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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 *Secretary*—W. Marsh
P. D. B. G. P.—J. A. R. Glennie *P. D. B. of B.*—W. Makepeace

ZETLAND, No. 508, Singapore
Master—J. R. Brooke *Secretary*—T. O. Mayhew
 ST. GEORGE, No. 1152, Singapore
Master—A. W. Still *Secretary*—B. Ball
 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. 2933, Singapore
Master—W. A. Sims *Secretary*—T. O. Naughton
 EASTERN GATE, No. 2970, Singapore
Master—J. B. Mead *Secretary*—J. G. Barrett
 KINTA, No. 3212, Ipoh
Master—R. L. Corbett *Secretary*—O. S. Dawburn
 KLANG, No. 3369, Klang
Master—F. O. Sander *Secretary*—H. B. Dudley
 NAPIER, No. 3418, Teluk Anson
Master—G. R. Stevens *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.*—
 DALHOUSIE, No. 508, Singapore
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
 SELANGOR, No. 2337, Kuala Lumpur
Principal Z.—R. Charter *Scribe E.*—J. Baird Matthews
 KINTA, No. 3212, Ipoh
Principal Z.— *Scribe E.*—R. L. Corbett

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND.

EDALJEE LODGE, Singapore
W. M. M.—W. R. Swan *Secretary*—H. Carpmael
 BATU BERTANDA, Kuala Lumpur
W. M. M.—C. G. Cadman *Secretary*—C. E. Donaldson

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

MOUNT CALVARY IN THE EAST ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, Singapore
M. W. S.—A. W. Bean *Recorder*—F. M. Elliot

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

SCOTIA, No. 1003, Penang
Master—J. Craig *Secretary*—S. Riley.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE MINUTES.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, Singapore, on Saturday, 25th May, 1912.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 9-30 P.M., the following District Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren being present:—

OFFICERS.

- Rt. Wor. Bro. F. M. Elliot, D. G. M.
 Wor. Bro. A. Knight, P. D. D. G. M. as D. D. G. M.
 " J. A. R. Glennie, P. D. G. W. as D. S. G. W.
 " H. L. Ooghlan, P. D. G. Secy. as D. J. G. W.
 Bro. F. E. Vigus, as D. G. Chaplain.
 Wor. Bro. F. Apps, P. D. G. Purs., D. G. Treasurer.
 " B. Ball, as Pres. D. B. of G. Purposes.
 " W. Marsh, D. G. Purs. as D. G. Secretary.
 " H. Pizer, P. D. A. G. Purs. as Pres. D. B. Benevolence.
 " R. Charter, P. D. A. G. Purs. as D. S. G. D.
 " C. Darby, as D. J. G. D.
 Bro. V. V. Lemberger, as D. G. Supdt. of Works.
 Wor. Bro. W. A. Sims, P. D. G. Purs., D. G. D. of C.
 " T. O. Mayhew, P. D. G. D. of C. as D. G. A. D. of C.
 " R. L. Corbett, D. G. Stw. as D. G. Sw. Br.
 " J. W. Littlefield, P. D. G. St. Br. as D. G. St. Br.
 " J. R. Brooke, as D. G. Organist.
 Bro. F. J. Goulding, as D. G. Purs.
 Wor. Bro. T. O. Naughton, D. G. A. Purs.
 Bro. A. Evans, as D. G. Steward.
 " G. R. Gray, as D. G. Steward.
 " H. R. W. Lobb, as D. G. Steward.
 " Alan Andrews, as D. G. Steward.
 " O. Cross, as D. G. Steward.
 " W. G. Bell, as D. G. Steward.
 Wor. Bro. J. O. Pattison, D. G. Tyler.

 REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS.

LODGE ZETLAND IN THE EAST, No. 508—Wor. Bros. J. R. Brooke, *W. Master*, W. Makepeace, *P.M.*, H. L. Coghlan, *P.M.*, F. Apps, *P.M.*, T. O. Mayhew, *P.M.*, Bro. H. Carpmael, *S.W.* Bro. A. Evans, *J.W.*

LODGE ST. GEORGE, No. 1152—Wor. Bros. A. Knight, *P.M.*, J. A. R. Glennie *P.M.*, W. A. Sims, *P.M.*, T. O. Naughton, *P.M.*, B. Ball (*P.M.*, No. 126)

LODGE ROYAL PRINCE OF WALES, No. 1555—Wor. Bro. W. Marsh, *P.M.*

LODGE PERAK JUBILEE, No. 2225—Wor. Bro. H. Pizer, (*P.M.*, 3212).

READ LODGE, No. 2337—Wor. Bro. R. Charter, *P.M.*

LODGE ST. MICHAEL, No. 2933—Wor. Bros. W. A. Sims, *W.M.*, W. Makepeace, *J.W.*

LODGE EASTERN GATE, No. 2970—Wor. Bros. J. W. Littlefield, *P.M.*, J. O. Pattison, *P.M.*, Bros. F. J. Goulding, *S.W.*, A. Andrews, *J.W.*

LODGE KINTA, No. 3212—Wor. Bros. R. L. Corbett, *W.M.*, H. Pizer, *P.M.*

LODGE KLANG, No. 3369—Bro. E. A. Ash, *S.W.*

NAPIER LODGE, No. 3418—Bro. O. Darby, *J.W.*

NEGRI SEMBILAN LODGE, No. 3552—Wor. Bro. A. Dupuis Brown, *W.M.*

VISITORS.

Bros. E. R. W. Carley, E. A. Ehrman, O. Rathborn, Lodge Zetland in the East, 508.

Bro. D. MacDonald, Lodge St. George, No. 1152.

Bros. W. E. Tate, J. Fraser, E. Smith, E. Dixon, A. S. Wilson, W. A. Birrell, J. G. Barrett, J. Frayue, Lodge Eastern Gate, No. 2970.

Bro. F. W. Margrett, Lewis Lodge, No. 1185.

Bro. H. Bevan, Mawddach Lodge, No. 1988.

Bro. R. Paulusz, Lodge Bonnie Doon, No. 611. S.C.

