

# THE SCIENCE LABORATORIES FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES CHULALANKARANA UNIVERSITY BANGKOK, SIAM

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[Introductory note:—The description of the science building as outlined by Mr. Morrison was compiled from the original plans. When he left Siam the building was only begun and several alterations have since been made, to comply with present demands. The original plan, so far as arrangement of rooms is concerned, was only moderately revised but certain departments had to sacrifice floor space to other interests more urgently needing it. For example, the department of biology gave up the west wing on the first floor, intended for botany and zoology, for the use of the library, the dean's office, and the department of English. This arrangement is by no means permanent. It is hoped that this encroachment of space will be temporary and that very soon the quarters can be given back to their original use by the various departments.

These arrangements however made it necessary to change certain statements in the article of Mr. Morrison, and the heads of departments of chemistry, physics, and biology, Mr. Max Moller, Mr. A. C. Bailey, and Mr. E. G. Alex-

ander, respectively, have rewritten the description of their departments.—Phya Bharata Raja, Dean.]

Until 1929 the science departments of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences of Chulalankarana University were housed in a building which at one time had been the palace of a former Crown Prince of Siam. Erected primarily as a dwelling and then given to the Ministry of Public Instruction at the time of the founding of Chulalankarana University, the building was not suited to meet the requirements of the science courses.

Originally the faculties of engineering and political science were also located in the same building, but in 1918 these two faculties were moved to a new building located a short distance from the former site. This new

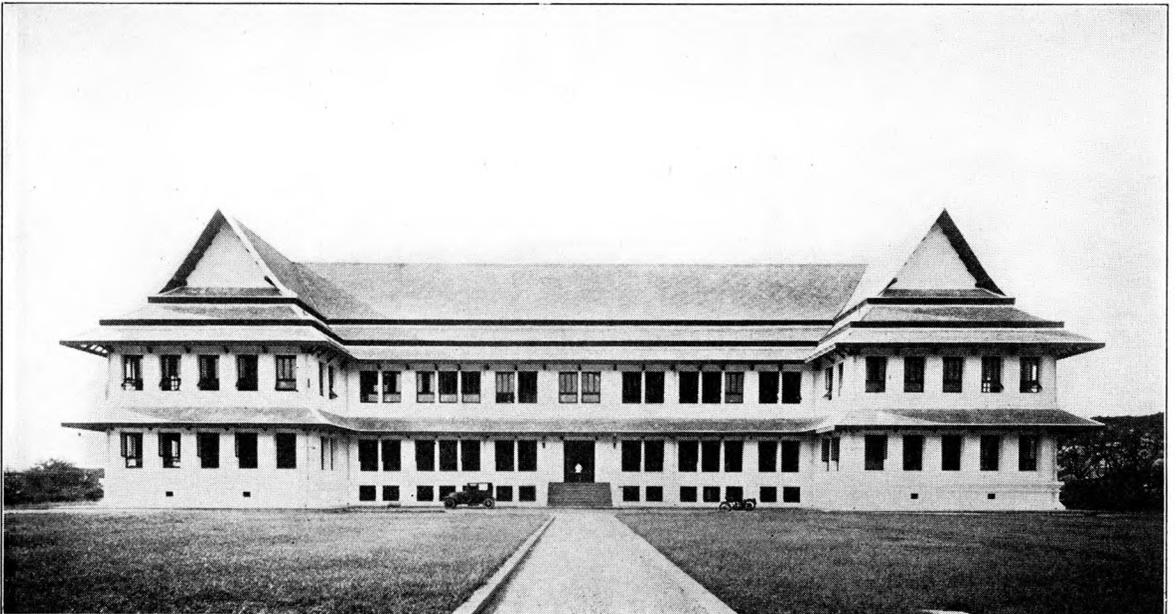


FIG. 1.—BUILDING FOR THE SCIENCE LABORATORIES, FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES