

ANNUAL REPORT

1952

The Annual General Meeting terminating the year 1951 was held on Monday, 10th March 1952 at the Society's Home, 60 Asoka Road, Bangkapi, with the President, His Highness Prince Dhani Nivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh, in the Chair,

The Council for 1952 was elected as follows :

H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat,	President,
Kromamun Bidyalabh	
H.H. Prince Prem Purachatra	Senior 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,
Rolland H. Bushner	Honorary Editor of the Journal,
Dr. Robert L. Pendleton	Leader of the Natural History Section,
Mom Rajawongs Sumonajati Swasdikul	Leader of the Travel Section,
Ariyant Manjikul,	
Mom Luang Pin Malakul, M.A.,	
Dr. Chaloeam Puranananda, M.D.,	
Phya Anuwat Wanaraks,	
Phya Arthakariya Nibond,	
Luang Jamni Kolakarn,	
J. J. Boeles,	
Phya Anuman Rajadhon,	
H.E. Mr. Edwin F. Stanton,	
Dr. Joseph S. Gould,	
Luang Chakrapani,	
N. Geelmuyden.	

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

Finance: H.H. Prince Prem Purachattra, Senior Vice-President, Chairman,

The Honorary Secretary,

The Honorary Treasurer.

Editorial: The Honorary Editor of the Journal
(Mr. R.H. Bushner), Chairman,
The Leader of the Natural History Section,
H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh,

H.H. Prince Prem Purachattra,

M.R. Sumonajati Swasdikul,

Mr. J. J. Boeles,

Mr. Richard Coughlin.

Exchange: Mr. Nicolai Geelmuyden, Chairman,
Miss Mary Anglemyer,
Mr. R.H. Bushner.

Mr. Rolland H. Bushner, Honorary Editor of the Journal, had to resign from the Council in July 1952 on account of his transfer to another post abroad and the Society thereby lost an energetic member not only from the Council but also from the Society which was much regretted. The Society, however, was fortunate enough to secure the service of Mr. A.R.K. Mackenzie of the British Embassy who in spite of his official duties undertook to take over the position of the Honorary Editor of the Journal.

In the course of the year Dr. Robert L. Pendleton had to resign from the Council and the leadership of the Natural History Section owing to his approaching departure from Siam. The Council decided that, in view of the wide range of its activities which included the issuing of an annual Bulletin, a committee be set up to carry out such duties. The following accepted membership of that committee:

Mr. Sukich Nimmanhemin, new Leader of the Natural History Section.

Mr. Ariyant Manjikul,
 Mr. Nicolai Geelmuyden,
 Dr. Chaloeem Puranananda, M.D.,
 Phya Anuwat Wanaraks,
 Mom Rajawongs Chakrthong Thongyai.

This Committee has duly met to draw up its programme of activities.

The Council has also taken into careful consideration the fact that the fiftieth anniversary of the Society's founding on the 10th of March 1904 will be falling due next year. One of the proposals for such an observance is the possibility of reprinting in one volume some of the materials in earlier numbers of the Journal of the Society, much of which has become unavailable although continual demands are being made. A Committee of present and past editors of the Journal was appointed to study this possibility. There may be also some form of social celebration on that date.

During the year 1952, library statistics were as follows:

Visitors (approximately)	300
Circulation	154
Books received	668
Journals received	180

The greatest portions of the books were a gift by Lady Indra Montri from the estate of the late Phya Indra Montri, ex-President of the Society. These books are extremely valuable additions to the library.

Exchange of publications with other learned institutions has considerably increased. The main object of the Exchange Committee's work during the year under review has been to broaden the Society's field of exchanges and partly to resume connections which were interrupted during the last war. As a result the number of cultural and scientific institutions on the Society's exchange list has risen from 20 to 26 in respect of the Journal and from 18 to 22 for the

Natural History Bulletin. Several of the institutions in question lacked some of the numbers of the Journal issued during the war years, and these collections have been completed.

The Committee has also taken upon itself to boost the sale of back numbers of the Journal, the Natural History Bulletin and the Florae Siamensis Enumeratio. As a result some 20,000 bahts have been realised from sales during the last 15 months, and judging by the interest shown more orders will be forthcoming in the near future. A large number of the earliest issues of the Journal are now unfortunately out of print, but interesting selections can still be made. Those interested in obtaining a selection should, however, decide now as the more valuable numbers are fast disappearing. To facilitate the work, the gallery in the Society's Home has been put in order and new cupboards for the preservation of back numbers have been put in. The gallery is now also usable as a study room if desired.