The Summons and Agenda were read.

The Roll of the Lodges in the District was called.

The Minutes of the last Regular Meeting, held at Freemasons Hall, Penang, on Saturday, November the 18th, 1911, having been printed and circulated were taken as read and duly confirmed, on the motion of Wor. Bro. Brooke, seconded by Wor. Bro. Mayhew.

The Accounts of D. G. Lodge and of the D. B. of Benevolence were presented by the D. G. Treasurer, and on the motion of Wor. Bro. Coghlan, seconded by Wor. Bro. Sims, were adopted and passed. (see Appendix A.)

The report of the President of the D. B. of General Purposes was read and on the motion of Wor. Bro. Glennie, seconded by Wor. Bro. Mayhew, was adopted. (see Appendix B.)

The report of the D. B. of Benevolence was read by Wor. Bro. Makepeace, in the absence of the President, Wor. Bro. Ven. Arch. Izard, and on the motion of Wor. Bro. Littlefield, seconded by Wor. Bro. Brown was adopted. (see Appendix C.)

No report of the Library Committee was presented.

The ballot for the election of D. G. Treasurer resulted in the election of Wor. Bro. Apps.

Wor. Bro. Makepeace as Acting President of the D. B. of General Purposes proposed the adoption of amended D. G. L. By-laws, as circulated to all Lodges in the District. The motion was seconded by Wor. Bro. Glennie, and carried, no objection having been received from any of the Lodges.

The Acting D. G. Secretary was instructed to forward copies to the M. W. the Grand Master for his approval.

The motions standing in the name of Wor. Bro. P. J. Sproule were not proceeded with, having been embodied in the amendments to the D. G. Lodge By-laws.

The D. G. M. appointed the following Officers for the year, investing those who were present:—

D. D. G. M.	...	Wor. Bro. W. Makepeace, No. 508 & 1152, <i>P. D. G. W.</i>
D. S. G. W.	...	" A. B. Hubback, No. 2337, <i>P. D. G. D.</i>
D. J. G. W.	...	" C. G. Cadman, No. 2225, <i>P. D. G. D.</i>
D. G. Chaplain	...	Bro. Rev. A. J. Amery, No. 508.
"	...	Bro. Rev. F. W. Haines, No. 1555.
D. G. Treasurer	...	Wor. Bro. F. Apps, No. 508, <i>P. D. G. Treas.</i>
D. G. Registrar	...	" W. A. Sims, No. 1152, <i>P. D. G. D. C.</i>

Pres. D. B. G. P.	...	Wor. Bro.	J. A. R. Glennie, No. 1152, <i>P.D.G.W.</i>
D. G. Secretary	...	"	W. Marsh, No. 1152, <i>P.D.G. Purs.</i>
D. S. G. D.	...	"	W. Hamilton, No. 1555, <i>P.D.G. Supt. of Works.</i>
D. G. J. D.	...	"	H. Pizer, No. 3212., <i>P. D. G. A. Purs.</i>
D. G. Supt. of Works	...	"	R. Pinkney, No. 2225.
D. G. Dir. of Cer.	...	"	T. O. Mayhew, No. 508, <i>P. D. G. D. C.</i>
D. A. G. D. of Cer.	...	"	W. M. Phillips, No. 3418.
D. G. Sw. Bearer	...	"	O. T. Hamerton, No. 3369.
D. G. St. Bearer	...	"	A. H. Alston, No. 2337, <i>P. D. G. Organist.</i>
"	...	"	T. O. Naughton, No. 1152.
D. G. Organist	...	"	J. R. Brooke, No. 508.
D. A. G. Secretary	...	Bro.	F. J. Goulding, No. 2970.
D. G. Purs.	...	Wor. Bro.	A. Dupuis Brown, No. 3552.
D. A. G. Purs.	...	"	O. E. Cockram, No. 3418.
D. G. Steward	...	"	A. W. Still, No. 1152.
"	...	"	R. H. Pinhorn, No. 1555.
"	...	"	D. St. L. Parsons, No. 2337.
"	...	"	R. L. Corbett, No. 3212.
"	...	"	F. O. Sauder, No. 3369.
D. G. Tyler.	...	"	J. C. Pattison, No. 508.

The D. G. M. appointed Wor. Bro. W. Makepeace, D.D.G.M., P.M. No. 508, to be President of the D. B. of Benevolence for the ensuing year.

Wor. Bro. A. W. Still, W.M. No. 1152, and Wor. Bro. B. Ball, P.M. No. 126, were elected to represent D. G. L. on the D. B. of Benevolence.

Wor. Bro. W. A. Sims was elected to represent D. G. L. on the Library Committee.

The following reports were laid on the table:-

United Grand Lodge of England, 6th December, 1911, 6th March, 1912.

District Grand Lodge of Central South Africa, 22nd March, 1911.

District Grand Lodge of Natal, 25th March, 1911, 30th September, 1911.

District Grand Lodge of Burmah, 5th June, 1911.

- District Grand Lodge of Jamaica, 27th July, 1911.
District Grand Lodge of Auckland, 5th September, 1911.
District Grand Lodge of Northern China, 23rd October, 1911,
22nd January, 1912.
District Grand Lodge of Japan, 11th November, 1911.
District Grand Lodge of Bombay, 22nd November, 1911.
District Grand Lodge of Bengal, 26th December, 1911.
District Grand Lodge of Queensland, 3rd November, 1911,
6th December, 1911, 6th March, 1912.
District Grand Lodge of Otago, 31st March, 1911.
District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland, 29th January, 1912.

A number of letters from Officers and Members of D. G. L. regretting their inability to attend were laid on the table.

The D. G. Secretary reported that the warrant for Lodge Elliot, No. 3557 on the Roll of the Grand Lodge of England to be held in Malacca, had been forwarded to the petitioning Brethren in December, 1911.

The D. G. Treasurer gave notice that at the next meeting of D. G. L. he would move:—That a sum of \$1,000 be voted from D. G. Lodge Fund to the St. John's Fund of Benevolence of E.A.

