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AND ITS
BRANCHES

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INTRODUCTORY

DEARLY BELIEVED:

Our people have for some time felt the need of a Discipline, containing a plain, straight-forward statement of what we believe and hold to, doctrinally, and containing provisions for the governing of the work. The work of the Pentecostal Rescue Mission originally started in a small hall, and consequently felt no need of an extended treatise on these lines, but as the years have passed, the work has grown, under the hand of God, steadily and surely, until to-day, in addition to the home work, the Publishing department, the Camp Ground, a well equipped Orphan Home, and a Rescue Home for fallen and homeless girls, there are branches of the work north, east, south and west.

The work so constantly growing has pressed upon us the need of a Discipline, by which the different departments shall be uniformly governed, and a uniform ritual used. The yearly meeting of 1908 appointed the undersigned committee of three to revise the old inadequate discipline, and to make such changes and additions as seemed necessary, subject to the approval of the General Board. This little volume is the result of the labors of that committee. It has been compiled under some disadvantages, but always with constant prayer for God's direction and guidance, which we believe we have had. Believing it, therefore, to be in accordance with God's plan and Word we urge you to study and walk by its rule.

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III. THE ATONEMENT

§3. The atonement is that perfect propitiation and satisfaction that Jesus made for the sin of the world. Those who expect to win salvation by their own works, or suffering, or growth, or in an intermediate state after death, deny the atoning merits of the blood of Jesus. Rom. 3:25; 1 Jno. 2:2; 4:10; 1 Pet. 2:24; Rom. 4:25; Heb. 9:12; 1 Cor. 1:30.

IV. FUTURE REWARD AND PUNISHMENT

§4. God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness, (Acts 17:31). The righteous shall have in heaven “an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, that fadeth not away,” while the wicked shall go away into “everlasting punishment,” “where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.”

V. ORIGINAL OR “INBRED” SIN

§5. Original sin is the corruption of Adam’s nature through his fall. In Adam the whole race of mankind fell from original purity and righteousness. Inbred sin, or the carnal nature, or the “old man,” (synonymous terms) is the principle of evil, or propensity to sin, which has been transmitted from Adam to all His posterity. This body of sin, or carnal nature, is not removed from the heart by regeneration, but can only be removed by the incoming of the Holy Ghost, as a definite work, sub-
sequent to regeneration. By this baptism with the Holy Ghost, the carnal nature is slain and removed, and the person sanctified wholly. Gen. 2:17; 8:21; Ps. 51:5; Mark 7:21-23; Eph. 2:1-3.

VI. REGENERATION

Regeneration, or the new birth, is that work of God in the heart of the repentant sinner, which pardons and removes his actual committed sins, and by imputing to him the righteousness of Jesus Christ, places him in a justified relationship with God, and thereby makes him a son of the Father. Jno. 3:3-7; Rom. 5:1; Jno. 1:12-13; Titus 3:5; Jno. 3:1; 1 Pet. 1:3-5.

VII. SANCTIFICATION

The experience of Entire Sanctification, or “Perfect Love,” must be received in this life, and God holds His people accountable to go on into the experience of heart purity, by the removal of the carnal nature. This is an instantaneous work and is only for those who have been regenerated, and are living in a clear, justified state before God. When the justified soul makes a complete surrender to God on every line, the Holy Ghost will enter his being, and destroy that nature that “is enmity against God,” and “is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.” (Rom. 8:6, 7.) Thus, the sin nature, or tendency to sin, is de-
stroyed, and removed, and the soul sanctified wholly to God, the Spirit taking up His abode within the heart to keep clean that which He has purified.

We hold that no person is safe who refuses to walk in the light regarding sanctification, but that as a person receives light on this subject, he must press on into the experience of sanctification, or he will, by refusing to obey, lose his experience of justification. It is not for us to be, or not to be, sanctified, as our opinion may direct us, but it is for us to obey the direct will of God, and “THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD, EVEN YOUR SANCTIFICATION,” and “Without holiness, (sanctification) no man shall see the Lord.” I Thess. 4:3; Heb. 12:14, 1 Thess. 5:23; Eph. 5:17, 18.

VIII. SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

§9. We believe in the Personal, Pre-Millennial, second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ; the Rapture of the Church; the Great Tribulation, (or “time of Jacob’s trouble”) and the restoration of the Jews; and the thousand year reign of Christ upon the throne of David. Zech. 12:14; Matt. 24:29, 30, 37, 42; 25:31; Acts 1:11; I Thess. 4:16-18; Rev. 1:7.

IX. HEALING FOR THE SICK

§10. We, as a people, take a definite position regarding healing for the body, by the unchanging
power of God. While it is not essential to the salvation of the soul that we accept and practice the truth regarding Divine healing for the body—yet we do hold that according to the Word of God, healing for the body of every obedient child of God is provided for in the all-sufficient atonement made by our Lord Jesus, (Isaiah 53: 4, 5; Matt. 8:17; 1 Pet. 2: 24) and therefore, it being a privilege for God’s children, we cannot have complete faith and trust in Him without committing to Him the body as well as the soul. Jesus Christ, when present in the flesh, healed “all who were brought to Him.” He tells us that He is the “Lord who changeth not;” (Mal. 3: 6) who is “the same yesterday, today, and forever,” (Heb. 13: 8) in whom “is no variableness, neither shadow of turning,” (James 1: 17) and has promised to honor His Word “above all His Name.” This word that He has promised to honor, definitely promises that healing “shall follow them that believe,” (Mark 16:17, 18) and He has left for His believing saints one, and only one, prescription to follow when sick, and that one is found in James 5:14-16. You will notice that the command is to “call for the Elders.”

And we wish to emphasize that word, and discourage the too common practice of anybody and every body who believes in healing anointing the sick. Much reproach has been brought upon the blessed truth of healing by the ill-advised and indiscriminate anointing of people by inexperienced workers,
and we condemn the practice, and advise against it, where it is possible to call upon an elder. One of the reasons why many people fail to receive healing, is the failure to follow the portion of God's prescription conveyed in James 5:16: “Confess your faults one to another, that ye may be healed.” Every sickness has a reason, and the experienced man of God will not anoint until he has sought the reason. When it has been confessed—then, and only then, can the real prayer of faith be offered. Failure to walk in the light regarding healing, when it shines upon us, causes a weakening of faith, and a possibility of shipwreck of experience. By the “elders” here is held to mean the worker in charge—or some one delegated by him to anoint, where it is not possible for him to answer the call in person.
CHAPTER II

CONSTITUTION

§ II. Section I. The name of this organization is the Pentecostal Rescue Mission, having for its object the salvation of the lost, in all stations of life. It was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York as placed on file in Albany, July 20, 1903. Its headquarters is at 399 Chenango Street, Binghamton, N. Y.

