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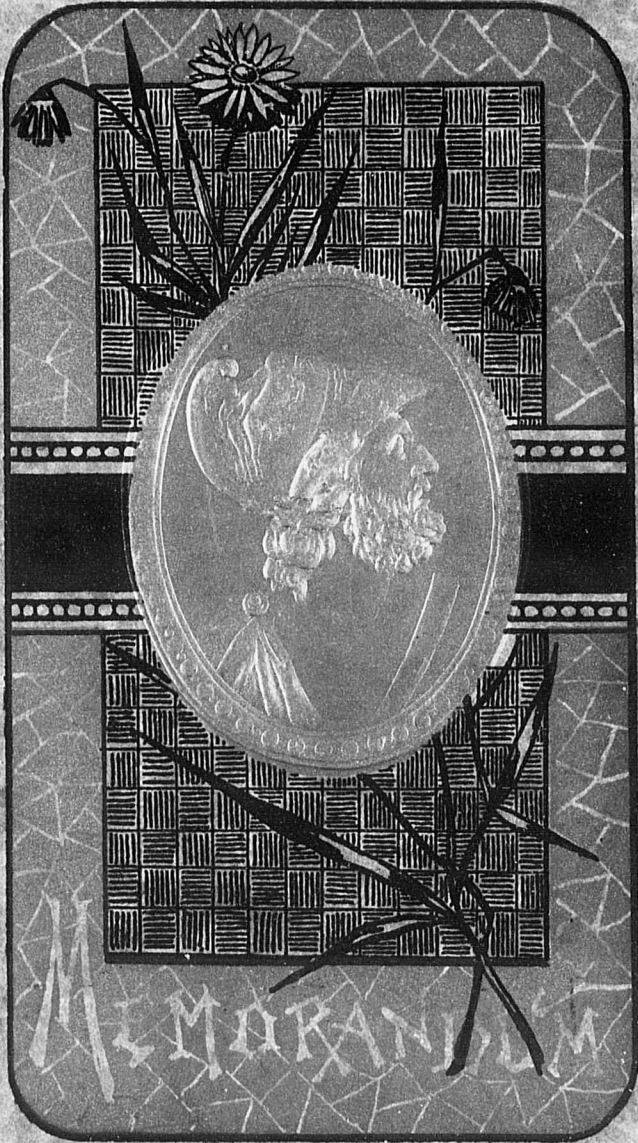
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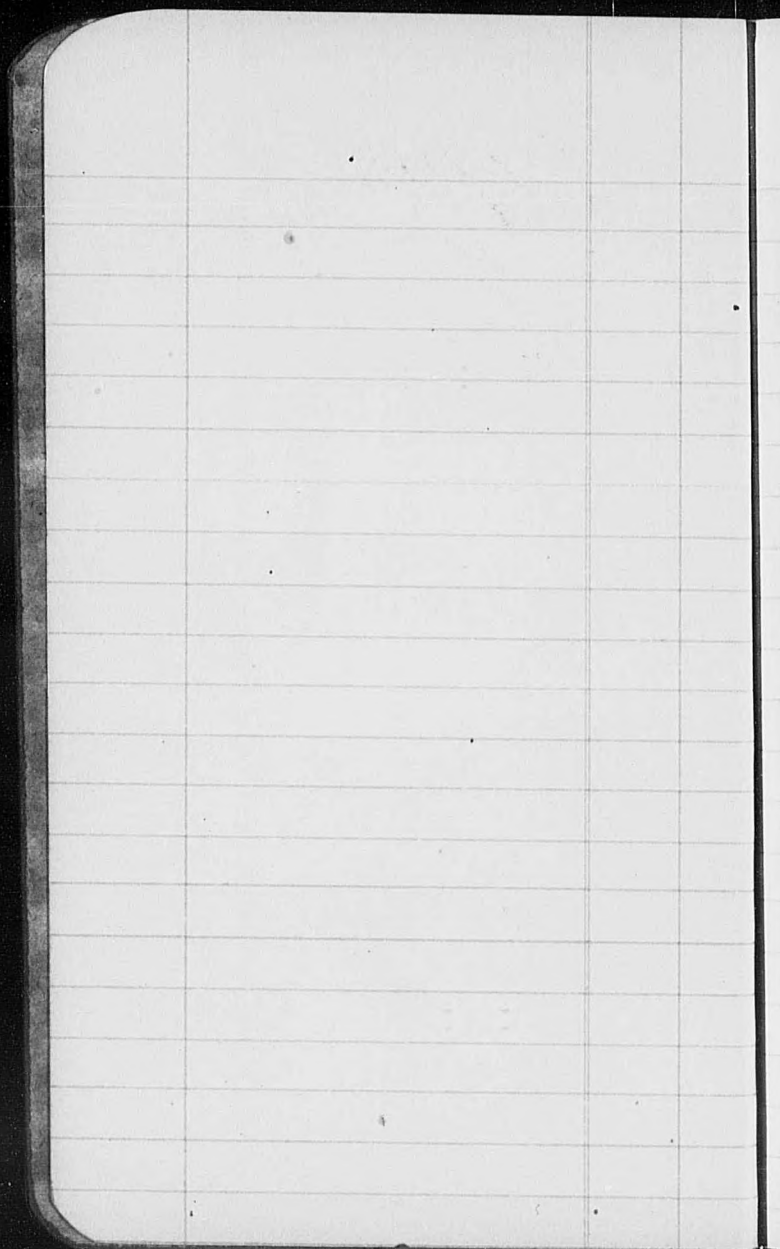
