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DATE.	NOVEMBER.	DECEMBER.	JANUARY.	DATE.
1	Napier Klang	Prince of Wales Dalhousie Ch.	1
2	Negri Sembilan	Edaljee Khory	{ Napier Klang }	2
3	.....	St. George		3
4	.....	Prince of Wales	Negri Sembilan	4
5	.....	.....	.....	5
6	Prince of Wales	.....	.....	6
7	Dalhousie	.....	.....	7
8	.....	.....	.....	8
9	.....	.....	.....	9
10	.....	.....	.....	10
11	.....	Perak Jubilee	.....	11
12	Zetland	.....	.....	12
13	Perak Jubilee	.....	Zetland	13
14	.....	.....	.....	14
15	.....	.....	Victoria Ch.	15
16	Read	.....	Perak Jubilee	16
17	.....	.....	Eastern Gate	17
18	.....	.....	Read	18
19	.....	Eastern Gate	.....	19
20	Victoria Ch.	.....	.....	20
21	Eastern Gate	Read	.....	21
22	.....	.....	.....	22
23	St. George	St. George	St. George	23
24	Scotia	24
25	25
26	Scotia	26
27	Zetland	27
28	Scotia	28
29	29
30	St. Michael	30
31	31

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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. O. E. Zacharias

ST. MICHAEL, No. 2933, Singapore

Master—W. A. Sims

Secretary—T. O. Naughton

EASTERN GATE, No. 2970, Singapore

Master—F. J. Goulding

Secretary—R. D. T. Ingram

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—O. E. Cockram

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.*—J. A. R. Glennie

DALHOUSIE, No. 508, Singapore

Principal Z.—J. W. Littlefield

Scribe E.—A. Andrews

ST. GEORGE, No. 1152, Singapore

Principal Z.—W. A. Sims

Scribe E.—B. Ball

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.—O. J. W. Burt

Secretary—H. Carpmael

BATU BERTANDA, Kuala Lumpur

W. M. M.—O. G. Cadman

Secretary—O. 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—W. A. Ward

Secretary—J. Stuart Rose, P.M.

Victoria Jubilee No. 1555, Companion W. Marsh.

Perak No. 2225, M. Companion R. L. Corbett and Comp. O. Darby.

Selangor No. 2337, M. M. Companion R. Charter, Z.

Kinta No. 3212, M. Companion R. L. Corbett, H.

The Minutes of the last Regular Meeting held at Penang, on November 18th, 1911, having been printed and circulated were taken as read and duly confirmed.

Annual Accounts.

As these had been printed and circulated, they were taken as read and passed unanimously. (Appendix A).

Treasurer.

An election then took place for the office of Treasurer, and M. M. Companion F. Apps received 11 votes, and M. Companion J. R. Brooke 1 vote. M. M. Companion F. Apps was declared elected.

Officers.

The District Grand Superintendent then appointed his officers for the year and invested those who were present:—

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|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>D. G. 2nd Principal</i> | M. M. Comp. | W. Makepeace, No. 508. |
| <i>D. G. 3rd</i> | " " | P. J. Sproule, No. 1555. |
| <i>D. G. Scribe E.</i> | " " | J. A. R. Glennie, No. 1152. |
| <i>D. G. Scribe N.</i> | " " | H. C. E. Zacharias, No. 2337. |
| <i>D. G. Registrar</i> | " " | W. A. Sims, No. 1152. |
| <i>D. G. Principal Soj.</i> | " " | J. Gray, No. 508. |
| <i>D. G. 1st Assistant Soj.</i> | " " | W. F. Nutt, No. 2337. |
| <i>D. G. 2nd Assistant Soj.</i> | " " | W. Sayers, No. 2225. |
| <i>D. G. Sword Bearer</i> | " " | R. Pinkney, No. 2225. |
| <i>D. G. Standard Bearer</i> | " " | P. Moss, No. 2225. |
| <i>D. G. Dir. of Cer.</i> | " " | T. O. Mayhew, No. 508. |
| <i>D. G. Asst. Dir. of Cer.</i> | " " | R. Charter, No. 2337. |
| <i>D. G. Asst. Scribe E.</i> | Comp. | W. Marsh, No. 1555. |
| <i>D. G. Janitor</i> | " " | J. C. Pattison, No. 508. |

Apologies for inability to attend were received from M. M. Companions J. Gray, W. Sayers and E. Pugh.

