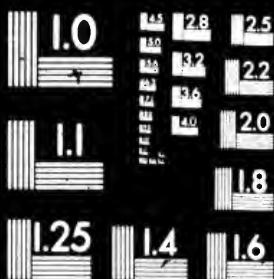


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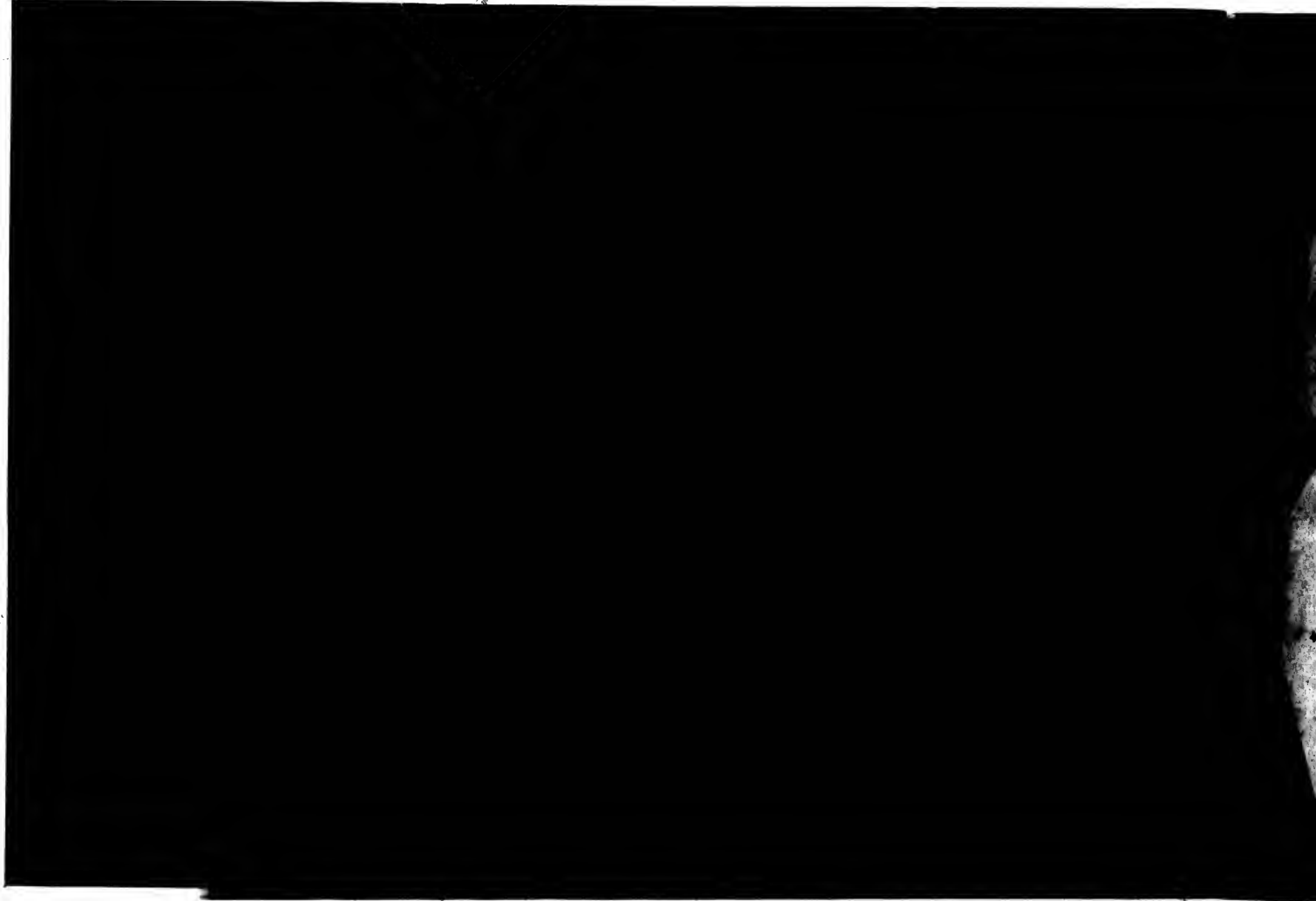
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BRITISH NORTH AMERICA:**

