Congregational Church
Thursday December 15th, 1864

Meeting held for the purpose of organizing a
Young Men's Literary Association

The Rev. J. Abino B.D. in the chair

The Meeting opens with prayer

Proposed by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Weston, That
the name of the Society be the Churchover Young
Men's Literary Association. Carried

Proposed by Mr. Foster, seconded by Mr. Cox, That
the Rev. J. Abino be the President. Carried

Proposed by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Waldman, That
Mr. Foster, Esq., D.D., be the Vice-President. Carried

Proposed by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Weston, That
the Rev. J. Abino, Esq., and the Treasurer be
appointed to draw rules for the Association to
the Book before the Meeting this night. Carried

The Meeting closed by singing the Hymnology

Read and confirmed Decr 22 1864

Abino
Congregational Church
Thursday, December 27th, 1864

The President in the Chair

The Meeting opened with prayer.

The Minutes of the Meeting of December 16th were read and confirmed.

A. Dated submitted the following report of rules prepared by the Committee of Officers for that purpose, which were placed before the Society for some amendments. Namely

The Committee to whom it was referred to draw up rules to be submitted to the present Meeting beg to recommend the following for adoption:

That all agents in present, whether received or expelled, shall return to the Society and remain the first quinquennial subscription the Members of the Society.

All future candidates be admitted at one meeting and dedicated to the next, when a majority of votes in favor of the Candidate shall secure the election. Candidates not to be eligible under 16 years of age.

That the nomination of Candidates may be taken either in writing or by the Members, but in either case without discussion.

That the subscription be fixed for the present at $5, dollars and no pecuniary.

That there be a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee of Management to be elected at the last instant for six months and afterward annually.

That the President and Vice President be expected to preside at all ordinary Meetings of the Society, and in the absence of both a President be appointed by the Members present.

That the President for the time being decide all questions of order and all questions arising from the construction of the Rules of the Society, and in case of equality of votes have a casting vote.

That the Committee of Management be the actual officers of the Society and by other Members, who shall have power at any time on other to report in matters which they shall consent, of interest to the Society, four times a year.

That the Society meet weekly on Thursday evening from the 30th September to the 1st of April from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., and from the 1st of April until the 30th of September from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

That the usual order of business be as follows: All the Chairman being taken up by the electors, the Minutes read and new for confirmation. Candidates for admission, proposed and a ballot taken on nomination already made. Reports from Committee of Management (Vary) considered. The next subject, debate announced. The question for the evening called over and the debate taken. To conclude with the Lord's Supper in a short time.

That twenty minutes be allowed to the opening speech, fifteen minutes of these two opening speeches and all other speeches ten minutes only. The Chairman may step up after the opening, reply, and the vote, shall be then taken, and the Members on both sides ready on the minutes.

That there be four Quarterly Meetings at the last week of the months of March, June, September and...
Congregational Church

Thursday, December 29, 1864

The President in the Chair.
The meeting opens with prayer.

Mr. Potter, A. D. D. delivered an opening lecture on the art of public speaking.

A vote of thanks was passed for entertaining the lecturer for his kindness in delivering so able a lecture.

The following are the officers elected for the ensuing six months:

President, Mr. A. C. Potter; Secretary, Mr. J. M. Shattuck; Treasurer, Mrs. Johnson; Committee, Messrs. Samson, Dr. Guthrie, Mr. Potter, Mr. March & Dr. Shattuck.

The meeting closed with the Doxology.

Read and confirmed: 5 Jan 1865

Charles I. Potter
Congregational Church
Thursday January 5th 1865
Dr. Porter in the Chair

The Meeting opens with prayer.

The Minutes of Meetings December 22nd and 29th were read and confirmed.

The following gentlemen were proposed as members:

1. Mr. Porter proposed by Mr. Porter seconded by Mr. Cuff.
2. Mr. Charles New proposed by Mr. J. C. Farr seconded by Mr. Cuff.
3. Dr. Redfield proposed by Mr. J. C. Farr seconded by Mr. Cuff.
4. Dr. Parkin proposed by Mr. James Morgan seconded by Mr. Woodham.

