

ANNUAL REPORT 1944

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, February 27th 1944, at the Society's Home, Asoke Road, Bangkok, with the President, His Highness Prince Dhani Nivat, in the Chair. In submitting the Annual Report and the Statement of Accounts for the year 1943 just concluded, the President mentioned that the Society had passed through another difficult year, and in trying to keep up the normal activities of the Society, all sorts of obstacles have had to be tackled. Thanks to the loyal and unfailing co-operation shown by his colleagues on the Council, as well as the support of the general body of members, however, the Society had again successfully weathered the storm and could look to the future with calm confidence.

The Council for 1944 was then elected as follows :-

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| H.R.H. Prince Wan Waithayakon, President, | |
| Mr. S.S. Sukhayang (Phya Sarasat Sirilak), | } |
| Mr. U.L. Guehler, | |
| Father L. Chorin, | |
| | Vice-Presidents, |
| Mr. W. Chakrapani Krairoek (Luang Chakrapani), Hon. Secretary, | |
| Mr. I. Zieler, Hon. Treasurer, | |
| H.S.H. Mom Chao Achawadit Diskun, Hon. Librarian, | |
| H.H. Prince Prem Purachattra, Hon. Editor, | |
| Mr. S.R. Sukhayang (Phra Saroj Ratananimman), Hon. Architect, | |
| Major E. Seidenfaden, Past President and Leader of Section for | |
| Archaeology and Ethnology, | |
| H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat, Past President, | |

Dr. J.J. de Campos,

Mom Luang Pin Malakun,

Mr. Samahn Panyarjun (Phya Srishtikar Banchong), Leader of Nat
History Section,

Mr. K. Matsumoto.

The new Council, in the first business meeting of the year, appointed the following standing committees:

Finance: The Senior Vice-President (Mr. S.S. Sukhayang,
Chairman).

The Hon. Secretary,

The Hon. Treasurer,

Exchange: The Hon. Librarian (M.C. Achawadit Diskun, Chairman).

The Hon. Editor,

Major E. Seidenfaden.

Editorial: The Hon. Editor of the Journal (H.H. Prince Prem
Purachatra (Chairman).

H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat,

The Leader of the Natural History Section (Mr. Samahn
Panyarjun),

Mr. Wit Siwasriyanon,

Mr. Ariyant Manjikul,

M.R. Sumonchat Sawatdikun,

Membership: H.R.H. Prince Wan Waithayakon, Chairman.

Mr. U.L. Guehler,

Mom Luang Pin Malakun,

Mr. K. Matsumoto.

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

At the close of 1944 the Society's membership consisted of:

Honorary	8
Corresponding	5
Life	4
Ordinary	136
Associate	2
Free	2

making a total of 157 as compared with 159 in 1943, 193 in 1942, 247 in 1941, and 233 in 1940. In point of fact, however, the number of ordinary members for the year 1943 and 1944 have remained the same at 136, the slight reduction in the total number of members of all categories being due to the fact that the names of several associate members have had to be dropped, because their period of membership had expired.

During the year 1944 under review, the Council held 12 business meetings in all at the Home of the Society, in Bangkok.

Owing to lack of transport facilities and frequent local air raids, no Ordinary Meeting or Natural History Meeting had been arranged during the year. The activities of the Society were, however, very far from being at a stand still. A good deal of quiet research at home on the part of several members resulted in the bringing out of two highly instructive numbers of Volume XXXV of the Journal as well as one number of the Natural History Bulletin Vol. XIV which gained credit not only for the contributors themselves, but for the efficient Editorial Staff led by Prince Prem as well. In this connection, realising that the publication of the Journal and the Bulletin is one of the activities which the Society could still carry on in spite of the war, the Council decided to store up enough printing paper for printing these periodicals for some years to come, and it is hoped that members will continue to co-operate by sending as many articles to the Hon. Editor as they possibly can.

