

Edward Walter Hutchinson

E.W. Hutchinson, who was made an Honorary Member of the Siam Society in 1970, died in England on 3rd February, 1972 in his nineties.

He worked in Siam with the Bombay Burma Trading Company for more than twenty years and then moved to Saigon as British Vice-Consul. He returned to Siam to be British Consul in Chiangmai, and retired to South Africa. From Cape Town and later the provincial outpost of George where, at the age of more than eighty he cooked his own breakfast and supper and only knew "one very old Bangkok widow with daughter and son-in-law" (27th November 1965) and suffering from "the grip of senile decay—memory hopeless, ditto mental concentration, to add to which the calf-muscles slipped over my insteps causing me to lose the sense of balance and to be lame" (2nd March 1967), E.W. Hutchinson continually worked with patient devotion at refining and improving the text of his annotated translation of the *Mémoire du Père de Bèze*, which finally appeared in 1968 with Hong Kong University Press under the title *1688 Revolution in Siam*.

E.W. Hutchinson had been working on the text of this book since 1936, and between 1933 and 1939 contributed seven articles to the *Journal of the Siam Society*. In 1940 he published with the Royal Asiatic Society in London a 283 page volume *Adventurers in Siam in the Seventeenth Century*.

In 1969, E.W. Hutchinson moved from South Africa and spent his last days in Bournemouth, England.

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