

ANNUAL REPORT 1943.

The Annual General Meeting was held on February 28th, 1943 at the Society's Home, in Cole Avenue, Bangkok, with the President, His Highness Prince Dhani Niwat, in the chair. In submitting the annual report and the statement of account for the year just concluded the President said that the Society had been facing a very difficult year in various aspects for unavoidable reasons. It seems however to have pulled through. The reason for the success was due to the loyal co-operation received from members, an unprecedented percentage of whom have responded to the need of the Society by readily contributing the annual subscriptions.

The Council for 1943 was elected as follows :

H. H. Prince Dhani Niwat,		<i>President.</i>
H. R. H. Prince Wanwaithayakon,		} <i>Vice-Presidents.</i>
Mr. S. S. Sukhayanga, <i>Leader of Travel Section,</i> (Phya Sarasastrā Sirilakshna).		
Mr. U. L. Guehler, <i>Leader of Natural History Section,</i>		
H. H. Prince Prem Purachattra,		<i>Hon. Editor.</i>
M. C. Ajavadis Diskul,		<i>Hon. Secretary.</i>
Mr. I. Zieler,		<i>Hon. Treasurer.</i>
Reverend Father L. Chorin,		<i>Hon. Librarian.</i>
Mr. Saroj R. Sukhayanga, (Phra Saroj Ratananimman)		<i>Hon. Architect,</i>
Major E. Seidenfaden,		<i>Past President and Leader of Section for Ar- chaeology & Ethnology,</i>
Dr. J. J. de Campos,		
Mom Luang Pin Malakul		
Mr. Visuddhi C. Krairiksh (Luang Chakrapani),		

Mr. Sukich Nimmanhemin,
 Reverend Professor T. Byodo,
 Mr. Y. Nitta,

Mr. Samahn Panyarjun (Phya Srishtikarn Banchong)—being elected later.

The Council held eleven business meetings during the year, all at the President's house in Pechaburi Road, the place being chosen for the convenience of members who mostly live in town.

The new Council upon taking office appointed the following standing committees :

<i>Finance</i>	The Senior Vice-President (H. R. H. Prince Wanwaithayakon), Chairman, The Hon. Secretary, The Hon. Treasurer,
<i>Exchange</i>	The Hon. Librarian (Rev. Father L. Chorin), Chairman, The Hon. Editor of the Journal, Major E. Seidenfaden,
<i>Editorial</i>	The Hon. Editor of the Journal (H. H. Prince Prem Purachatra), Chairman, H. H. Prince Dhani Niwat, The Leader of the Natural History Section, Dr. Vidya Sivasriyanond, Mr. Ariyant Manjikul, M. R. Sumonachat Svasdikul—being co-opted later,
<i>Membership</i>	H. R. H. Prince Wanwaithayakon, Chairman, Mr. U. Guehler, Reverend Professor T. Byodo, Mom Luang Pin Malakul.

The Committee for Prizes was abrogated as in the previous year.

At the close of 1943 the Society's membership consisted of :

Honorary	9
Corresponding	5
Life	3
Ordinary	136
Associate	4
Free	2

making a total of 159 as compared with 193 in 1942, 247 in 1941, 233 in 1940 and 200 in 1939. This reduction is due mainly to several foreign members having left Thailand or resigned from membership.

During the year 3 meetings had been arranged by the Society, viz :

Ordinary Meetings :

on May 16th, 1943 Mr. Paul Lindenberg lectured on
"Early Postal History of Thailand";

on August 29th, 1943 films depicting various ceremonies
and events of the past were shown by Mr. Visuddhi
C. Krairiksh;

Natural History Section's Meeting :

on March 28th, 1943 Mr. Rudolf Schaller lectured on
"Pharmacognosy in Thailand, its Importance for the
Development of Natural Resources."

Owing to transport difficulties for individual members it has not been possible to arrange for more meetings to take place.

The year under review was marked by the loss of several distinguished members. His Royal Highness Prince Paribatra of Nakon Sawan, whose death in Java has only been recently reported, was an Honorary President and a ready supporter of the Society while he resided in Thailand. His Royal Highness Prince Damrong Rajanubhap was Vice-Patron and his distinguished scholarship and keen interest in the Society from its inception is too well known to need any further mention. Mr. R. Adey Moore, formerly Hon. Secretary for fifteen years, rendered valuable service on the executive side.