In November 1952 a new scheme to popularise the Natural History Bulletin was proposed by the Exchange Committee and sanctioned by the Council. As there is little or no material within the scope of the Society's activities in the Natural History publications in other parts of the world, it has been difficult to establish exchange connections for the Bulletin. The scheme in question consists of finding scientific institutions whose publications are of interest for general studies of Natural History subjects and obtaining these publications in exchange for the Society's Bulletin. The publications received are then turned over to the Library of the Chulalongkorn University or the Science Society, thus furnishing them with valuable materials they would otherwise not be able to obtain, at the same time widening the field of our Bulletin. The execution of this scheme is made feasible by the fact that the Society has roughly fifty complete sets of the Bulletin on hand, and can well afford to make these exchanges. Increasing the number of the Bulletin's readers in this way will also facilitate obtaining materials for the Bulletin which hitherto has not been easy. As a result of this

scheme new connections have been established in Scandinavia, Central Europe and South America. Correspondence with other countries is proceeding.

The Council held eleven business meetings during the year : eight meetings were held at the President's house in Pechaburi Road and three meetings were held at the Society's Home in Bangkapi.

At the end of the year the Society's membership was as follows :

Honorary	13
Corresponding	10
Free	3
Life	34
Ordinary	422

making a total of 482 as compared with 475 in 1951, 443 in 1950, 364 in 1949, 343 in 1948, 292 in 1947, 207 in 1946 and 160 in 1945. The Society acquired several new members during the year but the increase was somewhat offset by a great number of members departing from this country for good. Still the number of members in 1952 is the highest on record.

The financial position of the Society continues to be satisfactory, showing an excess of receipts over expenditure by Baht 7, 519. 84 inspite of the fact that the Society spent Baht 21,752. 75 out of its revenue for issuing four publications in 1952, namely J.S.S. Volume 39, Part 2 (January 1952); J.S.S. Volume 40, Part 1 (July 1952); J.S.S. Volume 40, Part 2 (December 1952) and Natural History Bulletin, Volume 15, Part 1 (September 1952).

The Society arranged the following meetings during the year, also a record year for the number of its meetings :

Ordinary General Meetings:

On 17th March 1952: Professor Ganga Prasad Upadhyaya, General Secretary, International Aryan League of Delhi, who was awarded Amritdhara Prize on "Vedic Culture" in 1950, lectured on:
THE SPIRITUAL ASPECT OF THE VEDA.

On 7th June 1952 : Phya Anuman Rajadhon, former Director-General of the Department of Fine Arts, lectured in the compound of the Chapel Royal of the Emerald Buddha on :

THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CHEDI (STUPA).

On 21st July 1952 : Swami Ajarananda, Lecturer in Sanskrit, Chulalongkorn University, lectured on :

BUDDHISM - THE FULFILMENT OF HINDUISM .

On 6th August 1952 : Sri Yogi Suddhananda Bharati of lectured on :

INDIAN THOUGHT.

On 14th August 1952 : Professor Silpa Bhirasri (C . Feroci) of the Department of Fine Arts, lectured on :

OLD THAI TRADITIONAL PAINTINGS.

On 27th August 1952 : Chief Justice Robert Simmons of the Supreme Court of Nebraska, U.S.A. lectured on :

THE MODERN TREND IN AMERICAN CRIMINAL LAW.

On 16th September 1952 : Professor D.G.E. Hall, D.Litt., Professor of History, Head of the Department of Southeast Asia, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, lectured on :

FROM MERGUI TO SINGAPORE in 1686 - 1819.

On 17th October 1952 : Professor B.L. Atreya, D. Litt., of the Benares Hindu University in India letured on :

IMPRESSIONS OF THE BUDDHIST CONFERENCE OF TOKYO.

On 12th November 1952 : Luang Chakrapani of the Civil Court, Ministry of Justice, gave an exhibition of films from his own collection.

On 27th November 1952: The Society arranged for an exhibition of the Khon (masked play) depicting the episode of Hanuman the Volunteer at the Silpakorn Theatre. The President made a brief introduction. A running commentary in English on the play was also made through the medium of a loud speaker.

On 3rd December 1952: H.E. Monsieur Nguyen-Khoa-Toan, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Vietnam, lectured on:

LE NAM-GIAO, SES RITES ET SA SIGNIFICATION.

On 14th January 1953: Mr. Cecil Hobbs, Chief of the Orientalia Division, Library of Congress, Washington D.C., U.S.A. lectured on:

THE MATRIARCHAL SYSTEM IN EARLY BURMESE HISTORY.

