

## INTRODUCTION.

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### FORMATION OF THE SOCIETY.

ON Tuesday, the 4th of January, 1859, a meeting, called by circular and notices in the newspapers, was held in No. 1 Dalhousie College, at 3 o'clock P. M., "to promote the formation of a Society, such as those established in other places, for the discussion of interesting and important questions in LITERATURE, SCIENCE, COMMERCE, and the ARTS."

On the motion of the Hon. STAYLEY BROWN, ANDREW MACKINLAY, Esq., President of the Mechanics' Institute, was called to the chair.

WM. GARVIE, Esq., was requested to act as Secretary to the meeting.

On the motion of HUGO REID, Esq., seconded by the Rev. Dr. CRAMP, it was

"*Resolved*, That a Society be established in this Province, to meet in Halifax, or at times in other places, for the reading and discussion of original communications on such subjects in LITERATURE, SCIENCE, POLITICAL ECONOMY, COMMERCE, STATISTICS, and THE ARTS, as may tend to draw forth talent and useful information; to encourage the study of the history, natural history, products and capabilities of the Province; to foster a spirit of enquiry and enterprise, and generally promote the advancement of science, learning, and the useful arts."

On the motion of ANDREW M. UNIACKE, Esq., seconded by Dr. COGSWELL, it was

"*Resolved*, That the gentlemen here present who enrol their names be members of the Society, and appoint the following gentlemen—with power to add to their number—to be a council or committee of management, to set the Society in action, frame regulations, and conduct the proceedings till December next, when they shall present a report to the first annual meeting of the members, at which the council for the ensuing year shall be chosen."