The D. G. Scribe E. laid the following papers on the table :—

Quarterly convocations S. G. O. 1st November, 1911 and 7th February, 1912.

Burma D. G. O. Report 23rd June, 1911.

Natal D. G. O. Report 25th March, 1911.

M. E. Companion F. Apps suggested that the accounts of the Chapter be closed at March 31st.

The hearty thanks of the Chapter were bestowed on M. E. Companion W. Craig for services as D. G. Scribe E. during the past year.

There being no further business, District Grand Chapter was closed in due form at 7-10 p.m.

J. A. R. GLENNIE, P. Z.

District Grand Scribe E.

APPENDIX A.

DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

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

	\$	c.		\$	c.
To BALANCE May 1st, 1911 ...	164	99	By GENERAL EXPENSES:—		
„ CHAPTER FEES FOR 1910:—			Salaries	\$72	00
Perak Jubilee			Telephone	9	36
Chapter No.			Refreshments	3	62
2225 ...	\$84	00	Janitor	6	00
„ CHAPTER FEES FOR 1911:—			Printing	35	25
Victoria Jubilee			Postage	5	27
No. 1555 ...	61	00	Stationery	1	65
St. George's Chapter			Rent	50	00
No. 1152 ...	51	00	Discount on Cheques	2	10
Selangor Chapter			Cheque Book	2	00
No. 2337 ...	87	00	Sundries	0	30
Dalhousie Chapter					
No. 508 ...	142	00	„ 20% of Fees for 1911 paid to		
Perak Jubilee			District Board of Bene-		
Chapter No.			volence	127	00
2225 ...	65	00	Loan Returned to District		
	490	00	Grand Lodge	300	00
Kinta Chapter			Balance in Hongkong and		
No. 3212 ...			Shanghai Bank	185	44
„ Dispensation	10	00	(Less unrepresented Cheque		
„ Fees of Honour 1910,			\$30)		
\$115, 1911, \$20 ...	135	00			
	\$	799 99		\$	799 99

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

LIABILITIES.	\$	c.	ASSETS.	\$	c.
Rent December 1st, 1910 to			Cash in Bank	185	44
April 30th, 1912	20	80	(Less unrepresented Cheque \$30)		
Balance of Assets over Li-					
abilities (excluding outstanding					
Fees)	164	64			
	\$	185 44		\$	185 44

We, the undersigned, have audited these accounts and certify them to be correct.

W. MAKEPEACE, P. Z.

T. O. MAYHEW, P. Z.

FREDERICK APPS,
District Grand Treasurer.

LODGE "EASTERN GATE" INSTALLATION.

The Installation Meeting of Lodge "Eastern Gate" No. 2970, E.C., was held at Freemasons' Hall, Coleman Street, Singapore, on 18th July, 1912. There was an exceptionally large attendance of Brethren, over 70 being present. The Visitors, in addition to the R.W. Bro. F. M. Elliot, D.G.M., included Wor. Bro. W. Makepeace, D.D.G.M., Wor. Bro. J. Gray, P.D.G.W., Wor. Bro. J. A. R. Glennie, P.D.G.W., Wor. Bro. F. Apps, D.G. Treas., Wor. Bro. T. O. Naughton, D.G.S.B., Wor. Bro. R. J. Sproule, 1152, 1555, P.D.G.W., Wor. Bro. J. Brooke, W.M. Lodge "Zetland in the East" 508, E.C., Wor. Bro. A. W. Still, W.M., Lodge "St. George," 1152, E.C., Wor. Bro. W. Marsh, P.M., 1555, E.C. (D.G.S.), Wor. Bro. C. J. W. Burt, I.P.M. Lodge "Zetland in the East," 508, E.C., Wor. Bro. H. L. Coghlan, P. M. Lodge "Zetland in the East," 508, E.C., Wor. Bro. W. H. Stanbury, P.D.G.D., Gibraltar.