ADOPTED BY THE GRAND LODGE AT ITS FIRST MEETING,
HELD IN THE COURT HOUSE BROCKVILLE, UPPER CANADA,

Friday the 1st day of January, 1830, The Right Worshipful,
OGLE R. GOWAN, Esq. Deputy Grand Master,

IN THE CHARGE

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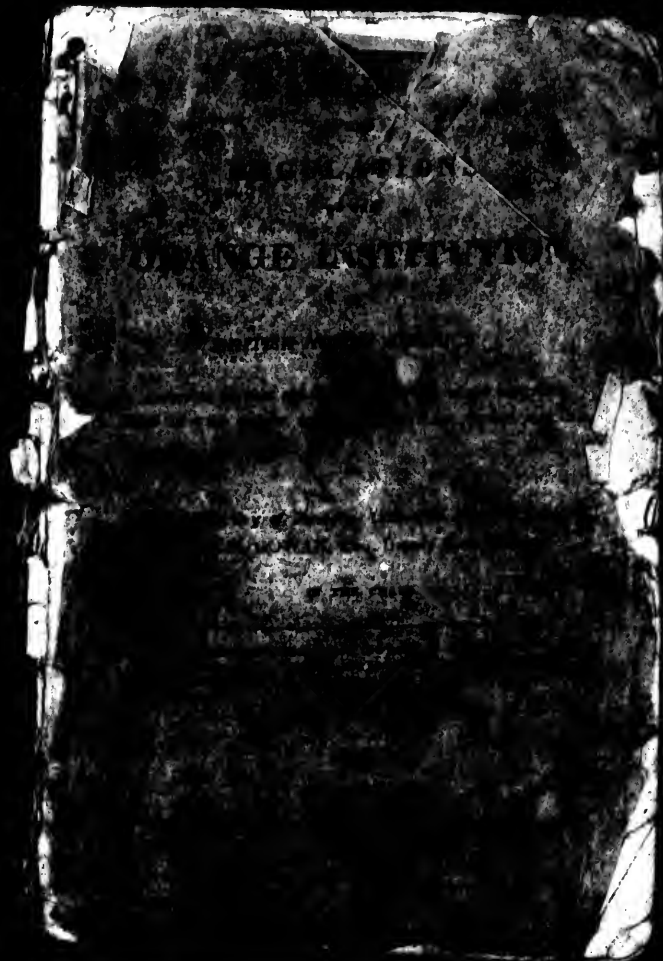
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OBJECTS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE SOCIETY.

This Association is formed by persons desirous of supporting, to the utmost of their power, the principles and practice of the Protestant Religion; to maintain the Laws and Constitution of the country; afford assistance to distressed members of the order, and otherwise promote such laudable and benevolent purposes, as may tend to the due ordering of Religion, or Christian charity.

We associate also in honor of King William the III. Prince of Orange, whose name we bear, and whose immortal Memory we hold in reverence, tending as he did, under Divine Providence, to the overthrow of the most oppressive bigotry, and the restoration of the pure form of Religion and Liberty, established in this country; we revere the memory of that immortal Prince, not only as a Patriot, a Constitutional Monarch, and a Hero, but as a true Christian; and hope in the adoption of his name, to emulate his virtues, by maintaining Religion without persecution or trenching upon the rights of any.

We are exclusively a Protestant Association, and holding in detestation every species of intolerance, we admit no man into our brotherhood, whom we do not believe to be incapable of embracing or persecuting any person on account of his Religion, and for whose moral rectitude we have not received the unanimous pledges.

