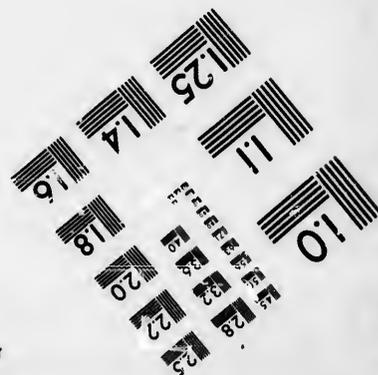
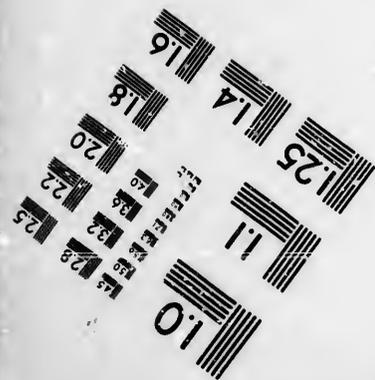
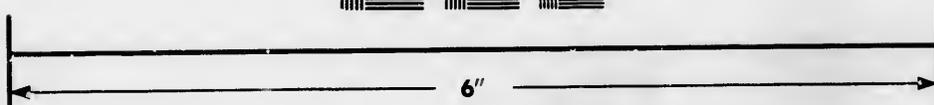
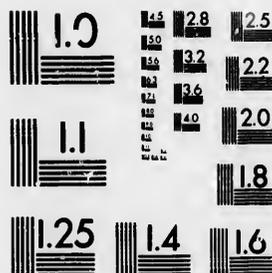


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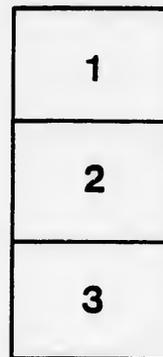
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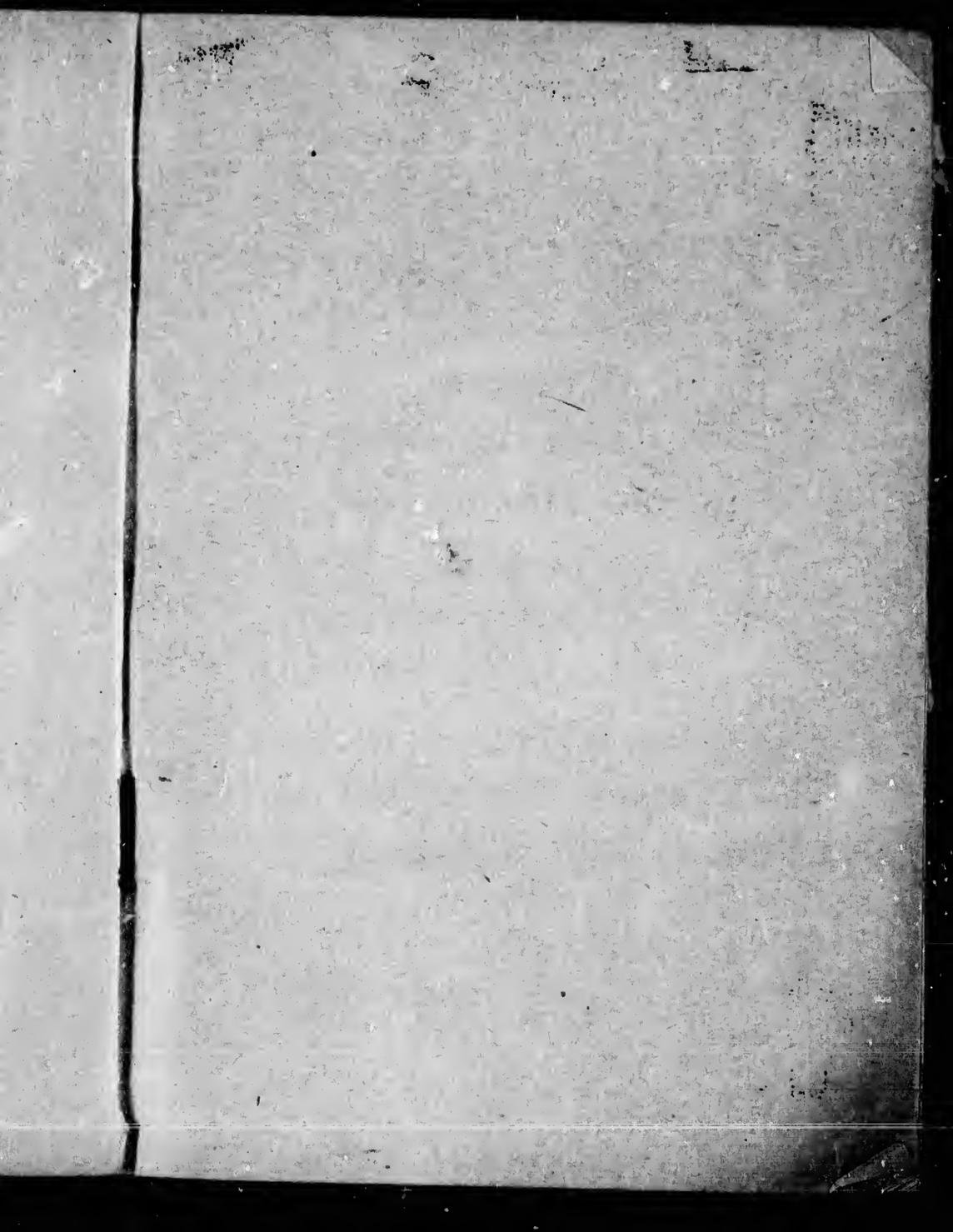
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OF THE
PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

PREAMBLE.

HUMAN happiness is the acme of earthly ambition. Individual happiness depends upon general prosperity and the adoption of right principles. The prosperity of a nation is in proportion to the value of its productions.

The soil is the source from whence we derive all that constitutes wealth; without it we would have no agriculturē, no manufactures, no commerce. Of all the material gifts of the Creator, the various productions of the vegetable world are of the first importance. The art of agriculture is the parent and precursor of all arts, and its products the foundation of all wealth.

The productions of the earth are subject to the influence of natural laws, invariable and indisputable; the amount produced will consequently be in proportion to the intelligence of the producer, and success will depend upon his knowledge of the action of these laws, and the proper application of their principles.

☐ Hence knowledge is the foundation of happiness.

The ultimate object of this organization is for mutual instruction and protection, to lighten labor by diffusing a knowledge of its aims and purposes, expand the mind by tracing the beautiful laws the Great Creator has established in the Universe, and to enlarge our views of creative wisdom and power.

To those who read aright, history proves that in all ages society is fragmentary, and successful results of general welfare can be secured only by general effort. Unity of action cannot be acquired without discipline, and discipline cannot be enforced without significant organization; hence we have a ceremony of initiation which binds us in mutual fraternity as with a band of iron; but although its influence is so powerful, its application is as gentle as that of the silken threads that bind a wreath of flowers.

DECLARATION
OF
PRINCIPLES.

MOTTO.

1. We heartily endorse the motto: "In essentials, Unity; in non-essentials, Liberty; in all things, Charity."

SPECIFIC OBJECTS.

2 We shall endeavor to advance our cause by laboring to accomplish the following objects;

To develop a better and higher manhood and womanhood among ourselves.

To enhance the comforts and attractions of our homes; and strengthen our attachments to our pursuits.

To foster mutual understanding and co-operation.

To reduce our expenses both individual and corporate.

To buy less and produce more, in order to make our farms self-sustaining.

To diversify our crops, and crop no more than we can properly cultivate.

To condense the weight of our exports, selling less in the bushel, and more on hoof and in fleece.

To systematize our work, and calculate intelligently on probabilities.

To discountenance the credit system, the mortgage system, the fashion system and every other system tending to prodigality and bankruptcy.

We propose meeting together, talking together, working together, buying together, selling together, and in general, acting together for our mutual protection and advancement, as occasion may require.

We shall avoid litigation as much as possible by arbitration in the Grange.

We shall earnestly endeavor to suppress personal, local, sectional and national prejudices, all unhealthy rivalry, all selfish ambition.

We shall constantly strive to secure entire harmony, good-will, vital brotherhood among ourselves, and to make our Order perpetual.

BUSINESS RELATIONS,

3. For our business interests we desire to bring producers and consumers, farmers and manufacturers, into the most direct and friendly relation

possible. Hence we must dispense with a surplus of middlemen; not that we are unfriendly to them, but we do not need them.

Their surplus and their exactions diminish our profits.

We wage no aggressive warfare against any other interest whatever. On the contrary, all our acts and all our efforts as far as business is concerned, are not only for the benefit of the producer and consumer, but also for all other interests that tend to bring these two parties into speedy and economical contact. Hence we hold that transportation companies of every kind are necessary to our success; that their interests are intimately connected with our interest, and harmonious action is mutually advantageous, upon the principle that individual happiness depends upon general prosperity.

We are opposed to such spirit and management of any corporation or enterprise, as tend to oppress the people and rob them of their just profit.

We are not enemies to capital; but we oppose the tyranny of monopolies.

We long to see the antagonism between capital and labor removed by common consent, and by enlightened statesmanship.

We are opposed to excessive salaries, high rates of interest, and exorbitant per cent. profits in trade. They greatly increase our burdens, and do not bear a proper proportion to the profit of producers.

We desire only self-protection, and the protection of every true interest of our land, by legitimate transactions, legitimate trade and legitimate profits.

