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Perpustakaan Negara Malaysia
The

Malayan Branch

of the

Royal Asiatic Society

Patron

H. E. Sir Laurence Guillemard, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Governor of
the Straits Settlements, High Commissioner for the Malay
States, British Agent for Sarawak and North Borneo.

Council for 1927

The Hon. Dr. R. O. Winstedt, C.M.G., D.Litt. President.

Mr. A. W. Hamilton
Mr. C. E. Wurtzburg
Mr. J. B. Scrivenor
Mr. I. H. N. Evans
Mr. Norman Smedley
Mr. F. N. Chasen

Vice-Presidents for the S. S.
Vice-Presidents for the F. M. S.
Hon. Treasurer.
Hon. Secretary.

Dr. F. W. Foxworthy, Messrs. A. F. Richards,
J. D. Hall, W. G. Stirling and C. Boden
Kloss Councillors.
The Annual General Meeting was held in the Society's room in the Raffles Museum, Singapore at 5 p.m. Friday, 25th February 1927.

The Hon. Mr. Hayes Marriott, C.M.G. in the chair.

1. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 26th February 1926 were read and confirmed.

2. The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 1926 were adopted.

3. The Officers and Council for the current year were elected (ante p. iii).

4. Sir W. George Maxwell, K.B.E., C.M.G., and Mr. H. C. Robinson were elected Honorary Members of the Society under the provisions of Rule 7.
Annual Report

of the

Malayan Branch, Royal Asiatic Society

for 1926.

Membership. The effective membership of the Society at the end of the year stood at 662 as compared with 546 at the end of 1925. There were 15 Honorary Members, 3 Corresponding Members and 644 Ordinary Members.

Two hundred and twenty-seven new Members were elected in 1926. Hitherto the greatest addition was in 1921 when, during the Honorary Secretaryship of the late Major J. C. Moulton, O.B.E., 153 new Members joined the Society. The current increase is largely due to the recruiting energies of Messrs. A. W. Hamilton and C. E. Wurtzburg.

It will be noticed that the membership given above as effective is considerably less than the membership of 1925 plus the increase of 1926 (773). This is due to the operation of Rule 6: many candidates elected late in 1926 have not yet paid their subscriptions for that year and are, for the moment, deemed to be suspended. It is hoped that this state of affairs is merely temporary and that their dues will be shortly received from all new members.

The new members are:

Aarsoe, E.
Abdul Aziz bin Ahmad
Abdul Aziz bin Ahmad
Abdul Hamid bin Dato Kaya
Abdul Hamid bin Hussain
Abdul Malik bin Mohd. Yusof
Abdul Rahman bin Yassin
Abdul Rashid bin Pilus
Abdul Razak bin Haji Abdul Ghani
Ahmad bin Md. Isa
Ahmad bin Osman
Ahmad bin Yahya
Ambler, G.
Anderson, Capt. H. A.
Ariffin bin Mohd. Yussop
Atkin-Berry, H. C.
Augustine, J. F.
Bagnall, J.
Bain, V. L.
Baker, E. C.
Baker, J. S.
Barnard, B. H. F.
Barnes, A. H.
Barraclough, F. C.
Barriere, P. H.
Beach, N. B.
Berry, Miss K. E.
Birtwistle, W.
Bishop, Mrs. A. L.
Bishop, R. O.
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Lias, E. T. M.
Lim Cheng Kung
Lim Eng Kah
Logan, S. S.
Macaskie, C. F. C.
Macaskill, D. C.
Macdonald, J.
Malay College, Kuala Kangsar
Marsden, H.
Matthews, I. I.
McCabe Reay, J.
McDonough, J.
McGregor, R. H.
Middlebrook, S. M.
Middlemas, N. A.
Milear, G. R. M.
Miles, C. V.
Millington, W. M.
Mills, J. V.
Moir, G. T.
Montgomery, A.
Morice, J.
Muhammad Eunos bin Abdul-lah
Mumford, E. W.
Mustaffa Albakri
Myddleton, H.
Neave, J. R.
Neil, W. H. E.
Nicholas, C. J. S.
Olive, V. G.
Omar bin Endut, Dato
Ong Teng Ngah
Orang Kaya Kaya Stia Bejaya
    di Raja
Palmer, J. D.
Parry, B. B.
Patterson, Mrs. M. W.
Peall, G. T.
Penang Library
Pengelley, E. E.
Ponniah, H. V.
Preedy, B.
Proudfoot, D. Y.
Purdom, Miss N.
Quah Beng Kee
Rae, C.
Raja Petra bin Raja Mahmud

