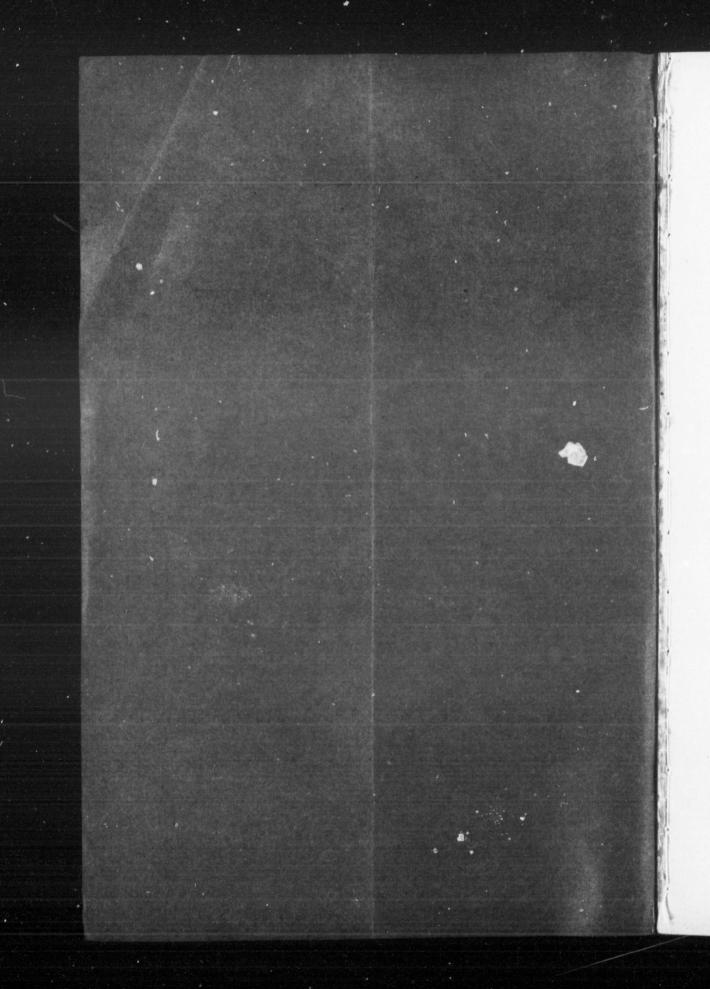
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LAWS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

QUEBEC AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

I.—The Society shall be called the "QUEBEC AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY," the object of which shall be to co-operate with the British and Foreign Bible Society in promoting the distribution of the Holy Scriptures.

II.—Conformably to the principles of the Parent Institution, the Bibles and Testaments to be circulated by the Society, shall be without note or comment, and those in the language of the United Kingdom, of the authorized version only.

III.—All persons subscribing \$1 or upwards, per annum, shall be members of the Society. Nevertheless, persons contributing less than \$1 shall be considered annual subscribers.

IV.—All persons subscribing £5 or upwards at one time, and all Executors, paying bequests of £10 or upwards, shall be members for life of the Society.

V.—The business of the Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Secretary or Secretaries, a Depositary, and a Committee; and five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

VI.—Ministers of the Gospel, of all denominations, who are members of the Society, shall be considered Vice-Presidents.

VII.—The Committee shall meet once a month, or oftener, on some day to be fixed by themselves.

VIII.—The whole of the subscriptions and donations received by the Society shall be applied, after deducting incidental expenses, in the first place, to the purchase of such a number of Bibles and Testaments as are required for local distribution, and the surplus funds shall be remitted to the Parent Society.

IX.—The members of the Society shall be entitled to purchase Bibles and Testaments at the Depository, at the REDUCED PRICES, to the extent of five times the amount of their subscriptions, and to any further extent at the COST PRICE.

X.—All ministers of the Gospel making collections in their respective congregations in behalf of the Society, shall be entitled, on paying such collections to the Treasurer, to receive Bibles and Testaments at the REDUCED PRICES, to the extent of one half of their respective collections,—such return being claimed within one year of the remittance of the collection—and to purchase Bibles and Testaments at the COST PRICES, to any further extent. It is recommended, in all practicable cases, to supply the poor by sale rather than by gift,

XI.—For the purpose of giving full effect to the design of the Society, the Committee shall make it their business to enquire what families or individuals are in want of Bibles and Testaments, are unable to procure them; and it shall be the duty of the Committee to supply them at prime cost, reduced prices, or gratis, according to their circumstances.

XII.—For the still further promotion of the circulation of the Scriptures, it shall be incumbent on the Committee to encourage the formation of Branch Societies, or Bible Associations, in such districts, within the sphere of the Societies, as may not deem it expedient to form Auxiliary branches of their own—such Branch Societies, or Bible Associations, to be entitled to the same privileges from this Society as this Society enjoys from the Parent Institution.

XIII.—A general meeting of the Society shall be held once a year—when the accounts shall be presented, a report agreed upon, and officers appointed for the ensuing year.

XIV.—The Committee, or any twelve members of the Society, may, at any time, call Special General Meetings thereof, not less than one week's notice being given to the members.

XV.—No alterations shall be made in these Laws, except at a General Meeting of the Society—not less than one month's previous notice being given to the members of the alteration intended to be proposed.

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All Branch Societies, Associations, and Depositories, are particularly requested to make out a Yearly Report of their proceedings, with a list of Subscribers, &c., to be sent to the Depository, Quebec, on or before the Twenty-fifth day of December, that there may be sufficient time to prepare the Annual Report.

It is requested that when remittances are made, it may be specified whether the same are to be placed to the Purchase Account or as Free Contributions.

