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2	Prince of Wales	{ Kinta Negri Sembilan }	.....	2
3	Dalhousie	.....	Prince of Wales	3
4	{ Klang Napier }	.....	Dalhousie	4
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20	.....	.....	Read	20
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**LODGES AND BODIES MEETING IN THE DISTRICT.**

**UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.**

**DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.**

<i>Dist. G.M.</i> —F. M. Elliot	<i>Secretary</i> —B. Ball
<i>P.D.B.G.P.</i> —J. A. R. Glennie	<i>P.D.B. of B.</i> —W. Makepeace
ZETLAND, No. 508, Singapore	
<i>Master</i> —A. R. Evans	<i>Secretary</i> —T. O. Mayhew
ST. GEORGE, No. 1152, Singapore	
<i>Master</i> —G. R. K. Mugliston	„ B. Ball
ROYAL PRINCE OF WALES, No. 1555, Penang	
<i>Master</i> —W. Brown	„ L. A. C. Biggs
PERAK JUBILEE, No. 2225, Taiping	
<i>Master</i> —E. Wallace	„ R. L. Buckwell
READ, No. 2237, Kuala Lumpur	
<i>Master</i> —F. H. English	„ E. Pugh
ST. MICHAEL, No. 2933, Singapore	
<i>Master</i> —W. A. Sims	„ T. O. Naughton
EASTERN GATE, No. 2970, Singapore	
<i>Master Elect.</i> —T. O. Mayhew	„ R. D. T. Ingram
KINTA, No. 3212, Ipoh	
<i>Master</i> —P. G. Short	„ W. Frew
KLANG, No. 3369, Klang	
<i>Master</i> —E. A. Ash	„ C. L. Chapman
NAPIER, No. 3418, Teluk Anson	
<i>Master</i> —C. Darby	„ R. H. Phillips
NEGRI SEMBILAN, No. 3555, Seremban	
<i>Master</i> —C. E. Donaldson	„ G. H. Harrop
ELLIOT, No. 3557, Malacca	
<i>Master</i> —E. N. Graham	„ T. W. Main, <i>Actg.</i>

**SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.**

**DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO**

<i>G. Superintendent</i> —F. M. Elliot	<i>Scribe E.</i> —B. Ball
DALHOUSIE, No. 508, Singapore	
<i>P. Z. Elect.</i> —J. R. Brooke	„ A. S. Wilson
ST. GEORGE, No. 1152, Singapore	
<i>Principal Z.</i> —T. O. Naughton	„ E. F. Mauldon
VICTORIA JUBILEE, No. 1555, Penang	
<i>Principal Z.</i> —J. S. Cunningham	„ B. E. Mitchell
PERAK, No. 2225, Taiping	
<i>Principal Z.</i> —J. W. J. Manington	„ F. R. Howlett
SELANGOR, No. 2337, Kuala Lumpur	
<i>Principal Z.</i> —A. H. Alston	„ B. Day
KINTA, No. 3212, Ipoh	
<i>Principal Z.</i> —C. E. Cockram	„ H. M. Hodges

**GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND,**

EDALJEE LODGE, Singapore	
<i>W.M.M.</i> —C. J. W. Burt	<i>Secretary</i> —H. Carpmael
BATU BERTANDA, Kuala Lumpur	
<i>W.M.M.</i> —R. Charter	„ J. G. T. Pooley

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

MOUNT CALVARY IN THE EAST ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, Singapore	
<i>M.W.S.</i> —W. A. Sims	<i>Recorder</i> —F. M. Elliot

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### MUTUAL WELFARE.

As Masons we are bound together for the purpose of mutual help and assistance. Were we perfect and without sin we would not have need of this and kindred fraternities. We pledge ourselves to help and assist one another while travelling through this life, and I do not believe any fault can be found with the material assistance and charity rendered by the Craft, but in many many cases Brethren need and require moral assistance, support and charity more than silver and gold. Words of encouragement, advice, admonition and reproof are in many cases absolutely invaluable. We are not frank enough with one another in telling of faults and actions which need correction. Let us consider each other's welfare as our own, as near as possible, and be ever ready to offer a helping hand and give words of encouragement and hope to an erring Brother, ever remembering that we all have faults. "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."—*Freemason.*

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### THE MASONIC PATH.

In every age, in every clime, since the principles of our fraternity have assumed definite shape in the formation of our Brotherhood, the love of Brother for Brother, the freedom of conscience which actuates and moves us all, owe their existence to the teachings of Masonry. We teach no creed, we adhere to no special religious tenets, we worship no idols, but we adore the Supreme Being who holds in His keeping the destinies of all, and we believe in a universal brotherhood and the equality of personal rights. We teach lessons of altruism, charity, benevolence, friendship, and morality, and are moving quietly and silently, but stedfastly onwards, letting the record of our deeds and actions speak for themselves.—*Freemason.*

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE MEETING.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Archipelago held at Freemasons' Hall, Singapore, on Saturday, 17th May, 1913.

The District Grand Lodge was opened in due form at 6 p.m., the following Brethren being present:—

### Officers.

Rt. Wor. Bro.	F. M. Elliot, <i>D.G.M.</i>
Wor. Bro.	W. Makepeace, <i>D.D.G.M.</i>
„	A. B. Hubback, <i>D.S.G.W.</i>
„	J. Gray, as <i>D.G.J.W.</i>
Bro.	A. J. Amery, <i>D.G. Chaplain.</i>
Wor. Bro.	F. Apps, <i>D.G. Treasurer.</i>
„	W. Craig, as <i>D.G. Registrar.</i>
„	J. A. R. Glennie, <i>Pres. D.B. of G. Purposes.</i>
„	W. Marsh, <i>D.G. Secretary.</i>
„	R. Young, as <i>D.S.G.D.</i>
„	H. Pizer, <i>D.J.G.D.</i>
„	P. J. Sproule, as <i>D.G. Supld. of Works.</i>
„	T. O. Mayhew, <i>D.G. Dir. of Ceremonies.</i>
„	C. Cross, as <i>D.G. Sw. Bearer.</i>
„	T. O. Naughton, <i>D.G. St. Bearer.</i>
„	J. R. Brooke, <i>D.G. Organist.</i>
„	F. J. Goulding, <i>D. Asst. G. Secy.</i>
„	E. A. Ash, as <i>D.G. Purs.</i>
„	F. O. Sander, <i>D.G. Steward.</i>
„	C. Darby, as „
Bro.	C. Rathborn, as „
„	C. Baugh, as <i>D.G. Tyler.</i>

### Representative Members.

Lodge Zetland in the East, No. 508.—Wor. Bros. A. Evans, W.M.; G. Thompson, P.M.; J. Gray, P.M.; W. Makepeace, P.M.; A. W. Bean, P.M.; T. O. Mayhew, P.M.; C. J. W. Burt, P.M.; J. R. Brooke, I.P.M.; F. Apps, P.M.; Bro. H. Carpmacl, S.W.; Bro. A. J. Amery, J.W.