Section II. This Mission is organized with a General Superintendent, whose term of office shall be continuous. In accordance with this provision, the Society has elected Rev. Preston Kennedy to the office of General Superintendent.

In the event of the voluntary retirement or death, of the General Superintendent, this body gives him the right, should he so desire, upon such retirement, or previous to his decease, of designating his successor to the office of General Superintendent, subject to ratification by the General Board.

Section III. The General Superintendent shall hold continuous office and can only be removed for cause. In case of vacancy in the office of General Superintendent, and his failure to appoint a successor, the District Superintendents shall jointly take charge of the office until the next annual society meeting. The delegates to the annual society meeting shall in such case have power to
elect a new General Superintendent. Voting shall be by ballot.

SECTION IV. There shall be one or more District Superintendents whose term of office shall be for two years. The election shall occur at an annual society meeting. The General Superintendent shall present the names of two candidates for each district, and the delegates at an annual society meeting shall vote by ballot for choice. In case of vacancy in the office of either of the District Superintendents, the General Superintendent may appoint a man to fill the unexpired term.

A District Superintendent must in every case be an ordained minister.

SECTION V. There shall be a board of General Managers, who shall have general oversight and management of the whole work, with its branches, and shall have the authority to decide upon the issuance of workers credentials, and as to who are to be ordained as ministers. Said board shall consist of five members. The General Superintendent and District Superintendents shall be members, and the balance of the Board shall be elected at the Yearly Meeting, from names presented by the General Superintendent, their term of office to be for one year.

SECTION VI. There shall be elected, at the annual society meeting, a General Secretary, whose term of office shall be for one year, and who shall also act as Secretary to the General Board.

SECTION VII. Each branch of the work shall be organized with a Superintendent and an Official Board composed of the Superintendent and not less than four, nor more than six members beside the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall act
as Chairman of the board, who shall elect from
their number a Secretary and Treasurer. The
Superintendent of each Branch Mission shall be
stationed annually, at the Yearly Meeting, by the
General Board, except where a vacancy occurs dur-
ing the year, when such vacancy may be filled by
appointment of the General Superintendent, until
the next Yearly Meeting.
Each branch shall send a report of the work on
their field to the Yearly Meeting, together with
their request as to their Superintendent for year
ensuing. This report together with name of de-
sired Superintendent, to be presented at the meet-
ing for lay delegates, and subsequently considered
by the General Board when making the appoint-
ments for the year.

SECTION VIII. The members of the Official
Board shall hold their respective places for the
term of one year. The election of officers shall
occur the second Monday in March in each suc-
cessive year, except as provided for in Section
IX.
Where deemed advisable by the General Super-
intendent, a Branch may be organized without an
Official Board. In such case a Secretary and
Treasurer shall be elected by the members of said
Branch, the said election to occur on the second
Monday in March, the term of office to be for
one year. Such Branches shall be under the super-
vision directly of the District Superintendent for
that District.

SECTION IX. Where a Superintendent on a
circuit has more than one appointment, or branch,
under his charge the meetings for the election of
officers, and delegates to the Yearly Meeting, may
be arranged by him on different nights so as to provide for his presence as chairman, provided that such meetings shall be held between the second Monday of March and the Monday immediately preceding the Yearly Meeting.

SECTION X. The Official Board shall meet once each month, or as often as becomes necessary, for the transaction of business, and shall have power to make contracts for, and on behalf of, their Branch, such as may be necessary for the carrying on of the work.

SECTION XI. The Official Board, in conjunction with the Superintendent, shall have the management of the public services of the Mission. The Superintendent shall have the power to call special meetings of the Board when necessary.

All money paid over to the Treasurer shall be paid out only by vote of the Official Board.

SECTION XII. a. The officers of the Mission shall be persons who are fully separated in Spirit from the world and its pleasures, and whose hearts are fully given up to the work of the Lord.

b. The Treasurer shall have charge of the monies belonging to the Mission, keeping a strict account of the same, and presenting a full report of all monies received and paid out by him at least once a year, and oftener if requested by the Superintendent, or Board.

c. The Secretary shall keep, in a book provided therefor, a record of the business meetings of the Mission, and the Official Board; attend to the correspondence of the Mission that may devolve upon him, and also keep the membership roll, as hereinafter provided for. He shall also draw orders upon
the Treasurer for monies as are ordered, by the Board, to be paid.

SECTION XIII. In each branch where class meetings are held, a Class Leader shall be appointed at the annual business meeting of the Branch, by the Superintendent of that Branch. The Class Leader shall have charge of the prayer meetings in the absence of the Superintendent.

SECTION XIV. When possible, a Sunday School shall be organized and maintained in connection with the Mission work. Its officers shall be a Superintendent, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, whose regular election shall occur at the time of electing the officers of the Mission. As far as possible the teachers should be members of the Mission, and the officers of the School must be members.

SECTION XV. All property owned by Pentecostal Mission shall be held by a board of three trustees elected, to have supervision of the same, the trustees shall be elected at the Annual Society meeting, one each year for a term of three years. Excepting the first board, who must be elected for one—two—and three years, respectively. The board of trustees shall elect their chairman.

SECTION XVI. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered once in three months. The sacraments of the Lord's Supper, and of baptism shall not be administered except by an ordained minister—and he must be a member of this body, unless in special cases, by appointment of the General Superintendent. This rule must be observed in all the branches.
CHAPTER III

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

§12. Where a worker is in charge of a branch, who is not an ordained minister, the receiving of new members into such branch shall be done by the District Superintendent for that District, or by the General Superintendent, or some one appointed by him.

Persons desiring to become members of this Society, who profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior, and give evidence of having been “born from above,” (John 3:5) may do so, upon taking the following:

Covenant

§13. Question I. You solemnly and severally avouch the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to be your God, the object of your supreme affections, and your portion forever. You cordially accept the Lord Jesus to be your Redeemer, and the Holy Ghost your Sanctifier, comforter and guide? Answer, “I do.”

Question II. You promise to cheerfully devote yourself to God and the Mission work, by consecrating all your powers and faculties to His service and glory, by giving diligent attention to His word and ordinances, and that you will seek the honor and advancement of His kingdom, and that
by denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts, you will live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world? Answer, "I do."

Question III. You do hereby promise to abstain from the use of tobacco in every form, and that you will not in any way engage in the planting, growth, cultivation, or sale of the same? Answer, "I do."

Scripture reference, II Cor. 7:1. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Question IV. You do hereby promise to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and that you will not in any way engage in the manufacture, sale, or distribution of the same? Answer, "I do."

Question V. You do solemnly promise to refrain from connection with all secret societies? Answer, "I do."

Scripture reference, James 5:12: But above all things my brethren, swear not, neither by Heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath; but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. (See also John 18:20, Matt. 24:26.)

