

in the first instance, to the purchase of such a number of Bibles and Testaments from the Parent Institution as are required for local supplies; that the surplus funds shall be given to the Parent Society as a free contribution; and that the Bibles and Testaments in the Society's Depository shall be sold at the prime sterling cost as currency.

IX. That 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, residing within their several Districts, are in want of Bibles and Testaments, and unable to procure them, and that it shall be the duty of the Committee to furnish them therewith at prime cost, reduced price, or gratis, according to their circumstances.

X. That for the still further promotion of the circulation of the Scriptures, it is expedient to encourage the formation of *Branch Societies* in such Districts, within the sphere of the Auxiliary Society as may not be sufficiently populous to form Auxiliary Societies of their own; such Branch Societies and the individual members thereof, to be entitled to the same privileges from the Auxiliary Society as it and its individual members enjoy from the Parent Institution.

XI. That such persons as may not find it convenient to become Members of the Auxiliary Society, or any one of its Branches, shall, upon forming themselves into Bible Associations, be entitled to purchase at the Depository of this Society, under the direction of the Committee, copies of the Scriptures at prime cost, for sale, or at reduced prices, for gratuitous distribution among poorer neighbours.

XII. That all Clergymen, and other Ministers, within the sphere of this Society, making collections in their respective congregations in behalf of this Institution, shall be entitled, on remitting such collections to the Treasurer of the 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 returns of Bibles and Testaments to be claimed within one year from the remittance of the collection. It is recommended in this, and all the other cases, to prefer supplying the poor by sale at low price, rather than by *gratis* contribution.