

LAWS AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
MONTREAL AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

- I. The Society shall be designated, " THE MONTREAL 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, both at home and abroad.
- II. Conformably to the principles of the Parent Institution, the Bibles and Testaments circulated by this Society, shall be without note or comment, and those in the United Kingdom, in the authorised Version only.
- III. All persons subscribing four dollars or upwards, per annum, shall be members of this Society ; or forty dollars or upwards, at one time, shall be members for life. Nevertheless, persons subscribing less than four dollars per annum, shall be considered as Annual Subscribers.
- IV. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretaries, and a Committee consisting of twenty other members ; five members of this Committee shall form a quorum, the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretaries attending, and voting *ex-officio*.
- V. Every Clergyman, or other Minister, who is a member of this Society, shall be enabled to attend and vote at the meetings of the Committee.
- VI. The Committee shall meet once every month, or oftener, on some day to be fixed by themselves.
- VII. The Committee are expected to use every possible exertion within the sphere of their influence, in procuring Subscriptions and Donations, with a view to the increase of the funds of this Institution ; which sums so raised, shall be, within one month, paid into the hands of the Treasurer, who shall, when directed by the Committee, remit the same to the Parent Society.
- VIII. The whole of the Subscriptions and Donations received by this Society, shall, from time to time, be remitted (after deducting incidental expenses) to the Parent Institution, in consideration of the advantages held out to Auxiliary Societies, viz :—" That the Committee of such Society shall be entitled to receive Bibles and Testaments, estimated at prime cost, to the amount of half the entire sum remitted to the Parent Institution, if their local necessities shall require such a supply :—And further, that the members of Auxiliary Societies shall be entitled to the privilege of purchasing from the Depository of the Auxiliary Societies, on the same conditions as members of the Parent Institution."
- IX. For the purpose of giving full effect to the benevolent designs of the BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY, in their grant of the Scriptures for distribution among the poor, the Committee shall make it their business to enquire what families or individuals are in want of Bibles or Testaments, and unable to procure them ; and it shall be the duty of the Committee to furnish them therewith, at prime cost, reduced prices, or gratis, according to their circumstances.
- X. All Clergymen and other Ministers making collections in their respective congregations in behalf of this Society, shall be entitled, on remitting such collections to the Treasurer of this Society, to receive Bibles and Testaments to an amount not exceeding one half of the said respective collections, estimated at prime cost, as shall be found to be needed by the poor in the vicinity ; such return of Bibles and Testaments to be claimed within one year from the remittance of such collections. It is recommended to supply by sale rather than by gift.
- XI. A general meeting of the Subscribers to be held annually at Montreal, when the accounts shall be presented—the proceedings of the past year stated—a new Committee appointed—and a Report agreed upon, to be printed under the direction of the Committee, and circulated among the members.
- XII. In the formation of a new Committee, the Treasurer, Secretaries, and such three-fourths of the other members, as have most frequently attended the Committee, shall be re-eligible for the ensuing year.
- XIII. No alteration shall be made in these Laws except at a general meeting of the Society, and any proposed alteration must be published in at least two of the Montreal Papers, one month previous to the Meeting.