

SUGGESTIONS

FOR THE COMPLETE

ORGANIZATION AND WORKING

OF A

BRANCH BIBLE SOCIETY.

ANY BRANCH, which, in the past has not attained eminence as a tributary to the AUXILIARY—whose annual grant has not compared favorably with others in districts of less note as to population, wealth or religious privileges, is earnestly requested to consider the following suggestions of means whereby its latent resources may be made more available in the blessed cause of Bible dissemination.

1. The Bible Society being undenominational, care should be taken to preserve its character, as such, in its Branch organization and operation, and to this end the *committee* and *collectors* should, as far as possible, represent every Christian denomination in its district. The *sheet* in the *Auxiliary's Report* containing the *list of Branches* is divided into four columns; one for the name of the Branch and three for the *chief members* of Committee, viz., *President*, *Treasurer* and *Secretary*. Where there are more than three denominations in any district, they can be represented by *Vice-Presidents*. When a branch embraces an extensive district, its outlying sections should also be represented by *Vice-Presidents*, who could superintend the work of collecting in their respective localities.

2. At every ANNUAL MEETING (which it is desirable should be held during the *Agent's visit*), the COMMITTEE, if necessary, should be re-cast and *collectors appointed*, *competent to present the Society's claims*, and *earnestly interested in the work*; for to zealous collectors, rather than to Committee or contributors, belong the honor of placing the silver and the gold at the service of the Redeemer.

3. Should a Committee be impaired by the death or removal of any of its *chief members*, notice of such should be furnished the Agent at the earliest opportunity.