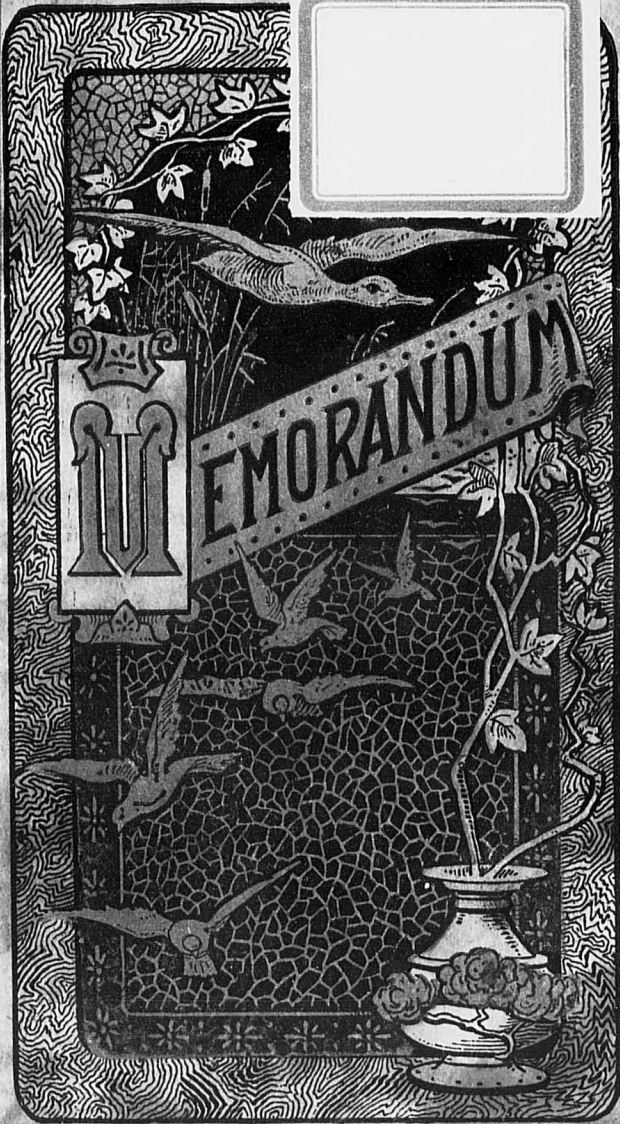


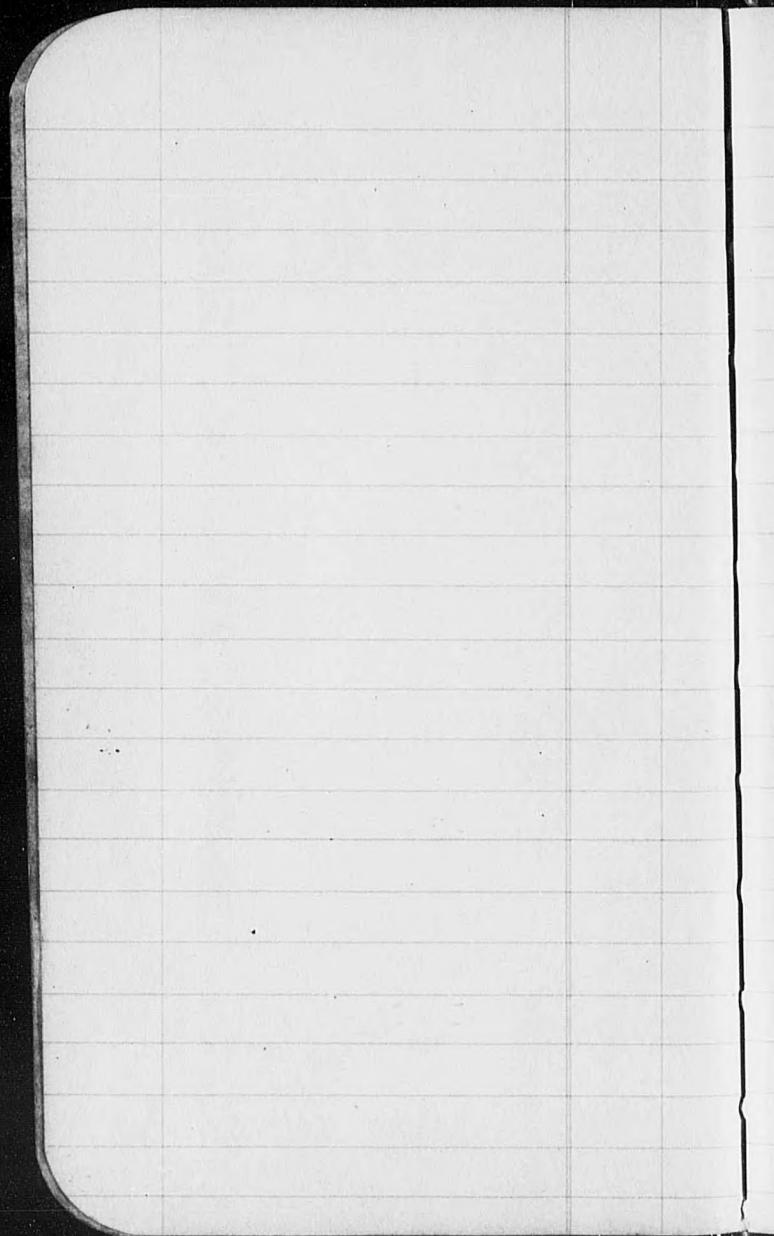
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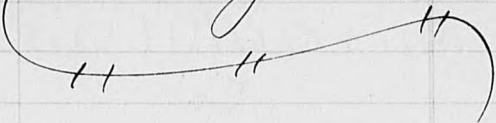


