

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1907.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Siam Society was held at the rooms of the Engineering Society of Siam on Thursday the 31st January, 1907.

The President, Dr. O. Frankfurter, took the chair, and there were also present:—Mr. J. Antonio, Mr. W. R. D. Beckett, Mr. R. Belhomme, Dr. C. Beyer, Mr. E. Bock, Rev. John Carrington, Mr. A. Cecil Carter, Mr. E. Florio, Mr. Francis H. Giles, Dr. T. Masao, Mr. W. H. Mundie, Mr. C. Sandreczki, Dr. Stönnner, Mr. E. W. Trotter, Mr. J. Homan van der Heide, Mr. W. J. F. Williamson.

On the motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Giles, the minutes of the previous annual general meeting were taken as read, and were confirmed.

The President said the report and balance sheet (which are appended)were before the members.

Mr. van der Heide moved the adoption of the report. Dr Masao seconded. Agreed.

Mr. van der Heide moved the adoption of the balance sheet. Dr. Masao seconded. Agreed.

The next business was the election of officers and members of Council for the ensuing year, and

Mr. van der Heide proposed that the Chairman be re-elected President. This was seconded by Mr. Beckett, and carried with acclamation.

Mr. van der Heide proposed the re-election of Mr. Belhomme as Hon. Secretary and Librarian. The President seconded. Agreed.

Mr. Beckett proposed the re-election of Mr. Mundie as Hon. Asst. Secretary. Mr. van der Heide seconded. Agreed.

The President said they were all very glad to have had Mr. Carter as Hon. Treasurer, and he proposed that Mr. Carter be asked to retain that position. Dr. Masao seconded,

Mr. Carter said it would be impossible as he was going on leave, and would be away for some months.

In the end Mr. Carter was prevailed on to accept re-election.

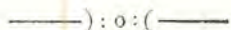
A ballot was then taken for the election of the three Vice-Presidents. Mr. Beckett and Dr. Masao were re-elected, while there was a tie between Mr. Giles and Mr. van der Heide.

Mr. Giles asked to be allowed to withdraw, and Mr. van der Heide was declared elected.

By the same ballot the election of eight members of Council was decided. There were elected Mr. Giblin, Dr. Beyer, Dr. Highet, Rev. John Carrington, Phya Prajakich, Mr. Bourke, and Mr. Giles, while there was a tie between Dr. Stönnner and Mr. Sandreczki. Dr. Stönnner withdrew, and Mr. Sandreczki was declared elected.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Florio and seconded by Mr. Bock, concluded the meeting.

REPORT FOR 1906.



The Siam Society—which was constituted on February 26th 1904—is now beginning its fourth year of existence and, in accordance with its statutes, the Council, appointed at the last Annual General Meeting, have now to retire from office.

The membership has somewhat fluctuated in 1906 but stands at present at 132 members against 131 in 1905. In a city such as Bangkok, and a Society mainly composed of foreigners, such fluctuations are inevitable, and vacancies caused by departures, resignations or death have been as quickly filled up by the enrolment of new members.

The Council have, nevertheless, to regret the almost complete absence of Siamese from its membership list. It is, however, hoped that, as its objects and aims become better understood and appreciated, they also will contribute to the success of the Society, which is under the high patronage of Their Royal Highnesses the Crown Prince and Prince Damrong.

In past reports mention has been made of the support received from kindred Societies in French Indo-China, Java, the Straits, Burmah and India. The expiring year has met with still warmer tokens of appreciation and encouragement from the same scientific bodies, and it can be said that the Siam Society has already been admitted into the ranks of these influential and prosperous associations devoted to Asiatic research. The numerous enquiries for exchange of publications are a proof of this.

The Publications received during the year are:—

Commandant Lunet de Lajonquière: *Ethnographie du Tonkin Septentrional*.

Annual Reports of the Smithsonian Institute.

Bulletin de l'Ecole Française d'Extrême Orient, Hanoi.

Bulletin de la Société des Etudes Indo-Chinoises de Saigon.

Journal Asiatique, Paris.

Publications of the Bataviaasch Genotschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen.

Bijdragen tot de Taal Land en Volkenkunde van Nederlandsch Indie.

Straits Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.

Journal of the Malaya Branch of the British Medical Association.

Journal and Proceedings of the Asiatic Society of Bengal.

Report of the Archaeological Work in Burma.

Mitteilungen der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Natur und Völkerkunde Ostasien, Tokyo.

Through Mr. C. O. Blagden :—

Buch des Rājāwan der Königsgeschichte, von P. W. Schmidt, S. V. D., Wien, 1906.

Mast and Sail in Europe and Asia, by H. Warington Smyth, London, 1906.

All these publications are open to the inspection of members by application to the Hon. Secretary.

As to our Publications, during the year under review, the members of the Society have received Volume II, which stood in arrear, and also Part I of Volume III; a further instalment belonging to Volume III, will soon be issued. With a view to placing in the hands of members, the papers as soon as read and discussed, the Council have decided that, in future, each paper will be printed and distributed as early as possible, in pamphlet form, instead of waiting for the accumulation of sufficient contributions to form a volume. It is hoped that this step will prevent arrears and also help to keep the Society and its transactions alive in the minds of its members.