Question VI. You do cordially join yourself to the Mission, and seek earnestly its peace, purity, and its edification and to walk in harmony and charity with its Superintendent and members? Answer, "I do."

Question VII. You promise to give of your means as the Lord has prospered you, for carrying on the mission work in your midst? Answer, "I do."
In the matter of dress, we hold strictly to God's word which says, 1 Tim. 2:9, 10: "In like manner also that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shame-facedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

Also 1 Peter 3:3, 4: "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

We also desire to emphasize the Word of God in Titus 3:2, which reads "Speak evil of no man."

This does not mean simply false speaking, but repeating evil of some one, even though it be the truth. Nothing any more saps the life out of one's Christian experience, than the habit of speaking carelessly about the faults of others.

**Question.**—Do you cordially accept this covenant, and the Articles of Faith as held by this Society, and do you promise, God assisting to obey and practice the same? **Answer.** "I do."

This Society will not receive into membership, any person who refuses to accept and walk according to this Discipline, and Superintendents are hereby so instructed.

**Probationary Classes**

¶14. All persons desiring to become members of this body (excepting those uniting by letter), shall first become members of the probationary class, and so remain for at least six months. If, at the
end of six months the life of the member has shown the fruits of a saved person, he may come into full membership by taking the regular covenant. The Secretary shall keep a separate roll containing the names of those joining Probationers’ class, with the date, and the Superintendent shall use special care in watching over the members of the same, and persons joining this class shall do so, by agreeing to be amenable to discipline, and correction as provided for in this Discipline, and having their names entered upon the roll. Those joining by letter shall be admitted to full membership by taking the covenant.

MEMBERSHIP ROLL

¶15. The Secretary of each Branch shall keep, in a suitable book, a list of the members of such Branch, together with their addresses. Members are requested to aid the Secretary in this work, by notifying him of any change in their address. The membership roll shall be called once each year, at the annual election of officers. Should any member remove without notice to the officers of the Branch, and no satisfactory report be received from such member within one year, the Superintendent may remove such name from the roll, recording against it, “Removed without letter.” If such person subsequently claims membership, the official board may restore the member if they so vote.

MEMBERSHIP OF WORKERS

¶16. All credentialed workers and preachers shall hold their membership in the Branch at Binghamton as long as the headquarters of our work
is there. A preacher's wife shall, however, take her letter, joining the Branch where her husband is stationed. Such letter may be signed by the Secretary of the local board giving it, or by the District Superintendent.

**Affiliating Societies**

§17. In case of an established Church, or Mission, desiring to unite, with this Society, application for admission to this body shall be made upon blanks furnished by Pentecostal Rescue Mission for that purpose, the same passed upon by the General Board. If their decision is favorable, the said Church or Mission shall, at a public meeting, at which the General, or a District Superintendent, of Pentecostal Rescue Mission shall be present, accept, individually, and as a body, the provisions of this Discipline and the Articles of faith and Covenant embodied therein.

**Letters of Dismissal**

§18. Members in good standing may, upon their written request, be given letters of dismissal and recommendation to other branches, or to evangelical churches.

Such letter to be of the form provided by the Pentecostal Rescue Mission same to be deposited in some branch of the Mission, or an evangelical Church within six months from its date, or it shall become null and void, and its reissuance can only be effected upon written application being again made by the member desiring dismissal. A copy of the letter will be found following.
LETTER OF DISMISSAL

To the..............in..............
This certifies that..............is a member in good standing in the Pentecostal Rescue Mission at..............and in compliance with ..............request, is affectionately recommended and dismissed to your fellowship. If notified within six months from this date of..............uniting with you, we shall consider..............as dismissed from us; otherwise this letter shall become null and void.
..............Supt.
To the Pentecostal Rescue Mission at..............
This certifies that..............recommended and dismissed by you by a letter dated..............was, on the..............received as a member of the..............at..............
..............Secretary or Pastor.
The Secretary or Pastor of Church or Mission receiving letter will kindly detach and forward same as indicated.

LETTER OF WITHDRAWAL

§19. Should a member, who is walking in harmony with the Society, desire to withdraw from the same, he may, upon written request, be given such a letter of withdrawal, upon the issuance of which letter, his membership in the Pentecostal Rescue Mission ceases.
The letter shall read as follows:

..............19......
This certifies that..............has been an acceptable member of the Pentecostal Rescue
Mission at............., and is hereby, upon his request, granted this letter of withdrawal. His membership in the said Mission ceases with this date.

........................Supt.
........................Secretary.

Organizing Branches

§20. Where a new Branch is to be organized the said organizing shall be done only by the General Superintendent, or the District Superintendent for that district except, that in the case of a vacancy in the office of District Superintendent or a special need arising the General Superintendent may appoint someone to organize the particular Branch regarding which the special need arises.
CHAPTER IV
RULES GOVERNING WORKERS

¶21. All persons having charge of meetings under the name of Pentecostal Rescue Mission shall be required to obtain credentials from said Society, and shall be under the control of the General Superintendent and District Superintendent having charge of that District.

¶22. Credentials shall be issued annually by the General Board, at the Yearly Meeting. All candidates shall be required to appear before said Board for examination. In case of necessity arising during the year, the General Superintendent may issue credentials to a worker, until the next Yearly Meeting.

¶23. Candidates for Workers' Credentials shall give satisfactory evidence of having a clear experience; to be spiritually and intellectually fitted to teach plainly, the way of Salvation, and shall accept and endorse the covenant and articles of Faith, as set forth by this Society. No person shall be accepted as a worker, who is not a member of this Society.

At each yearly meeting, the General Board shall issue renewals of workers' and evangelists' credentials to such workers as the Board shall find worthy and said Board shall have the authority to recall, and annul, such credentials as they shall deem necessary.
The General Board shall also issue yearly certificates of good standing to the ordained ministers in the work, who shall be found to be in good standing at the Yearly Meeting. The names of the Ministers and Workers who have credentials shall be published, with the report of the Yearly Meeting, in News From Home, and in the printed Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

PERSONAL DEBTS OF WORKERS

§24. Workers are forbidden to contract debts chargeable to the Society, either personal or otherwise, unless sanctioned by the same, and where outside workers are engaged to help in meetings their remuneration and expenses shall be arranged for by the Superintendent and members of the branch calling them.

OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

§25. Our Superintendents are cautioned to exercise great care as to whom they permit to preach in their pulpits. And no outside evangelist or worker shall be called to assist, without first conferring with the District Superintendent. This rule is imperative.