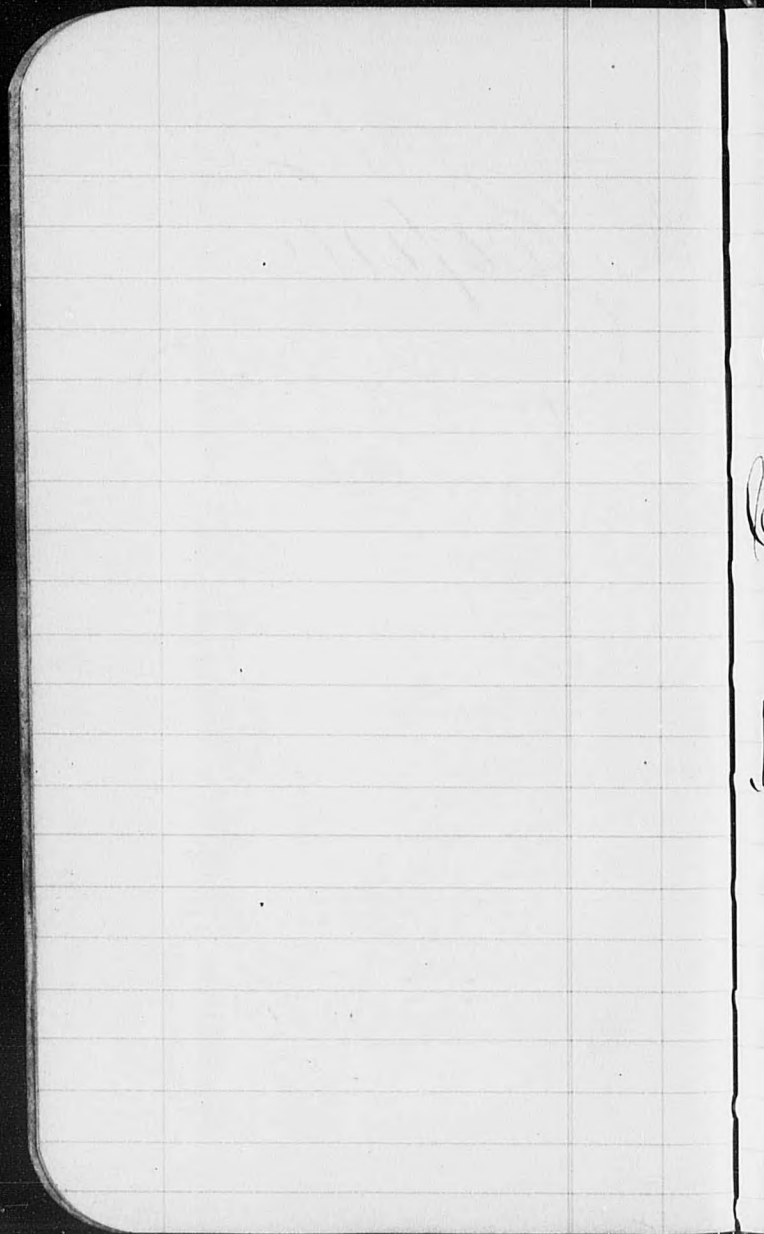
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Preface.

