

ANNUAL REPORT

1953

The Annual General Meeting terminating the year 1952 was held at the Society's Home, 60 Asoka Road, Bangkokpi on Thursday, 12th March 1953 with the President, His Highness Prince Dhani Nivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh, in the Chair.

The outgoing Council was re-elected en bloc as follows:

H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh	President
H.H. Prince Prem Purachatra	Senior Vice-President
H.E. Chao Phyā Sri Dharmadhibes	Vice-President
Momchao Ajavadis Diskul	Honorary Secretary
Mr. H.G. Frandsen	Honorary Treasurer
Miss Mary Anglemyer	Honorary Librarian
Mr. A.R.K. Mackenzie	Honorary Editor of the Journal
Mom Rajawongs Sumonajati Swasdikul	Leader of the Travel Section
Mr. Sukich Nimmanhemin	Leader of the Natural History Section
Mr. Ariyant Manjikul	
Mom Luang Pin Malakul M.A.	
Dr. Chaloem Puranananda M.D.	
Phyā Anuwat Wanaraks	
Phyā Arthakariya Nibondh	
Luang Jamni Kolakarn	
Mr. J.J. Boeles	
Phyā Anuman Rajadhon	
H.E. Mr. Edwin F. Stanton	
Dr. Joseph S. Gould	
Luang Chakrapani Srisilvisudhi	
Mr. Nicolai Geelmuyden.	

The Council upon taking office appointed the following standing committees :

Finance:

H.H. Prince Prem Purachatra, Senior Vice-President,
Chairman,
The Honorary Secretary,
The Honorary Treasurer.

Editorial:

The Honorary Editor of the Journal (Mr. A.R.K. Mackenzie), Chairman,
H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat, Kromammun Bidyababh,
H.H. Prince Prem Purachatra,
Dr. Joseph S. Gould,
Mr. Sukich Nimmanhemin.

Exchange:

Mr. Nicalai Geelmuyden, Chairman,
Miss Mary Anglemyer,
Mr. A.R.K. Mackenzie.

Natural History:

The Leader of the Natural History Section (Mr. Sukich Nimmanhemin), Chairman,
Dr. Chaloen Puranananda M.D.,
Phyā Anuwat Wanaraks.

Mom Rajawongs Sunonajati Swasdikul has been appointed Leader of the Travel Section for another year.

The year under review has been marked by absences from Bangkok of varying lengths of some members of the Council. The President was away for four months attending the Third International Council of Museums in Genoa, Milan and Bergamo, after which he took the opportunity for a holiday in England,

Germany and the Middle East. His Highness Prince Prem Purachatra, the Senior Vice-President, went to Norway on the invitation of the Royal Norwegian Government and visited other countries in Scandinavia and Europe for a short period. The Honorary Secretary went on a tour of study in the United States, returning by way of Europe, his place being taken by His Highness Prince Sukhumabhinan for five months. The Honorary Treasurer was also absent for a short period on home leave and was deputed by Phra Banijya Sara Vides. Dr. Robert L. Pendleton, the former leader of the Natural History Section, left Thailand on termination of contract. His leadership had been a most conscientious piece of work despite continual illness. On the doctor's recommendation a Committee of the Natural History Section was formed to lead that section under the chairmanship of Mr. Sukich Nimmanhemmin, who however left towards the end of the year for the United States. His place was taken by Momchao Piyarangsit Rangsit with Mom Rajawongse Chakrathong Thongyai as Editor of the Natural History Bulletin. In the course of the year Miss Mary Anglemyer, Honorary Librarian, retired from the United States Information Service in Bangkok and left for America. Her place was taken temporarily by Phya Anuman Rajadhon with Miss Samorn Devahastin as assistant. The work of exchange which had hitherto been under the Honorary Librarian had become considerable. The Council therefore decided to transfer it to the supervision of a separate committee under Mr. Nicolai Geelmuyden.

The Council held thirteen business meetings during the year; eight meetings were held at the Society's Home in Bangkapi and five meetings were held at the President's house in Pechaburi Road.

The Society's membership up to the end of February 1954 was :

Honorary	12
Corresponding	12

Free	3
Life	40
Ordinary	425

making a total of 492 as compared with 482 in 1952; 475 in 1951 and 443 in 1950.