Lodge St. George, No. 1152.—Wor. Bros. G. R. K. Mugliston, W.M.; A. Knight, P.M.; J. A. R. Glennie, P.M.; H. C. Iazard, P.M.; T. O. Naughton, P.M.; P. J. Sproule, P.M.; B. Ball, P.M.; W. Marsh, P.M.; Bros. F. Y. Blair, S.W.; M. B. Friedberger, J.W.

Lodge Royal Prince of Wales, No. 1555.—Wor. Bro. P. J. Sproule, P.M.; Hon. R. Young, P.M.

Lodge Perak Jubilee, No. 2225—Bro. F. R. Howlett, S.W.

Lodge Read, No. 2337—Wor. Bros. G. H. Day, P.M.; A. B. Hubback, P.M.

Lodge St. Michael, No. 2933—Wor. Bro. T. O. Naughton, P.M.

Lodge Eastern Gate, No. 2970—Wor. Bro. F. J. Goulding, W.M.; Bros. A. W. H. Davis, S.W.; J. G. Barrett, J.W.

Lodge Kinta, No. 3212—Wor. Bro. H. Pizer, P.M.

Lodge Klang, No. 3369—Wor. Bros. E. A. Ash, W.M.; F. O. Sander, P.M.

Lodge Napier, No. 3418—Wor. Bro. C. Darby, W.M.

Lodge Negri Sembilan, No. 3552—Bro. J. R. Delmege, S.W.

Lodge Elliot, No. 3557—Wor. Bro. T. O. Naughton, P.M.

#### Visitors.

Bros. W. K. Symonds, J. J. Fraser, F. Stanley, J. L. Macnair, D. Munro, C. Rathborn, W. H. Noble, R. W. Reeder, R. J. Page, A. H. Barnes, A. S. Wilson, R. Strick, J. G. Graves, R. W. Meredith, and H. Bevan, No. 508.

Bros. C. S. Brison, H. A. Stallwood, H. R. W. Lobb, Crew-Tremearne, C. Anderson, H. W. Cookes, F. E. Marsh, T. Brameld, No. 1152.

Bros. C. Cross, J. Fraser, S. W. Langley, F. Freeman, J. Hardy, A. G. Smith, C. J. Taylor, C. T. Isaac, W. E. Boone, J. A. Shaw, H. G. Marshall, G. J. Marshall, No. 2970.

Bros. E. W. Harvey, H. B. Dudley, P. C. Cowley-Brown, No. 3369.

Bro. H. W. Jones, No. 3418.

Bros. A. B. Cross, J. S. Haycroft, G. H. Harrop, No. 3552.

Bros. H. Lovett, C. Chesterton, No. 2976.

Bro. G. Heron, No. 76, S.C.

Bro. J. B. Barnes, No. 1341.

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 the Masonic Temple, Ipoh, on Saturday, November 16th, 1912, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and duly confirmed, on the motion of Wor. Bro. Makepeace, seconded by Wor. Bro. Hubback.

The District Grand Master then appointed and obligated Wor. Bro. the Hon. Robert Young as Deputy District Grand Master, his Patent of office being read by the District Grand Secretary, after which he was proclaimed by the District Grand Director of Ceremonies in the East, West and South, and saluted by the Brethren.

The Accounts of the D. G. Lodge and the D. B. of Benevolence were presented by the D. G. Treasurer, and on the motion of Wor. Bro. Thompson, seconded by Wor. Bro. Bean 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. Craig, seconded by Wor. Bro. Gray, was adopted. (*see Appendix B*.)

The Report of the D. B. of Benevolence was read by the D. G. Secretary, and on the motion of Wor. Bro. Sproule, seconded by Wor. Bro. Izard, 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. W. Marsh.

The District Grand Master appointed the following Officers for the year, investing those who were present:—

D.S.G.W.	...	Wor. Bro. W. Sayers, No. 2225
D.J.G.W.	...	„ F. Apps, No. 508
D.G. Treasurer	...	„ W. Marsh, No. 1152 & 1555
D.G. Chaplain	...	Bro. A. J. Amery, No. 508
„	..	Bro. W. R. Mounsey, No. 1152
D.G. Registrar	...	Wor. Bro. W. Craig, No. 508
Pres. D.B.G.P.	...	„ J. A. R. Glennie, No. 1152
D.G. Secretary	...	„ B. Ball, No. 1152
D.S.G.D.	...	„ G. H. Day, No. 2337
D.J.G.D.	...	„ R. Owen, No. 1555
D.G. Supt. of Works	„	F. B. Sewell, No. 3212
D.G. Dir. of Cer.	...	„ T. O. Mayhew, No. 508

D. Asst. G. D. of C....	Wor. Bro. F. O. Sander, No. 3369
D.G. Sw. Bearer ....	„ F. J. Goulding, No. 2970
D.G. St. Bearer ...	„ R. L Corbett, No. 3212
„ ...	„ J. R. Brooke, No. 508, 1152, 2933 & 2970
D.G. Organist ...	„ J. S. Cunningham, No. 1555
D.G. Purs. ...	„ E. A. Ash, No. 3369
D. Asst. G. Purs. ...	„ A. Evans, No. 508
D.G. Steward ...	„ G. R. K. Mugliston, No. 1152
„ ...	„ F. H. English, No. 2337
„ ...	„ P. G. Short, No. 3212
„ ...	„ C. Darby, No. 3418
„ ...	„ C. E. Donaldson, No. 3552
„ ...	„ E. N. Graham, No. 3557
D.G. Tyler ...	Bro. C. Baugh, No. 2970

The D. G. M. appointed Wor. Bro. W. Makepeace to be President of the D. B. of Benevolence for the ensuing year.

Wor. Bro. H. C. Izard and Bro. M. B. Friedberger were elected to represent D. G. L. on the D. B. of Benevolence.

