

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of members of the Siam Society, adjourned from February 20th, was held at the Society's home off Cole Avenue on the 20th March, 1935, at 6 p.m. Phya Indra Montri, the President, was in the Chair and there were also present Major E. Seidenfaden and Mr. W. H. Mundie, Vice-Presidents, Phya Srisihtikarn Banchong, Mr. J. Burnay, Mr. R. Lingat, Mr. C. J. House, Mr. U. Guehler, Mr. H. Brändli (Members of Council), Mr. A. H. Hale, Phya Sarasastra Sirilakshana, Mr. W. Zimmerman, Mr. I. Zieler, Mr. J. E. Davies, Nai Ariant Manjikul, and the Honorary Secretary.

The notice convening the meeting having been read, the Minutes of the previous annual general meeting held on February 14th, 1934, were taken as read.

THE WORK OF THE YEAR.

The annual report was next presented by the Council. This stated *inter alia*:

In the course of the year Professor Georges Cœdès, a former President of the Society and now an Honorary Member, re-visited Bangkok. The Council had the pleasure of entertaining Professor Cœdès, and on this occasion were also able to welcome another former active member and contributor to the Journal, also now an Honorary Member, in the person of Sir Josiah Crosby, the British Minister. It was the first occasion that either had seen the Society's home.

On the 1st January 1935, the membership totalled 189 as compared with 207 in 1933.

SIAMESE SCRIPT.

Definite advance is to be reported in connection with this work on the Evolution of Siamese Script. Originally planned to be the Jubilee volume issued by the Society, the Council left the matter in

abeyance, on the ground of cost and also because they believed there was a possibility of this particular study being included in a larger work to be produced in Europe. During 1934 the Council decided to abandon the idea of a Jubilee volume, and learning that the projected publication in Europe depended upon circumstances with which they could not be associated, they decided to have blocks made from the photos already prepared, before the negatives suffered further from the climate. The President, Prince Dhani and Mr. J. Burnay undertook to collaborate in writing a preface to the plates, the whole to be printed forthwith in the Journal. At the end of the year, the making of the clichés had been begun.

The index for volumes 1-25 at the end of the year, was ready for delivery to the printers, and will be issued as a separate publication.

TRIBAL DRESSES.

A proposal that the Council should make an attempt to preserve as far as possible by means of replicas, the dresses worn by the various peoples in Siam, having met with the sympathetic support of the Council, Prince Varnvaidyakorn promised to see what could be accomplished by an appeal to the Ministry of Interior. So successful was this appeal that samples of these dresses were still being received from the remoter parts of the Kingdom in February, 1935.

TRANSCRIPTION.

During the year an informal committee composed of persons interested but not necessarily connected with the Siam Society, have considered the Memorandum prepared by the Committee appointed by the State Councillor for Public Instruction on the subject of a system for the transcription of Siamese into Roman characters, a copy of which was submitted to the Siam Society for their opinion and views.

This reply was duly submitted to the Ministry of Public Instruction Committee, and later the assistance of the Council was sought in devising Siamese equivalents for scientific terms.

NATURAL HISTORY.

In December at a general meeting of members Dr. A. G. Ellis was elected to the position of Leader of this important section, and since the report was compiled Mr. C. J. House has consented to act as Honorary Secretary.

The Council learnt early in the year that the preservation of the wild life of the country was to be placed in the care of the Forest Department, and later the Council were favoured with a copy of the draft law on this subject. The President went through the list of birds and animals to be protected by the draft Act, and his suggestions were conveyed to the Conservator of Forests. Since that time there has been nothing to record, and the proposed law has not yet been promulgated.

ACCOUNTS.

The audited balance sheet which had been circulated to the members, prior to the meeting, was also presented. It showed receipts for 1934 of a little over Tes. 4,000, and a total expenditure in respect to the same period of Tes. 3,777. A debit brought forward from 1933 was met by a transfer from the Reserve Fund account.

