

MEETING OF PRESBYTERY.

On Monday the 11th January, 1850, THE UNITED PRESBYTERY OF UPPER CANADA, met in the Presbyterian Church of the Revd Robert Boyd, Prescott, and after a sermon delivered by the Moderator, the Revd W. Smart, they proceeded to business.

A letter having been read from the Revd W. Bell, Clerk of the Presbytery, assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence, the Revd Robert Lyle, A. M., was appointed clerk.

The minutes of the last Presbytery being read, the Committee of the Literary and Theological Institution was called on for their report.

The following was submitted, and referred for future consideration.

The committee in reporting the result of their inquiries are happy to announce the Presbytery that they are the great literary institution for such as are desirous for the Christianization of such as are desirous for the Christianization of the friends of Christ, and the public in general.

The committee in the prosecution of their inquiries have felt great encouragement that Divine Providence has opened such a door of usefulness to the church, and are cheered in the prospect of the important blessings that will be reaped by the present, and future generations, through the medium of the contemplated Seminary.

The committee have no doubt, but, He in whose hands are all hearts, will induce the friends of science and religion to establish and support an institution that eventually be a blessing to the community, and the Christian Church in particular.

The committee would respectfully, but deeply implore, on the minds of the members of the Presbytery, that the institution is of vital importance to the prosperity of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and therefore urge with affectionate solicitude the prompt subscription of those who are in a position that no time be lost, in usual requirements the following to their serious consideration.

I. That a plan of the institution be drawn up, embracing the studies to be pursued, the management of the same, together with the organization and ground plan of the building, so as to be that a correct view may had of the design of the institution.

II. That a respectful application be made to the provincial government, praying for such assistance as they, in their wisdom may deem most expedient.

III. That an appeal be immediately prepared, printed, and addressed to the public—agents appointed to circulate subscription papers, and receive contributions in books and money.

IV. That an immediate correspondence be entered into with the different ecclesiastical bodies, especially the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Synods, Presbyteries, and Associations in Great Britain and Ireland, soliciting their aid and concurrence in the objects of this Presbytery, and on the subject of the seminary in particular. Such being the extent of our deliberations, to your consideration all is most respectfully submitted.

Resolved—That the clerk be instructed to write immediately to the Rev. W. Bell, to ascertain whether he has forwarded the petitions respecting the state of education, relating to the District and Common Schools, and if forwarded by whom.

The Rev. R. McDowall having presented a report of his late mission in the upper parts of the province, it was moved by the Rev. R. Lyle, and seconded by Theodore Butler, Esq. that the very interesting report presented by Mr. McDowall be received, and approved of, and that the Presbytery feel deeply indebted to him for his laborious exertions, and valuable information communicated.

Mr. McDowall, then rose and expressed his highest satisfaction, that his services were so gratefully received by the Presbytery.

Moved by the Rev. R. Boyd, and seconded by Mr. Matthew McIntosh, that the committee commissions be authorized to select such portions as they may deem proper for publication.

Moved by the Rev. R. McDowall, and seconded by Mr. Boyd, that the clerk be instructed to write to the different branch societies, encouraging them in their efforts and labours in the cause of Christ, and that they will be visited by one, or more of the ministers of this Presbytery in the course of the ensuing summer.

Applications having been made to the Presbytery from the Rev. Daniel W. Eastman, of Ganley, and the Rev. Eli Chadwick, of Charlottetown, to be received as members of this Presbytery, and from the favorable report of the Rev. Robert McDowall of those ministers, and after mature deliberation, it was moved by the Rev. Robert Boyd, and seconded by the Rev. Robert Lyle, that the committee composed of the ministers of the Home and Gore Districts be authorized to receive in full connection with this Presbytery, the Rev. Eli Chadwick and the congregation under their pastoral care.

D. W. Eastman

It was resolved, that the report of the committee of the Home and Gore Districts forwarded by Rev. James Harris, be inserted on the minutes.

Resolved—That the Rev. R. McDowall be appointed to make a missionary tour through the Jamesstown, Eastern and Harbour Districts early in the summer.

Resolved—That the Rev. Andrew Bell be appointed to visit the missionary societies formed by the Rev. Mr. McDowall, in the upper parts of the province, to organize new societies, and make such other arrangements on behalf of the Presbytery as he may see necessary, and that the committee of ministers in the Home and Gore Districts make such arrangements as they may deem fit for the supply of the pulpit of the Rev. A. Bell, during his absence.

Resolved—That the Rev. R. McDowall be appointed and is hereby authorized to form and organize branch societies in connexion with this Presbytery, in such parts of the Midland and Newcastle Districts, as he may have opportunity in the course of the winter, and report his proceedings to the next meeting of Presbytery.

Resolved—That at all future meetings of the Presbytery, public collection be taken up to defray the expenses of printing the minutes, &c.

The next meeting of the Presbytery to be at Brockville, on the first Tuesday in June, and that the Rev. Robert Lyle, A. M. deliver a discourse at half past 8, P. M.

The Communion of the Lord's Supper to be administered in the said church on the Sabbath following.