The following Reports were laid on the table:—

- United Grand Lodge of England, 5th March, 1913.
- D. G. L. of Otago and Southland, 27th March, 1912.
- D. G. L. of Burmah, 24th June, 1912.
- D. G. L. of Natal, 30th March and 28th September, 1912.
- D. G. L. of Bombay, 25th September, 1912.
- D. G. L. of Bengal, 5th October, 27th December, 1912, and 4th April, 1913.
- D. G. L. of Freemasons of England, 21st September, 4th and 23rd December, 1912.
- D. G. L. of Auckland, 3rd September and 3rd December, 1912.
- D. G. L. of Northern China, 22nd October, 1912, and 22nd January, 1913.
- Annual Report of R. M. I. for Boys, 1912.

The following Brethren were recorded as having ceased to be Members of Lodges under Rule 175 or 210 of the Book of Constitutions.

Lodge No. 508, Bros. Issac Moss, James J. Holloway, Joseph Smith.

Lodge No. 1152, Bros. Louis Katz, Reginald L. Leigh Clare, Charles Bell McRitchie.

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Lodge No. 2970, Bros. Frank Tubbitt Lurcock, Walter Arthur Smith, Alfred Francis Hayward, John Gillies, Frank Clark Bovey, Sidney Herbert Davidson, Frederick Watson.

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

The R. W. D. G. M. briefly addressed the Lodge, expressing his pleasure at seeing so many visiting Brethren, some of whom had come from the other end of the Settlement. It was a record for Singapore to have so many visitors, and District Grand Lodge heartily welcomed them. The Craft was progressing favourably in the District, and from the Lodges in the North he heard encouraging reports. Elliot Lodge, Malacca, was progressing well, and they had heard of the application for a Warrant for another Lodge in Kuala Lumpur. Of Klang Lodge, which sent two representatives down that evening, good news also came, and he proposed to hold the November Meeting of District Grand Lodge there.

There being no further business District Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 7-25 p.m.

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## DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER E. A.

MINUTES of the Regular (Half-yearly) Meeting of the District Grand Chapter of the Eastern Archipelago, held at Freemasons' Hall, Singapore, on Saturday, May 17th, 1913.

1. District Grand Chapter was opened in due form at 7-45 p.m.

The following Officers and Companions were present:—

### Officers.

M. E. Comp.	F. M. Elliot	-		<i>Grand Superintendent.</i>
,,	W. Makepeace	-	D.	,, <i>2nd Principal.</i>
,,	P. J. Sproule	-	D.	,, <i>3rd</i> ,,
,,	J. A. R. Glennie	-	,,	,, <i>Scribe E.</i>
,,	T. O. Naughton	-	,,	,, <i>N.</i>
,,	F. Apps	-	,,	,, <i>Treasurer.</i>
,,	W. Craig, <i>as</i>	-	,,	,, <i>Registrar.</i>
,,	J. Gray	-	,,	,, <i>Principal Sojourner.</i>
E. Comp.	W. Marsh, <i>as</i>	-	,,	,, <i>1st Assistant Soj.</i>
M. E. Comp.	C. J. W. Burt, <i>as</i>	-	,,	,, <i>2nd</i> ,,
,,	T. O. Mayhew	-	,,	,, <i>Dir. of Ceremonies.</i>
Comp.	C. Baugh, <i>as</i>	-	,,	,, <i>Janitor.</i>

### Members.

M. E. Comps. A. W. Bean, J. R. Brooke, B. Ball, G. Thompson, A. Knight, G. H. Day.

### Visitors.

Comps. R. Strick, J. Fraser, C. Rathborn, A. H. Barnes, A. S. Wilson, R. J. Page, A. W. H. Davis, R. W. Meredith, J. G. Graves, J. G. Barrett, D. W. Moss, C. Cross, W. H. Noble, R. Ingram, A. Evans, No. 508. C. S. Brison, M. B. Friedberger, C. Anderson, H. A. Stallwood, H. Carpmael, G. R. K. Mugliston, No. 1152. F. R. Howlett, No. 2225. E. W. Harvey, No. 2337. C. Darby, No. 3212.

2. The District Grand Scribe E. read the notice calling the meeting and the Agenda.

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

Dalhousie, No. 508, M. E. Comp. C. J. W. Burt, Z., E. Comp. J. R. Brooke, H., M. E. Comp. T. O. Mayhew, P.Z., J.

St. George No. 1152, M. E. Comp. T. O. Naughton, Z., E. Comp.  
 B. Ball, H., E. Comp. W. Marsh, J.  
 Victoria Jubilee, No. 1555, M. E. Comp. P. J. Sproule, P.Z.  
 Perak, No. 2225, Comp. F. R. Howlett.  
 Selangor, No. 2337, M. E. Comp. G. H. Day, P.Z.  
 Kinta, No. 3212, Comp. C. Darby.

The Minutes of the last Regular Meeting, held at Ipoh, on the 16th November, 1912, having been printed and circulated were taken as read and duly confirmed.

### Annual Accounts.

3. The District Grand Treasurer's Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1913, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and passed unanimously.

### Treasurer.

4. An election then took place for the office of District Grand Treasurer, and E. Comp. W. Marsh was declared elected.

### Officers.

5. The Grand Superintendent then appointed his Officers for the year as under, and invested those who were present :—

<i>D. Grand 2nd Principal</i>	-	M. E. Comp. Robert Young, No. 1555.
„ <i>3rd</i> „	-	„ J. A. R. Glennie, No. 1152.
„ <i>Scribe K.</i>	-	E. Comp. B. Ball, No. 1552.
„ „ <i>N.</i>	-	M. E. Comp. F. Apps, No. 508.
„ <i>Treasurer</i>	-	E. Comp. W. Marsh, No. 1152.
„ <i>Registrar</i>	-	M. E. Comp. W. Craig, No. 508.
„ <i>Pr. Sojourner</i>	-	„ C. G. Cadman, No. 2225.
„ <i>1st Assistant Soj.</i>	-	„ R. Charter, No. 2337.
„ <i>2nd Assistant Soj.</i>	-	„ T. O. Naughton, No. 1152.
„ <i>D. of Ceremonies</i>	-	„ T. O. Mayhew, No. 508.
„ <i>Standard Bearer</i>	-	„ J. R. Brooke, No. 508.
„ <i>Sw. Bearer</i>	-	„ G. Moir, No. 2225.
„ <i>Asst. D. of Cer.</i>	-	E. Comp. E. Spinks, No. 3212.
„ <i>Asst. Scribe E.</i>	-	„ F. J. Goulding, No. 508.

6. The District Grand Scribe E. laid the following papers on the table.

Quarterly Convocation Supreme Grand Chapter, 6th November, 1912.

Natal District Grand Chapter Report, 29th March, 1912.