EDUCATION.

4. We shall advance the cause of education among ourselves, and for our children, by all just means within our power. We especially advocate for our agricultural and industrial colleges and public schools that practical agriculture, domestic science, and all the arts which adorn the home, be taught in their courses of study.

POLITICAL RELATIONS.

5. We emphatically and sincerely assert the oft-repeated truth taught in our organic law, that the Grange is not a political or party organization. No Grange, if true to its obligations, can discuss partizan or sectarian questions, nor call political conventions, nor nominate candidates, nor even discuss their merits in its meetings, nor permit any discussion upon questions on which we stand divided by party lines.

Yet the principles we teach underlie all true politics, all true statesmanship, and if properly carried out, will tend to purify the whole political atmosphere of our country.

For we seek the greatest good to the greatest number. But we must always bear in mind that no one, by becoming a Patron, gives up that inalienable right and duty, which belongs to every citizen, to take a proper interest in the politics of his country.

On the contrary, it is the right of every member to do all in his power, legitimately, to influence for good the action of any political party to which he belongs.

It is his duty to do all he can to put down bribery, corruption and trickery; and see that none but competent, faithful and honest men, who will unflinchingly stand by our industrial interests, are nominated for all positions of trust; and to have carried out the principle which should always characterize every Patron, that "the office should seek the man, and not the man the office."

We acknowledge the broad principle, that difference of opinion is no crime, and hold that "Progress towards truth is made by difference of opinion," while "the fault lies in the bitterness of controversy." We desire proper equality, equity and fairness, protection for the weak, restraint upon the strong, in short, justly distributed burdens and justly distributed power.

It is reserved by every Patron, as his right as a freeman, to affiliate with any party that will best carry out his principles. Ours being peculiarly a farmers' institution, we cannot admit all to our ranks. Many are excluded by the nature of our organization, not because they are professional men, or laborers, or artisans, but because they have not a sufficient direct interest in tilling the soil, or may have some interest in conflict with our purposes. But we appeal to all good citizens for their cordial co-operation to assist in our efforts towards reform

CONCLUSION.

6. It shall be an abiding principle with us to relieve any of our oppressed and suffering brotherhood by any means at our command.

Last, but not least, we proclaim it among our purposes to inculcate a proper appreciation of the abilities and sphere of woman as is indicated by admitting her to membership and position in our Order,

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CONSTITUTION OF DOMINION GRANGE.

ARTICLE I. ORGANIZATION.

Seventh Degree—CERES, (Faith.)

Section 1.—The Dominion Grange of Canada shall be composed of one delegate and his wife, if a matron, from each Subordinate and Division Grange within the Province of Ontario, and one delegate and his wife, if a matron, from any Provincial Grange which now exists, or which may hereafter be formed under the authority of the Dominion Grange.

Section 2.—All delegates to Dominion Grange shall be elected annually.

Section 3.—No Subordinate or Division Grange shall be entitled to representation in Dominion Grange which shall be in arrears for more than

one quarters fees and dues, and no delegate, though he may represent more than one Grange, shall be entitled to more than one vote. And the Secretary of Dominion Grange shall furnish each Subordinate Grange with blank forms of Certificates for delegates to Dominion Grange, which shall certify that such Delegate was duly elected, and that all returns, and all fees and dues required by the Constitution, have been duly paid to the Secretary of their Division Grange, (or Division and Dominion Grange) as provided for by Section 4.

Section 4.—Should the Secretary of any Division Grange refuse or neglect to forward his returns, together with the proper amount of fees and dues to the Secretary of Dominion Grange, the Delegate from such Division and the Subordinates within such Division shall be entitled to their seats upon furnishing certificates from their respective Secretaries, under the seal of their Grange, that their fees and dues have been duly paid to the Secretary of their Division.

And in event of any default on the part of the Secretary of a Division Grange as aforesaid, or in forwarding the annual "Word" to the Subordinates within his division, such Subordinate Grange or Granges may make their returns in duplicate, forwarding one copy to the Secretary of Dominion Grange, and one to the Secretary of their Division Grange, enclosing one half of the fees and dues with each such copy of the reports.

Section 5.—All Division Granges in Ontario and all Subordinate Granges not connected with a Di-

vision Grange, either in Ontario or any other Province, not having a Provincial Grange, shall make their returns direct to the Secretary of Dominion Grange.

Section 6.—Dominion Grange shall set apart one-half of all the monies received for capitation tax and initiation fees, and also one-half of all the actual profits realized upon the sale of all supplies, as a fund, to be called the "Sessional Indemnity Fund," which shall be used exclusively for the payment of the expenses of delegates attending the sessions of Dominion Grange, and the remaining one-half of all receipts to the Dominion Grange to be funded for all other legitimate purposes of the Grange, except the payment of the expenses of delegates.

Section 7.—The expenses of delegates attending the sessions of Dominion Grange, shall only be paid as follows, viz.: First.—The actual and necessary railway fare, or an equal percentage thereof as the Sessional Indemnity Fund will permit. Second.—The hotel expenses, or an equal percentage thereof as the fund will permit, but in no case to exceed one dollar per day. These allowances only to be made to delegates from Subordinate Granges. Delegates from Division and Provincial Granges shall not be entitled to any allowance from the funds of Dominion Grange.

Section 8.—The Maritime Provincial Grange, or any Provincial Grange hereafter to be organized, shall have the control of its own affairs, including the framing, altering, or amending its own

Constitution and making its own laws, but shall not change the Manual, the names of the officers, or the unwritten work. Shall pay no Capitation tax or initiation dues to Dominion Grange, but shall pay the nominal sum of two dollars for each charter granted for the organization of Subordinate or Division Granges within its jurisdiction, and shall procure its Manuals from Dominion Grange, at a price that will cover the cost of printing and binding the same, and may send one delegate to the Dominion Grange.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

• THEIR DUTIES, POWERS AND PRIVILEGES.

Section 1.—The officers of the Dominion Grange shall consist of and rank as follows, viz.: Master, Overseer, Secretary, Treasurer, Lecturer, Chaplain, Steward, Assistant Steward, Gate Keeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora and Lady Assistant Steward, also two Auditors and an Executive Committee of three members, one of whom shall be the Master.

Section 2.—The officers shall be elected annually, at a regular meeting of Dominion Grange. All nominations and elections shall be by ballot.

Section 3.—Vacancies by death, resignation or otherwise, to be temporarily filled by the Executive Committee until the first meeting of Dominion Grange, when an election shall take place.

Section 4.—It shall be the duty of the Master to preside at all meetings of the Dominion Grange or Executive Committee; to see that all officers and members of committees properly perform their respective duties, to see that the Constitution, By-Laws, Principles, Rules and Usages of the Order and also the resolutions of the Dominion Grange are observed and obeyed, to properly take and announce the results of all ballots and other votes of the Grange, to sign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer subject to instructions of the Grange or Executive Committee, and to perform all other duties usually devolving upon a presiding officer.

Section 5.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all proceedings of Dominion Grange; to keep a just and true account of all monies received by him, and to pay over to the Treasurer monthly, taking his receipt therefor; and to make a full report of all transactions to the Dominion Grange at each session: he shall also prepare and issue a quarterly circular containing all items of information from the reports from all Granges reporting to Dominion Grange and all other matters of interest to the Order, and publish the same in such form as the Executive Committee shall direct; he shall conduct all correspondence of the Dominion Grange and Executive Committee; he shall keep the account of all Granges reporting to Dominion Grange, and a complete register of the names, numbers and locations of all Granges under the jurisdiction of the Dominion Grange, with the names and addresses of the Masters and Secretaries of each, and perform all other duties pertaining to such office as

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Section 6.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to pay all orders drawn upon him by the Secretary and approved by the Master; to keep an accurate account of all monies received and paid out, and present a detailed statement of the same to the regular meetings of Dominion Grange, showing the balance on hand; he shall keep his books open to the inspection of the Executive Committee and Auditors at all times, and shall deliver up at any time, all monies, books, papers or other property pertaining to his office, in his possession, upon the order of the Master, under the direction of the Executive Committee, and shall be the custodian of all monies and other assets of the Grange.

Section 7.—It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Order, having authority to act on all matters of interest when the Dominion Grange is not in session; may appoint deputies and business agents as occasion requires, and shall direct the payment of all monies from the Dominion Grange Treasury; and shall present a detailed account of their acts to the Dominion Grange on the first day of its Annual Session.

Section 8.—It shall be the duty of the Auditors to audit all books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and report the same to the regular meeting of the Dominion Grange, on the first day of the session; and shall report oft-ner to the

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Executive Committee should it be deemed necessary, having authority to inspect said books and accounts at any time; and shall report any irregularities in the same to the Executive Committee.

Section 9.—The duties of the Overseer, Lecturer, Chaplain, Steward, Assistant Steward, Gate Keeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora and Lady Assistant Steward, shall be the same as the duties prescribed for those officers by the Constitution of Subordinate Granges, Article IV, Sections 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Section 10.—Such compensation for time and services shall be paid to the officers of Dominion Grange as the Grange may, from time to time determine, and other persons in the employ of the Dominion Grange, as the Executive may, from time to time, determine, unless otherwise provided for by the Grange.

Section 11.—All questions of Administration or Jurisprudence, arising in and between Provincial, Divisional and Subordinate Granges, and appeals from the actions and decisions thereof, shall be referred to the Master and Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange, whose decisions shall be respected and obeyed until overruled by action of Dominion Grange, whose action thereon shall be final.

