

APPEAL.

1. FOR DEPOSITION OF DUPLICATE TYPE SPECIMENS IN THAILAND.

From the worthy records, presented in this Supplement, we learn statistically of the very extensive collections of Thai plants, fish, bird skins, etc., deposited permanently in the archives and museums of the Old and the New world. It is gratifying to know that Thailand's natural treasures are thus preserved for systematic and comparative studies in other lands. However, it is distressing to realize that so few records in duplicates and type specimens have remained here or have been returned, to serve as a check on recent identifications, and to assist as a guide in the location and development of Thailand's resources. The value of much pioneer work in exploration and discovery is thus greatly decreased.

The appeal is herewith made, that naturalists and collectors should submit duplicate specimens to this Section or the Government Institution, concerned in the preservation and study or use of the specimens.

2. FOR ENACTMENT OF GAME LAWS.

We learn anew in these pages of the real need for the protection of wild life and of the earnest efforts made for years by understanding friends of game. An appeal is here recorded that such protection, through the enactment of reasonable laws, be accomplished in the near future.

3. FOR INCREASED RESEARCH FUNDS.

Even the limited scope of research, here published, discloses creditable results. These justify, we believe, the appeal for increased financial support for meritorious research. The establishment of a Botanical Garden and of a Marine Biological Station would give a welcome opportunity for Thailand's biologists to study Thai resources of land and sea.

4. INCREASED SUPPORT OF THE SECTION'S WORK.

The frequent meetings aim to serve as a forum for the presentation and interpretation of new facts and findings in Natural History. The Supplement hopes to reflect, as a permanent record, the creative work that has been and is being done for the development and increased welfare of Thailand. An appeal is made for the whole-hearted support of these activities.

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