

made it possible for Professor Craib to compile his "Floræ Siamensis Enumeratio." The frequent reference to Mr. Marcan's specimens in this work indicates his great activity in collecting, chiefly in Bangkok and the south of Siam.

Mr. Marcan was a member of the former Natural History Society of Siam and was almost the last to serve as honorary secretary, as he held office from 1922 until 1924, the amalgamation with the Siam Society taking place at the beginning of 1925. For some years since he served on the Council of the Siam Society.

At meetings of the section, Mr. Marcan was a frequent contributor both of notes and papers, his most notable papers being on the subject of Siamese drugs, read in 1926, and on the flora of the mangrove swamps at the mouth of the Menam, presented in 1928. The former paper was published in the Supplement, Vol. VII, page 107.

MR. C. J. AAGAARD.

Mr. C. J. Aagaard joined the Natural History Society of Siam early in 1914. He was interested chiefly in birds and mammals and was a regular exhibitor of specimens of these at meetings of the Natural History Society and the Natural History Section. His skill as a collector and taxidermist was always much appreciated by those who saw his specimens.

Most of Mr. Aagaard's collections of birds and mammals have been worked out by Messrs. C. Boden Kloss and F. C. Chasen, and papers by these authorities have appeared in the Supplement. A collection of birds, of more than usual interest, made on Doi Angka, Chiangmai Province, in April, 1932, is now being studied by Mr. Chasen and it is hoped that a paper on this collection will be available for publication in the Supplement early in 1933. Mr. Aagaard contributed several notes to the Journal of the Natural History Society and a paper of his entitled "Wild life on the Nakorn River," was read at a meeting of the Siam Society in June, 1927. In 1930 Mr. Aagaard published a book entitled "The Common Birds of Bangkok."

In addition to mammals and birds, Mr. Aagaard also collected butterflies and moths, and on his departure from Siam he took back large collections of these to Denmark where, doubtless, they will meet with the appreciation they merit.

E. J. G.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECTION.

20TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

This meeting was convened on July 7, 1932, by Mr. E. J. Godfrey as the Section was without a Leader and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. R. S. Ladell) was on leave.

Mr. Godfrey opened the meeting and proceeded at once with

the business of the election of a Leader in place of Dr. Kerr who had retired. He mentioned that the name of Dr. Hugh McCormick Smith had been suggested for this office by the Council and that Dr. Smith had agreed to serve if elected. Nominations being called for, Dr. H. M. Smith was proposed by Mr. Godfrey and seconded by Mr. C. J. House; no other proposals were made and Dr. Smith was duly elected and took the chair.

Dr. Smith made it his first duty to propose three resolutions referring to Dr. A. F. G. Kerr who was formerly leader of the Section.

Resolved, That the Natural History Section of the Siam Society, assembled in regular meeting on July 7th, 1932, expresses (1) its sincere regret that Dr. A. F. G. Kerr is no longer a resident member; (2) its high appreciation of his services on behalf of the section as leader and in other capacities; and (3) its gratification that one of its members should have done so much for the increase and dissemination of knowledge of the biology, geology, geography, and ethnology of Siam as has Dr. Kerr, but especially in the field of botany in which he has left an imperishable record.

Resolved, That our affectionate regards and best wishes will attend Dr. Kerr in his new home, and we cherish the hope he will continue to take an active interest in the affairs of the society and contribute to its publications.

Resolved, That the Honorary Secretary of the Society be asked to forward a copy of these resolutions to Dr. Kerr.

These resolutions were seconded by Mr. House and carried with acclamation.

The business of the meeting was then proceeded with, the first part being devoted to the exhibition of specimens by various members.

Mr. Godfrey displayed a part of his collection of Siamese butterflies which he discussed briefly with explanations of the most interesting species. He also showed, on behalf of Mr. Aagaard, a specimen of a flying squirrel.

Dr. Smith showed a number of birds and mammals, including another specimen of flying squirrel, the "snake" bird, a weaver bird, a squirrel and a small fish allied to the tarpon. He then introduced Luang Masya, who displayed his drawings of Siamese fishes, many of which were new species.

The papers on the agenda were then taken: Dr. H. M. Smith spoke on the subject of "The Zoology of Koh Tao", and Mr. C. J. House read a note on "A Siamese arrow poison".

These papers were listened to with great interest and a short discussion followed. The attendance at this meeting was about 40 members and visitors.

