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Annual Report for 1933.

During the past year the Institute continued its activity along the main lines of its scientific programme, notwithstanding the world-wide depression that severely hampered scientific research throughout the world.

The Institute was represented at the Third International Convention for the Roerich ^{Part 2} Banner of Peace and ^{for the protection of scientific, religious and artistic treasures,} ~~Pact~~, held at Washington, on November 17th-18th, 1933: *a follow up and a Message as follows*

President
Department of Archaeology, Related Sciences and Arts:-

Due to pressing work at the Headquarters, no expedition was organized during the summer period of field-work. The efforts of the department ^{of} were entirely concentrated on the completion of the Tibetan-English Dictionary undertaken by the Institute. The Director and Lama Lobzang Mingyur Dorje have completed the gathering of the material for the Dictionary, and at the time of writing of this Report more than half of the Dictionary has been copied into manuscript form, and it is hoped to complete the copying within five months. The subscription leaflet was widely distributed, and ~~were~~ we are glad to state that a considerable amount of orders ~~were~~ was received which augures well for the publication. (X)

The Director's monograph on the Dialect of Lahul has been published as a separate monograph, constituting the first issue in a series of monographs dedicated to the living dialects of Tibet. During the past year, the Director gathered new material, as well as systematized the material gathered by him during the Roerich Central Asian Expedition of 1924-28 on the Golok dialect. It is hoped to publish this material in the form of a monograph in the Institute's series on the dialects of Tibet. We are also glad to announce that the Institute will publish in its

series TIBETICA an important study of the Deb-ther snon-po by the eminent Italian scholar, Professor Guiseppe Tucci, who has recently returned from a fruitful expedition to Western Tibet and Nepal. *We gratefully acknowledge a donation towards the publication of TIBETICA from Mr. Fosdick, U.S.* The Ethnographical Collection of the Institute has been enriched with several new exhibits, and a catalogue is in preparation.

As previously the European Centre of the Roerich Museum in Paris acted as representative of the Institute in Europe, and we continued to receive active cooperation from Madame de Vaux-Phalipau, President of the Association Nicholas de Roerich, and Dr. Georges Chklaver, Secretary-General of the Centre.

On March 4th, 1933. Madame de Vaux-Phalipau read a paper by Professor Nicholas de Roerich on some Stone drawings in Lahul before the Ethnographical Society of Paris.

At the same meeting, the Director's paper on the medicine men of Tibet was read.

French, The Director's "Trails to Inmost Asia" appeared in translated into French by Madame de Vaux-Phalipau appeared at the Librairie Paul Geuthner.

The Directors communication on the Golok tribes of NE Tibet read at the International Congress of Anthropology and Prehistoric Archaeology in 1931, was published in a special volume issued by the Institut International d'Anthropologie (Paris, 1933).

Department of Natural Sciences and Applied Research:

The Institute's The botanical material gathered by the Institute's 1931 Expedition to Western Tibet was identified by Dr. E. D. Merrill *Director in charge* who is preparing an important monograph on the collection to be published by the Institute in volume V of the Institute's Journal.

The Institute takes this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation of Dr. Merrill's most valuable cooperation in this field.

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Dr. AS. Hitchcock published an interesting articles on some grasses collected by the Institute, in the Journal of the Washington Academy of Sciences.

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Proceedings*

During the year the Institute's headquarters were visited by Dr. Shivram Kashyap, Professor of Botany in the University of Punjab, with a group of students from Lahore. Professor Kashyap, expressed his interest in the work of the Institute.

Bio-chemical Laboratory.

The Institute has received permission from the Govt, and acquired a plot of Land on the Chaki river, for the purpose of installing a hydro-electric plant. Negotiations are being conducted with different firms with the view to secure suitable equipment and installation. On completing the work, the Institute will be able to resume the equipment of the Laboratory Building, and start the important research work on the Institute's programme.

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The director has completed the gathering of a collection of the ~~local~~ ^{Tibetan} Materia Medica, assisted in this work by Lama Lobzang Mingyur and Dorje, and Zla-ba bsTan-'dzin, the Institute's native practitioner.

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The Institute has also undertaken the translation of the Lhan-thabs, an important medical text.

During the year the Institute was visited by a number of Ayur-vedic students, which fact shows the considerable interest aroused in the work of the Institute.

Lama Lobzang Mingyur continued to gather medical texts for the Institute's Library.

Colonel A.E. Mahon, D.S.O., continued as previously to act as the official representative of the Institute, and we take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation of his untiring efforts to smooth the Institute's path.

Research Library.

The Library continued to grow through grants and book exchange. Gifts of books were received from the following and are here gratefully acknowledged by the Institute:- Professor N. de Roerich,

Mr. Macculloch, Captain Hl Banon, Dr. Arnold Heim, and Georges de Roerich.

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The ~~second~~ ^{third} volume of the Journal of the "Urusvati" Himalayan Research Institute was published in ~~March~~ ^{late} March, 1933 and contained articles by Colonel Mahon, Prof. Mironov, V.A. Pertzoff, Prof. Kashyap, Du Mesnil de Buisson, Prof. Metalnikov, ~~V.A. Shibayev~~ ^{g. de Buisson}. This third volume was dedicated to the memory of Dr. Sven Hedin.