Such only are the principles and the objects of our Association; with us the infidel, the traitor, and the rebel can have no fellowship; disaffection, immorality, or treason, can find no hiding-place beneath the wings of our association; our members are look round them, and view the brotherhood with honest pride; our principles are neither novel nor experimental; they are the good old principles of 1688; they are those which guided the immortal William to victory and to honor; they are those which raised Great Britain to the highest pinnacle of the most ancient kingdoms; they are those which have sustained all the great men of every age and in every nation; they are the principles inculcated by our Divine Redeemer; they are those which, when rightly understood and truly practiced, will teach "Ye Jews and Greeks;" and finally lead us to that heaven of eternal bliss, where "the wicked cease from troubling, and where the weary are at rest."

HONORARY MEMBERS,

Of the GRAND LODGE, appointed on 1st January 1850.

His Grace the Duke of Gordon,
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Right Hon. Earl of Aldborough,
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Qualifications essential for a Member of this Institution.

He should have a sincere love and veneration for his Almighty Maker, productive of those lively and happy fruits, righteousness and obedience to his commands; a firm and steadfast faith in the Saviour of the world, convinced that he is the only Mediator between a sinful creature, and an offended Creator, his Disposition should be humane and compassionate, and his behaviour kind and conciliatory; he should be an enemy to savage brutality and every species of unchristian conduct; a lover of rational and improving society, faithfully regarding the Protestant Religion and sincerely desirous to propagate its precepts, (i. e.) charity and good will to all men. Zealous in promoting the Honour, happiness, and prosperity of his King and country; heartily desirous of success in those pursuits, yet convinced that God alone can grant them; he should have an hatred of cursing and swearing, and of taking the name of God in vain; he should use all opportunities of discouraging them among his brethren, and show the society of all persons addicted to those shameful practices; prudence should guide all his actions: temperance, sobriety, and honesty direct his conduct; and the laudable objects of the Association be the motives of his endeavours.

OBLIGATION OF AN ORANGEMAN.

I, A. B. do solemnly and voluntarily swear, that I will, to the utmost of my power, support and defend his present Majesty, King George, and his lawful Heirs and successors, in the sovereignty of Great Britain, Ireland and the dominions thereunto belonging, so long as he, she, or they, shall support and maintain the Protestant Religion, and the Laws of this Country;—that I will, when lawfully called on, assist the Civil and Military powers in the just and lawful discharge of their official duties, in repelling and subduing every enemy, who may seek to disturb or injure the King, the Protestant Religion, or this Country in general; and that I will ever hold sacred the name of our glorious deliverer, King William the 3rd, Prince of Orange, in grateful re-

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membrance; of whom I solemnly promise (if in my power) to celebrate his victory over James, at the Boyne, in Ireland, on the first day of July, (O. S.) in every year, by assembling with my Brethren in their Lodge Room, or elsewhere, as may be determined on by a Majority of the Lodge to which I may belong.

I swear that I am not, was not, nor ever will be, a Roman Catholic or Papist; that I will abide by, and support the Regulations and Laws of the Institution, I swear that I have not, to my knowledge or belief been proposed, and rejected in, or expelled from any Orange Lodge, and lastly, I swear that I will always conceal, and never will reveal, in any way whatsoever, the signs, words and tokens, of mutual recognition, that are now about to be privately communicated to me, unless I shall be duly authorized so to do, by the proper Authorities of the Orange Institution, of which I am now about to become a Member.

OBLIGATION OF A FELLOW.

I, A. B. do voluntarily and sincerely swear, that I will not use the signs, words, and tokens, of a Purple Lodge, nor make use of any such signs, words, and tokens, as well as from all others, who are not Members of the Purple Order; unless I shall be duly authorized to communicate them, by the proper Authorities in the Purple Order of the Orange Institution.

OBLIGATION OF A PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.

I, A. B. swear, that I do not undertake the office of President, for any private or personal emolument or advantage; and I will use the Authority with which I am invested as President, to regulate the proper behaviour and sobriety in the Lodge, ever when I shall preside, and to ensure the observance of the Rules and Regulations of the Society, by all the Members of my Lodge; and I swear that I will not, either by any power or authority, divulge the proceedings and being detailed in my conduct, or any of it, in a manner of bad character.

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OBLIGATION OF A SECRETARY.