The W.M. Elect, Bro. F. J. Goulding, having been solemnly and impressively installed in the Eastern Chair by the R. W. Bro. F. M. Elliot, D.G.M., assisted by Wor. Bros. J. R. Brooke, Wor. S.W., A. W. Still, Wor. J. W., J. A. R. Glennie, Wor. S. D., W. A. Sims, Wor. J.D., T. O. Mayhew, Wor. D. of C., and F. Apps, Wor. I.G., proceeded to invest his Officers for his year of office as follows:—

<i>I. P. M.</i>	...	Wor. Bro. J. C. Pattison
<i>D. of C.</i>	...	" T. O. Mayhew
<i>S. W.</i>	...	Bro. A. W. H. Davis
<i>J. W.</i>	...	" J. G. Barrett
<i>S. D.</i>	...	" A. S. Wilson
<i>J. D.</i>	...	" J. Fraser
<i>Treasurer</i>	...	" R. J. Page.
<i>Secretary</i>	...	" R. D. T. Ingram
<i>Asst. Secretary</i>	...	" W. H. Green
<i>I. G.</i>	...	" J. Frayne
<i>Asst. D. of C.</i>	...	" C. Cross
<i>Almoner</i>	...	" D. W. Moss
<i>Stewards</i>	...	Bros. J. A. Shaw and W. L. Tourle.
<i>Tyler</i>	...	Bro. J. W. Williamson

After the above-named Officers were invested, the R.W.D.G.M. addressed the newly installed Master and Brethren, paying high tribute to the excellence of the work of the evening and his anticipation that with such a large membership of enthusiastic Masons, "Eastern Gate" Lodge is assured of a prosperous year, and much good work will be done.

Wor. Bro. Goulding replied suitably, thanking the R.W.D.G.M. for his kind and encouraging remarks, and also for his presence there that evening together with such a large number of District Grand Lodge Officers, and assured him that nothing would be wanting on the part of the Wor. Master, Officers and Brethren of "Eastern Gate" Lodge to assist in making the ensuing Masonic year an unqualified success in the Eastern Archipelago. He assured the R.W.D.G.M. that "Eastern Gate" Lodge was deeply sensible of the very great honour conferred on it by the attendance of R.W. Bro. F.M. Elliot and his Officers of Grand Lodge.

THE BANQUET.

At the conclusion of the Installation Ceremony the Banquet was held in the Masonic Club, generously placed at the disposal of the Lodge by the Club Committee, to whom the grateful thanks of the Lodge are due for the excellent arrangements made, which ensured the comfort of all. (Banquets, in former years, have been held in various hotels in Town, and the departure from this procedure proved an eminent success and a happy augury for the success of future similar gatherings.) The usual toasts were honoured. That of The King and Most Wor. G.M. being proposed by the Wor. Master, and that of the R.W.D.G.M. and D.G. Lodge by Wor. Bro. J. W. Littlefield, P.M., Wor. Bro. R. J. Sproule, P.D.G.W. replied on behalf of the R.W.D.G.M. and D.G. Lodge of the Eastern Archipelago in a particularly happy and complimentary speech, after which R.W. Bro. F. M. Elliot, D.G.M. addressed the assembly.

Speeches were also delivered by Wor. Bro. W. Makepeace, D.D.G.M., Wor. Bro. F. J. Goulding, W.M., Wor. Bro. A. W. Still, and Wor. Bro. J. Brooke.

Wor. Bro. W. H. Staunbury, P.D.G.W. (Gibraltar) replied in suitable terms for the Visitors.

The Tyler's Toast was given by Bro. J. W. Williamson.

After the Banquet a very successful and enjoyable Smoking Concert was held, the following Brethren, amongst others, kindly assisting:—Bros. Vigus, Johnson and Cross.

The singing of the National Anthem concluded one of the most successful Installations and attendant ceremonies, with accompanying convivialities, in the history of "Eastern Gate" Lodge.

REVIEW.

Rev. John George Gibson: The Masonic Problem. The Purpose and Meaning of Freemasonry. Darlington, 1912. pp. 200. 5 x 7½.

The volume before us consists of a collection of Masonic essays from the pen of this well-known and prolific masonic author; essays, most of which have already been published in serial form in the masonic press of two hemispheres.

