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William Bristow, P.P.S.G.W.,
Grand Secretary.

HORSLEY HEATH,
TIPTON,

Jan'y 24. 1878

Dear Mr. Griffiths

I enclose copies of letters
received from Provincial Grand
Master in reference to Mrs
Gore, widow of Mr. Gore formerly
Pur. G. Chaplain - Will you
kindly bring the matter before
280 Lodge and let me know
what you think should be
done in the matter.

I also enclose Return
from Semper Fidelis Lodge
and Cheque for Dues -
£6.6.0 - Perhaps you
will send receipt - It is

Copy

Combe Down

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Bath. Jan 21st/78.

My dear Mr. Royds.

I hope you will pardon
my troubling you with a
letter on my own affairs. I
know you are in very great
& grievous trouble yourself
but for my dreadful loss
I should have written to tell
you how much I sympathise
with you, and how shocked
I was to hear of Mr. Seobell's
death. I know how devoted
you were to each other & how
dreadful her loss must be
to you, she was such a ~~very~~
loving affectionate daughter

I cannot write of my own
trials, it is all so painful
& the loss came so suddenly
upon me, for until a few days
before my darling husband's
death we had been so hopeful
that God might spare him
and restore his mental as
well as bodily strength. I
can hardly yet realize the
dreadful loss - Now I want
to ask your kind help, I have
been recommended to apply
to the Freemasons for some
assistance so I have wrote
to one of my brothers who is
a mason & knows Lord Leigh
& he sends me the enclosed
letter - Could you give him
any of the information he
requires, I know so very

little about it, but if you could help me in any way I should be so very grateful he says that the Worcester Lodge should make the application how could this be done?

I should tell you that dear Arthur's illness coming so sadly & suddenly last Spring he never made any provision for the future & I have simply nothing to live upon as his income went at his death. Art. I have no doubt will get into Leatherhead in June but I have two little girls and myself to keep, the youngest is not three yet, I hope I am not asking too much from you, but I am anxious to

obtain something definite -
that I may know what I can
do for the future, if it is too
much trouble for you to write
perhaps Miss Brooke would
be good enough. -

^{very}
With kindest regards to her
and yourself.

Believe me

Dear Mr. Royce

Yours very truly

(Signed) Agnes fore

(Copy)

Ellerslie

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St. Malvern. 22 Jan: 178.

Dear Bro: J^d Sec^r

Read the enclosed and
return it to me - we must
not forget our S. Bro: Chapⁿ.
Ours own trouble must not
make us forget others, and
if ever there was a case where
the Craft could do a good
turn - here it is - He did not
do much in Lodge I know -
but he was a mason - he
leaves three children - the
son we hope to get into a
fatherhead - that is indeed
a good charity - a good free
education for sons of poor
parsons - Subⁿ £1.1.0 is a vote

Or £5 down is one vote each
year for life - but for the Widow
& two daughters - What can we
do? I still write we - pardon
me - please put yourself in
communication with 280
and learn (his mother Lodge)
if they incline & how fair to
help. I only took my name
off that roll a few ^{sad} days
since ~~never~~ ^{then} thinking of my sad
change, - I cannot stand this
blow - so now intend to return
to my old hill-side in
Lancashire. Thus in my life
time to rest the remains
of her I did indeed value -
they are placed in Healey
Churchyard - and this nice
place must have another
master - Oh! it is such a

blow. I cannot think it real
Hope you and our good old
friend Masefield keep well.
make my very kind regards
to him - and ever believe me

Yours truly

(Signed) A. H. Royds

I enclose two letters, do you
know Mr. Fern? if so you might
learn some facts - return both
to me -

Miss Brooks says I will
thank you for your kind
note to her. she is as you
well know much cut up
with this sad change.

325 Broad Street Corner 5
Birmingham
Sept. 4. 1878

Dear Sir & Brother

I am much obliged by your
kind letter respecting the case of
our late Brother Fox's widow - The
eldest boy is 10 years old and ^{is a} ^{competent}
for admission to the School for the sons
of the Clergy at Leatherhead. His success
in June next is nearly certain as he
was the highest ~~unsuccessful~~ candidate
at the last half yearly election -

I will communicate with Mr
Gore but in my own opinion an

immunity to herself would be the
most serviceable form the assistance
could take - She has literally nothing
and all the property she can by
possibility possess is the reversion of
£250 on the death of her mother.

^{which}
would give her a pension less
than 57 a week of invested at
5 percent .. a very meagre allowance
for a widow with two children
one seven years & the other a year
and half old.

Believe me

Yours faithfully & fraternally

J. W. G. P. H.

F. W. 887.

C. C. M. W. G. P. H.
P. S. G. W.

325 Broad St. Corner 4
(Copy) Birmingham Jan: 20th 1878.

My dear Agnes,

I am staying at Knowle
It is Sunday, circumstances
which combined with the
urgency of the matter in hand
must be my apology for the
paper on which I write - I
have spoken to a friend
respecting an appeal on
your behalf to the masonic
charities & want particulars
by return of post if I can
have them.

What was your husband's
brother or original Lodge? how
long he continued a subscribing
member, & what was his Masonic
career? - The particulars of his

connexion with Mr. Royds -
who was Provincial Grand-
Master of Worcestershire. If
Mr. Royds be alive, his help
would be a tower of strength
& at any rate the aid of Mr.
Fore's own Lodge is most
important - Your care will
be mentioned to the Deputy
Prov: J. M. on Tuesday & I
want my friend to be fully
instructed. The Lodge of
Benevolence is in fact a
committee of the Grand-
Lodge of England, and
Worcestershire, your late
husband's province should
set the application afoot
& we will then see how
Warwickshire can support it.

With best wishes

Believe me
Yours affectionately
(Signed) J. H. Fern

325 Broad Street Corner
Birmingham 7
February 20. 1878

J. H. GEN.
BIRMINGHAM.

Dear Sir & Brothers

My sister Mrs Gore is now
35 years of age and therefore as I
now learn by your letter of the 18th
lacks the qualifications of age for
an annuity. Her older children can
I think be provided for - but she
has literally no income - and
I will leave her case in the hands
of the brethren of her late
husbands province who will

I feel obliged do whatever
they think reasonable and in
accordance with the constitutions

I am dear Sir

Yours faithfully & fraternally

J. H. G. M.

C. C. Whitney, Secretary

P. P. L. G. M.

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325 Broad Street Corner

February 16. 1878

J. H. GEM.

BIRMINGHAM.

Dear Sir & Brother

I have heard from Mr. [unclear]
fore and as anticipated it is thought
that a small annual allowance
would be the most useful form in
which the generosity of the Brotherhood
could be manifested - Will you kindly
bring the matter forward and let me
know how I can be of any service in
the matter and I shall feel personally
much obliged

Believe me

Yours faithfully & fraternally

C. C. Whitney Secy. in. P. S. G. W. J. H. Gem

shame how stupid some
people are.

Kind regards
Yours sincerely

D. Bristow M.
M.A.
P.W. 1850

C. W. Griffiths Esq.

P.S. I have requested Mr
Dennison Head. 252, to
send you a copy for
free, so do not do
so please remind him.

D. B.