

## ANNUAL REPORT, 1914.

The Siam Society has now completed the first decade of its existence and enters on its eleventh year with excellent prospects.

It is with the deepest feelings of regret that the Society has to mourn the loss of the late Colonel Gerini, one of the founders of the Society. Arrangements are in progress by which the Society hopes to be able to publish some of the late Colonel's hitherto unpublished MSS.

Two other prominent members of the Council have left Siam, namely, Mr. Beckett and Dr. Masao.

Various important contributions to the Journal have been promised for the forthcoming year, among which may be mentioned a paper on the Flora of Siam by Messrs. Kerr and Craib, and a continuation of the papers by Khun Praison on the early relations existing between Siam and Burma.

The Society has been highly honoured with a valuable contribution on the question of transliteration of Siamese from the pen of H. M. the King as Patron of the Society.

Exchange of publications with other learned Societies has been kept up as in the past, and an index to the first ten volumes of the Journal has been compiled and issued with the last part of the tenth volume.

O. FRANKFURTER,  
*President.*

B. O. CARTWRIGHT,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

## ACCOUNTS OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1912.

CREDIT.			DEBIT.		
	Tcs.	Cts.		Tcs.	Cts.
By Balance at Bank			To drawings of The		
31. 12. 11 ...	1,786	42	Buddha ...	30	—
Cash in hand ...	7	50	Art School for ditto	250	50
Subscriptions ...	960	—	Printing, binding &		
Interest ...	15	85	issuing Journal		
			(with plates) ...	1,097	96
			Postages ...	16	80
			Balance at Bank		
			31. 12. 12 ...	1,374	51
Total	2,769	77	Total	2,769	77

20th January, 1913.

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*Hon. Treasurer.*

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CREDIT.			DEBIT.		
	Tcs.	Cts.		Tcs.	Cts.
By Balance at Bank			To Survey Dept. ...	30	—
31. 12. 12 ...	1,374	51	Buddha Prints ...	246	—
Subscriptions ...	1,520	—	Printing binding &		
Sale of Journal ...	522	55	issuing Journal		
Interest ...	13	36	(with charts, seven		
			parts) ...	1,543	12
			Stationery ...	9	—
			Postages ...	8	30
			Balance at Bank		
			31. 12. 13 ...	1,594	—
Total	3,430	42	Total	3,430	42

20th January, 1914.

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*Hon. Treasurer.*

## Annual Meeting of the Society.



The annual general meeting of the Society was held on the evening of Thursday the 12th March, 1914. Dr. O. Frankfurter, the President, was in the chair.

The Hon. Secretary explained that the Minutes he read were those of two years before as in 1913 no annual general meeting was held. The Minutes were confirmed.

The report for the past year and the statements of accounts for 1912 and 1913 were adopted, on the proposition of Mr. C. A. Seymour Sewell, seconded by Dr. H. Campbell Highet.

The President then mentioned that Mr. Beckett and Dr. Masao, two active members of the Council, had left Siam. Mr. Beckett was their first president, and they were all grateful to him for the way he guided their Society in its early days. The Council had therefore thought it right to propose his appointment as an honorary member, and he proposed this in the name of the Council.

Mr. R. Belhomme seconded, and it was carried.

The President said he had further the honour, in the name of the Council, to propose the appointment of Monseigneur Perros, the Bishop of Zoara, as an honorary member. In doing so the Council was following the precedent created when appointing his revered predecessor to this post on the foundation of the Society, and they trusted that in asking the Right Rev Bishop to accept this appointment he would see in it the recognition of the services rendered to scholarship by the Mission at whose head he now stood.

Mr. J. Crosby seconded the proposal, and it was carried.

The President remarked that members would see from the report that they might expect from Mr. Craib, of Kew Gardens, to whose scholarship they already owed contributions on the Flora of

Siam, a paper or rather a series of papers on this subject. The importance of this undertaking needed no commentary, and when, through the great courtesy of Dr. Kerr, the Council was approached on this subject it was decided to propose Mr. Craib, in accordance with the statutes of the Society, as a corresponding member.

The proposition was carried after Mr. J. G. Raggi had seconded.

Dr. Frankfurter had further to propose on behalf of the Council the appointment of Professor Cabaton as a corresponding member. At present, he remarked, Professor Cabaton held professorships at the Ecole Coloniale and Ecole des Langues Orientales Vivantes, and his contributions in all fields of Far Eastern scholarship were too well known among members to require any commentary. He was entrusted by the Government of the Republic with researches in the Archives of State with regard to the relations of European Powers with the Far East, and he had, amongst others, found documents which would throw new light on the relations of Portugal and Spain with Siam. The Council trusted that the Journal would likewise benefit by these researches.