The following gentlemen were elected members:

1. Rev. J. B. Simpson, Dr. Porter, Mr. J. C. Farr, Dr. Redfield, Mr. Cuff, Mr. J. C. Farr.

Dr. Porter opened the debate: "That Dr. Simpson is not worthy of our election."

Dr. Redfield opened the debate: "That Dr. Simpson is excellent." The Meeting adjourned.

The Meeting adjourned with the Secretary, January 5th, 1865.

Dr. Porter

Congregational Church
Thursday January 12th 1865
Dr. Porter in the Chair

The Meeting opens with prayer.

The Minutes read and confirmed.

Mr. James Fisher proposed and Mr. William Fisher seconded Mr. John Nieuw as a member.

Mr. Fisher moved and Mr. Ward seconded for the admission of Mr. Nieuw as a member.

Mr. Porter was rejected on the ballot.

Mr. A. C. Newton proposed to open the debate "That the discovery of a grave pit in the Canterbury Plains would be beneficial to the Province."

Mr. Fisher opened the debate: "That Dr. Simpson is not worthy of our election."

Mr. A. C. Newton seconded the motion. Mr. A. C. Newton against and Mr. Fisher replied. The chairman summed up and the motion was lost.

The Meeting closed with the Secretary, January 12th, 1865.

Dr. Porter

The Meeting adjourned January 12th, 1865.
Congregational Church
Thursday January 19th 1865

Dr. Porter in the Chair

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of January 19th was read and confirmed.

Mr. Cuff proposed and Mr. Fisher seconded Mr. Cornelius Cuff as a member.

Mr. Hanson was elected a member.

Mr. Cuff proposed to open the next debate
That the Constitution of New Zealand is not more democratic than that of Great Britain.

Dr. A. C. Newton opened the debate "That the discovery of Gold in the Province of Canterbury would be beneficial to the Province." Mr. Cuff in reply to the motion pointed out that it would benefit Messrs. Cuff, Samson and Hanson against the motion. Dr. Newton replied. The chairman summed up, when there was a show of hands 8 for and 5 against the motion. The chairman declared it.

The meeting closed with the Doxology

Read and confirmed the 20th day of January 1865.

Chas. E. Porter
Chair.
Congregational Church
Thursday February 2nd 1865

Dr. Potter in the Chair

Twenty members present.
The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.
The following report of the Committee of Management was read and received.

"The Committee of Management beg to submit that they first met at Dr. Potter's office on Thursday the 26th of January last, where Messrs. Cor. Guthrie, C. B. Potter, and Mr. Smith found the committee were present, and having entered the subject then last before them, they recommended:

1. That the Society do consider that it is inexpedient of this place at its next monthly meeting, to erect a building to house the Society shall continue in possession. The Committee feeling assured that any question thereafter as to the termination of the building will be treated with the most amicable spirit on both sides.

2. That as a means of providing sufficient subject of discussion in the duty of any member of the Society within, some means be adopted, for asking the question in all the cases in which it may be considered necessary for discussion, whether understood that the members are in many cases only occasionally to express questions which they may wish,

Signed Charles B. Potter, Chairman"
Mr. Cop was induced to open the new debate. "Right our sympathies lie next to the North in the American contest." The meeting closed with the Dodecary.

Next and confirmed February 23, 1865

**Congregational Church**

February 23, 1865

Dr. Fisk in the chair.

22 members present.

Meeting opened with prayer.

Dr. Fisk and Dr. Woodford were on the opposite side. Members for New Bedford and Hyannis were elected. Members for New Bedford were elected. Dr. Fisk opened the debate with a speech on the "South in the present American contest." Dr. Fisk opened the debate. "That the South is right in the South." Members for New Bedford were elected. Dr. Fisk opened the debate on the "South in the present American contest." Dr. Fisk opened the debate. Members for New Bedford were elected. Dr. Fisk opened the debate. "That the South is right in the South." Members for New Bedford were elected. Dr. Fisk opened the debate. "That the South is right in the South." Members for New Bedford were elected.