The fourth volume of the Journal was prepared and will include articles by Col. Mahon, Dr. Frederick Hoffman, V.A. Pertzoff, de Hevesy, ~~Montaud~~ ^{Kashyap} and the Directors

Mr. V.A. Shibayev, the Secretary of the Institute, introduced a new scheme in the publishing activity of the Institute, by issuing separate offprints of all the articles which appeared in the Journal. The plan met with considerable success, and a number of these offprints have been completely sold out during the year.

Museum.

A classification of the Institute's ornithological collection has been undertaken by Dr. Rogers, Curator of the Zoological Museum of Princeton University. We also take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to Mr. S.N. Roerich for his care of the ornithological collection at the Headquarters of the Institute.

Monsieur Andre Citroen and M. Audouin ~~Dabreuil~~ ^{Dabreuil} were elected honorary members of the Association Nicholas de Roerich in Paris, which received the following letters from them:

Activities in New York:-

The activities in New York have been supervised by Miss Esther J. Lichtmann, and we are glad to express here our sincere appreciation of her active furthering of the Institute's activities.

During the course of the year, the following lectures were given under the joint auspices of the Institute and of the Roerich Society, which in the person of its President, Mrs N. Horch, extended valuable assistance to the Institute throughout the year:-

Jan. 9 Roma Imperatrix Mundi , by Professor Ralph Van Deman
Magoffin.

Jan. 16. Contemporary Pictures of Roman Manners and Customs, by
Prof. R. V. D. Magoffin.

Jan 23. The Roman in his Hours of Ease, by Prof. R. V. D. Magoffin.

Jan. 30. The Serious Work of Greek and Roman Life by Prof.
R. V. D. Magoffin.

(Note: Due to postponements, the first three lectures as listed above, were not given in December, as mentioned in vol. III of this Journal).

Jan. 30 Kulu Valley, and the work of the Himalayan Research
Institute *by Miss Esther J. Lichtmann* (this lecture was given at the Sears Roebuck
gallery, before the Washington Roerich Society).

April 19. The Culture of China, by Dr. Frank Lee.

May 17. Nubuo-Fujimura Japanese Art, Culture & Customs, by
Mr. Nubuo Fujimura (this last lectures was given under
the auspices of the Institute and of the Japanese Roerich
Society).

May 3rd. Relativity and Reality, by G. H. Paelian.

Nov. 9th. Relativity and the New Science, by G. H. Paelian.

As mentioned in the section on the Museum, a complete classification and inventory of the ornithological collection was made by Dr. Charles H. Rogers, Curator of the Princeton University Museum of Zoology, and the Institute wishes to express its deep appreciation to Dr. Rogers for his splendid cooperation. Specimens of the collections went to the Museum of Zoology of Princeton University, as well as to the Smithsonian Institution, and to the H.B. Conover Collection of the Field Museum, Chicago.

The Museum has also received the following gifts, which are herewith gratefully acknowledged:-

Statue of Kuan-yin, of the Ming period, presented by the Hon. Anching Kung, Charge d' Affaires of ^{the} Chinese Legation, Washington. The statue has been placed under glass in the Hall of the East, with a brass plate giving a description of the statue, as well as the name of the donor.

A Chinese Ceremonial Robe, presented by Mrs William H. Bronner.

A Mongolian robe, presented by Mr.

We take this opportunity to express our grateful thanks to Mrs Lionel Sutro for her active furthering of the Institute's medical department, and to Major Phelps Stokes for his constant and enlightened interest in the work of the Institute.

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The Institute expresses its thanks to Miss Frances R. Grant the Director of the Roerich Museum Press for active cooperation in handling of the Institute's publications.

To our Founders, Professor and Madame de Roerich, and to the President and Board of Trustees of the Roerich Museum, we owe sincere gratitude for their constant guidance and support of the Institute's research work.

Chronicle of Central Asiatic Explorations for 1933.

Due to economic depression and civil wars raging in many a part of Central Asia, expeditions for the past year were few in number.

The Fourth Mount Everest Expedition under the leadership of Mr. Hugh Ruttledge which took the field in the spring of 1933 failed to reach the summit of Mount Everest due to adverse atmospheric conditions. The Expedition was preceded by a remarkable aerial reconnoitering of the Everest region.

Professor Guiseppe Tucci, the eminent Italian Indologist carried out

made during the summer of 1933 exploratory work in Spiti, Rudok, the upper Sutlej, and Nepāl. The chief object of this antiquarian expedition was to conduct antiquary research, and to collect Tibetan xcylographs. Deatils of this fruitful trip will be expected with interest.

Professor Shivram Kashyap, Professor of Botany in the University of Lahore, visited during the summer season of 1933, the uplands of Ladak, and we hope to give an account of this expedition elsewhere in this Journal.

Dr. Sven Hedin has started on another trip to Central Asia with the object of surveying a direct motor route from Kuei-hua ch'eng to Urumchi and Ku-ch'eng across Inner Mongolia. The survey is being carried out on behalf of the Nanking authorities.