

# Report For 1904.

[PRESENTED TO THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON JANUARY 30TH, 1905.]

The Siam Society was constituted on the 26th February, 1904, and in accordance with its statutes the Council appointed at that meeting have now to retire from office, and it is their duty to give to this meeting a report of their stewardship.

On the 31st December, 1904, there were 134 names on the list of members, and some few more have been added since that time. Of those 134 members, 103 might be considered original members inasmuch as they entered their names before the first general meeting, which took place on the 7th April, 1904.

The aims of the Society, the investigation and encouragement of art, science and literature in relation to Siam and neighbouring countries, have been steadily kept in view, and with the consent of the general meetings honorary and corresponding members in Siam and foreign countries have been appointed to further these aims. The Council are happy to say that they have received much encouragement in their work by His Royal Highness the Crown Prince having accepted the post of Patron of the Society and by His Royal Highness Prince Damrong having accepted that of Vice-Patron. In addition indeed to having in various ways encouraged the aims of the Society the Vice-Patron was good enough to have read at our second general meeting a paper on the foundations of Ayudhya.

The Council are also happy to announce that they have received much support from the Ecole Française d'Extrême Orient who have sent them through Professor Finot the fourth volume (issued this year) of their Bulletin, while Dr. Brandes, of Batavia, has sent the Rapporten van de Commissie in Nederlandsch Indië voor oudheidkundig onderzoek op Java en Madoera,—2 vol. 1901 & 1902—issued by the Batavian Association of Art and Science. The Editor of "Buddhism" has likewise sent three numbers of his journal. And these form up to now the very small nucleus of the Library. The honorary and corresponding members have accepted their nominations in cordial letters of acknowledgement, and the Council have pleasure in recording their appreciation of the flattering notices the Society has received from other learned Societies, such as the Royal Asiatic Society, the Società Asiatica Italiana, etc., and in periodical publications.

The first volume of our Journal, which will be sent in exchange, will be in the hands of our members at an early date and in it will be published the papers read at the four general meetings which have been held up to now. As members have already been informed, the

Council have received promises of other contributions, and they once more venture to appeal to all to assist them in contributing papers to the Journal.

During the year the Council held regular meetings at which various questions relating to the aims of the Society were discussed. All suggestions made were taken into consideration and if they were not able to carry all of them into effect the Council trust that at a future day they may come into force in a modified form. This is more especially the case with regard to the publication of papers.

The Council are happy to announce that Dr. Poix joined them in the course of the year, in accordance with the statutes. Heer Homan van der Heide left in June for Europe. They have to deplore the loss by death of the Reverend Father F. J. Schnitt. Amongst the not very numerous scholars in this special sphere of knowledge he occupied a foremost place, and it was an honour to this Society that he accepted a place on the Council. He had promised to read before us a paper on the "Origines thaïes," and he always regretted that his numerous other duties did not make it possible for him to attend the Council meetings. It may not be generally known that when he returned last from Europe, unfortunately not cured of the disease to which he succumbed, he remained several months in Singapore for the purpose of studying Malay, which he had not had an opportunity of studying before. His memory will always be cherished by the Siam Society, as it will by all other scholars.

O. FRANKFURTER.

*Honorary Secretary.*

ACCOUNTS FOR 1904.

<i>Dr.</i>	Tcs.	Cts.		Tcs.	Cts.
100 Subscriptions at 20 Tcs. ... ..	2,000	00	Printing, Stationery and Postage ...	229	06
			Clerk's salary 5 mon- ths at 20 Tcs. ...	100	00
			Rent of room at Hotel ... ..	30	00
			Cost of Book case...	35	00
				394	06
			Balance	1,605	94
			Total	2,000	00
	2,000	00			

(*Sd.*) A. CECIL CARTER,

*Honorary Treasurer.*