

OBITUARY

Prayā Vidūradharmabinet

About the commencement of the reign of His Majesty King Prajadhipok, Čaoprayā Mahidorn, His Majesty's Principal Private Secretary, who was my chief in the aforesaid office, consulted me about recruiting a young lawyer recently graduated in America, who was however bearing already a Siamese title of the nobility of Luay Nāthabañjā. My chief seemed quite impressed with his academic qualifications and wished to have him in our department in a capacity of jurisconsult. Having no knowledge of the young man's personality or even the quality of his American degree, I could offer no opinion beyond that an additional lawyer would be useful since we were already overburdened with legal work for the King who was then not only the supreme judge and at the same time head of the nation's legislation, but, as the father of his people, was also often consulted personally by individual subjects regarding his or her legal problem such as the making of a will. It was therefore necessary to have in the office quite a supply of young lawyers. The man was therefore accepted into our office.

He was in any case a pleasant young man with a cheerful personality and a friendship between us began to be developed which grew with the years. Even after my retirement in 1932 we kept up our friendly intercourse without interruption. In a social gathering such as the regular Rotary meetings he would ever introduce me to his friends as "my boss for whom I have always entertained the greatest respect and affection."

It is in this spirit therefore that I readily agree to write this notice for Prayā Vidūradharmabinet.

Dhanivat, Kromamun Bidyalabh.