

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY.

A general meeting of the Society was held on the evening of the 7th November, 1907, at the rooms of the Engineering Society of Siam. The business before the meeting was a paper by the Rev. Dr. Eugene P. Dunlap on the Edible Bird Nest Islands of Siam.

The President, Dr O. Frankfurter, was in the chair, and at the outset said: I have great regret to announce the death of Phya Prajakit Korachakr, which took place on the 14th October. He was a member of the Council of the Society since its commencement, and I am sure regret at his untimely death will be shared by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He followed our labours with keen interest, and took, as long as health allowed, an active part in the proceedings of the Society, as witness the paper he read, at one of the Society's first meetings, on the Menam Moun and the provinces to the East. He struggled against an insidious illness with all his energy, and in spite of numerous official labours he continued his researches regarding the early history and civilisation of the Thai, about which he contributed many papers to the Vajirñān Magazine. The last work which crowned his labours was issued only a few days ago, under the title of Phongsavadan Yonok. I beg to move that an expression of our deep sympathy at his death be recorded on the minutes of our proceedings.

Dr. T. Masao said as one who had been associated with the late Phya Prajakit for the last ten years of his life, he deemed it proper he should second the motion, and he deeply regretted the occasion for doing so.

The resolution was passed in silence.

The President then introduced Dr. E. P. Dunlap, who read his paper.

The President thanked Dr. Dunlap for his most interesting because sympathetic paper.

Mr. van der Heide asked if superstitious ceremonies were observed, as in Java, in connection with the collecting of the nests.

Dr. Dunlap said the Farmer would scarcely begin the season without elaborate propitiatory services.

Dr. Masao mentioned a charge of poaching that had come before him from those islands.

The meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Dunlap

REPORT FOR 1907.

The Siam Society now begins the fifth year of its existence and, in accordance with the Statutes, the Council appointed at the last General Meeting retire from office.

The membership stands at 128 members as against 132 during the preceding year. It can therefore be said that the Society continues to enjoy the patronage of the community. Twelve new ordinary members were elected and sixteen old members were lost through death, departure, or resignation, to the Society during the year.

With respect to the support received from kindred Societies in neighbouring and other countries the Council are happy to record the same tokens of appreciation and encouragement as in the past. The publications received during the year are:—

- Général de Beylié : L'architecture Indo-Chinoise.
 A. Foucher : L'art Gréco Bouddhique du Gandhara.
 Aymonier and Cabaton : Dictionnaire Câm-Français.
 Bulletin de l'Ecole Française d'Extrême Orient. Hanoi.
 Journal Asiatique. Paris.
 Bulletin de la Société des Etudes Indo-Chinoises de Saigon.
 Annual Report of the Smithsonian Institute.
 Giornale de la Societa Asiatica Italiana. Florence.
 Bataviaasch Genotschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen.
 Batavia.
 Bijdragen tot de Taal Land en Volkenkunde van Nederlandsch Indie.
 Journal of the Straits Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.
 A Reprint of Col. Gerini's papers on "Siam's intercourse with China," and on the "Hanoi Exhibition,—The First International Congress of Far Eastern Studies ; a Trip to the Ancient Ruins of Kamboja."
 Poems by Arthur Pfungst, translated from the third German edition with a Preface by T. W. Rhys Davids.
 Brandstetter, Prof. Dr. : Ein Prodrornos zu einem vergleichendem Wörterbuch der malaio polyneischen Sprachen.
 Messrs. Luzac & Co. : Tsze Téen Piào Muh (a guide to the dictionary, an essay exhibiting the 214 radicals of the Chinese written language arranged according to the Mnemonic System of Mr. William Stokes, etc., by Thomas Jenner, member of the China Society.

หนังสือ สุภาษิต หลั ก ทรัพย์ ("A collection of Proverbs
and sayings regarding Wealth," by the author : Hluang
Prasöt Aksarniti (Phü.))

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

As to our Publications for the year under review : Members have already received the first part of Vol. IV ; a second volume containing the papers read and contributed in 1907 will soon be in their hands, while a third part is in the press. This will make nine papers for the past year as against six for the preceding one. In this respect, the Council are happy to be able to report considerable improvement and hope that the next year will show still greater interest and emulation among the members of the Society. Among the papers promised and in preparation for the current year may be mentioned :

The Burmese invasions of Siam according to Burmese Sources.—by
Nai Thien (Mg. Aung Thein).

Inscriptions collected in Nakhon Lampang and other places.—by
Dr. Hansen.

Translation of the Annals of Ayuthia (Chabab Lang Prasöt).—by
Dr. O. Frankfurter.

Siamese Temples.—by Dr. O. Frankfurter.

Lopburi—Past and Present.—by R. W. Giblin.

Some Early Astronomical and Magnetic Observations in Siam.—by
R. W. Giblin.

Translation of Van Vliet's Report on Siam.—by Mr. Polano.

On the significance of some Siamese medical terms.—by Paul G.
Woolley, M. D.

Continuation of Dr. Masao's Paper on Researches into the Indi-
genous Law of Siam as a study of Comparative Jurisprudence.

Before concluding, the Council deem it desirable to draw, once more, the attention of members to the list of subjects on which contributions are invited and which was drawn up by Colonel Gerini, and printed at the end of Volume I. The membership roll shows that interest in the Society's proceedings is widespread in our small community ; but perusal of its publications discloses the fact that the burthen of work has so far fallen on too restricted a number of workers. Learned papers do honour to the Society and help to keep it on a level with other such bodies, but an interesting collection of facts and observations are none

the less useful and appreciated by those privileged with the leisure and capacity to bring them later into use and co-ordinate them towards a better and more accurate knowledge of Siam. In this latter field every member can contribute his share of work. 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.

ACCOUNTS OF THE SIAM SOCIETY FOR 1907.

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	Tcs.	Cts.		Tcs.	Cts.
By Balance from 1906	797	79	To Stationery, Stamps, etc.	75	66
„ Sale of Journal ...	261	00	„ Printing	894	61
„ Subscriptions ...	1,400	00	„ Rent	30	00
			„ Balance on 31st Decem- ber, 1907	1,458	52
	2,458	79		2,458	79

DR. C. BEYER,

Acting Hon. Treasurer.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Society was called for Friday, February 28th, 1908, at the rooms of the Engineering Society of Siam. The President, Dr. O. Frankfurter, was in the chair.

On the motion of Mr. Carter, Mr. B. O. Cartwright was appointed Hon. Secretary.

On the motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Sandreczki, Maung Aung Thein was elected Asst. Hon. Secretary.

On the motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by the President, Mr. R. W. Giblin was elected Hon. Treasurer.

These appointments were made to fill vacancies that had occurred, and in view of the small attendance the election of the Council was deferred till the next ordinary general meeting. Members of the Council hold office till their successors are appointed.

On the motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Belhomme, the report and accounts for 1907 were adopted.

On the motion of the President seconded by Mr. Sandreczki, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Carter, Mr. Belhomme and Mr. Mundie for their past services as Treasurer, Secretary and Asst. Secretary respectively

A vote of thanks was accorded to the President as Chairman of the meeting, and this ended the proceedings.