

It was then the passenger realizing his predicament, gave a sign known only to masons when in distress, and within less time than it requires to relate the circumstance, a number of passengers came to his relief, and soon found what was the trouble. The conductor in the meantime was aboard the train and gave the signal to the engineer for the train to move. Those, however, outside the train, notified the conductor in plain terms, that he dare not move the train off and leave them there until all were aboard. The necessary money was instantly forthcoming to pay the unfortunate passenger's fare for which a proper receipt was obtained, also a receipt for the ticket in question, which the conductor retained and would not release.

We give the foregoing as related by an eye witness, but who also states that the Southern Railroad Company is in no way to blame, other than the fact that the conductor was a little hasty in his actions.—*New Orleans Square and Compass.*

HE WAS AGIN THE HOME.

Speech by W. Bro. Josiah Wayback, of Tamarack Lodge, No. 802, Kalamazoo County, Mich.

Brethren of this Ancient and Cepted Lodge of Freemason, you have by your vote elected me to the dignity of presidin over Tamarack Lodge, as your Worshipfulls Master; when I assumed the persition I tuck the solum oath to preserve and observe the underlin principles of the grate instertootion. The Grand Lodge of this ere state will soon meet an I'll be there, providin you pay my expenses frum the treasury of the Lodge. I aint got much time to go, for the superintendin of my farm, and my store, and my bankin interest, as well as gittin ready for the spring ilection, keep us tolerable busy. But, Brethren, there is a crisis upon us, a crisis has arose, a crisis that may circumambulate our Ancient Order, a crisis that is menacing your home and my home, a crisis that will at least cost

every one of us ten shilling a year. Aye, brethren, ten shillings from the pockets of us all. What for!!! To support a Masonic Home up there at Grand Rapids; this are the impendin crisis; all the large cities of the state are for this home; and I am agin it. Brethren we must meet this crisis and thus save the honored name of our beloved institootion that has come floatin down the corridors of time. Yes, save our great Order and save at least seven to ten shillings for our families. What? What, I say, do we Masons want with a Home fur? Where in the anshunt Landmarks do we read of a Masonic Home? Nowhere; it is a innoovashun of the new fangled fellows.

If I had herd of such a thing as assessin me even two shillins for supportin a Home, I would not be an honorable Mason to night. What am I a Mason fur? What fur? Why to be a Mason of course, ter know secrets of our Order, to give the signs an passwords; what else are there in it? The charity of Masonry are not money, but it am our sympathy, a feelin. I allers feel fur the unfortunat, and invariably let 'em have money at a discount on a first-class mortgage. I make this exception to Mason's widows and orphans, and when they can't pay, I take there stock of furniture off there hands, and cancel the mortgage. But this thing of supportin a home is wrong, it encourages laziness, dependunce an is ruinashus to our beloved Order. No, I am agin the Home, it has already cost me six cents in postige an that am enough. I peal to you Brethren to sot down on the extravagances that are stealin inter our great instertootion. We must sot on 'em and we will sot on 'em.—*The Orient.*

NEWLY INITIATED'S SPEECHES.

The forensic abilities of newly initiated Brethren, as given expression to at the festive board, are not, as a rule, of an order calculated to set the Thames, or any less important river in