The proposition was seconded by Mr. Petithuguenin and carried.

As regards the election of officers, Dr. Frankfurter remarked that after Mr. Beckett and Dr. Masao left, the Council asked Dr. Highet and Mr. Irwin to become vice-presidents and invited Mr. Gairdner and Mr. Raggi to join the Council.

On the proposition of Mr. C. Allegri, seconded by Mr. Roger Garreau, the members of Council were all re-elected, as follows :—

*President :* Dr. O. FRANKFURTER.

*Vice-Presidents :* P. PETITHUGUENIN,  
Dr. H. CAMPBELL HIGHET,  
A. J. IRWIN.

*Hon. Secretary :* B. O. CARTWRIGHT.

*Hon. Treasurer :* W. H. MUNDIE.

*Members of Council :* R. BELHOMME,  
J. CROSBY,  
F. H. GILES,  
K. G. GAIRDNER,  
W. A. GRAHAM,  
PHYA PRAJAJIB BORIBAL,  
KHUN PHRAISON,  
J. G. RAGGI,  
C. SANDRECZKI,  
C. A. SEYMOUR SEWELL,

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THE LATE COLONEL G. E. GERINI.

The President said :

“ It is my painful duty to record the death of Colonel Gerini. His sudden demise came as a surprise to all of us who knew him in Bangkok in full vigour. Ready as he was to devote his life to a field of knowledge he had made his own and in which he had no rivals, we all hoped when we bade him good-bye at one of our meetings on the point of returning to Italy, that he would enjoy a long *otium cum dignitate* and that he would give to us the fruits of his ripe scholarship untrammelled by the drudgery of routine work. The last great work from his pen was the Catalogue he made of the Turin-Exhibition, the pages of which are teeming with knowledge which could only be acquired by an active, observing life. It would take too long to enumerate the works he published, every one of which may be considered in the study of the Far East as a lasting monument.

“ As you know from our report the Society has written to Italy to enquire whether any works are ready for publication, as they would be only too glad to undertake the task of publishing them.

“ The name of Colonel Gerini will live as long as studies in the folklore, history, geography, grammar of the East are continued, and we are proud that we could count him as a Vice-President and later as an Honorary Member of our Society.

“The expression of our deep concern in the death of Colonel Gerini, whom irresistible fate has called away so soon, with the expression of our gratitude for his scholarship, in the name of our Society I wish to put on record, and I also propose that the expression of our heartfelt sympathy be conveyed to the family of Colonel Gerini.”

Mr. Allegri seconded and it was carried.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S PAPER.

The President then read his paper on Mr. Morgan's unofficial mission to Siam in 1821.

At the conclusion Dr. Highet said he rose with great pleasure to propose a hearty vote of thanks to their President for his extremely interesting paper. He was not going to say he was the only one unacquainted with Mr. Morgan's adventures in Siam as he thought a good many were in that position, and an extremely interesting side-light had been thrown on the early history of Siam and the relations between Siam and Singapore. Subjects like this made the Siam Society interesting to all of them. He regretted that perhaps on account of the time and possibly on account of the work which had to be done in these days so few residents of Bangkok were present. Once more he proposed a hearty vote of thanks to their President.

This was carried with acclamation, and the meeting concluded.



## General Meeting of the Society.

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An ordinary General Meeting of members of the Society took place at the Oriental Hotel, Bangkok, on Thursday, the 28th May, 1914, to hear the paper by Dr. H. Campbell Highet on Vaccination in Siam. Mr. A. J. Irwin, Vice-President, was in the chair, and introduced the lecturer.

Before reading his paper Dr. Highet expressed the regret of the Society at the absence through illness of their worthy President, Dr. Frankfurter. They were glad, however, to know he was making satisfactory progress, and they all wished him a speedy recovery.

Dr. Highet's paper was heartily applauded, and the Chairman voiced the feelings of those present in proposing a vote of thanks.

Dr. Highet further exhibited a document lent, through the kindness of H. R. H. Prince Damrong, from the collection in the National Library. It was a treatise on small pox written by the Royal Scribes in 1870, and probably copied from an old manuscript. There were pictures for every month in the year, and it seemed that the virulence of the disease was regarded as varying according to the time of year and the part of the body on which the marks first appeared. The document was beautifully written in gold on black.

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