Bengal District Grand Chapter Report, 29th October, 1912.

There being no further business, District Grand Chapter was closed in due form at 8.25 p.m.

B. BALL,

*District Grand Scribe E.*

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APPENDIX A.

DISTRICT GRAND CHAPTER OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR ELEVEN MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1913.

	\$	c.		\$	c.
To Balance May 1st, 1912 ...	185	44	By GENERAL EXPENSES:—		
„ CHAPTER FEES FOR 1912:—			Salaries ... .. \$66	00	
Dalhousie			Telephone ... ..	8	58
No. 508 ... \$126	00		Refreshments ... ..	3	67
Selangor			Janitor ... ..	6	00
No. 2337 ... ..	86	00	Printing ... ..	27	28
St. George			Stationery ... ..	32	60
No. 1152 ... ..			Postage ... ..	2	56
Victoria Jubilee			Discount on Cheques	50	
No. 1555 ... ..			Rent ... ..	50	00
Perak No. 2225 ...			Share of Janitor's		
Kinta No. 3212 ...			Expenses to Ipoh	14	00
	212	00			
„ Fees of Honour ... ..	110	00	„ 20% of Fees for 1912 paid		
			to District Board of		
			Benevolence ... ..	64	40
			„ Balance in Hongkong and		
			Shanghai Banking Cor-		
			poration ... ..	231	85
TOTAL \$	507	44	TOTAL \$	507	44

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS FOR ELEVEN MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1913.

LIABILITIES.	\$	c.	ASSETS.	\$	c.
Rent, December 1st, 1912, to			Cash in Bank ... ..	231	85
March 31st, 1913 ... ..	16	66			
Balance of Assets over Liabilities					
(excluding Chapter's					
Arrears) ... ..	215	19			
TOTAL \$	231	85	TOTAL \$	231	85

Audited and found correct.

W. MAKEPEACE, P.Z.  
E. F. H. EDLIN, P.Z.

F. APPS, P.Z.,  
Treasurer, D.G. Chapter, E.A.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.  
 TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR ELEVEN MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1913.

	\$	c.		\$	c.
To Balance May 1st, 1912 ...	1,971	62	By GENERAL EXPENSES:—		
„ LODGE DUES 1911:—			Wages ... .. \$72 60		
Lodge Zetland			Telephone ... .. 10 34		
No. 508 ... \$ 3 00			Printing ... .. 224 47		
Read Lodge			Refreshments ... .. 22 56		
No. 2337 ... 1 50			Tyler ... .. 6 00		
Lodge Kinta			Tyler's Expenses		
No. 3212 ... 1 50			to Ipoh ... .. 27 30		
	6	00	Tyler's Expenses		
„ LODGE DUES 1912:—			Re Malacca ... .. 18 53		
Read Lodge			Postage ... .. 35 51		
No. 2337 ... \$275 50			Discount ... .. 4 28		
Klang Lodge			Dispensation ... .. 18 24		
No. 3369 ... 187 00			Insurance ... .. 12 75		
Napier Lodge			Sub. to Quatuor		
No. 3418 ... 165 00			Coronati Lodge 4 55		
R. P. of Wales			Sundries ... .. 1 20	458	33
No. 1555 ... 216 50			„ Pentagram ... ..	331	80
Lodge Zetland			„ OFFICE ACCESSORIES:—		
No. 508 ... 240 00			Typewriter \$140 25		
Eastern Gate			Pigeon Holes 20 30		
No. 2970 ... 172 50			Inkstand, Clips,		
Lodge St. George			etc. ... .. 10 05		
No. 1152 ... 200 00			Writing Table ... 48 50		
Lodge St. Michael			Stationery ... .. 8 75		
No. 2933 ...					
Perak Jubilee			„ New By-Laws ... ..	227	85
No. 2225 ...			„ Rent ... ..	227	00
Kinta Lodge			„ Amended Warrant Lodge	150	00
No. 3212 ...			Elliot No. 3557 ...	9	12
Negri Sembilan			„ Donation to St. John's		
No. 3552 ...			Fund ... ..	1,000	00
	1,456	50	„ Cash Returned (paid in		
„ GRAND LODGE DUES:—			excess)—		
Read Lodge			Eastern Gate		
No. 2337 ... \$26 50			No. 2970 ... \$12 00		
Klang Lodge			Read Lodge		
No. 3369 ... 41 00			No. 2337 ... 47 50		
Napier Lodge			Klang Lodge		
No. 3418 ... 42 50			No. 3369 ... 50 50		
Lodge St. George			Napier Lodge		
No. 1152 ... 13 06			No. 3418 ... 44 50		
	123	06	„ Grand Lodge Dues ...	154	50
„ DISPENSATIONS:—			„ Balance in Mercantile Bank	103	83
Lodge Negri Sembilan			(less unrepresented Che-		
No. 3552 ... \$10 00			ques \$167.56) ...	1,057	11
Lodge Eastern Gate					
No. 2970 ... 10 00					
	20	00			
„ Amended Warrant Lodge					
Elliot No. 3557 ...	9	00			
„ Sale of Letter File ...	100	00			
„ Interest on Current A/c ...	33	36			
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>3,719</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>3719</b>	<b>54</b>

Audited and found correct.

W. MAKEPEACE, P.M.  
 E. F. H. EDLIN, P.M.

F. APPS, P.M.,  
 District Grand Treasurer.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.  
 STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS FOR ELEVEN MONTHS ENDING  
 MARCH 31ST, 1913.

LIABILITIES.	\$	c.	ASSETS.	\$	c.
Rent, December 31st, 1912, to March 31st, 1913 ... ..	37	50	25 Masonic Hall Building Shares ... ..	625	00
Balance of Assets (excluding Lodge arrears) ... ..	1,644	61	Cash in Mercantile Bank ( <i>less</i> unpresented Cheques) ...	1,057	11
TOTAL \$	1,682	11	TOTAL \$	1,682	11

Audited and found correct.

W. MAKEPEACE, P.M.  
 E. F. H. EDLIN, P.M.

F. APPS, P.M.  
*District Grand Treasurer.*

DISTRICT BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.  
STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS FOR ELEVEN MONTHS ENDING  
MARCH 31ST, 1913.

