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On behalf of the Siam Society, I wish to extend our warmest thanks to all the members of the Bunyasiribhandhu family who, for two generations since the Second World War, have seen the *JSS* as well as many other publications of the Siam Society through the press. Their wonderful cooperation and meticulous care for our publications will always rest in our memory. We hope that we have not been too demanding and that they had found their work with us stimulating and worth their while. We wish *Khun* Sanitwan and *Khun* Suwalak continued good health and happiness in their retirement and hope that the younger generation of the Bunyasiribhandhu family as well as all their assistants at every level will be associated with the Siam Society again in the future.

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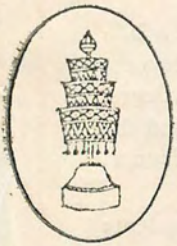
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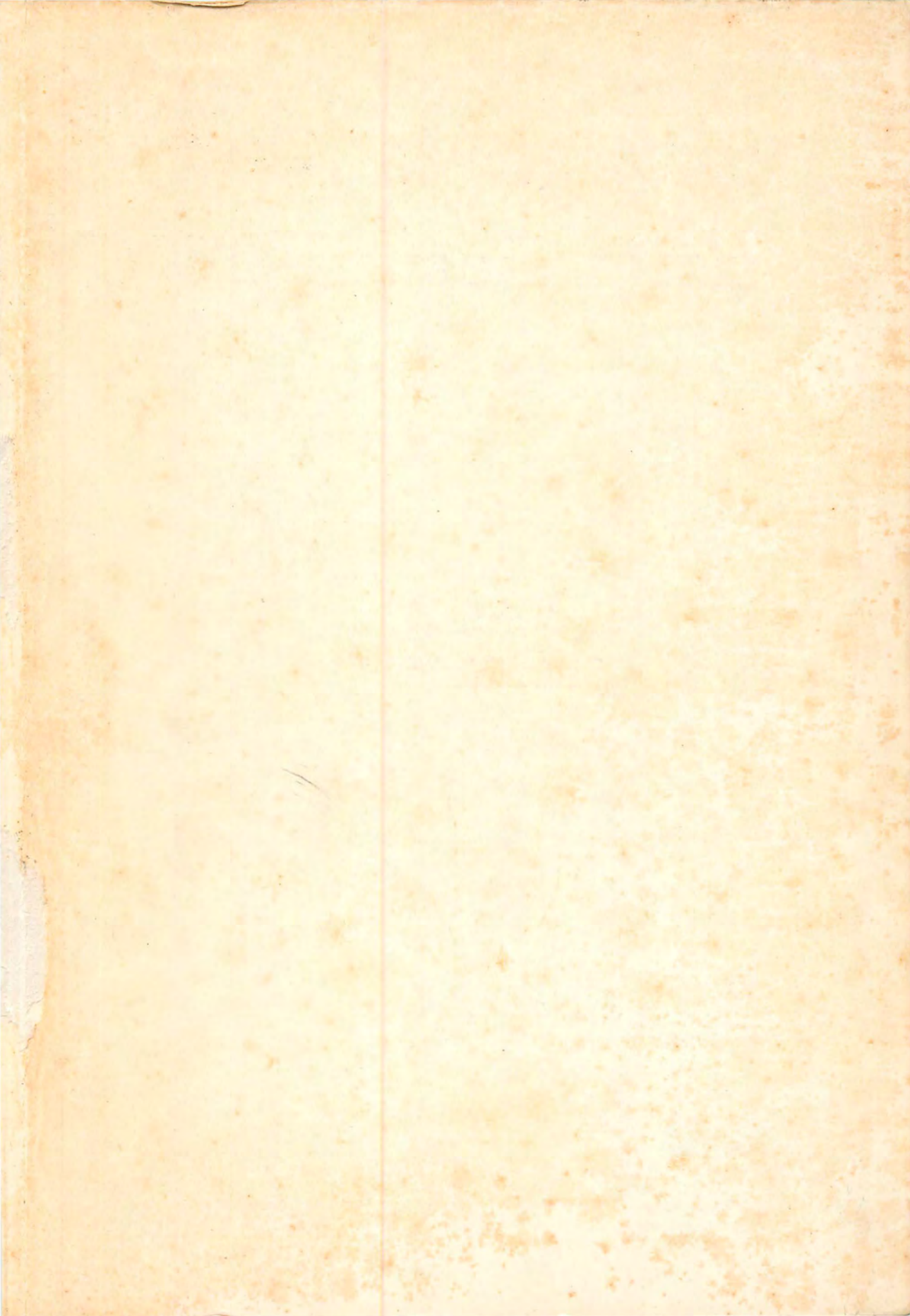
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