The R. W. D. G. M. rising then addressed the D. G. Lodge, and said:—Brethren, It only remains for me to say a few words on Freemasonry in the District. First I would extend a hearty welcome to those members who have come from a distance to attend this Meeting. The Meetings of D. G. L. are not particularly exciting, although important, and we are always pleased to see members coming from a place distant, the meeting place. The longest traveller is, I believe, Bro. Pizer from Taiping, and there are Bros. Corbett from Ipoh, and Dupuis Brown from the newest Lodge at Seremban. Bro. Ash is representing Klang Lodge, Bro. Hamerton being prevented at the last moment from attending. There are also Bro. Darby and Bro. Charter, and we are pleased to see all these keen masons. The Craft is progressing well in the District. The last Meeting of D. G. Lodge was held in Penang, in November, where there was an excellent attendance of over sixty from the Northern part of the Peninsula, the meeting went off well and gave one an opportunity of meeting enthusiastic Brethren in other parts of the District, which is exceedingly pleasant and beneficial. In January last a number of Brethren from all parts met at Seremban to consecrate the new Lodge under Bro. Dupuis Brown, whom I am glad to see here to-night. There was a large attendance of Brethren

from Selangor, who took part in the very impressive consecration ceremony, which will not readily be forgotten by those who were privileged to be present. The Lodge at Malacca has not yet been formed, but the matter is under consideration, and I do not think any good purpose would be done by discussing it. It is possible that the petition will have to be referred Home. There are many keen masons there, but until the Lodge is consecrated not much can be done to encourage them. At the beginning of April, I had the pleasure of installing Bro. Corbett at Ipoh. There is the utmost enthusiasm there; over fifty Brethren were present, including Brethren from Penang and elsewhere, and I believe that there is a bright future before Lodge Kinta. I propose to hold the next meeting of D. G. L. in the very handsome Masonic Temple there, and I am perfectly sure that the Kinta Brethren will welcome any visitors from this end, or elsewhere. I hope some of you will be able to get away. The date of the meeting will be arranged so as to enable the travelling to be done as expeditiously as possible. I should like to mention the excellent work done by Bro. Sproule in Ipoh, Penang, and the Northern part of the District. He assisted at Ipoh, installed the Master of Teluk Anson, and has also been to Taiping. My thanks are due to him. With regard to the new By-laws, my thanks are due to the Committee of the Board of General Purposes, who have carried out this work. The work which has been undertaken by Bro. Makepeace, Bro. Craig, Bro. Glennie, Bro. Apps, and Bro. Knight and others of the Board, has been no light one. As we have one or two Masters from the other parts of the District, I would call their attention to By-law 16 with regard to dues. The returns should be sent in promptly and correctly. The new By-laws make them due in January, and the accounts of D. G. Lodge have to be completed by the end of March, so that early returns are necessary to assist the D. G. Secretary. Again I thank you, Brethren, for your attendance here to-night. (Applause).

There being no further business D. G. Lodge was closed in due form at 11-15 P.M.

APPENDIX A.—Contd.

STATEMENT FOR LIABILITIES AND ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1912.

LIABILITIES.	\$ c.	ASSETS.	\$ c.
Rent Dec. 31st, 1911 to April 30th, 1912	62 50	25 Masonic Hall Building Shares	625 00
Balance of Assets	2,534 12	Cash in Mercantile Bank—	
		Less unrepresented Cheque \$29.99	1,971 62
	\$ 2,596 62		\$ 2,596 62

DISTRICT BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1912.

LIABILITIES.	\$ c.	ASSETS.	\$ c.
Balance of Bligh Relief Fund ...	783 00	201 Shares in M. H. B. Fund ...	5,025 00
Balance of Assets over Liabilities	33,418 12	SUMS PLACED OUT ON MORTGAGES—	
		Penang Masonic Building ... \$7,000 00	
		Lodge Kinta Masonic Building ... 7,000 00	
		Through a legal firm ... 3,000 00	
		Through a legal firm ... 5,000 00	
		Loan to Masonic H. B. Trustees ... 3,500 00	
			25,500 00
		Interest on \$7,000 for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum ... \$350 00	
		Interest on \$3,500 for 5 months at 5 per cent. per annum ... 73 25	
		Interest on \$5,000 for 1 month at 7 per cent. per annum ... 29 15	
		Interest on \$3,000 for 1½ months at 7 per cent. per annum ... 26 25	
		Interest on \$3,000 for 8 months at 5 per cent. per annum ... 100 00	
		Interest on \$2,000 for 6 months at 5 per cent. per annum ... 50 00	
		Interest on \$2,000 for 5 months at 5 per cent. per annum ... 41 66	
			670 31
		Balance in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	3,005 81
	\$ 34,201 12		\$ 34,201 12

APPENDIX A.—Contd.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

DISTRICT BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1912.

	\$ c.		\$ c.
To BALANCE in Bank, May 1st, 1911	6,319 08	By CHARITY ACCOUNT:—	
„ LODGE FEES FOR 1909:—		Relief of aged Brother No. 508	\$ 1,042 00
St. Michael No. 2933	\$ 34 00	Relief of Widow of late Brother No. 2225	213 33
Perak Jubilee No. 2225	84 00	Funeral Expenses of late Brother No. 2673 S. C. ...	80 00
	118 00	Relief of Widow of late Brother No. 1555	213 09
„ LODGE FEES FOR 1910:—		Relief of Children of late Brother No. 2970... ..	54 00
St. Michael No. 2933	\$ 27 00	Relief of Brother No. 1696	50 00
Perak Jubilee No. 2225	85 00	„ No. 716	6 00
Royal Prince of Wales No. 1555	80 00	„ No. 1031	100 00
Klang Lodge No. 3369	73 00	„ No. 400 S. C.	57 00
	265 00	„ No.	15 00
„ LODGE FEES FOR 1911:—		Relief of Widow of late Brother No. 1555	42 85
St. Michael No. 2933	\$ 40 00		1,873 27
Perak Jubilee No. 2225	86 00	„ BLIGH RELIEF FUND:—	
Royal Prince of Wales No. 1555	133 00	6 months School Fees for 3 Children	54 00
Klang Lodge No. 3369	109 00	„ SUM PLACED ON MORTGAGE to Lodge Kinta No. 3212	7,000 00
Lodge Zetland No. 508	199 00	„ DISCOUNT on Cheques	1 32
Napier Lodge No. 3418	83 00		
Kinta Lodge No. 3212	100 00		
Lodge St. George No. 1152	132 00		
Read Lodge No. 2337	106 00		
Eastern Gate No. 2970	128 00		
	1,130 00		
„ DONATIONS:—			
Lodge Zetland for aged Brother	\$ 817 00		
Lodge St. George	100 00		
Read Lodge	100 00		
Lodge Napier	50 00		
Rose Croix Chapter	212 15		
	1,279 15		
Carried forward ...	0,111 23	Carried forward ...	8,028 59

APPENDIX A.—Contd.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.
DISTRICT BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1912.