Believers in Christ's Second Appearing must be led and governed by one and the same spirit, which is the spirit and law of Christ.

The first and great command enjoined upon Believers is that we love the Lord with our whole hearts or souls, Secondly, that we love the Brethren and Sisters as ourselves.

Under the influence of the first we shall always be obedient to our Parents and Elders in the Gospel, Under the second we shall do unto others, as we would they should do unto us.

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It may not be improper to remark that the laws and Orders of Zion relative to the confession of sin, separation from the spirit of the world, within and without; A proper intercourse between the sexes; reconciliations between contentious parties, Regard of, and respect for the Anointing of God, for the leading and governing authority of the Church of God, and the transmission of the same to successors, &c, are unchangeable.

But, Rules attendant upon local circumstances, and the social relations and duties of society, are subject to such modifications, amendments or repeals, as circumstances

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require for the union and protection of the various branches and families of society, throughout.

It is, consequently, the privilege and duty of the Ministry and Elders of each society & family, to add to, or diminish the number of such, as their situation and circumstances may require, for the safety, union and protection of the people under their charge. That Zion may be the abode of Heaven born souls, passing and repassing each other like angels on errands of love.

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Part II.

Section I.

Orders concerning duties of Trustees Family Deacons and Deaconesses and Duties of Members. Whereunto.

- 1st. Believers must not run in debt to the world, but remember, another's not pay^{ment}.
2. Trustees should counsel with Ministry and Elders before making any heavy purchases or sales, and go in union with said officials.
3. Believers should not require interest of each other for money borrowed to purchase the necessaries & comforts of life.

4. Members should not purchase articles of considerable value for themselves, without the union of Deacons & Deaconesses, each sex in its own order.
5. No new fashions concerning clothing or important wares of any kind may be introduced into the Society of Believers without the approval of the Ministry of the society.
6. When members need spending money they should apply to those in order for keeping it, & to them all returns should be rendered.

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Section III.

Order concerning Physicians

- 1st Brethren should not apply medical aid to sisters who are sick without the knowledge of the female Physicians or Nurses of the family.
2. The Physicians should, at all times, hold themselves responsible to the Elders.

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Part II.

Section II

Concerning confession of sin

And Opening the Mind

- 1st. Any member having sin unconfessed, should confess it to God, before the Elders, before attending meeting for worship.
2. Breaking the sacred Orders of the Gospel should be confessed as sin.
3. All trials, if opened at all, should be opened to the Elders, & to them only.
4. A member admonished for a fault, or reproved by the Elders, should not make

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inquiry of their Elders
or others, to find out by
whom their fault was
made known to the Elders.

5. Members should not go
to the Ministry to open
their minds without the
knowledge of their Elders,
unless the Ministry
call upon them for that
purpose, in which case
it is their duty to be free.

6. If any person should
discover sin committed
by any member, or any
official person, low or
high, either in temporal
or spiritual care, and
have reason to believe it
has not been confessed
It is the duty of such
discoverer to reveal the

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fact to the Ministry, Elders,
or some one appointed to
hear openings.

19. If any Brother or Sister
have aught to open concern-
ing the opposite sex, such
member should open it
to their own Elders.

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Thanks from the singers for
the use of the book.
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Section III.

Orders concerning the Worship
of God attending Meetings &c

1st All members who are
at home, and able, are
required to attend meet-
ings at the appointed times
unless detained by very im-
portant duties. If not
able, information should be
given to the Elders by
themselves or others.

2. Believers gathered into
family order, and com-
munal relation, should
not neglect to attend
their home meetings
to attend meetings abroad.

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Section III.

Orders concerning Sabbath,
Christmas Fasting & Prayer
days, &c.

The Sabbath should be
sacredly kept for the
worship of God.

2. Worldly literature calculated to draw the mind from Gospel duties, & the gifts of God, should not be read on Sabbath.
3. Riding or walking out for mere recreation should not be done on Sabbath.
4. Christmas should be kept analogous to Sabbath. And, in conformity to Christ's mission of peace, Believers, if not in union

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with other members of the family or society should now make reconciliation with the disaffected.