On 20th January 1953: Mr. Anthony Christie, Lecturer in Archaeology in the school of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, lectured on:

SOME PROPOSALS FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

Natural History Section's Meetings:

On 26th September 1952; Dr. Shao Wen Ling, Fisheries Expert of the FAO, lectured on:

TILAPIA FISH - A NEW PROMISING FISHERIES INDUSTRY FOR THAILAND.

On 3rd October 1952: Dr. Cecil Miles, Fisheries Expert of the FAO, lectured on:

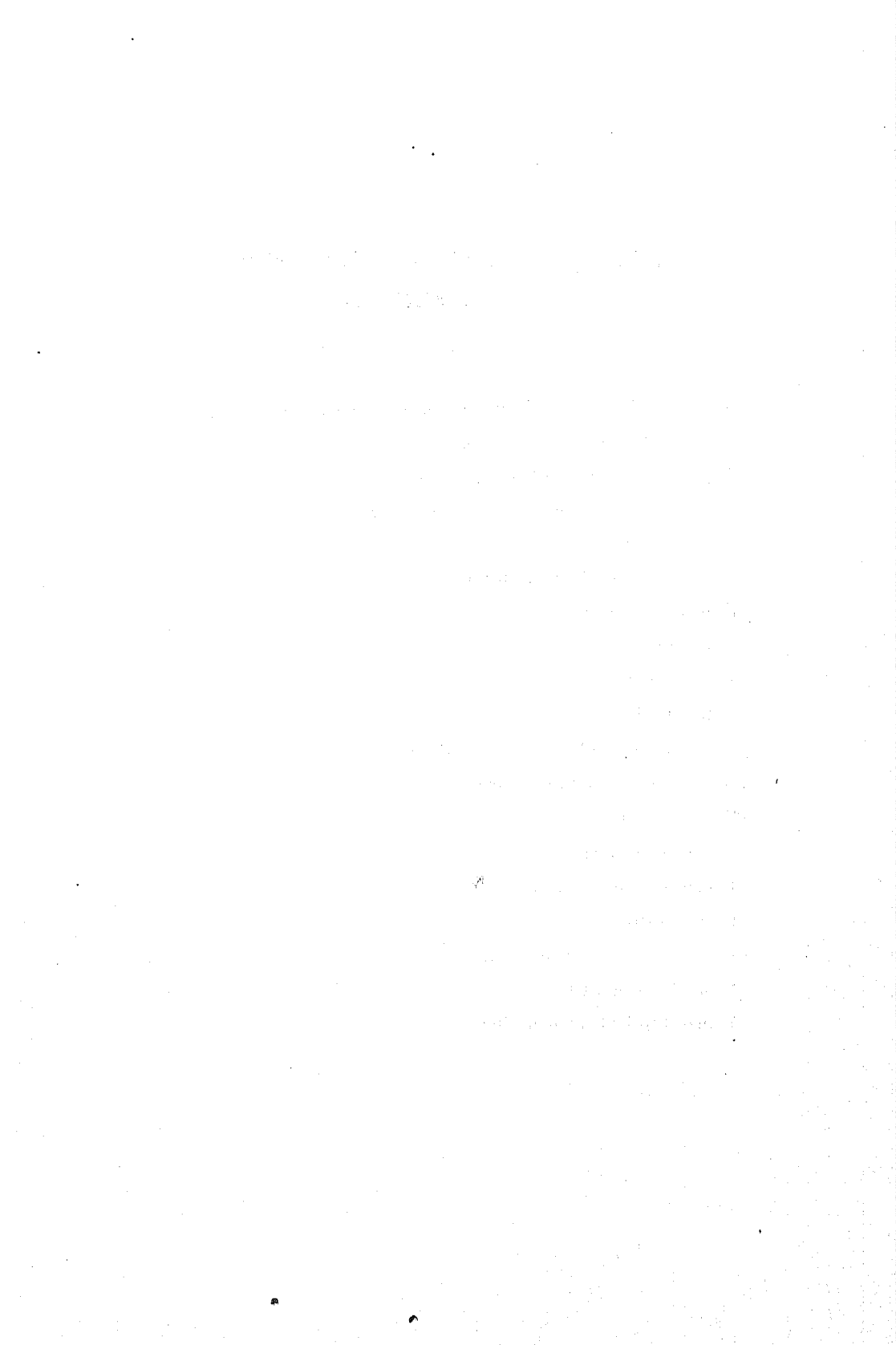
THE ADAPTATION OF FISHES TO THEIR ENVIRONMENT.