Three ordinary members who were leaving Bangkok were elected Corresponding Members in recognition of their valuable service to the Society, namely: Mr. Edwin F. Stanton, Miss Mary Anglemyer and Mr. R.H. Bushner.

From the financial point of view the year under review has been quite satisfactory and there has been a substantial increase in the Society's funds. The excess of receipts over expenditure amounts to Baht 23, 147. 47 as compared with Bath 7,519. 84 in 1952.

The Society arranged the following meetings during the year:

Ordinary General Meetings :

On 12th March 1953: Mr. J. Black F.R.G.S. lectured on:
An Inner Asian Journey

On 18th May 1953: Mr. A.B. Griswold lectured on:
Buddha Images of Northern Thailand

On 12th June 1953: Monsieur Bernard Groslier, Secretary-General of l'Ecole Française d'Extrême-Orient, lectured on:
A New Approach to Angkor

On 11th September 1953: Mr. Conrad E. Parkman of the Fulbright Foundation gave a talk, illustrated by films, on:
A Journey Through India

On 16th September 1953: Mr. T.N. Ramachandran, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Archaeology, Government of India, and

Sanskrit scholar, lectured on :

South Indian Buddhism, Buddhist Vestiges and Thailand

On 7th October 1953 : His Highness Prince Prem Purachatra, Senior Vice-President of the Siam Society, lectured on :

King Chulalongkorn's Journey to Norway

On 14th December 1953 : Dr. Anton F. Bruun, Leader of the Galathea Expedition 1951 - 1952, lectured on :

The Deepest Deep Sea

On 29th December 1953 : Professor Julian S. Huxley, FRS, M.A., D.Sc., biologist and writer, Lecturer in Zoology, Balliol College, Oxford, 1910-12; Professor of Zoology, King's College, London, 1925-27; Secretary, Zoological Society of London, 1935-42; Director-General of UNESCO, 1946-48, lectured on :

An Ideology in the Modern World

On 20th January 1954 : Sir Charles G. Darwin, K.B.E., M.C., M.A., D.Sc., Member of the Colonial Development Corporation; Member of the Standing Commission on Museums and Galleries; Master of Christ's College, Cambridge, 1936-38; Director of the National Physical Laboratory, 1938-49, lectured on :

Mankind in the Distant Future

On 17th March 1954 : Mr. Robert Moore, Member of the National Geographic Society, lectured on :

Return to South East Asia

Natural History Section's Meetings:

On 1st June 1953: Mr. William Beabower, Horticulturist attached to STEM, Thailand, lectured on:
The Possibility of Cacao Development in Thailand

Travel Section's Meetings:

From 15th-21st March 1953: Excursion to Chiangmai by train.

On 13th April 1953: Excursion to Paklat by motor launches for the annual Songkran Festival.

On 21st November 1953: Excursion on the Chao Phya River by M/S Dhani of the East Asiatic Company, Ltd., for Loy Krathong Festival and Water Fireworks Display.

On 20th December 1953: Excursion to Ayudhya by motorbus

On 14th February 1954: Excursion to Phrabat (Buddha's Footprint Shrine) by motorbus

