

No. V. A Migration of Butterflies in Peninsular Siam.

On May 23rd of this year I noticed a flight of butterflies passing the Huey Sak Plantation a little to the west of the manager's bungalow. The butterflies first appeared at about 8.30 a.m. coming from the north over a small limestone hill, some 250-300 feet in height, and flying due south. The flight continued without cessation until about 12 a.m., by which time many hundreds of thousands of individuals must have passed. The butterflies were flying from about 1 to 8 yards from the ground on a front of 100 yards or more. The day was bright and pleasant with a fresh westerly breeze. During the afternoon a few straggling lines were seen returning due north and for some days afterwards there were unusually large numbers of butterflies around the bungalow and in the garden. I have since identified five species included in the flight, viz: *Papilio polytes* (♂ and ♀), *Catopsilia crocale*, *Danaida similis*, *Euploea mulciber* and *Cynthia erota*, but I am of the opinion that other species were also present.

J. H. HEE.

Huey Sak, June 16th, 1925.

No. VI. A New Grasshopper injurious to Rice in Siam.

A new grasshopper injurious to rice in Siam was collected by me at Klong Rangsit in December 1924. It is described and figured by B. P. Uvarov in the "Bulletin of Entomological Research," Vol. XVI, Pt. 2, October 1925 and named *Quilta oryzae*. Only one other species of *Quilta* is known, viz., *Quilta mitrata* Stål, described from the Keeling (or Cocos) Islands in the Indian Ocean.

W. R. S. LADELL.

Bangkok, January 1926.

Proceedings of the Society.

29TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

This meeting was held at the British Club on November 24, 1924, and took the form of a farewell dinner to Dr. Malcolm A. Smith, the President, and Mrs. Smith, who were shortly retiring from Siam.

Mr. E. J. Godfrey, the Vice-President, was in the chair and 34 members of the Society attended.

Mr. P. R. Kemp proposed the toast of Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm Smith and referred to the unflinching and active interest both had always taken in the affairs of the Society, and to the great extent to which the general renown of the Society's work was due to the

President's own labours in the field and in the editorial chair. The heartiness with which the large number present honoured the toast was a true measure of the appreciation and recognition of the value of the President's past work.

Dr. Malcolm Smith replied, thanking the members of the Society for the honour done him and Mrs. Smith, and expressing his hope that a new era of interest in the Natural History of Siam would arise from the amalgamation of the Society with the Siam Society, which was to take place as from the 1st January 1925.

Mr. A. Marcan also spoke and gave a short résumé of the valuable scientific results of the President's work in Siam and neighbouring countries.

Dr. Hugh M. Smith was called upon, and told the meeting of the high appreciation accorded to the Society's Journal in the United States of America. He reminded members that there was still much to do, and urged that they should not be content to rest on past success and allow a period of inactivity to occur owing to the loss of the President and other prominent active members of the Society who had left or were leaving Siam.

Proceedings of the Section.

1ST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

This meeting was held in the Siam Society's rooms on the 6th May 1925, with Mr. W. A. Graham, President of the Siam Society, in the chair.

This was the first meeting of the Section held since the Natural History Society of Siam had become the Natural History Section of the Siam Society by amalgamation on the 1st January 1925.

Mr. Graham took the opportunity to outline the scope of the Sections under the Siam Society and stated that a Leader and Honorary Secretary should be elected.

Mr. E. J. Godfrey was thereupon elected Leader and Mr. P. R. Kemp, Honorary Secretary.

Announcement was made of the election of Mr. P. R. Kemp and Dr. Hugh M. Smith as members of the Council of the Siam Society.

Proceedings of the Section.

2ND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

This was held in the Society's rooms on the 7th July 1925, with Mr. E. J. Godfrey, Leader of the Section, in the chair.

Mr. Godfrey's appointment by the Council to be Assistant-

Editor of the Society's Journal, to edit the Natural History Supplement, was confirmed.

Dr. Hugh M. Smith exhibited some interesting specimens of fish from Siamese waters, and also displayed many excellent coloured drawings made by a Siamese artist and depicting some of the fishes of Siam in their natural colours.

Mr. Godfrey showed a collection of butterflies.