The financial position of the Society remains sound, due to another good year of unexpected large sales of our publications. The total sum realised under this heading amounted to Baht 6429.35 which was only surpassed by 1943's record figure of Baht 9180.01. However, as the price of almost all our publications has now been raised 100% for the year 1945, and as saturation point may have now been reached, it cannot be hoped that income under this heading will continue to be so good as in former years.

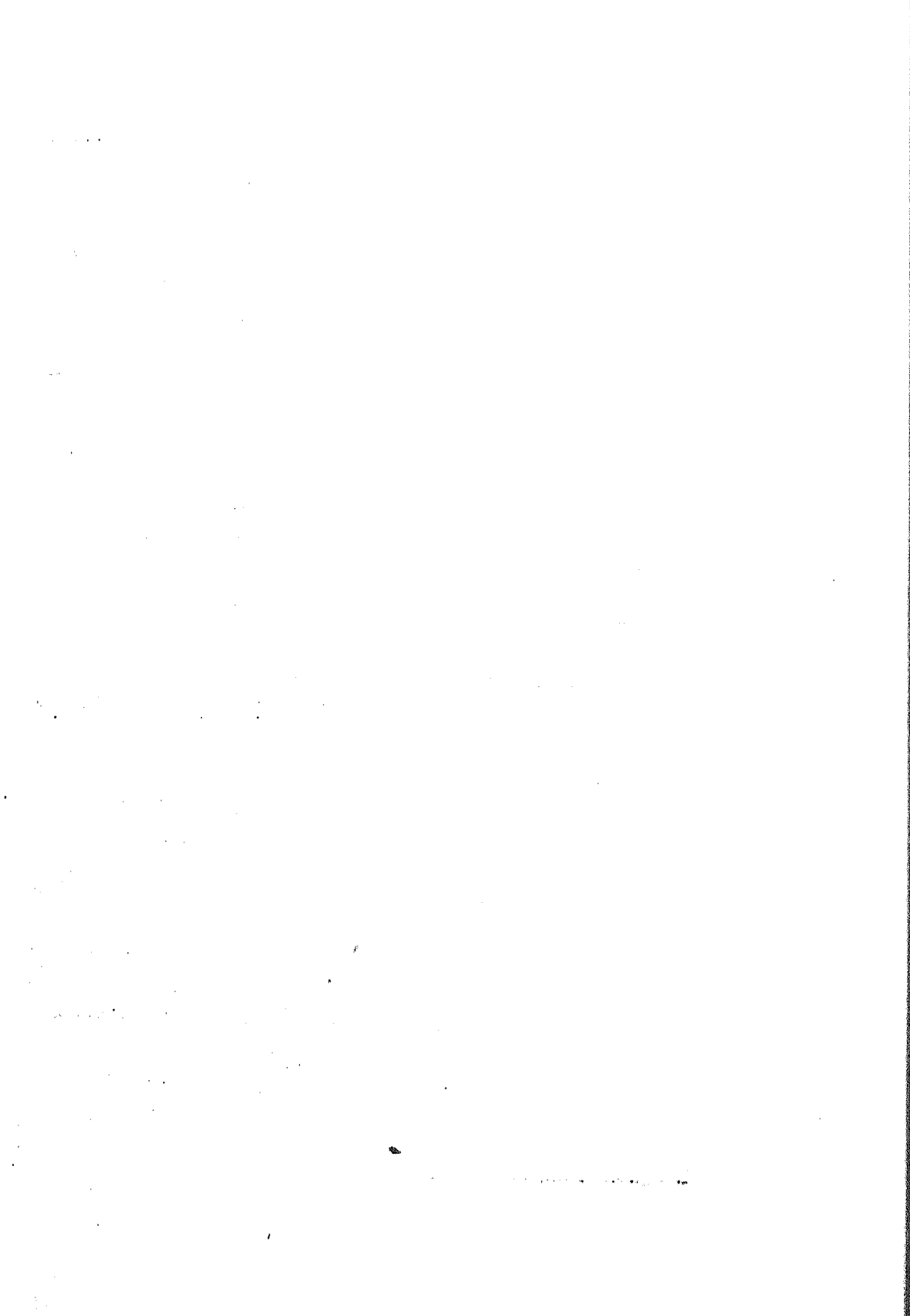
The year 1944 produced two items of entirely unexpected income. One was the rent obtained from the Department of General Education,

who had temporarily hired the premises of the Society for the purposes of the Laor Uthit Kindergarten School for five months of the year at a monthly rental of Baht 100. The other came from a new member in the South in the person of Mr. A.H. Froda, who kindly donated Baht 100 to be used in promoting the affairs of the Society as the Council thought fit. In these hard times such a gift certainly comes in very handy and it is to be hoped that not only new members but old ones will soon follow the good example set by Mr. Froda.

