

Notes of the Quarter.

Since the last issue of the Journal the following new members have been elected to the Society :—

September 12th. Messrs N. Eskelund, J. F. Johns, F. Hill-Madsen,
W. A. R. Wood, Idor Zieler.

September 19th. Messrs W. M. Cochrane, H. Leatherbarrow and
T. H. Pollard.

October 23rd. Dr. P. M. Lowell, Dr. A. O. Reinard, Mr. H. Tyrer
and Dr. C. W. Stump.

November 25th. Messrs J. C. Bullock, Courtenay Crocker, T. L.
Courtney, F. Feller, F. H. Geake, Jas. Hicks,
E. C. Monod, Jas. Reith, Steen Sehested, and
P. Scott.

Resignation Dr. F. B. Sayre.

One death has been reported — that of Capt. A. C. Christiansen, late of the Siamese Pilot service. There has thus been an addition of 23 new members to the Society, and a loss of 2 giving a net gain of 21.

REMOVAL TO NEW ROOMS.

The room hired in Chartered Bank Lane having proved somewhat inconvenient and inadequate for the growing needs of the Society, it was decided to seek other quarters, and these were eventually found in Poh Yome House, Sathorn Road, belonging to the Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation Ltd. Three fine rooms have been hired on the ground floor, one of which, about 60 ft. by 20 ft. is very suitable for meetings — and two smaller ones for the Secretary and Library. The Danish Society — which had hitherto shared the old room,—requested to come over to the new premises also, and one of the smaller room has been allotted to them with liberty to use the hall for their meetings by arrangement. The new quarters are adequate and suitable in every way for the needs of the Society.

A servant has been engaged who lives on the premises and keeps the key of the room, so that members can obtain entrance at any time on application to him, but the Library is open (when the Assistant Librarian attends) on Mondays and Fridays from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. for the exchange of books.

ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

An Ordinary General meeting was held at the new rooms on August 27th. when Dr. A. F. G. Kerr read a paper on "Doi Angka" (Intanon), the highest mountain in Siam (in Monthon Payab).

The lecture was illustrated with numerous lantern slides, and a very interesting and enjoyable evening was spent. A large company of over 90 members and their friends were present, amongst whom were H. R. H. Prince Damrong (Vice Patron) and daughters, H. H. Prince Bidyalankaranā (Vice Minister of Commerce), H. E. Chao Phya Dhammasakti (Minister of Education) and wife, H. S. H. Mom Chao Piya &c., &c. The company also included about 16 ladies. It is intended to publish Dr. Kerr's interesting paper in the Society's Journal in due course.

THE STUDY SECTIONS.

1) A meeting of the Archaeology, History, Literature and Philology Section was held on October 8th. when Mr. le May gave a "causerie" on a visit to Sawankaloke in June last. The leader, Prof. G. Coedès presided, and about 12 members were present. Mr. le May gave an interesting account of Wat Maha That and also exhibited some specimens of pottery which he had found there. A short discussion followed to which Messrs. Coedès, Graham and Sebastian contributed.

2) A meeting of the Technology and Fine Arts Section was held at the rooms on December 19th. when the President (Mr. Graham) spoke on "Siamese porcelain" (Bencharong). Through the kindness of Phya Vichit Narong, Phra Sophon, and Luang Riddhi, a very fine collection of specimens of this interesting ware was exhibited, many of the pieces being of great rarity and beauty.

dating in some cases from 200 years ago, and much interest and appreciation was expressed by those present in this unique display.

Mr. le May the leader of the Section was in the chair, and introduced the lecturer and the subject. About 35 members were present including several ladies.

THE SOCIETY'S RULES.

A sub-committee of the Council has been at work revising and re-casting the rules of the Society. Several important additions and alterations have been made in recent years and it was felt that the increased size of the Society demanded a new and up to date edition of the rules. These will be submitted to the next General Meeting for confirmation and sent to members in due Course.

THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

For some time past, negotiations have been proceeding between the Siam Society and the Natural History Society of Siam with a view to amalgamation. The latter Society—which has had a long and distinguished career and whose journal has a wide reputation in the scientific world — will now become merged in the Siam Society and will in future form the “Natural History Section” of that Society. As regards their journal, it will in future be published as a “Supplement” to the Siam Society’s Journal, but in order to preserve its identity to the many scientific Societies with which it has been exchanged, the serial number and pagination will be carried on as formerly. The Siam Society welcomes this addition to its usefulness, and to its investigations in Natural History which has always been one of the Subjects within its “charter”.

The amalgamation will date from January 1st, 1925.