

EDWARD JOHN GODFREY, B. Sc.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Mr. E. J. Godfrey, a founder of the Natural History Society of Siam and formerly science master at Suan Kularb College, Bangkok. He died on June 24, 1933, after a protracted illness largely induced by infections contracted on collecting expeditions.

Edward John Godfrey took his degree of B. Sc., with first class honours, at London University in 1907, and joined the staff of King's College, Bangkok, in the following year. For more than twenty years he was connected with Suan Kularb College, retiring on pension in 1930.

Mr. Godfrey during his vacations found time to indulge his love of natural history, especially his own special branch, the butterflies of Siam; and in the earlier years of his residence here he did considerable travelling in various country districts in order to make observations and collect material. He contributed regularly to the *Journal of the Natural History of Siam* and its present continuation and occasionally to *The Entomologist* (London). His activities may be judged from the fact that he discovered over forty new forms of butterflies, including eighteen new species, and added many others to the known fauna of Siam. His first major publication on this subject was "The Butterflies of Siam," issued in 1916, which listed 371 forms. Fourteen years later there was published his "A Revised List of Siamese Butterflies" in which 754 forms were noted.

A complete set of Mr. Godfrey's collection of butterflies was presented to the British Museum, and the fact that Siam is a country almost unique in the number of different minor faunal regions which meet within its political boundaries makes the collection of particular interest and value.

The value of Mr. Godfrey's contributions to our knowledge of the butterfly fauna of Siam cannot be overestimated, and the country should be grateful for his holiday labours in the field of entomology.