

F O R E W O R D

In the early 1920's a Department of Oriental Languages was created at the University of the Philippines with three sections, namely, Section of Linguistics, Section of Chinese, and Section of Japanese. Appointed head of the department was Professor Otto Scheerer, who was concurrently Professor of German. The course offerings in linguistics were seminars in Philippine linguistics conducted by Scheerer. The papers presented in the seminars, in the opinion of Scheerer, were worthy of dissemination so he had each one of them printed separately in pamphlet form. For the title of the series he chose The Archive: A Collection of Papers Pertaining to Philippine Linguistics. In the printed announcement dated June, 1925, Scheerer said:

Under this title the editor is publishing, under his responsibility and to the extent of his private means, a collection of ... papers pertaining to Philippine Linguistics as are contributed ... by his students at the University of the Philippines and which merit publication.

His aim is twofold: he desires to encourage and reward research undertaken by students in his particular subject, and, at the same time to make ... available [to] the ... investigators of Indonesian languages such valuable information as lies ... untouched or hidden within the confines of our archipelago, and which can be brought to light by nobody better than by properly guided students hailing from the very speech groups that are of interest to science.

Scheerer himself is best known for his major contributions on the Nabaloi Dialect (1905), The Batan Dialect... (1908, 1926), and The Particles of Relations of the Isinai Language (1918).

Because of the destruction of public and private libraries during World War II, we have not succeeded so far in compiling the complete list of titles published in The Archive. The titles available to us are as follows:

Consuelo Jimenez. 1924. On the Influence of English on the Tagalog Language. Paper No. 3. 13 p.

Otto Scheerer and Eusebio Pablo. 1925-26. The Use of ti and iti in Iloko Compared with Tagalog and Pangasinan Equivalents. Paper No. 4. 28 p.

Felizberto B. Viray. 1926-27. The Sounds and Sound Symbols of the Pangasinan Language. Paper No. 5. 20 p.

Carlos O. Brandes and Otto Scheerer. 1927-28. On Sandhi in the Ibanag Language. Paper No. 6. 42 p.

Felizberto B. Viray and Otto Scheerer. 1929. The Sambali Dialect of Bolinao. Paper No. 7. 34 p.

We have a faint recollection that not more than ten papers were published in The Archive. The first paper presented, and before Scheerer conceived of putting up The Archive, was entitled On the Boak Tagalog of Island of Marinduque (1923-24) by Cecilio Lopez. Scheerer had the paper mimeographed (8 1/2 x 11, typed single space, 25 pages) for distribution here and abroad. Through Dr. Ernest J. Frei we were able to acquire a copy of this paper from the library of the late Professor Frank R. Blake of The Johns Hopkins University.

The present Department of Oriental Languages and Linguistics has decided to start the publication of a new series of The Archive - this time without the sub-title - to honor the memory of Professor Scheerer, who initiated the publication of The Archive as a tangible proof of his desire "to encourage and reward research ... make available ... such valuable information ... as yet untouched ... that are of interest to science."

Unlike its predecessor, the new series will not necessarily be limited to one contribution for each issue. Further, it is the policy of the editors to accept contributions which are archival in treatment, that is, contributions which may be elaborated on later by the authors. In this manner, such research works will not remain stale and outdated.

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