

of using irreverent or indecent expressions, songs or sentiments, or of introducing any remark or conversation tending to cause a difference of opinion on national, political or religious subjects, under penalties similar to those stated in the preceding article."

The adoption of By-laws containing sentiments such as those quoted should convey the idea strongly to the Mason's mind of to-day that those brethren of the early days, in formulating a code of By-laws for their guidance in the lodge room, did not overlook the Ancient Charges and fundamental principles of the fraternity—principles that will be applicable to the welfare of man so long as the human race exists.

On the 22nd January, 1822, the second regular meeting was held at 7.15 p.m., W. Bro. William Campbell occupied the chair. There were nine brethren present, seven members and two visitors. The W.M. gave the Entered Apprentice Lecture during the evening. During the hour of refreshment Bros. Hillier and Fitzgerald, two officers who had been absent in the early part of the evening, entered, and after resuming labor the W.M. moved "That the By-law imposing a fine on absentees (from the nature of present circumstances) be dispensed with," which obtained unanimous assent.

An account of £2 5s. for three candlesticks on the 19th February, 1823, was ordered to be paid, and the petitions of Messrs. George and Thomas Gibbs Ridout, the first two applications received for membership, were ordered to be laid over until the conclusion of the