

# INSTRUCTIONS TO COLPORTEURS OF THE MONTREAL AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

1. Your duty in the service of this Society is, to visit every family within the district assigned to you, and to supply every family destitute of the Scriptures with a copy. Every family, not possessing a *whole Bible*, is to be considered *destitute of a Bible*.

2. When you find a family destitute, endeavour to *sell* a Bible; if they cannot or will not buy, *give* one of the cheap editions. If a considerable part of the price is paid, one of the higher priced ones may be granted.

3. Sell as many Bibles and Testaments as possible; but you are not to sell on credit to those who are not destitute, except in extreme cases; and in deciding which are extreme cases, you must be careful to exercise a good judgment. Nothing short of the invoice price is ever to be taken in selling to families who are supplied. The price will always be marked on the Books.

4. Visit Roman Catholics, and offer them also the Bible. If they will purchase, sell to them; but if not, *lend a Bible* to every family that will give their name, and promise that the Book shall be kept in safety as the property of the Bible Society, and return when demanded.

5. Receive donations and subscriptions from all who offer so to aid this Society, and keep a careful account of the same; but do not ask for money, since it is the duty of the Travelling Agent rather than of the Colporteur, to collect funds.

6. Wherever you go, seek the countenance and co-operation of Ministers of the Gospel, without distinction of denomination. The Society you act for is eminently catholic; it has on its Committee members of eight or nine sections of the visible church.

7. Whenever you go into the neighbourhood of Branch Societies, at once inform the officers of such Branches of your being there, obtain their suggestions and advice, and let your work be done with their knowledge and sanction. Receive also the suggestions and advice of the Travelling Agent; and, when he comes into the part of the country in which you are labouring, let him have full knowledge of your movements.

8. Whenever opportunity offers, converse with the people distinctly upon the interest of their souls, read the Scriptures and pray with them, keeping before you the simple desire of God's glory and their salvation. When you can promote these objects by means of addresses, by gatherings of the people, use such means. But it is to be understood you have not the sanction or authority of the Committee to assemble the people for preaching or stated religious services, unless you have previously received and carry with you their written authorization so to do. And this will allow labours only within the bounds of this Society, and must be renewed every six months.

9. You are expected to "redeem the time," being diligent in your work, staying no longer in one place than the wants of that place require.

10. Be careful to keep a good stock of Bibles with you. Write promptly to the Depository for supplies, as you see you need them.

11. Keep a small blank book, in which daily record your work, your success, and every thing else of special interest, and send a Report *every month* to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society. This diary or Journal of your work always bring with you to the Depository when you come to town, that it may be open to the inspection of the committee in connection with your monthly reports. Post your monthly report in time to reach Montreal before the first Tuesday of the month.