

## Constitution of the Society.

1. THIS Society shall be denominated the BRITISH AMERICAN BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY, the object of which shall be to diffuse the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as the redeemer of sinners, and to promote the interests of vital godliness and sound morality, by the circulation—through Colportage and other means, of Religious Books and Tracts, calculated to receive the approbation of all Evangelical Christians.

2. Any person paying one dollar, annually, into the Treasury of this Society shall be a *member*; any one paying twenty dollars at one time shall be a *life member*.

3. This Society shall meet annually on the first Tuesday of February, when the proceedings of the foregoing year shall be reported, and a Board consisting of a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, two Auditors, and thirty-six Directors shall be chosen.

4. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Depository, Superintendent of Colportage, and Secretary of the Society; and shall also annually elect by ballot, a Publication, a Distributing and a Finance Committee, each consisting of not less than three, or more than five members,—the members of which three Committees, with the President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer, shall constitute an Executive Committee to conduct the business of the Society. The Board shall have power to enact Bye-Laws—Thirteen members of the Board of Directors present at any meeting regularly convened shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All vacancies shall be filled as the Bye-Laws direct.

5. To promote in the highest degree the objects of the Society, the Officers and Directors shall be elected from different Denominations of Christians, and shall be members in good standing in their respective Churches. The Publication Committee shall contain no two members of the same ecclesiastical connection; and no Book or Tract shall be circulated, to which any member of that Committee shall object.

6. Any Tract Society founded on the principles of this Society, and annually contributing a donation to its Treasury, shall be considered an auxiliary, and the President and Secretary of such auxiliary, for the time being, shall be members of this Society.

7. All meetings of the Society, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee, shall be opened by prayer.

8. The President, or in his absence a Vice-President, or other officer first on the list in the city of Halifax, at the request of three Directors, may call special meetings of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have power to call meetings of the Society.

9. This constitution shall not be altered, except at the annual meeting of the Society, and by a vote of the majority of the members present, notice of the proposed alteration having been given at the previous annual meeting; or recommended by the Executive Committee, and notice of the proposed alteration posted up in the Depository one month previous to the annual meeting, and inserted in the call for such meeting.