	\$	c.		\$	c.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	9,111	23	<i>Brought forward</i> ...	8,928	59
„ DISTRICT GRAND LODGE :—			„ BALANCE :—		
Patent Fees ...	60	00	In Hongkong and Shanghai		
„ FEES from D. G. Chapter ...	127	00	Bank ...	3,005	81
„ INTEREST :—					
Bank Current Account to December 31st, 1911 ...	\$51	04			
Mortgage of \$7,000 @ 5% to April 11th, 1911 ...	350	00			
Mortgage of \$5,000 @ 7% to March 27th, 1912 ...	379	21			
Mortgage of \$3,000 @ 7% to March 13th, 1912 ...	210	00			
Loan of \$5,000 @ 5% to November 30th, 1911 ...	145	92			
	1,136	17			
„ PART of M. H. B. F. Loan Repaid ...	1,500	00			
	\$	11,934 40		\$	11,934 40

We, the undersigned, have under By-Law V. (b) audited these Accounts, and certify them to be correct.

WALTER MAKEPEACE, P.D.G.W.

FREDERICK APPS,

W. MARSH, D.G.P.

District Grand Treasurer.

BLIGH RELIEF FUND.

	\$	c.		\$	c.
To BALANCE from 1911 Account	837	00	By DISBURSEMENTS :—		
			6 months School Fees for 3 Children ...	54	00
			„ BALANCE ...	783	00
	\$	837 00		\$	837 00

APPENDIX B.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF
GENERAL PURPOSES, E. A.

The R. W. D. G. MASTER, F. M. ELLIOT, Esq.

SIR,

By the departure for Europe of W. Bro. E. F. H. Edlin, the President of the Board at the end of last year, it falls to me as 1st Vice-President to report on the proceedings.

The Board has dealt with the ordinary business of the D. G. Lodge during the year, including the disposal of the organ, and the reception of another kindly presented by a Brother; the keeping of Deeds and Securities of the D. G. Lodge, which are now deposited in a special box with the Mercantile Bank of India; and suggestions for the disposal of the balance of funds in the now closed Masonic Account.

A joint meeting of the Board and the members of the Board of Benevolence was held with regard to the investment of the Funds of the Board of Benevolence. It was decided to propose an alteration of the D. G. L. By-Laws to vest the control in the Board of General Purposes. This amendment is included in the new By-Laws to be proposed at the May meeting of D. G. Lodge.

A question of permitting a candidate to make an affirmation was raised and the matter is dealt with in a letter from the Grand Secretary, in which he says:—

“It was many years ago decided that in the case of a candidature of a member of the Society of Friends or Quakers, that their views with regard to the taking of an oath should be respected and that their affirmation would be accepted in lieu thereof. There have been many instances of such initiations in this country, and whether the gentleman to whom you refer is a member of the body alluded to or not, there need be no difficulty in initiating him if the W. M. is satisfied that his objection to the usual form is a conscientious one and based on religious conviction.”

It was decided that the W. M. should satisfy himself as mentioned in the last paragraph of the letter and that the form of affirmation should be approved by the D. G. Master.

During the latter half of the year, the Board has been considering amendments of the D. G. Lodge By-Laws, which were dealt with by the full Board as to principle, and by a Committee as to wording, and subsequently by the full Board. The amendments are mentioned in a circular letter sent with the new By-Laws to every member of D. G. Lodge, as far as known, and will be submitted at the May meeting.

The Board decided not to recommend a Masonic Subscription either to the local King Edward Fund, or the Titanic Disaster Fund.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours faithfully and fraternally.

WALTER MAKEPEACE, P.D.G.W.,

Vice-President of the Board.

APPENDIX C.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

Report of Acting President, 1912.

RT. WOR. DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.

SIR,

I have the honour to make the annual report of the Board of Benevolence, D. G. L. E. A., as carrying on the work during the absence of Wor. Bro. Archdeacon Izard, who left for Home in January this year.

The Board has only met formally three times, but much of the work has been done by circular. Ten cases have been relieved at an expenditure of \$1,873.27. The income from fees was \$1,513 (of which \$373 was arrears); from donations \$1,279 and from interest \$1,136.

The question of investing the Funds of the Board was discussed at a joint meeting of the Board and the Board of General Purposes, and an alteration of D. G. L. By-laws was agreed on, making the investment subject to the B. G. P. instead of the D. G. L. as being a more practicable control.

To control casual Masonic Relief, a circular was drafted, after consultation with Wor. Bro. Major Iles, of Rangoon, by which each of the D. G. Lodges of Rangoon, Calcutta, Ceylon, Malaya and Hongkong should advise each other confidentially of relief granted to travelling Freemasons. Instances of abuse of a Brother's claim for charity are not uncommon, and it is hoped that this abuse will be checked by the use of the circular. Brethren in the District may also be reminded that, difficult as it is to reject a Brother's appeal for "just a dollar or two," indiscriminate giving often does more harm than good.

As it falls to my lot to again write this report, I take the opportunity of summarising the work of the Board during the eight years it has been in existence.

