

## MINUTES AND BUSINESS, CONFIRMATORY MEETING

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Minutes of General Monthly Meeting held at the School of Arts, Pitt Street, on Wednesday evening, 16th November, 1870.

Chair was taken by the Vice-President at eight o'clock.

Minutes of the previous meeting having been read by the Secretary and confirmed (motion J. Laing, seconded F. Davy),

The Vice-President read a very able address, stating the Principal Objects of the Society, for which a vote of thanks was accorded.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of President.

Mr. W. Scott, nominated by Mr. Halliday, seconded by Mr. Croll (declined).

Mr. J. Fyfe, nominated by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank.

Mr. P. Hunter, nominated by Mr. W. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Laing (declined).

Mr. Laing, nominated by Mr. G. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Russell was also nominated by Mr. Downing, but Mr. Laing brought forward a series of objections founded on the fact of his not being a member of the Association. After remarks for and against the nomination by Mr. Smith and Mr. W. Davidson, Mr. W. Davidson proposed and Mr. Cruickshank seconded a motion to the effect that "No person be elected to any office in the Association who is not a member of it at the time."—Carried.

A motion to postpone the election of President made by Mr. Downing, seconded by Mr. J. Fyfe, junr., was lost.

Mr. Scott and Mr. P. Hunter declined the Presidentship.

Mr. Fyfe, senr., and Mr. Laing went to the ballot. Mr. W. Davidson entered a protest against Mr. Laing's being nominated on the grounds "that he was already an officer of the Association, and ought to resign such office previous to putting up for another." The protest was overruled by the meeting and the ballot proceeded, ending in the election of Mr. Fyfe, senr., by a majority of 12 to 4 over Mr. Laing.

The following gentlemen were proposed as members:—

Mr. Westcott, proposed by Mr. Davy, seconded by Mr. Halliday.

Mr. W. Gray, proposed by Mr. Cruickshank, seconded by Mr. J. Fyfe, junr.

Mr. G. Davidson came forward and offered to read a paper at next meeting on "Twin Screw Steamers for River Purposes."

The Secretary was requested to obtain 100 copies of the Rules printed in the form of a book (motion of Mr. Halliday, seconded by Mr. Davy), with connections as required.

(Signed) JOHN FYFE,  
Chairman.

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