5. Days appointed by the Government for fasting and prayer, should be sacredly kept, by meeting for prayer, &c.

6. Appointed days for thanksgiving should be kept by attending meeting for giving thanks in the forenoon. After part of the day should be appropriated to ~~cleaning~~ ~~and~~ putting in order places often neglected.

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Part III.

Orders concerning the associative
Intercours of the Sexes

1st The Gospel strictly forbids
all private union between
the sexes, in any place, or
under any circumstances

2. One brother, with one
sister, should not be together,
by themselves, when con-
sistent to avoid it, longer
than to do short and ne-
cessary duty.

3. Brethren and Sisters should
not make presents to each-
other in a private man-
ner.

4. Brethren & Sisters should
not touch each other un-
necessarily.

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5. When Brethren or Sisters go to rooms occupied by the opposite sex, they should knock before entering.
6. Brethren and Sisters should not dress in garments belonging to the opposite sex.

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Section III.

Orders concerning Language
of Believers

- 1st No filthy stories should ever be told by Believers.
2. Evil speaking, to another, and backbiting, are forbidden by the Gospel.
3. Gossiping that would make discord & mischief and bringing up faults of past experience that have been confessed, are contrary to the Gospel, and forbidden.
4. Worldly titles, and Mister and Miss, should not be applied to the Brethren and Sisters.

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Section III.Orders concerning Literature
of Believers

- 1st, Elders should have knowledge of the character of all books & pamphlets brought into the family.
2. All letters sent out or received by members not set in order to transact business with the world or with other Believers, should be shown to the Elders.

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Section IV.

Orders concerning going abroad
and intercourse with the
World.

1st When Believers need to
go abroad, out of the line
of their ordinary business
they should obtain the
union of the Elders, if
to be gone over night.

2^d. When Brethren or
Sisters go from home for
a ride, for a visit, or on
business, they should give
the Elders an account of
their proceedings, and
circumstances attending
their journey, when they
return home.

3. It is not good order for Believers to attend theatres or shows to gratify an idle curiosity.

4. One Brother with one Sister should not walk out into the fields, nor ride out, away from home without a third person, nor take with them for company only a small child.

5. In families, and with members in covenant relation, no member but those appointed for that purpose should keep money.

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Section V.

Orders concerning the Dead.

1st, When a person is dying those persons present should kneel in prayer.

2. The corpse should not be dressed in costly garments.

3. Coffins for burial should be cheap and plain, unembellished with needless ornaments.

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Section VII.

Orders to prevent loss by fire

- 1st No person should carry fire about the door yards or among buildings unless safely secured in a lantern, fire box or other safe vessel.
2. No one should enter a clothes room, closet, or other by place, not frequented, with an open light,
3. Lighted lamps, lanterns or candles should not be carried onto hay mows, or straw mows,
4. No open lights should ever be taken to barns, and lanterns should not be

- opened in the barns stall,
5. Lighted lamps, candles or lanterns, should not be held over, nor hung upon shaving boxes or baskets, or places where there would be liability of fire.
6. It is not allowable, on any occasion, to boil oil or varnish, in any building what ever, anywhere.
7. No ashes should be taken up in wooden vessels, nor should they be emptied in the place of deposit in the after part of the day.
8. Ash vessels should not be set upon shaving boxes or baskets, nor hung on wood boxes.

9. The snuff of burning lamps or candles should not be thrown into spit boxes containing saw dust or combustible matter, nor should matches be thrown there in, at any time,
10. Spittoons containing combustible matter should not be set or left near a stove or fire place.
11. Chimneys should be burned out once a year, & this should be done when the roofs are wet, or, covered with snow.
12. All members occupying a room having a stove with fire in it should see that the stove door is closed, and the room is

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secured from fire before
leaving it, for the night,
or much length of time,
at any time,

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Section VIII.

Miscellaneous Orders.

Wrestling, scuffling, beating, striking, fighting are entirely forbidden by the Gospel.

2. It is an established order for Believers to kneel in prayer on retiring to rest at night, and, at table before eating; and in thanksgiving on rising in the morning and on rising from meals.
3. Liquors that would deface buildings, should not be thrown out at the window openings.
4. The refuse of fruits should not be thrown out onto the

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door yards or walks, &
nor rubbish should be left
to cumber the door yards.

5. Brothers and sisters
should not throw away
their old shoes or garments
but they should be delivered
to those having charge of
such things.