The following figures show the principal sources of income and expenditure (omitting cents and book-keeping entries), since the Board was formed.—

YEAR.	INCOME.			EXPENDITURE.			
	Fees.	Donations.	Int.	Widows.	Children.	Brothers.	Casual.
1905 ...	750	1,514	401	164	...	...	248
1906 ...	996	4,485	574	1,331	...	...	436
1907 ...	1,177	2,374	741	507	380	245	637
1908 ...	1,016	2,998	1,276	916	684	95	253
1909 ...	993	940	1,382	100	420	...	591
1910 ...	1,246	6,554	1,566	286	588	926	628
1911 ...	1,069	430	1,003	170	548	1,484	682
1912 ...	1,700	1,279	1,136	469	54	1,042	308
	<u>\$8,947</u>	<u>20,574</u>	<u>8,079</u>	<u>3,946</u>	<u>2,674</u>	<u>3,792</u>	<u>3,783</u>

The balance of assets over liabilities amounts to nearly \$33,000, of which no less than \$22,525 is on mortgage or loan of Masonic Buildings. I suggest that the convenience to the craft in the District of having a Loan Bank in its Benevolent Funds does not justify violation of the principle, that Investments should be outside the interests of the concern whose money is to be invested.

Our local constitution provides for two Funds: St. John's Fund of Benevolence "whereof the interest shall be employed in educating, clothing and maintaining the children of indigent and deceased Freemasons. It shall be supported by voluntary contributions;" and the ordinary Fund of Benevolence. Hitherto the St. John's Fund of Benevolence has not been formed. I think the time has now come for its formation. No less than \$20,000 has been given by the various Lodges and individual members in donations, the most generous having been Lodge St. George, D. G. L. and Lodge Zetland, who have been contributed nearly \$11,000, while one Brother's Estate was over \$3,000. A large part of these Donations should be transferred to the St. John's Fund of Benevolence, and invested safely and separately. I have no doubt that other Lodges than the two mentioned above would contribute of their abundance to such a permanent fund, and in a few years we might realise the expectation of Rt. Wor. Bro. Sir Walter Napier, when the Fund was started of \$50,000 consolidated. I can assure Brethren, of my own knowledge, that the interest of such a sum could be well and worthily applied in helping the children of deceased Brethren annually.

It is pleasant to have to record that several instances have occurred of relief afforded being remembered and returned to the Fund. Also that, apart from the mere affording of monetary relief, there are many examples of the exercise by Brethren, of that truly Masonic virtue—charity.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

WALTER MAKEPEACE,

Acty. Pres., B. of Benevolence.

APPENDIX.

DISTRICT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

Alphabetical List of Appointments to District Grand Rank, Showing Highest Office Held, with Date of Appointment.

Name.	Chap-ter.	Office.	Date.	Name.	Chap-ter.	Office.	Date.
Adams, A. R.	1555	2nd Prin.	1910	Koch, J. G.		Prin. Soj.	1908
Allan, J. G.	1555	1st Ass. Soj.	1906	Makepeace, W.	508	Scribe N.	1908
Apps, F.	508	Treas.	1910	Mayhew, T. O.	508	Reg.	1910
Banks, C. W.		2nd Ass. Soj.	1908	McFarlane, J. R.	1555	Scribe N.	1907
Bean, A. W.	508	Scribe N.	1910	Moss, P.	1555	Std. Bearer	1907
Cadman, J. G.	2337	Swd. Bearer	1910	Owen, R.	1555	Dir. Cer.	1910
Careless, W.	508	Ass. Scribe E.	1908	Pinkney, R.	2225	Ass. Dir. Cer.	1911
Caulfeild, F. St. G.	2225	Prin. Soj.	1906	Pugh, E. W.	2225	Ass. Dir. Cer.	1910
Coghlan, H. L.	508	Scribe E.	1909	Rickard, F. A.	{ 508 1152 }	Scribe E.	1906
Cooper, T. (G. D.)	2337	1st Ass. Soj.	1910	Robinson, T. P.	508	Dir. Cer.	1906
Craig, W.	508	Scribe E.	1910	Sayers, W.	2225	Ass. Dir. Cer.	1907
Day, G. H.	2337	Swd. Bearer	1911	Sewell, F. B.	3212	Std. Bearer	1911
Derrick, G. A.	1152	3rd Prin.	1909	Sims, W. A.	1152	Dir. Cer.	1911
Edlin, E. F. H.	1152	Dir. Cer.	1907	Sproule, P. J.	1555	Scribe N.	1911
Gibson, C. L.	2225	Scribe N.	1909	Swan, W. R.	{ 1152 1555 }	Prin. Soj.	1911
Glennie, J. A. R.	1152	Reg.	1906	Thompson, G.	508	Scribe E.	1908
Gray, J.	508	Std. Bearer	1908	Ward, J.	2225	Prin. Soj.	1909
Harrison, R. W.	2337	2nd Ass. Soj.	1910	Young, R.	1555	Swd Bearer	1909
Henly, C.	2337	Std Bearer	1909	Zacharias, H.C.E.	2337	Dir. Cer.	1909
King, W.	508	2nd Ass. Soj.	1909				
Knight, A.	508	3rd Prin.	1906				

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Name.	Now Member of Lodge.	Year when in Chair.	In what Lodge.	Highest District Grand Rank.	Year.
Adams, A. R.	1555	1893	1555	Deputy D. G. Master	1910
Aldworth, J. R. O.	2337	1902	2337	J. Warden	1909
Allan, J. G.	1555	1895	1555	S. Warden	1909
Allen, R.	1152	1904	1152	Registrar	1904
Alston, A. H.	{ 2337 3552 }	1910	2337	Organist	1911
Apps, F.	508	1908	508	Treasurer	1910
Ball, B.	1152	1910	126	.....	...
Banks, C. W.	1152	1892	508	S. Warden	1903
Bean, A. W.	{ 508 1152 }	1902	508	S. Warden	1910
Booth, J. V.	2225	1901	2225	.....	...
Braddell, T. De M.	1152	{ 1889 1889 }	{ 1152 2337 }	J. Warden	1892
Bratt, E. H. F.	2225	1900	2225	Supdt. of Works	1900

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LODGE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO, 1911-12.

