

12. Its officers shall hold office until their successors are appointed.

13. The following shall be the order of business for meetings of the Executive Committee :

1. Reading of minutes.
2. Communications.
3. Reports of officers and agents.
4. Unfinished business.
5. New business.
6. The good of the Society.
7. Adjournment.

The Parent Society desires to be distinctly understood in this :

1st. It asks no financial assistance from Branch Societies in the form of funds. This Society will endeavor to take care of itself.

2nd. Its agents will be appointed by the Parent Society, as directed by the Committee of the Branch Society.

3rd. The Constitution of the Parent Society, made and adopted by virtue of certain incorporate rights, must be complied with.

4th. The corporate seal will be furnished by the Secretary on application, at the cost of the same.

### INFORMATION RESPECTING BANDS OF MERCY.

#### HOW TO FORM A BAND.

Call together a few friends interested in the protection of animals ; read to them from the *Band of Mercy Information*, reports of work done by various Bands ; explain to them the means and objects of Bands, and the good results they yield not only to animals but to the moral natures of the members ; pass a resolution that a Band shall then and there be formed, giving to it at the same time a distinctive name ; pass a second resolution appointing a committee, consisting of a President and Secretary, and two or three other members (more will be better) ; pass a third resolution affiliating the Band with the governing body ; pass a fourth resolution consisting of rules of the new Band, as printed in the following page, or with modifications ; and pass a fifth resolution authorising the Secretary to collect moneys from honorary members, and to purchase members' cards, medals, registers, and other papers (these are supplied at cost price...but only to Secretaries of Bands, and only at the office in Halifax, where assistance and advice may be obtained,) *Band of Mercy Songs*, *Band of Mercy Information*, and other Band of Mercy publications, issued by the Massachusetts Society, for the prevention of cruelty to animals, Boston.

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