

QUESTION TO STEWARDS BEFORE APPOINTMENT.

Q. How were you first prepared to be made a Steward ?

A. My Coat was removed, my sleeves rolled up and a Corkscrew was placed in my hand.

Q. What is a Corkscrew ?

A. An instrument fashioned like a winding staircase which our ancient bretheren ascended to receive their beer.

Q. Where do the Bretheren receive it ?

A. In a convivial room duly chosen for the purpose.

Q. How do they receive it ?

A. In Half-Tankards and Tankards.

Q. Why in this peculiar manner ?

A. In Half-Tankards well knowing that they can be replenished, and in Tankards from the great reliance they place on the Mildness of the Brew in these days.

Q. Name two advertisements which hang at the Bar Room Entrance.

A. That on the Left is BASS and that on the Right is GUINNESS.

Q. What are their separate and conjoint significations ?

A. The former denotes BARRON and the latter DUBLIN and when conjoined INSTABILITY.

Q. What is BEER ?

A. A peculiar system of chemistry, veiled in mystery and illustrated by hiccoughs.

Q. How is it usually distilled ?

A. By a strig of Lard near to a barrel of water.

Q. How does a Steward know himself to be such ?

A. By signs, bells and repeated applications for more.

Q. How will you demonstrate the proof of your Stewardship ?

A. By bobbing up and down and refraining from comment when ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>brotherly</sup> called upon even when in need of food.

Note:- These are the usual questions. Others will be put to you which you will probably answer with candour.

Brother.....I appoint you Steward of the Lodge. Your regular clearing away of emties and attendance to the topping-up of half-empties will be the best proof of your zeal and attachment.