Section 12.—That all ex-members of any representative Grange, Division, Provincial, or Dominion shall continue to be honorary members so long as they remain members of the Order, in good

standing, and be at liberty to take part in all its deliberations; and all fourth degree members in good standing who may be present at the meeting for the election of officers, shall be eligible for election to any office in any representative Grange. NONE BUT DULY ACCREDITED DELEGATES SHALL BE ENTITLED TO VOTE IN ANY REPRESENTATIVE GRANGE. None but duly accredited delegates shall be paid any portion of their expenses in attending any meeting of any representative Grange, unless they hold the office of Master, Secretary, Treasurer or Member of the Executive Committee.

Section 13.—The Secretary and Treasurer of all Granges, Dominion, Provincial, Division and Subordinate, shall give bonds to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee or the Grange, for the faithful performance of their duties, and shall present their reports to the Grange upon the first day of each annual session.

Section 14.—It shall be constitutional for the Dominion Grange to elect a standing Legislative Committee, not exceeding five members, whose duty it shall be to carefully watch the Legislation of the country effecting the Agricultural and Horticultural interests, and act under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange and report from time to time, to the Executive Committee, or the Dominion Grange in session, or those functions may be discharged by the Executive Committee themselves.

Section 15.—The duties of the Dominion Grange shall be to deal exclusively with questions effect-

ing the interests of Patrons of Husbandry generally throughout the Dominion of Canada, or any matter coming up from Granges of any of the Provinces; and to carry into effect the desires and wishes of any Province or Provinces having no Provincial Grange, as directed by their delegates in Dominion Grange assembled; and to revise from time to time, the constitution of all Granges of the Order, subject to the control of Dominion Grange, provided always constitutional notice of such changes shall have been given.

ARTICLE III.

CHARTERS.

Section 1.—All charters shall be issued directly from the Dominion Grange upon application of deputies or direction of the Executive Committee of Dominion Grange, and shall contain a blank for the names of the parties who have applied for the same.

Section 2.—Nine men and four women, having signed an application and paid the required fee, shall, if application is approved, receive the four degrees and be entitled to a charter.

Section 3.—Applications for charters must be signed by persons applying for same, accompanied by a fee of (\$20) twenty dollars, and shall be made subject to Secretary of Dominion Grange, with the

accompanying fee, in the Province of Ontario or any province or territory having no Provincial Grange, but to the Secretary of Provincial Grange in provinces or territories having a Provincial Grange, and through him to the Secretary of Dominion Grange.

Section 4.—Deputies organizing Subordinate Granges shall be remunerated by the Grange to which they make their returns, upon order of the Executive Committee.

Section 5.—Charter members are those whose names are upon the application, the fees being paid, at organization. Charters shall be issued to Subordinate Granges by Dominion Grange, upon application of the deputy, and where Provincial Granges exist the application shall be made through and endorsed by the Secretary of such Provincial Grange, accompanied by the necessary fee.

Section 6.—When it is desired to form a Division Grange in any section where there are five or more Subordinate Granges and no Division Grange, application for authority must be made to the Executive Committee of the next superior Grange under whose jurisdiction the proposed Division is situated.

Section 7.—In case of forfeiture or suspension of a charter, the members have a right to join any other Grange in the Province by producing satisfactory evidence that they were members of the defunct Grange, without any additional fee, but must submit to a ballot.

ARTICLE IV.

MEETINGS.

Section 1.—The Dominion Grange shall meet annually at such time and place as the Grange may from year to year determine. Should the Dominion Grange adjourn without selecting the time and place of meeting, the Executive Committee shall appoint the time and place and notify the Secretary of the Dominion Grange, who shall give at least 30 days' notice to the Secretary of each Provincial Grange and all others entitled to a voice in proceedings of Dominion Grange.

Section 2.—Special meetings of the Dominion Grange may be called by the Executive Committee, one month's notice of such meeting being given to all members of the Dominion Grange and others entitled to a voice therein.

Section 3.—The Dominion Grange, at its annual session, shall frame, amend or repeal such laws as the good of the order may require, provided notice shall be given of any of the desired amendments six months previous to the annual meeting. All laws of Provincial, Division and Subordinate Granges must conform to the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by the Dominion Grange.

Section 4. No delegate shall be allowed to leave until the Grange finally closes its sittings, without special permission, and shall forfeit his expenses by so doing.

Section 5.—The actual and necessary disbursements only of members and officers entitled to payment under Sect. 12 of Art. II, attending sessions of Dominion Grange shall be paid by Dominion Grange funds.



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Provincial Granges.

ARTICLE I.

ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP,

Sixth Degree—FLORA, (Charity.)

Section 1.—Provincial Granges may be organized in any of the Provinces in the Dominion having thirty or more Subordinate Granges.

Section 2.—When thirty or more Granges, in good standing, exist in any Province, the Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange may, upon the application of a sufficient number to warrant the action, notify the Division or Subordinate Granges, as the case may be, to elect delegates to meet at some central place to form a Provincial Grange. The delegation to the first or organization meeting shall be one delegate, and his wife (if a Matron), from each Subordinate Grange.

Section 3.—Provincial Granges shall be represented in the Dominion Grange by one delegate and his wife, if a matron.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

Section 1.—The officers shall consist of, and rank as follows:—Master, Overseer, Secretary, Treasurer, Lecturer, Chaplain, Steward, Assistant Steward, Gate Keeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora and Lady Assistant Steward; also two auditors, and two members of Executive Committee, to be elected annually.

Section 2.—All nominations and elections shall be by ballot, at a regular meeting of the Provincial Grange. The Master shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Executive Committee.

Section 3.—Vacancies by death, resignation or otherwise, to be temporarily filled by the Executive Committee until the first meeting of the Provincial Grange, when an election will take place.

Section 4.—It shall be the duty of the Master to preside at all meetings of the Provincial Grange, or Executive Committee; to see that all officers and members of committees properly perform

their respective duties; to see that the constitution, by-laws, principles, rules and usages of the Order and also the resolutions of the Provincial Grange are observed and obeyed; to properly take and announce the result of all ballots and other votes of the Grange; to sign all orders drawn upon the Treasurer, subject to instructions of the Grange or Executive Committee, to perform all other duties usually devolving upon a presiding officer, and may appoint suitable persons as deputies to organize Granges and instal officers, &c., within jurisdiction of such Provincial Grange.

Section 5.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a true record of all proceedings of the Provincial Grange; to keep a just and true account of all monies received by him, and pay over the same to the Treasurer monthly, taking his receipt therefor; to make a full report to the Provincial Grange of all transactions at each session thereof; he shall conduct all correspondence of the Provincial Grange and Executive Committee; and shall keep the account of Division (and Subordinates not connected with Division) with the Provincial Grange, and a complete register of the names, numbers and locations of all Granges under his jurisdiction, with the names and addresses of the Masters and Secretaries of each; he shall also prepare a compiled report, giving all items of information from the reports of the Secretaries of Division Granges (and Subordinates not connected with Division) and forward the same to the Secretary of the Dominion Grange annually and not later than the first day of February in each year, embodying all reports for the preceding fiscal year, as required by the Executive Committee of Provincial Grange.

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Section 6.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to pay all orders drawn upon him by the Secretary, and approved by the Master; to keep an accurate account of all monies received and paid out, and present a detailed statement of the same to the regular meetings of the Provincial Grange, on the first day of the session, showing the balance on hand; he shall keep his books open to the inspection of the Executive Committee and Auditors at all times, and shall deliver up at any time, all monies, books, papers or other property pertaining to his office in his possession, upon the order of the Master under the direction of the Executive Committee; and shall be the custodian of all monies and other assets of the Grange.

Section 7.—It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Order, having authority to act on all matters of interest when the Provincial Grange is not in session; may recommend deputies to be appointed by the Master of the Provincial Grange, to operate within the jurisdiction of such Grange; and appoint business agents as occasion requires, and shall direct the payment of all monies from the Provincial Grange Treasury; and shall present a detailed account of all their acts to the Provincial Grange on the first day of its annual session.

Section 8.—It shall be the duty of the Auditors to audit all books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer and report the same to the regular meeting of the Provincial Grange, on the first day of the session, and shall report oftener to the Executive Committee, should it be deemed necessary:

having authority to inspect said books and accounts at any time, and shall report any irregularities in the same to the Executive Committee.

Section 9. The duties of the Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Gate Keeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora and Lady Assistant Steward shall be the same as the duties prescribed for those officers by the constitution of Subordinate Granges; Art. III, Sections 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Section 10.—Such compensation for time and services shall be paid to officers in the employ of the Provincial Grange as the Grange may from time to time determine.

Section 11.—All questions of administration and jurisprudence arising in and between Subordinate and Division Granges, and appeals from the actions and decisions thereof, shall be referred to the Master and Executive Committee of the Provincial Grange, whose decisions and actions shall be respected and obeyed, until overruled by action of Provincial Grange or appeal made from such decision to the Dominion Grange.



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CONSTITUTION OF DIVISION GRANGES.

ARTICLE I.

ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

Fifth Degree—POMONA, (Hope.)

Section 1.—Division Granges shall be composed of the Masters of Subordinate Granges in the Division, and such number of other delegates as the Division may decide, and wives of Masters and delegates, if matrons. All Past Masters of Division Granges, and their wives, if matrons, are honorary members but not entitled to vote.

