

Sir Ernest Satow.

At the 174th Meeting of the Council of the Siam Society, held at the Chulalongkorn University on Wednesday, September 4th 1929, prior to the reading of the Minutes, the Acting President said: "Before commencing to treat the various items contained in to-day's Agenda, it is my sad duty to announce the death of another Honorary Member of the Siam Society in the person of the distinguished diplomat and scholar, Sir Ernest Satow. Sir Ernest arrived in this country as far back as 1884 and left in 1888; during his short sojourn he occupied such high positions as that of Agent and Consul-General and, subsequently, that of Minister Resident. After his departure from Siam, Sir Ernest occupied other high diplomatic positions among them that of Minister at Tokyo and at Peking, to name the most important ones. From his long sojourn in Japan will be known a whole series of scholarly works on the history and language of that country which have made his name famous among all students of the Far East. His somewhat short connection with this country bore, however, also no mean fruit in his 'Essay towards a bibliography of Siam'—an up-to-date edition of which useful work is so sorely needed to-day—as well as his 'Notes on the Intercourse between Japan and Siam in the seventeenth century,' the latter a most interesting and instructive work of high historical value. It must also be remembered that Sir Ernest made a large collection of Sawankaloke ware which was found in situ by himself. It was therefore quite natural that, at the very inception of our Society, in 1904, Sir Ernest Satow should be elected one of its Honorary Members. Though not personally known to any of us present here to-night and perhaps barely remembered even by those of the older generation who were his contemporaries here more than forty years ago—Sir Ernest Satow's name as a scholar is such a high one that it will live for ever among those who are studying the civilizations of the East, to

the research work of which he contributed so nobly. Honour be to his memory!"

At the 175th meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, Oct. 9th, at the same time and place, it was decided on the motion of Dr. McCormick Smith, seconded by Mr. le May, to publish the Acting President's eulogium of Sir Ernest Satow in the forthcoming issue of the Journal, and Mr. le May undertook also to forward a copy to the Foreign Office with a request that they would forward it to the relatives of Sir Ernest Satow.