Charity is a masonic jewel and we shall therefore practice this virtue, by pointing to the evident sincerity and zeal of this brother, who so obviously means well. But having said so much truth compels us to add that, whatever the writer's intention, we have never laid aside a book with more bitter disappointment.

It saddens one indeed deeply to think that there must be a wide circle of masonic readers, who appreciate this kind of fulsome verbiage, which spreads itself over two hundred pages, without ever conveying any definite information or ever getting beyond the commonplaces of vague platitudes and truisms.

It saddens one in a Freemason, whose titles occupy on the title page seven lines of nonpareil, to find so great a confusion of concepts, looseness of thought, and absence of all critical faculty.

Throughout the volume our author uses one and the same expression ("Masonry") for what obviously are two absolutely distinct and separate thoughts: (1) The principle of Brotherhood and the Religious Sense; (2) The actual institution known as Masonic.

Thus juggling, this writer will start by saying that Masonry (meaning the principle of Brotherhood) is essential to all organized society, and end by applauding his brethren in Masonry (now meaning the Grand Lodge of English Masons), for making law and order possible. This sort of thing is really nothing short of dialectical dishonesty, and one is all the more sorry to see this brother stoop to it, as it is done merely in order to flatter a crowd of well meaning, if thoughtless, people, who like to swell with the sense of what really fine fellows freemasons are.

The range of the book could not be wider, starting as it does with Peruvian Pyramids and Memphic Temples; covering with a flood of empty rhetoric, which is meant to be taken for explanations,

all masonic degrees from that of apprentice to Knight Rose Croix; and losing itself finally in the desert of "The Ladies," "Titles of New Lodges," "Ethics of Church Parades," and the like oft repeated inanities.

We concede its width. But its depth?

Frankly, there is none. Not one of the essays advances the subject of which it treats one step further. It not even compiles and presents anew the knowledge actually available on these subjects. It contents itself to offer misleading generalities and vague allusions, which not only do no good but can only do harm to the novice, who accepts these sham tokens as current coins of the realm.

The style itself is affected and involved; the language in its hollow grandiloquence is reminiscent of the Journalesque, for which the *Daily Telegraph* has come to stand; and the invariable splitting of infinitives and the indiscriminate use of capital letters keep the reader in a state of permanent irritation. And what shall we say of so egregious a blunder in spelling, as "andro-genous" throughout chapter 24?

This is not the place, in which to criticize the religious opinions of the author, who elegantly compares "the forms of our religions with the forms of the beasts that perish," whilst "the skeleton and framework of all is Masonic" (page 167); who talks of members of the Christian Degrees as "subject to religious bias;" who is ever ready to contrast "the pure masonic system with the denominational extension of a Christian character" (page 20). But we really must say, we were sore amazed to find a priest of the Church of Christ laying it down (page 81) that "the Sacred Treasure of the Christian Eucharist" means nothing more than "the authority of the Lodge and the Great Grand Master's personal direction of the work of the Builders of the Temple of Humanity!"

Hand in hand with this uncritical, backboneless undenominationalism goes a petty spitefulness against all that refuse to assent to dissent, religious or political, finding vent in such expressions as "the Roman Pope" a "Romanist Prince" and "Ultramontane Obscurantism," and in such puerilities, as "Buonaparte" —all of which would sound strange in the mouth of one who so loudly and persistently is shouting "Toleration," if one knew

not the bigotry and narrow-mindedness apparently constitutional in all these one-sided champions of Enlightenment, as they understand it.———

May we also just be allowed to point out that Buddhists are not Theists, as the learned author assumes on p. 169? We remember an incident in one of the Lodges of the District, when the candidate—a staunch Buddhist—was asked, in whom he placed his trust in all dangers and difficulties, and who in a loud voice, against all whisperings of his conductors replied, "In myself?"

But we must not embark on a disquisition of the function of "Grace."———

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NOTES.

A constantly recurring point when visiting or attending D. G. L. is dealt with in the following extract of a letter from the G. S. some five years ago:—

“The practice of Grand Lodge, and, so far as I know, of Provincial Grand Lodges, is to allow of ingress and egress at any time during the meeting. No esoteric signs are given at Grand Lodge neither should such signs be used in a Provincial or District Grand Lodge. The recognised form of Opening and Closing does not provide for this.”

