

one shilling; and for the third he shall be excluded, and reported to the Grand Lodge." The following details some of the Tyler's duties: "And the said Tyler shall take particular care not to admit any person (not even a member) without the knowledge and consent of the presiding officer; neither shall he admit a visitor (that is, not a member of a warranted Lodge) a second time, sojourners producing certificates excepted." The next concerns punishments; the latter clause is pretty severe: "If a complaint be made against a brother by another brother, and he be found guilty, he shall stand to the determination of this or the Grand Lodge, according to the 18th rule; but if a complaint be made against a brother wherein the accuser cannot support his complaint to conviction, such accuser shall forfeit such penalty as the person so accused might have forfeited had he been really convicted in such complaint." Again: "That no brother under the degree of a Master Mason shall be admitted to visit this Lodge upon any pretence whatsoever."

Thus far the By-Laws.

No. 6 was constituted on the first Thursday in August, 1794, and the regular meetings of the Lodge have been up to the present time held on that day. The first meeting, which appears to be the only exception, took place on the 11th Sept., the minutes of which we subjoin:—

"FREEMASON'S TAVERN,

"Thursday, 11th Sept., 1794.

"Present: Pro. Richard Porter, Esq., W. M.
 " Wm Mackey, Esq., S. W.
 " Wm Burwell, J. W.
 " John Darley, Treas.
 " John C. Stewart, Asst. Secretary.

"The Lodge opened in due form on the third degree. Brother Wm. Barron (late of Lodge No. 7) wishing to join this Lodge, his certificate was read, and he was unanimously admitted a member. Messrs. Thomas Plummer and William Edhouse, two candidates, were balloted for, and without opposition were ordered to attend at next meeting, in order to be initiated. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

"(Signed,) J. C. STEWART, Sec."

On the 2nd Oct. the Lodge was first "opened on the 3rd degree, and the proceedings at last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Abel Gates (late of Dorchester, No. 3) was admitted a member. The Lodge was closed on the 3rd degree and opened in the 1st degree," when another member was admitted. "Requisitions were then read from" three gentlemen, "who were balloted for and approved worthy *nem con.* Thomas Plummer and William Edhouse entered in the first degree." So Thomas Plummer, apothecary, and William Edhouse, mariner, were the first who were initiated in the new Lodge.

At an emergent meeting on the 16th October, it is recorded that "The Lodge was opened on the first degree, and the following individuals were duly initiated: William McDonell, Jonathan Goram, Dugald Gray, John McLeod, and Thomas Sparham, Jun." The first three had been proposed at the previous meeting, but the names of the other two do not appear to have been before the Lodge prior to their initiation. The Secretary might, however,

have omitted to record a previous application; for we find (Nov. 2) "that Mr. Thomas Beasley having petitioned the Lodge at an early period, and being so well recommended, the Lodge unanimously agreed to initiate him, upon which he was duly entered on first degree. Petitions read from Henry Echford, James Beyman, and William Norfolk, who were balloted for and approved to be initiated at the next meeting. Bro. Thos. Sparham, formerly A. F. C. of Lodge No. 10, was introduced by Bro. Darley, and by a resolution of th's Lodge he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason."

On the 27th Nov., an "Emergency" was held; "Opened the Lodge in due form on the 1st degree, and soon after called off to the 2nd degree, when the following members were duly passed: Bros. Thomas Plummer, William McDonnell, Jonathan Goram, Dugald Gray, John McLeod, Thomas Sparham, junior, and Thomas Beasley. These were the first Brethren who received the Second Degree.

On the 4th Dec., at one o'clock (?), "opened in the 2nd degree, and passed Brother Eddes—closed on the 2nd, and opened in the 3rd degree. Brothers Plummer, McDonnell and McLeod raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons."

At this meeting 11 members are recorded as being present, and two absent. On "motion of Brother Darley it was unanimously carried that the present officers of this Lodge do remain in their respective stations for six months ensuing. Called off from the 3rd to the 2nd degree, and closed until six o'clock." At six o'clock the members, as above, opened Lodge on the 1st degree, and were joined by three more members and three visitors, and three candidates were initiated who had been balloted for on the 6th Nov., two Brothers were elected members, and it was resolved—"That the members of this Lodge do meet at ten o'clock on St. John's day, in order to regulate the celebration of that Festival. Ordered that the Lodge dinner be at 3 o'clock, and that 5s. be paid by each member for his admission." The Lodge had an Emergent meeting on the 12th Dec., and Bros. Goram, Gray and Sparham, jun., were made Master Masons. There is no record of any Lodge having been held on St. John's day, nor is any account given of the "Lodge dinner."

The next meeting took place on the 2nd January, 1795. Seventeen members were present and five absent, making in all, twenty-two members. One visitor was also present—"Bro. Curtis, No. 5." One of the absent members was fined 1s. 6d., and "upon motion of Bro. Treasurer it was agreed that in future the Lodge dues shall be paid regularly every quarter, and that the Brethren be apprised of the same the night preceding such collection."

At the regular meeting in Feb., eighteen members were present and five absent. "Opened the Lodge in the 1st degree; read and confirmed the minutes of last meeting—also a petition from Edward Long, which was left over for a future consideration." Three Brethren were passed, and one initiated.

At the March meeting 21 were present and 3 absent. A Brother was "proposed to become a member of this body, but was rejected by three Brethren. The petition of Edward Long was ordered to lie over for a further consideration. A lecture on the "1st degree was put round," &c.