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LODGES AND BODIES MEETING IN THE DISTRICT.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

Dist. G. M.—F. M. Elliot

P. D. B. G. P.—E. F. H. Edlin

Secretary—W. Craig

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ZETLAND, No. 508, Singapore

Master—J. R. Brooke

Secretary—T. O. Mayhew

ST. GEORGE, No. 1152, Singapore

Master—T. O. Naughton

Secretary—A. H. Todd

ROYAL PRINCE OF WALES, No. 1555, Penang

Master—R. H. Pinhorn

Secretary—R. J. Kirke

PERAK JUBILEE, No. 2225, Taiping

Master—J. W. J. Manington

Secretary—

READ, No. 2237, Kuala Lumpur

Master—D. St. L. Parsons

Secretary—H. C. E. Zacharias

ST. MICHAEL, No. 2033, Singapore

Master—W. A. Sims

Secretary—W. Craig

EASTERN GATE, No. 2070, Singapore

Master—J. B. Mead

Secretary—J. G. Barrett

KINTA, No. 3212, Ipoh

Master—E. Spinks

Secretary—H. M. Hodges

KLANG, No. 3369, Klang

Master—F. O. Sander

Secretary—H. B. Dudley

NAPIER, No. 3118, Teluk Anson

Master—W. M. Phillips

Secretary—R. H. Phillips

NEGRI SEMBILAN, No. 3552, Seremban

Master—A. R. Dupuis Brown

Secretary—J. R. Delmege

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

G. Superintendent—F. M. Elliot

Scribe E.—W. Craig

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Principal Z.—J. W. Littlefield

Scribe E.—A. Andrews

ST. GEORGE, No. 1152, Singapore

Principal Z.—Ven. Archdeacon
H. C. Izard

Scribe E.—V. V. Lemberger

VICTORIA JUBILEE, No. 1555, Penang

Principal Z.—J. G. Allan

Scribe E.—S. Riley

PERAK, No. 2225, Taiping

Principal Z.—R. Pinkney

Scribe E.—F. R. Wilson

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Principal Z.—G. H. Day

Scribe E.—J. Baird Matthews

KINTA, No. 3212, Ipoh

Principal Z.—

Scribe E.—R. L. Corbett

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Secretary—H. Carpmael

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W. M. M.—H. C. E. Zacharias

Secretary—F. M. Price

SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE A. & A. R. FOR ENGLAND.

MOUNT CALVARY IN THE EAST ROSK OROIX CHAPTER, Singapore

M. W. S.—A. W. Beau

Recorder—F. M. Elliot

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

SCOTIA, No. 1003, Penang

Master—J. Craig

Secretary—S. Riley.

D. G. L. MINUTES.**District Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted
Masons of the Eastern Archipelago under the United Grand
Lodge of England.**

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held at Freemasons' Hall,
Penang, on Saturday, November 18th, 1911.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 7-30 p.m.,
the following District Grand Officers and Brethren being present.

Officers:

- R. Wor. Bro. F. M. Elliot, *D. G. M.*
 Wor. Bro. A. R. Adams, *D. D. G. M.*
 „ P. J. Sproule, *D. S. G. W.*
 „ J. R. MacFarlane, as *D. J. G. W.*
 Bro. Rev. F. W. Haines, as *D. G. Chaplain.*
 Wor. Bro. A. W. Bean, *P. D. G. W.* as *P. D. B. of G. P.*
 „ R. Young as *D. G. Secretary.*
 „ R. Pinkney, as *D. G. S. D.*
 „ W. Sayers, as *D. G. J. D.*
 „ W. A. Sims, *D. G. D. of C.*
 „ J. S. Cunningham, as *D. G. Sword Bearer.*
 „ F. Daniel, as *D. G. Standard Bearer.*
 „ E. Spinks, as *D. G. Standard Bearer*
 Bro. W. A. Ward, as *D. G. Organist.*
 Wor. Bro. J. W. Manington, as *D. G. Pursuivant.*
 Bro. E. A. Ash, as *D. G. Steward.*
 „ J. Stark.
 „ O. E. Cockram.
 „ R. L. Corbett.
 Wor. Bro. J. C. Pattison, *D. G. Tyler.*

REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS.

