

SECTION V.

Duty of the Members.

As the prosperity of the Society will entirely depend on the good conduct of its members, it is fit that the Constitutions should point out the duties which they undertake to perform on becoming members of it; they are to aid and assist the Officers of the Society in doing the duties of their respective stations; they are to obey the regular summons and all constitutional orders of the Society; they are to be punctual in their attendance at its regular and special meetings, and in every respect to promote its interest; they are in all cases respecting the Society to be governed by the opinion of the majority; they are to do every thing in their power (without injuring themselves or families materially) to aid and assist the poor and distressed of every nation; they are on all occasions to interest themselves in behalf of the oppressed or afflicted, and to comfort and relieve them as far as they are able; they are from time to time to inform the proper officers of the Society, if any case comes to their knowledge, where the poor or distressed may be assisted by the Society, and are in every respect to act as the friends of those who cannot help themselves; they are on all occasions to behave as good subjects, and zealously to exert themselves in support of the laws of their country, carefully avoiding in the Society all controversy on religious or political subjects. To their fellow members they are to conduct themselves with kindness and affection, using every means in their power to promote friendship and harmony in the Society, and between the individual members of it. They are to be ready on all occasions, as far as their circumstances and abilities permit, to aid and assist a member when in adversity or trouble. If they know of any difference or disagreement subsisting between any two members of the Society, it is their duty immediately to interfere and to take the most effectual means to reconcile the parties, and to adjust whatever matter may be in difference. If their endeavours should be unsuccessful, it is their duty to call for the aid of any other