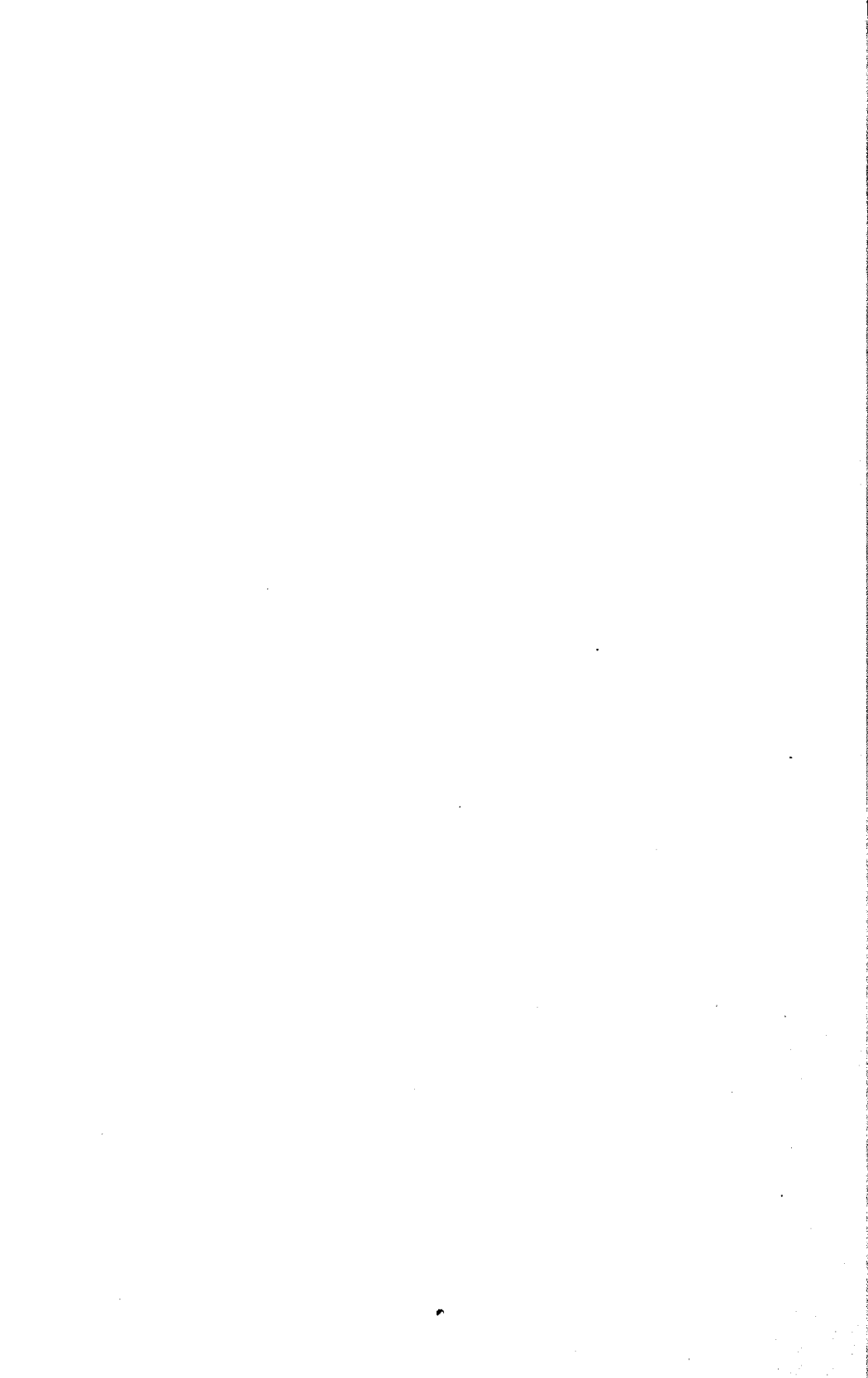
During the year two numbers of the *Journal*, Volume XLI, Part 1 and Volume XLI, Part 2, were issued. Another of the *Florae Siamensis Enumeratio*, Volume III, Part 2, was also published. The Index, Volumes I-XXV, which has become almost out of print is being reprinted and is expected to be put on sale within a short time hence; while the Index of Volumes XXVI to XL, commenced by the former Honorary Editor, Mr. R.H. Bushner, and continued by Dr. Joseph S. Gould, is being worked on.

It is gratifying to report that in 1953 the Society has 31 names of learned institutions in Europe, United States and the East on its exchange list.

