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# MEETING OF PRESBYTERY.

On Wednesday evening the 2nd inst. the United Presbytery of Upper Canada met in the Presbyterian Church in York, and continued their deliberations on the following days. The session has been peculiarly interesting and important. Among other important business transacted by the Presbytery, was the formation of an Auxiliary Missionary Society for the Home District, and the establishment of a Literary and Theological Seminary, for the education of young men of piety and ability for the gospel ministry, as soon as circumstances will permit.

The following is an outline of the transactions.

The Rev. William Smart being in the chair—It was moved by the Rev. William Jenkins and seconded by Mr. Henderson,

1. That seriously impressed with the deplorable and destitute state of many parts of the country, in regard of public preaching and the administration of the ordinances of the gospel, it is deemed highly necessary and important to form a Missionary Society, in connection with the Presbytery of Upper Canada, for the Home District.

2. Moved by the Rev. Robert Boyd and seconded by the Rev. William Bell,

That as the preaching of the gospel is the great means of salvation, sanctioned by the Holy Spirit and the experience of the church in all ages, it becomes the solemn duty of professing christians to promote the increase of the Redeemer's kingdom, and to encourage the preaching of the gospel by donations and otherwise.

3. Moved by the Rev. Robert McDowall and seconded by Mr. McLellan,

That the Presbytery viewing the influence of the ministerial character in their immediate congregations and neighbourhoods, do particularly recommend to their brethren the formation of Auxiliary and Branch Societies throughout the Province.

4. Moved by the Rev. Peter Gordon and seconded by Jesse Ketchum, Esq.

That the following constitution be adopted for the government of the Society.

I. The object of the Society is to assist the Parent Society in the spread of the gospel or to act by itself as circumstances may direct.

II. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a President, three Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary and at least seven managers, to be elected annually, five of whom shall form a quorum.

III. Each subscriber of five shillings or upwards shall be a member of the Society.

III. The funds of the Society shall be employed in supplying with the ordinances of religion the neighbouring country—the surplus if any to be transmitted to the treasurer of the Upper Canada Home Missionary Society.

V. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held in York on the first Wednesday in September, at which the transactions of the Society shall be laid before it; a copy of which shall be transmitted to the Parent Society.