

# CONSTITUTION

## OF THE

### Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada.

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1878.

#### I.—NAME.

THIS Society shall be known as "The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada."

#### II.—OBJECT.

The object of the Society is the support and enlargement of the Indian, French, Domestic, Foreign, and other Missions, which are carried on under the direction of the Conferences of the Methodist Church of Canada.

#### III.—MEMBERS.

Every person paying annually the sum of four dollars and upwards, and every person collecting annually ten dollars and upwards, for this Society, shall be deemed a member, and entitled to a copy of the Annual Conference Report. And every person paying annually twenty-five dollars, or collecting for the Society thirty dollars or upwards, shall also be entitled to a copy of the General Report.

#### IV.—AUXILIARY AND BRANCH SOCIETIES.

The Methodist Missionary Societies within the bounds of any Annual Conference shall collectively be entitled "The Auxiliary Missionary Society" for that Conference; and severally shall be entitled "Branch Societies" of such Auxiliary. Missionary Societies formed in our Sunday-schools shall be entitled "Juvenile Branches" of the Conference Auxiliary.

#### V.—TREASURERS.

1. Each Annual Conference may appoint a Treasurer, through whom all remittances to or from the head office shall be sent. In case any Annual Conference does not make such an appointment, then all remittances to and from the head office shall be made

through the Chairmen of Districts in such Conference.

2. The Superintendent of a Circuit or Mission shall be Treasurer of the Branch Society on his Circuit or Mission.

#### VI.—REMITTANCES.

The money raised on any Circuit or Mission shall be transmitted as soon as collected to the Chairman of the District, deducting only what has been disbursed for incidental and local expenses; and the Chairman shall, in turn, remit promptly to the General Treasurer, through the Conference Treasurer, (or directly if there be no Conference Treasurer,) all moneys received, deducting only necessary incidental expenses. All moneys from the General Treasurer to a District shall also pass through the Chairman's hands.

#### VII.—CIRCUIT LISTS.

The Superintendent of each Circuit or Mission shall prepare annually, not later than the first day of the Annual District Meeting, a list of all subscribers, of two dollars and upwards, also the aggregate of all collections and sums under two dollars; such lists to be sent without delay to the Conference Treasurer or Chairman, who shall forward them to the Mission Rooms for insertion in the Annual Report, together with a statement of the gross receipts, local disbursements, and remittances.

#### VIII.—GENERAL BOARD.

1. There shall be a General Missionary Board for the management of the Missionary Fund, which shall meet annually at such time and place as it may appoint.

2. This Board shall be composed of the President of the General Conference, the Officers of the Missionary Society,

one Minister to each Annual Conference to be chosen annually, and twelve others whom shall be laid on by the General Conference to continue in office for three years.

3. The duties of the Board shall be to review the Missionary Funds, to provide for the respective Conference necessities of the work. A necessary appropriation shall be made for the Missionary Districts.

4. When an appeal is made to the General Board, the Board shall be a part of the Conference Committee to divert any part of the other department.

5. Vacancies in the Board shall be filled by the Executive Committee of the Conference affected among those appointed to the Conference meeting of the next year.

6. In the event of the inability of any person to fill the office of the Board, the Board shall have authority to fill the vacancy by appointing a person to fill the vacancy, pending the next General Conference.

7. The Board shall have authority to suspend any person from the Society for neglect of the duties of the Board, and supply his place. The General Board shall have authority to fill the vacancy in the General Conference.

#### IX.—COMMITTEES.

A Committee of the Board shall be appointed by the General Board, consisting of the President of the Board and nine laymen, who shall prepare the sessions of the Board, and shall have authority to fill the vacancy in the General Conference.