

Notes : October-March.

The Council has met on six occasions during the third quarter of 1927 and the first quarter of 1928.

MEMBERSHIP.

The following have been elected to membership during the period :—

November 2nd	Mr. C. F. Maltby.
December 7th	Mr. H. O. Mackenzie, Dr. Paul Hermet. Mr. Ingham Sutcliffe, Mme. Daubourg, Mr. D. F. Mace.
January 18th	Comm. de Rossi, Phya Prijanusasna, Mrs. C. L. Watson.
February 13th	Monsieur R. Réau, Dr. O. Schwend, Dr. M. Hürlimann.

Mr. E. G. Sebastian resigned from membership of the Council and the Society, and Mr. A. H. Tandy and Mr. H. G. Q. Wales from membership, following their departure from Siam.

The resignations of Messrs. F. W. Margrett, M. P. Keane, W. C. Streatfeild, C. Rhodes and Phra Yantravidya were also received and recorded with regret.

OBITUARY.

News of the death of Mr. B. O. Cartwright, a Corresponding Member of the Society, and its Honorary Secretary for many years, was received with much regret, and it was decided to send a letter of condolence to Mr. Cartwright's relatives.

There has also to be recorded with much regret the death of Monsieur Réau, which took place in Bangkok on the 9th March, after a brief illness.

HONORARY MEMBER.

In recognition of the valuable work carried out by Dr. Malcolm Smith in the field of Natural History, the Council unanimously

elected him an Honorary member. This election is subject to confirmation by a General Meeting.

GIFTS.

The following gifts have been received and added to the Library of the Society,

Three copies of the new Padanukrom presented by H. H. Prince Dhani (two copies of which have been placed at the disposal of the Dictionary Committee).

Nirat Muang Luang Phrabang, presented by F. M. Chao Phya Surisak Montri.

Notes on the Siamese Army, presented by Major Erik Seidenfaden.

THE COUNCIL.

The election of Mr. A. Marcan and Prof. René Nicolas as members of the Council was unanimously confirmed by the General Meeting of Members.

Mr. M. Bréal resigned from the Council on proceeding to reside permanently in northern Siam, this resignation being received with regret.

On an alteration being made in the rules whereby Leaders of Study Sections or their Secretaries have seats on the Council, H. R. H. the Prince of Kambaeng Bejra, as Leader of the Travel and Transport Section of the Society, was good enough to intimate his willingness to serve on the Council.

SIAMESE-ENGLISH-FRENCH-DICTIONARY.

Two meetings of the Committee appointed by the Council to proceed with the compilation of a Siamese-English-French-Dictionary have been held since the publication of the last notes. Mr. Brewitt-Taylor offered to write to Mr. E. J. Walton, who during his period of service in Siam had collected a number of Siamese words not included in the standard dictionaries, with a view to obtaining the loan of his notes containing these words. The suggestion was cordially approved.

EXCHANGES.

The Council appointed a Committee consisting of the President, Mr. le May and Major Ladell (acting Hon. Librarian) to review the position of the Exchange list, and report to the Council.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM.

Arising out of a suggestion by Mr. Aagaard that the Natural History Museum be revived, the consideration of the question was referred to a Committee composed of Dr. Kerr, Prof. Morrison Major Ladell and Mr. Aagaard. This Committee in due course presented their report, and after the same had been circulated and considered by the members of the Council it was decided to approach the Minister of Public Instruction with a view to enlisting the Minister's assistance in a larger scheme than that proposed by the Committee.

CENTENARY OF MARCELIN BERTHELOT.

Monsieur J. Burnay as the representative of the Society attended the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of M. Marcelin Berthelot held in Paris in October. The Siamese Minister to the Court of St. James, Prince Varnvaidyakara, was among those present, and he presented an address in the name of Siam. Monsieur Burnay was cordially thanked for attending the celebrations as the Society's representative.

CONGRESS OF HISTORICAL SCIENCES.

An invitation to be represented at the Congress of Historical Sciences to be held at Oslo in August 1928 having been received, the Council invited Dr. Paul Tuxen, one of the Society's Honorary Members, to represent the Society, and subsequently a reply was received from Dr. Tuxen that he would make an effort to attend the Congress.

LINGUISTIC CONGRESS AT AMSTERDAM.

The offer of Monsieur J. Burnay to represent the Society at a Linguistic Congress at Amsterdam in April was accepted with thanks.

ROYAL BATAVIAN SOCIETY OF ARTS AND LETTERS.

The Society was invited to take part in the celebration of the 150th anniversary of this learned Society. The Council un-animously appointed the President (Prof. G. Coedès) to be the Society's delegate, and it was further decided that the President convey a congratulatory address in the name of the Siam Society to be presented to the Royal Batavian Society of Arts and Letters on this occasion.

ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

A general meeting took place in December when Professor René Nicolas read a paper entitled "Le personnage du singe Hanuman dans le Ramayana siamois." Three short scenes illustrating the chief sides of the character of Hanuman, performed by members of the Krom Khon Luang, who were graciously lent by His Majesty for the occasion, added greatly to the success of the lecture, which was delivered at the National Museum.

THE STUDY SECTIONS.

In October a meeting of the Natural History Section was held, when Dr. A. F. G. Kerr, the section leader, lectured on Kao Tao, an island in the Gulf of Siam.

A meeting of the Section of History, Archaeology, Philology and Literature took place in December at the National Museum, when Professor G. Coedès lectured on the excavations made by the Royal Institute at Pong Tük in Rajaburi Province. Their Majesties were present at the meeting, at which H. R. H. Prince Damrong presided, and a large audience gathered to listen to the account of the discoveries and to the lecturer's survey of the history of the monuments which originally occupied the site now being excavated.

The Travel and Transport Section met in March under the leadership of the Prince of Kambaeng Bejra to listen to a paper on the "Hill Routes between Pitsanulok and Lomsakdi" prepared from a diary kept by Mr. L. J. Robbins of the Vajiravudh College. The paper was illustrated by interesting photographs, and a short

film taken by the author helped to portray the country passed through in the journey described.

PHILATELIC SECTION.

The attention of members is drawn to the fact the 1c May collection of stamps on Siam which was to have been exhibited at the Lumbini Exhibition, has been presented by His Majesty to the Royal Institute, and can now be seen there.