

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

## 5TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This was held on the 5th February, 1918, and was attended by 15 members and 5 guests.

The accounts for 1917 were presented and passed. A statement as to the affairs of the Society during the year was made by the President, Mr. W. J. F. Williamson, in which he mentioned that the Society then numbered 79 members, an increase of two on the previous year.

On the proposal of Mr. Brewitt-Taylor, seconded by Mr. Lambert, the officers of the Society for 1917 were re-elected *en bloc*; and on the proposal of Mr. Nunn, seconded by Mr. Lambert, Dr. Smith and Mr. Williamson were again elected Editors of the Journal.

Dr. Smith moved a resolution that "Persons of enemy nationality shall no longer be eligible for membership of the Society." Discussion took place as to whether the resolution would cover present members of enemy nationality of the Society, and an alteration to the resolution was ultimately proposed by Mr. Lambert, making the resolution run as follows:—"That the names of persons of enemy nationality, who are now members of the Society, be struck off the list of members, and that persons of enemy nationality shall no longer be eligible for membership of the Society." This was accepted by Dr. Smith. The motion was opposed by Mr. Cable on the ground that the Society was a Society for scientific research, and as such should welcome contributions from any source irrespective of the nationality of the investigator. The motion, as amended, having been seconded by Mr. Lambert, was put to the vote and carried by 7 votes to 3, a number of those present not voting.

This concluded the business part of the meeting, and a display of specimens by the following members then took place:—by Mr. Williamson, a collection of birds from Nong Kae, S. W. Siam; by Dr. Smith, a large number of sea snakes collected in the Gulf of Siam and upon the coasts of the Malay Peninsula; while Mr. Godfrey gave an interesting display of butterflies.

## 2ND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING, 1918.

This was held on the 19th June, 1918, and attended by 19 members and 9 guests.

Dr. Smith exhibited a series of reptiles and batrachians obtained by him on a recent visit to southern Annam, and gave an account of the country visited, illustrated by maps and a number of photographs. Mr. Williamson exhibited some new or noteworthy Siamese birds and birds' eggs, and Mr. Godfrey shewed a collection of spiders and scorpions.

## 3RD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

This was held on the 4th December, 1918, and attended by 18 members and 9 guests. Mr. Th. H. Lyle exhibited a small collection of

mammals from Koh Lak, including a Siamese hare, golden back squirrels, and tree shrews. Dr. Smith gave an exhibition of the turtles and tortoises of Siam, his collection including almost all the species known to inhabit the country.

Mr. Williamson shewed some of the rarer Bangkok birds. Several other members also contributed to the meeting.

#### 6TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This was held on the 26th February, 1919, and was attended by 15 members and 5 guests.

The report and accounts for 1918, showing a present membership of 61, and a balance in hand of Tes. 706, were presented and adopted. Mr. E. G. Herbert was elected a member of the Committee in place of Mr. G. E. Webb, and Mr. C. L. Groundwater was elected an additional member of the Committee, the remaining members of the Committee, including the officers of the Society and Editors of the Journal, being re-elected *en bloc*. A suggestion was made by Mr. A. J. Irwin that, besides papers being printed in the Journal, they should also be read at meetings of the Society, in order that there might be an opportunity for discussion. This was approved, Dr. Smith remarking that the reading of papers had always been welcomed by the Committee, but that so far very few members had come forward for this purpose.

Upon the conclusion of the business part of the meeting Mr. Godfrey exhibited a collection of butterflies; Dr. Smith shewed specimens of the Siamese crocodile, and compared it with other closely allied species. Mr. Williamson shewed a small collection of birds recently obtained on the coast of Cambodia, including two specimens of the rare Ibis (*Thaumatibis gigantea*).