Section 2.—Division Granges shall be organized under a Charter granted by Dominion Grange upon an application signed by the Masters and Secretaries of at least five Subordinate Granges in good standing, and which shall affiliate there with.

Section 3.—The jurisdiction of each Division Grange shall extend over at least one County, unless otherwise specially ordered by Executive Committee of Provincial or Dominion Grange, as the case may be, which order shall not be granted except in cases of urgent necessity.

Section 4.—Division Granges shall meet at least once a year, at such time and place as they may see fit upon to suit the convenience of the majority interested, and should they adjourn without fixing the time and place of meeting, the Executive Committee shall fix the same and give the proper notice.

Section 5.—A Division Grange may recommend, through its Master, suitable persons to fill the position of Deputies, to the Master of the Dominion or Provincial Grange, as the case may be, who will appoint the same, whose duty it shall be to organize new Granges and install officers within the jurisdiction of such Division, and shall exercise a general supervision over the Granges composing such Division.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

THEIR DUTIES, POWERS AND PRIVILEGES.

Section 1.—The Officers of Division Granges shall consist of and rank as follows, viz: Master, Vice-master, Secretary, Treasurer, Lecturer, Chap-

lain, Steward, Assistant Steward, Gate Keeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora and Lady Assistant Steward; an Executive Committee of not less than three members, including the Master and Secretary, who shall be ex-officio, members thereof.

Section 2.—The officers shall be elected and installed at the first regular meeting in each year. All nominations and elections shall be by ballot.

Section 3.—The duties of all the officers, except the Secretary, shall be the same as prescribed in the Subordinate Grange—Art. III, Secs. 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, Constitution of Subordinate Grange.

Section 4.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep an accurate record of all meetings of the Grange; to prepare and forward the quarterly returns to the Secretary of the next superior Grange, and pay to the said Secretary the sum of 25 cents for each regular male member, and 12½ cents for each regular female member, retaining initiation fees received for male and female junior members, so reported to him as admitted during the quarter, together with a capitation tax of 4 cents per head for each regular member within the jurisdiction of the Division; to keep the accounts of the Subordinate with the Division Grange, and pay over quarterly to the Treasurer all monies coming into his hands, and to take a receipt for the same; to keep a complete register of the number and name of all Subordinate Granges in his Division, with the name and address of the Master, Secretary and Delegates from each, and also the

name and address of the Deputies and Delegates to Provincial or Dominion Grange, as the case may be; to give at least ten days' notice, by letter, card or circular, of all meetings of his Division to the officers and delegates to the same. Also to keep the minutes of the meetings, and all books and accounts of the Executive Committee, and deliver the same to his successor when installed, or to whomsoever the Grange may direct.

Section 5.—The duties of the lady officers shall be such as are prescribed by the ritual.

Section 6.—It will be the duty of the Executive Committee to exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Order during recess between meetings; to instruct the Secretary in regard to his duties; to decide all questions and appeals referred to them by officers and members of Subordinate Granges, so far as they have authority, and lay before the Grange at each session, a report of all such questions with their decisions thereon, having authority to act on all matters of interest, when the Grange is not in session, not otherwise provided for. It may appoint business agents, prescribe their duties, and fix the remuneration of all officials not otherwise provided for, and shall render a full account of all its transactions at each meeting of the Division, together with any recommendation it may deem expedient in the interest of the order.

Section 7.—It shall be the duty of the Grange Agent to receive, collect and forward, all orders for goods under the seal of the Division Agency,

and upon their arrival to see that the same are properly distributed to the parties ordering. He shall levy such per cent. upon goods purchased and upon products sold through his agency as the Executive Committee of the Grange shall direct, and each quarter, report the total cash value of such purchases and sales to the Grange. He shall keep a correct cash account of all money received and paid out by him as Grange Agent, and keep his books open to inspection at all times by the Executive Committee, and under their direction make arrangements with the retail dealers and business houses of his district, for supplying goods to members of the Order. He shall open a stock record, keep prices current from different localities that are deemed of importance, attend to the business correspondence of the Grange, and perform such other duties as the Grange or Executive Committee may from time to time direct, and receive such compensation for his services as the Executive Committee may designate, subject to the approval of the Grange.

Section 8.—Every Division Grange shall appoint two Auditors, whose duty it shall be to audit all books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and report the same at the first regular meeting in each year, previous to the election of officers, or oftener if they deem it necessary, having authority to inspect said books and accounts at any time, and shall report any irregularities in the same to the Executive Committee.

Section 9.—The Secretary and Treasurer shall give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties, to the satisfaction of the Grange.

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CONSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATE GRANGES.

ARTICLE I.

ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

First Degree—Laborer (man), Maid (woman).

Second Degree—Cultivator (man), Shepherdess (woman).

Third Degree—Harvester (man), Gleaner (woman).

Fourth Degree—Husbandman (man), Matron (woman).

Section 1.—Subordinate Granges shall be composed of such persons as are directly interested in agricultural pursuits, having no conflicting in-

terest—being not less than nine males and four females who shall apply for, and be regularly organized under a Charter granted by Dominion Grange.

Section 2.—The membership shall consist of such persons as have been initiated in, or affiliated therewith, and who have not withdrawn or been excluded therefrom.

Section 3.—Every application for membership must be in the prescribed form accompanied by the regular fee, and shall be announced in the Grange and referred to a Committee of three, two of whom shall be appointed by the Master and one by the Overseer, which committee shall be appointed at the time the application is received. Said committee shall consider the application and report to the Grange. If the committee report favorably, the Grange shall proceed to ballot for the candidate, but if adversely, and the report be adopted by the Grange, the candidate shall be considered rejected without any further action. A candidate may be balloted for and initiated at the same meeting. When a committee reports unfavorably and the report is not adopted by the Grange, a ballot must be held.

Section 4.—It is not allowable for the Grange to discuss the merits or demerits of a candidate.

Section 5.—In balloting for candidates the ballot is secret and no member can be required to tell how he voted.

Section 6.—A ballot cannot be taken for more than one member at a time, each must be balloted for separately. A candidate is only balloted for once and that is before receiving the first degree.

Section 7.—After an applicant has been rejected, if a member voluntarily declares that he cast a black ball by mistake, the Master may immediately order another ballot.

Section 8.—A member must not disclose outside the Grange the result of an unfavorable ballot. The application of a candidate may be withdrawn at any time before a ballot is ordered thereon, but when a ballot is taken and the candidate elected, the application cannot be withdrawn nor the fee refunded.

Section 9.—No application shall be received from males under the age of 16 years or females under the age of 14 years.

Section 10.—A rejected applicant cannot be admitted until the expiration of three months after such rejection.

Section 11.—It shall require three negative ballots to reject an applicant. A vote or ballot rejecting an applicant may be re-considered by the Grange at the same meeting, but the ballot resulting in favor of an applicant shall not be re-considered. The fee must be refunded to a rejected applicant.

Section 12.—No member shall be admitted to membership who has not a direct interest in the cultivation of the soil, and if having more occupations than one, the chief interest must be in agriculture.

Section 13.—When a person who is ineligible on account of occupation has been admitted, he is a member until expelled. A person who has lawfully become a member does not forfeit his membership by changing his occupation, unless such occupation conflicts with our interests, if his conduct continues to be such as becomes a good Patriot, and is not hostile to the interests and objects of the Order.

Section 14.—After a candidate has been legally elected he is entitled to initiation and the degree must be conferred unless objection is made, the nature of the objection stated, and the objection sustained by a majority of the Grange.

Section 15.—After a member has received one or more degrees he is entitled to advancement, unless charges are preferred against him and he is expelled from the Order.

Section 16.—If, after being elected, a candidate fails to present himself for initiation, the Grange is under no obligation to return the fee.

Section 17.—A member who knowingly signs the application of a person under the required age, or otherwise disqualified for membership, thereby violates his obligation and invites the penalty.

Section 18.—When a candidate is being balloted for, and exactly three black balls appear, the Master may allow the ballot to be retaken, and if three black balls again appear, the candidate is rejected and the ballot cannot be repeated.

Section 19.—A member advancing the initiation fee for an applicant must consider it a loan to such applicant to whom he must look for repayment, and not to the Grange. But such applicant neglecting or refusing to repay the same, when in his power to do so, renders himself liable to expulsion.

Section 20.—If an applicant is balloted for whose fee does not accompany the petition, and is elected, the election is illegal, and the degrees should not be conferred; if rejected, the rejection is illegal, and the applicant may apply again at any time.

Section 21.—Membership commences when the applicant takes the first degree, upon which he becomes entitled to all the pecuniary and other benefits to be derived from a connection with the Order, and is subject to the same fees and dues as though he were in possession of all the degrees.

Section 22.—No one can be held to be ineligible to membership on account of religious belief or political opinions.

Section 23.—A person whose name was enrolled and fee paid at the time of organization, though not then present, may be obligated afterwards in

the same manner as other charter members—but after the charter has been issued, another name cannot be substituted for the name of any charter member.

Section 24.—Junior members shall be entered upon a separate finance book, and all their accounts kept separate from the regular paying members, and reported in a separate column in the quarterly reports.

Section 25.—When junior members cease living under the parental roof, and drawing their supplies from the same family purse, or when there shall have ceased to be two regular paying members in the family, they shall be entered as regular paying members.

Section 26.—Junior members shall be received only through the same channel as regular paying members, viz: by application, ballot and initiation, and shall be subject to the same laws as regular paying members, except as herein before provided.

Section 27.—No junior member shall be allowed to vote upon any question affecting the finances of the Grange, nor be eligible for election to the offices of Master, Executive Committee, or Delegate to superior Granges.