Lodge Zetland in the East No. 508.—Wor. Bro. A. W. Bean, *P. M.*

Lodge St. George, No. 1152.—Wor. Bro. W. A. Sims, *I. P. M.*, and
P. J. Sproule, *P. M.*

Lodge Royal Prince of Wales, No. 1555.—Wor. Bro. F. Daniel, *W. M.*
Bro. J. Stark, *S. W.*; Bro. W. Brown, *J. W.*, Wor. Bro. A. Hamilton *P. M.*
Wor. Bro. H. B. de Hamel, *P. D. G. D. of C.*, and Wor. Bro. O. P. Buckell,
P. D. G. S. D.

Lodge Perak Jubilee, No. 2225.—Wor. Bro. Sayers, *P.M.*

Lodge Read, No. 2337.—Not represented.

Lodge St. Michael, No. 2033.—Wor. Bro. W. A. Sims, *W. M.*

Lodge Eastern Gate.—Not represented.

Lodge Kinta, No. 3212.—Wor. Bro. E. Spinks, *W. M.*

Lodge Klang, No. 3369.—Wor. Bro. F. O. Sander, *W. M.*; Bro. E. A. Ash, *S. W.*

Lodge Napier, No. 3418.—Bro. O. E. Cockram, *S. W.*

VISITORS.

Wor. Bro. J. Craig, *R. W. M.*, Wor. Bro. W. A. Ward, *W. D. M.*, Bros. A. Mackintosh Stuart, *W. J. W.*, H. W. Blackstone, *J. D.*, J. S. Wright, *I. G.*, W. Houston and H. J. Russell, Lodge Scotia, No. 1003, *S. O.*

Bros. R. G. Andrews, W. Brown, R. N. Goodwin, L. Hoefeld, J. Hug, P. Pedley, R. H. Pinhorn, A. Sarkies, J. Stark and O. T. Smith, Royal Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1555, *E. O.*

Bro. W. F. Sandeman, Leopold Lodge, Holborn Restaurant, *W. C.*, No. 1571, *E. O.*

Bros. A. Dubois, O. Knudson, W. A. T. Kellow, Perak Jubilee Lodge, No. 2225, *E. O.*

Bros. O. S. Dawbarn and J. O. W. Weber, Read Lodge, No. 2337, *E. O.*

Bros. O. Baugh and E. J. O'Reilly, Eastern Gate Lodge, No. 2970, *E. O.*

Bro. J. R. Toby, Lodge Kinta, No. 3212, *E. O.*, and Lodge Napier, No. 3418, *E. O.*

The Summons and Agenda were read.

The Minutes of the last Regular Meeting held on Saturday, May 27th, 1911, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and were duly confirmed.

An alarm being given, the *R. W. Master*, Wardens, Officers and members of Lodge Scotia, No. 1003, *S. O.*, were duly admitted and welcomed by the *R. W. D. G. Master*.

Wor. Bro. A. W. Bean, acting as President of the Board of General Purposes, read a report drawn up by Wor. Bro. W. Makepeace on behalf of the President, who was ill. The adoption of the report was carried. (See Appendix A.)

The motion standing in the name of Wor. Bro. W. Makepeace, being item 4 on the agenda, was withdrawn by the R. W. D. G. Master, by request in writing, and in accordance with the opinion of the District Board of General Purposes.

A number of letters from Officers and Members of District Grand Lodge regretting their inability to attend were laid on the table.

The Acting D. G. Secretary referred to the letter of the Grand Secretary, forwarding a Warrant authorising the R. W. D. G. Master to grant dispensations to confer degrees at less intervals than 28 days. The R. W. D. G. Master directed that this warrant be entered in the minutes and printed with the proceedings of District Grand Lodge. (See Appendix B).