LIABILITIES.	\$ c.	ASSETS.	\$ c.
Balance of Bligh Relief Fund	675 00	201 Shares in M. H. B. Fund ...	5,025 00
Donation to St. John's Fund...	47 30	SUMS PLACED ON MORTGAGE :—	
Balance of Assets over Liabilities ...	33,823 22	Penang Masonic Buildings ...	\$7,000 00
		Lodge Kinta Masonic Buildings ...	7,000 00
		Through a Legal Firm ...	3,000 00
		Do. do. ...	5,000 00
		Loan to M. H. B. Trustees ...	2,500 00
		SUMS PLACED ON FIXED DEPOSIT :—	24,500 00
		Mercantile Bank of India ...	2,500 00
		INTEREST ACCRUED BUT NOT PAID :—	
		On \$7,000 for 11 months at 5 per cent. per annum Penang Masonic Building ...	\$320 80
		On \$3,000 for 19 months at 5 per cent. per annum Lodge Kinta Building ...	237 50
		On \$2,000 for 17 months at 5 per cent. per annum Lodge Kinta Building ...	141 66
		On \$2,000 for 16 months at 5 per cent. per annum Lodge Kinta Building ...	133 33
		On \$2,500 for 4 months at 5 per cent. per annum M. H. B. Trustees ...	41 66
		On \$2,500 for 4 months at 3½ per cent. per annum Fixed Deposit Mercantile Bank ...	29 18
		Balance on Hongkong and Shanghai Bank...	904 13
			1,616 39
TOTAL \$	34,545 52	TOTAL \$	34,545 52

DISTRICT BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

BLIGH RELIEF FUND.

	\$	c.		\$	c.
To Balance from 1912 account	783	00	By DISBURSEMENTS:--		
			12 months' School Fees		
			for three children ...	108	00
			,, Balance ... ..	675	00
TOTAL \$	783	00	TOTAL \$	783	00

ST. JOHN'S FUND.

	\$	c.		\$	c.
To Donation from Rose Croix Chapter ... ..	47	30	By Balance ... ..	1,564	80
,, Donation from Lodge St. George ... ..	500	00			
,, Donation from District Grand Lodge ... ..	1,000	00			
,, Interest Accrued but not yet paid on \$1,500 for 4 months at 3½ per cent. per annum ...	17	50			
TOTAL \$	1,564	80	TOTAL \$	1,564	80

Audited and found correct. Securities all inspected.

W. MAKEPEACE, P.M.  
E. F. H. EDLIN, P.M.

F. APPS, P.M.,  
District Grand Treasurer

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

DISTRICT BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

Treasurer's Account for Eleven Months ending March 31st, 1913.

	\$	c.		\$	c.
To Balance in Bank, May 1st, 1912	3,005	81	By CHARITY ACCOUNT :-		
LODGE FEES FOR 1911 :-			Relief of Brother—		
Zetland-in-the-East			No. 1060 ...	\$ 60	00
No. 508 ..	\$ 12	00	No. 1490 ...	30	00
Kinta Lodge			No. 552 ...	8	00
No. 3212 ...	1	00	No. 985 S.C. ...	103	00
Read Lodge			No. 1490 ...	243	13
No. 2337 ...	1	00	No. 486 ...	52	15
	14	00	No. 1003 S.C. ...	50	00
LODGE FEES FOR 1912 :-			No. 889 S.C. ...	36	07
Zetland-in-the-East			No. 552 ...	93	50
No. 508	\$ 173	00	No. ...	10	00
Lodge St. George			Humanity S.C.	48	00
No. 1152 ...	149	00			
Read Lodge			Funeral Expenses		
No. 2337 ...	169	00	of late Brother		
Eastern Gate Lodge			No. 2212 ...	\$ 31	00
No. 2970 ...	122	00	Funeral Expenses		
Klang Lodge			of late Brother		
No. 3369 ...	106	00	No. 508 ...	63	00
Napier Lodge			Funeral Expenses		
No. 3418 ...	94	00	of late Brother		
St. Michael's Lodge			—S.C. ...	36	00
No. 2933 ...					
Perak Jubilee			Relief of widow of		
No. 2225 ...			late Brother		
Kinta Lodge			No. 2970 ...	\$ 42	95
No. 3212 ...			Relief of widow of		
Negri Sembilan			late Brother		
No. 3552 ...			No. 1555 ...	42	95
R. P. of Wales			Relief of widow of		
No. 1555 ...			late Brother		
	813	00	No. 1555 ...	256	57
DONATIONS :-			Relief of widow of		
Read Lodge			late Brother		
No. 2337	\$ 100	00	No. 2337 ...	170	48
Rose Croix Chapter (for St. John's Fund)	47	30	Relief of widow of		
			late Brother		
	147	30	No. 2970 ...	17	14
PATENT FEES :-			Passage to Europe		
District Grand Lodge	\$ 170	00	for daughter of		
20% of all Fees paid to District Grand Chapter	64	40	Brother Swiss		
			Constitution ...		
	234	40		358	29
LOANS REFUNDED :-			School Fees of		
By Bro. No. 1696			children of late		
E.C. ...	\$ 25	00	Bro. No. 2970	\$ 100	00
By Bro. No. 889			School Fees of		
S.C. ...	20	00	children of late		
	45	00	Bro. No. 1152 ...	171	43
			School Fees of		
			children of late		
			Bro. No. 1152 ...	170	67
Carried forward ...	4,259	51	Carried forward ...	2,194	33

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

DISTRICT BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

Treasurer's Account for eleven Months ending March 31st, 1913.

	\$	c.		\$	c.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	4,259	51	<i>Brought forward</i> ...	2,194	33
„ Balance of Masonic Office Account ...	210	00	School Fees of children of late Bro. No. 508 ...	135	00
„ INTEREST:—			„ BLIGH RELIEF FUND:—		
Current Account to Dec. 31st, 1912... \$20 24			12 months' School Fees for three children ...	108	00
On Mortgage of \$5,000 at 7% to March 27th, 1913	350	00	„ SUNDRIES:—		
On Mortgage of \$3,000 at 7% to March 13th, 1913	210	00	Printing ...	\$3	00
On Mortgage of \$7,000 at 5% to April 11th, 1912	350	00	Cheque Book ...	2	00
On Loan of \$3,500 at 5% to Nov 30th, 1912	160	41	Discount on Cheques ...	1	44
	1,090	65	„ Sums placed on fixed Deposit ...	2,500	00
„ Part Repayment of Loan by Masonic Hall Building Fund ...	1,000	00	„ BALANCE:—		
			Cash in Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation ...	1,616	39
<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>6,560</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>TOTAL \$</b>	<b>6,560</b>	<b>16</b>

Audited and found correct.