I, A. B, do swear, that I will faithfully preserve the papers, and all other documents of the Lodge, that may be committed to my charge; that I will not myself, sign or seal, or cause to be signed, or sealed, nor lend the Lodge seal, so that it may be affixed to any forged paper, or Irregular Orangeman's Certificate; and lastly, that I will deliver up all the property of the Lodge when requested by the Master and other Officers so to do.

OBLIGATION OF A TREASURER.

I, A. B, do swear, that I will faithfully preserve all monies or other property, that I may receive for the use of my Lodge, and that I will fairly account for the same, when requested so to do by the Master and the Officers of the Lodge.

OBLIGATION OF A COMMITTEEMAN.

I, A. B, do solemnly swear, that I will exercise the privileges, functions, and duties of a committee man, faithfully, conscientiously, and impartially; that I will use whatever influence I may possess, for the benefit of my Lodge particularly; and generally for the interest of the Order, to the best of my skill knowledge, and cunning.

General RULES for the GOVERNMENT of this Institution.

1st. This Society shall be called the Orange Institution of British North America; and the admission of its Members shall be regulated in strict accordance with the "Qualifications" herein before stated, the Society never to be connected with any object of a merely party or factious nature.

2d. All Candidates desirous of admission, shall be certified to be 18 years of age, and must be proposed by one, and seconded by another Member, at one meeting, and admitted or rejected at a subsequent one:—no election or admission to take place, unless one of his vouchers be present, and one negative to exclude, in which latter case, the cause of complaint to be submitted to the Committee of the Lodge.

3d. Any person wishing to become a Member, must be admitted into the Lodge nearest his place of abode, or have a recommendation from that Lodge, that he is a proper person, before he can be admitted into any other.

4th. Each Lodge shall have a Master and Deputy Master, a Secretary, Treasurer, and five Committeemen; the Master to be appointed by the lodge; The Deputy Master, Secretary, Treasurer and 1st Committeeman by the Master, with the approbation of the Lodge; the second Committeeman by the first, and so on till the number of five be completed. The appointment to all these offices, to take place at the first regular meeting in December, for one year, terminating the first day of January ensuing.

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5th. The names of persons rejected in, or expelled from any Lodge of this Society, shall be forthwith sent to the District Master, with the objections to such persons, in order that the District Master may communicate the same to the Grand Lodge; as those who are unfit for one Lodge, must be so for every other.

6th. All Lodges shall make returns to the District Master, of the numbers, names, and place of abode of their respective Members, every 12 Months.

7th. In order to establish a fund to defray the various and necessary expenses of the Grand Lodge, the sum of one pound shall be annually paid by each Lodge to the District Master to be by him transmitted to the Grand Lodge; and the sum of five shillings annually, from every Grand Officer and member of the Grand Committee, &c. which subscription must be paid on or before the 1st day of January, in every year.

8th. All persons to be subordinate to the Master, or person presiding for him, who shall have full power of fining all disorderly persons, to any amount not exceeding 3 shillings.

9th. Any dispute arising, not provided for by the rules is to be decided by the Officers of the Lodge, and the parties must abide by their decision on pain of expulsion, saving the right of appeal in the first instance to the District Master, secondly, to the County GrandMaster; and finally to the Grand Lodge, the decision of which must be conclusive in all cases.

10th. No business can be transacted except while the Lodge shall be regularly open, and dinner, supper, or drink, shall not be introduced during that period.

11th. As the laws of Religion and morality should be observed with peculiar attention by all Members of this society, it is forbidden, under pain of being fined, that any person shall, on any account, be guilty of profane swearing or cursing, or using indecorous or offensive language, or otherwise deporting himself contrary to the "Qualifications;" and should any member be guilty of an aggravated repetition after due caution, of the whole or any of these offences, the person so offending, shall be expelled or suspended, as a majority of the Lodge may think proper.

12th. A confidential Ticket shall attend each Lodge, during the periods it may be open.

