

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

Presented to the Annual General Meeting held on January 15th, 1918:—

The last Annual General Meeting was held on the 12th March, 1914, when the President read a paper on "the unofficial Mission of John Morgan to Siam in 1821."

On the 28th May of the same year an ordinary general meeting was held to hear a paper by Dr. Highet on "Small-pox and Vaccination in Siam."

These two papers were published in Part I. of Vol. XI of the Journal of the Society, together with a short paper by Dr. A. F. G. Kerr, of Chiangmai, on "a Hybrid Dipterocarpus."

Subsequently an ordinary general meeting was held on June 23rd, 1915, when Mr. R. Adey Moore read a paper on an Early British Merchant in Bangkok. That was published in Part 2 of Vol. XI of the Journal, together with a translation by Dr. Frankfurter of the preface written by Prince Damrong to the Edition of the History issued by His Royal Highness.

In February, 1916, Part 3 of Vol. XI of the Journal was issued with another instalment of the series of translations by Khun Luang Phraison Salarak, from the Burmese history, of the intercourse between Siam and Burma, bringing the narrative to the fall of Ayudhya.

The Council deplors with much regret the death of Mr. W. R. D. Beckett, C. M. G., an Honorary Member and First President of the Society. With an intimate knowledge of Siam and its customs, Mr. Beckett was an ideal President, and to his indefatigable zeal for the welfare of the Society much of its initial success is due. We beg to extend our respectful sympathy to Mrs. Beckett in her sad loss.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1918.

During the past year the Siam Society has continued to make progress, and is financially in a very satisfactory condition. Fourteen new members were elected during the year and only one resignation was reported. The membership of the Society now stands at 51.

The Society has been promised several important contributions to the Journal for the present year from various members. Two parts of the Volume for 1918 were issued in the course of the year, and two further parts are being printed.

Last March on the invitation of Prince Damrong the members of the Society paid a visit to the National Library, and His Royal Highness was graciously pleased to conduct the party round and to show many of the valuable books and MSS contained there. Twenty members were present.

It is to be hoped that this year some members will come forward with papers to be read before the Society.

B. O. CARTWRIGHT,

Hon. Secretary

February 8th, 1919.

ACCOUNTS OF THE SOCIETY.

AT DECEMBER 31st, 1917.

<u>Credit</u>				<u>Debit</u>
		Ticals.		Ticals.
By Balance at Bank			To Oriental Hotel ...	20.00
31-12-13. ...	1,594.00		„ Survey Dept. ...	95.00
„ Subscriptions ...	970.59		„ Binding Periodicals	85.50
„ Sales of Journal ...	234.00		„ Binding 2 sets in	
„ Interest ...	64.58		London ...	65.00
			„ Arts and Crafts	
			School ...	55.00
			„ Almirah ...	60.00
			„ Deed Box ...	19.50
			„ Printing, binding &	
			issuing Journal	
			(4 parts) ...	1,309.15
			„ 3 years rent to end	
			of 1917 ...	180.00
				<u>1,889.15</u>
			On fixed deposit ...	900.00
			Cr. Balance Current	
			a/c. 31-12-17 ...	74.02
				<u>74.02</u>
Ticals ...	<u>2,863.17</u>		Ticals ...	<u>2,863.17</u>

ACCOUNTS OF THE SOCIETY

CURRENT ACCOUNT AT DECEMBER 31st, 1918.

<u>Credit</u>		<u>Debit</u>	
	Ticals.	Ticals.	
Balance in Bank at 31-12-17 ...	74.02	Survey Dept. for Plates ...	103.60
Subscriptions ...	260.00	Credit Balance ...	241.42
Sales of Journal ...	11.00		
Ticals ...	345.02	Ticals ...	345.02

FIXED DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

December 14, 1917	Tcs.	900.00
December 14, 1918	,	931.50

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS.

Held on Tuesday, January 15th, 1918, Dr. H. Campbell Highet in the chair.

The Minutes of the previous annual general meeting held on the 12th March, 1914, were read and confirmed.

On the motion of Mr. Belhomme, seconded by Mr. Cartwright the Report of the Council and the balance sheet were adopted.

The Chairman proposed "that the Hon. Secretary be asked to extract from the Minutes of this meeting the record with regard to the death of Mr. Beckett, and to send a copy to Mrs. Beckett."

Mr. Lefèvre-Pontalis seconded, and the motion was adopted.

The members of the Council for the ensuing year were then elected as follows:—

President—	Dr. H. Campbell Highet.
Vice-Presidents—	Phya Indra Montri. A. J. Irwin. R. Belhomme.
Hon. Secretary—	B. O. Cartwright
Hon. Treasurer—	W. H. Mundie

Members of Council—Miss Cole, Luang Phraison Salarak, Messrs. J. A. Cable, K. G. Gairdner, W. A. Graham, A. Trice Martin, P. Petithuguenin, J. G. Raggi, C. A. Seymour Sewell, and R. C. R. Wilson.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed to support the Council in the decision they had come to to exempt the body of members from the payment of the subscription for 1917.

This was all the business.

Held on Monday, February 24th, 1919, the President (Dr H. Campbell Highet) in the chair.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Belhomme, the annual report was taken as read; and on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Sewell, the financial statement was accepted.

It was then proposed by Mr. Belhomme and seconded by Mr. Petithuguenin, that the old Council and office-bearers retain office for the year 1919. Carried.

Mr. Belhomme proposed and Mr. Cable seconded that Mr. G. Cœdès be elected a Vice-President of the Society, in place of Mr. A. J. Irwin, resigned. Carried.

The President thereafter proposed, and Mr. Belhomme seconded, that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. A. J. Irwin for the assistance he has given to the Society during his long tenure of office, and that he be elected an Hon. Member of the Society. Carried.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.