Mention was made of a letter from the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys reporting the satisfactory progress of W. P. Stevens, a candidate from the Eastern Archipelago.

Letters from the Grand Secretary were read announcing that the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to grant the petitions for the formation of two new Lodges in the District, one the Negri Sembilan Lodge to be held at Seremban, and one to be named the Elliot Lodge to meet at Malacca.

Various formal correspondence was referred to.

The following publications were laid on the table:—

United Grand Lodge of England 7th Dec., 1910, 1st Mar., 26th April, 7th June, 6th Sept., 1911.

United Grand Lodge of England, Statements of Accounts, 1910.

Grand Lodge of South Australia, 19th April, 1911.

Grand Lodge of Western Australia, April, 1910—1911.

District Grand Lodge of Northern China, 22nd October, 1910.

“ “ “ Malta, 25th November, 1910.

“ “ “ South Africa, 21st March, 1911.

“ “ “ Queensland, 7th June, 6th Sept., 1911.

“ “ “ Japan, 4th March, 1911.

“ “ “ Bengal, 1st March, 6th May and 28th

July, 1911.

“ “ “ Bombay, 29th March, 1911.

District Grand Lodge of Auckland, 6th Sept., 1910, 7th March,
6th and 17th June, 1911.
" " " Argentine Republic, 25th March, 29th
April, and 15th July, 1911,
" " " Argentine Republic, List of Members
" " " Jamaica, January 26th, 1911.

The R. W. D. G. Master rising addressed D. G. Lodge. He called attention to that meeting as being the first regular meeting of District Grand Lodge to be held in Penang. He was gratified at the very large attendance of Freemason's present, perhaps the largest at any meeting of District Grand Lodge in the whole of its history. He referred with appreciation to the work performed, during his absence in Europe, by Wor. Bro. Adams, Deputy D. G. Master, and later by Wor. Bro. A. Knight. He also extended a hearty welcome to R. W. Bro. Craig and the officers and members of Lodge Scotia.

The D. G. S. Warden gave notice that at next meeting of District Grand Lodge he would move

"That District Grand Lodge Bye-law VIII. (g) be amended by substituting for the words "District Grand Lodge" the words "The District Board of General Purposes."

Also that District Grand Lodge Bye-law VII. (l) be amended to read:—

"Any member of the Board if resident at the place of a meeting and duly summoned to attend shall if he absent himself from such meeting pay a fine of five dollars, provided that upon good cause to be shown in writing addressed to the President the Board may remit such fine."

Hearty good wishes were tendered from the Grand Lodge of Western Australia by Wor. Bro. Joseph, P. G. Secretary, W. A. U., and from Lodge Scotia by R. W. Bro. J. Craig, R. W. M.

There being no further business, District Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 8-20 p.m.

The District Grand Lodge was afterwards entertained at a Banquet given by the Lodges of Penang and Perak.

R. YOUNG,
as District Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER MINUTES.

MINUTES of the Regular (Half-Yearly) Meeting of the District Grand Chapter of the Eastern Archipelago, held at Freemasons' Hall, Penang, on Saturday, November 18th, 1911.

The District Grand Chapter was opened in due form, the following D. G. Chapter Officers and Companions being present.

Officers.

M. E. Comp.	F. M. ELLIOT	Z.
" "	A. R. ADAMS	H.
" "	J. R. MACFARLANE	as J.
" "	R. YOUNG	as Scribe E.
" "	P. J. SPROULE	as Scribe N.
" "	J. G. ALLAN	as P. Soj.
" "	W. SAYERS	as Asst. Soj.
" "	R. PINKNEY	as Asst. Soj.
" "	E. SPINKS	as Asst. Scribe E.
" "	W. A. SIMS	Director of Ceremonies.
Comp.	J. O. PATTISON	D. G. Janitor.

Members.

E. Companions A. W. Bean, P. Z., J. G. Allan, P. Z., A. Hamilton, P. H., J. Craig, J., J. W. Manington, J., and O. P. Buckell, P. J.

