

ANNUAL REPORT

of URUSVATI HIMALAYAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE (Naggar, Kulu, Punjab, Br. India)

June 1st 1935 to May 31st 1936.

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The Institute was carrying on its activities yet under the limitations brought about by the general and economic depression, effecting scientific institutions, depending on public support.

DEPT. of ARCHAEOLOGY, related SCIENCES and ARTS:

The Director, whose services were lent by the Institute to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for an Expedition to Mongolia, resumed work in the Institute in Naggar on February 1st, 1936.

Work on the Tibetan-English Dictionary which had been delayed due to the Director's absence has been resumed and it is hoped that the manuscript will be ready for publication towards this coming autumn. Negotiations are being conducted with publishers to have this large volume printed.

Volume four of the Journal, which has been also temporarily delayed, will be brought up to date and it is hoped to publish it as soon as circumstances will permit.

During the year the Ethnographical collection has been enriched by further exhibits, among them a collection of ancient Chinese coins, presented^a by donor from China.

Dept. of NATURAL SCIENCE AND ALLIED RESEARCH.

Dr. E. D. Merrill, formerly Director in Chief of the New-York Botanical Gardens and now Head of the Dept. of Botany of Harvard University, is preparing a monograph on the flora of Western Tibet based on the botanical collections of this Institute. He hopes to complete this manuscript towards next autumn, after which it will be printed by this Institute.

In the late summer of 1935, the Institute lent its botanist and botanical collectors as well as field equipment to the United States Department of Agriculture for an expedition to Spiti in search of drought resisting plants

and seeds. This work was completed on Oct. 31st 1935.

During the summer the Herbarium of the Institute has been reorganized.

The Institute has established an exchange of material with the Fan Memorial Institute of Biology in Peiping and with the Academia Sinica in Nanking.

DEPT. of MEDICINAL RESEARCH.

During the year Mr. S. Roerich continued his work on the local materia medica and the preparation of extracts. Experiments with the cultivation of medicinal plants has been continued.

Dr. Harald Lukin, son of the late corresponding member of the Institute, Dr. Felix Lukin, from Riga, has sent a collection of medicines, prepared by his father, which have been placed in the pharmacological department of the Institute.

RESEARCH LIBRARY.

The Institute has received further publications from Universities, scientific Institutions and Libraries, as in the previous years.

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Signed

Director