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### CONVENIENT LODGES.

Small lodges established at cross-roads and hamlets may be a convenience to brethren residing in such localities, but they often prove burdensome to Grand Lodges. An instance of this sort was shown by the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1884, in which it appears that 168 lodges paid Grand Lodges dues amounting to \$3,679 and the representatives from these lodges were paid in *per diem* and mileage in attending Grand Lodge \$5,088.30, being an excess of \$1,409.05 over the amount paid in; or, in other words, a net loss of that amount to the Grand Lodge. Most of the Grand Lodges in the western states probably sustain an annual loss in about the same ratio.—*Masonic Advocate*.

### BRO. R. F. GOULD.

A fund is being raised in England for a testimonial to Bro. Robert Freke Gould, the historian. The Earl of Carnarvon is chairman of the committee. The *Masonic Token*, of Portland, says:—"In view of the fact that Bro. Gould gets no royalty for copies of his work sold in this country, it will be an exceedingly graceful act for Americans to subscribe to the testimonial. We hope the contributions from this side may be worthy of the cause, and show that American Masons appreciate the labors of the accomplished historian.

In Germany, evening dress and white gloves are compulsory at all Masonic meetings. The brethren retain their hats in lodge.

### OBITUARY.

JOHN W. SIMONS.

This well known brother and Masonic writer died at his home in Central Valley, N. Y., October 22, at the age of sixty-seven years. He was born in New York City, October 8, 1821. He had filled all the prominent offices in Masonry in his native State, and had written the reports on Correspondence in Grand Commandery for thirty-five successive years. He had also edited the Masonic department of the New York Sunday *Dispatch* for many years. His funeral was largely attended by his brethren, his lifelong friend, Grand Master Roome, presiding over the Grand Lodge and performing the funeral ceremonies.

DR. BERRYMAN JENNINGS.

Dr. Berryman Jennings, the oldest member of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, died the last of December, and was buried by the Grand Lodge. He was a native of Kentucky.

HALLIWELL-PHILLIPS.

The death is announced of Bro. James Orchard Halliwell-Phillips, F. R. S., at Brighton, England, on the 3rd ult. Our deceased brother was an eminent authority on all that related to the life and works of Shakespeare. He was the son of the late Mr. Thomas Halliwell, of Sloane street, London, where he was born in 1820, and in 1872 assumed, under a direction in the will of the late Mr. Thomas Phillips, the grandfather of his first wife, and by royal licence, the name of Phillips. Prior to that date he had written many very important works, amongst others "The Early History of Freemasonry," which was published in 1842.

BRO. MR. W. S. ROBINSON.

Bro. W. S. Robinson, Toronto, died at his residence, 732 Yonge street, on the 25th ult. The cause of death was paralysis, the deceased gentleman having had a shock about a fortnight ago, from which he never recovered con-