

**Bees of Koh Tao, Gulf of Siam.**—In the Proceedings of the Entomological Society of Washington (vol. 29, No. 7, October, 1927), Prof. T. D. A. Cockerell gave a list of bees collected on Koh Tao by Dr. H. M. Smith on a visit to the island, December, 1926—January, 1927. The species named are as follows:

1. *Megachile penangensis* Cockerell. Three females, one male. Previously known from a female collected on Penang Island and described by Cockerell in 1918.

2. *Megachile atratiformis sininsulae*, n. subsp. Two females. Perhaps a distinct species. The author had no specimens of *M. atratiformis* for comparison.

3. *Megachile kohtaoensis*, n. sp. One male. Close to *M. morrilli* Cockerell, from Philippine Islands.

4. *Anthophora korotonensis* Cockerell. One female. Known also from Philippine Islands and Formosa.

5. *Trigona testaceitarsis* Cameron. Two workers. Originally described from Patani, Siam.

6. *Crocisa insulicola*, n. sp. One male. Related to *C. surda* Cockerell from China.

7. *Crocisa pernitida basifracta*, n. subsp. One female. *C. pernitida* Cockerell is recorded from India and Burma.

#### OBITUARY.

We have to record the loss in 1929 of two well known zoologists, Mr. Oldfield Thomas and Mr. H. C. Robinson, both contributors to this Journal, and the latter an Honorary Member of the Society.

M. R. OLDFIELD THOMAS, F.R.S. died at Kensington on June 16th. He entered the British Museum in 1875, at the age of seventeen, and retired in 1923. He devoted himself particularly to the study of the smaller mammals. He described many mammals from Siam, chiefly from collections made by the late Sir Harold Lyle and Mr. K. G. Gairdner. Some of his descriptions of new species from Siam have been reprinted in this Journal. He also contributed directly to the Journal the two following articles:—

On the allocation of the name *Sciurus finlaysoni* Horsfield. Vol. II, No. 4.

Obituary Notice of Sir Harold Lyle. Vol. VII, No. 3.

HERBERT C. ROBINSON, F.Z.S., M.B.O.U. died at Oxford on May 30th aged 54. He was for some years Director of Museums and Inspector of Fisheries of the Federated Malay States. He made many collecting expeditions in the Malay Peninsula between 1906 and 1926, getting well up into Peninsular Siam. He was one of the first to reach the top of Gunong Tahan, the highest mountain in the Peninsula, which he did in 1906. Though he was principally interested in mammals and birds, he made some valuable collections