W. MAKEPEACE, P.M.  
E. F. H. EDLIN, P.M.

F. APPS, P.M.,  
District Grand Treasurer.

### Appendix B.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF THE EASTERN ARCHIPELAGO.

FREEMASONS' HALL,

14th May, 1913.

To the Right Worshipful

The District Grand Master of the  
Eastern Archipelago.

RIGHT WORSHIPPFUL SIR and BROTHER,

In accordance with the District Grand Lodge By-laws, I beg to submit my Report of the proceedings of the District Board of General Purposes during the past half year.

Only the two Regular Meetings of the Board were held.

The Board decided that the new District Grand Lodge By-laws should not come into force until January 1st, 1913.

Elliot Lodge, Malacca.—The Board decided in connection with this Lodge which was consecrated in December

(a) To waive the fees for 1912.

(b) To grant free Dispensations till the end of July, 1913.

It was decided by the Board that the following correspondence with the Grand Secretary should be included in my report.

FREEMASONS' HALL,

SINGAPORE, 10th February, 1913.

DEAR SIR and V. WOR. BRO.,

I have received a letter from Wor. Bro. Craig, our late D. G. Secretary, giving me an extract of a letter to him from Wor. Bro. H. F. P. Inglis, of our office.

As the subject matter of his letter is such as materially to modify Rule 189 of the B. of C., I should be glad of your formal confirmation of it before I proceed to circulate its purport to the various Lodges of this District.

I quote as follows from Wor. Bro. Inglis' letter:—"In the case of a Brother joining an English Lodge from the Scotch or other foreign constitution, who has not been raised, and cannot produce a

Master Mason's certificate, the only course open to the English Lodges is to secure the best evidence possible for the purpose of complying with the requirements of Rule 189."

"Degrees must not be conferred on Brethren of Foreign Constitutions unless they become members of the Lodge by which the degrees are confirmed, and consequently certificates are only issued to members of English Lodges."

W. MARSH,

*D. G. Secretary.*

THE GRAND SECRETARY, FREEMASON'S HALL, LONDON.

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UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

FREEMASON'S HALL,

*Great Queen Street, London, W.C.,*

*7th March, 1913.*

DEAR SIR and WOR. BROTHER,

In answer to your letter of the 10th ultimo, the confirmation given to Bro. Craig by Bro. Inglis of this office is quite in order and can hardly be described as a material modification of Rule 189 of the Book of Constitutions.

It is often necessary—especially abroad—that a liberal interpretation should be made of the rules, and with this in view Bro. Inglis pointed out to Bro. Craig how the provisions of Rule 189 might be met in cases where the actual certificate was not forthcoming.

Yours fraternally,

E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.

WOR. BRO. W. MARSH,

*Dist. G. Secy., E. Archipelago.*

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I forward the Minute Book of the Board.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. A. R. GLENNIE, *P.D.G.W.*,

*President, District Board of General Purposes.*

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**Appendix C.**

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**BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE, E. ARCHIPELAGO.**

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**Report of President.**

*The R.W.D.G. Master,*

R.W. BRO. F. M. ELLIOT.

SIR,

The work carried out by the Board of General Purposes during the year 1912—13 was fairly normal. The receipts for the year were, from fees \$1,047; donations \$147; interest \$1,090—this being considerably less than in the previous year, viz., \$1,700; \$1,279; and \$1,136, owing to Lodge Fees and interest being in arrears. It should be noted, however, that additional welcome donations of \$1,500 are this year carried to the St. John's Fund—the permanent account, of which the interest only is to be used to assist in the education of the children of Freemasons. The example of Lodge St. George and of District Grand Lodge is one that could gratefully be followed by other Lodges in the district.

The expenditure during the year amounted to \$2,443.68, slightly more than the actual income. Of this \$733.85 went on casual relief, mostly on helping distressed brethren to get a fresh start elsewhere, \$130 on funeral expenses; \$530 on widows; and \$685.10 on School Fees. A special and exceptional item, \$358.29, was the passage of the daughter of a Swiss Bro. to Europe, when she was certainly in distressed financial circumstances here, and possibly in moral danger.

I regret that the money expended on "casuals" is so much. The amounts (save in one instance, and in this the Read Lodge Almoner gave great and kindly assistance and supported the case) are not large. Brethren from the Scotch Constitution account for one-third the expenditure under this head, and that is rather less than usual. One hesitates to confine charity within the bounds of the Constitutions, but one cannot help feeling that the English Lodges in this district may now hand over to the Scotch Lodges the cases of the distressed members of their constitution.

A significant feature of the year is the opening of the new account "St. John's Fund." This is in accordance with District

Grand Lodge By-laws and is meant to form a permanent Educational Fund, inalienable, and intangible as to principal—the interest only being used to educate the children of Freemasons. I repeat what I said last year, that it will be a great day for the District, when we shall have an interest-revenue for education of \$3,000 a year. The richer Lodges may safely invest generously in such a fund—for the sake of their Lewises; the poorer Lodges, for the same reason, could help as far as in them lay. It is discouraging to find that the annual sums received for donations are falling off, and last years was \$1,000 less than the average for the last eight years.

Thanks are greatly due to the Members of the Board who have personally interested themselves in cases and my personal thanks are due to the District Grand Treasurer for the ease with which he has made it possible for me to be the Almoner of the District.

I am,

Dear Sir and R. Wor. Bro.,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

WALTER MAKEPEACE,

*President, B. of Ben.*

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### BATU BERTANDA MARK LODGE.

The Installation Meeting of "Batu Bertanda" Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held in Kuala Lumpur, on Thursday, 27th March, when Wor. Bro. Robert Charter was duly installed in the Chair. The Past Masters taking part in the ceremony were Wor. Bro. C. G. Cadman, Wor. Bro. T. O. Mayhew (Singapore) and Wor. Bro. A. Bellamy Brown.

The Worshipful Master having been installed invested his brethren as follows:—Wor. Bro. C. G. Cadman, I.P.M.; Bro. A. H. Alston, S.W.; Bro. F. H. English, J.W.; Bro. C. E. Donaldson, M.O.; Bro. C. E. Cockram, S.O.; Bro. E. N. T. Cummins, J.O.; Bro. G. A. Ketschker, Treasurer; Bro. J. G. T. Pooley, Secretary; Bro. B. Day, Registrar; Bro. R. W. Hiam, S.D.; Bro. D. Gall, J.D.; Bro. L. J. Lawson, I.G.; Bro. H. L. Jarvis, Organist; Bro. J. Morton, Tyler.

At the banquet which followed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and all duly honoured, the speeches being commendably brief and to the point.