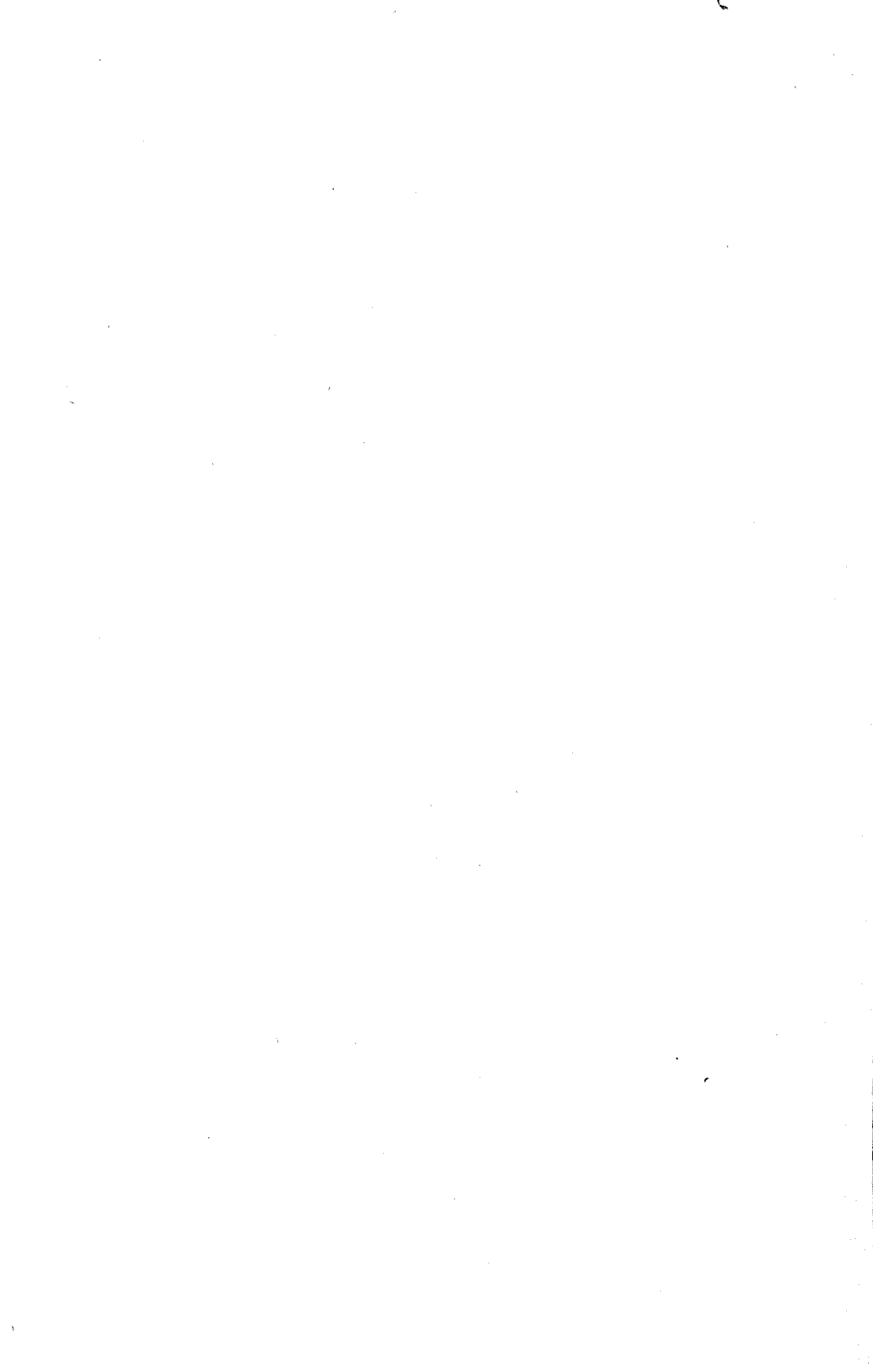
The report of the Council and the balance sheet were unanimously adopted.

The retiring members of the Council were all re-elected *en bloc*, on the motion of Mr. Hale, seconded by Phya Sarasastra, and the President briefly returned thanks on behalf of himself and the Council.

SERVICES TRIBUTED.

Tributes to the work on behalf of the Society, and the Natural History Section in particular, rendered for a number of years by Mr. W. R. S. Ladell and Dr. Hugh McCormick Smith were paid from the Chair. And on the motion of Phya Srishtikar Banchong, seconded by Mr. Burnay, these two gentlemen were unanimously elected as Corresponding Members of the Society.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. G. R. Brooks, the Hon. Auditor, for his services, and to the Chairman were adopted, and the meeting terminated.



Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1934.

Receipts.					Tes. Stgs.	Expenditure.					Tes. Stgs.
To Subscriptions.	1933	...	...	Tes.	125	By Clerk's wages	...	...	...	...	360.00
do.	1934	...	...	"	3,175	.. Travelling allowance	...	...	...	...	60.00
do.	1935	...	...	"	50	.. Caretaker's wages	...	...	...	...	396.00
						.. Postages and Revenue stamps, Hon. Treasurer	...	...	...	...	52.55
						.. Postages and petty, Hon. Secretary	...	...	...	...	194.83
						.. Printing Craib's Flora, Vol. II, Pt. 2	...	...	...	...	546.00
						.. Printing errata in Vol. I, Craib's Flora	...	...	...	...	36.00
						.. Printing Journal, Vol. XXVII, Pt. 1	...	...	...	...	702.00
.. Sale of Journals	...	...	...	...	73.00	.. Blocks for Journal	...	...	...	...	81.00
.. Sale of Natural History Journals	...	...	...	...	125.50	.. Printing authors' separates	...	...	...	...	14.49
.. Sale of Craib's Flora	...	...	...	...	411.95	.. Wrapping and addressing Journals, etc.	...	...	...	...	33.95
.. Sale of Mon Dictionary	...	...	...	...	39.60	.. Stationery	...	...	...	...	117.85
.. Sale of Stamp Catalogue	...	...	...	...	37.50	.. Printing N. H. Supplement, Vol. IX, Pt. 3	...	...	...	...	381.00
.. Otto Harrassowitz account of sales	...	...	...	...	34.50	.. Blocks for Supplement	...	...	...	...	34.00
.. Interest on current account	...	...	...	...	16.14	.. Authors' separates	...	...	...	...	7.00
						.. Printing index to Vol. IX. N. H. Supplement	...	...	...	...	58.50
						.. Light, fans, bulbs, etc.	...	...	...	...	132.00
						.. Septic tank for servants quarters	...	...	...	...	50.00
						.. Soil, bricks, etc., for garden	...	...	...	...	88.75
						.. Tea on H. M.'s visit	...	...	...	...	76.45
						.. Repairs to screen and black-board	...	...	...	...	24.00
						.. Fire insurance: Building	...	...	...	Tes.	81.77
						.. Stocks	...	...	...	60.21	141.98
						.. Hire of P. O. box	...	...	...	...	20.00
						.. Books bound for library	...	...	...	...	53.00
.. Transfer from Reserve Fund account	...	...	...	...	1,841.00	.. Implements and cleaning materials	...	...	...	...	7.85
						.. Exchange losses	...	...	...	...	1.53
						.. Slides for Major Seidenfaden's lecture	...	...	...	...	18.50
						.. Copies of old Siamese script	...	...	...	...	29.60
						.. Bookcase for library	...	...	...	...	35.00
						.. Purchase of books for library	...	...	...	...	24.31
						.. Cheque book	...	...	...	...	2.50
										Tes.	81.77
										60.21	141.98
					4,088.49	.. Total receipts	...	...	...	...	...
					1,841.00	.. Total on fixed deposit	...	...	...	...	3,000.00
					5,929.49	.. Total receipts	...	...	...	...	4,088.49
					5,929.49	.. Net total expenditure	...	...	...	...	3,777.31
						Debit balance brought forward from 1933	...	...	...	...	817.84
											4,595.15
											1,334.34
											5,929.49
											195

N.B.—The above sales do not include Messrs. Luzac's account.

Reserve Fund Account.

To Balance brought forward from 1933	...	...	Tes.	4,700.00
.. Interest received	...	...	...	141.00
				4,841.00
.. Transfer to General account	...	...	...	1,841.00
				3,000.00
Total on fixed deposit	...	...	...	3,000.00

Examined and found to agree with the books and vouchers.

G. R. BROOKS.
Hon. Auditor.

C. W. WARD,
Act. Hon. Treasurer.

Subscriptions outstanding.

1932	...	Tes.	150
1933	...	"	150
1934	...	"	300

Number of Members as at 31st. December 1934.

Honorary	...	21
Corresponding	...	11
Life	...	3
Ordinary	...	156
Free	...	4
		<u>195</u>

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