ARTICLE II.**MEETINGS;**

Section 1.—Subordinate Granges shall meet at least once each month, and may have special meetings when considered necessary. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except in Granges where the quorum has been increased by by-law.

Section 2.—A record of all meetings, both regular and special, should be fully kept by the Secretary.

Section 3.—Special meetings may be called by the Secretary upon order of the Master, written or verbal notice to be given to each member of the time and place, stating the object of such meeting, at which no other business can be legally transacted, except notice is given at a previous meeting.

Section 4.—The Master may, for good cause, change the time for holding a special meeting appointed either by himself or the Grange, upon the concurrence of three members of the Grange, upon giving notice to the members.

Section 5.—Divulging the proceedings of any meeting to those not members in good standing, shall be deemed a misdemeanor.

ARTICLE III,

FEEES AND DUES.

Section 1.—The initiation fees in all Subordinate Granges shall be, for males \$1.00, and for females 50 cents, unless reduced by law of the Division or Subordinate Granges as provided in sub-section to this section. Subordinate Granges may, by by-law, admit young men residing with their parents, the father being a member, at a reduced initiation fee of not less than \$1.00. Also may admit junior members as follows:—When one male and one female, or two males (but not two females) are full paying members, the remainder of the family, if otherwise eligible, may be admitted at not less than 25 cents each. No person shall be admitted to membership free, or at less than the above rates.

Sub-Section 1,—But Division and Subordinate Granges not connected with a Division or Provincial Grange shall have power to pass by-laws reducing the initiation fee to male persons in their discretion, but in no case shall such fee be reduced below one dollar and such reduction shall effect all existing Granges within the Division.

NOTE.—The full charter fee will required to be paid in every instance, whether the above by-law is brought into operation in the case of Granges newly organizing or not.

Section 2.—The regular dues shall not be less than ten cents per month for regular male mem-

bers, five cents per month for regular female members, and two cents per month for junior members; to be paid quarterly, and no member shall be entitled to vote, or receive the password, who is in arrears for dues.

Section 3.—The entire initiation fee must accompany the petition and not be divided among the several degrees.

Section 4.—A Grange cannot vote back to a member any portion of the initiation fee.

Section 5.—Members do not pay monthly dues for the fractional part of the month in which they are initiated, but from the first of the next month.

Section 6.—A Grange may suspend members for non-payment of dues.

Section 7.—Suspension from membership does not excuse a suspended member from payment of dues during the time of suspension.

Section 8.—Members suspended for non-payment of dues become reinstated upon payment of all dues up to date of reinstatement. This rule does not prevent Granges adopting by-laws terminating membership or prescribing other conditions of re-instatement, after the member has become delinquent a specified time.

Section 9.—Subordinate Granges are exempt from the payment of initiation dues for Charter

members. Capitation tax must be paid for all who have been members one full quarter when report is made.

Section 10.—Whenever a Subordinate Grange is reduced below seven members its Charter and Seal must be surrendered through the Secretary of the Provincial to the Dominion Grange, but no Charter can be surrendered so long as seven members in good standing are desirous of retaining it.

Section 11.—Two or more Subordinate Granges may be consolidated in the manner following: Application for permission to consolidate shall be made to the Master of Division Grange, if in the jurisdiction of Division Grange, and his consent obtained; one of the Granges wishing to consolidate shall then vote to surrender its Charter and consolidate with the other, and the other must vote to receive all members of the surrendering Grange. A copy of each vote, duly authenticated, must be transmitted to the Secretary of the Provincial Grange, or Dominion Grange, as the case may be, and the surrendered charter must be returned to the Dominion Grange through the office of the Secretary of the Provincial or Division Grange, with the fact and date of its surrender and consolidation endorsed thereon, authenticated by the Seal and Signature of the Secretary of Division or Provincial Grange. Provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the surrender of the Charter of a Grange in which seven members in good standing shall desire to continue the organization thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

THEIR DUTIES, POWERS AND PRIVILEGES.

Section 1.—The officers shall consist of a Master, Overseer, Secretary, Treasurer, Lecturer, Chaplain, Steward, Assistant Steward, Gate-keeper, Certes, Pomona, Flora, and Lady Assistant Steward. Also two Auditors, and an Executive Committee of three members.

Section 2.—The officers shall be both nominated and elected by ballot, at the first regular meeting in December in each year, and should be installed during the same month. All officers shall continue to hold office until their successors are installed.

Section 3.—It shall be the duty of the Master to preside at all meetings; to see that officers and committees perform their respective duties; to announce the results of all ballots and other votes of the Grange; to see that the laws and rules of the Order are obeyed; to sign all orders drawn on the Treasury by order of the Grange, and to perform all other duties that may be required of him, pertaining to such office, in accordance with the constitution, by-laws and rules of the order.

Section 4.—It shall be the duty of the Overseer to assist in preserving order in the Grange; to preside in the absence of the Master, and to per-

form all other duties devolving upon such office. In the absence of both Master and Overseer, the Grange shall elect a Master *pro tem*.

Section 5.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to record accurately the proceedings of the meetings; to report quarterly to the Secretary of the Division Grange, and if no Division, then to the next superior Grange the names of all persons initiated, reinstated, suspended, expelled or deceased, since the last report, and pay to said Secretary the sum of fifty cents for every regular male member, twenty-five cents for every regular female member and twelve cents for every junior member initiated during the quarter; together with a capitation tax of 8 cents for each regular member, and three cents for each junior member in good standing at the close of the quarter, except those initiated during the quarter. Reports to be forwarded not later than the first days of January, April, July and October, in each year. In the case of Subordinate Granges not connected with any Provincial Grange, such report shall be sent direct to the Secretary Dominion Grange, together with the same initiation dues and capitation tax, payable to Division Granges. Also keep the financial account between the Grange and its members. To receive and pay to the Treasurer all monies, taking his receipt therefor. To draw and countersign all orders voted by the Grange and perform all other duties pertaining to the office.

Section 6.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies, giving his receipt for the same; to keep an accurate account thereof, and

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Section 7.—It shall be the duty of the Lecturer
to be always prepared with some useful informa-
tion for the good of the Order, and to impart the
same to the Grange by means of lectures, readings,
essays, &c., when called upon by the Master.

Section 8.—It shall be the duty of the Chaplain
to conduct the devotional exercises of the Grange.

Section 9.—It shall be the duty of the Steward
to have charge of the Inner Gate, to conduct the
ballot, to see that the implements are kept in order,
and the place of meeting made suitable for the
members.

Section 10.—It shall be the duty of the Assis-
tant Steward to see that the regalias, &c., are in
their proper places, to conduct the candidates at
initiation and to assist the Steward in the per-
formance of his duties.

Section 11.—It shall be the duty of the Gate-
Keeper to see that the gates are properly guarded,
and perform such other duties as may be required
of him by the Grange.

Section 12.—The duties of the Lady Officers
shall be such as are prescribed by the Ritual.

Section 13.—It shall be the duty of the Auditors to audit all bills and accounts previous to their being passed by the Grange; to examine the books of the Secretary and Treasurer at any time they may think expedient, and report at the regular meeting in December in each year, the year's transactions, the state of the finances, and the condition of the books.

Section 14.—The Secretary and Treasurer shall give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee or the Grange.

Section 15.—The duties and powers of the Executive Committee in Subordinate Granges shall be the same in respect to such Grange as the Executive Committee of Division Granges exercise in their respective Granges.

Section 16.—Where Division Granges exist, each Subordinate Grange shall, at the time of electing its officers, elect such number of delegates to the Division Grange as the Division may decide, in addition to the Master, who is a delegate by virtue of his office.

ARTICLE V.

RITUAL AND DEGREES.

Section 1.—The Ritual adopted by the Dominion Grange shall be used in all Granges, but the ceremony may be abridged by unanimous consent

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Section 2.—Persons not members of the Order must not be permitted to obtain or read the Ritual.

Section 3.—Degrees may be conferred at either regular or special meetings. At special meetings called for the purpose of conferring degrees, it is not necessary to open in any degree but the one to be conferred, but members may sit in different degrees at the same meeting, and close from any degree.

Section 4.—A member cannot remain in the Grange when it is open in a higher degree than such member has taken.

Section 5.—A member who has received one degree and refuses to take more must be retained on the roll until suspended or expelled therefrom by action of the Grange.

Section 6.—The existence of a Grange commences at the date of Charter, but until the Charter is received, no business can be legally transacted other than the election of officers or appointment of committees.



ARTICLE VI.**DEMITTS, WITHDRAWALS, &c.**

Section 1.—Any member in good standing, who is clear on the books, is entitled to a demit or withdrawal card upon application therefor. A member not in good standing cannot be demitted.

Section 2.—No Grange can refuse a demit or withdrawal.

Section 3.—A demit can be applied for and granted at any regular meeting; the application need not necessarily lie over.

Section 4.—Demitted members wishing to join another or the same Grange must deposit their demits with application, which must be referred to a committee and ballotted for, the same as a new applicant. No fee is required other than the monthly dues from the close of the quarter in which the demit was granted.

Section 5.—In the case of demitted members becoming charter members of a new Grange, though not liable to pay initiation fees, they do not thereby lessen the charter fee of such Grange.

Section 6.—Members receiving a demit have no claim upon the Grange, or share in the property or funds.

Section 7.—No member can belong to more

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TRIALS, PENALTIES AND APPEALS.