### LODGE ST. GEORGE.

The Installation Meeting of Lodge St. George, No. 1152, E.C., was held at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 23rd April (St. George's Day), 1913, when there was an excellent attendance, many old Past Masters who are seldom seen in the Lodge being present.

Bro. Gerald Roland Knight Mugliston, having been previously elected in open Lodge, was duly installed as W.M., by the R.W. The District Grand Master, and subsequently invested his Officers as follows:—Wor. Bro. A. W. Still, I.P.M.; Bro. F. Y. Blair, S.W.; Bro. M. B. Friedberger, J.W.; Wor. Bro. H. C. IZARD, Chaplain; Bro. C. S. Brison, Treasurer; Wor. Bro. B. Ball, Secretary; Bro. A. H. Todd, Organist; Bro. H. W. Cookes, S.D.; Bro. A. K. & B. Terrell, J.D.; Wor. Bro. J. A. R. Glennie, D. of C.; Bro. F. E. Marsh, I.G.; Bros. Brameld, Hilton, and Sharpe, Stewards; Bro. C. Baugh, Tyler.

Wor. Bro. P. S. Sproule gave the address from the Centre, Wor. Bro. W. Marsh the address to the Wardens, and Wor. Bro. E. C. Ellis the address from the N.E.

After the Ceremony the usual Banquet was held at the Singapore Club, and a very enjoyable time was spent with toasts and music.

**LODGE KINTA INSTALLATION.**

The Annual Installation Ceremony of Lodge Kinta, No. 3212, E.C., took place in Ipoh, on April 5th, when a large number of members and visitors were present. Bro. P. G. Short, who had been elected by his fellow brethren, was duly installed as W.M. by Wor. Bro. Cadman, D.G.J.W., assisted by Wor. Bros. Wallace, Darby, Phillips, Mannington, Pizer, English, Sewell and Cockram.

The W.M. then invested his Officers as follows:—

<i>I.P.M.</i>	...	Wor. Bro. R. L. Corbett
<i>S.W.</i>	...	Bro. R. Risk
<i>J.W.</i>	...	„ H. M. Hodges
<i>Treasurer</i>	...	„ A. H. Heap
<i>D. of C.</i>	...	Wor. Bro. C. E. Cockram
<i>Secretary</i>	...	Bro. W. Frew
<i>S.D.</i>	...	„ O. S. Dawbarn
<i>J.D.</i>	...	„ A. L. Veitch
<i>Almoner</i>	...	„ R. Eastman
<i>Organist</i>	...	„ P. Ambler
<i>Tyler</i>	...	„ H. L. Armstrong
<i>Stewards</i>	...	„ J. M. Wilson and H. J. Markes

Hearty greetings were tendered by the representatives of the D.G.L. and of the various Lodges in the District.

The Installation Banquet was subsequently held in the Dining Hall.

The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and honoured.

**SELANGOR ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.**

The Annual Installation Convocation of the Selangor Chapter, H.R.A., No. 2337, E.C., was held at the Masonic Hall, Kuala Lumpur, on Saturday, the 25th January. M.E. Comp. A. H. Alston was duly installed as First Principal by M.E. Comp. G. H. Day, P.Z.; and E. Comp. D. St. L. Parsons as H.; and E. Comp. F. H. English as J.

The officers were then invested as follows:—Comp. B. Day, Scribe E.; Comp. E. A. Ash, Scribe N.; Comp. G. A. Ketschker, Treasurer; Comp. E. N. T. Cummins, Prin. Soj.; Comp. Crago, 1st Asst.; Comp. A. Reid, 2nd Asst.; Comp. H. L. Jarvis, Organist; Comp. C. J. K. Grieve, Janitor; and Comp. D. D. Ince, Steward.

A banquet followed the ceremony at which M. E. Comp. Alston presided, and the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

### LODGE NAPIER, No. 3418, TELUK ANSON.

Friday, March 4th, was a red letter day for Lodge Napier, No. 3418, when Brother C. Darby was installed Master of the Lodge.

The Installation Ceremony was performed by Worshipful Brother C. G. Cadman, D.J.G.W., with Worshipful Brother F. English as Director of Ceremonies, and assisted by Wor. Bro. Charter, Wor. Bro. Careless, Wor. Bro. Manington, Wor. Bro. Phillips and Wor. Bro. Cockram.

The Worshipful Master then invested his Officers as follows:—

<i>I.P.M.</i>	...	Wor. Bro. Cockram, D.A.G.P.
<i>S.W.</i>	...	Bro. T. A. Manchip
<i>J.W.</i>	...	„ V. C. Upton
<i>Treasurer</i>	...	„ A. A. Campbell
<i>D. of C.</i>	...	Wor. Bro. R. L. Corbett, D. G. St.
<i>Secretary</i>	...	Bro. R. H. Phillips
<i>Asst. Secretary</i>	...	„ H. W. J. Jones
<i>Almoner</i>	...	„ J. M. Daly
<i>S.D.</i>	...	„ R. Upton
<i>J.D.</i>	...	„ H. W. F. Kingston
<i>Organist</i>	...	„ M. Maude
<i>I.G.</i>	...	„ E. C. Tytler
<i>Tyler</i>	...	„ F. P. Marshall
<i>Stewards</i>	...	„ B. W. Harrison, E. T. Koch, E. Wiseman, F. T. Millard

After the Ceremony, the Annual Banquet was held on board the s.s. *Ipoh*.

There was a large number of visitors from Kinta, Taiping and Kuala Lumpur, and full justice was done to the good things provided by Bro. Captain Daly.

The usual Masonic toasts were given and heartily responded to, Wor. Bro. Cadman made a lengthy and very interesting speech in reply to the toast of District Grand Lodge. The Wor. Master later submitted the toast of "The Brethren at Sea" to which Bro. Daly responded in cordial terms.

Songs and recitations by various Brethren greatly contributed to the success of the evening.

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 LIGHTS.
 

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(By a TASMANIAN P.M.)

What are the three lesser, though emblematic, Lights in Freemasonry, and why?

What have the Sun and Moon to do with Freemasonry?

Why do we use lights in our Ceremonies?