FOLLOWING THE DISCIPLINE

§26. The District Superintendents shall see that the Workers and the Superintendents hold strictly to this Discipline, and shall promptly deal with any Worker or Superintendent who shall fail to follow and enforce the provisions of the same.
ORDAINING MINISTERS

§ 27. The ordaining of ministers shall be left to the discretion of the General Board. In case they wish to ordain a worker as a minister of the Gospel, they shall have authority to call a counsel of ministers who shall, after satisfactory examination as to gifts and fitness, ordain the candidate as provided in the Word of God. Such candidate for ordination must pass, acceptably, an examination in the course of reading and study except as hereinafter provided for.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER SOCIETIES

§ 28. Where an ordained minister or exhorter from another denomination shall desire to unite with this Society, his credentials shall be examined and passed upon by the General Board, and if action favorable to him be taken he shall accept this discipline and agree to walk by its provisions, and the General Board may issue to him credentials from this Society.

ORDAINING WOMEN

§ 29. This body in the yearly meeting of 1910, voted that women may be ordained as ministers of the Gospel, subject to the rules provided in this discipline governing ordination. This body also voted that ordination papers shall not be issued to, nor held by, men who are so constantly employed in secular labor as to bar them from obeying the calls or appointments of the General Board.

When a case arises where it becomes necessary, the General Board may recommend for ordination one who may not be able to pass the Conference
Course of Study, but in such case it must be a person who has been in this work long enough to be proven as to gifts and stability.

The ordained ministers of this body shall be addressed by the title “Reverend.”

**MOVING EXPENSES OF PREACHERS**

§30. The moving expenses of an appointed preacher shall be paid by the charge to whom he is sent, and the Official Board of such branch shall see that the same is paid.
CHAPTER V
DUTIES OF WORKERS

DUTIES OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

§ 31. It shall be the duty of the General Superintendent to guard the temporal and spiritual interests of the work, and to have general oversight of the same. To organize new branches, to see that the Discipline is enforced by the District Superintendents, to discharge the various duties entrusted to him by the Discipline, and to report to the Conference upon the same at each yearly meeting.

DUTIES OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

§ 32. It shall be the duties of a District Superintendent:
   To look after the spiritual and temporal interests of the branches in his district; to take charge of circuits that are without a preacher; and to have oversight of the work in his district.
   To visit each circuit in his district whenever he may judge expedient; to visit any circuit in his district when requested by an official board, in case of a difficulty or dispute, or special emergency, and shall have power to call an official, society, or circuit meeting, over which he shall preside. The branch sending for him shall pay his expenses.
   To see that the Discipline is strictly enforced.
   To hold quarterly meetings on each circuit once
in three months, and, where possible, labor as an evangelist in his district as time permits.

To have direct charge and oversight of all workers and preachers in his district.

To keep the General Superintendent in touch with the general state of the work and also to present the Annual Meeting with a report of his labors for the year, together with a report of his financial receipts from the work for the year.

**DUTIES OF CLASS LEADER**

§33. It is the duty of a class leader to lead the class meetings; to frequently call upon the members of the class; to know how they are prospering spiritually, and to notify the pastor of any who are sick, or who are not walking in harmony.

**DUTIES OF PREACHERS**

§34. It is the duty of a preacher to preach; visit the sick; to visit each member at least once in three months, and all the members of his congregation as often as possible. To have the work closely upon his heart, and to stand loyally by it, and the Discipline, remembering that this Discipline is for you to follow—not amend.

Each preacher shall present at the Annual Meeting a report of his receipts for the year from his appointments.
CHAPTER VI
YEARLY MEETING

¶35. All Branches shall be governed by the Discipline of the Pentecostal Rescue Mission already formed and shall have representation by delegates in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the united societies.

A united society meeting shall be held annually, commencing the third Tuesday in March, to transact business in the interest of the united societies, but they shall not change the Constitution nor Covenant except upon the instruction of the societies to their delegates, and it shall require at least three-fourths of all the delegates of all the Branches.

1. This Yearly Meeting shall be held in the meeting hall of the Pentecostal Rescue Mission, at Binghamton, N. Y., unless otherwise directed by the General Board.

2. Each Superintendent shall be entitled to a seat as a delegate at the Yearly Meeting.

3. The society of Binghamton shall be entitled to two lay delegates, one for the superintendent and one for the general superintendent, each of the other societies shall be entitled to one lay delegate. Wives of active workers shall be given a vote in the conference. The General Superintendent shall preside at the annual society meetings.

4. Each local society shall be independent in conducting its own affairs that do not conflict with our general constitution and covenant.
Each local society shall elect delegates to the united society meeting at least two weeks previous to the time of said meeting, except as provided for in Section 9 of the Constitution.

5. Delegates to the Yearly Meeting shall be members in good standing in the branch to which they belong, and shall be at least twenty-one years of age.

In no case shall such delegate be either the preacher in charge, or any relative of his residing within the bounds of the circuit he is serving. No credentialed worker shall serve as a delegate.

6. The District Superintendents shall be entitled to vote at the Yearly Meeting, as Delegates-at-large.

7. The expenses of the delegates to the Yearly Meeting shall be borne by the Branches they represent.

8. The delegates at the Yearly Meeting shall have the right, by a majority vote, of giving the right to vote at such Yearly Meeting, to those active workers who are not otherwise entitled to vote. Provided, that such workers are members of the Pentecostal Rescue Mission. No person not a member of the work shall be permitted to vote at the Yearly Meeting, under any circumstances.

9. Each worker is expected to be present at the Yearly Meeting, and if not able to be there at the first roll call, is expected to communicate in writing a reasonable excuse for such absence.

10. There shall be one meeting for lay delegates only, at which the delegates shall present their report of the desire of their Branches for Superintendent for the ensuing year. The District Superintendents shall have the right to be present at this meeting.
11. Each delegate shall present a report of the work of their Branch, spiritual and financial, for the year, such report to be in writing, signed by the Secretary and Superintendent of the Branch.

12. The General Secretary shall act as Secretary to the Yearly Meeting.

RULES OF ORDER FOR YEARLY MEETINGS

136. The meeting shall be called to order on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, and adjourned from time to time until the business shall be transacted. Each session shall open with devotional service.

The meeting Tuesday afternoon shall be for lay delegates only as provided for under Article 10 of this Section of the discipline.

Thereafter, the daily sessions may commence at 9 A.M. and be adjourned at such hours as the body may direct.

All delegates are expected to be present at each session unless unavoidably hindered, or excused by the Chairman.

The General Superintendent shall preside at the Yearly Meeting, and shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.

All written motions and reports shall be passed to the Secretary for reading to the Conference.

The general rules governing the business sessions and debate, shall be those of Cushing's Manual.

DAILY ORDER

137. Tuesday
2.30 P.M. Calling Roll of Delegates.
Presenting reports as provided for in Article 12.
7.30 P.M. Preaching Service.

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Wednesday

9.00 A. M. Devotional Service.
Calling Roll of Delegates and Workers.
Reports from the Branches.
Unfinished Business.
New Business.