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Dr. Fisk in the chair.
Congregational Church
Thursday, March 2nd, 1865
20 Members present.
The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
Mr. J. Regan was re-elected a member of the board.
Mr. E. Regan was re-elected as a member.

Mr. Morley gave notice that he would move at the quarterly meeting of the association (now held) certain resolutions respecting the election of Honorary Members.

Mr. Currie moved and Mr. Symonds seconded the motion to adjourn until the next quarterly meeting to enable the members present to attend the quarterly meeting held at the Town Hall, motion put and lost.

Mr. Morley seconded the motion "That the honorary members be elected by the board of directors." Moved by Mr. E. Regan, seconded by Mr. A. E. Mason in favor of the motion.

The motion led to a discussion. The Chairman summed up the meeting.

The motion carried with the following resolutions, which were adopted as amended:

1. That the board consist of honorary and ordinary members.
2. That all members who shall have attended fifty meetings of the society and serve six months of the board, be entitled to honorary privileges, provided that there are at the time of the fifty members on the roll.
3. That the members of the board shall receive a stipend from the society, as fixed by the president, the treasurer, and secretary.
4. Honorary members shall enjoy all the privileges of ordinary members but shall not be relieved from all compulsory duties.

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In order to ensure the proposed carrying out of the above rules, the secretary shall from time to time, and take the care of the Members present every meeting.

The Committee with the sanction of the Society shall have the power to create Honorary Members, the same as elected by the Society itself.

The whole of the meeting was taken up in discussing the above rules and after which were carried as amended.

The meeting closed with the resignation of 2d. Ente. Read and confirmed the 15th March 1865.

Congregational Church
Thursday, March 16th, 1865
Dr. Foster in the Chair

21 Members present.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. J. H. Ratnie was balloted for on a member and appeared on the ballot.

Mr. March read a paper on the separation of the North and South Islands of New Zealand, there being no debate thereon. The Chairman called for a show of hands which resulted in 9 in favor of union to 4 in favor of separation.

The Tenneessee Amendment obtained further time being seconded by Mr. Appleby, until the next weekly meeting to enable the secretaries to prepare a list of the Members.

Mr. Pray prepared to open the next debate. "That Domo is a truer poet than Long fellow".

The meeting closed with the resignation of 2d. Ente. Read and confirmed the 15th day of March 1865.

Chas. J. Brown
Congregational Church

Thursday, March 22nd, 1865

Dr. Foster in the Chair

15 Members present.

The meeting opened with Prayer.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported that he had prepared a list of the members.

Mr. Bowe opened the debate: "That Burns is a finer poet than Longfellow." All, except Mr. Newton and Mr. H.命运, spoke in favor of and Mr. A. B. Morley and Mr. Baynson against the motion. Mr. Bowe replied, and the Chairman summoned up. Votes 8 in favor of and 1 against the Motion.

Mr. Baynson proposed to open the next debate: "That Coon is not now sufficiently appreciated."

The meeting closed with the Doxology.

Read and confirmed the 30th March, 1865.

Ch. 2. Sect.

Congregational Church

Thursday, March 30th, 1865

Dr. Foster in the Chair

19 Members present.

The meeting opened with Prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Prof. by Mr. E. Fisher (that Mr. John Booth be a member) read by Mr. E. Hadwen, 1 of the Association.

Prof. by Mr. W. J. Fisher (that Mr. Fred. DeSantis be a seat by Mr. E. Hadwen, member of the Association.

Mr. Baynson opened the debate: "That coonpin does not receive from general readers of the present day, that appreciation proportionate to his period poetic genius."

A discussion ensued in which Messrs. A. C. Newton, McVee, Mr. H. Newton, Woodford, and Fisher, et al. joined Mr. Baynson replied, and the Chairman summoned up. Votes 11 in favor of and 1 against the Motion.

The meeting closed with the Doxology.

Read and confirmed the 6th April, 1865.

Ch. 3. Sect.
Congregational Church
Thursday April 6th
Dr. Halsey in the Chair

Between 20 and 30 members present.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. John Booth & Mr. Fred. A. Jones were admitted as members of the Association.