Visitors.

Companions, H. B. Joseph, P. Z., and E. J. O'Reilly, No. 508; R. G. Andrews, A. W. Blackstone, W. N. Bright, W. Brown, J. Stuart Cunningham, J. Hug, S. Riley, H. B. Russell, A. Sarkies, J. Stark, A. Mackintosh Stewart, J. S. Wright, R. J. Kirke, O. T. Smith, S. Liddell, S. Riley, No. 1555; O. E. Cockram, R. L. Corbett, and O. Dawbarn, Nos. 2225 and 3212; A. Dubois, F. R. Howlett, R. R. Bullmore, W. L. Wood and W. A. T. Kellow, No. 2225; J. R. Toby, No. 3212; W. J. Best and E. P. Smith, St. Andrews, No. 217, S. O., H. S. Russell, Hibernian, No. 95, I. O.

The Acting D. G. Scribe, E., read the notice calling the meeting.

The Minutes of the previous regular meeting held on Saturday, May 27th, 1911, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and were duly confirmed.

The Roll of the Chapters in the District was responded to as under:—

Dalhousie, No. 508.—M. E. Companion A. W. Bean, P. D. S. N.

St. George, No. 1152.—M. E. Companion P. J. Sproule, P. Z., and E. Companion W. A. Sims.

Victoria Jubilee, No. 1555.—E. Companions J. G. Allan, Z., J. S. Cunningham, H., and J. Craig, J., P. J. Sproule, P. Z., J. R. MacFarlane and R. Young.

Perak, No. 2225.—E. Companion W. Sayer, P. Z., R. Pinkney, P. Z., and J. Manington, J.

Selangor, No. 2337.—Not represented.

Kinta, No. 3212.—E. Companion E. Spinks.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from various Officers and Members of District Grand Chapter.

The following papers were laid on the table:—

G. O. Quarterly Convocations, 1st February and 3rd May, 1911.

Burma, D. G. C. Report, December, 1910.

Bengal, D. G. C. Report, March, 1911.

Bombay, D. G. C. Report, April, 1911.

D. G. Chapter was closed in due form at 7.20 p.m.

There being no further business District Grand Chapter was closed in due form.

R. YOUNG,

as District Grand Scribe, E.

APPENDIX A.

To F. M. ELLIOT, Esq.,

R. W. D. G. M., EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

Singapore, 13th November, 1911.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DISTRICT GRAND MASTER,

By the unfortunate illness of Wor. Bro. Edlin, President of the Board of General Purposes, it devolves on me to make the half-yearly report of the Proceedings of the Board of General Purposes.

Since the May Communication the Board has met twice, and once in conjunction with the Board of Benevolence.

On June 12th, the subject of the Organ in the Masonic Hall, Singapore was discussed; and again on August 14th. In the event the organ was sold, and a Brother generously presented an American Organ to the Hall.

The Board expressed itself as not in favour of subscribing Masonic Money to the King Edward Memorial Fund of the Colony.

The Board met the Board of Benevolence and discussed the matter of investments of the Funds of the Board of Benevolence. It was decided to bring forward an alteration of D. G. L. By-Law VIII. (g) by deleting the words "Grand Lodge" and inserting the words "Board of General Purposes." The effect of the proposed alteration will be to give the Board of General Purposes a supervisory power over the investments of the Board of Benevolence. Notice of the proposed alteration of the By-law will be given at the November Meeting of D. G. Lodge.

The D. G. Treasurer has, on the instructions of the Board, deposited all deeds and securities of the D. G. L. in the Mercantile Bank.

A Lodge asked if a Candidate for Freemasonry who had conscientious objections to taking an oath, could not be permitted to affirm in the ceremonies. The Board is of opinion that it could not be permitted, but the D. G. Secretary has been asked to write to the Grand Secretary on the point.

Read Lodge and Klang Lodge have not yet elected their representatives on the Board of General Purposes.

These appear to be the only matters of moment dealt with by the Board of General Purposes.