Section 1.—If a member commits an offence against the Order or any member thereof, in violation of the Constitution, Laws, Rules, Usages or Principles of the Order, charges may be preferred against him by any member of his Grange at a regular or special meeting, upon which a committee shall be appointed who shall investigate the charge and report at the next meeting, and after a fair trial, if such member be found guilty he may be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled by a two-third vote, should the interest of the Order demand it. Any member found guilty of wanton cruelty to animals, excessive use of intoxicating liquors, or whose interests are inimical to the best interests of the Order, or who shall divulge any part of the secret work of the Order, may, after a fair trial, be expelled by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting. (Vote to be taken by ballot.)

tion 2.—Any member who has been tried by Grange has the right of appeal to the next Superior Grange.

tion 3.—In all trials the accused has the right to be confronted with and cross-examine all witnesses against him. The testimony of those witnesses is admissible at the discretion of the Jury and the Grange.

tion 4.—Every member against whom a trial is preferred has a right to a trial by his peers, that is, a member of a Subordinate Grange. If he is tried by the Subordinate Grange, a member of the Division Grange by the Division Grange,

tion 5.—A member cannot be tried for acts committed before he became a member—his election to membership pronounces upon all previous acts, and suspended and demitted members are subject to trial before the Grange in whose jurisdiction they reside. An applicant for membership who has not been duly elected is also subject to trial, and may be rejected for unworthy conduct before election.

tion 6.—Masters of Subordinate Granges and their wives, if matrons, must be tried by the Division Grange, and may be charged by any member in good standing, for any violation of the Constitution, laws, rules, usages or principles of the Order, or for any conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Order.

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Section 7.—All officers except Masters, amenable to their own Grange for violation of the laws, and misconduct, and must be tried by their peers in such Grange.

Section 8.—Charges against Masters of a subordinate Grange or any member of a Division Grange may be referred to the Master of the Division, who after a full investigation may suspend the offender till the meeting of the Division, may summon the Executive Committee of the Division, and try the case and report to the next meeting of the Division, or may proceed to expel the offender, should the urgency of the case demand it.

Section 9.—When any officer (except the Master) fails or refuses to properly perform the duties of his office he may be suspended or removed from office after a fair trial by vote of the Grange. Vote to be taken by ballot. In case of the suspension of a Master, the Overseer becomes acting Master until the final action of the Grange, when if the Master is removed or expelled, the vacancy is filled by election.

Section 10.—The Executive Committee of a Division, Provincial or Dominion Grange may hear charges against the members of such Grange during the interval between the meetings, and the decision is binding until reversed by the Grange subject to appeal by the accused.

Section 11.—Suspended members or members under trial cannot be admitted to the meetings of the Grange.

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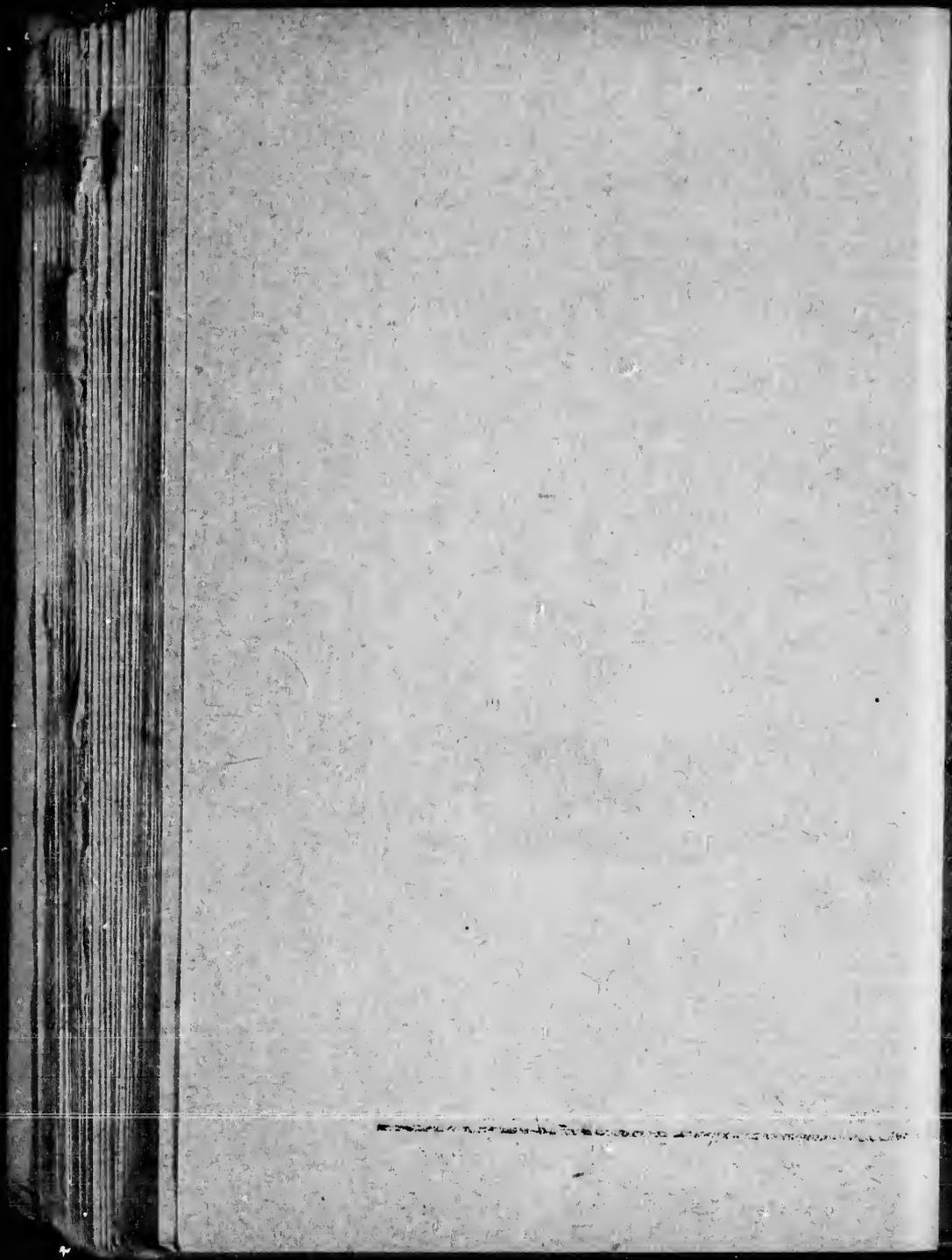
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MASTERS RULINGS,

The rulings of the Master of any Grange, Do-
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laws, and his decisions must be respected and obeyed
until reversed by the action of his or a superior
Grange, or by the decision of the Master of a
superior Grange.

CANNOT SUSPEND CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS,

The Master of any Grange, Dominion, Provincial, Division, or Subordinate, cannot by dispensation or otherwise, supersede or suspend a constitutional provision or article in the by laws. Neither can the Grange itself by vote. But the rules of order may be suspended by unanimous consent, or in such manner as is within themselves provided.

MASTER SHOULD DECIDE,

The Master should decide all questions of law and usage in his Grange, subject to an appeal to the Grange, the next superior Grange, or the Master thereof.

MASTER SHOULD RULE OUT UNCONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.

The Master of any Grange should decide a motion out of order when it is plainly in violation of the Constitution, By-laws or Principles of the Order, and should the Grange overrule his decision he shall appeal to the Master of the next superior Grange, and if necessary carry his appeal to the Master and Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange. When an appeal is made no action should be allowed by the Grange in the premises until the question of the appeal is finally settled.

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to the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

MASTER MUST APPROVE BILLS BEFORE PAYMENT.

The Master of a Grange should not sign an order
in the Treasurer of his Grange unless he approves
the same, without which approval no bills should
be paid by the Treasurer.

VACANCIES—HOW FILLED.

In case of a vacancy in the office of Master or
any other officer of a Grange, it may be filled by
an election for the unexpired term at the next
regular meeting. The Overseer acts as Master
until the vacancy in that office is filled; and the
acting Master in any case is invested, for the time
being, with all the powers of the Master.

MASTER MUST NOT INITIATE INELIGIBLE PERSONS.

The Master should not allow a ballot to be tak-
en on the application of a person who, from any
cause, is clearly ineligible to membership. If such a
person has been balloted for and elected, the
Master should not initiate him, and would, by so
doing, render himself liable to expulsion for vio-
lating the laws he was obligated to enforce and
obey.

MAY EMPLOY NON-MEMBERS AS AGENTS.

Persons not members of the Order, may be employed as business agents.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS—HOW CONDUCTED.

The election of officers should be by written ballots and not by balls. An election by ballot, when properly conducted, is final and cannot be reconsidered or set aside. Officers duly elected have a right to be installed if they so desire. The installing officer's question: "Is it your wish that Bro. _____ be installed, as _____ &c.," practically means, was he duly elected.

OFFICERS MUST BE INSTALLED.

All officers of a Grange, for which there is an installation ceremony, must be installed before assuming the position and duties of the office to which they have been elected, but it shall not be necessary to re-install officers re-elected to the same office held by him the previous year.

ALL ELECTIONS MUST BE BY BALLOT.

Persons elected to membership or office, other than by ballot, are not legally elected.

WHO CAN INSTALL OFFICERS.

Deputy Masters and Past Masters of any Grange, or any member of a Provincial or of the Dominion Grange, can install officers in any Grange not superior to their own.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTIES.