Mr. Booth & Mr. Jones were admitted as members of the Association.

Dr. Halsey opened the debate. That the execution of Mary Queen of Scots was justifiable.

Mr. Halsey opened the debate. That the execution was unjustifiable.

Mr. Halsey replied. The chairman summed up when the votes were found to be 6 in favor of and 5 against the motion.

The meeting closed with the Doxology.

Read and confirmed the 13th of April 1865

Rev. J. Halsey

Congregational Church
Thursday April 13th

Rev. W. J. Halsey in the Chair

16 members present.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed.

Mr. Hugh Burnett was admitted as member of the Association.

Mr. Burnett was admitted as member of the Association.

Dr. Halsey opened the debate. That Wellington was a greater man than Napoleon.

Mr. Burnett, Bowie & Baynun spoke against.

Mr. Halsey, Mr. Burnett & Mr. Halsey in favor of the motion.

Mr. Halsey replied. The chairman summed up when the votes were found to be 12 for and 3 against the motion.

Mr. Halsey proposed to open the next debate. That Cromwell's moral character is worthy of esteem.

The meeting closed with the Doxology.

Read and confirmed the 20th of April 1865

Rev. J. Halsey
Congregational Church
March 20th 1865

Dr. Porter in the Chair
17 Members present
The meeting opened with prayer
The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed:
Dr. Porter and Mr. Horton were elected members
The roll was proposed and read. Mr. Porter seconded
Mr. William Middlethorpe as a member
Dr. Porter proposed and Mr. W. Graham seconded.
Mr. Porter, Horton as a member.
The Secretary announced the resignation of
Mr. P. Jones.
Mr. W. Horton opened the debate. "Let us also remember
that as the character so worthy of an elevated station
in the sight of God and the Church, so noble an
example of the Christian spirit. The motion
was then put and the chairman announced
8 in favor of it and 6 against the motion.

The meeting closed with the Doxology.
Read and confirmed, April 27th 1865

Ch. 1. John.

Congregational Church
March 27th 1865

Dr. Porter in Chair
16 Members present
The meeting opened with prayer.
The Minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed:
Dr. Porter, Mr. Middlethorpe and Mr. Murray were
elected as members.
Mr. John Wooton spoke in support of the motion
by the laity present, and that there is a plurality of
members.
Mr. Middlethorpe spoke against and Mr. W. Murray spoke in
favor of the motion. The motion was then
put and the chairman announced
6 in favor of it and 6 against the motion.
Mr. Guthrie to open the next subject
"That the mind is always active."

The meeting closed with the Doxology.
Read and confirmed, the 17th May 1865

Ch. 1. John.
Congregational Church
May 14th 1865

Dr. Fiske in the Chair

20 members present

Meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. John Oakley voted was elected a member.

The following gentlemen were proposed as members:

Dr. Balfour, proposed by Mr. L. Colhoun seconded by Mr. D. Bowes.

Mr. Red. Young, proposed by Mr. Downie seconded by Mr. G. Colhoun.

Mr. Augustus Price, proposed by Mr. H. F. Van, seconded by Mr. A. C. Newton.

Mr. Pattle opened the debate "That the mind is always active." 

Mr. B. Young, presented the motion and moved A. C. Newton, Murray, Bayne, Bucan & Mr. Fisher opposed.

The opinion replied. The chairman seconded up vote & (7 nays against.

Mr. James Skea to open the next debate. Proceedings did not last the night.

The meeting closed with the oration.

Read and approved 11th May 1865.

Chas. J. Wels.
Congregational Church
May 18th 1865
17 Members present
Dr. Foster in the Chair.
The minutes of May 4th and 11th were read and confirmed.

Beau R. L. Ralston J. G. Gough and Rev. Mr. Smith were duly elected.

Dr. Raynor proposed and Mr. Gushing seconded Dr. Nelson Allen Shippard as a member.

Mr. W. C. H. open the debate "That the intentions of Napoleon III are not pacific" He said, Raynor and A. Webster spoke against the motion. The floor opened. The chairman summed up. Vote 1 for and 14 against.

Mr. Innes closed the debate "That war is not in accordance with Scripture."