The Council regret the departure from Siam of their most energetic and valuable member in the person of Colonel Gerini. At the last Annual General Meeting the members showed their appreciation of his services by appointing him an Honorary Member, the highest distinction they could bestow on him.

The Papers received during 1906 have fallen somewhat short of the number promised. When it is remembered that Siam contains as yet few men with sufficient leisure to write papers requiring long and careful research, this can easily be understood. Among contributions promised which, it is hoped, may be ready during the coming year, are :—

A translation, from the original Dutch, of Van Vliet's report on Siam (published in Leyden, 1692), by Mr. Polano.

Notes on the Geology of the Malay Peninsula } by
The Thai race in Northern Tonkin. } Mr. Belhomme.

Siamese Medicine, by Dr. Beyer.

Siamese Temples, by Dr. Frankfurter.

The Conquest of Ayuthia according to Burmese sources, by Mr. F. H. Giles.

Continuation of Dr. Masao's paper.

Siam is a country as yet but superficially known to the outside world and, in the present state of knowledge concerning her, every contribution, small or great, which may tend to throw light on her, or help to make her better known and appreciated, will be welcome. It may interest members to know that the Foreign Office has manifested its appreciation of the work thus begun by asking the Society to allow a special reprint of Dr. H. Campbell Highet's valuable paper on "Climate and Health in Bangkok." How far members can contribute to the aims of the Society, all can appreciate for themselves by referring to the list of subjects, on which contributions are invited, as drawn up by Colonel Gerini and printed at the end of Volume I. Reference to that list will convince all earnest workers of the vastness of the field open to our Society and also of the possibility for everybody to contribute towards and promote its aims.

The goodwill and interest of all its members are earnestly invited, by the retiring Council, for the development and prosperity of the Siam Society.

R. BELHOMME.

Hon. Secretary.

BALANCE SHEET, SIAM SOCIETY, 1906.

	Tes.	Cts.		Tes.	Cts.
By Balance 1905 ...	1,177	65	To.		
„ 123 Subscriptions	2,460	—	Journal 1905 1st Part	994	—
„ Sale of Journal ...	45	—	„ „ 2nd ..	1,202	77
			„ 1906 1st ..	417	81
			Plates printed at Survey Department ...	192	78
			Stamps	20	—
			Printing-Notices etc.	57	50
			Balance	797	79
Total	3,682	65	Total	3,682	65

A. C. CARTER.

Hon. Treasurer,

Bangkok, December 31st, 1906.

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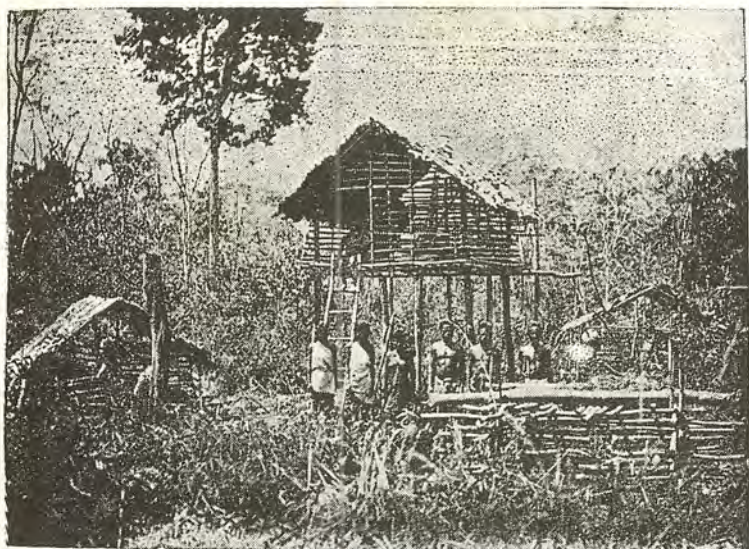


Jeune femme Por.



Por allant à la forêt.

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Village Porr.



Case Porr dans la fofêt.

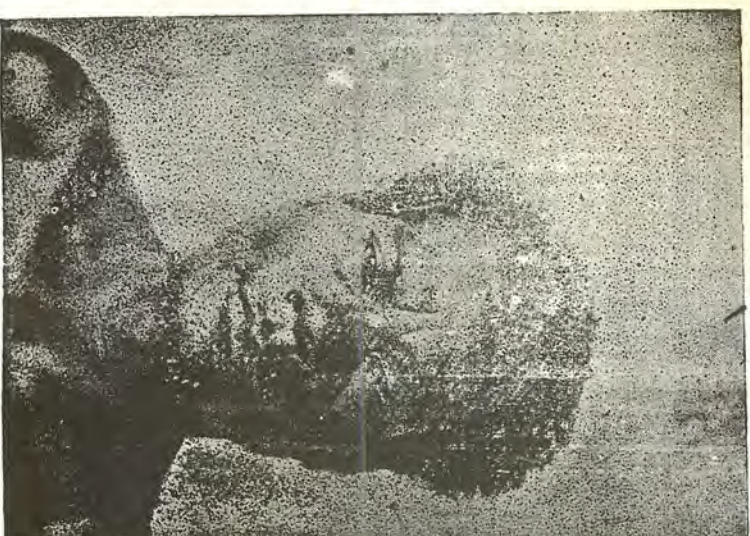


Highly finished stone Images of Brahma, Siva, and Vishnu at Kou Phra Narai,

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Types d'homme Porr.



Homme Porr.

