

## RULES.

- 1st. That this Institution be designated the *Halifax Poor Man's Friend Society*, a general meeting of which shall be held annually.
- 2d. That 20 persons be annually chosen as a Committee, also a Treasurer and Secretary from among the members of the Society to conduct its business, and that five of its members constitute a quorum.
- 3d. That the Committee meet monthly—that it be furnished with a map of the Town, to be divided into Wards, and that it appoint from time to time, as many, and such persons, as visitors in those wards, as it may judge expedient.
- 4th That the acting visitors, donors of 20s., and subscribers of 12s. annually, *paid in advance*, be considered members of this society, and entitled to vote at the general meeting.
- 5th. That it shall be the duty of the visitors to ascertain what cases of distress exist in the several wards to which they are appointed to insert in their books the name of any person becoming a subscriber, and to report the same to the Committee.
- 6th. That it shall be the duty of every visitor strictly to investigate, any case of distress coming under his notice, and if immediate relief be necessary, that he be permitted to render assistance to the amount as directed by the Committee.
- 7th. That a subscription of one shilling per month, to be collected in the different wards by the visitors, shall be solicited as extensively as possible, and that any donations which the friends of this Society may be inclined to bestow, will be thankfully received.
- 8th. That as journeymen and servants who are now receiving wages, may through sickness or other causes, be thrown out of employ, and may become objects of attention from the Society, they shall also be requested to contribute six pence monthly.
- 9th. That any sum remaining in the hands of the visitors, at the monthly meetings of the Committee, shall be then paid in, to be by them paid over to the Treasurer.
- 10th. That as this Society is formed solely for benevolent purposes, none of its members shall receive the least remuneration for their services, and each subscriber shall be at liberty to withdraw his name, on giving one month's notice to the Visitor of the Ward in which he resides.
- 11th. That the books of this Society shall be always open, for the inspection of the Public.

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