In March 1954 the Society marked the fiftieth anniversary of its founding by various activities. One was the publication of a set of two volumes of reprints from its past 40 volumes of the *Journal*, many articles of which have been in continual demand

though they were out of print. This was made possible within a very short space of time by the kind collaboration of the former United States Ambassador, Mr. Edwin F. Stanton, a member of our Council, who, in conjunction with the United States Information Service in Bangkok, sought the help of the Far Eastern Regional Production Center of the U.S. Information Service in Manila in reproducing these articles by the modern technique of photo-offset printing free of all charges. The Society's thanks, already conveyed direct to all who had a share in this act of generosity, should be recorded again in this report. The Council proposes that, subject to the approval of members of the Society, part of the proceeds of the sale of this publication be set aside to form the nucleus of a fund for a research fellowship in either of the branches of knowledge which form the aims and objects of the Society. It is only right that we should mention in this connection the fact that on the night of the banquet of the celebration His Majesty the King, our Patron, graciously donated a sum of Baht 2,000 to this fund. As to the actual celebration of the anniversary, a religious thanksgiving and didictory ceremony was held in the rooms of the Society in accordance with the Buddhist usage of the land, when a chapter of seven abbots from various monasteries officiated and were duly offered food and necessities by members of the Society. On the 10th of March a banquet was held in the rooms of the Society, to which some 240 members and their friends sat down. His Majesty the King, our Patron, presided and made due reply to the President's address welcoming Him in our midst. A full account of the proceedings and the numerous messages of congratulations from learned institutions and personalities all over the world will be published in the Journal.

Bangkok, 24th March 1954.



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The Meeting elected a new Council consisting of the following :

H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh, President,
H.H. Prince Prem Purachatra, Senior Vice - President,
H.E. Chao Phyū Sri Dharmadhibes, Vice - President,
H.S.H. Prince Ajavadis Diskul, Honorary Secretary,
Mr. Robin Penman, Assistant Honorary Secretary,
Mr. H.G. Frandsen, Honorary Treasurer,
Phyā Anuman Rajadhon, Honorary Librarian,
Mr. Robert Hilton, Honorary Editor of the Journal,
H.S.H. Prince Piyarangsit Rangsit, Leader of the Natural
History Section,
Mom Rajawongse Sumonajati Swasdikul, Leader of the
Travel Section,
Mr. Nicolai Geelmuyden, Chairman of the Exchange Com-
mittee,
Mr. Ariyant Manjikul,
Mom Luang Pin Malakul M.A.,
Luang Jamni Kolakarn,
Mr. J.J. Boeles,
Dr. Joseph S. Gould,
H.H. Prince Sukhumabhinand,
H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul.

Owing to pressure of work three members of the Council did not stand for re - election, namely : Dr. Chaloeam Puranananda M.D., Phyā Anuwat Wanaraks and Phyā Arthakariya Nibondh.

The Council upon taking office appointed the following standing committees :

Finance :

The Senior Vice-President (H.H. Prince Prem Purachatra), Chairman,

The Honorary Secretary,

The Honorary Treasurer,

Editorial :

The Honorary Editor of the Journal (Mr. Robert Hilton), Chairman,

H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh,
H.S.H. Prince Piyarangsit Rangsit, Leader of the
Natural History Section,

Mom Rajawongse Chakrthong Thongyai,

Mr. Murray Sheehan,

Dr. Joseph S. Gould,

Exchange :

Mr. Nicolai Geelmuyden, Chairman,

The Honorary Librarian,

The Honorary Editor of the Journal,

The Leader of the Natural History Section,

H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul.

Natural History :

The Leader of the Natural History Section (H.S.H. Prince Piyarangsit Rangsit), Chairman,

Phyā Anuwat Wanaraks,

The Honorary Editor of the Natural History Bulletin
(Mom Rajawongse Chakrthong Thongyai),

Mr. Ariyant Manjikul.

Mom Rajawongse Sumonajati Swasdikul was appointed Leader of the Travel-Section for another year.

In the course of the year under review the Chairman of the Exchange Committee, Mr. Nicolai Geelmuyden, had to resign from the Council owing to this departure from this country for a new diplomatic post. This was a real loss to the Society as Mr. Nicolai Geelmuyden has served the Society in a most capable manner and through his efficient exchange programme has brought the Society into contact with institutions abroad. His position was filled by H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul. Mr. Nicolai Geelmuyden was elected a Corresponding Member in recognition of his valuable services to the Society.

Dr. Robert L. Pendleton was also invited to become a Corresponding Member of the Society.

The Council held 13 business meetings during the year; ten meetings were held at the President's house and three meetings were held at the Society's Home.