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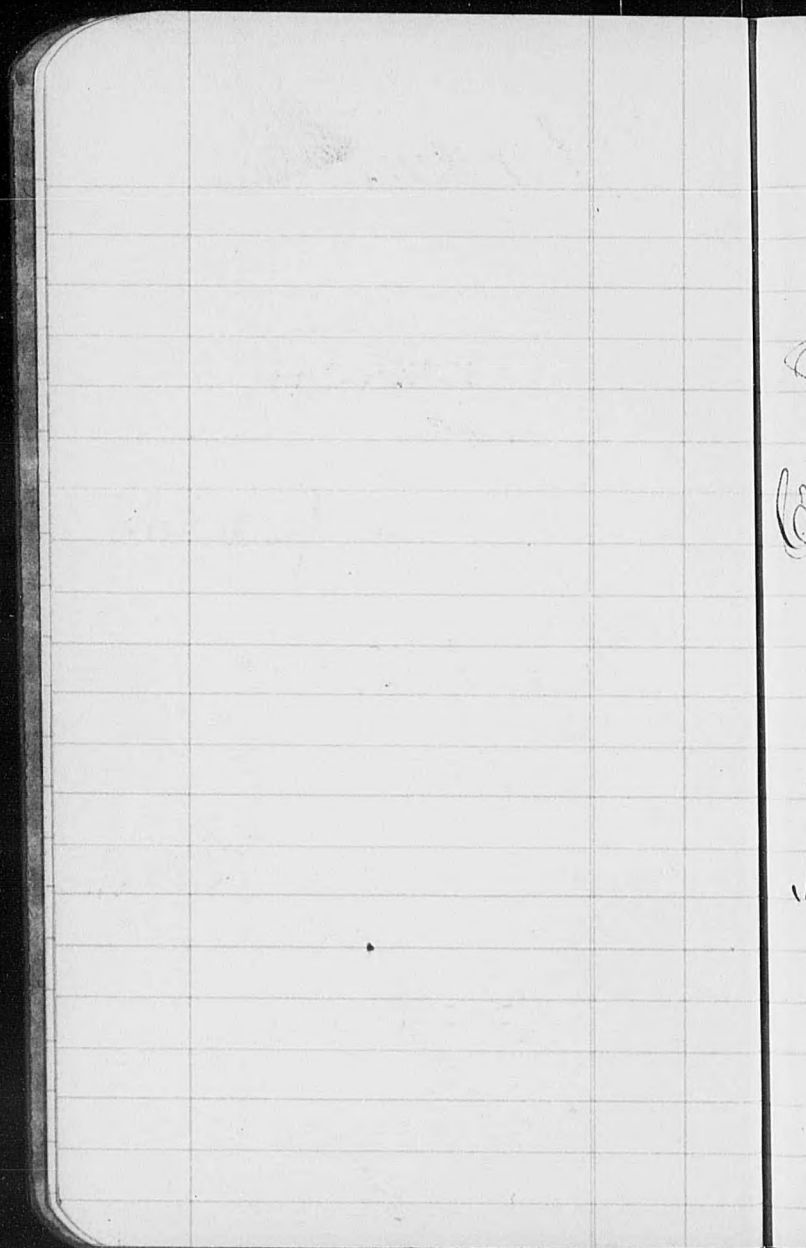
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The Church