Raja Ya'acob bin Ja'afar
Rennie, A. C.
Rhodes, Hastings
Rigby, W. E.
Roberts, G.
Robertson, I. D.
Robinson, F.
Robinson, P. M.
Rogers, M. F.
Said Jan bin Said Asgar Ali
Sands, F. C.
Sanger-Davies, A. M.
Scott, Miss A. M.
Shannon, S. L.
Sheffield, J. N.
Simmons, J. W.
Skeen, D. T.
Skinner, C. F.
Sleep, A.
Smith, C.
Stephenson, Miss E. N.
Stevens, G. H.
Streets, A. C.
Strouts, E. A.
Sultan Idris Training College
Swindell, F. G.
Sworder, J. C.
Syed Hassan bin Syed Zain
Syed Hussain bin Syed Darus
Syed Omar bin Abdullah
    Shahabudin
Tan Soo Bin
Tay, L. H.
Templeton, T. V.
Termansen, V.
Thomas, T. J.
Tidman, S. T.
Tufo, M. V. del
Tunku Ahmad Lainalabidin
Tunku Kahar bin Yamtuan
    Antah
Waddell, Miss M. C.
Walker, H. H.
Walshe, N. P.
Wan Haroon bin Wan Dain
Wan Ibrahim bin Wan Sallim
Wan Mohamed Ali bin Wan
    Omar
Weedon, W. C. M. Wilkinson, H.
Wellington, A. R. William, Y. L.
Wheatley, M. Williams, A.
Wheeler, L. R. Winnington-Ingram, A. E.
Wilcoxson, W. J. Wilson, E. H.
Wilhelm, O. Yahya bin Ahmad Effifi
Wilkinson, G.

Council. Sir W. G. Maxwell, K.B.E., C.M.G., retired and was succeeded as President by Mr. Hayes Marriott, C.M.G. while the latter was succeeded as Vice-President, S. S. by Dr. R. O. Winstedt, C.M.G.

General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting was held on 26th February at Singapore and was followed by a dinner in the Singapore Club at which the chair was taken by the Hon. Mr. H. Marriott, C.M.G.

Journal. Three Journals were printed forming Vol. IV which consists of xl and 426 pages, 14 plates, 2 maps and 44 text figures; and contains 45 articles dealing with Zoology, Botany, Geology and Mineralogy, Palaeontology, Archaeology, History, Beliefs, Customs, Magic, Travel and Topography, Language, Malay Manuscripts, Ethnology and Anthropology, Reviews, etc.

At the end of the year the Society was in possession of a considerable amount of MSS. which had been accepted for publication. With the present large increase in membership, and consequently in funds, the Council hopes that it may be possible to produce a fourth part of the "Journal" annually, but this is contingent not only on the bulk of contributions but on the ability of the printers to provide a larger output. Several suggestions have been received that the Society should include in its publication articles more readable to the lay member than the majority of those printed. The Council is in sympathy with the desire, but the remedy lies in the hands of members themselves: the Council will be glad to publish suitable papers of a "popular" nature which are in accordance with the objects of the Society. But for "technical" contributions (which have a permanent value) the journals issued during many years would have been few and far between.

Finances. The financial position of the Society is very satisfactory and the Council is happy to announce that the Government of the Federated Malay States has continued its grant of $1,000 per annum for another three years from 1927. The amount received from subscriptions is double that of last year and that from sales of journals has greatly increased, though the returns for the year from sales of "British Malaya, 1824-1867" published in 1925, have not yet been fully brought to account.
The Life Members’ reserve, invested in S.S. War Loan ($2,200) and S.S. and F.M.S. Victory Loan ($2,500) remained unchanged and paid interest of $245. It will shortly be necessary to transfer further funds to this reserve owing to increase in Life Members, of whom in 1926 alone there were nineteen.

C. Boden Kloss,

Hon. Secretary.
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending December 31st, 1926.

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NORMAN SMEDELEY,  
Hon. Treasurer.