

Second Contribution to the Knowledge of the Zooecidia of Siam. By W. M. DOCTERS VAN LEEUWEN. *Marcellia, Rivista internazionale di Cecidologia*, v. XXII, 1925.

This is a paper on a small, but interesting, collection of galls from Siam, most of which are figured. The first contribution will be found in the *Journal of the Siam Society*, Vol. XV, pt. 1.

Proceedings of the Section.

3RD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

This meeting was held in the Siam Society's rooms on Jan. 29th 1926 with Mr. E. J. Godfrey, Leader of the Section, in the chair.

Mr. Godfrey having expressed a wish to resign the leadership, Dr. Hugh M. Smith was elected in his stead.

Mr. P. R. Kemp then resigned from the position of Hon. Secretary in favour of Mr. W. R. S. Ladell.

Mr. S. G. Lambert proposed a vote of thanks to the two retiring officers, which was carried unanimously.

A discussion of the future activities of the section was productive of offers of papers from Dr. Hugh Smith, Dr. Morrison and Major Ladell.

4TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

This was held in the Society's rooms on Feb. 16th 1926, with Major W. R. S. Ladell in the chair.

Dr. Hugh Smith read a paper on "The So-called Musical Sole of Siam" before a well attended meeting, some 50 members and friends being present.

In course of his paper Dr. Smith referred to the legend of the "Musical Sole" which he proved to be a myth, the noises attributed to the sole being produced by a variety of cat fish.

Dr. Smith showed a number of interesting specimens.

5TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

This meeting was held in the Society's rooms on Aug. 13th 1926 with Dr. Hugh Smith in the chair.

Owing to the failure of the electric light the meeting had to be held with the aid of candles and a large electric torch.

Dr. Morrison showed a walking perch. Dr. Hugh Smith some paintings of fish executed by an artist in his department and Mr. A. Marcan some specimens of two new plants. Mr. Bourke read an interesting note relative to a female sambur killed by wild dogs. After this Dr. Morrison gave a lecture on "Animal Light and the Synchronous Flashing of Fireflies in Siam." After a lively discussion, the proceedings closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Morrison.

6TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

This was held in the Siam Society's rooms on Sept. 18th, with Dr. Hugh Smith in the chair. There was a good attendance of members and friends in spite of inclement weather. Dr. Smith showed a specimen of an electric ray fish, after which Dr. Kerr read a paper entitled "Some Siamese Ant-Plants." The paper was illustrated by specimens and lantern slides; the new lantern and epidiascope presented by Mr. Graham being used for the first time.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Kerr for his interesting paper, and some time was spent by those present in examining the specimens exhibited.

7TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

This was held on Dec. 14th 1926 in the Society's rooms, with Dr. Hugh Smith in the chair.

Major W. R. S. Ladell showed some specimens of Dynastid and Cerambycid beetles bred from larvae found in a Kapok tree, and exhibits illustrating the life history of the moth *Trabala vishnou*. H. S. H. Prince Bidya Longkarana showed a small fish of the sea-horse species.

The Chairman brought a drawing of the fish known as *Synanceja horrida* and a specimen of the Giant Hornbill.

Mr. A. Marcan then read a paper on "The Story of Drugs with Special Reference to Siamese Medicinal Plants." This interesting and instructive paper dealt particularly with the history of Quinine, and the development of the use of Chaulmoogra oil and its derivatives in the cure of leprosy. The lecture was illustrated by lantern slides and specimens. After a short discussion, the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to Mr. Marcan.

8TH. ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

Held at the Society's rooms on March 18th 1927, with Dr. Hugh Smith in the chair and 35 members and friends present.

Dr. Smith put forward a resolution regarding the preservation of wild animals in Siam. This resolution was carried unanimously and typed copies were handed to Professor Cœdès to bring to the notice of the Council of the Society.

Dr. Smith then resigned from the position of Leader, explaining that he was about to depart on a protracted leave.

Thereupon Dr. A. F. G. Kerr was elected as leader subject to his willingness to accept the position.

Major W. R. S. Ladell showed some specimens of Cerambycid beetles, outlining their life-history.

Dr. Smith then exhibited pictures of Siamese fish delineated by his official artist.

The principal business of the evening was a paper by Dr. Morrison on "Some of the Microscopic Inhabitants of Bangkok

Canals." This was a dissertation on protozoa illustrated by lantern slides and cinema-photomicrographs, thanks to the courtesy of the Minister of the Interior. At the conclusion microscopes were available for the examination of slides of various living and stained organisms.

The proceedings closed with a short speech by Mr. Lambert in which he expressed on behalf of the Society their appreciation of the able and efficient manner in which Dr. Smith had carried out his duties as Leader of the Section.