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Christ's Second Appearing

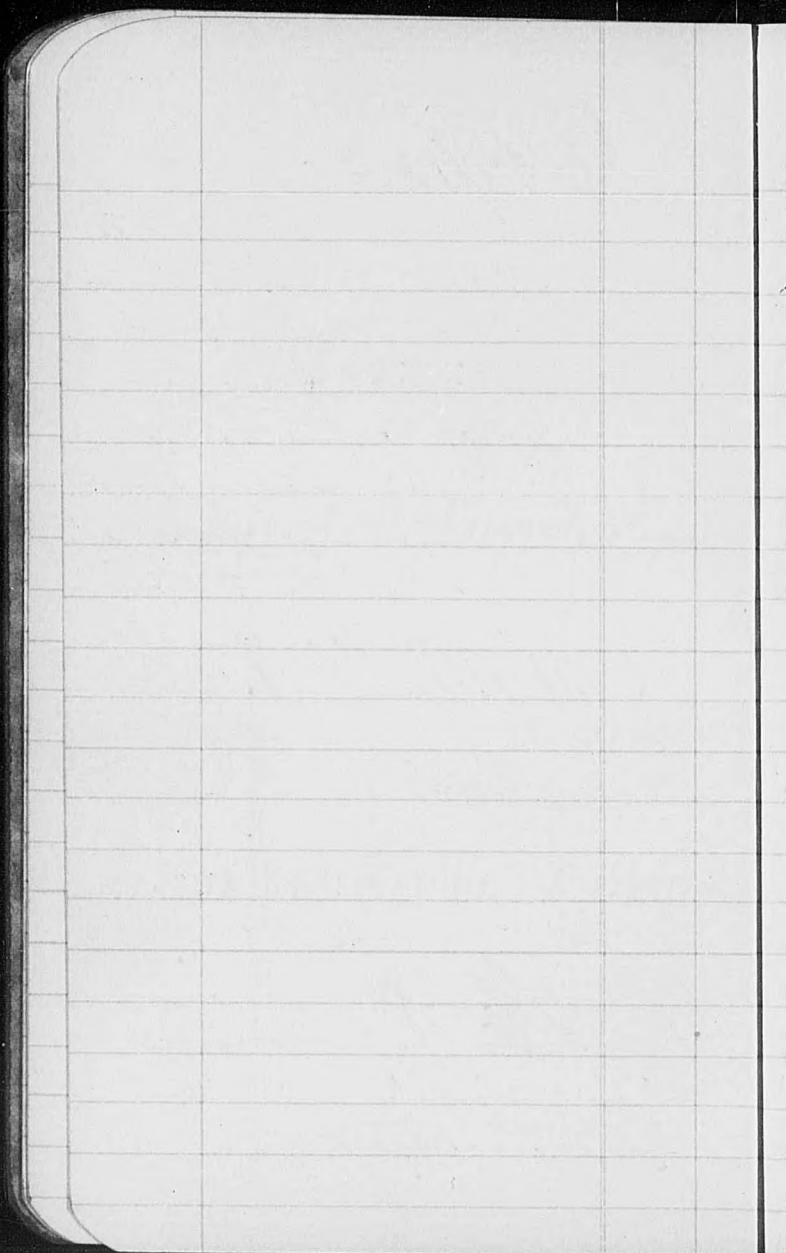
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by

Ministry & Elders of the Church.

Attest
M^r Seaman.

Nov 9 1884.



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 all Believers is that we love the Lord with our whole 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 in the same circumstances.

It may not be improper to remark that the Laws and Orders of God relative to the confession of Sin, Separation from the Spirit of the world, within & without; A proper intercourse between the sexes; reconciliation between contentious parties; regard of 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 are unchangeable.

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

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circumstances require for the union and protection of Believers throughout Zion.

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

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Part II.

Section I.

Orders concerning the Confession
of Sin and Opening the Mind

1st Any member having sinned, unconfessed, should confess it to God, in presence of the Elders, before attending meeting for worship.

2. Breaking the sacred Orders of the Gospel should be confessed as sin.

3. If a person should discover a sin committed by any common member, or any official person low, or high, in either temporal or spiritual care

and have reason to believe the same has not been confessed, it is the duty of such discoverer to reveal the fact to the Ministry, Elders, or someone appointed to hear openings.

4. If a person has any tit to open concerning a person of the opposite sex, such person should open it to their own Elders.

