

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 this 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.

1st. The Bible Society being undenominational, care should be taken to preserve its character as such, in its branch organization, and to this end the committee and collectors should, as far as possible, represent every Christian denomination in its locality. The page in the Auxiliary's Report containing the list of branches specifies only the three chief officers of each branch, viz.: President, Treasurer and Secretary; but where there are more than three denominations within the bounds of a branch, they may all be represented by Vice-Presidents, whose names may appear on the page presenting the full committee, together with the collectors and list of subscribers.

2nd. When a branch embraces an extensive district, its outlying sections should be represented also by Vice-Presidents who could superintend the work of collecting in their respective sections. Great care should be taken in choosing collectors who are competent to present, if necessary, the Society's claims; for to collectors rather than to committees belongs the honor of placing the silver and gold at the service of the Redeemer.

3rd. 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 chosen. Should the agent's visit happen on a Sunday, such business should be transacted on the preceding Saturday. And should a Committee be subsequently impaired by death or removal of any of its chief officers, notice of such should immediately be furnished to the agent, and also the names of the persons chosen to fill the vacated positions.

4th. When a committee receives notice from the agent of his intended visit, no delay should be made in appointing the