13th. No Lodge can be held without a Warrant from the Grand Lodge, countersigned by the County Grand Master, and all applications for Warrants, must be made through the District Master, to the County Grand Master, transmitting therewith the sum of five pence.

14th. The Grand Lodge of British North America, shall be divided into Districts, by the County Grand Master, so as to suit the convenience of the Members, and facilitate the dispatch of public business.

15th. Each District shall have a District Master, to be appointed by the County Grand Master, for one year, commencing the 1st day of January, annually.

16th. During the absence, suspension or non-appointment of a District Master, the Senior Master shall act for the time.

17th. Each County shall have a Grand Master, to be chosen by the Grand Lodge, at its annual meeting.

18th. The Grand Lodge shall meet once in every year—viz. on the second Tuesday in June; and proceed to elect for the year, a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Deputy Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Deputy Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Deputy Grand Chaplain. Members of the Grand Committee, County Grand Masters, and Honorary members of the Grand Lodge; the persons entitled to sit and vote on these occasions, are, the Past Grand Officers, County Grand Masters, District Masters, Masters, and Past Masters of Lodges, and persons who for some signal services, may have been voted Honorary Members.

19th. The Grand Secretary, or his Deputy, shall at any time when required by the Deputy Grand Master, or by a requisition from 12 Members of the Grand Lodge, summon a meeting of emergency, 12 days notice being given.

20th. Any Member who shall subscribe five pounds at one time, shall be a member of the Grand Lodge for life; and any member who shall subscribe one pound per annum, shall also be a member of the Grand Lodge, during the years he shall so subscribe; such persons in every case, to be approved of by the Grand Officers.

21st. District Masters shall visit the several Lodges within their respective Districts, as often as convenient,—at least once in every year.

22d. No member to propose any person for admission, but such as an *competent acqui-tor*, he shall verily believe to be a moral, well conducted Christian, possessing a steadfast belief in the Holy Trinity, as held by the United Church of Great Britain and Ireland.

23d. All Grand Officers to be Members of every Lodge they may visit, and be entitled to sit and vote therein.

24th. There shall be two degrees in the Association—viz. the degrees of an Orangeman, and of a Purple Orangeman; the same to be communicated in each Lodge, by the proper Authority presiding, namely, the President, Vice President, or Senior Committeeman then present, but that no other person, save a Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge, shall be allowed to initiate an Orangeman.

25th. No warrant to be exchanged, bought, or sold, for any

reason, or under any pretence whatsoever; as all Warrants must be issued through the proper authorities, and by the Grand Lodge alone.

26th. As the honor and interests of the Order required, so all utmost regularity and organization should be observed, so all District Masters, and Presidents of Lodges, are referred for instruction and guidance to their respective County Grand Masters, who shall have the power of fining all disorderly persons, or suspending them (if thought expedient) till the next ensuing meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Form of Introduction of Members into the Orange Association.

The Candidate for admission shall be introduced between two brethren, one of whom must be his proposer or secondor, who shall carry in his hand the Holy Bible, with the Book of Regulations placed thereon, and on their coming to the foot of the Table opposite to the Master,—the Brethren all sitting (strictly silent) in their places,—the Master shall say—

MASTER—Brethren, whom do you introduce?

INTRODUCER—A B, a worthy friend.

MASTER—What do you carry in your hand?

INTRODUCER—The Word of God.

MASTER—Do you reverence that Word?

INTRODUCER—We do.

MASTER—What is that other Book?

INTRODUCER—The Book of Regulations of the Orange Association.

MASTER—Are you acquainted with the 22nd Rule?

INTRODUCER—We are.

MASTER—Do you now act in conformity to that Rule?

INTRODUCER—We do.

MASTER—[Addressing himself to the Candidate] Friend, what do you desire of this meeting?

CANDIDATE—Of my own free will I desire to be admitted into your Orange Association.

MASTER—Friend, kneel down.

