

the late Mr. Rolfe, was another. The *Eria* is noted as coming from Bangkok, its exact locality has yet to be discovered. It is probable that *Rhynchosstylis coelestis*, one of the few orchids with blue colouring, which was described by Reichenbach in 1885 from specimens sent from Siam, was also one of Roebelen's plants, but there is no reference at hand to confirm this.

For most of the above information about Mr. Roebelen's life and travels we are indebted to his son, Luang Saner Bachanabakya.

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SIR HAROLD LYLE.

The news of the lamented death of Sir Harold Lyle reached us too late to prepare an adequate account of his contributions to the zoology of Siam. We hope to be able to do so in our next number.

Proceedings of the Section.

9TH. ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

This was held on June 9th. in the Council Room of the Vajiravudh National Library, kindly placed at the disposal of the Society for the occasion by the Council of the Royal Institute. His Majesty the King, the Patron of the Society, with Her Majesty the Queen, honoured the Society with their presence. There were assembled to meet their Majesties: H. R. H. Prince Damrong, President of the Council of the Royal Institute of Literature, Archaeology and Fine Arts, and Vice-Patron of the Siam Society; H. R. H. the Prince of Kambeang Bejra, Honorary Vice-President of the Siam Society; H. H. Prince Bidyalankarana, Vice-President of the Royal Institute and Honorary Member of the Siam Society; H. H. Prince Dhani Nivat, member of the Council of the Royal Institute and member of the Council of the Siam Society; Prof. G. Coedès, President of the Siam Society and the Council of the Siam Society.

Prof. G. Coedès opened the proceeding's with an address of of welcome to their Majesties.

Major W. R. S. Ladell lectured on Paddy Pests in Siam, illustrated with show cases indicating various stages in the life histories of the insects concerned. Dr. T. F. Morrison spoke on (1) the electric organs of the ray fish (2) accessory breathing organs of the climbing perch and walking cat-fish (3) the pelvic girdle and limbs of the python, illustrated by museum specimens. Mr. A. Marcan exhibited some Siamese plants and dealt with their application to gardening. Dr. A. Kerr exhibited a peculiar genus of evil smelling plants, (*Amorphophallus*), a strange parasitic flower (*Rafflesia*), and Siamese rock plants. Dr. Morrison's and Mr. Marcan's papers were illustrated with lantern slides, the lantern being manipulated by Mr. Neilson.

After a short interval for refreshments a paper on "Wild

Life on the Nakorn River," written by Mr. C. J. Aagaard and translated by Major Seidenfaden, was read by Major Ladell; followed by lantern slides made from actual photography of the specimens described. His Majesty took an active part in the discussions, showing himself intensely interested and expressed a wish to attend other meetings in the future.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Aagaard presented a case of butterflies which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to accept.