Here again we must go back to the remotest antiquity to discover the beautiful symbolic teaching of one of the earliest instructions given to a newly admitted member of the Order, but rarely explained to him. In the dawn of that civilisation which unquestionably existed in Asia and Africa some thousands of years ago, it would appear that men commenced by revering or adoring the visible forces and operations of Nature, and by the contemplation of these were led to the belief in an unknown power, which controlled those forces. When the nation that had attained to this belief sent forth migratory off-shoots to settle upon or conquer territories occupied by less civilised tribes, these off-shoots naturally carried with them the faiths and worship of their ancestors. Hence, in every part of the world in which we find evidences of a common faith, we may reasonably conclude that it originally came from one centre. The sun, which "gives light and lustre to all within its reach," and to the light and heat of which Man owes his means of sustenance, naturally became a prominent object of adoration, and this appears to have been the earliest worship practised by Man. The endeavour to give expression to this adoration led to what is now known as Phallic worship, which, although it ultimately degenerated amongst the masses into gross and sensual superstition and idolatry, was originally intended as the worship of the mighty self-producing, self-begetting, and generative or creative principle of Nature, which was beyond human comprehension, but of which the sun was a symbol, and its rites were originally simple and solemn. This worship, in varied forms, prevailed amongst the ancient Hindoos, Assyrians, Babylonians, Egyptians, Mexicans, Peruvians, the Greeks and Romans and other nations. Fire, as the most material representation of the sun and the Sun's Creator, was adopted as a symbol, and as flame ascends in straight, waved, or pyramidal forms, all these were embodied in the emblems used to represent it. Some nations adopted the actual fire, as the Magians, Guebers, Iranians (or Parsees, as they are now termed), the Mexicans and

Peruvians, and the Greeks and Romans, and these sacred fires must never be extinguished. Other nations or tribes adopted emblems, of which the earliest was the stone pillar or monolith. This idea developed into round towers, obelisks, and pyramids. It may here be stated that what we know as the Tower of Babel is properly the Tower of Belus, or "the fire," and that the first three letters of the word "pyramid" are the Greek word for "fire." (You have this again in "pyrotechnics"). But wherever found, or in whatever age they were erected, all upright stones, obelisks, tall towers, pyramids, minarets, spires, and other architectura. perpendiculars, have the one original origin—the idea of representing the generative principle in nature, the source of fertility and increase, and thus figuratively, the Great Creator. To this day exist these Phallic monuments in the stone pillars of Brittany and Normandy, and the Celtic and Druidic monuments of Great Britain and Ireland. They are also found in Italy, Spain, Scandinavia, Germany, India, Egypt, America (North and South), Japan, and even in some of the Islands of the Malayan Archipelago (Pelew Isles). Just reflect for a moment on the varied symbolism attached even in this materialistic century, to fire. Fire is emblematic of light, warmth, and heat; of love and warm affection of the heart; of force, for fire destroys and consumes; of purification, for by it we smelt metal and get rid of the dross; and of spirit, for man knows nothing more akin to spirit than the living, moving fire. "For our God is a consuming fire," "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet," "The word of life," "In Him was light, and the light was the life of men." Freemasons call themselves the children, or sons, of light, and reckon from Anno Lucis, the "Year of Light." "The Volume of the Sacred Law is that Great Light." "What is the predominant wish of your heart?" "Light." "What light—, material, intellectual, or spiritual? What do we still desire? More light—that light "which is from above." The Roman Priests were termed "Flamens" (flamen=flame), and a road they once traversed daily in Rome is to-day known as the Flaminian Way (The Priests' Walk). From the Sacred Volume, which ever lies open in a Masonic Lodge, we may gain an inkling of how deeply this idea of light and fire, as emblematical of the Divine Creator, had become a popular belief. In the year 1491 B.C., Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt. Trained for forty years by an Egyptian priest (Jethro, priest of Midian), the record of Moses proves that the secret learning of the Egyptian priesthood could fit a man to become a ruler and a lawgiver, without tainting him with the

idolatry practised by the masses. But the fire creed is dominant. Every manifestation of the one true God of the Semitic race is veiled in fire. A pillar of fire guided the Israelites by night; the Lord descended on Mount Sinai in fire; an angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in a burning bush, but the bush was not consumed (the spiritual fire). Fire came from the Lord to consume the sacrifices of Aaron, Gideon and David; of Elijah when he confronted the Priests of Baal (the Sun God); of King Solomon at the dedication of the temple. From the Sacred Volume we learn the first manifestations of the G.A.O.T.U, were in light or fire, and can we wonder therefore that earlier Eastern nations fell into the adoration of fire as the symbol of the Creator, and worshipped the Unknown, Eternal, Omnipotent, in or by fire. Fire was not the Supreme Architect, but it represented the brightness and glory that concealed Him from mortals. These ancients came to recognise two forms of fire—one material, but which was only the shadow of the spiritual fire, that impalpable fire which could cover the glory seen by Moses when "the bush was not consumed." They believed that this spiritual fire gave life to mortals, and returned to its source when mortal life was ended. You can now gain an idea why, in modern times, the Christian religion still preserves the altar and its mysterious lights, the candles and tapers blazing in the broad daylight, or borne in procession in the sunshine, as a primeval witness and attestation—though their symbolic meaning be forgotten—as emblems of the spirit light, the Soul of the World. In higher degrees of Masonry the altar and lights symbolise several triune combinations taught in the ceremonies of Masonry and in those of the ancient mysteries. Measuring the unknown by the limit of human wisdom the ancients could conceive of no creative principle—first evolved as a symbol of fertility for fruits and flocks—except in the dual form of male and female. Having symbolised the sun as the male principle, the moon was made feminine and became emblematic of the watery or female principle in nature, which, united with the sun's warmth and light, produced the fruits of the earth. The crescent horns of the moon became incorporated with religious ceremonies, and were introduced into architecture. In old Masonic drawings the two great Pillars at the porch of the temple are represented as being surmounted by the sun and the moon, and the word "Jachin" is almost identical with the Syrian name for the moon. Now, as then, the sun and moon are emblems of the Creator. The very colours of the regalia in a Craft Lodge are emblematic of ancient religious symbols. Silver (argent) is the white

of the moon's rays, and blue represents the sea or watery element associated with the moon's influence, both being feminine attributes. In higher degrees other colours are used. In the development of ancient worship the greatest teachers and leaders in religion came to be regarded as divine, and were held to be an incarnation of one of the gods into which popular superstition had changed the beautiful emblems or symbols on which that worship was based. Following the ancient idea the W.M. was figuratively placed upon a level with the symbols of the great Eternal, Generative and Creative power in nature, and you will remember in that impressive though symbolic lesson taught in the Third Degree it is the Master's hand alone that can raise the Bro. "from a figurative death to a reunion with the companions of his former toil." Let each Bro. think who it is the W.M. then figuratively represents. The third lesser, though emblematic, "light" symbolises not only an earthly ruler, but the Ruler of the Grand Lodge above.

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