

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND THE LAW GOVERNING SAME.

FORM.

I GIVE and bequeath to THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA the sum of \$ _____ out of my pure personalty, to be paid, expended, and applied by said Society in the aid and support of the Missionaries upon the different Mission Stations of said Society, and the receipt or receipts of the Treasurer or Treasurers of said Society for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors. And the published journals of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA shall be sufficient evidence of authority upon which the said Treasurer or Treasurers may demand and receive payment of said bequest.

N.B.—In the Province of Ontario a devise of lands or tenements or interest therein may be made to any religious Society or Corporation of Christians *if made at least six months before the death of the testator*, so that, however, the annual value of the lands of said Society shall not at any one time exceed one thousand dollars. This may possibly give the Missionary Society power to take land by devise, and if so, the devise may be in the following form:—

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I give and devise unto THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA all and singular [*describe the lands as accurately as possible*], to be held by the said Society upon the trusts set out in its Act of Incorporation.

[It will be advisable, however, where possible, that any gift to the Society shall be in money—not payable out of land, or in any way charged upon land—thus preventing any doubt or trouble. ALL WILLS must be in writing, signed by the testator at the foot or end, or by some other person in his presence and by his direction, and such signature must be made or acknowledged by the testator in the presence of two or more witnesses present at the same time, who shall attest and subscribe the will in the presence of the testator.]

After the coming in force of the Act incorporating the Methodist Church, the form of bequest may be as follows:—

I give and bequeath to the Methodist Church, the sum of _____ dollars, out of my pure personalty, to be paid, expended, and applied by the said Church for the benefit and support of the different Mission Stations of said Church or any of them, or for the aid and support of the [*fill in the name of the Mission for which preference is had—for instance, the Japan Mission, the French Missions, or otherwise as the case may be*], Missions of said Church, and the receipt or receipts of the Treasurer or Treasurers of the said Mission Fund of the said Church, for the time being, shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors, and the published Journal of the General Conference of the said Church, containing the appointment of such Treasurer or Treasurers, shall be sufficient evidence of the authority upon which the said Treasurer or Treasurers may demand payment of the said bequest.

For bequest of real estate (which includes Mortgages) the form of bequest may be as follows:—

I give and devise unto the Methodist Church [*setting out the lands as accurately as possible*], to be held or disposed of by the said Church for the benefit of the Mission Fund of the said Church.

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