The Society's membership up to the end of January 1955 was :

Royal Patron and Vice - Patrons	3
Honorary Members	12
Corresponding Members	12
Free Members	3
Life Members	42
Ordinary Members	475
<u>Total :</u>	<u>547</u>

which is the highest on record.

The financial position of the Society continues to be satisfactory and at the close of the year the excess of receipts over expenditure amounts to Baht 12,790.08. It might be mentioned that the Society has received Baht 34,314.00 from the sale of its Commemorative Publication alone and a total sum of Baht 4,100.00 was received from His Majesty the King, H.R.H. The Princess of Songkhla and H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh as Fellowship donations to the Research Fund, established on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Society.

With regard to the Journal, Volume XLII, Part 1 was issued in July 1954 and Part 2 in March 1955. A Natural History Bulletin has also been published after a lapse of nearly 3 years (Volume XV, Part 1 was issued in September 1952).

The Society arranged the following meetings during the year :

Ordinary General Meetings :

- On 24th March 1954 : Mom Rajawongse Sumonajati Swasdikul gave a talk on the work of clearing the ruins of Sukhothai, and Mr. Rabil Bunnag gave an exhibition of photographs of Sukhothai.
- On 3rd June 1954 : Under the auspices of the Cornell Research Center Mr. Kamol Kedsiri gave a lecture-concert on *Thai Folk Music*.
- On 16th June 1954 : Mr. J. Black, F.R.G.S., lectured on *Peking*, which was illustrated by coloured slides.
- On 7th July 1954 : Phya Anuman Rajadhon, Member of the Council of the Siam Society, lectured on *Buddhist Lent*.
- On 12th July 1954 : Dr. Edvard Hambro, Registrar of the International Court of Justice at The Hague, lectured on *The International Court of Justice*.
- On 11th August 1954 : Dr. Luang Suriyabongse M.D. (Berne) gave a lecture on *Human Nature in the Light of the Buddha's Teachings*.
- On 18th August 1954 : Exhibition of personal films of the Society's Royal Patron, His Majesty the King.
- On 23rd August 1954 : Dr. Matilal Das M.A., Ph. D., Professor Emeritus of Comparative Philology in the University of Calcutta, lectured on *Buddhism as a World Force*.

On 15th September 1954: Exhibition of *The Everest Film* through the courtesy of the *British Information Service*.

On 5th January 1955: Mr. Karl Kup, Curator of Prints and of the Spencer Collection in the *New York Public Library*, lectured on *The Art of Steuben Glass*.

On 2nd February 1955: Mr. John Blofeld, lecturer in *English*, Faculty of Arts and Education, *Chulalongkorn University*, lectured on *Some Hilltribes in North Thailand*.

Natural History Section's Meetings:

On 21st June 1954: Mr. Y. Siah lectured on *Male Coloration of Banteng (Java ox in Thailand)*.

On 29th June 1954: Dr. H.H. Love lectured on *A Report on Plans and Progress with Rice Improvement in Thailand*.

Travel Section's Meetings:

On 18th July 1954: Visit to the Grand Palace and the Chapel Royal of the Emerald Buddha.

On 15th August 1954: Visit to Wat Phra Chetubhon (Wat Po).

On 10th November 1954: Excursion on the Chao Phayā River by M/S Dhani of the East Asiatic Company, Limited, for the Loy Krathong Festival and Water Fireworks Display.

On 28th November 1954: Excursion to Pechaburi by motorbus

On 6th-8th February 1955: Excursion by train and motorbus to Lopburi, Pissulok and Sukhothai.

Bangkok, 15th March 1955.

ERRATA.

In JSS Vol. XLI part 2, p. 182 (last line of the article *The Date and Authorship of the Romance of Phra Lô*), there occurred a slip which must be corrected. The sentence "Could not the *Yuan-Phái* have been older than the *Phra Lô*?" should read "Could not the *Phra Lô* have been older than the *Yuan Phái*?"