The Candidate shall then kneel down at the Table, the Brethren standing; and the Chaplain or Brother appointed, shall read the following portions of Scripture—

"O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven, and shalt not thou over the blindness of the heathen, send in thy hand to them not power and might, so that none is able to stand before thee?" 2 Chron. 20th c. 5 v.—"Who is like thee, O Lord, among the Gods?" "Who is like thee, O Lord, who is so merciful in prayer, which considers: Thou hast loved with the people whom thou hast redeemed: thou hast caused them to fly strongly unto thy holy habitation." Psal. 135. 16 v.—"And this shall be for a token upon thee, that there shall be no trouble between mine eyes; for by strength of hand"

the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt; thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in this season, from year to year." Exod. 13. 10, 13 verses.

Here the Obligation shall be administered by the Master, after which the Chaplain or Brother appointed shall read the following portions of scripture.

"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God! therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him, purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness, is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother, abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whose hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him; how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another as he gave us commandment." First John, 3 chap. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 & 23rd verses.

Here the following prayer shall be read.—(The members standing, the Candidate kneeling.)

Almighty God, Judge of all men, to whom all hearts be open and from whom no secrets are hid, look down, we beseech thee, upon us who are now assembled beneath thy all-seeing eye; Thou hatest the deceitful heart; to thee, the false tongue is an abomination. Strengthen us, then, we implore thee, that

we may ever avoid falsehood, and cleave to that which is true: dispose us to brotherly love and Christian Charity, to be true and faithful to our Brethren in all just actions; and as we do now receive this dear friend into our benevolent and loyal association, may we be admitted into thy Heavenly Kingdom; in thy name, and looking to thy providence to direct us to what is right, we do now receive this thy servant to a membership in our society, trusting that thou wilt so guide and govern his heart and actions, that he may long continue an ornament to our association, and a firm and steadfast supporter of thy Church and People—AMEN.

The Candidate shall then rise, and the Master shall say—

Master.—We receive thee, dear Brother, into the Orange and Loyal Association of Orangemen, trusting that thou wilt abide a devoted servant of God, a true believer in his Son Jesus Christ, a faithful subject of our King, and supporter of our Government: keep thou firm in the Protestant Faith; make thee the friend of all pious and peaceable men, avoiding strife, seeking benevolence; slow to take offence, and offering none. In the name of the Brotherhood, I bid thee welcome, and pray that thou mayest long continue among them, a worthy Orangeman, fearing God and loving the Brotherhood, honouring the King and maintaining the Law.

The Signs and Pass-words of the Association shall then be communicated to the new Brother according to rule, after which the Chaplain or Brother appointed, shall say—“Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace, good will towards men.” St. Luke, 2 c. 14 v.

The Brother shall then make obeisance to the Master, and all present take their seats.

(Signed) by order of the Right Worshipful the
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
ALEX. MATHISON, Grand Secretary, B. N. A.

Ritual of the Introduction to the Purple Order.

When a brother is to be introduced, the Tyler shall first enter

the room, after him two Purplomen, then the two Sponsors of the Brother, each bearing a purple rod, decorated at its top with Orange ribbons; and between them the Brother himself, carrying in both hands the Bible, with the Book of the Orange Rules and Regulations placed thereon; on his entering the room a Chaplain, or in his absence, a Brother appointed by the Master, shall say—

"We have a strong city; salvation with God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusted in thee; Trust ye in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." Isa. 26 c. 1, 2, 3, 4, vs.—"The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth, for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid." Zeph. 3. c. 13 v.

(During the reading of these verses, the brother shall stand at the foot of the Table—the Brethren all standing and strictly silent.)

MASTER—Brethren, what do you desire?

ANSWER—Our desire and request is, that this worthy Brother may be advanced to the degree of a Purple Orangeman.

MASTER—Do you believe that he hath, since his admission into our Association, conducted himself, in all respects, as a true Brother Orangeman ought to do?

ANSWER—We do believe so.

MASTER—Brother, do you of your own free will desire to be admitted into the Order of Purple Orangemen?

ANSWER—I do, and respectfully request the same.

MASTER—Purple-men, bring to me our Brother.

(He shall then be brought by his two Sponsors, before the Master; the Tyler retiring to the door, and the two Brothers standing, one at each side, at the centre of the table.)