I have the honour to be,

Dear Sir and R. W. Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

WALTER MAKEPEACE, P.M., P.W.,

First Vice-President of the B. G. P.

APPENDIX B.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

TO RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER F. M. ELLIOT, DISTRICT
GRAND MASTER FOR THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the Most Worshipful Grand Master that it would tend greatly to the convenience of the Brethren and be for the advantage of Freemasonry in the District of the Eastern Archipelago if you were permitted to grant Dispensations to Lodges to advance a Brother to a higher degree at a less interval than the four weeks provided by the Constitutions, the Most Worshipful Grand Master has taken the subject into consideration, and being satisfied with the sufficiency of the reasons assigned, does hereby AUTHORISE and EMPOWER you in cases of Emergency to grant Dispensations to the Lodges in your District, permitting them to pass and raise a Brother who may have been initiated or passed in a regular Lodge under some duly recognised Constitution at an interval of one week instead of the four weeks provided by the Constitutions, and for so doing this shall be your sufficient WARRANT.

GIVEN at Freemasons' Hall, London, this 21st day of September,
A. L. 1911, A. D. 1911.

By Command of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught,
K.G., &c., &c., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master.

(Sd.) E. LETCHWORTH,
Grand Secretary.

CONSTITUTION OF NEGRI SEMBILAN LODGE.

Saturday January 6th, was a great day for the Freemasons of Negri Sembilan—and incidentally to wondering crowds of natives in the streets outside—for from all parts of the District Brethren assembled to constitute, consecrate and dedicate the Negri Sembilan Lodge, No. 3552, the youngest "Sister Lodge" in the District.

Great pains had been taken to secure and prepare a suitable Lodge Room, and Lodges and individuals vied with each other in generously sending articles of Lodge furniture and other acceptable gifts to assist the new Lodge in getting a good start. And in spite of the Consecrating Officers having to arrange the details without personal consultation, and at very short notice, the solemnity and dignity of the ceremony was very impressive. The writer has been present at the consecration of five lodges in the District now, and in his opinion the consecration of Negri Sembilan Lodge compares favourably with any of them.

The Consecrating Officers were as follows.—The R. W. the D. G. M. R. Wor. Bro. F. M. Elliot, *C. O.*; W. Makepeace, *Chaplain*; A. B. Hubback, *D. of C.*; H. O. E. Zacharias, *Sec.*; W. F. Nutt, *S. W.*; A. H. Alston, *J. W.*; R. O. M. Kindersley, *D. G. St.*; R. Charter, *I. G.*; J. C. Pattison, *Tyler*.

Twenty-two Brethren had signed the petition, and most of them were present. In all there must have been close on fifty members of the Craft in attendance.

After the consecration, the R. W. D. G. M. installed Wor. Bro. A. R. Dupuis Brown as *W. M.*, and the following officers were invested:—*I. P. M.*, A. H. Alston; *S. W.*, O. E. Donaldson; *J. W.*, R. Reid; *Treasurer*, A. E. Bailey; *Secretary*, J. R. Delmege; *D. of C.*, R. Charter; *S. D.*, E. N. T. Cummins; *J. D.*, J. B. Meldrum; *Organist*, Bro. Moffatt; *Steward*, D. O. Wilkie; *I. G.*, O. Hammond Smith; *Tyler*, G. E. Teale.

At the banquet which followed, the toast of "Prosperity to the Negri Sembilan Lodge" was proposed by Wor. Bro. A. B. Hubback, and responded to by the *W. M.*

THE ORATION—Delivered at the Consecration of Negri Sembilan Lodge No. 3552, on January 6th, 1912, at Seremban, by Wor. Bro. Walter Makepeace, acting Chaplain:—