The meeting closed with the Liturgy.

Read and confirmed May 23rd 1865
Chas. J. Foster

Congregational Church
May 25th 1865
21 Members present

The meeting opened with prayer.
The minutes of May 18th were read and confirmed.

Dr. Nelson Allen Shippard was duly elected member.

In the absence of Mr. Innes, Dr. Foster opened the debate "That the Pope is not representative in Parliament." In lieu of the time that war is not in accordance with Scripture."

Mr. G. F. B. H. Redheugh, R. C. W. H. M. and J. B. Newton opposed the motion. The floor opened. The Chairman summed up. Vote 20 for 0 against.

Mr. Innes closed the next debate "That war is not in accordance with Scripture."

The meeting closed with the Liturgy.

Read and confirmed June 1st 1865
Chas. J. Foster

Jan.
Congregational Church

Thursday June 8th 1865

Half yearly Meeting

Dr. Poole in the Chair

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The President brought up his report which was accepted as amended.

The following gentlemen were elected as officers;

Mr. Raynor as Secretary;

Mr. Norrie as Treasurer;

Mr. Harrow as Steward.

The following gentlemen were elected to act as a Committee of Management for the current year:

Mr. Cock, Rev. W. A. C. Adams, Mr. Bower, Mr. Norrie, Mr. Raynor, Mr. Harrow.

Mr. Raynor brought forward a motion which was seconded by Mr. Norrie. "That the Committee of Management, having considered the state of the finances of the Society, and seeing the necessity for a fresh start in the current year for the promotion of the interests of the Society, and the welfare of the Church, and clear the books as far as possible, and for the purpose of raising funds, it is advisable to propose a scheme for celebration of the first half year of the existence of the Society, and a preparation for the offerings of all able persons until further notice." It was then proposed by Mr. Norrie seconded by Mr. Cock "That the meeting do pledge itself to support the proposition for the first half year of the existence of the Society, and the welfare of the Church, and clear the books as far as possible, and for the purpose of raising funds, it is advisable to propose a scheme for celebration of the first half year of the existence of the Society, and a preparation for the offerings of all able persons until further notice." It was then proposed by Mr. Norrie seconded by Mr. Cock "That the meeting do pledge itself to support the proposition for the first half year of the existence of the Society, and the welfare of the Church, and clear the books as far as possible, and for the purpose of raising funds, it is advisable to propose a scheme for celebration of the first half year of the existence of the Society, and a preparation for the offerings of all able persons until further notice."
Congregational Church
Thursday June 15th 1865

The Society met at the usual hour in the Choir;

The meeting opened with prayer.
The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Pringle was balloted for and declared elected.

Mr. Reayn stated his motion regarding the duties of Office bearers.
The secretary then reported what progress he had been made by the Committee of Management in getting up the Consecration.
He also reported on behalf of the Committee of Management, that the following effect,

"That the question of removing the place of meeting has been brought under their notice, and having considered it, they recommend the Society to give them full powers to negotiate."

Mr. Games, Mr. Pringle and Mr. B. Newton seconded, "That the Society authorize the Committee to negotiate in the matter of removing the place of meeting."

Mr. Buff, moved and Mr. Buff seconded, "That the question be discussed this day week."
Mr. Cojt's motion was agreed to. Mr. Buff..."
The Society met at the usual hour, Dr. Poston in the Chair.

Present: Newton, Bateman, A. & N. Newton, Stackhouse, Palmer, Guthrie, Bynoe, Mr. Deisher, Boardman, A. Gee, & R. Boardman.

The Rev. Mr. Merly, Mr. Merly, Mr. Merly, Mr. Merly, tuned.

Mr. Bynoe, President, made a statement before the Society showing the liabilities incurred by the Committee in the matter of the Convocation, Mr. Guthrie then moved that the Society authorize the Committee to negotiate in the matter of removing the place of meeting. Resolved by Mr. Poston, Mr. Poston, Mr. Poston, Mr. Poston, the Committee to negotiate in the matter of removing the place of meeting.

Mr. Merly challenged Mr. Poston for the next discussion.

