

Notes : April - June.

The Council has met on four occasions during the second quarter of 1928.

MEMBERSHIP.

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

April 4th—Mr. Curtis C. Williams.

May 9th—Dr. Hans Koester, Phya Sarasastra Sirilakshana, Mr. Norman Sutton, Mr. H. E. M. Martin, Mr. M. T. Colchester, Mr. E. O'Brien Hoare.

June 6th—Dr. Kuroita.

June 27th—Mr. J. S. Hockman, Luang Thurakich Phitan, Mr. A. T. Oldham.

THE COUNCIL.

Mr. E. Wyon Smith accepted a seat on the Council in the period under review. To the regret of his colleagues Mr. Brewitt-Taylor, who had served on the Council for some time, felt compelled to resign owing to pressure of other duties. His resignation was received unwillingly and the hope expressed that at some future date Mr. Brewitt-Taylor might see his way to again assist the Council in its deliberations.

THE HONORARY TREASURER.

The Honorary Treasurer proceeded on leave during the quarter, and Mr. le May very kindly consented to act for him during his absence.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

The question of observing the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Society has been under discussion at more than one Council Meeting, and a Committee consisting of the President, the Prince of Kambaeng Bejra, Prince Dhani Nivat, Phya Indra Montri, Dr. Hugh McCormick Smith and the Honorary Treasurer was appointed to consider the matter.

In connection with the above-mentioned anniversary it was agreed by the Council that it was desirable to examine the financial position of the Society, and the following members of the Council

were appointed a Committee for that purpose:—Phya Indra Montri, Mr. R. S. le May, the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary.

This Committee reported at the Council Meeting held on June 6th, and it was unanimously agreed after discussion that the Finance Committee be appointed to act permanently, and that proposed expenditure should be inspected by them before going forward to the Council for sanction.

The Finance Committee have discussed various methods by which the Society might become possessed of its own home, this being considered a suitable way of marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the Society. This project is being further investigated, and the Council have left the subject in the hands of the Finance Committee for the time being, in the hope that this Committee might be able to formulate a plan which would lead to the Society acquiring a permanent home.

EXCHANGES.

The Exchange Committee have held two meetings and prepared a new list of exchanges. This was circulated to all members of the Council at the meeting on 6th June.

ROYAL BATAVIA SOCIETY OF ARTS AND LETTERS.

The President reported at the May Council meeting the proceedings at the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Royal Batavia Society of Arts and Letters, detailing the various functions he attended during his visit to Batavia, as the delegate of the Siam Society. The President added that he had been elected to Honorary Membership of the Society, and brought greetings to old friends on the Council and the Society, from Mr. (now Sir) Josiah Crosby. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the President for his services, by the Council.

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM.

Following the receipt of a letter from the Ministry of Public Instruction, the Council resolved to approach the Minister of Commerce and Communications with a view to the Natural History Museum being incorporated with the Economic Museum of the Ministry of Commerce and Communications. For this purpose the Natural

History Committee have been asked to draw up a new report, and the Committee has been enlarged by the appointment thereto, of Dr. Hugh McCormick Smith and Mr. A. Marcan.

STUDY SECTIONS.

The Section of Fine and Applied Arts held an interesting session on Saturday May 19th at the Society's Rooms, with the President in the Chair. Mr. le May was the lecturer, and his subject was Chinese Porcelain. An ardent collector for many years, Mr. le May has made an extensive study of his subject, and his paper was listened to with interest by a large gathering. A number of pieces of porcelain were on view, and served to explain points in the paper.

