

Notes : July-September.

The Council has met on three occasions during the third quarter of 1927.

MEMBERSHIP.

The following have been elected to Membership during the quarter :—

July 6th Mr. E. D. Atkins, Dr. G. W. Theobald.

August 5th Phya Srishtakara Banchong.

Mr. G. Kluzer resigned from the Society on his departure from Siam. The resignation of Chao Phya Boladeb as from 1925 was accepted with regret.

The following have been removed from membership for non-compliance with Rule 8: Mr. T. S. Courtney, Mr. W. W. Fegen, Mr. Hill-Madsen, Mr. R. A. N. Hillyer, Mr. W. H. Newbould, Mr. H. Leatherbarrow, Mr. H. J. Macnamara, Mr. A. O. Reinhard, Mr. J. M. D. McKenzie, Mr. C. W. Stump and Mr. G. M. Yetts.

GIFTS.

The following gifts were received during the quarter :

History of Monthon Ratburi, prepared in connection with Lumbini Exhibition, presented by Phya Gadaharabodi ;

A set of the photos taken at Wat Benchamabopit on the occasion of the visit of the Section of Fine and Applied Arts, presented by Chin Ngi ;

“ An Asian Arcady ” by Mr. Reginald le May, presented by the Author ;

“ Guide Book to Bangkok ” by Major Erik Seidenfaden, presented by the Author.

SIAMESE-ENGLISH-FRENCH-DICTIONARY.

The Council has approved of a commencement being made with the compilation of a Siamese-English-French dictionary. A Sub-Committee with power to co-opt, has been appointed and this Sub-Committee has commenced work. The Sub-Committee is at present constituted as follows:—Prof. G. Coedès (President) Chairman, H. H. Prince Dhani, Mr. J. Burnay, Phya Indra Montri, Major Erik Seidenfaden, Mr. R. S. le May, H. H. Prince Bidyalankarana. Luang Thurakich, Luang Pramonda and the Rev. Bro. Hilaire. H. H. Prince Dhani has offered to take steps to obtain if possible some financial assistance and general co-operation from the Government. H. R. H. Prince Damrong has very kindly agreed to allow the staff at the Royal Institute to assist in the preparatory work on the dictionary, and the Sub-Committee has received from the Ministry of Public Instruction a copy of the Padānukrom.

THE COUNCIL.

Mr. A. Marcan and Mr. René Nicolas were elected members of the Council during the period under review. Their election subject to confirmation by a General Meeting.

THE LATE QUEEN SUKHUMAL.

Following the demise of Queen Sukhumal Marasri, the Council sent a letter of condolence to F. M., H. R. H. the Prince of Nagor Svarga, Honorary President of the Society, and at a later date the members of the Council attended at the Dusit Maha Prasad, and laid a wreath before the Urn containing the Queen's remains.

INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL CONGRESS.

An invitation to be represented at the International Geographical Congress to be held at Cambridge in 1928 having been received, the Council has invited Mr. W. A. Graham to attend on behalf of the Society.

CONGRESS OF ORIENTALISTS.

An invitation has been received for members to attend the

seventeenth International Congress of Orientalists to be held at Oxford in 1928.

CENTENARY OF MARCELIN BERTHELOT.

The French Legation forwarded an invitation to the Society to be represented at the centenary celebrations in honour of M. Marcelin Berthelot to be held in Paris during October. The Council asked Mr. J. Burnay to represent the Society on this occasion, and Mr. Burnay in accepting promised to forward an account of the proceedings.

HONORARY LIBRARIAN.

During the absence from Siam of Mr. J. Burnay, Honorary Librarian, Major W. R. S. Ladell has been appointed to act temporarily.

STUDY SECTIONS.

The sixteenth meeting of the Study Section of History, Archaeology, Philology and Literature took place in the Society's rooms on July 28th when Mr. J. Burnay read a paper on Siamese Phonetics and Siamese History. There was an excellent attendance, presided over by the leader of the Section (Prof. G. Coëdès). The paper in extended form is printed in the Society's Journal Vol. XXI, part 2.

There were no ordinary general meetings of the Society during the quarter.