Mr. Merly then brought forward the question "That Cromwell was justified in putting Charles I to death." If Read and confirmed the 23rd day of June 1865. - 

Chas. J. Poston.
Congregational Church

Thursday July 6th 1865

The Society met at the usual hour Mr. Bosanquet in the Chair.

Present - Messrs. Norwood, A. Norwood, Shalbrow, Merch, Davies, Potter, Wilcox, Mr. Fisher, Northam, A. Fisher, Nicholls, Dr. Smiley, Mr. Bosanquet, Mr. Davies, Mr. Potts, Mr. Fisher, Stickle, Mr. H. White, Mr. Atkinson, A. H. Welby, Mr. Smith, Mr. Bean, Mr. Bowler, Mr. Smith, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Bosanquet, Mr. Northam, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Nicholls, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Wilcox.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary laid before the Society the recommendations of the Committee, that a rate of five shillings be given to the drive for the Superintendent, and that the sum part in the Congregation.

It was then moved and seconded that a rate of five shillings be given to the various gentlemen mentioned in the printed lists of resolutions. This list to be read by the Chairman or Secretary. The resolutions were carried unanimously. The treasurer then read on the Table a statement of the receipts during the Congregation.

The following gentlemen were proposed as moral:

Mr. Atkinson proposed by Mr. Northam, seconded by Mr. Smith.
Mr. Andrews proposed by Mr. Bosanquet, seconded by Mr. Fisher.
Mr. Bartlett proposed by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Smith.
Mr. Black proposed by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Smith.
Mr. Bowles, proposed by Mr. Bosanquet, seconded by Mr. Fisher.

Mr. Bowles then brought forward the question that the Peterhouse Bell
Congregational Church
Thursday July 13th 1863

The society met at the usual hour Dr. Peterkin in the Chair.

Present: Drapers' Woodford, St. John's, Andrew
Al. Newton, March, Dowie, John
Begnam, W. Lewis, Northwood, Boston
Smith Long, Mr. Skirrow, Griffin, Keep
Draper, Mr. main, Broughton, Hopkins, Chadwick
Balfour & Prince.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the following resolutions were proposed as members.

Proposed by J. B. tomdis, seconded by Mr. Balfour. That
Jan. Stott be a member of the society.
Proposed by D. Gordon, seconded by D. Skirrow.
That Dr. D. J. P. be a member.
Proposed by A. W. Esmonde, seconded by W. Dowie.
That Dr. Peterkin, Mr. Dowie, J. B. Beckett, and D. Skirrow.
Be requested to be members.

Proposed by Dr. Bennett, seconded by Dr. Calman.
That J. A. C. be a member.

Proposed by W. B. Parke, seconded by W. Dowie.
That Mr. Esmonde, J. A. C., and D. Skirrow.
Be elected members.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the society, viz. Dovers, Anguiss, Audina, T. Swift.

Be J. Peterkin, Mr. Skirrow.

The following gentlemen were appointed by the society, viz. Dovers, Anguiss, Audina, T. Swift.

I. That all subjects of discussion shall be sent into the general committee, who shall arrange the time at their discretion.

II. That a book be provided, selling for the correlation of the society, which every member shall subscribe to, giving at the same time his address and sell.

III. That no member be allowed to speak or vote unless his subscription is paid in full (except by the Chairman of the Chair).

IV. That Members of the society for four weeks conscientiously shall cease the member.

The first and second resolutions were carried unanimously. Mr. Nicolls moved an amendment that the original resolution be adopted.

Mr. Balfour brought forward the question that the resolutions now in force ought to be extended and the original resolution as adopted amended be passed and adopted.

The following gentlemen voted in the affirmative:

Mr. Al. Newton opposed. The following voted in the affirmative: Mr. Esmonde, Bennett, Morley, Lyttton & Mr. J. Peterkin.
Congregational Church

Thursday July 20th 1825

The Society met at the usual hour by Dr. Frost in the Chair.