Name.	Now Member of Lodge.	Year when in Chair.	In what Lodge.	Highest District Grand Rank.	Year.
Brooke, J. R.	508	1911	508	.....	...
Brown, A. Dupuis	3552	{ 1901 1912 }	{ 1157 3552 }	....	...
Bryant, A. T.	{ 1152 1555 }	1901	1555	S. Warden	1906
Buckell, C. P.	1555	1896	1555	S. Deacon	1897
Burt, C. J. W.	{ 508 2033 }	1910	508	Swd. Bearer	1911
Buswell, W. J.	2225	1896	2225	Dir. Ceremonies	1897
Calman, C. G.	{ 2225 2337 }	{ 1906 1907 }	2225	S. Deacon	1907
Careless, W.	2970	1908	2970	Std. Bearer	1909
Caulfeild, F. St. G.	2225	{ 1889 1897 }	2225	J. Warden	1890
Charter, R.	{ 2337 3552 }	1909	2337	Ass. Pursuivant	1910
Coghlan, H. L.	{ 508 1152 }	1905	508	Registrar	1905
Cooke, H. de L.	1555	1907	1555	S. Deacon	1910
Coveney, W. C.	508	1904	508	S. Deacon	1904
Craig, W.	508	1900	508	J. Warden	1904
Cunningham, J. S.	1555	1908	1555	Std. Bearer	1908
Daniel, F.	1555	1911	1555	Std. Bearer	1911
Day, F.	2337	...	...	.....	...
Day, G. H.	{ 2337 3369 3552 }	1907	2337	Dir. Ceremonies	1910
Derrick, G. A.	2033	{ 1899 1908 }	{ 1152 2033 }	Deputy D. G. Master	1903
Donald, P. D.	2225	1902	2225	J. Deacon	1902
Edlin, E. F. H.	1152	1903	{ 1152 2033 }	S. Warden	1908
Edwards, R. C.	1152	...	...	.....	...
Ellis, E. C.	1152	...	...	J. Warden	1901
Falshaw, P. S.	{ 508 1152 2033 }	1903	2033	Ass. Dir. Ceremonies	1904
Gibson, C. L.	2225	1891	2225	S. Warden	1904
Glenzie, J. A. R.	1152	1901	1152	S. Warden	1907
Gray, J.	508	1898	508	J. Warden	1902
Hamel, H. B. de	1555	1907	1555	.....	...
Hanerton, C. T.	3369	1910	3369	Steward	1911
Hamilton, W.	1555	1906	1555	Suptdt. of Works	1906
Hanson, C. R.	2225	1890	2225	.....	...
Harper, J. P.	2225	1899	2225	Suptdt. of Works	1899
Harrison, R. W.	3369	1909	{ 2337 2170 }	Suptdt. of Works	1909
Henly, C.	3369	1904	2170	J. Deacon	1910
Howgill, C. W.	2337	1899	2337	S. Deacon	1900
Hewett, R. D.	2225	1892	2225	S. Warden	1902
Hooper, W. E.	1152	1887	1152	S. Warden	1888
Hubbneek, A. B.	2337	1905	2337	J. Deacon	1906

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Name.	Now Member of Lodge.	Year when in Chair.	In what Lodge.	Highest District Grand Rank.	Year.
Izard, H. C.	1152	1908	{ 1152 2933 }	Chaplain	1905
Kindersley, R. C. M.	{ 2337 3552 }	1901	2337	S. Deacon	1902
King, W.	2970	1905	2970	Suptdt. of Works	1908
Knight, A.	{ 1152 2933 }	1885	1152	Deputy D. G. Master	1892
Koch, J. G.	{ 1555 2337 3118 }	1889 1910	1555 3418 }	Dir. of Ceremonies	1899
Leech, H. W. C.	2225	1891	2225	J. Deacon	1891
Littlefield, J. W.	{ 2933 2970 }	1909	2970	Std. Bearer	1910
Makepeace, W.	{ 508 1152 2933 }	1894	508	S. Warden	1896
Manington, J. W. J.	2225	1911	2225	Steward	1911
Marks, O.	{ 1152 2225 }	1898	2225	Treasurer	1904
Marsh, W.	{ 1152 1555 }	1910	1555	Pursuivant	1911
Mayhow, T. O.	{ 508 2970 }	1909	508	Registrar	1910
McFarlane, J. R.	1555	{ 1891 1892 }	1555 1555 }	S. Warden	1901
Mend, J. B.	2970	1911	2970	.....	...
Moir, G.	2225	{ 1909 1910 }	2225	S. Deacon	1911
Moore, J.	508	1910	508	J. Deacon	1911
Moss, P.	2225	1893	2225	.....	...
Muhlenbein, O.	508	...	...	Swd. Bearer	1901
Naughton, T. O.	{ 1152 2933 }	1911	1152	Ass. Pursuivant	1911
Nelson, P. J.	2225	1905	2225	Steward	1904
Nutt, W. F.	{ 1152 2337 3552 }	1903	2337	J. Warden	1908
Owen, R.	{ 1555 3418 }	1909	1555	Suptdt. of Works	1911
Palmer, R. G.	1555	...	...	.....	...
Parry, J. P.	3212	...	...	Chaplain	1909
Parsons, D. St. L.	{ 2337 3552 }	1911	2337	.....	...
Pattison, J. C.	{ 508 2970 }	1910	2970	Tyler	1911
Paxon, H. C.	2337	1895	2337	J. Deacon	1897
Pearce, E. J.	508	...	...	.....	...
Phillips, W. McF.	3418	1911	3118	Steward	1911
Pinhorn, R. H.	1555	1911	1555	Steward	1911
Pinkney, R.	2225	1908	2225	Swd. Bearer	1908
Pizer, H.	3212	1909	3212	Ass. Pursuivant	1909
Pooreck, J. C.	2970	1903	2970	J. Warden	1905
Pugh, E.	2337	1908	2337	Ass. Dir. Ceremonies	1909