5. All trials, if opened at all should be opened to the Elders and to them only.

6. Members should not go to the Ministry to open their minds without the advice of their Elders, unless the Ministry call on them.

for that purpose, in which
case it is their duty to be free.

¹⁴⁴ 7. A member admonished
for a fault or reprov'd by
the Elders, should not make
inquiry of the Elders or others
to find out who made their
faults known to the Elders.

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Section III.

Orders Concerning Separation from
the Spirit of the World within
Of the Language of Believers.

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

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

6. Believers should not play
with dumb beasts, as cats,
dogs, rabbits &c, & in no
case make room courtesan-
ions of them.

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Section III

Concerning Associative Intercourse 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 consistent to avoid it, longer than to do a short and necessary errand or duties.

3. Brethren & Sisters should not make presents to each other in a private manner.

4. Brethren & Sisters should not touch each other unnecessarily.

5. When Brethren & 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 IV.

Orders Concerning Sabbath Attend meetings for Worship.

- 1st Sabbath should be sacredly kept for the worship of God.
2. All persons who are at home, and able, are required to attend meetings at the appointed times, unless detained by very important duties. If not able, information should be given by themselves or others to the Elders.
3. Believers gathered into family order & communal relation should not neglect to attend their home meetings to attend meetings abroad.

4. Worldly literature calculated to draw the mind from Gospel duties, and from the gifts of God, should not be read on the Sabbath.
5. Riding or walking out for mere recreation should not be done on the Sabbath.

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Part III.

Section I.

Orders concerning Trustees

1st Believers must not run in debt to the world; but remember a note is not payment.

2. Trustees should counsel with Ministry & Elders before making any heavy purchases or sales.

3. Believers should not require interest of each other for money borrowed to purchase the necessaries & comforts of life.

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Section III.

Concerning Family Deacons
and Deaconesses.

1st 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. The families where the full order officials is established, members should apply to family Deacons & Deaconesses for needful articles of convenience or use, & for money for contingent expenses.

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Section III.

Duty of Members to Officials

1st, Members should not purchase articles of considerable value for themselves without the union of Deacons & Deaconesses, each sex in its own order.

2. No new fashions concerning clothing, or important wares of any kind should be introduced to the society of Believers without the union of the Ministry of the society.

3. Members employed by the Trustees to do business for them in their line, at home or abroad, must render to them a full account of their business transactions, with

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their use of money, when
their business is performed.

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Section IV.

Orders Concerning Physicians

1st Brethren should not apply medical aid to sisters who are sick, without the knowledge of the female physicians or Nurses.

2. The Physicians should, at all times, hold themselves responsible to the Elders.

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Section V.

Orders Concerning Literature
of Believers.

1st The Elders should have knowledge of the character of all books and 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 VII.

Concerning Christmas
Fasting & Prayer days, and
Thanksgiving.

1st Christmas should be kept analogous to Sabbath, and, in conformity to Christ's mission of peace, Believers, if not in union with other members of the family or society, should now make reconciliation with the disaffected.

2 Days appointed by the Government for fasting & Prayer, should be kept by meeting for prayer &c

3. Appointed days for Thanksgiving should be

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kept by attending meeting
for giving thanks in the
forenoon. — Afternoon
should be appropriated to
clearing & putting in order
places often neglected.

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Section VIII

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
inform the Elders, if to be gone
over night.

2. 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 pro-
ceedings, and the circum-
stances attending their
journey when they return
home.

3. It is not good order for
Believers to attend theatres

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or shows to gratify an idle
curiosity.

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

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Section VIII.

Orders Concerning the Dead.

- 1st. When a person is dying, those present should kneel in prayer.
2. The corpse should not be dressed in costly garments.
3. Coffins for burial should be cheap, & plain, unadorned with needless ornaments.

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Section IX

Orders to prevent loss by fire

1. No person should carry fire about the dock yards or among the 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, candles, or lanterns, should not be carried onto hay or straw mows.
4. No open lights should ever be taken to barns, &

Lanterns should not be opened in the barns at all.

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. 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.

7. It is not allowable, on any occasion, to boil oil or varnish, in any building, any where.

8. Ash vessels should not be set on shaving baskets or boxes, nor hung upon wood boxes or places liable to fire.

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

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door is closed, and the place
secured from fire before
leaving it for much length
of time.

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Section II.

Miscellaneous Orders.

