

congregational home missionary society
CONSTITUTION

OF THE

AMERICAN

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

RECOMMENDED BY

A CONVENTION

OF THE

FRIENDS OF MISSIONS,

HELD IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, MAY 10, 1826,

AND ADOPTED BY THE

United Domestic Missionary Society:

TOGETHER WITH THE

FOURTH REPORT

OF THE LAST NAMED SOCIETY.

PRESENTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AT THE ANNIVERSARY

MEETING, MAY 12 1826.

With an Appendix.



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the design, and the interests of our American Zion, and of the church throughout the world, to the Divine blessing; after which the meeting was dissolved.

"On the morning of the following day, January 12, it was ascertained that the Rev. Walter Chapin, of Woodstock, Vermont, and a delegation from the Executive Committee of the United Domestic Missionary Society of New-York, consisting of the Rev. Absalom Peters, Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Matthias Bruen, and Mr. Archibald Falconer, who had intended to be present at the meeting, but had been prevented, by the badness of the roads, from reaching the city in time, had arrived late the preceding evening. The members of the meeting who were still in the city, met these gentlemen at the house of Mr. Homes, at 11 o'clock A. M. and gave them a particular account of the proceedings detailed in the preceding record; in relation to all of which proceedings they were pleased to express their unqualified approbation.

"I hereby certify that the above is a true account of the proceedings of the persons therein named, in relation to the formation of a National Domestic Missionary Society.

"B. B. WISNER,

"Boston, Jan. 12, 1826."

The following is the copy of a Letter addressed to the Corresponding Secretary by the Rev. Drs. Miller and Alexander, Professors in the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church, dated Princeton, March 6, 1826.

"REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,

"We rejoice to hear that there is a plan in contemplation for forming a Domestic Missionary Society, on a much larger scale than has heretofore existed. We have long been of the opinion that the subject of Domestic Missions is one which ought to interest the hearts, and to rouse the exertions and the prayers of American Christians, to an extent which very few appear to appreciate. Our impression is, that, unless far more vigorous measures than we have hitherto witnessed shall be soon adopted, for sending the blessed Gospel and its ordinances to the widely extended and rapidly increasing New Settlements of our country, their active and enterprising population must, at no great distance of time, be abandoned to a state not much short of entire destitution of the means of grace. We would fain hope, that no Christian, who loves the Redeemer's kingdom, and reflects on the value of immortal souls; no parent, who remembers that his own children, or children's children, may, in due time, make a part of the

population of those districts ; no patriot, who desires to see the virtue, peace, union, and happiness of his country established, can possibly be indifferent to an object of such immense importance. Our prayer is, that the God of all grace may rouse the spirit of the Nation on this subject ; and that the friends of religion who may be convened for the purpose of taking it into consideration, in the month of May next, may be directed to the adoption of a system which shall serve to give increasing interest and energy of proceeding in this momentous concern, and prove a source of lasting blessings to our beloved country.

“ We are, Sir, with great respect,

“ Your friends and brethren in Christ,

“ SAMUEL MILLER,

“ A. ALEXANDER.

“ *Rev. Absalom Peters,* }
Cor. Sec. of the U. D. M. S.” }

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION.



Pursuant to the invitation contained in the preceding circular, a Convention was held at the Session-Room of the Brick Presbyterian Church, in the City of New-York, May 10, 1826, to consider the expediency of forming a National Home Missionary Society.

The Convention was organized by choosing the Rev. Jeremiah Day, D. D. Chairman, the Rev. Thomas De Witt, and the Rev. John Chester, D. D. Secretaries.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. David Porter, D. D.

The following persons appeared, and were recognised as members of the Convention, viz :

Rev. Henry Axtell, D. D. Geneva, N. Y.	Rev. Joab Brace, Weathersfield, Con.
Edward Allen, Wantage, N. Jersey.	William Blain, Malta, N. Y.
Thomas Alexander, Selma, Alab.	James Blythe, D. D. Lexington, Ky.
Nathan S. S. Beman, Troy, N. Y.	R. Bascom, Charleston, S. C.
Josh. Bates, D. D. Pres. Mid. Col. Vt.	Artemas Boies, South Hadley, Mass.
Elihu W. Baldwin, New-York.	S. Blatchford, D. D. Lansingb. N. Y.
Mr. Thomas Bradford, Jr. Philadelphia.	C. C. Cuyler, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Rev. Norris Bull, Geneseo, New-York.	John Chester, D. D. Albany, N. Y.
Zedekiah S. Barstow, Keene, N. H.	Elisha Coit, Esq. New-York.
Albert Barnes, Morristown, N. J.	Rev. Elias W. Crane, Springfield, N. J.
Archibald Bassett, Walton, N. Y.	John Clark, Pleasant Valley, N. Y.
Burr Baldwin, Montrose, Pa.	Daniel A. Clark, Amherst, Mass.
Mr. Josiah Bissell, Jr. Rochester, N. Y.	Samuel H. Cox, New-York.