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Name.	Now Member of Lodge.	Year when in Chair.	In what Lodge.	Highest District Grand Rank.	Year.
Rickard, F. A.	508	1906	508	J. Warden	1906
Robinson, T. P.	508	1903	508	Treasurer	1903
Russell, J.	2337	1894	2337	J. Warden	1903
Sander, F. O.	3369	1911	3369	Steward	1911
Sanderson, C. E. F.	1152	1893	2337	S. Warden	1898
Sayers, W.	2225	{ 1903 1904 }	2225	J. Deacon	1904
Schultze, C. A.	2225	1888	2225	J. Warden	1889
Severn, C.	2337	{ 1900 1901 }	2337	S. Warden	1905
Sewell, F. B.	3212	1910	3212	Ass. Dir. Ceremonies	1911
Sims, W. A.	{ 1152 2933 }	1909 1911	{ 1153 2932 }	Dir. Ceremonies	1911
Spinks, E.	3212	1911	3212	Std. Bearer	1911
Sproule, P. J.	1555	1906	1555	S. Warden	1911
Stratton, G. B.	{ 1152 2933 3552 }	1910	1152	Pursuivant	1910
Stevens, C. V.	3212	...	3212	Ass. Pursuivant	1908
Swan, W. R.	{ 1152 1555 }	...	1555	J. Warden	1911
Thompson, G. *	508	1889	508	Warden*	...
Watkins, A. J. W.	2337	1891	2337	J. Warden	1893
Ward, J.	2225	1895	2225	J. Warden	1907
Young, R.	1555	{ 1898 1899 }	{ 1555 1555 }	S. Warden	1900
Zacharias, H. C. E.	2337	1906	2337	J. Deacon	1907

* Denotes past rank.

APPENDIX.

LIST OF WARDENS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO FOR THE YEAR 1911—12.

Andrews, A.	2870	J. W.	Donaldson, C. F.	3552	S. W.
Ash, E. A.	2369	S. W.	Evans, A.	508	J. W.
Blair, F. Y.	1152	J. W.	Goulding, F. J.	2970	S. W.
Brown, W.	1555	S. W.	Howlett, F. R.	2226	J. W.
Carpnael, H.	508	S. W.	Matthews, J. B.	2337	S. W.
Cockram, C. E.	3118	S. W.	Pette, H. T.	1555	J. W.
Corbett, R. L.	3212	J. W.	Reid, R.	3552	J. W.
Darby, F. W.	3212	S. W.	Still, A. W.	1152	S. W.
Day, B.	2337	J. W.	Symons, J. A.	3369	J. W.
Dell, W.	3418	J. W.	Wallace, E.	2225	S. W.

LODGE KINTA INSTALLATION CEREMONY.

Visit from District Grand Master.

It seems but yesterday since Ipoh was invaded by Craftsmen from all parts of Malaya to witness the consecration of Lodge Kinta, No. 3212, E.C. and the installation of its first Worshipful Master in the genial person of Wor. Bro. H. B. de Hamel. History records, however, that was so long ago as April 6, 1907, and since then Wor. Bros. C. V. Stephens, H. Pizer, F. B. Sewell and E. Spinks have each in succession served for a year as W. M. of the Lodge. On Saturday, April 6th, yet another installation ceremony took place, the choice this time falling on Bro. R. L. Corbett, and the function was given special and dual significance on account of the new Masonic Temple being used for the first time for such a ceremony and on account of Lodge Kinta, being honoured for the first time by a visit from Rt. Wor. Bro. F. M. Elliot, D.G.M. There was an attendance of over fifty Freemasons, and this number would undoubtedly have been augmented, but for counter-attractions in other parts of the States and Straits during the Master holidays. Those present, in addition to the D.G.M., included Wor. Bro. E. Spinks, the retiring W. M., and those officers associated with him during his year of office; Wor. Bro. H. Pizer, P.M.; Wor. Bro. R. H. Pinhorn, W.M. of Lodge Royal Prince of Wales, No. 1555, E.C., Penang; Wor. Bro. C. E. Cockram, W.M. of Lodge Napier, Teluk Anson; Wor. Bro. P. J. Sproule, S.G.S.W., and P.M. of Lodge St. George, Singapore; Wor. Bro. Jas. T. Dobbie, P.M. of Lodge Scotia, No. 1003, S.C., Penang; Bro. A. F. Law, Treas. of Lodge Scotia, etc.

The ceremony of installation of Bro. R. L. Corbett as W.M. was carried out solemnly and impressively by Rt. Wor. Bro. Elliot assisted by Wor. Bro. Sproule, who made an ideal Director of Ceremonies, and Wor. Bros. Pinhorn, Cockram, Spinks and Pizer, following which the new W. M. invested his officers, the full list being:—

<i>Wor. Master</i>	...	Wor. Bro. R. L. Corbett
<i>I. P. M.</i>	...	" " E. Spinks
<i>S. W.</i>	...	Bro. P. G. Short
<i>J. W.</i>	...	" H. F. Nutter
<i>Treasurer</i>	...	" H. M. Hodges
<i>Secretary</i>	...	" O. S. Dawbarn
<i>Asst. Secretary</i>	...	" C. Y. Sewell
<i>S. D.</i>	...	" R. Risk

J. D.	...	Bro. R. P. Brash
D. of C.	...	" R. Eastman
I. G.	...	" J. Berry
Organist	...	" H. A. Hope
Almoner	...	" R. Keller
Tyler	...	" M. Corbett
Steward	...	" A. L. Veitch
"	...	" J. Edmonds

Congratulations to the newly installed W. M. and greetings to Lodge Kinta were tendered from the representatives of sister Lodges present, and the Lodge was then closed.

In proposing the toast of "The Rt. Wor. the D. G. M. and the other officers of the D. G. L.," Wor. Bro. Corbett expressed the great pleasure of himself and all the members of Lodge Kinta at having present so distinguished a brother as Rt. Wor. Bro. Elliot, whom he welcomed in no unmeasured terms.

