

## RULES RECOMMENDED FOR BRANCH SOCIETIES AND BIBLE ASSOCIATIONS.

In the formation of Auxiliary Societies, as friends who have met together for that purpose have frequently found some difficulty in framing a Constitution and Regulations on a subject till then new to them, they may avail themselves of the experience of several Auxiliary Institutions, by the plan here traced.

### FOR A BRANCH SOCIETY.

1. That the Object and Constitution of the British and Foreign Bible Society have the cordial approbation of this Meeting.
2. That a Society be formed, to be called, "The Branch Bible Society of \_\_\_\_\_," for the purpose of co-operating with the British and Foreign Bible Society, through the medium of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, in promoting the distribution of the Holy Scriptures both at home and abroad.
3. That, conformably to the principles of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Bibles and Testaments to be circulated by this Society shall be without note or comment, and those in the language of the United Kingdom of the authorized version only.
4. That all persons subscribing One Dollar *per annum* or upwards, or Ten Dollars or upwards at one time, shall be members of this Society.
5. That the business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, Secretaries, and a Committee consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ Members of the Committee constitute a quorum.
6. That every Clergyman or other Minister, who is a member of the Society shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Meetings of the Committee.
7. That the Committee shall meet once every month, or oftener, on some day to be fixed by themselves.
8. That the Committee divide this neighbourhood into districts, and appoint two or more of their Members for each district, who may associate with themselves any subscribers, for the purpose of soliciting Subscriptions and Donations from the inhabitants thereof; and that they establish proper Agents and correspondents in different parts within the limits of this Branch Society.
9. That the whole of the Subscriptions and Donations received by the Society shall be remitted half-yearly, after deducting incidental expenses, to the Auxiliary Bible Society of Montreal, on condition of that Society granting to this, the same privileges which the Parent Institution grants, in such cases, to its Auxiliary Societies.
10. That the Committee shall make it their business to inquire what families or individuals, residing within the several Districts, are in want of Bibles or Testaments and unable to procure them; and that it shall be the duty of the Committee to furnish them therewith at prime cost, reduced prices, or gratis, according to their circumstances.
11. That such persons as may not find it convenient to become Members of this Society, 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 gratuitous distribution, or sale at prime cost or reduced prices, among their poor neighbours.
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