The most outstanding feature of the Society for the year has been the windfall in receipts on sales of publications, mostly to the Japanese institutions and members. The total amount realized from the sales amounts to Baht 9,180.01, a figure unprecedented in the history of the Society ever since its inception in the year 1904. Although the prices of our publications have been revised and increased, this has not in any way hampered the sales. In the matter of the Society's publications we have been able to keep up the usual standard. Two journals, Volume XXXIV, part 1 and part 2 have been published, and Volume XXXV, part 1 as well as a further number of the Bulletin would have been at the members' disposal had it not been for the partial interruption in the printing work due to local air-raids. The Council hopes however to be able to continue its publications without too much interruption, since it fully realizes that this is the one activity which can be still kept up in spite of war conditions. Excursions to various places of interest have been impeded by the very limited means of transportation. The Library has also suffered owing to the impossibility of exchanges with our fellow institutions. We are happy however to say that we have not been deprived of the relationship

with a few neighbours such as the Ecole Française d'Extrême-Orient, the publications of which continue to arrive periodically to enrich our Library.

Due to failing eyesight the Society lost with regret the service of an old Library clerk, Mr. Sin Chaloemphao. The Council wishes to record hereby a sincere appreciation of his services. His post has been given to Miss Chan Xavier.

During the year a law has been promulgated by the Government regulating the cultural activity of the State, under which the Society has been permitted to continue its activities and asked to participate in upholding the national culture.

The Society is at present in a good financial position. The coming year, however, must not be expected to yield the same results, for the possibility of further sales cannot be reckoned upon with any certainty.

STATEMENT OF
ACCOUNTS
1943

FINANCIAL RESUME

Receipts

Subscriptions :

		Baht	Baht
Ordinary Members, Arrears 1936—42	...	Baht 325.—	•
—,—" Current 1943	" 3,187.50	
Associate Members	" 45.—	
Life Members	" —.—	3,557.50

Sales of Publications :

Journal of the Society	Baht 6,839.51	
The Bulletin (Natural History Supplement)	" 1,705.60	
The Môn Dictionary	" 40.—	
Le May : The Coinage of Siam	" 40.—	
Craib's Florae Siamensis Enumeratio	" 544.—	
Burnay et Lingat : Lois Siamoisés, Code de 1805 A.D.	" —.—	
Catalogue of the Stamps of Siam	" 7.50	
Credner : Observations in Tali Region (Yunnan)	" 3.40	9,180.01

Sundry Accounts :

Bank Interest	Baht 76.83	
Exchange Adjustment	" 1.04	77.87

Baht 12,815.38

Examined and found to agree with the books and vouchers

J. ERIKSEN
Hon. Auditor.

Bangkok, 19th January, 1944.

OF THE YEAR 1943.

Expenditure

		Baht	Baht
<i>Home's Maintenance :</i>			
• Wages of Caretaker	...	Baht 325.—	
Fire Insurance of Building (Baht 25,000)	...	" 94.89	
Electric Light and Fans	...	" 19.65	
Main Water Supply	...	" 14.04	
Sundries	...	" 25.85	
White Ant Control	...	" 60.—	
Repairs and Renewals	...	" 19.50	558.93
<i>Library & Stocks of Publications :</i>			
Wages of Clerk	...	Baht 225.—	
Book-binding	...	" —.—	
Fire Insurance of Books & Furniture (Baht 10,000)	...	" 37.96	
Books purchased	...	" —.—	
Purchase of 8 Bookcases	...	" 970.—	1,282.96
<i>Secretarial & Editorial :</i>			
Postage and Revenue Stamps, Hon. Treasurer	...	Baht 45.—	
Postage, General & Hon. Secretary	...	" 142.69	
Hire of P. O. Box No. 65	...	" 20.—	
Printing of:			
Journal of Society	...	" 2,474.83	
The Bulletin (Nat. Hist.)	...	" —.—	
Author's Separates	...	" —.—	
Circulars, notices & stationery	...	" 340.50	
Wrapping & addressing Publications	...	" 19.—	
Advance purchase of Paper (stock)	...	" 2,400.—	5,442.02
<i>Sundry Accounts :</i>			
Representation, Meeting Expenses etc.	...	Baht 135.—	
Total Expenditure		Baht 7,368.91	
Income over Expenditure forward to Finance Account		Baht 5,446.47	
		Baht 12,815.38	

I. ZIELER
Hon. Treasurer.

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