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Section VIII.

Conditional Orders.

The family Deacons and Deaconesses are responsible to the Elders in all matters of importance that come under their charge, concerning the temporal business of the family.

2. Members employed by the Trustees to do business in their line, at home or abroad, must render to them a full account of their business transactions, with their use of money, when their business is performed.

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3. In families where the full order of officials is established, members should apply to family Deacons and Deaconesses for needful articles of convenience or use, and for money for contingent expenses.

4. Brethren or Sisters should not make for themselves or others, important or costly articles without the union of Deacons or Deaconesses, each sex in its own order.

5. Brethren or Sisters when at home, should not write to those of the opposite sex without the knowledge and union of the Elders.

6. Brethren or Sisters should not go into the dwelling

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rooms of the opposite sex
after evening meetings,
except on some import-
ant, and needful occasions.

14. Brethren should not
occupy their rooms while
the Sisters are doing the
needful chores therein
unless necessitated to do
so by sickness or infirmity.

8. One Sister alone should
not walk out in the fields,
or barns &c., but should
have a female companion.

9. Gates should be closed on
Saturday nights and
Sabbath days.

10. Shop rooms should be
cleaned, and the tools
put in order on Satur-
day nights.

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11. When panes of window glass get broken fronting the street, they should be mended before Sabbath.
12. Believers should not play with dumb beasts, as cats, dogs, rabbits, &c, nor should they ever make room companions of them.

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Book III,

Counsels to be Observed.

Trustees desiring any member to do business for them, at home or abroad, should apply to the Elders for the same.

2. Those who go out on business for the Trustees have no right to buy, sell, or trade for themselves, in a private manner.
3. As the Trustees are called to be examples to the members in godliness, Gospel plainness, prudence and good economy, they should not purchase for themselves

or receive as a present to be used by them, articles that are superfluous, or unnecessary.

4. All Believers gathered into family or community order, should attend to meals with the family as far as duties will permit.
5. When any individual is so unwell as to be necessary to remove to the infirmary, the Physician or Nurse should inform the Elders.
6. When Brethren or Sisters need medical aid, they should apply to the Physician or Nurses of their own family, if there be such, if not, to such as are appointed

7. If any member should be overcome with anger, and charge a brother or sister with lying, or wound the feelings of others, such person is not justified, until restored by confession and reconciliation.

8. In retiring time, members should repair to their rooms, and observe the time in silence, and labour for a gift of God, before attending meeting.

9. When Brethren and Sisters place themselves in ranks, they should keep the ranks straight both to right and left and front and rear.

10. When any person is kneeling in prayer, in meeting or elsewhere all who are present should respectfully attend.
11. Brethren & Sisters should avoid leaving meetings for worship until they close, unless it be really needful.
12. Where there is dwelling house room provided, shops should not be occupied or frequented on Sabbath, but, when duty renders it necessary to visit them the errands should be short as consistent.
13. Shop windows should be closed on Sabbath unless special need requires them open.

14. Work should not be done on Sabbath that can consistently be avoided.

15. Coarse talking and laughing, conversation on war, politics, and worldly subjects in general, are improper on Sabbath.

16. Believers should not call nicknames, nor use big words or vulgar expressions.

17. Believers should never use, nor repeat profane language in narrations.

18. It is ungodly for Believers to talk of rejecting their privilege in the way of God.

19. Members unfortunately breaking, or seriously damaging furniture of dwelling rooms, should report the same to Deacons or Deaconesses.

20. The furniture of dwelling rooms should be plain in style.

21. Boys and youth should not use guns for sport. Hunting for sport is a dissipating and demoralizing pursuit.

22. Visiting between the world and Believers should be done at the office as far as possible consistent.

23. Public stores should be secured by locks.

24. Cider, if kept at all should be kept by the Physicians

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or members,

25. When Brethren or Sisters wish to make presents of much magnitude to their friends or acquaintances they should obtain union & with their Elders and those in temporal care
26. Believers should not company with hired servants, except duty require,
27. Brethren and Sisters should avoid thronging the office late in the evening to visit guests,
28. Buildings out of repair, should be repaired or taken down,
29. Doors and gates should not be left swinging

but either closed, or fastened open.