Brethren, We are gathered together this evening for the solemn and auspicious ceremony of establishing a new lodge, and there is little doubt that the proceedings of the evening will be deeply impressed upon all present. Freemasonry is an ancient and honourable fraternity founded on the practice of every moral and social virtue. The duty of the individual Freemason is exhaustively laid down in that magnificent charge which should be delivered to every newly-made brother, without which the ceremony of initiation is incomplete, and to whose exalted sentiments we hope this Negri Sembilan Lodge will often resound. But the daily advancement of Masonic knowledge, and the due appreciation of the value of Freemasonry impressed by its concluding phrases cannot be effectually attained without the establishment of a centre of masonic work and learning to which all Freemasons can resort. The craft can no more flourish without the Lodge, than can the Lodge without the Brethren. The Freemason is the unit of the Lodge, the Lodge, the unit of the Institution which we are proud to belong to, as a world-wide society for disseminating brotherly love, relief and truth. The individual must practice every moral virtue: to the Lodge belongs the duty of inculcating every social virtue. In the ceremony now about to be performed, and in the ceremonies of the Craft, you will find abundantly set forth the duty the individual owes to the Lodge, as well as the duty the Lodge owes to its members. Freemasonry is at once the most democratic and the most autocratic institution in the world. Its democracy rests on the fact that "we are all sprung from the same stock, are partakers of the same nature, and sharers of the same hope." Its autocracy in a complete submission to the Master and his Wardens while acting in the discharge of their respective duties. The due ordering of the affairs of the Lodge will be at first the especial care of those Brethren who have presented the petition for its constitution, to be carried on by their successors in a spirit of order, love and harmony. But we exhort you never to lose sight of the fact, that however flourishing a lodge may be financially, unless the spirit of brotherly love prevail your labours will be in vain. A lodge is *constituted* by conforming to certain authorised and reasonable procedure, which is laid down in the Book of Constitutions, supplemented by our tradition. It is *dedicated* by being set apart for the advancement of the craftsmen individually, and the extension of its blessings to other worthy men. It is *consecrated* by the spirit of the Brethren who meet within its walls—the spirit of wisdom to know and preserve the true and reject the false: the spirit of beauty and order to increase our happiness: and

the spirit of charity which knows no bounds, in dealing with our fellowmen. May this lodge be bounded by the pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. May it be as high as the Heaven and remind us that all our thoughts and desires, our hopes and aspirations, our prayers and thanksgivings, should be directed upward and heavenward even to the Throne of God himself.

Wor. Bro. EDULJI JAMSETJI KHORY.

We note that this worthy and distinguished brother, who took such a considerable part in Freemasonry in the Eastern Archipelago when he was resident in Singapore, has just been appointed S. W. of the Campbell Lodge, No. 1415. The Installation Meeting was held at Hampton Court on October 14th. Campbell Lodge is Wor. Bro. Khory's mother Lodge, he being initiated therein some thirty years ago.

In a telegram to an Indian paper, dated London Nov. 26th, we note the following:—

“At Oxford yesterday Professor Lawrence Mills, professor of Zend Philosophy, received a deputation of Parsi residents headed by Mr. E. J. Khory who presented the professor with an illuminated address in a silver casket expressing recognition and profound appreciation of the Parsis of the invaluable services of Professor Mills in connection with Zendavestic research. Replying, Professor Mills said he trusted he would be spared to complete the dictionary of the Gothic language and also to pursue his efforts in the direction of the translation of the Gothas into the twin sister speech of Vedic Sanskrit.”

This we believe to be our old friend. Turning over some old papers the other day we came across the following account of his services to the Craft, which it is worth while placing on record.—

1. Initiated, passed and raised in Lodge “Campbell” No. 1415 London in 1882.

2. Joined Lodge “Rangoon” in Rangoon, Burma, in 1884, acted as Secretary for three years, and while so acting acquired much knowledge in Freemasonry.

3. Joined Lodge “Victoria in Burmah” in Rangoon in 1886: at once elected Junior Warden. Elected Master and installed in 1887. At the installation 25 Past Masters were present having come from all parts of Burma. This was considered a novel feature in the whole masonic history of Burma; was voted a Past Master's Jewel at the end of the year of office.

