

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

- I. This Society shall be called "The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society."
- II. The object of this Society shall be the preaching of the Gospel throughout Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland, the assistance of feeble Churches, and the planting of new ones.
- III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing five shillings and upwards annually, to its funds. Any person contributing five pounds at one time shall be a Life Member. Any person contributing twenty pounds at one time, or whose contributions shall amount to that sum, shall be a Life Director. Every Association or Auxiliary, which contributes annually to this Society shall be entitled to be represented by one Delegate for every five pounds so contributed; and every Baptist Church contributing annually to the funds of the Society, shall have the privilege of sending a delegate. Should the funds so contributed exceed five pounds, such church shall be entitled to send one delegate for every five pounds contributed,—*Provided*: That no Association, Auxiliary or Church, shall be entitled to send more than five Delegates at one time.
- IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice- Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, who shall be annually appointed by the Society from among its members.
- V. The Society shall annually appoint a Board of Management, consisting of twenty-four members, members of Baptist Churches, seven of whom shall reside in the place designated, from year to year, as the location of the Board, or in its neighborhood, and five shall constitute a quorum. The officers above named shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board. The following shall be the duties of the Board, viz:—To meet from time to time for the despatch of business, due notice of such meeting being given; to appoint missionaries, and assign their respective spheres of labor; to expend the funds for the objects of the Society, providing that all amounts contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied as far as possible in accordance with the wishes of the donors; to employ agents for the collection of funds, and for the general advancement of the interests of the Society; and to furnish a report of the proceedings of the past year at the Annual meeting.
- VI. Every Auxiliary Society which shall agree to commit all its funds to the direction of this Society, shall be entitled to receive Missionary labor in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to its contributions; provided that such designation be intimated at the time of payment.
- VII. The members of Auxiliary Societies shall be members of this Society. Life Directors shall be entitled to attend and vote at meetings of the Board.
- VIII. The Annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined upon at a previous Annual meeting. At that meeting, the officers of the Society for the ensuing year shall be appointed, and such other business transacted as the members then present deem expedient.
- IX. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.