

## Notes of the Quarter.

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### HON. PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY.

Owing to his well-known interest in all matters pertaining to Siamese Art, an invitation has been extended to H. R. H. the Prince of Nagara Svarga to become an Honorary President of the Society, and His Royal Highness has been gracious enough to accept the invitation.

It is felt that the Society will gain considerably in strength and prestige by the distinction thus given to it by His Royal Highness.

### MEMBERSHIP.

No fewer than 13 new members have been elected to the Society since the publication of Part II of the Journal in September, as follows :—

- ( 1 ) H. S. H. Mom Chao Piya Bhakdinart
- ( 2 ) H. E. Phya Nondisen Surendrabkakdi
- ( 3 ) Phra Sophon
- ( 4 ) Miss Bertha Blount
- ( 5 ) Mrs. F. Campbell
- ( 6 ) Mr. G. H. Gowland
- ( 7 ) Mr. W. Haines
- ( 8 ) Dr. Ib Hansen
- ( 9 ) Mr. J. H. Hee
- (10) Mr. Arnold Jones
- (11) Mr. W. R. S. Ladell
- (12) Mr. W. H. Newbould
- (13) Mr. E. Reuterberg

In addition to these. Monsieur P. Petithuguenin has been elected a Corresponding Member of the Society, in view of the many years good service he gave to it; and the Rev. R. Irwin has been elected a non-paying Member.

The following gentlemen have resigned their membership of the Society :—

Mr. A. P. Drakeford.

Mr J. Bailey.

Mr. P. Simon.

Mr. K. Van Dort.

Mr. W. Nunn.

Mr. R. Bell.

Mr. C. E. W. Hogge.

#### COUNCIL.

The Council has lost two of its members during the last three months in Dr. Eldon James and Mr. W. Nunn, both of whom have left Siam for good. Dr. James remains a Life Member, however, as reported in the last number of the Journal.

Mr. W. A. Graham, the President, returned to Bangkok from leave in November, and resumed his office at the 104th. Council Meeting held on the 27th of November.

#### FINANCE.

As a result of the campaign undertaken during the past three months to collect subscriptions, a large proportion of those overdue has now been gathered in, and the finances of the Society are, it is pleasant to be able to state, on a somewhat firmer basis. It is hoped that the Society will soon be able to discharge the full cost of printing Mr. Halliday's Mon. Dictionary, which work was undertaken by the Society. It is also hoped that members will be more prompt in paying their subscriptions in the future, and it will be appreciated that, the more funds the Society has in hand, the better position the Council is in to cater for the member's needs.

#### ALTERATION TO RULE 22.

Owing to the difficulty of collecting subscriptions, it was eventually resolved by the Council that Rule 22 (1st. paragraph) should be altered in such a way that no member, who had not paid his subscription, should receive the Journal of the Society.

The following alteration to Rule 22 (1st. paragraph) was accordingly proposed and carried unanimously at a General Meeting of the Society on October the 9th. :—

“Upon payment of his subscription, every member of the Society shall be entitled to one copy of each number of the Journal published during the year covered by that subscription.”

#### GENERAL MEETINGS.

Two Ordinary General Meetings of the Society have been held since September, the first on October 9th., at which M. Nicolas read a paper in French on “The Siamese Theatre”, and the second on November 14th., at which Dr. M. Carthew read a Paper on “Gardening in Bangkok.”

The meeting on October 9th. was attended by nearly 100 members and their guests, and H. R. H. Prince Damrong, accompanied by two of his daughters, graced the proceedings with his presence. The paper was illustrated by a troupe of actors from Nakhon Srithammarat, and the evening proved a great success in every way.

The meeting on November 14th. was unfortunately spoilt by most inclement weather, and the attendance was not a large one. The twenty-five members who attended, however, heard an interesting, practical and valuable paper on the subject of “Gardening”, which had evidently been studied exhaustively by the lecturer. It should, indeed, in print prove a very practical guide to all gardening enthusiasts in Bangkok.

The next paper will be read by Mr. B. O. Cartwright, Vice-President, prior to his departure from Siam for good, in January on “The Huey Lottery”.

#### STUDY SECTIONS.

On Sunday the 18th. of November, the Travel and Transport Section, under the energetic secretaryship of Mr. E. Wyon Smith, organised an excursion to Nakhon Pathom, and nearly seventy members and guests availed themselves of the opportunity provided.

It was unfortunate that H. R. H. the Prince of Kambaeng Bejra, the leader of the Section, could not accompany the party, but the thanks of the Society are due to him for all the arrangements made by the Traffic and Hotel Service of the Railway.

H. R. H. Prince Damrong, our Vice-Patron, whose knowledge of this historic site is extensive, also unfortunately could not be present to conduct the members round the temple, but he very kindly made the journey beforehand in company with Professor Coedès, who gave the party on the day itself a clear and concise account of the various stages through which Nakhon Pathom had passed during the past centuries; and altogether the excursion was much enjoyed by all present.

It is proposed to organise further visits, if possible, to other historic sites of the country during the coming cold season.

With regard to the Study Sections as a whole, it is proposed to reorganise these, and to make an endeavour to resuscitate the Section of Technology and Fine Arts, which had lapsed after five meetings. Mr. R. S. le May will act as Leader, and Mr. E. G. Sebastian as Secretary, and it has been decided to hold a series of informal Exhibitions, for the purpose of stimulating the interest of members in all the various arts and crafts peculiar to Siam and the Far East. The first of these Exhibitions is to be held on December the 15th, and the subject chosen is Khmer Bronzes, as a compliment to Professor Finot, Director of the Ecole Française d'Extrême-Orient, who is visiting Bangkok and who will be the guest of the Society at the meeting. Professor Coedès, whose fine work on this subject has just been published, will give a short discourse, and it is hoped that there will be a free discussion afterwards, among the members present.

#### CONGRES INTERNATIONAL D'HISTOIRE DES RELIGIONS.

This important congress was held at Paris in the 2nd week of October, and the Society was ably represented by Professor

Cabaton, of the school of Oriental Studies and a Corresponding Member of the Society, who kindly undertook the role.

#### SALE PRICE OF JOURNAL.

It has now been decided by the Council that the sale price of the Journal shall be fixed at Tcs. 7/- per copy to non-members of the Society, and at Tcs. 5/- to members for extra copies, for all future numbers, irrespective of their size, or whether they are accompanied by plates or photographs, or not.