

being improperly or fruitlessly applied, and to make a regular quarterly report of their proceedings to the Society.

VIII. The duty of Steward shall be to attend at the place of Meeting, to see it in order, and to attend the Ballot Box.

IX. If any of the Officers of this Society, are by sickness, or otherwise absent from a regular Meeting, others shall be called to act in their room for the time being, or if any of them move out of the Province, or die during the year, for which they were elected, the Members assembled at the next Quarterly Meeting, shall choose others, as at the Annual Meeting, to serve for the remainder of that year.

X. As a stated Provision is made for the Poor, by the Municipal Laws of the Town, to which the Members of this Society pay their proportion as citizens, the fund of Charity shall rather be applied to the relief and assistance of persons who have met with sudden misfortune, or who suffer by occasional distress, than continued allowance for settled poor, but as no adequate regulation can be devised on this subject, suitable to all times and all circumstances, the Society shall always be free to exercise its own discretion and humanity, notwithstanding any thing to the contrary in this Rule.

XI. At every Annual Meeting of this Society, a Committee of three Members be appointed, to audit the Accounts of the past year, and report on the same at the next quarterly Meeting.

XII. The foregoing shall be deemed the *Bye Laws* of the *Nova-Scotia Philanthropic Society of Halifax*, and shall at any time when occasion requires be abrogated.