

## ANNUAL REPORT

Urusvati Himalayan Research Institute of Roerich Museum

Naggar, Kulu, Punjab

June 1st 1934 - June 1st 1935.

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Dept. of Archaeology, Related Sciences and Arts. The work on the Tibetan-English Dictionary which had been started during the past years, has now been practically completed and is only awaiting the return of the Director from the Central Asiatic Expedition in order to be published. Orders are continuously coming in for this Dictionary, showing a wide growing interest in this work.

The Director Dr. Georges de Roerich, delivered a series of lectures on Central Asia and the Institute at Universities in Tokyo, Harbin, etc.

Addresses of the President-Founder Prof. N. de Roerich on "Glaives gravés sur les rochers pres de Kyelang et a Karga" and by the Director Dr. Georges de Roerich on "La médecine au Thibet et les lamas guérisseurs" were delivered at the Ethnographical Society of Paris (read by Mme M. de Vaux Phalipau) and had been published in the "Bulletin Semestriel" of the Society.

The Ethnographical collections have been enriched by further interesting specimen of local folk art. Few specimen of Tibetan animal style have been secured and the Institute's paleontological collection was largely augmented by new specimen from Spiti, Lahul, Tibet and the local Kulu Valley. Previous to this we had no specimen coming from Kulu Valley.

Excellent reviews of the Director's monograph on the "Tibetan Dialect of Lahul" appeared during the year in the Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, Orientalische Literaturzeitung, Artibus Asiae, Anthropos and many other scientific periodicals in France, etc.

Upon request of Prof. Montell of Stockholm, who is preparing a monograph on weaving in Asia, eight of the Secretary's Mr. Shibayev's photographs of this handicraft in the Himalayan hills, were sent to him by the Institute.

Dept. of Natural Science and allied Research. Dr. Merrill, Director-in-Chief of the New-York Botanical Gardens has sent part of his identification of the botanical collections presented by the Institute to the New-York Botanical Gardens.

The Institute has sent to Dr. Merrill some botanical specimen of the Saussurea genus for comparative studies. Several expeditions for the gathering of material have been sent out last year under the direction of Mr. Sv. Roerich and have covered an extensive field of the upper alpine region.

All the folders of the Urusvati Herbarium have been numerically classified during the year by Mr. Sv. Roerich and Mr. V. Shibayev.

Many visitors had visited the Institute's collections during the year.

Department of Medicinal Research. Under the direction of Mr. Sv. Roerich, who has taken over the work since the departure of the Director, in collaboration with the local practitioner Zla-ba-Tan-'dzin and Lama Mingyur Dorje the 76 unidentified substances yet remaining in the Materia Medica of Tibet as recorded by Prof. Pozdneyeff have all been gathered and identified.

Cultivation of medicinal plants has been further extended and some very gratifying results have been obtained in the culture of high alpine plants.



An article on the medicinal research of the Institute was written by Mr. S. Roerich for the Ethnographical Society of Paris and this article was delivered as an address by Mme de Vaux Phalipau at the Sorbonne.

Research Library. Exchange material has continuously been coming in during the year and new contacts were established through the Director with important University Libraries and Institutions in the Far-East and also new exchanges established with scientific institutions in India. To all these complete sets of the Institute's Journals were sent in exchange for their material.

The Institute regrets to record the death of two of its corresponding Members: Dr. Felix Lukins of Riga and Prof. Shiv Ram Kashyap of the Punjab University, Lahore.

The Institute has sent greetings to the Pan American Union on the occasion of the Signing of the Roerich Pact for the Protection of Cultural Treasures by all the American governments.

The Secretary, Mr. V. Shibayev has made a four-days' expedition into the upper alpine regions in order to secure meteorological readings and photographic material of the upper glaciers, for a future article.

A chapter on the Institute and its activities, illustrated by photographs, has appeared in a Latvian Monograph, written by Mr. Rudzitis of Riga, Latvia.

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