Thursday

Examination (by the General Board only) of candidates for credentials or ordination.
Reports of District Superintendent.
Reports of Missionary, Relief Fund, Orphanage, Refuge, Camp Ground and other special Boards, and Publishing Department.
7.30 P. M. Preaching Service.

Friday

9.00 A. M. Devotional Service.
Calling Roll.
Completing unfinished business.
Election of officers in case of vacancies.
Ordination services, if any; meeting of General Board to make appointments for the ensuing year.
7.30 P. M. Preaching Service.
The appointments of Superintendents shall be announced at the Friday evening meeting.
Should it be impossible to complete business Friday, a session may be held on Saturday.
CHAPTER VII
CHARGES AND TRIALS

§38. The great object of church discipline is to reclaim and restore the erring member. This should be steadily kept in view in every step that is taken. The second object is to keep the body clean and so far as possible free from objectionable elements, but at the same time we should put forth every effort that divine love may suggest, to bring back to the Lord one who, while under our care, has wandered from Him.

§39. In every case of personal trespass, and wherever, in fact, that circumstances will permit, let the duty be lovingly and faithfully performed, as enjoined by our Lord in Matthew 18:15-17: "Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. If he shall neglect to hear thee, tell it unto the church, but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican."

§40. In every case, the utmost impartiality should be shown, and in no case should be heard before the public. Where the accused demands it, he may have the right to a trial, (over which the General Superintendent shall preside) along the lines of
common jurisprudence, and in every case, shall have the right to be represented by counsel if he so desire, but such counsel must consist of ministers or members of this work.

IN THE GENERAL WORK

§141. In case of the trial of any member against whom a charge is brought, such member shall be furnished by the persons bringing the charge, or by the presiding officer of the tribunal before which he is to be brought, with a copy of the charges against him, at least fourteen days before his trial, unless the accused shall demand trial sooner.

§142. Any member who shall have been tried and convicted before a committee, or Board, shall have the right to appeal to the next Yearly Meeting, as a Court of Last Resort, provided, that he shall not have voluntarily absented himself from the trial, and provided, that he give notice of his intention to appeal at the time he was notified of his condemnation. Following conviction by such committee, or board, and pending final trial by Yearly Meeting, the member shall stand suspended from all church rights and privileges.

TRIAL OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

§143. Charges against the General Superintendent shall be made in writing, signed by not less than five members of the Society, at least twenty-one years of age, in good standing, and such charges shall be presented before the General Board, who shall investigate the same, and if in their opinion the charges are supported by the evidence, they shall appoint a committee of not less than seven members in good standing, at least twenty-one years of age,
who shall have authority, after hearing the evidence pro and con, to decide the case.

The General Superintendent, in such case, shall not sit as a member of the General Board while the charges are pending.

Trial of District Superintendent

§44. Charges against a District Superintendent shall be made in writing signed by not less than five members in good standing at least twenty-one years of age, to the General Superintendent, who shall deal with the District Superintendent, and if possible, adjust the matter. If not able to do so, or in case of an appeal from his decision, by the said District Superintendent, then the General Superintendent shall bring the matter before the General Board, who shall hear the evidence, pro and con, and decide the case. The District Superintendent shall not sit as a member of the General Board while such charges are pending.

Trial of Member of General Board

§45. Should a member of the General Board refuse to walk in harmony with the General Superintendent and members of the Board, contrary to Discipline, he shall first be dealt with by the General Superintendent.

If he shall refuse to hear, he shall be brought before a committee of three, appointed by the General Superintendent, who shall hear the evidence, and decide the case.

Trial of Preachers and Workers

§46. Should a Superintendent, Evangelist, or other worker, refuse to work in harmony with the
General and District Superintendents, and General Board, he shall first be dealt with by the District Superintendent for that District. If he shall be unable to effect a settlement of the case, the District Superintendent shall bring the matter before the General Board, who shall hear the evidence, and decide the case.

IN THE BRANCHES

Superintendent

§47. Should there seem sufficient reasons among the members, for dissatisfaction with their Superintendent, the matter shall be brought before the Official Board of the Branch, in writing, signed by the dissatisfied members. The Official Board shall forward the same to the District Superintendent, who shall see that the Superintendent is dealt with according to the foregoing section, and especially Paragraph 46.

MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL BOARD

§48. In case any member of the Official Board should refuse to work in harmony with the Superintendent and members, the matter shall be brought before the Superintendent, who shall first deal with said member according to Scripture. If said member refuse to listen, the Superintendent shall refer the matter to the District Superintendent who shall appoint two members, who with himself shall decide the case.

MEMBERS

§49. Should any member of the Mission refuse to be governed by the general rules as set forth in our discipline, the said member shall be brought
before the Superintendent and dealt with according to Scripture. If said member refuse to listen he shall be brought before a committee of not less than three appointed by the Superintendent, who shall endeavor to adjust the matter; in case of failure they shall notify the District Superintendent, who shall proceed according to Paragraph 48.

§50. In no case shall charges be considered against any member, official, or otherwise, until presented in writing, signed by those bringing such charges; and in every case the accused shall have the right to see the charges in question, and know by whom they are brought.

§51. A member having been convicted under the foregoing, shall forfeit all his Church rights and privileges, and stand expelled, excepting: That if the said member shall show thorough contrition, and make confession and restitution so far as possible, he may, either by vote of the court of trial, or three-fourths vote of the body of the Mission of which he is a member, be reinstated to his former privileges.

§52. In case of a trial, the presiding officer shall appoint a competent member as secretary, who shall take notes of the evidence and proceedings.

DISMISSED WORKERS

§53. No worker who has been dealt with and dismissed for cause, shall be permitted any part in our services, unless it be as a penitent, seeking help at the altar.

The same shall hold good of workers who leave us because of refusal to walk in harmony with us. The General Secretary shall, if possible, notify preachers in charge and stationed workers, of the names of such.
WORKERS OUT OF HARMONY

§54. No worker or preacher who is out of harmony with this work and the Doctrines we hold, shall be permitted to preach or take any official part in our services.
CHAPTER VIII
GENERAL RULES

The Lord's Supper

§ 155. We hold that the Lord's supper is not merely for a sign of the love that exists between the children of the Lord, but that it is commanded of us by Him, to be observed and kept as a reminder of what it cost Him to redeem us; that He is coming again, and that we are thus to "show forth His death until He come." This table of the Lord is the great connecting link between the Cross and the Coming in glory, and brings to our minds and hearts the day when the faithful shall sit down at the marriage supper of the Lamb, and drink the fruit of the vine with Him in our Father's kingdom.