30. It is unsafe to shoot near buildings, unless the wadding be of leather shavings, or some substance not liable to take fire.
31. It is uncleanly to allow cattle, sheep, or horses to feed in the door yards.
32. Door yards should be mowed twice a year or oftener.
33. It is not nice to cut up door yards into little crop paths, or by ways.
34. When Brethren are about the farm and pass through haws, or gate ways, they should always leave them closed unless they find them evidently

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left open on purpose.

35. All farm tools and machines, carts, carriages &c. &c. should be stored when not in use, and, in their season put away on Saturday nights, if at home.

36. No kinds of beasts or birds should be kept for mere curiosity, fancy or show.

37. Believers should avoid lounging in the window openings of dwelling houses or shops, and especially on Sabbath.

38. Slamming doors or gates is not a good practice it is rough and uncultivated behaviour.

39. When Believers enter the dwellings it is good

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culture to walk softly,

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Conclusions

The Elders of each and every family should keep a copy of the Book of Orders, and Counsels adapted to the family over which they are called to preside. And the Orders and Counsels should frequently be read, or spoken to the family; a few, and those on one and same subject at once.

It is important for the prosperity and protection of a family, that every member should know the Orders & Rules of Believers' Society.

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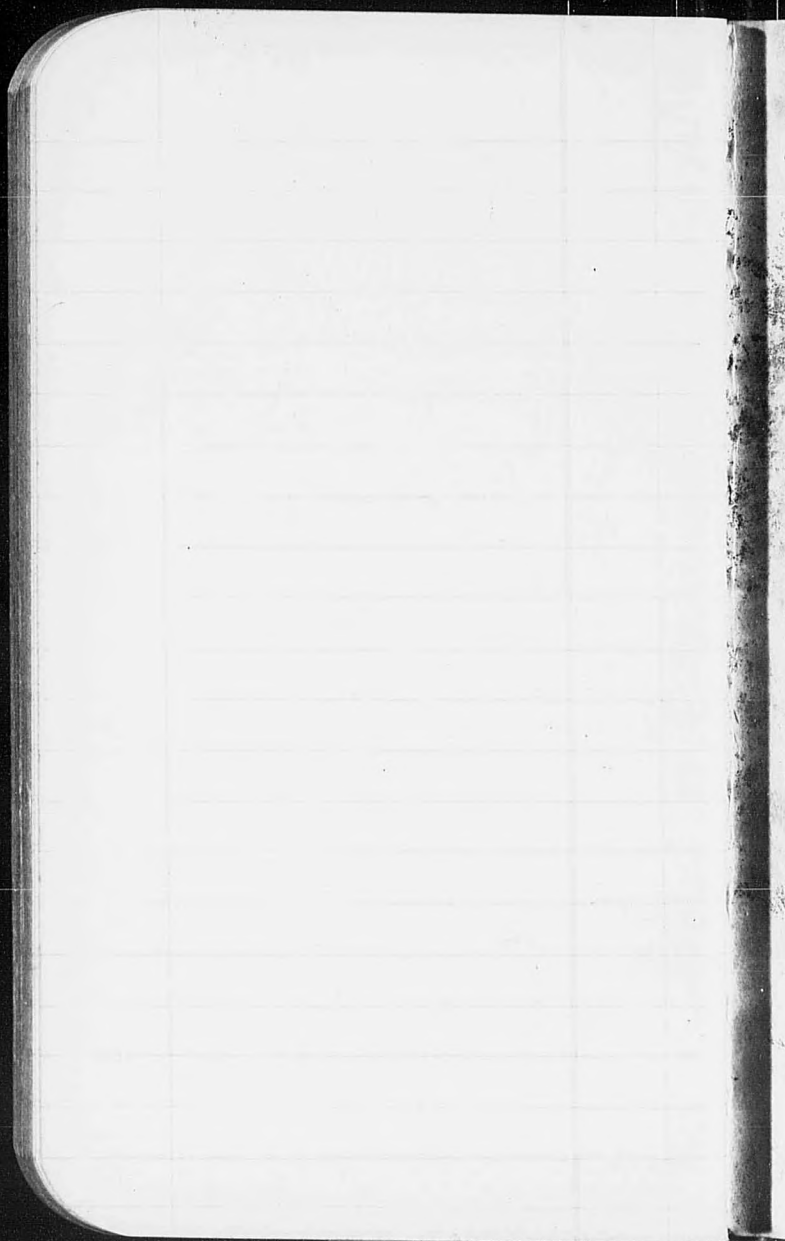
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And, we do solemnly
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