	...	...	...	1,700.00
				Baht 17,650.00

Sale of Publications :

Journal of the Society ...				
The Bulletin (Natural				
History Supplement ) ...	...	...	...	854.00
Le May :Coinage of Siam ...	...	...	...	563.01
Catalogue of the Stamps of Siam ...	...	...	...	10.00
Craib's Florae ...	...	...	...	80.00
The Mon Dictionary	25.00
				Baht 2,627.53

Sundry Receipts:

Bank Interest ...				
				Baht 699.28

Baht 20,976.81

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Wages to Caretaker	715.00	
Fire Insurance (Insured value : 300,000)				843.20	
Electric Current	145.60	
Water Supply	...	...	...	100.50	
White Ants Control	...	...	...	<u>150.00</u>	Baht 1,954.30

Library and Stock of Publications :

Salaries to Clerks	...	...		1,460.00	
Insurance of Library and Furniture (insured value : 10,000 )	...	...	...	<u>134.16</u>	
Misc. Expenses and Delivery Charges				75.00	Baht 1,669.16

Secretarial and Editorial :

Printing of Notices and Stationery & Office Supplies	...	...		4,119.50	
Postage & Revenue Stamps and Misc. Expenses	...	...	...	1,411.55	
Printing of Publications	...	...	...	<u>7,125.00</u>	Baht 12,656.05

Sundry Expenditure :

Expenses for Lectures and Exhibitions				574.40	
Representation Expenses	<u>448.23</u>	Baht 1,022.63
Excess of Receipts over Expenditure					Baht 3,674.67
					<u>Baht 20,976.81</u>

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