Dedication of Children

§ 156. We do not find any Scriptural support for the theory or practice of baptising infants, and so we do not follow it. We do, however, hold that our children should be definitely dedicated to God, and therefore recommend that, at as early an age as possible, the children be taken into the house of worship, and at the altar, placed in the arms of the minister by the parents, at the same time publicly covenanting before God to train the child up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord—followed by prayer by the minister for God's blessing upon them and the child.
BAPTISM

¶57. We, as a body, believe in immersion as the Scriptural mode of baptism.

MARRIAGE

¶58. We most earnestly condemn the marriage of saved with unsaved persons, it being not only a cause of hindrance to the saved party, and frequently a cause of their backsliding and losing their soul, but is absolutely contrary to the plain command of Almighty God. 2 Cor. 6:14-18.

We earnestly recommend, in this connection, that young members who are contemplating matrimony, shall counsel with their pastor regarding the proposed step, remembering that he “watches for your souls as one who must give an account,” (Heb. 13:17) and many a mistake, and consequent wrecking of life and experience might have been prevented by a frank heart to heart talk with a man of God.

DIVORCE

¶59. We hold that a person, having a husband or wife living, from whom they are divorced, cannot again marry while such divorced husband or wife lives, without committing adultery, nor should one marry a person who has been divorced, while that person has husband or wife living. We hold that, while for cause (Matt. 5:32) a man may put away his wife or a woman her husband, that they have no right to remarry, except in the event of the death of such wife or husband. There are just two passages (Matt. 5:32 and 19:9) upon which men have founded the system of permitting the so-called innocent party to remarry. We hold that even here
it requires a reading into these passages of what is not there, but in the face of these passages there are several which absolutely and unequivocally forbid the remarriage of divorced persons, such as Mark 10:11, 12—Luke 16:18—1 Cor. 7:10, 11, etc. —Rom. 7:2, 3—Heb. 13:4, and, as the Word plainly teaches that no adulterous person can enter the Kingdom of Heaven, we take our stand upon the Word of God, and refuse to receive as members those who are living in adultery along these lines.

**Differences Between Members**

¶60. We find a deplorable tendency, in these days, of rushing into the courts for the settlement of all sorts of misunderstandings, and this, even among the brethren. In view of this fact, we wish to condemn the practice and take our stand definitely against it, and to advise God's people to even suffer wrong rather than go to law before the ungodly. Let the brethren, should necessity arise for the adjusting of a difference between them, bring the matter before the Mission, or some qualified member of it, (preferably the Superintendent) and if he be unable to adjust the difference, then let a committee of three be chosen, one by each party to the case, and one by the Superintendent, and their decision accepted. We urge a careful following of Scripture on this line, as found in 1 Cor. 6:1-7.

**The House of Worship**

¶61. We reverence the place set apart for public worship as the house of God, and emphasize the thought of the Scriptures as expressed in Psalm 93:5, “Holiness becometh thy house, O Lord, forever.” Holiness and reverence should mark our
deportment in the House of God, and light talking and visiting not to be indulged in there. We forbid and prohibit the raising of money for the support of the house or its workers by worldly means. God has appointed the manner of supporting His work through tithes and offerings, and we hold to this Scriptural line. Mal. 3:8-9; 1 Cor. 16:1-2; Rom. 15:26.

**Lord's Day Observance**

162. While it ought not to be necessary to exhort a Christian not to break the Lord's day, yet there is so much slackness concerning keeping holy the Lord's day—even among professed, Holiness people, that we urge each member to adhere carefully to the Word in keeping the day holy, not only in outward deportment, but in conversation as well. We positively forbid our workers to travel on the street cars, steam cars, or other public passenger conveyance, or to hire livery teams, on the Lord's day. Any worker breaking this rule shall be promptly dealt with by the General Superintendent or other officer whose duty it may be, under this Discipline, to deal with such offender.

**Tithes and Offerings**

163. We believe that every child of God will, in justice to themselves, and in obedience to God and His Word, set apart at least a tenth of their increase for God's work. This amount is a debt owed to God, and should be paid as promptly as any other obligation. The free-will offering is above, and aside from, the tithe, according as the Lord has prospered you. Failure to obey the Lord on these lines has caused
many a soul to backslide and be lost, while strict obedience on this point brings down the blessings of the Lord, spiritually and temporally. Mal. 3:8-9; 1 Cor. 16:1-2.

The Old Landmarks

64. We mean to hold to the "old landmarks," and to walk in the "old paths" of the simple, radical Gospel, and expect to hold each one of our workers and ministers to the same lines.

Young workers and ministers are urged during the beginning of their work, not to attempt preaching from a text, but rather to take a chapter of the Word, and confine themselves to exhorting, until experience in the work shall warrant taking the deeper line. Many young workers, thinking they must choose a text, and preach from it, have brought reproach upon themselves and the cause by the inexperienced handling of it, where, had they read a chapter or portion and exhorted from the whole, their work might have been blessed, and they a greater blessing to their hearers.

Fund for Needy Saints

65. It is the intention of this society to care for those of the saints who shall have come to the place where they are no longer able to do active service. In order to accomplish this it is our purpose to create a fund, and we hereby direct the General Superintendent to present the matter before each branch society at least once a year, and we also advise that a committee of three be elected to have charge of and to invest such fund. Said committee to hold office for the term of three years. This committee, with the General Superintendent, shall have over-
sight of the fund, and its disbursement shall be at
their discretion. The desire is, not only to provide
for temporary wants of the needy, but, as God may
open the way, to ultimately have a home where aged
or incapacitated saints may be cared for.

Each Branch Superintendent is expected to occa­sionally bring this matter before his people, and the
same shall be emphasized by the General and Dis­
trict Superintendents as opportunity affords. The
General Board shall have the authority, in conjunc­
tion with the committee in charge, to make such
rules regarding the handling of this fund as may
become necessary. All money for this fund shall be
sent to the General Secretary, who shall turn the
same over to the Treasurer of the Fund Committee.

MISSIONS

§66. There shall be elected, at each Yearly Meet­
ing, a Missionary Board of not less than five mem­
ers of the Mission, the said Board to be elected
by the delegates and workers from names presented
by the General Superintendent. The Board shall
have in charge the missionary funds, with the dis­
bursement of the same, under direction of the
General Board, and shall, in conjunction with the
General Board, have charge of the examining and
sending out of such workers as may be sent to the
foreign fields. Candidates for the Missionary field
must be recommended by one of the Branches. The
Missionary Board shall elect a Secretary and Treas­
urer from among their number.

We urge our members to manifest a real mission­
ary spirit, remembering that the Lord's command
is "Go ye into all the world, and preach the
Gospel."
An account of the receipts and disbursements of missionary money shall be published, at least quarterly, in "News From Home."

WORKER'S SUPPORT

¶66a. While we as a people do not believe in paying stated salaries to our workers, yet we must feel our responsibility to see that our workers are cared for and supplied with proper support and care. Because workers are trusting God for their support is no reason for us to leave them to shift for themselves in this matter. It is the duty of the Local Boards to see that their preacher is properly cared for, and offerings shall be taken for him at regular stated periods.