Present Messrs. A. Newton, A. Newton Marion, Robinson, M. D., Pease, Baynon, Lewis, Goodham, Peatey, Hurst, Rev. Mr. Horace Robinson, Mr. Barrie, Character Tenor, Mr. Barrie, immediate Sec. to Bennett's Grims. Shippard, Pringle, Augustus Prout. Mr. T. Peake.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of last meeting having been read and confirmed, the following gentlemen were elected members Messrs. Jas. Peatey, A. Dunce, Mr. Allen, T. B. Baker, W. Robin, B. D. Snowbery, G. W. Peatey, T. B. Peake, J. Barrie.

Mr. Peatey was not elected.

Mr. R. W. Morley proposed, and I Cope seconded that Mr. A. Newton be a member of the Society.

Mr. Newton then brought forward the question, "That Lord Byron is the most elevated poet in the world." After a long debate, the motion was carried.

Mr. Morley was supported in the affirmative by Messrs. Hake, Morley, A. Newton, and opposed by Messrs. Peatey, Shippard, Pringle, Winder and H. T. Peake. Mr. Newton replied, and the Chairman having summed up the vote was taken when 12 voted in the affirmative and 4 in the negative.

Mr. Morley agreed to open the next question, "That Milton is a greater poet than Shakespeare." Motion closed in the usual manner.

Read and confirmed on the 27th day of July 1825.

R. A. Haslams, Chairman.
Congregational Church
Thursday July 27th 1865

The Society met at the usual hour, Rev. Mr. J. Hobson in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. A. D. Money was elected a member of the Society.

Mr. J. S. Guthrie then proposed, and Mr. Baymore seconded that Mr. Alfred Wellet be a member of the Society.

Proposed by Mr. Woodham, and seconded by Mr. Hansom that Mr. L. H. Bullough be a member of the Society.

The secretary then laid a report before the Society from the committee of management recommending the following resolution:

"That all members be admitted by a show of hands, unless notice shall be given to the chairman, or secretary in writing that a ballot is required any time prior to the time of voting.

The resolution was passed.

Mr. Money then brought forward the question, "That Milton is a greater poet than Shakespeare," opening it in the affirmative. Major Bowie & C. Winter raised a question against the negative. The chairman having summed up the question was put when one voted in the affirmative two in the negative. Mr. Dennett appeared to open the next question, "That Richard Cobden was a greater benefactor of his age than the Duke of..."
Mechanics Institute
Thursday Aug 10th 1865.

The Society met at the usual hour. Dr. Pasteur in the Chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed. A report from the Committee of Management was laid before the Society recommending the change of day of Meeting.

Mr. W. P. Maynard moved for further procured "that the Society meet on Friday at the usual hour." The motion was carried.

The Treasurer made a statement regarding the finances of the Society and read the list of men who had not paid their subscriptions.

Mr. People then opened the question "that a limited Monarchy in a better form than Government from a Republic," being in the affirmative. He was supported by Messrs. McNeice, Parker, J. C. B. B. B. F. and Mr. Ross, and opposed by Mr. B. A. and Mr. C. B. P. People then replied, and the Chairman having summed up the votes, the vote was 19 against 1 in favor of the motion against the resolution.

The meeting closed in the usual manner.

Read and confirmed at the 23rd day of August 1865.

Chez. J. Foster
Chairman.

Mechanics Institute
Friday Aug 18th 1865

Dr. Foster in the Chair

Meeting opened with prayer.

M. [and] J. T. [mentioning names].

Messrs. Foster, Maynard, and Maynard. Mr. B. T. was called to the subject and called for the vote of the Society.

The following gentlemen were elected Members: Messrs. Foster, Maynard, and Maynard spoke in favor of and their votes against the motion.

The chairman having announced that the Society was taken 17 for and 1 against the motion.

Meeting closed with the song.

Read and confirmed at the 23rd day of August 1865.

Henry T. Foster
Mechanics Institute
Friday Aug 25th 1865

The Society met at the usual hour 8.30 in the Chair.
The meeting opened with prayer.
The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following gentlemen were elected members—Messrs. Miller, Heathe, E. Mills.