The D. G. M., in responding, paid a high tribute to the faith of the members of Lodge Kinta in their future as evidenced by the erection of such a palatial edifice as that in which they were assembled. He considered that the Lodge was fortunate in having Wor. Bro. Corbett as their new W. M. as certainly the latter was the most energetic gentleman he had ever met and had done much to make his visit to Ipoh a source of great pleasure. He regretted the absence of more officers of the District Grand Lodge; Wor. Bro. Makepeace would have been present, only that, a week ago, he had gone to Kuala Lumpur for the installation at the Batu Bertanda Mark Lodge; Wor. Bros. Sims and Marsh both intended to be present, but were prevented at the last moment. He might take them into their confidence and say that Wor. Bro. Marsh had agreed to accept the office of District Grand Secretary for the ensuing year. With regard to the office of D.D.G.M. at present held by Wor. Bro. A. R. Adams, whom he was sorry was not present, he the (D.G.M.) wished to see a number of brethren in various parts of the Peninsula with the rank of P.D.D.G.M., so as they could represent the D.G.L. when necessary. It was therefore his intention at present to appoint Wor. Bro. Makepeace to be D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year and in the following year would revert to his policy of having a D.D.G.M. from the northern part of the Peninsula. He further intimated that the half-yearly meetings of the D.G.L. and D.G.U. in November would be held in Ipoh, and he bespoke a large attendance not only from Ipoh itself, but from Penang, Taiping, Teluk Anson, and other parts of the Eastern Archipelago.

Other speeches followed in accordance with the toast list given above, all being eloquent and breathing the true spirit of Freemasonry.

During the evening the Band rendered a programme of selected music, and afterwards an informal programme of songs and recitations was gone through. Altogether, the function was a most happy one and augurs well for the future success of Lodge Kinta.
—*Times of Malaya.*

NOTES.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has been in the Law Courts, which may astonish the supporters of that worthy Institution, a source of legitimate pride to every Freemason. It was only that an officious factory inspector required the posting of a section of the Factory and Workshops Act to the laundry door, and the Courts held that it had to be done. As the King's Bench Division discussed the case we may quote a part of the report. Counsel for one side contended that it was a public institution; and for the other, that it was not.

Mr. Justice Darling.—Except that they have some secrets, Freemasons are almost a public institution themselves.

Mr. Rowlatt.—They can hardly be described as private. This is a private laundry attached to a public institution.

Mr. Justice Pickford.—In France Freemasons are described as a secret society.

Mr. Rowlatt said that all these cases were questions of degree. Many ladies, who could not be Masons, subscribed to the funds of this institution.

Mr. Justice Darling said that in his opinion the decision of the justices was right. The whole question was whether this school, established and chiefly maintained by Freemasons, and used entirely for children of their own body, was a public institution within the Factory Act, 1907. That Act dealt with laundries "carried on by way of trade or for the purposes of trade" or "incidentally to the purposes of any public institution." The question as to what was or was not an institution had been decided, but here

they need not trouble about that, for this place was described as an institution in its title, and the only remaining point, therefore, was whether it was public. In his opinion, however, the Legislature intended to differentiate between public and private institutions; this was the kind of institution they had in mind when they ordered protection for persons working in laundries. To make every case of washing clothes liable to inspection would have been too oppressive, but here the work was carried on a fairly large scale; the institution was not a private dwelling house, and there was certainly some publicity about it. Freemasons were a very large body; there was a public appeal to a limited class of persons, and they were open to receive subscriptions from all. This institution was therefore subject to the Act, and the appeal must be dismissed with costs.

Mr. Justice Pickford agreed.

Mr. Justice Bankes agreed, and said that in his opinion it was a material fact that the institution received a substantial grant of public money under the Education Act.

LODGE ST. MICHAEL, No. 2970.

At the quarterly meeting held on March 29th, a most interesting paper was read by Bro. D. O. van L. Boomkamp, being a continuation of his former paper on the Ritual of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands. The paper gave fully the ceremony of the 1st Degree, and was followed with great interest. A useful discussion followed in which many took part. Wor. Bro. J. R. Brooke took the Chair, in the absence from Singapore, of Wor. Bro. Sims, the W. M.

THE PENTAGRAM'S REPORTERS.

The Editors occasionally get criticised because reports of Lodge meetings are not contained in the Pentagram. The reason is obvious: no report is sent in. Thus one of the functions of our little paper, that of keeping the members of the Craft in different parts of the District in touch with what is going on, fails. Especially should reports of installation meetings be furnished, as the lists of officers are useful, and are a record for future years. They go down to history with the D. G. L. Minutes and future historians will be able to hunt through the back numbers and make up Lodge histories.

Another point:—The Pentagram is intended for an exchange of views regarding points of interest to the Craft—even ritual, within the proper limits. The number of contributors up to the present can certainly be counted on the fingers of two hands, and the bulk of the matter comes from two or three pens. Brethren, avoid excessive modesty. If you have thought about a matter of interest, probably others have too, and from a different standpoint. It will do you and the others good to exchange views.

TAKING THE BALLOT.

As some discussion has arisen as to the procedure to be adopted in taking the ballot, we reprint the following letter, which old in date—a quarter of a century—may yet be new to some of the Brethren:—

FREEMASONS' HALL, GREAT QUEEN STREET,
LONDON, W.C., March 31st, 1887.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Col. S. DUNLOP, C.M.G.,
District Grand Master, E A.

DEAR SIR AND R. W. BROTHER,

The Secretary of Lodge 508, Singapore, has sent me your letter to him of 4th December last, and that of your Deputy to you of 2nd of that month, relative to the proper mode of taking a ballot in Lodge, and they have requested to be informed as to the law on the subject. I therefore write to say that there is no law of Grand Lodge in this matter, it is one of custom. It is unusual in England to show the ballot box after collection of balls to the Wardens, although it is sometimes done to the I. P. M., but it is certainly the duty of the Wor. Master to personally ascertain and notify the result of the ballot to the Brethren—at the same time there seems no harm in his inviting the Wardens to assist in verifying the result, if he himself so desires it.

There is clearly no violation of the secrecy of the ballot as suggested by your D. D. G. M., for every member has a right to know, if he wishes, the exact number of black and white balls which have been collected. I may add that the Grand Registrar to whom I have shown this letter concurs in the view I have taken.

(Sgd.) SHADWELL H. OLERKE,

General Secretary.