

garden, whereupon I went downstairs and shot it. I went and lay down again but shortly afterwards my boy came rushing to me a second time saying there was another cobra this time climbing up the stairs. By the time I could get my gun again and shoot it, it had almost reached the verandah where I was. The two snakes proved to be a male and female.

C. J. AAGAARD.

June 1924, Bangkok.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

11TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

This was held in the Bangkok Times buildings on March 12th 1924 at 6.30 p.m.; Dr. Malcolm Smith, the President, was in the chair. The minutes of the previous annual general meeting having been read and confirmed, the Chairman then presented the statement of accounts for the past year. It showed a deficit of Tes. 1169.81 and this he explained was due to the unusually heavy expenditure incurred by the production of the Journal, not only in the volume of material which had been published, but also in the cost of numerous plates.

It was not, however, as bad as it appeared, for it included, first of all, the cost of plates that had been printed off in connection with Mr. Herbert's paper on Birds' Nests in Central Siam, half of which were destined for Journals that had not yet been issued, while another portion was covered by the fixed deposit held for the production of the special number of the Journal dealing with the Birds of South-West and Peninsular Siam. Thus the cost of publication for the coming year would be very materially lessened. He estimated that the actual deficit, after allowing for these sums, would not amount to more than 300 ticals.

The number of ordinary members on December 31st, 1923 was 67, against 61 for the previous year of the same date. Three Journals had been issued, two of them the ordinary Journals of the Society and one a special number in connection with the vertebrate fauna of South-West and Peninsular Siam.

The election of Officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with and the result was as follows:—President, Dr. Malcolm Smith; Vice President, Mr. E. J. Godfrey; Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr. J. Hunter; Members of Committee in addition to the above, Dr. Hugh Smith, Mr. A. Marcan and Mr. W. R. S. Ladell.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. A. Marcan for his valuable work as secretary of the Society during the last three years and regret was expressed by the Chairman that pressure of work had obliged Mr. Marcan to resign his office. The Chairman also proposed

that a letter expressing the thanks of the Society should be sent to Mr. W. J. F. Williamson in recognition of his valuable editorial work in connection with the special volume of the Journal on the Birds of South-West and Peninsular Siam, and this was passed unanimously.

25TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

This was held at the Bangkok Times buildings on November 7th 1923; the President was in the chair.

Dr. Hugh Smith exhibited some interesting specimens of fish from Siamese waters showing unusual methods of reproduction whereby the eggs were carried in one case in the mouth, and another in a special groove on the ventral surface of the male fish.

Mr. Godfrey showed a collection of butterflies recently obtained at Bangnara, Patani and compared them with closely allied forms from central Siam.

Dr. Smith showed some rare snakes, a rare species of Gecko (*Aeluroscalabotes felinus*) and a very large specimen of the horned toad (*Megalophrys nasuta*). He also showed a gigantic specimen of the frog *Rana macrodon* measuring 225 mm. in length of head and body. All these specimens had recently been obtained in Patani.

H. E. Phya Cholamaya showed a pair of antlers of Schomburgk's deer.

Mr. Aagaard showed a large house Gecko with three tails and a number of rare Bangkok birds.

26TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

This was held at the Pasteur Institute at 9.15 p.m. with Mr. E. J. Godfrey, the Vice-President, in the Chair.

Dr. Malcolm Smith read a paper entitled "A Zoological Expedition to Hainan" illustrated by lantern slides and by specimens obtained during the expedition.

The lecturer in his introductory remarks reviewed the faunistic relations of the whole of the Indo-Chinese peninsula and shewed that the fauna of Hainan, far away though it appeared to be from Siam, had more in common with the greater part of that country than had the fauna of the extreme south of Siam, that is, the portion south of the isthmus of Kra. An account of this journey and of the zoological specimens obtained there appeared in the last number of the Society's Journal.

27TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

This was held at the Pasteur Institute at 9.15 p.m. on March 11th, 1924, Dr. Malcolm Smith in the Chair.

Major C. H. Stockley gave an interesting account of his recent zoological expedition on the Burmo-Siamese frontier, and shewed a large number of the specimens obtained there by him. A paper by

Major Stockley upon this expedition has been promised by him for the Journal, and it was hoped that it would soon be ready for publication.

28TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

This was held at the Pasteur Institute on March 17th 1924, at 9.15 p.m., Mr. J. Kemp in the chair.

Mr. H. S. Vernay, the leader of the Vernay-Faunthorpe expedition, gave an account of his recent experiences big game shooting in India, Burma and Siam. The part of Siam travelled through by him was on the Burmese frontier quite near to that district which had been collected in by Major Stockley. He was accompanied by Col. Percy Smith representing the British Museum of Natural History and by Mr. Willoughby Lowe. He shewed a large series of the birds and mammals obtained by him.

The bulk of this collection will go to the American Museum of Natural History in New York, but by arrangement with the British Museum a series of the birds and small mammals obtained will be retained for that institution.

One of the most interesting animals shot was a Tapir, a rare animal in Siam, the specimen obtained by him extending the known range of this animal nearly 3 degrees north.

As a game country, however, he had found the Burmo-Siamese frontier extremely poor, but they had managed to obtain during the time they were there about 1000 specimens of birds and 200 of small mammals.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 1923.

Receipts.	Ticals	Cts.	Ticals	Cts.	Expenditure.	Ticals	Cts.	Ticals	Cts.
	Balance from 1922	778	62	—		—	PRODUCTION OF JOURNAL :—		
Fixed deposit at 31-12-22	1,000	—	1,778	62	Printing Vol. 4 No. 2	48	—		
Due by Bangkok Times for Journals sold			32	—	" Vol. 5 No. 2	599	50		
Subscriptions collected during 1923			1,198	—	" Vol. 6 No. 1	882	—		
Sale of Journals during 1923			74	07	" Vol. 6 No. 2	526	50		
Interest on Fixed Deposit			40	—	" Separates	19	50		
Interest on Current a/c			8	95	Cost of plates (paid)	333	78		
					Cost of plates not paid (approximately)	600	—		
						<u>3,009</u>	<u>28</u>		
					Less unpaid	1,813	83	1,195	45
					Postage of Journals, etc.			166	89
					Printing Post Cards, Forms, etc.			33	—
					Hon. Secretary's Postages and Sundries			20	28
								<u>1,415</u>	<u>62</u>
					Bank balance at 31-12-23				
					Current a/c	644	02		
					Fixed deposit	1,040	—		
					Due by Bangkok Times for Journals sold	32	—	1,716	02
								<u>3,131</u>	<u>64</u>
					LIABILITIES :—				
					Due to Bangkok Times Press Ltd. Tes. 1,213.83				
					" " H. F. & G. Witherby				
					(approximately)	600	—		
						<u>1,813.83</u>			
					BANK BALANCE :—				
					Pass book 31-12-23	894	02		
					Unpresented Cheque No. 619497	250	—		
						<u>644</u>	<u>02</u>		
	Ticals	3,131	64				

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