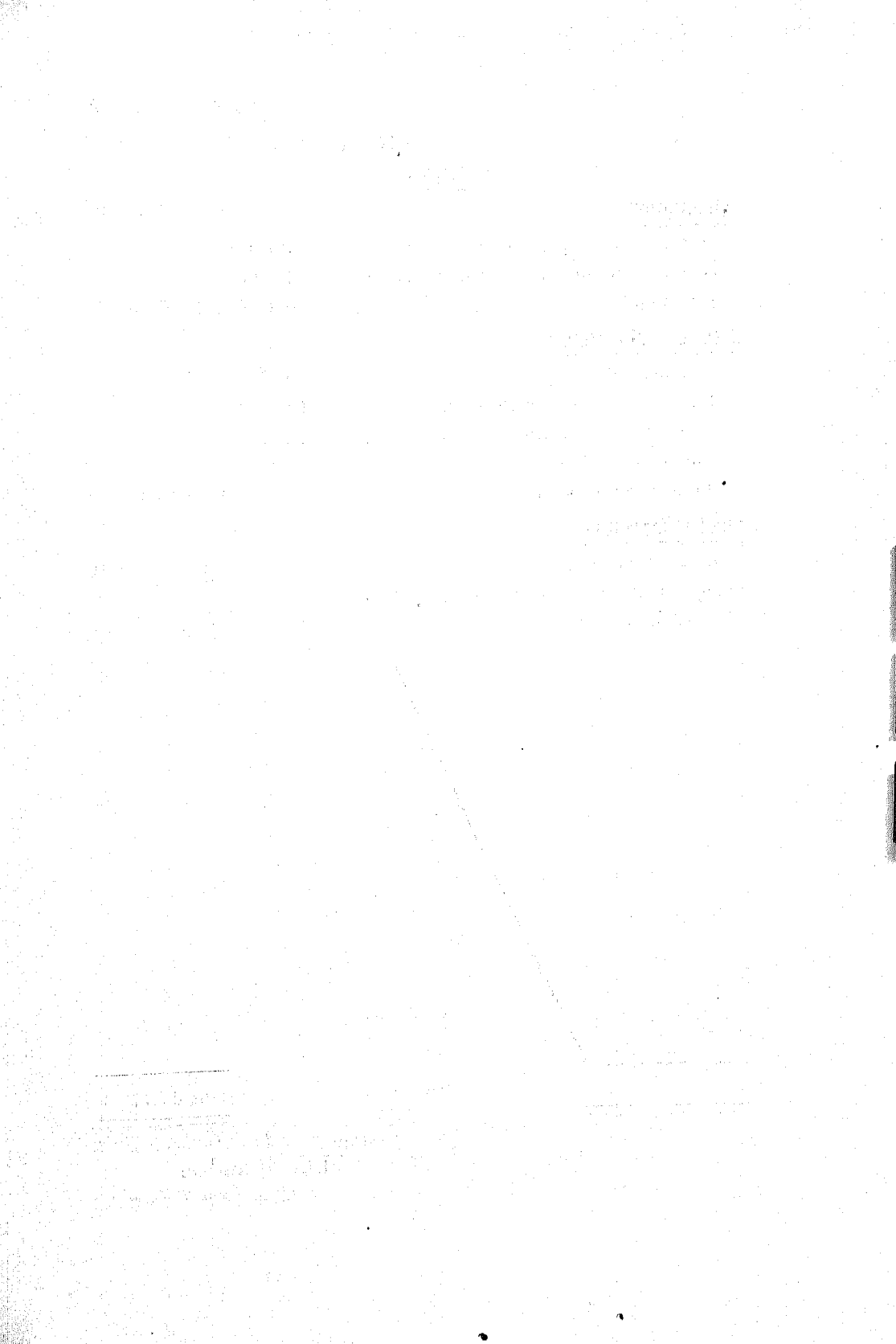
Travel Section's Meetings :

- On 10th August 1952 : Excursion to WAT MANGKORN KAMALAVAS, premier Chinese monastery in Bangkok.
 - On 17th August 1952 : Excursion to WAT SUVARNARAM, Dhonburi, to see old Thai traditional paintings on the walls in the bōt.
 - On 2nd November 1952 : Excursion by M/S DHANI to witness Loy Krathong and Water Fireworks Display.
 - On 22nd February 1953 : Excursion to WAT SUTHAS, Bangkok.
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Property and Sundry Assets of the Siam Society
as at 31st December 1952

