

11. The committee shall meet once in three months, or oftener if necessary. It will be their duty to promote subscriptions and to encourage the formation of Branch Societies throughout the country.

12. Moved by the Rev. Andrew Bell and seconded by Mr. Ross.—That the following gentlemen be requested to accept of the following appointments.

James Ketchum, Esq. President.

Messrs. Ross, Kennedy and McLellan, Vice Presidents.

Mr. Drummond, Treasurer.

Rev. James Harris, Secretary.

*Committee.*

Messrs. McClashen, Henderson, Ewart, A. Armstrong, Sheppard, Rogers, Tallfree and Polly.

The following are the resolutions which were adopted with regard to the Seminary.

1. Moved by the Rev. William Bell and seconded by the Rev. Robert McDowell.

That in the present growing and improving state of the country it is not only highly important to the prosperity and stability of civil society and social order, but also to the character and usefulness of the Christian Church, that an intelligent and cultivated ministry should be promoted and encouraged.

2. Moved by the Rev. Andrew Bell and seconded by the Rev. Robert Boyd.

That in the opinion of this Presbytery it becomes necessary to adopt measures for the erection of a public seminary of education for such as are designed for the Christian Ministry in order that Ministers adapted to the necessities of the country may be increased and the wants of our churches supplied.

3. Moved by the Rev. William Jenkins and seconded by the Rev. Peter Gordon.

That the Presbytery do most earnestly recommend, to their ministers and congregations to make the most strenuous exertions to forward an object so vitally important to the well being of society and the best interests of the church of Christ, and that they in the meantime take the subject into their immediate and serious consideration, and forward their views to the next meeting of Presbytery.

4. Moved by the Rev. James Harris and seconded by the Rev. William Bell.

That the Presbytery from their knowledge of the disposition and ability of the community at large cannot but express their confident hope that they will be supported and encouraged in their present attempt by the wealthy and the liberal of every class.

5. Moved by the Rev. Robert McDowell and seconded by the Rev. James Harris.

That the Rev. Messrs. W. Bell, Boyd and Smart be a corresponding committee to carry the views of the Presbytery into effect, and make such arrangement as may be in their power, and report to the Presbytery at their next meeting.

On the following day when the Presbytery met, its attention was called to the system of education at present pursued in this province, which was admitted on all hands to be extremely defective. A short discussion produced the following resolutions.

1. That the Presbytery feels deeply interested in the progress of knowledge and the cultivation of those sciences which are calculated to render the youth of this province virtuous and intelligent.