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After a good deal of delay, the amended warrant for “Elliot” Lodge, Malacca, has been sanctioned and should shortly be here. The date of consecration will greatly depend on the arrangements to be made by the higher officers who are to consecrate the Lodge.

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The District Grand Lodge By-laws as laboriously amended by the Board of General Purposes, have been returned from England, confirmed in every respect except in XI. “Representation of Lodges,” which the G. S. has amended in his own handwriting to read:

“Every Lodge shall be represented in District Grand Lodge by its Master and Wardens and by such of its members as under Rule 81 of the Book of Constitutions are entitled to attend its meetings.”

This strikes out the principle of proxy commissions which our late D. G. Secretary rather prided himself on and which, we believe, he took from the South African By-laws. It might have been useful in our District, but anyhow there is nothing more to say.

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The By-laws are now being printed and it is understood that each Lodge will have a sufficient number for its members who are members of D. G. L., and some to spare for officers. Secretaries will have to read them carefully, and especially to study the “Memoranda” at the end of the book, which was compiled by Wor. Bro. Craig before he sailed away Australly and then Occidentally.

Bro. Francisco Aguado, who visited many of our Singapore Lodges while down here on a visit a few weeks ago, has sent the Editors a bundle of interesting books on the Masonic Bodies of the Philippines, under the Scottish Constitution. At the Keystone Chapter No. 354 he was down for "The Song of Singapore." The higher degrees are worked very fully in the Philippines, apparently, there being about eighteen aspirants to receive the Rose Croix Degree.

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This interesting note will be useful to some of our younger Brethren.—

AN INTRODUCTION TO SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY.

Freemasonry is not the same in all countries. Even the three degrees of the ancient craft, while similar in the main, present many varieties of detail from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, and still more from country to country. When we come to the degrees beyond the third we find still greater differences. These indeed are so marked that they have given rise to distinct forms of Masonry known as "rites." Thus we have, among others, the Swedish rite of nine degrees which exists in Sweden; the so-called "York Rite," of ten degrees, which Albert Pike termed the "American Rite," because in that form it is practically confined to the United States; and the "Egyptian" or "Rite of Misraim" with its ninety-six degrees, which the Italian Cagliostro devised in the last century, but which has never gained a substantial foothold in any country.

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, which by the way has nothing to do with the Masonry of Scotland but originated in France, might more accurately be called the "Latin Rite" for it reflects the artistic tinge and philosophical caste of the Latin mind. Its adherents believe that it possesses marked advantages over any other Rite, among these being its (1) universality, (2) unity and completeness, and (3) intellectuality and modernness.

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The Pentagram is late this time and miserably thin;
 The "copy" always going out and little coming in;
 The burden of its issue should rest on shoulders three;
 One's away in England, one's "off," the other's "we."

LOGGES OF E. ARCHIPELAGO.

No. of Lodge in District.	Name of Lodge.	On Books, 31-12-1910.	Initiations, 1911.	Passings, 1911.	Raised, 1911.	Joining Members, 1911.	Resignations, 1911.	Exclusions, 1911.	Dead, 1911.	In arrears, 1911.	On Books, 31-12-1911.
1	"Zetland in the East" (No. 508)	144	14	13	17	9	5	16	5	31	141
2	"St. George" (No. 1152)	106	6	5	3	8	11	8	1	20	100
3	"Royal Prince of Wales" (No. 1555)	74	10	10	10	9	10	Nil	2	10	81
4	"Perak Jubilee" (No. 2225)	58	5	5	6	5	9	Nil	Nil	3	59
5	"Read" (No. 2337)	101	8	6	5	8	4	Nil	1	10	112
6	"St. Michael" (No. 2933)	18	Nil	Nil	Nil	7	6	2	Nil	3	17
7	"Eastern Gate" (No. 2970)	41	14	14	13	13	13	3	1	8	51
8	"Kinta" (No. 3212)	66	8	7	7	4	2	Nil	Nil	4	76
9	"Klang" (No. 3369)	35	16	14	14	2	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	52
10	"Napier" (No. 3418)	33	10	9	7	4	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	42

F. J. GOULDING,

A. D. G. Secretary.