It is particularly requested that Branches and Agencies, will effect Insurance on their Stock. In many cases it may be made an item in the Policy which the Depositary takes out on his Stock-in-trade; but where that cannot be done, if the stock of Bibles be of the value of \$100, a special Insurance should be effected.

The Committees of Branch Societies, will please bear in mind that the Scriptures furnished them are invoiced, invariably, at cost price; all expenses therefore, after they leave the Quebec Depository, must be borne by the Brancles.

FORTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

THE FORTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE QUEBEC AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY was held on Tuesday evening, 4th March, 1885. The Chair having been taken by Hon. D. A. Ross, President, a portion of Scripture was read, and prayer offered. The Report of the Committee was then read.

FIRST RESOLUTION-Moved by Rev. E. J. Stobo, seconded by Dr. Harper:

That the report of the Quebec Auxiliary Bible Society now presented to the meeting be adopted and published, together with an abstract of the Parent Society's Report, and that the following gentlemen constitute the Committee for the ensuing year:—

President, Hon. D. A. Ross; Vice-Presidents, Hon. James G. Ross, John Ross, N. N. Ross, John C. Thomson, James Hossack, Joseph Whitehead, Wm. White, W. C. Scott, and all Ministers of the Gospel, who are members of the Society; Treasurer, Thomas Morkill; Secretary, Dr. Harper; Assistant-Secretary, J. O. Richardson.

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SECOND RESOLUTION—Moved by Rev. John Potts, D.D., seconded by Rev. G. D. Mathews, D.D.:—

That this meeting devoutly recognizes the good hand of God in the success which has hitherto crowned the efforts of the British and Foreign Bible Society; and while contemplating that Society's widening sphere, and its majestic progress in the midst of strange ever to transpiring in nations which were early evangelized and not less wonderful changes on lands which are yet waiting to be evangelized, would express its carnest hope that the Christian Church will with growing faith and love meet the great responsibility by affording adequate support to this noble institution.

THIRD RESOLUTION—Moved by Rev. J. Ridley, seconded by Jos. Whitehead, Esq. :--

That this meeting, while tendering its thanks to the retiring Committee and officers, would urge upon their successors to promote the work of the Society with unwavering faith and trust.

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The British and Foreign Bible Society, of which we are glad to be an Auxiliary, continues its grand career. Age, instead of enfeebling, seems only to give it new strength and vitality, so that last year's work and contributions were the largest in the history of the Society. The income of the l'arent Institution in London, exceeded that of the previous year by £20,000, and the number of whole copies of the Bible published during that period, was greater than in any previous year of its existence. It is impossible for any one to glance even cursorily over the voluminous Report of the Parent Society without being struck by the extent and ramifications of the work. No nation or clime remains unvisited by its agents. To its operations are particularly applicable the words of the Psalmist: "Their line is gone throughout all the earth and their words to the end of the world."

In presenting the forty-ninth Report of the Auxiliary, we have to report that Bible distribution among the French Canadian parishes, is carried on faithfully and efficiently by our Colporteurs, Messrs. Fresque and Seton. Those only who are engaged in the work, can form an adequate idea of its discomforts and trials. True there is very little violence or overt opposition at present, yet the labor is severe and telling where it is discharged conscientiously, as we believe it is, by our Colporteurs. While there is much to encourage, there is much to depress. A former French pastor here, (Rev. Mr. Langel), who had been at one time employed as a Missionary in the East, said that this was the hardest field he had ever labored in, and that if he had his choice he would return to India, where the opposition to truth is less trained and systematic. Yet it is not ours to choose. The

command is to preach the Gospel to every creature, to sow the good seed of the word, leaving the results with the great disposer of events.

For the means to carry on our operations, we are very largely indebted to the old Upper Canada Bible Society and its branches. The work of French Colportage would be seriously crippled were it not for the large and generous contributions we receive from Ontario. We thankfully acknowledge the receipt of the following sums:—From U. C. Bible Society, \$500; from Fergus branch, \$25; from Eglinton branch, \$20; from other branches (names not given), \$175.60.

Time and again your Committee have expressed their strong and earnest wish to employ the services of an English Colporteur, to visit the Eastern Townships and other points where there are English speaking people. But we have not the means. We hope, however, some one or more members of the Committee may, during the ensuing year, be able to make it convenient to visit and encourage the different branches in the country parts.

The Treasurer's statement shows the receipts for the year to be \$1,177.71, and the disbursements \$1,301.92, leaving a balance on hand of \$240.76.

Our old and tried friend, the Rev. D. Marsh, retains charge of the Depositary. The number of copies sent out during the year was: 113 English Bibles and 97 Testaments; 36 French Bible sand 1,265 Testaments and portions; cash sales, \$69.21. To the Rev. Dr. Mac Vicar of Montreal, the Auxiliary is indebted for efficient service at the last anniversary. Our thanks are also due to the Y. M. C. A. for the use of their rooms.

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erious where ces to society. In our large cities we have the elements of trouble, Gatherings of Dynamiters, Anarchists, Socialists, Nihilists and other kindred societies, are held in public, where the most ominous threats are indulged in, and the most bloodthirsty intentions are proclaimed. Indeed there is reason to apprehend a war of classes-the poor against the rich. It is in the interest of all to avert, if possible, such a terrible catastrophe. What then are the best means to adopt to prevent it? Give the people the Book of Life. In the words of Victor Hugo, whom nobody will accuse of being much in sympathy with religious thought or movement, "Give the workingman who suffers-to whom this world is hard—the notion of a better world prepared for him, and he will be quiet and patient. Patience springs from hope, therefore spread the Gospel in villages. Put a Bible in every house and every brook and every field will show the moral result."

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