

Ailsa Craig. The list of gratuities for the month was read and confirmed, and other routine business transacted.

Agents' reports were submitted from the Revs. J. G. Manly, James Carmichael, and S. L. Umbach, and Colporteurs' reports from Messrs. Jackson and Ness. The Secretaries reported that the Colportage Committee had accepted Mr. Ness's resignation and were looking for a suitable man to appoint in his place. The meeting was closed with prayer led by the Rev. W. S. Blackstock.

The February meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday, the 20th, at the usual hour. The Rev. H. D. Powis was called to the chair and the Rev. R. Wallace led the opening prayer. After the reading of the minutes the following resolution was moved by Warring Kennedy, Esq., seconded by Herbert Mortimer, Esq., and unanimously carried:—

That this Board has heard with deep regret of the death of the Hon. John McMurrich, one of its Vice-Presidents, and at this, their first meeting, the Directors desire to record their deep sense of the loss which this Society has sustained, in common with many others, by the removal of this honoured servant of the Lord. The Directors rejoice in the assurance that in this case the loss of the Church below is gain to the Church above, and whilst sincerely sympathizing with the bereaved widow and family they devoutly thank God for His goodness in sparing His servant to be so many years in our midst, and for His grace which enabled him to leave behind so blessed a memory to be cherished and so holy an example to be followed.

The Secretaries are instructed to express to the bereaved widow and family the heartfelt sympathy of the Board, and to send a copy of the above minute.

Letters were read from the Rev. Dr. Hall, of New York and the Bishop of Algoma, expressing the pleasure it will give them to be present at the Anniversary Meeting of the Society, and their intention to be so, unless detained by very important official duties.

A circular was read from the Montreal Bible Society in relation to petitioning Parliament to remove the duty now imposed upon the importation of the sacred Scriptures, and asking the Board to authorize its officers to sign a petition to that effect.

It was moved by Henry O'Brien, Esq., and seconded by Herbert Mortimer, Esq.,

"That the petition be signed on behalf of the Society, and that it be sent to the President and Treasurer, who are both in Ottawa at present, with instructions to consult in reference thereto, and only to present the same in due form if they deem it desirable. But that in case of any doubt in their minds they refer the matter back to the Board."

It was moved in amendment by Thomas Lailey, Esq., and seconded by James Brown, Esq.,

"That the Secretary acknowledge the receipt of the circular, and state that this Board does not think it desirable to take any action in the matter."

The amendment was lost and the original motion was carried.

Mr. Mortimer reported verbally that the following sums had been subscribed to the Building Fund:—Four subscriptions of \$500 each, one of \$200,