

# Memorial from Dia Nippon Chapter of Rose Croix No. 1,

Referred to in the Grand Commander's Address.

Yokohama, 26th September, 1894.

*Unto the Illustrious Grand Commander and Supreme Council of  
Inspectors of the 33° A. & A. S. R. for the Southern Juris-  
diction of the United States at the Or. of Washington, D. C.*

We, the undersigned, forming the Committee appointed and designated in the following resolution, desire to bring before you a matter which is of vital importance to the welfare of Freemasonry in Japan.

First we recite the resolution which was passed unanimously at the special meeting of our Chapter on the 20th instant, as follows :

Whereas a new treaty has been recently made and ratified between Her Britannic Majesty, Queen Victoria and His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of Japan, by which all British residents in this Empire are to be eventually placed under Japanese jurisdiction; and whereas we are credibly informed that a similar treaty will shortly be made between the Government of the United States and the Japanese Government, whereby the citizens of the Commonwealth residing in Japan will be so placed; and, whereas the Japanese law prohibits the institution or meeting of any secret society upon the soil of Japan :— this Chapter sees with alarm, that in the said treaty no provision is made that we shall be allowed to continue our noble, charitable work with that freedom of action, speech and conscience which is now guaranteed to us by the laws, rights and privileges of our birthright, as freeborn citizens of the civilized world.

Be it therefore Resolved, that a special committee of five (consisting of the Deputy of the Supreme Council, the Wise Master, Past Master, Senior Warden, and Secretary of this Chapter) be hereby appointed to address a strong memorial to the Grand Commander and Supreme Council in Washington, setting forth the dangers which menace us, and urging them to immediate action by endeavoring to obtain, through the President of the United States and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the inclusion in said treaty of a clause (or in case the projected treaty be already done and ratified, the addition thereto of a note or protocol) confirming us in the freedom we have hitherto enjoyed in Japan, and securing to us, our brethren and successors in perpetuity, our rights and privileges as Free and Accepted Masons.

Be it also Resolved that Illustrious Brother KEIL, Deputy for Japan, be requested to forward the said memorial, when prepared, to