Although the Library has been deprived of almost all the opportunity of exchange with our fellow institutions abroad, we have been fortunate in having made an agreement of exchange with the new Royal Institute in Bangkok, and now publications of that learned body are sent to us regularly to enrich our Library.

During the year Nai Sri Chaloeiphao, son of the former Library clerk Nai Sin Chaloeiphao, who had to retire from the Society's service owing to failing eyesight last year, was engaged at a small fee to help Miss Chan Xavier in the Library.

In conclusion, the Council would like to say that, taken all in all, the position of the Society had been well maintained during the last year, and unless something really untoward happens, there is no reason to believe why this Society should not again do well in the coming year.



OF THE YEAR 1944.

		Expenditures	Baht
<i>Home's maintenance :</i>			
Wages of Caretaker	....	Baht	380.-
Fire Insurance of Building (Baht 25,000.-)	..		95.10
Electric Light & Fans	....	..	24.48
Main Water Supply	....	..	11.88
Sundries, Conveyance etc.	....	..	108.85
White Ant Control	....	..	60.-
Repairs & Renewals	....	..	600.-
			1,280.31
<i>Library & Stocks of Publications :</i>			
Wages of Clerks (two)	....	..	330 -
Book Binding	....	..	-.-
Fire Insurance of Books & Furniture (Baht. 10,000.-)	..		38.03
Books purchased	....	..	143.40
			561.43
<i>Secretarial & Editorial:</i>			
Postage & Revenue Stamps, Hon. Treasurer	..		33.85
Postage, General & Hon. Secretary	....	..	144.19
Hire of P.O. Box 65	....	..	20.-
Printing of :-			
Journal of Society	....	..	1971.50
Bulletin (Nat. His.)	....	..	1314.85
Author's Separates	....	..	48.-
Circular, Notices & Stationery	....	..	296.-
Wrapping & Addressing Publications	..		116.-
Exchange Adjustment	....	..	5.22
			3,949.71
Advance Purchase of Printing Paper (Stock)		Baht	4,108.80
<i>Sundry Accounts :</i>			
Representation, Meeting Expenses etc.		Baht	- -

		Baht	9,900.25
Excess of Income over Expenditure forward			
to Finance Account		Baht	865.85

		Baht	10,766.10

I. ZIELER

Hon. Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT

1945

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday, March 9th., 1945 at the Society's Home, Asoka Road, Bangkok, with the President, His Royal Highness Prince Wan Waithayakon, in the Chair.

In submitting the Annual Report and the Statement of Accounts for the year 1944 just concluded, the President mentioned that owing to transport and other difficulties the activities of the Society had not been such as he could wish but the Council had done all they could under the circumstances.

The council was re-elected for 1945; but was subsequently adjusted as follows:—

H.R.H. Prince Wan Waithayakon, President,

Phya Sarasat Sirilak,

Mr. U.L. Guehler,

The Rev. Father L. Choria,

} Vice-Presidents,

Phya Sritdikan Banchong, Hon. Secretary,

Mr. I. Zieler, Hon. Treasurer,

H. S. H. Mom Chao Achawadit Diskun, Hon. Librarian,

H. H. Prince Prem Purachatra, Hon. Editor,

Phra Sarot Ratananimman, Hon. Architect.

Major E. Seidenfaden, Leader of Section for Archaeology and
Ethnology,

H. H. Prince Dhani Nivat,

Luang Chakrapani Srisilwisut,

Luang Raksa Navet,

Mr. Ariyant Manjikul,

Mr. K. Matsumoto.

