

16. The Temple should ballot for a candidate upon which a committee has reported unfavorably.—G. W. C. T. McWhinnie.

INITIATION.

1. The form of obligation can only be administered as printed in the Ritual. The previous lectures or charges fully explain the nature of that obligation, and no person should take it hastily or ignorantly.—G. W. C. T. Van Norman.

2. A candidate refusing to answer the question "*Do you believe in the existence of Almighty God?*", or answering the same in the negative, must retire from the ante-room, and cannot become a member of our Order.—R. W. G. T. Chase.

3. In the second interrogatory by the P. W. C. T. to candidates for initiation, the word '*forever*' is to be stricken out, and the words '*during life*' substituted, and any Temple is authorized to amend the Ritual accordingly.—R. W. G. L., 11 s.

4. No form laid down in the Ritual as a portion of the initiatory ceremony can be omitted where such form conflicts with the religious or conscientious convictions of the candidates. Our forms are not intended to conflict with any religious or reasonable conscientious convictions, and our only safety as an Order, lies in their careful preservation. If a candidate may object to a certain form from conscientious convictions, a whole Temple may do the same, and by a deliberate vote, omit it altogether. Convictions may be also hostile to other forms, and each may be omitted, one by one, by different candidates and Temples, until all the forms prescribed by the Ritual are entirely disregarded.—R. W. G. T. Chase, 7 s.

5. A Subordinate Temple cannot shorten the initiation ceremony by leaving out any portion thereof, or by dispensing with any part of said ceremony.—G. W. C. T. Relyea.

6. A Subordinate Temple cannot at one meeting obligate a candidate, and at the following meeting com-