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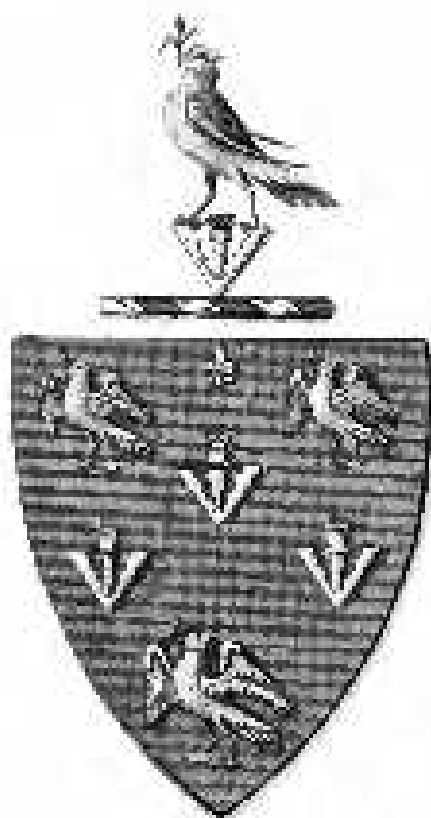
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### XIV.

ON the third morning after Torrini's expulsion from the yard, Mr. Slocum walked into the studio with a printed slip in his hand. A similar slip lay crumpled under a work-bench, where Richard had tossed it. Mr. Slocum's kindly visage was full of trouble and perplexity as he raised his eyes from the paper, which he had been re-reading on the way upstairs.

"Look at that!"

"Yes," remarked Richard, "I have been honoured with one of these documents."

"What does it mean?"

"It means business."

The paper in question contained a series of resolutions unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Marble Workers' Association

of Stillwater, held in Grimsey's Hall the previous night. Dropping the preamble, these resolutions, which were neatly printed with a type-writing machine on a half letter sheet, ran as follows:—

*Resolved*, That on and after the First of June proximo, the pay of carvers in Slocum's Marble Yard shall be \$2.75 per day, instead of \$2.50 as heretofore.

*Resolved*, That on and after the same date, the rubbers and polishers shall have \$1.00 per day, instead of \$1.75 as heretofore.

*Resolved*, That on and after the same date, the millmen are to have \$2.00 per day, instead of \$1.75 as heretofore.

*Resolved*, That during the months of June, July, and August the shops shall knock off work on Saturdays at five P.M., instead of at six P.M.

*Resolved*, That a printed copy of these resolutions be laid before the Proprietor of Slocum's Marble Yard, and that his immediate attention to them be respectfully requested.

*Per order of Committee M. W. A.*

"Terrini is at the bottom of that," said Mr. Slocum.

"I hardly think so. This arrangement, as I told you the other day before I had the