The post of Leader of the Natural History Section was left vacant. The Council elected the same Standing Committees as the year before namely the Financial Committee, Exchange Committee, Editorial Committee and Membership Committee, with no change in their composition.

At the close of 1945 the Society's membership consisted of :

Honorary	17
Corresponding	12
Life	10
Ordinary	114
Associate	3
Free	4

making a total of 160 as compared with 157 in 1944.

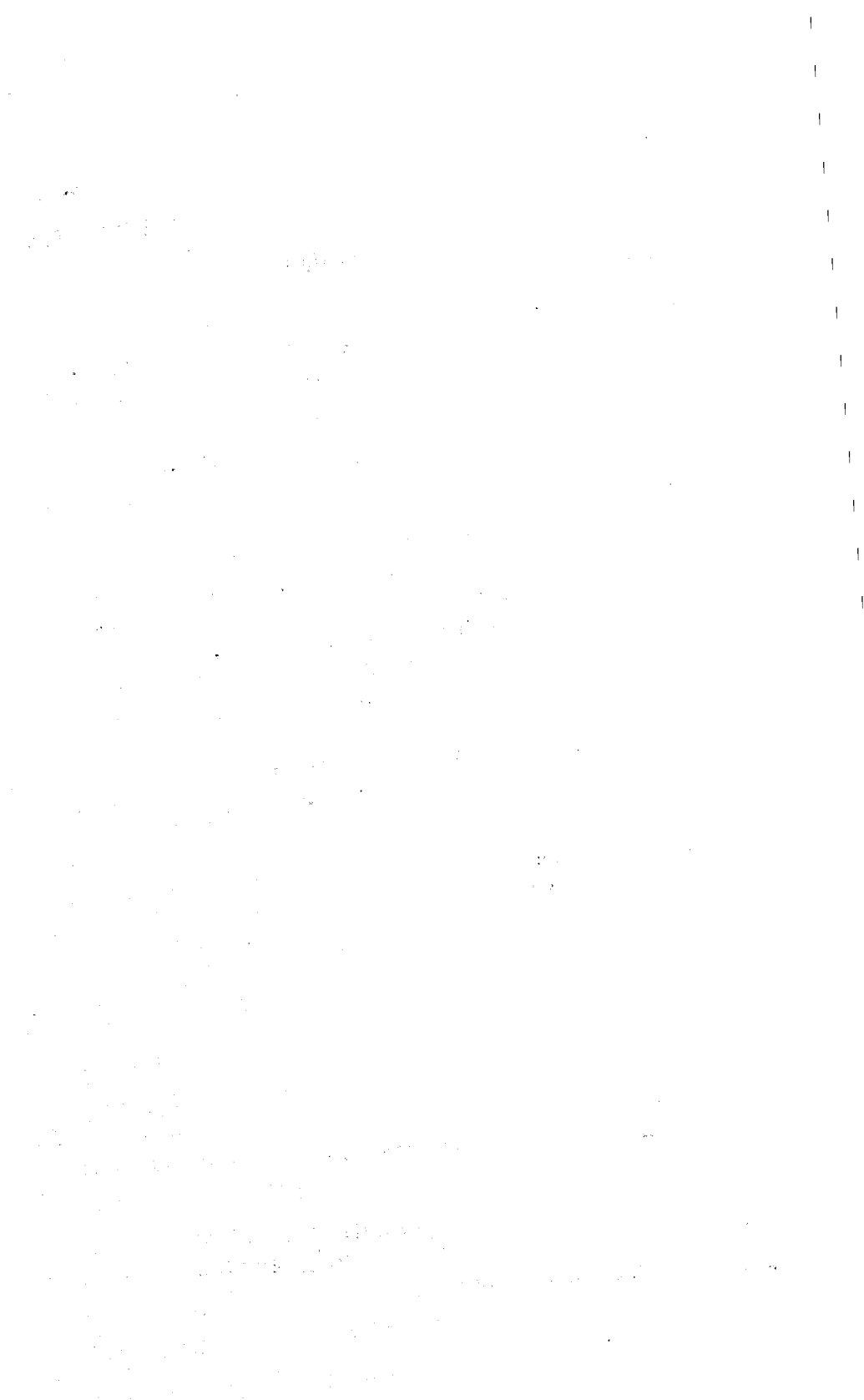
During the year 1945 under review, the Council held 10 business meetings in all at the Home of the Society, in Bangkok.

