

"3. Forming a museum of great interest to the student as well as the traveler.

"We take this opportunity of thanking all those brethren that Bro. Rolla Floyd may meet who have taken an interest in this Lodge. We feel sure that Jerusalem, so dear to many hearts, and especially to Masons, from whose centre the first and most brilliant rays of Masonry have been diffused and are now reflected to every quarter of the globe, will inspire every brother with a desire to stir up the dying members and restore Freemasonry to its fullest glory in the East.

"We hope and trust that this our petition will meet with a hearty response by the many thousands of Masons.

"Our Lodge is designed to be a credit to the craft, and a source of light and instruction to many. All contributors should communicate with Bro. Rolla Floyd for this purpose."

PETER BURGHEIM, W. M.  
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EDWARD UNGAR, SEC.  
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### MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES.

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LONDON, July 18th, 1876.

*To the Members of the London Masonic Mutual Benefit Association :*

On the card issued by the Secretary of the Association on the 15th inst., you will notice the number opposite the second name, No. 3,012. The figures attracted my attention as being those of a recent application, so I examined the papers relating to it in the Secretary's office. The date of application is March, 1875. It is admitted on the face of the papers filed with the Secretary, under by-law No. 4, sec. 2, that the disease of which the party died appeared in less than two months after the acceptance of the application for membership? The "Committee on Applications" seem also to have practically ignored their duties under by-law No. 3, sec. 10. I am convinced that a serious disregard has been had for the use in this case, as in many others I could bring forward, of that proper caution in selecting and accepting the deceased applicant as a perfectly healthy subject, which the interests of our Association demand. We have a Board of Directors, Local Agents, a Secretary and Medical Examiners to assist in carrying out the rules of the Association. If, therefore, our interests cannot be properly guarded, the sooner the Association winds up the better. Past experience has shown that Mutual Benefit Societies on the purely co-operative system, like that of the L. M. M. B. A., flourish exceedingly for six or seven years and then collapse.

Yours fraternally,

W. C. L. GILL,  
Of The Tuscan Lodge, No. 195.

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OFFICE OF THE LONDON MASONIC MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION,

LONDON, 25th July, 1876.

*To the Editor of the Craftsman :*

If not trespassing too much on your space will you kindly insert the annexed remarks in your issue of THE CRAFTSMAN for August, 1876, as they are intended for the benefit of your readers ; therefore, a fitting place for such.

Yours truly,

H. A. BAXTER,  
Secretary.

*To the Members of the above Association :*

At the earnest solicitation of many of the members in this city and elsewhere, I have been induced to make the following remarks in consequence of several letters appearing in the daily papers, relating to Mutual Associations and this one in particular :

The first I noticed was from Bro. Gill, who being in a hurry to rush into print, did not give the facts as relates to No. 3012, which are as follows : The party referred to gave in, by his local agent, a good doctor's certificate, dated 24th February, 1875 ; was regularly accepted and got his certificate, dated 22nd March, 1875. It seems that on