

### **Nicolai Geelmuyden**

Another recent loss to the Society is the death of Nicolai Geelmuyden. The deceased diplomat was First Secretary of the Norwegian Legation in Bangkok; joined the Society in 1950; elected a member of the Council which he served from 1951 to 1954; simultaneously holding the position of Chairman of the Exchange Committee and energetically set about putting the library into order. When he was transferred to another post in China he was elected a corresponding member of the Society.

Nicolai Geelmuyden was a most energetic personality. Besides his professional work and his work for the Siam Society, he found time to gain an intimate knowledge of the country and its people. Gifted with a remarkable capacity for learning languages he managed to master Siamese as well as some Chinese dialects. Thus armed with a fluent tongue he went about everywhere making a large acquaintance of people.

The writer met him again in Oslo last summer and went about invariably with him for a couple of days seeing sights and fulfilling social obligations. Nicolai then seemed in the best of his usual robust health. The news of his sudden death from a heart attack is all the more to be regretted. The Siam Society thus wishes to record its sympathy and condolence to the family.

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