Owing to lack of transport facilities, no Ordinary Meeting or Natural History Meeting had been arranged.

One Siamese Number of the Journal was published and another in English Volume XXXVI expected to appear during the year was delayed by shortage of compositors and electric power at the printing press.

The Financial position of the Society as seen in the Financial Statement for the year 1945 remains sound. A surplus of Baht 2,875.40 from the Working Account has been carried forward to the Finance Account which in reality is a statement of the funds available for the Society. The bigger balance is really due to the fact that only one publication was issued in the year under review. The funds available are now totalling Baht 18,746.51.

The Library has been enriched by the presentation of Mr. U. L. Guehler with the Government Gazette Volume 56 B.E. 2482 to Volume 60 B.E. 2486, consisting of 389 parts. The Director-General of the Publicity Department presented the Society with 14 books on Culture. On the 12th of December 1945 publications on Botany and Zoology, 20 copies in all, began to arrive from Stockholm.



FINANCIAL RESUME

		Receipts		Baht
<i>Subscriptions</i>				
Ordinary Members, Current 1945		Baht	3,012.50	
" " Arrears 1944		"	150.—	
" " Advance		"	—.—	
Life Members		"	—.—	
Associate Members		"	—.—	3,162.50

Sales of Publications :

Journal of the Society		Baht	2,040.40	
The Bulletin (Natural History Supplement),			1,761.60	
The Mon Dictionary		"	25.—	
Le May: The Coinage of Siam		"	90.—	
Craib's Florae Siamensis Enumeratio		"	400.—	
Burnay et Lingat: Lois Siamoisés		"	—.—	
Catalogue of the Stamps of Siam		"	10.—	
Credner: Observations in Tali Region				
(Yunnan)		"	6.—	4,333.—

Sundry Accounts:

Bank Interest				251.25
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Baht 7,746.75

Examined and found to agree with the books and vouchers.

I. HEYDE PETERSEN

Hon. Auditor.

Bangkok 15th January 1946

OF THE YEAR 1945

Expenditures

<i>Home's Maintenance:</i>		Baht
Wages of Caretaker	.... Baht 420.—	
Fire Insurance of Building (Baht 25,000.—)	.. 95.09	
Electric Light & Fans	.... .. 17.57	
Main Water Supply	.... .. 24.15	
Sundries, Conveyance etc.	.... .. 218.—	
White Ant Control	.... .. 60.—	
Repairs & Renewals	.... .. 1,500.—	2,334.81
 <i>Library & Stocks of Publications:</i>		
Wages of Clerks (two)	.... Baht 480.—	
Book Binding —.—	
Fire Insurance of Books & Furniture (Baht. 10,000.—)	.... .. 38.04	
Books purchased	.... .. 1.—	519.04
 <i>Secretarial & Editorial</i>		
Postage & Revenue Stamps, Hon. Treasurer	.... Baht 39.32	
Postage, General & Hon. Secretary	.. 74.03	
Hire of P.O. Box 65	.... .. 20.—	
Printing of:—		
Journal of Society	.... .. 1,506.25	
Bulletin (Nat. Hist.) —.—	
Authors' Separates —.—	
Circular, Notices & Stationary....	.. 350.—	
Wrapping, addressing & forwarding Publications....	.. 27.90	2,071.50
 <i>Sundry Accounts:</i>		
Representation, Meeting Expenses etc.	Baht —.—	
Total Expenditure	Baht 4,871.35	
Excess of Income over Expenditure		
forward to Finance Account	Baht 2,875.40	
	<u>Baht 7,746.75</u>	

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Hon. Treasurer