4. Exalted in "Victoria Chapter" in 1884 and was raised to the chair of Principal H. till 1887.

5. Inducted as a Mark Master in "Victoria Mark" in 1885, and was elected master and installed in 1888 in Lodge Victoria of Mark Masters in Rangoon.

6. Was a Life Governor and Secretary for two years of the Greenlaw Masonic Orphan Fund in Burma.

7. Was Treasurer of Masonic Building Fund in Rangoon.

8. Held several offices in the District Grand Lodge of Burma. District Grand Mark and District Grand Chapter in Burma from 1884 to 1888.

9. Was made an "Ark Mariner" in 1886 and was Junior Warden in 1887.

10. Was Preceptor of Rangoon Lodge of Instruction for two years.

11. Came to Singapore in 1888 joined Lodges St. George and Zetland, conducted the Treasurership of St. George for three years and of District Grand Lodge for two years.

12. Joined Dalhousie Chapter in Singapore and was installed as Principal Z in 1890, and was voted a jewel at the end of the year of office.

13. Was one of the Founders of "Edaljee Khory" Lodge of Mark Masters and was installed as Master by the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir Charles Warren in 1891 and was voted a Past Mark Master's jewel in 1892.

14. Was one of the Founders of The Order of the Secret Monitor. "Adullam Conclave" in 1889. Was elected to the Chair of the Supreme Ruler in 1891, and was voted a Past Supreme Ruler's jewel in 1892.

15. In 1891 was appointed District Grand Senior Warden of the District Grand Lodge of Eastern Archipelago.

16. Founded Lodge of Instruction in Singapore and is Preceptor of the same.

17. Trustee of Masonic Building Fund, holding a large number of shares of the same.

18. Founder and Treasurer of Dunlop Masonic Benevolent Society in Singapore.

REVIEW.

W. R. A. Trowbridge :—Cagliostro. The Splendour and Misery of a Master of Magic. London 1910. pp. xv. and 312.

This is a very pleasantly written book on a very interesting subject. Indeed so interesting is the subject to the masonic historian that one wishes the author had gone a little deeper and produced, possibly a duller book, but certainly one of greater permanent value. In the preface the author quite candidly states that he was "in search of a picturesque personality," round which to weave the fabric of one of those at present so much appreciated light and piquant historical biographies. Malgré lui, however, the personality of Cagliostro proved too strong, and instead of finding a peg on which to hang a series of eighteenth century anecdotes, our author finds himself confronted by a strong individuality, whose fascination compels him to plead, where he had come merely to jest.

The frown with which our Grand Lodge has in the past regarded the "Higher Degrees," has made these latter naturally suspect to all good English Freemasons, and the second half of the eighteenth century is therefore passed over by all our historians as a period of Masonic "aberrations"; and unfortunately nobody has yet been found to make a special study of this subject, and not to rest satisfied with the usual poor, if technically correct, excuse that all this is not "Freemasonry."

For if Freemasonry was nothing but an operative guild system, it would indeed be impossible to explain its speculative element. That the latter was grafted on the former and still employs technical terms peculiar to stonemasons and bricklayers, does not in the least explain, why there should ever have arisen our system of speculatively, not to say spiritually, interpreting these common artizans' terms, how in other words such grafting of the one on the other could ever have taken place. The essential part of Freemasonry therefore has always seemed to me to be its speculative, not its operative nature, and thus the "Higher Degrees" to be more truly representative of its essence than the platitudes and convivialities, to which Anderson and his Grand Lodge of "Moderns" sought to reduce it.

Thus it is doubly to be regretted that our author has missed this splendid opportunity of discussing an episode which is so

intimately connected with all the higher aims of Freemasonry, in the fateful period just prior to the French Revolution. Unfortunately it seems clear from internal evidence that Mr. Trowbridge is not a Freemason. If he was, he would no doubt have been more at pains to ascertain all about the Lodge *Espérance*, into which he tells us, p. 111, Cagliostro was initiated on April 12th 1777.

