

The chairman next announced to the meeting that the Trustees who retired by rotation were Mr. John Rankin and Mr. R. A. Ramsay, and that Mr. Rankin had declined re-election, in a letter to Mr. Andrew Allan the chairman of the the Board of Trustees, dated 9th January, 1886, which he read.

Whereupon, it was moved by Mr. Forsyth, seconded by Mr. M. McKenzie, and carried unanimously,—

That the congregation of St. Paul's Church cannot allow the letter of Mr. John Rankin, declining to accept re-election as a member of the Board of Trustees, to be put on record, without at the same time expressing their deep feeling of gratitude to him for his valuable services on that Board for a number of years, during many of which he acted as Treasurer of the Church, performing the arduous duties of that office in a thoroughly satisfactory manner.

That the Secretary be instructed to forward to Mr. Rankin a copy of this resolution.

The following motions were thereafter moved, seconded, and carried, in the order mentioned, viz:

Moved by Mr. J. M. Kinghorn, seconded by Mr. Colin McArthur,—

That Mr. R. A. Ramsay and Hon. Donald A. Smith, be elected Trustees for the usual term.

Moved by Mr. R. A. Ramsay, seconded by Mr. John Lewis,—

That Messrs. John Fair and P. S. Ross, be thanked for their services as auditors for the past year, and that they be requested to continue in their office for the present year.

Moved by Mr. John McDonald, seconded by Mr. William V. Gordon,—

That the thanks of the Congregation are due, and are hereby tendered to the Organist, for the attentive and able manner in which he has conducted the musical services of the Church, and to the members of the Choir for their valuable assistance.

Mr. P. S. Ross in a few well chosen remarks proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for his able conduct in the chair. This was seconded by Mr. John Lewis, and cordially carried.

Mr. Mitchell in replying expressed the pleasure it had given him to preside over the meeting, and there being no further business before it, it was closed with prayer.

A. MITCHELL, *Chairman*.

E. B. GREENSHIELDS, *Secretary*.

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