

# CONSTITUTION OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY <sup>OF THE</sup> 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 Societies on his Circuit or Mission.

## V.—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.—CENTRAL BOARD.

1. There shall be a Central 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 be chosen annually by each Annual Conference, one Layman to be chosen annually by the laymen of each Conference Missionary Committee, and six other persons—one-half of whom shall be laymen—to be appointed by the General Conference, and to continue in office for four years.

3. The duties of this Board shall be to review the Missionary work, and apportion the funds committed to it, to the respective Conferences according to the necessities of the various depart-

ments of the work necessary appropriate to the Mission Districts.

4. When an appointment is made by the Central Board, the department of the Conference Committee shall have liberty to divert to any other department.

5. Vacancies in the Conferences represented on the Executive Committee of the General Conference shall be filled by the General Conference Committee on Finance.

6. In the event of the inability of any person to fill the position of Treasurer, the Committee on Finance shall have authority to appoint a person to fill the position, pending the next General Conference.

7. The Committee on Finance shall have authority to suspend any person from the Society for neglect of the duties of the position, and to supply his place until the next General Conference.

## IX.—COMMITTEES.

A Committee on Finance shall be appointed by the Central Board, and shall be composed of the President of the Central Board, and six laymen to be chosen annually by the laymen of each Conference Missionary Committee, and six other persons—one-half of whom shall be laymen—to be appointed by the General Conference, and to continue in office for four years.

## X.—ANNUAL MEETING.

An Annual