Deputies shall be appointed by the Master of the Dominion or Provincial Grange, upon recommendation of Division Granges, and who shall organize new Granges, install officers of the same, or any other Grange when required.

POWERS OF DEPUTIES.

Deputies have no right to give the annual word to any one but Masters of new Granges organized by them, unless authorized specially by the Master of a Grange whose duty it is to impart the word in that particular case. Deputies cannot try cases of impeachment unless authorized by the Executive Committee of the Provincial or Dominion Grange.

CUSTODY OF THE SEAL.

The Secretary is the custodian of the seal of a Grange, which is only to be used to authenticate the action of the Grange or its executive officers, and shall never be used unless accompanied by the signature of the Secretary, who shall be governed in its use by the Grange.

STEWARDS BEAR THEIR EMBLEMS.

The Steward, Assistant and Lady Assistant, should always bear with them the emblems of their office when on official duty.

CUSTODY OF JEWELS, ETC.

The Gatekeeper is the proper custodian of the regalia, jewels, and the properties of the Grange, subject to the order of the Grange.

OFFICERS SHOULD STAND WHEN INSTRUCTING.

Officers in the Grange should stand when delivering lectures or instructions to candidates. The signs of the degrees are never to be given except in the Grange.

CAN REFUSE PERMISSION TO RETIRE.

The Overseer has right to refuse permission to retire from the Grange by refusing to return the salutation, should he consider it advisable.

CHARTER, SEAL, BOOKS, ETC., TO BE RETURNED TO RECONSTITUTED GRANGE.

Whenever seven members who formerly belonged to an extinct Grange make application to the Secretary of their Division Grange for reorganization, the Charter, Seal, Books, Jewels &c., that have been surrendered shall be returned them, and they shall pay a deputy the sum of two dollars for reorganization.

REGALIA.

Either the Badges or the Sash and Pouch may be properly worn by members of the order as regalia.

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RELATION OF SUBORDINATE GRANGES AND MEMBERS THEREOF TO SUPERIOR GRANGES.

CAPITATION TAX AND DUES WHEN PAID.

Subordinate Granges date their reports for capitation tax from the beginning of the first full quarter after organization, paying no tax for the fractional part of the quarter in which they were organized, but for initiation dues from the date of organization, paying dues on all except charter members.

WHEN SUBORDINATE GRANGES BEGIN TO REPORT TO NEW DIVISIONS.

When a Division Grange is organized during a quarter, all Subordinate Granges, within its jurisdiction, organized prior to the beginning of such

quarter, shall report and pay to the Division all capitation tax and initiation dues required.

A GRANGE CANNOT CHANGE ITS NAME.

A Grange cannot change its name or number, after its charter has been issued. When a charter is revoked or surrendered, all books, jewels, regalia and seal of the Grange reverts to the Dominion Grange, to be held in trust, and returned upon the restoration of the charter, for which restoration application must be made to the Dominion Secretary through the Secretary of the Division.

HOW MEMBERS OF EXTINGUISHED GRANGES CAN REGAIN MEMBERSHIP.

In case of the forfeiture or suspension of the charter of a Grange the members thereof become thereby unaffiliated, and can join any other Grange, (the same as though they had become unaffiliated by demit or voluntary withdrawal), in the following manner: The Grange being extinct, can of course issue no demit to its surviving members. The members will therefore, pay into the treasury of the Division Grange the amount due by each to the Subordinate Grange at the time of its suspension, if any. The Secretary of the Division Grange will then issue to each member a certificate of the fact that their Grange has ceased to exist, that the member was in good standing at the time of its suspension, and was either clear on the books or has since paid his arrearages to the Division Grange. This ticket should be deposited, with the application for affiliation in the place of

a demit, with the Grange which the holder desires to join, and acted upon the same as a demit.

DUTIES CONFLICTING WITH RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS.

A member cannot be required to do anything in conflict with his religious convictions. The exemptions in the obligation and ritual upon this point, only means that whenever a member approaches any duty properly required of him, and his religious convictions will not permit its performance, he can, by vote of the Grange, be excused; but so long as he holds a position in the Grange he must perform the duties thereof in accordance with the laws and usages of the Order, unless so excused.

RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL QUESTIONS NOT TO BE DISCUSSED.

Our Constitution prohibits the discussion of religious or political questions of a sectarian or party nature. It would be manifestly wrong to introduce and elaborate a subject of which our laws prohibit the discussions. Members of our Order have the same right to accept civil office as any other persons, but it is unlawful for Granges to take political action by making nominations or otherwise.

MEANING OF AGRICULTURAL PURSUITS.

"Interested in agricultural pursuits," and "engaged in agricultural pursuits," as used in the

Constitution and Resolutions of the Dominion Grange, mean that a person must be engaged in agriculture to a greater extent than in any other business, or in other words his leading business must be agriculture.

BLINDNESS DOES NOT DISQUALIFY.

Blindness does not render a person ineligible to membership.

MEMBERS REMOVING WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF ANOTHER GRANGE.

If a member who has received one or more degrees in a Grange, removes within the jurisdiction of another Grange, he may, if he desires, take a demit from his Grange and join one nearest him, taking the same position as in his old Grange, and is entitled to advancement.

USING THE GRANGE FOR PRIVATE SPECULATION.

To buy through the Grange and sell to outsiders at a profit, is using the Order in a speculative way wholly unwarranted.

FEE ADVANCED BY A MEMBER.

When an application for membership is duly made in a Subordinate Grange, and the money to pay the membership fee is advanced by a member of the Grange, and the applicant is declared duly elected, but is not initiated, and afterwards

makes written application to the Grange to withdraw his application for membership, and to have his membership fee refunded, the Grange cannot, by vote, constitutionally permit the application to be withdrawn and order the fee to be refunded to the member who advanced the same.

CHILDREN, WHEN TO BE ADMITTED TO THE GRANGE.

Children can be admitted to the Grange with their parents only when so young as to be unable to understand what may be done or said. Upon this point the Master must be the judge.

CORRECTION OF MINUTES, HOW MADE.

When objection is made to the minutes or other proceedings of a Grange, it is necessary that a motion be made to approve or correct; which motion stands before the Grange like any other motion and is subject to amendment.

GRANGES CANNOT CHANGE THE RITUAL.

No Grange can change or suspend any part of the Ritual or Constitution unless constitutional provision is made therefor.

RULINGS TO BE REGARDED AS THE LAW IN PARLIAMENTARY MATTERS.

In all parliamentary matters rulings, as adopted by the Master and Executive Committee of Dominion Grange, shall be regarded as law; and all rulings of Masters of Provincial, Division and Subordinate Granges must conform thereto.

PARLIAMENTARY GUIDE.

MEETINGS.

1.—Every Subordinate Grange should have an appointed hour as well as place of meeting, and all patrons should be punctually prompt. At *regular* meetings, the entire order of business, as prescribed by the Manual, may be gone through with; but at *special* meetings no business will be in order but such as is mentioned in the call.

2.—*Regular* meetings must be held at least once a month, or oftener if prescribed by the by-laws of the Grange.

QUORUM.

1.—It requires seven members of the Grange to which they belong, to constitute a quorum; nor can a Grange be opened with a less number for initiation, resuscitation or otherwise.

2.—A quorum of a committee is a majority of all its members.

DUTIES OF MASTERS.

1.—Precisely at the hour appointed for meeting, the Master shall assume the chair and call the Grange to order. The officers and members shall take their respective stations, and at the sound of the gavel there shall be a general silence. If any officers are absent the Master shall fill their places from among the members present. If a quorum be present he shall proceed to open the Grange in due form. If a quorum be not present, he shall vacate the chair and await a special time for the assembling of the members. If a quorum fails to appear, he shall not open the Grange.

2.—The Master must at all times preserve proper decorum and quiet in the Grange, and never allow interruption of the proceedings by unnecessary private conversation, too much moving about, nor personalities or exhibitions of temper in debate, or undignified and peurile behaviour at any time by the members.

3.—He shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Grange.

4.—He may state a motion sitting, but must rise to put the question to the Grange.

5.—In the proceedings of the Grange he shall conform exactly to the "Order of Business," as published in the Manual.

PRESIDING OFFICERS.

1.—The courtesy of the chair may at any and

all times be extended to a Past Master or visiting Master.

COMMITTEES.

1.—Committees are of two kinds: special and standing. *Special* Committees are appointed for a particular purpose, and are considered discharged when that purpose is served. *Standing* Committees are appointed for the general good of the Order, and may continue in existence for one year.

2.—All committees shall consist of three members, and be appointed, two by the Master and one by the Overseer, unless otherwise ordered by the Grange. The member first named on the committee shall be considered its chairman (though each committee shall be privileged to elect its own chairman), who shall convene the committee and report the result of its deliberations. In his absence the next named member shall take his place and perform his duties.

THEIR REPORTS

1.—When a committee is called upon for its report, the chairman or some other selected member, shall rise in his place and read the report, and hand it to the Master, who will then submit it to the Grange.

2.—The report of any committee may be altered or amended, adopted or rejected, as determined by a majority of the Grange, but should never be discussed until read by the Secretary, or from the chair by the Master. If the report contains

simple statements of facts it may be considered as a whole. If it contains a preamble and resolutions, the resolutions may be considered *seriatim*, and the preamble voted upon subsequently.

VOTING.

1.—In all elections the voting must be done by ballot, and a majority will decide the election, except in the case of a candidate for membership, when three black balls or opposing votes will reject the applicant.

