

## CONSTITUTION.

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### XVI.

That the accounts of the Society be closed on the 30th day of April in each year, and that the same be audited within one month from that date.

### XVII.

That the Secretary conduct the correspondence of the Society, take minutes of the proceedings of the General Meetings and Committees, and prepare the Annual Report of the Society in connection with the Standing Committee.

### XVIII.

In connection and correspondence with the Society, District Associations shall be established, comprising one or more Districts, (as shall be approved by the President,) the same to be composed of the Clergy resident within the bounds of the district, and all other members who shall contribute in aid of the Society's Funds; the Archdeacon, or Senior Clergyman resident within its bounds, shall *ex officio* be Chairman of such District Branch Association, with whom shall be associated, as composing a Committee of Management, all Clergymen in the District and two Laymen from each congregation which observes the constitution, rules, and regulations of the Society, and from none others; the lay members to be elected at the annual meeting of the Parochial Association.

A General Meeting of the Branch District Associations shall be held in each year, at any time and place which may be agreed upon at a previous Quarterly Meeting of the Committee of Management: and Quarterly Meetings of the Committee of Management—not less than five to form a quorum—shall be held for the transaction of the ordinary business of each Branch Association.

In order to more fully carry out the objects of the Society, a general Public Meeting shall be held annually in each parish, at which the objects and claims of the Society shall be set forth, and persons shall be invited to become members by contributing to its funds, such contributors to form a Parochial Association of the Church Society. The members of the Association shall elect annually four among their own number as a Committee, which, through its Chairman, (the Clergyman,) shall be in correspondence with the District Branch Associations, and may be denominated *the Parochial Committee of the Church Society*. The Committee shall meet so often, and at such periods as they shall themselves decide to be most convenient, inviting the co-operation of all the parishioners in their deliberations and designs. They shall collect subscriptions and donations from the members of the Church, in such manner as they shall deem most effective, and endeavour by every means in their power to augment the resources of the Society. All moneys raised to be transmitted to the Treasurer of the District Association, who shall, on or before the 30th of April in each year, transmit the same to the Treasurer of the Society at Toronto, without any deduction.

The District Associations, through their respective Secretaries, shall communicate to the Secretary of the Parent Society at Toronto a minute statement of all receipts and expenditures within the sphere of their operations, embodied in the form of a report, once in each year, so soon as convenient after the General Annual Meeting of such District Branch Associations.

### XIX.

That four sermons be preached annually, and collections made in every church, chapel, or station in which an established Sunday service is performed, provided that in case of stations where Sunday service cannot be performed more than once in a month, it shall be discretionary with the Clergyman serving such stations to omit the said collection, if he shall think proper.

That the collections be made for the objects specified on the days following, or not later than two Sundays subsequently:

1. For Missions, on the first Sunday in January.
2. For Widows and Orphans' Fund, on the first Sunday in October.
3. For Missions, on first Sunday in July.
4. For Students in Theology, on the first Sunday in April.