The District Superintendent has no other support than that received from the Branches, for whose welfare his whole time is given, therefore at each Quarterly Meeting offerings shall be taken for his support.
CHAPTER IX
CHURCH PROPERTY

GENERAL

§67. The property and buildings of the Pentecostal Camp Ground, Orphanages and Rescue Homes shall be directly under the control of the General Board, who shall have authority to repair, alter, or build, as seems necessary, so long as the exercise of such authority does not conflict with the duties and rights of the trustees. This rule shall cover all property of the general work; which is now held, or that may hereafter be acquired, which does not come directly under the Official Board of a Branch.

BUILDING

§68. Any Branch intending to build, or purchase a building, for a house of worship, shall consult with the General and District Superintendents regarding the same. We recommend that, so far as possible, the contracting of debt be avoided.

GENERAL FUND

§69. The General work directly under the charge of the General Board is the property of the whole work, with all its Branches, and such being the case, ought to be supported and the expenses borne by the whole work. In view of this fact, the Yearly Meeting of 1910 voted unanimously that each Branch shall take an offering, once each month, for the purpose of meeting the general expenses. This collection is to be forwarded to the General
Secretary, who shall turn the same over to the Treasurer of the General Board. Superintendents are instructed to see that this offering is taken as herein provided for.

REFUGE HOMES

§70. One department of our work which has been signally blest of God in the past is the Refuge work; the rescuing of fallen and homeless girls from the haunts of sin, and placing them in our Refuge Homes, until they are saved, and fitted to go out and fight the battle of life with God's love in their hearts to keep them clean.

The officers of each Refuge Home shall be a President, Matron and Assistant Matron. Each Matron shall render a written report, at the Yearly Meeting, of the condition of the home under her care, and the number of inmates, with the work accomplished during the year. These homes shall be under the control of the General Board.

ORPHANAGE

§71. We have a well-equipped Orphanage, with school attached, for homeless or orphaned children. The Orphanage may be governed by a Board of Directors, chosen to act under the direction of the General Board. The officers of the Orphanage shall be: Superintendent, Matron and Assistant Matron. The Superintendent shall present a report at each Yearly Meeting of the work of the home for the year, and the Board of Directors shall present a report of the finances for the year.

CAMP GROUND

§72. The Society has a beautiful grove of sixteen acres about two miles north of Binghamton,
which is to be kept for a Holiness Camp Meeting perpetually. The Society will sell, to Christian people, upon the grounds, lots large enough to build a cottage upon, reserving the right, should the lots pass into the hands of unsaved persons, to buy such lots back at the original purchase price, the intention being to prevent the ground from becoming a recreation spot simply, but that it shall be kept as a place where God's people may meet once each year for a Holiness Camp Meeting. The General Board shall have direct control of the Camp ground, and shall present, at each Yearly Meeting, a report of the same, together with the indebtedness, if any, and any improvements.

Publishing Department

§73. The Society has a publishing department, where, besides publishing tracts and booklets, is also issued the official organ of the work: "News From Home." The little paper is to be kept clean and free from all worldly advertising of every description, and is to be used as a medium for drawing closer together the different branches of the work, as well as to spread abroad the tidings of Salvation.

The branches of the work are expected to extend the circulation and usefulness of the paper in every way possible, and to take a live interest in it, as the official organ of the whole work. The paper shall be in charge of an Editor, elected at each Yearly Meeting by the General Board. The Editor shall have the right to appoint such assistants as he may find necessary, and shall present, at each Yearly Meeting, a report of the work of the department for the year.
CHAPTER X
COURSE OF STUDY

774. The course of study upon which our preachers will be examined was decided by the General Board of 1910, as follows:

FIRST YEAR
Blaikie’s Bible History.
“All about the Bible”—Collett.
Bible Lessons Revised—Shepard.
Reading: United States History—Ridpath.

SECOND YEAR
Tongue of Fire—Arthur.
Church History.
Second Coming of Christ—W. E. Blackstone.
Reading: Wesley’s Sermons.

THIRD YEAR
Plain account of Christian Perfection—Wesley.
“Perfect Love”—J. A. Wood.
Philosophy of the Plan of Salvation—Walker.
Reading: D’Aubigne’s History of the Reformation.
Smith’s Bible Dictionary is recommended.

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RULES OF ORDER

§75. FOR MEETING OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD OF A LOCAL BRANCH

1. Calling to order by the presiding officer and opening with prayer.
2. Roll call.
3. Reading of minutes of previous meeting and passing on same.
4. Treasurer’s report.
6. Unfinished business.
8. Appointing committees.
9. Reading of minutes.
10. Motion to adjourn.
Beloved, you have come here at this time to follow the command and example of the Lord Jesus in Christian baptism, desiring to be buried with Christ in baptism, thus publicly showing to the world that you are henceforth dead to the world and its allurements, and that you have settled it to walk with Jesus in newness of life.

Ques. Is this your intention and desire? Ans. It is. Hear the Word of the Lord as touching this ordinance: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved, and he that believeth not, shall be damned." Mark 16:15-16.

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into His death? Therefore, we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection; knowing this, that our old man is
crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Rom. 6:3-6.

Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen in Him through the faith of the operation of God, who both raised Him from the dead. Col. 2:12.

There are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. 1 John 5:7-8.

(Then shall the minister ask of each person to be baptized, the following questions.)

Q. Do you renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and pride of the world, with all the covetous desires of the same, and the carnal desires of the flesh, so you will not follow or be led by them?

Ans. I renounce them all.

Q. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth? And in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord? And that He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary? That He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried? That He rose again on the third day; that He ascended to the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, and from thence shall come again to receive His Church unto Himself, and to judge the world in righteousness?

Ans. All this I steadfastly believe.

Q. Wilt thou obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of thy life?

Ans. I will, God being my helper.
Q. Wilt thou be baptized in this faith?
Ans. Such is my desire.

(Then shall follow prayer by the minister, or some person designated by him.)

After prayer, the minister shall take the candidate by the hand and lead him into the water, when conveniently placed he shall say, pronouncing the given name of the candidate: "I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen," and shall thereupon immerse the candidate. The baptism shall be followed by prayer and benediction.
SECTION II
THE LORD'S SUPPER

The minister shall read the Word of God, from 1 Cor. 11:23-34, or some other appropriate passage, emphasizing the fact that it is the Lord's table, and that the invitation is extended, by the Lord Jesus, to all who belong to Him.