2.—All other voting, except when a division of the Grange is called for, shall be done by the voting sign of the Order. The question to be voted upon about being decided, the Master shall say: "All voting in the affirmative will manifest it by the voting sign of the Order." He will then count and note the number. He will then say: "All voting in the negative will manifest it by the voting sign of the Order," and count as before, and announce the result. Every member present may be required to vote.

3.—The voting sign is precise, and the Master shall always require it to be given accurately.

4.—When a vote is taken by ballot, or by call of yeas or nays, the Master may vote as other members. In all other cases he shall not vote, except where there is a tie, in which case, if he fails to vote, the question shall be decided lost.

RESPONSIBILITY OF DEPUTIES.

1.—Deputies neglecting to make immediate re-

turns of all applications and monies coming into their possession will have their commissions cancelled.

DELEGATE MAY SIT IN DIVISION WITHOUT THE ANNUAL WORD.

1.—A delegate can sit and take part in all the proceedings of the Division Grange without the annual "password," by presenting his credentials from his Subordinate Grange.

DELEGATE TO DIVISION MAY CARRY A. W. TO MASTER OF SUBORDINATE GRANGE.

The Master of a Subordinate Grange not being present at a meeting of the Division Grange, a delegate may receive the annual "password" in cypher in a sealed envelope, from the Master of the Division Grange, to be delivered by him to the Master of his Subordinate Grange.

MOTIONS.

1.—No motion can be made unless the mover rises and addresses the chair.

2.—All motions or resolutions, when demanded by two or more members, or by the Master, shall be reduced to writing. They must be read aloud by the mover and Secretary, seconded, and then repeated by the Master, before they can be debated; and when stated from the chair they are in possession of the Grange, and cannot be withdrawn except by the consent of a majority. When prop-

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3.—Any motion containing more than one subject may be divided when demanded by two members, and a vote taken on each subject.

4.—Whenever any business is presented to the Grange in a crude, unfinished shape, it may, by motion, be referred to a committee for maturing and perfecting. This is called a commitment.

5.—If a committee report and the subject-matter be so altered as to require further reflection by a motion, it may be recommitted to the same or another committee. This is called a recommitment.

TIME OF SPEAKING.

1.—No member shall be allowed to speak more than once upon the same question unless by consent of the Grange; but this shall not prevent his speaking every time the same subject is presented in the form of a different question.

2.—The length of time allowed each speaker shall be determined by the Grange.

3.—After the question is submitted in the affirmative, and before the negative vote is taken, any member may rise to speak and continue the discussion.

DEBATE.

1.—A member while speaking shall refer to the

person to whom he makes allusions, as "Brother" (or Sister A); the Brother (or Sister) on my right, or left; or the Brother (or Sister) from ———

2.—When two or more members arise at the same time, the Master shall allow the floor to the one farthest from the chair. Every member shall rise from his seat to speak, and shall address the Master on rising.

3.—All offensive language, personal allusions, or discourteous conduct must be scrupulously avoided, and any member using exceptional words in debate must be at once called to order, and not permitted to proceed without consent of the Grange.

PRIVILEGED QUESTIONS.

1.—While a subject is under consideration certain motions may be submitted and claim precedence for decision, though themselves not at all debatable. These are called privileged questions, and are as follows, having precedence in the order in which they are arranged, the first three of which shall be decided without debate:

- 1.—A motion to adjourn.
- 2.—A motion to lie on the table.
- 3.—A motion for the previous question.
- 4.—A motion to postpone to a day certain.
- 5.—A motion to commit.

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6.—A motion to amend.

7.—A motion to postpone indefinitely.

TO ADJOURN.

1.—A motion to adjourn is always in order in deliberative bodies, and is only superseded by a motion to fix the day to which the assembly shall adjourn.

2.—Granges may adjourn from day to day till the day of closing, except a Subordinate Grange, which cannot entertain a motion to adjourn, because the Master will proceed to "close" the Grange as soon as the "labors of the day are closed."

LIE ON THE TABLE.

1.—A motion to lie on the table may be made to effect two ends; first to temporarily postpone—that is, to lie on the table until some other question is disposed of, after which the subject may be taken again from the table; secondly, to lie on the table unconditionally, which, if carried in the affirmative, prevents a discussion of the question tabled during that session of the Grange, unless through a vote of re-consideration.

2.—If a motion to lie on the table is decided in the affirmative, the main question, with all the motions pertaining thereto, is removed from before the Grange. To lay an amendment on the table carries with it the question proposed to be amended.

THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

1.—A motion for the previous question shall be put as follows: The Master shall say, "Shall the main question be now put?" A majority shall decide, and if decided in the affirmative, the question shall first be taken upon the question under immediate discussion, and then on the main question. If decided in the negative, the main question and pending amendments remain for discussion and action.

2.—No debate shall ever be allowed upon the previous question after it is properly demanded.

POSTPONEMENT TO A DAY CERTAIN.

1.—When any subject is postponed to a day certain, it is called the order for that day. There may be two or more orders for the same day.

2.—If no hour is fixed, then subjects in the order named take precedence of all other business for every part of that day until disposed of. If an hour is fixed for each subject on the appointed day, each becomes a *special order* for its hour.

3.—When a special order is called for, the regular business is postponed until the special order is disposed off.

TO COMMIT.

1.—A motion to commit may be amended by substituting a new committee; by increasing or

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reducing the number of members of the committee; or it may be accompanied by instructions to the committee to introduce some particular amendment. If this latter motion be carried in the affirmative, the main question and everything pertaining thereto is placed in the hands of the committee, who will report according to the directions given. In all other cases the committee may make such report as it judges best.

AMENDMENTS.

1.—Amendments must be decided before the questions from which they arise, and may be proposed in three ways: 1st, by inserting or adding a word, phrase, sentence or section; 2nd, by striking out some particular word, phrase, sentence or section; and 3rd, by striking out some particular part and inserting in its stead some other word, phrase, sentence or section.

2.—An amendment once adopted cannot be further amended, except by reconsideration. But it is in order to propose an amendment to an amendment while the first amendment is under consideration. A motion to amend an amendment to an amendment is not in order.

3.—An amendment assumes the form of a substitute when it becomes a new proposition, though relating to the subject under consideration.

INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT.

1.—A motion to indefinitely postpone may be

amended by a motion to postpone to some day certain; but its passage with or without amendment suppresses a question without coming to a direct vote thereon in any way that cannot be renewed during the same session of the Grange without reconsideration.

DIVISION OF THE GRANGE.

1.—Whenever any member doubts the correctness of the decision of the Master upon any question, he may call for a division.

2.—The result of the vote in this case will be arrived at by those voting in the affirmative rising to their feet and standing until counted by the A. S. and L. A. S. as tellers, then resuming their seats, when those voting in the negative will rise to be counted. The tellers will report each count to the Master, who will announce the result.

THE QUESTION.

1.—Any subject submitted by any member for the consideration of the Grange, is called a motion or resolution, and when it is stated by the Master it is called the question.

2.—Whenever deliberation upon any question appears to be closed, the Master shall rise and say, "Is the Grange ready for the question?" Unless interrupted, he will then proceed to state the question and take the vote upon it.

3.—Whenever the Master can reasonably suppose there will be no objection to his decision, he

may economize time and dispatch business by dispensing with a formal vote, and saying, "If no objection be offered the report will be received," "the petition will be granted," "the Secretary will read the paper," "the member has leave to withdraw the motion," etc., etc.

DIVISIONS OF THE QUESTION.

1.—Any member may call for a division of the question when it contains two or more distinct points.

2.—The member calling for a division should state the form of division, and if seconded, the Grange may order a division; but it must be done by a vote, as the question of division assumes the nature of an amendment.

QUESTIONS OF ORDER.

1.—When a question of order arises it suspends the proceedings, and should be decided without debate, after which the proceedings are resumed at the point of suspension.

2.—Usually such questions are decided by the Master; if, however, his decision is not satisfactory, any member may object to it, and have the question decided by the Grange. This is called *appealing* from the decision of the chair, and is placed in the possession of the Grange by the following words from the Master: "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the decision of the Grange?"

This question is debateable, and may be participated in by the Master.

RECONSIDERATION.

1.—When any question has been decided, either affirmatively or negatively, it is competent for any member who voted with the majority to move a reconsideration at the same meeting. If, however, the subject upon which the vote was taken shall have been announced by authority and gone out of possession of the Grange a motion to reconsider shall not be in order.

YEAS AND NAYS.

1.—Should a member call for the "yeas and nays," the Master will say: "There is a call for the yeas and nays; those in favor of the call will rise." If 5 members present rise, he will say: "the yeas and nays are ordered." He will then state the question and say; "Those voting in the affirmative will say 'yea' when their names are called; and those of a contrary opinion 'nay' when their names are called; the Secretary will call the roll." The roll having been called the Secretary reads aloud the names of those voting in the affirmative, and then those voting in the negative, that correction may be made, then adds up the members on each side, and hands the result to the Master, who announces it to the Grange.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

1.—In deliberative assemblies matters of vital moment are usually referred to a committee of the whole house.

2.—Such a procedure is not applicable to a Grange, and must never be resorted to. No question can arise in a Grange that the Grange may not fully discuss in its organized capacity, and should the Master be required to vacate the chair, his successor is already appointed by the Ritual.

WHEN THE PARLIAMENTARY GUIDE SHALL BE CONSIDERED AUTHORITY.

The Parliamentary Guide shall be considered authority in all constitutional matters, wherever it does not conflict with the constitution.*



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