This Lodge, we are told, worked in London and belonged to the system called of "the Strict Observance." It seems a pity that we are not told by Mr. Trowbridge on whose authority this statement is made, as we were not aware that any lodges of the Strict Observance, ever worked in London; nor that these Lodges ever admitted women. When our author then proceeds to describe the initiation ceremony, we are informed, *inter alia*, that "by means of a rope attached to the ceiling the candidate was hoisted into the air and allowed to drop suddenly to the floor," (p. 112), a novel use of the c. t., which will not fail to raise a smile amongst all Masonic readers.

Again, in 1786, Cagliostro is said to have attended a meeting of the Lodge of Antiquity, when a member "gave a burlesque imitation of the Grand Ophtha of Egyptian Masonry as a quack doctor vending a spurious balsam to cure every malady" (p. 277); but again, we are left without any authority, on the strength of which this statement is made; which is all the more regrettable, as surely the minutes of No. 2 ought to provide very instructive reading on this incident.

To the serious student, it would have seemed most important to reprint in full all that is known to have been written by Cagliostro himself, notably his Defence before the French Parliament during the Diamond Necklace Affair and his Letters *Au Peuple Francais* and *Au Peuple Anglais*. This surely ought to form the proper foundation for any critical research into the enigma presented by the life of poor Cagliostro, who as one of the most dazzling meteors illuminated the black thunder clouds of the pre-Revolution era, only to be reduced to dust, when at this zenith.

We agree with our author, that Cagliostro has been most shamefully defamed. Perhaps inordinately vain, his heart undoubtedly contained that most precious of all masonic jewels, I mean charity. Possessed of, what we would now call, psychic or hypnotic gifts of no mean order, he was ever ready to heal the sick and succour the poor without fee or reward. His great wealth, the

origin of which was as enigmatical as that of its owner, was ever used to gratify the impulses of a naturally generous temperament, and the one ideal, to the service of which he devoted his life, was obviously the regeneration of the Human Race; the accomplishment of which task he hoped to perform by what he styled "Egyptian Masonary."

Making allowance for the high flown rhetoric and other failings peculiar to his age, we must yet recognize in him a great soul and a bright intellect; one of those men to whom instinctively was given the homage of reverence and affection, wherever he went. Maligned, as he has been since, he appears to us as one of the heralds of the French Revolution, and undoubtedly as such was he hailed by the citizens of Paris, on his liberation from the Bastille, where he had lain in durance vile for nearly one year; as such was he dreaded and persecuted by Louis XVI; as such was he championed, when a refugee in London, by Lord Gordon, the great democrat and implacable foe to the Roman Papacy; and as such, at the last, was he captured and hailed before the "Holy" Inquisition at Rome, which infamous tribunal sentenced him to slow death in one of their hellish dungeons for being an heretic, dogmatic, heresiarch and propagator of magic and superstition, and for having favoured and formed societies and conventicles of Freemasonry. (p. 300).

For, we repeat, to understand Cagliostro and his times, one must approach him as a Freemason, and however well written the book under review is, no serious student can lay it aside without disappointment and a sigh for a wasted opportunity.

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THE MASON AND THE STONE.

The stone lies foursquare in its place,
Cold and blank and bare of grace.
The sun shines on the barren square
And wakes no life or beauty there.

Bitter the blow of steel on stone,
Bitter the granite's grating groan.
The mason's cunning hand is set
Upon the stone to smite and fret ;

And deeper as the chisel goes
The beauty daily grows and grows,
For lights and shades begin to fall
About the carving on the wall,
And Angels-wings and faces leap
Obedient to the chisel's sweep ;
Flowers and fruits of paradise
Beneath the fretful hammer rise,
Until the house of God has grown
More worthy through that carven stone.

Thou too, great Mason, hast forewilled
That all the stones whereof Thou build
Thy house not made with hands shall so
In beauty as in suffering grow.
The heart to which Thy tools are laid
Shall never lack of sorrow's shade,
That from that background there may shine
Outlines of beauty most divine.

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