Property & Sundry Assets of the Siam Society
as at 31st December 1954

- 3 rai Land as per title deed No. 3458, book 33, page 58
- 1 Brick Building situated on above land
- 37 pcs Book-Cases w/glass panels
- 2 pcs Book-Cases w/glass & wooden panels
- 4 pcs wooden Cabinets w/wooden doors
- 2 pcs wooden Cabinets w/glass doors
- 1 pce Writing Desk with book shelves
- 2 pcs Writing Desks
- 1 pce Desk
- 1 pce Conference 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 Fans
- 1 pce Duplicating Machine
- 1 pce Typewriter
- Collection of books, periodicals etc.
- Stock of Publications

THE SIAM FINANCIAL RESUMÉ

Receipts

Subscriptions :

ordinary members, current year	...	34,837.44	
ordinary members, overdue accounts	...	5,800.00	
life Members	...	9,400.00	Baht 50,037.44

Sale of Publication :

the Journal	...	4,911.80	
the Natural History Bulletin	...	837.10	
Florae Siamensis Enumeratio	...	3,884.00	
Môn - English Dictionary	...	780.00	
Credner's Observations in the Tali Region	...	15.00	
Coinage of Siam	...	40.00	Baht 10,498.20

Sundry Receipts :

Bank interest	...		Baht 2,266.68
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Baht 62,802.32

Bangkok, 19th February 1955.

H.G. Frandsen

Honorary Treasurer

**SOCIETY
OF THE YEAR 1954**

Expenditure

Home's Maintenance :

salary to caretaker	...	...	1,200.00	
fire insurance (insured value : 500,000)			1,068.62	
electricity supply	...	...	344.05	
water supply	...	...	113.50	
white ants control	...	...	250.00	
purchase & maintenance of furniture			12,485.00	
miscellaneous expenses	...	...	<u>2,480.35</u>	Baht 17,941.52

Library :

salary to clerk	...	...	960.00	
fire insurance (insured value : 400,000)			<u>1,150.32</u>	Baht 2,110.32

Secretarial & Editorial :

remuneration to clerical assistants	...	1,200.00	
stationery & office supplies	...	3,543.00	
postage & delivery expenses	...	1,041.75	
revenue stamps	...	488.40	
representation expenses	...	600.00	
expenses for the 50th Anniversary celebration	...	8,205.25	
printing of publications	...	16,535.00	
miscellaneous expenses	...	<u>2.00</u>	
		31,615.40	

Less reserve from previous years for

printing of *Florae Siamensis Enumeratio* 1,655.00 Baht 29,960.40

Excess of Receipts over Expenditure ... Baht 12,790.08

Baht 62,802.32

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 700.00

Reserves:

general reserve 8,509.40

reserve for repairs 5,929.26

reserve for book purchases:

balance as at 1/1/1954 ... 2,543.25

expenses during 1954 ... 22,57 2,520.68

reserve for further printing of

Florae Siamensis Enumeratio:

balance as at 1/1/1954 ... 1,655.00

expenses during 1954 ... 1,655.00 —

reserve for excursions 1,153.87

reserve for gratuities to library assistants:

donations received during 1954 ... 1,050.00 Baht 19,163.21

Surplus:

balance brought forward from last year 52,243.82

excess of receipts over expenditure

in 1954 12,790.08 Baht 65,033.90

Fund for Research Fellowship:

capital:

donations received during 1954 ... 4,100.00

income:

interest from investment of capital 96.91 Baht 4,196.91

Baht 89,094.02

Bangkok 19th February 1955

H.G. Frandsen

Honorary Treasurer

SOCIETY

31ST DECEMBER

Assets

Cash & Banks:

cash in hand	...	...	...	189.18	
The Siam Commercial Bank, Ltd:					
current a/c	...	...	...	11,654.48	
The Bank for Co-operatives: fixed deposit				<u>59,072.00</u>	Baht 70,915.66

Debtors:

Orientalia Inc., New York:					
US \$ 36.97 @ 20.00	...	...	...	739.40	
sundry debtors	...	...	...	<u>1,109.37</u>	Baht 1,848.77

Commemorative Publication:

expenses for binding, delivery etc.				50,643.60	
income from sales	...	...	...	<u>34,314.01</u>	Baht 16,329.59

Baht 89,094.02

Examined and found to agree with the books and vouchers

Phra Banijya Sara Vides

Honorary Auditor.