The Scripture reading and remarks shall be followed by invoking God's blessing on the bread and wine, after which the minister may extend an invitation to any ministers present to come forward with him, and he and the other ministers shall partake of the elements first. Then those in the congregation who are to partake may be asked to come forward and kneel at the altar rail, whereupon the minister shall go from person to person, breaking the bread, and handing to each communicant a portion, at the same time repeating appropriate passages of Scripture. This shall be followed in the same manner with the cup. After those at the altar rail have partaken, they shall be dismissed with a benediction. In this manner let the altar be surrounded again and again, until all who desire have partaken, after which the service shall conclude with prayer and benediction.
SECTION III
MARRIAGE SERVICE.

(At the day and time appointed for the solemnizing of matrimony, the persons to be married standing together, the man on the right hand of the woman, the minister shall say:

Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the presence of these witnesses, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony; which is an honorable estate, instituted of God, and signifying unto us the mystical union that is between Christ and His church; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with His presence, and first miracle that He wrought in Cana of Galilee, and is commended of St. Paul to be honorable among all men; and therefore is not by any to be taken in hand unadvisedly, but reverently, discreetly and in the fear of God.

Into this holy estate these two persons present come now to be joined. Therefore, if any can show any just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

(And also speaking unto the persons that are to be married, he may say:)

I require and charge you both (as you will answer at the dreadful day of judgment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed) that if either of you know any impediment why you may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, you do now
confess it, for be ye well assured that so many as are coupled together otherwise than God's word doth allow are not joined by God, neither is their matrimony lawful.

(If no impediment be alleged, then shall the minister say unto the man:)
M., wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of matrimony?
Wilt thou love her, honor her and keep her in sickness and in health; and forsaking all other, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?
(Then the man shall answer:)
I will.
(Then the minister shall say unto the woman:)
N., wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of matrimony?
Wilt thou love, honor and obey him, and keep him in sickness and in health; and forsaking all other, keep thee only unto him so long as ye both shall live?
(The woman shall say:)
I will.
(Then shall the minister join the right hands together and say:)
Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.
Forasmuch as M. and N. have consented together in holy wedlock and have witnessed the same before God, and this company, and thereto have pledged their faith each to the other, and have declared the
same by joining hands; I pronounce that they are husband and wife together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

(And the minister shall add this blessing:)

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve and keep you; the Lord merciful with His favor look upon you, and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. Amen.

(Then let prayer be offered.)
SECTION IV

BURIAL OF THE DEAD

(The minister, when the corpse is being brought into the church, may read the following, or some other appropriate Scripture.)

I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. John 11: 25, 26.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another. Job 19: 25, 27.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. 1 Tim. 6: 7; Job. 1: 21.

This shall be followed by a hymn, if so desired, then by Scripture reading and prayer. Then may follow the sermon.

(At the grave, as the body is about to be committed to the earth, the minister shall read:)

1 Cor. 15: 51. Behold I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.
52. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and
the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall
be changed.

53. For this corruptible must put on incorruption,
and this mortal must put on immortality.

54. So when this corruptible shall have put on
incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on im-
mortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying
that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55. O death; where is thy sting? O grave, where
is thy victory?

56. The sting of death is sin; and the strength of
sin is the law.

57. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stead-
fast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of
the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour
is not in vain in the Lord.

(After the body shall have been committed to the
earth, the minister shall say:)

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in
his wise providence, to take out of this world the
soul of our deceased brother, we therefore commit
his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to
ashes, dust to dust; looking for the joyous resur-
rection at the coming of Christ, and the life in the
world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ; at
whose second coming in glorious majesty, the earth
and the sea shall give up their dead; and the cor-
ruptible bodies of those who sleep in him shall be
changed, and made like unto his own glorious
body; according to the mighty working whereby he
is able to subdue all things unto himself.

I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me,
Write: From henceforth blessed are the dead who
die in the Lord: even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.
Service at the grave shall be closed with prayer and benediction.

BURIAL OF UNSAVED PERSONS

In the case of unsaved persons, this form will need to be changed by the minister—as will also the Scripture reading need to be replaced by one appropriate to the case, so as to hold out no false hope to those who mourn. He who dies in his sin is lost, and care must be taken to hold to the truth on these lines as well as others.
SECTION V

DEDICATION OF CHILDREN

The parents of the child to be dedicated, shall previous to the day of dedication if possible, confer with the minister regarding the same, and arrange with him as to the day and hour. The parent, or parents, having presented themselves at the altar with the child, the minister shall ask them the following questions:

“Do you freely and fully present this child, body, soul, and spirit, so far as it is possible for you to do, to the Lord, and do you hereby dedicate him (or her), to the Lord and to His service, as God may call him (or her) in the future?”

Answer, “I do.”

“Do you here in the presence of God and His people, covenant with God that you will, to the utmost of your ability, train the child in the things of God, and in the study of His Holy Word, and that by your own godly walk and conversation you will set before this child such an example as will be well pleasing to God?”

Answer, “I do.”

“Do you further covenant that you will endeavor, by precept and example, to lead the child to an early experience of salvation in Christ Jesus, and that you will discourage, as far as you can, all
tendency toward pride and worldliness, in dress, amusement, and education?"

Answer, "I do."

The minister shall then take the child in his arms and look to God in prayer, asking God to accept the covenant of the parents, and the dedication of the child, and conclude by placing his hand on the head of the child and asking God's blessing upon the child, and His guidance and help for the parents in its training. The minister may, if he feels led, add a word of counsel to the parents, in conclusion, otherwise the dedication ends with the prayer.
SECTION VI

DEDICATION OF MISSION, HALL OR CHAPEL

Service shall open as usual, with singing and prayer, after which some portion, or all, of the following scriptures may be read: 2 Chronicles 6:1-2; 18-21, 40-42; 7:1-4. Hebrews 10:19-26.

Followed by sermon suitable to the occasion.

Then let the trustees stand up before the altar and one of them, or some one in their behalf say to the minister presiding:

"We present unto you this building, to be dedicated as a house of worship, for the service of Almighty God."

The minister may then ask the congregation to stand, while he shall read the following:

Dearly beloved, it is meet and right, as we learn from the Holy Scriptures, that houses erected for the public worship of God should be especially set apart and dedicated to religious uses. For such a dedication we are now assembled.

With gratitude, therefore, to Almighty God who has signally blessed His servants in their holy enterprise of erecting this Mission, we dedicate it to His service, for the reading of the Holy Scriptures, the preaching of the word of God, administration of the Holy Sacraments, and for all other exercises of religious worship and service, according to the
Discipline and Usages of the Pentecostal Rescue Mission. And, as the dedication of the temple is vain without the solemn consecration of the worshipers also, so now to Him may our labors and business be dedicated, that their fruit may tend to the glory of His great name, and to the advancement of His kingdom. And that He may graciously accept this solemn act,—Let us pray.

Dedication service shall always be presided over by the General or District Superintendent, or person appointed by the General Superintendent.