shall swear that he will not be burdensome to his fellow-brethren by bringing in outsiders or relations or lodging anyone in the hospital without the provost's special licence, lest by this the tranquillity of the other brethren in praying be disturbed, or contentions and brawls arise therefrom.

Item, if any of the brethren, without the provost's licence, shall absent himself from the hospital, apart from the business of the house or hospital, he shall be deprived of his commons for as many weeks as he shall have been absent days; but if he shall be absent for a whole month after being warned by the provost, or another in his name, to return and abide in the hospital, as he is bound, he shall be thereby deprived for ever of the subsidy of the hospital. Similarly, in all respects, if any of the brethren shall transfer himself to the household or service of another.

Item, no brother shall presume of his own proper motion to accept anything of the goods of the hospital beyond the portion assigned by the king, to wit, 9d. weekly for commons and 5s. yearly for cloth; nor shall he tear up or destroy the trees, or keep or nourish animals within the hospital without special licence of the provost or any of the scholars acting as his vicegerent, lest he attempt anything to the weakening and waste of the goods of the hospital, or overstep the king's order and contravene his will.

Item, every brother, on admission, shall swear to bring faithfully and wholly all his moveable goods to the hall or hospital, without fraud and craft and without any alienation thereof, which goods shall remain wholly to the house or hospital even though the brother, on account of his unworthiness, be finally removed from the hospital and its benefits, because when once anything has been dedicated or given to pious uses, it is not said to remain any more among the goods of the giver.

Item, every brother shall swear that, whenever called upon by the provost or his vicegerent for the goods brought with him to the hospital, or demised with him, or otherwise accruing to him, he will faithfully and truly discover the same, where and in whose hands they are, alienating nothing, concealing nothing, and consuming nothing thereof, except for his necessary uses, lest perchance, if he be overtaken by sudden death, the house and hospital be wickedly defrauded thereof.

Item, whereas no one may make a will of goods belonging to others, or alienate anything without the consent of its owner, no brother shall make a will, or alienate in any way the goods brought with him to the hospital or afterwards acquired by him, nor dispose of the same to prevent them being wholly converted to the uses of the house or hospital, in his life or death, at the disposition of the provost and scholars, expenses of illness or burial, to be regulated by the provost, always excepted.

Item, if it happen that any of the brethren commit homicide, adultery, theft, rape, perjury, sacrilege, usury or other grave delict, or incur the charge of a grave lapse of the flesh or other brand of spiritual baseness, which God forbid!, the provost, in virtue of the oath taken to the house by the offender, shall quickly, in the presence of two elder fellows of the house, do his duty in convicting such brother of the charge wherewith he is branded; and if any brother be so convicted once, he shall be deprived of his commons for a month;