- 1st It is an established Order for Believers to kneel in prayer on retiring to rest at night, and at table before eating, as a family regulation; and in thanks on rising in the morning & rising from meals.
2. Liquids that would deface buildings should not be thrown out at the window openings.
3. The refuse of fruits should not be thrown out onto the doo yards, or walks, and

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no rubbish should be left
to cumber the door yards,

5 Brethren & Sisters should
not throw away their old
clothes, or shoes, but they
should be delivered to those
having charge of such things.

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Section II.

Conditional Orders.

1st Brethren & Sisters should not make for themselves or others important or costly articles without the union of Separates & Separatesses, each sex in its own order.

2. Brethren & Sisters, when at home should not write to those of the opposite sex without the union of their Elders.

3. Brethren & Sisters should not go into the dwelling rooms of the opposite sex after evening meetings except on some important and needful occasion.

4. Brethren should not occupy their rooms while the sisters are doing the needful chores therein, unless necessitated to do so by sickness, or infirmity.
5. One sister alone should not walk out into the fields, to the barns, &c, but should have a female companion.
6. Gates should be closed on Saturday nights and Sabbath days, if they open to the street.
7. Shop rooms should be cleared, and the tools put in order on Saturday night.
8. When panes of window glass get broken prouting

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the street, they should be
mended before the Sabbath.

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Book III,

Counsels to be observed.

- 1st 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 of Godliness, Gospel plainness, prudence and good economy, they should not purchase for themselves, nor receive, as a present,

to be used by them, articles that are superfluous, or unnecessary.

4. All Believers gathered into family or communal order, should attend to meals with the family as far as circumstances will admit,

5. When an 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 Physicians for the same, & to those of their own family if there be such, if not to those who are appointed.

7. If any member should be overcome with anger so as to charge a Brother or Sister with lying, such person is not justified until restored by confession and reconciliation.
8. In retiring time members should resort to their rooms and observe the time in silence, and labour for a gift of God before attending meetings.
9. When Brethren and Sisters place themselves in ranks, they should keep their ranks straight, both to right and left, and front and rear.
10. When any person is kneeling in prayer, all who

are present should be respectfully attend.

11. Brethren & sisters should avoid leaving meetings until they close unless it be really needful.

12. Where there is dwelling house room provided, shops should not be occupied on the sabbath; but when duty renders it necessary to visit them, the errand 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. Boisterous talking and laughing, conversations on war, politics, and worldly subjects in general are improper on Sabbath.
16. Believers should not call nick names, or by words nor ~~use~~ ^{use} vulgar expressions.
17. Believers should never use nor repeat profane language in variations.
18. It is ungodly for Believers to talk of rejecting their privilege in the way of God, and among Believers.
19. Members unfortunately breaking or damaging the furniture of dwelling rooms should report the same to Deacons & Deaconesses.

20. The furniture of dwelling rooms should be plain in style.
21. Boys should not use guns for sporting. Hunting for sport is a very dissipating and demoralizing pursuit.
22. Visiting between Believers and the world should be done at the Office as far as possibly consistent.
23. Public stores should be secured by locks.
24. Cider, if kept at all should be kept by the Physicians, or Nurses.
25. When Brethren or Sisters wish to make presents of much magnitude to their friends or acquaintances, they

should obtain union of
their Elders & those in
temporal care,

25. Believers should not con-
juncture with hired ser-
vants, 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 & 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 some-
thing 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 cross paths or by ways.
34. When Brethren are about on the farms & pass thro' haw or gate ways, they should always leave them closed, unless they find them evidently left open on purpose.
35. All farm tools, & carts, carriages &c, should be stored in doos, when not in use, & in their

season of use, put away
on Saturday nights, if at
home,

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

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

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

39. When Believers enter
the dwelling house, it's
good 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, & the Orders & Counsels should frequently be read or spoken to the family, a few, & those on one and same subject at a time.

It is important for the prosperity & protection of the family, that every member should know the orders & rules of Believer's society.

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Witnessing Testimony

We the present
Ministry of Mt Lebanon,
do conscientiously acknowl-
edge our full approbation
of the foregoing orders rules &
Counsels, which have been
established in the Church for
the Union & Protection thereof.

And, we do solemnly prom-
ise, in presence of God and
Our Heavenly Parents faith-
fully to maintain & support
the same, as far as wisdom
will admit.

Daniel Bolin. — L. S.
Hiles B. Avery. — L. S.
Eliza Ann Taylor — L. S.
Harriet Bullard. — L. S.