HIS MAJESTY AND THE SOCIETY.

On the occasion of the opening of the building of the Siam Society His Majesty the King was most graciously pleased to command the following letter to be sent to the President:—

No. 82/1760

Office of His Majesty's Personal Secretary,

Hua Hin, March 10th 2475.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st March 1933, soliciting the favour of a message from the King to declare the new building of the Society open as from the 28th February 1933, the date originally arranged for the ceremony.

Taking note of the wishes of the Society, I have laid the matter before His Majesty. It is with pleasure that I now beg to inform you that His Majesty has been pleased to command me to convey to the Society the following message:

"In sympathy with the noble aim and achievements of this Institution, I share with members the pleasure in witnessing today the final completion of the Society's new home.

"My pleasure in the progress of the Society would have been more complete, had I been able to come and perform the opening ceremony for this building.

"Let not, however, my absence mar the interest of the occasion. Although not with you in person, I know that goodwill like mine pervades the whole assembly, and the Queen joining me in sending our best wishes, I do hereby solemnly declare this building open as the new home of the Siam Society as from the 28th February 1933."

Will you kindly convey His Majesty's message to the Society in due course?

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) M. C. Vipulya,

Private Secretary to H. M. the King.

His Excellency Phya Indra Montri,

President of the Siam Society,

Bangkok.