

expediency. For without such a governing power, so widely extended a body as the Masonic craft, would soon split up and be reduced to complete ruin. According to the Antient Charges, the Master of every Lodge is called upon before his installation, to assent to the following propositions: "You agree to hold in veneration, the original rulers and patrons of Freemasonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations; and to submit to the awards and resolutions of your brethren in Grand Lodge convened, in every case consistent with the constitutions of the order. You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed, and strictly to conform to every edict of Grand Lodge."

#### GRAND MASTER.

The highest officer of the Masonic body, to whom is entrusted the execution of important duties, and being invested with extensive powers, should always be selected as one noted for his social standing, virtue and learning. The Grand Master has the right to visit, and preside in every lodge, and inspect the books and mode of work, as often as he chooses, and should he not be able personally to be present, may depute any of his grand officers to act for him. Full details of the powers of the Grand Master will be found in the work of Constitution.

#### HAH.

A Hebrew word meaning "the."

#### HALE, HAIL or HELE.

This purely Masonic word, pronounced "Hale" is derived from the Anglo Saxon, and conveys the idea of "to conceal, as if by drawing a curtain, so as to separate from the outside world."

#### HEAL.

A Mason who has received the degrees in a claudes-