During this, the Chaplain or Brother appointed, shall say—

"In that day shall the Branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent for them that have escaped out of Israel. And the Lord will create upon every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flame of fire by night, for on all the glory there shall be a defence." Isa. 4 3-5.

[The Brother shall then kneel on his right knee, and the Master shall invest him with a purple sash, and such decorations as may be convenient.]

Then the Chaplain or Brother appointed, shall say—

"Behold, the stone which I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone, shall be seven eyes; behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, with the Law of Moses, and I will remove the

iniquity of that Land in one day." Zec. 3 c. 9 v.—"For they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hands of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord which run to and fro through the whole earth." Ib. 4 c. 10 v.

"In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses HOPE UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like bells before the Alter." Ib. 14 c. 20 v.—"These things, saith He that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand: who walketh in the midst of the seven golden Candlesticks." Revelation, 2 c. 1 v.

Submit yourselves in every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of those, as unto them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men; As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour our all men. Love the brother-hood. Fear God. Honour the king.—1st Epistle of PETER, 2d. ch. 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17 v.

[Then the Master shall administer the Purple Obligation, after which he shall say]—

"Brother, thou hast been weighed in the balance, and not found wanting; therefore it has been judged right, that thou shouldst be advanced into the Purple Order of our Institution, in which dignity, we trust that thy better means of serving our religious and loyal brotherhood, will be duly employed; and as thine opportunities will now be advanced with thy situation, so likewise would their neglect cause our more special injury; for this cause, Brother, increase in thy diligence; be instant in season and out of season, for the higher we stand, the more should we take heed lest we fall in the name of the Purple Brethren, I bid thee heartily welcome, nothing doubting, but that thou wilt continue with the greater earnestness to fear God, honour the King, and maintain the Law."

[Then the Master shall communicate, or cause to be communicated, unto the new Purple-man, the Signs and Pass-words of the Order.]

And the Chaplain or Brother appointed, shall say—"He that has an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches." Rev. 2 c. 9 v.

(After which, the Brethren shall make obeisance to the Master, and take their seats.)

(Signed) by order of the Right Worshipful the
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

ALEX. MATHEWS, Grand Secretary, B. N. S.

PRAYERS.

PRAYER AT COMMENCING.

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, who by thy gracious providence, and tender mercy towards us, dost wonderfully conduct thy servant King WILLIAM, and bring him safely through many difficulties, in preserve us, from the attempts of our enemies to bereave us of our religion and laws, we humbly praise and magnify thy most glorious name, for thy unspeakable goodness towards us, expressed in this act of thy mercy. Be thou still our mighty Protector, and scatter our enemies that delight in blood; Instruct and defeat their counsels, abate their pride, assuage their malice, and confound their devices; strengthen the hands of our Gracious Evereigh King CHARLES, and all that are put in authority under him, with judgment and justice, to cut off all such workers of iniquity as turn religion into rebellion, and faith into faction, that they may never prevail against us, or triumph in the ruin of thy church among us; but that our Gracious Sovereign and his realms, being preserved in thy true religion, and by thy merciful goodness protected in the same, we may all duly serve thee, and give thee thanks in thy holy congregation, through Jesus Christ our Lord—AMEN.

Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever—AMEN.

PRAYER AT CLOSING.

O God, whose name is excellent in all the earth, and thy glory above the heavens, who hast so often miraculously preserved our Church and State from the secret contrivance and open violence of Popish conspirators, we bless and adore thy Gracious Majesty, for thy marvellous loving kindness to our church and nation, in the preservation of our religion and liberties; and we humbly crave, that the devout sense of thy repeated mercies, may renew and increase in us, a spirit of love and thankfulness to thee, his only Author; a spirit of steady allegiance to our Gracious Sovereign Lord King GEORGE; and a spirit of fervent zeal for our true religion, which thou hast so wonderfully rescued and preserved us, and a blessing to us and to our posterity; all which we humbly pray for the sake of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all—AMEN.

