

LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE QUEBEC AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

- 1.—The Society shall be called the Quebec Auxiliary Bible Society, the object of which shall be to co-operate with the British and Foreign Bible Society in promoting the distribution of the Holy Scriptures.
- 2.—Conformably to the principles of the Parent Institution, the Bibles and Testaments to be circulated by this Society shall be without note or comment, and those in the languages of the United Kingdom, of the authorized version only.
- 3.—All persons subscribing 10 shillings, or upwards, per annum, shall be Members of the Society. Nevertheless persons contributing less than 10 shillings shall be considered annual Subscribers.
- 4.—All persons subscribing £5, or upwards, at one time; and all Executors paying Bequests of £10 or upwards, shall be Members, for life, of the Society.
- 5.—The business of the Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary or Secretaries, Depository, and a Committee; and five Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 6.—Ministers of the Gospel of all denominations who are Members of the Society shall be considered Vice Presidents.
- 7.—The Committee shall meet once a month, or oftener, on some day to be fixed by themselves.
- 8.—The whole of the subscriptions and donations received by the Society shall be applied, after deducting incidental expenses, in the first place to the purchase of such a number of Bibles and Testaments as are required for local distribution; and the surplus funds shall be remitted to the Parent Society.
- 9.—The Members of the Society shall be entitled to purchase Bibles and Testaments at the Depository, at the *reduced prices*, to the extent of five times the amount of their subscriptions, and to any further extent at the *cost prices*.
- 10.—All Ministers of the Gospel making collections in their respective Congregations in behalf of the Society, shall be entitled, on paying such collections to the Treasurer, to receive Bibles and Testaments at the *reduced prices* to the extent of one-half of their respective collections,—such return being claimed within one year from the remittance of the collection: and to purchase Bibles and Testaments at the *cost prices* to any further extent. It is recommended, in all practicable cases, to supply the poor by sale rather than by gift.
- 11.—For the purpose of giving full effect to the design of the Society, the Committee shall make it their business to enquire what families, or individuals, are in want of Bibles and Testaments, and unable to procure them; and it shall be the duty of the Committee to supply them at prime cost, reduced prices, or gratis, according to their circumstances.
- 12.—For the still further promotion of the circulation of the Scriptures, it shall be incumbent on the Committee to encourage the formation of Branch Societies, or Bible Associations, in such Districts within the sphere of the Society as may not deem it expedient to form Auxiliary Societies of their own,—such Branch Societies, or Bible Associations, to be entitled to the same privileges from this Society, as this Society enjoys from the Parent Institution.
- 13.—A general meeting of the Society shall be held once a year,—when the accounts shall be presented; the proceedings of the past year stated; a report agreed upon; and officers appointed for the ensuing year.
- 14.—The Committee, or any twelve Members of the Society, may at any time call Special General Meetings thereof, not less than one week's previous notice being given to the Members.
- 15.—No alteration shall be made in these Laws, except at a General Meeting of the Society,—not less than one month's previous notice being given to the Members of the alteration intended to be proposed.