- 3 rai Land as per title deed No. 3458, book 33, page 58
- 1 Brick Building situated on above land
- 30 pcs book-cases with glass panels
- 2 pcs book-cases with glass/wooden panels
- 6 pcs wooden cabinets
- 1 pce writing desk with book shelves
- 2 pcs writing desks
- 1 pce desk
- 1 pce meeting table
- 1 pce table
- 4 pcs wooden chairs w/arms & back
- 25 pcs wooden chairs w/back
- 100 pcs rattan chairs
- 1 pce black-board
- 1 pce document chest
- 9 pcs ceiling fans
- 20 pcs ceiling & wall lamps
- 4 pcs table lamps
- 1 pce duplicating machine





THE SIAM FINANCIAL RESUMÉ OF

Receipts

Subscriptions :

Ordinary Members, current year	...	26,450.00	
Ordinary Members, overdue accounts	...	425.00	
Life Members	...	2,000.00	Baht 28,875.00

Sale of Publications :

The Journal	...	13,100.00	
The Natural History Bulletin	...	1,528.00	
Florae Siamensis Enumeratio	...	2,432.18	
The Môn Dictionary	...	95.00	
Sundry Publications	...	30.00	Baht 17,185.18

Sundry Receipts :

Bank Interest	...	...	Baht 1,041.79
Consignment ^{1/2} (Otto Harrasowitz, Leipzig)			
written off	...	...	Baht 671.10

Baht 47,773.07

Bangkok, 26th February 1953.

H. G. Frandsen

Honorary Treasurer

SOCIETY
THE YEAR 1952

Expenditure

Home's Maintenance:

Salary to Caretaker	1,200.00
Fire Insurance (insured value: 500,000)	1,420.47
Electricity Supply	85.60
Water Supply	34.00
White Ants Control	250.00
Purchase & Maintenance of Furniture...	7,020.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	483.00
	<u>Baht 10,493.07</u>

Library:

Salary to Library Clerks	960.00
Fire Insurance (insured value: 100,000)	318.85
Binding of Books	120.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	221.46
	<u>Baht 1,620.37</u>

Secretarial & Editorial:

Stationery & Office Supplies	3,103.50
Postage & Delivery Expenses	1,454.05
Revenue Stamps	236.45
Expenses for Lectures & Exhibitions...	797.00
Printing of Publications including loss on cancelling order for new edition of the Coinage of Siam	21,752.75
Miscellaneous Expenses	125.00
	<u>Baht 27,468.75</u>
Account of Otto Harrasowitz, Leipzig, written off	Baht 671.10
Excess of Receipts over Expenditure	Baht 7,519.84
	<u>Baht 47,773.07</u>

Examined and found to agree with the books and vouchers

Phra Baniya Sara Vides

Honorary Auditor

THE SIAM
Balance Sheet as at

Liabilities

Creditors :

Subscriptions prepaid	Baht 1,550.00
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Reserves :

General Reserve	8,509.40	
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Reserve for Repairs	5,929.26	
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Reserve for Book Purchases	3,141.82	
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Reserve for further printing of Florae Siamensis Enumeratio	1,655.00	
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Reserve for Excursions :

balance as at 31/12/1951	337.37	
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excess of receipts over expenditure

on excursions during 1952	...	1,031.50	1,368.87	Baht 20,604.35
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Surplus :

Balance brought forward from last year	21,576.51			
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<u>Excess of receipts over expenditure in 1952</u>	<u>7,519.84</u>		<u>Baht 29,096.35</u>	
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Baht 51,250.70

Bangkok, 26th February 1953

H. G. Frandsen

Honorary Treasurer

SOCIETY
31st December 1952

Assets

Cash and Banks:

Cash in hand	...	...	...	331.25	
The Siam Commercial Bank Ltd:					
current account	...	...	...	4,054.15	
The Bank for Co-operatives:					
fixed deposit	...	...	...	<u>45,000.00</u>	Baht 49,385.40

Debtors:

Orientalia Inc., New York:					
US. \$ 60.45 @ 20/00	...	...	...	1,209.00	
less adjustment of					
exchange rate 20/00-16/75	...	...	...	<u>196.46</u>	1,012.54
Sundry Debtors	...	...	...	852.76	Baht 1,865.30

Baht 51,250.70

Examined and found to agree with the books and vouchers.

Phra Banijya Sara Vides
Honorary Auditor