Mr. B. Fisher then proposed and Mr. Morland seconded, that Mr. John Warner be a member.
Mr. Morland then introduced the question Is it consistent justifiable under any circumstances to open the meeting in the negative. He was supported by Messrs. Clapham, Heathcote, and Mr. Grimes, and opposed by Messrs. Alston, Shipley and Grimes. A Newton, Hinton, A. Cliff, and Moore.

The Chairman having summed up the vote was taken, when 5 voted in the affirmative and 6 in the negative. Messrs. Symington opposed the question. That the Colonies are a source of strength to the Great Britain. Mr. Piggott gave notice that he would oppose Mr. Symington. The meeting closed with the Doxology.

Read and confirmed on the 1st day of September 1865

Chairman

Mechanics Institute
Sept 8th 1865

The Society met at the usual hour 8.30 in the Chair.


The meeting opened with prayer.
The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following gentlemen were elected members of the Society—Messrs. Warner and A. Ferguson.

Mr. J. Mansingo then seconded by Mr. C. Cliff, proposed that Mr. William Rochard be a member.

Mr. Morland proposed and Mr. Balfour seconded, that Mr. Philip Bertrand be a member.

Mr. Symington then introduced the question, that the Colonies are a source of strength to the Great Britain. Opposing the question in the affirmative and Messrs. Balfour, Cliff, Brine, Alston, Hinton, Davies, Dr. Fisher, H. Moore, D. Cliff, Bertrand, Morland, and Eggs, in the negative. Messrs. Symington then proposed, that the vote be taken, when 5 voted for 4 against the motion. The meeting closed in the usual manner

Read and confirmed on the 8th day of September 1865

Chairman
Mechanics Institute
Sept 8 1865

The Society met at the usual hour Dr. S. L. in the Chair.

The Meeting opened with prayer.
The Minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following gentlemen were elected members: Mr. P. Packham & P. Berrington. Mr. J. Hewitt moved, seconded by Francis, resolved that
Mr. John and be a member.
Mr. Winter then introduced the question that the nominated Committee of Bill would be presented to House for examination. It was supported by Major, James, Marsh, Buxton, and supported by Newton, Kerr, Sikes, Shippeard, Cox, Hewitt. Having retired, the Chairman announced a vote of thanks for 13 against
Mr. Winter.

Chairman

Mechanics Institute
Sept 15 1865

The Society met at the usual hour Dr. S. L. in the Chair.

The Meeting opened with prayer.
Many Quorums were in debate to take place.
The Pleasurers brought up his statement prepared by Dr. S. L. and seconded by Mr. Winter, that it be audited and confirmed.
Prepared by Mr. Beynon, seconded by Mr. Balfour, that all time and subscriptions are not paid within two months from date when due shall cease the existence of this society, and then "names struck off the roll. Notice of same to the Queen." Carried.

Prepared by Mr. Beynon, seconded by Mr. Balfour, that the time of meeting shall be fixed at 8 a.m. on 1st May, that the present rules with regard to the hour of meeting be "received." Carried.

Prepared by Mr. Balfour, seconded by Mr. Beynon, that the Committee be requested to prepare a new code of regulations. Rejected.
Prepared by Mr. Balfour, seconded by Mr. Beynon, that a copy be allowed in the society. "The details of the scheme be settled by the Committee of management."
The meeting was called.
The meeting closed with the Doxology.
Read and confirmed on the 22nd day of September 1865.
Chair. J. R. [name]
Chairman.

Mechanics Institute
Sept 22/65

The Society met at 7.30 at Pasta in the Church.
Present.

Bennett, Dorey, Northam, Lewis
J., Partlett, George, Hardman, M. Stone
Homerson, Newton, Alton, J. Jowes
For Jowes, Jones, March, Nick, Partlett, Woff, James, N. Chapman

The meeting opened with prayer.
The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Green brought forward the question, "that man is the only animal possessing reason." Opening it in the affirmative, he was supported by Mr. Newton, Mr. Northam, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Green replied, and the Chairman having seconded the question, the vote was taken when 8 voted for and 5 against the question. The Chairman gave his vote to the negative.

Mr. Green was appointed to open the next question, "that Mechanics shall be admitted as a recognized science in New Zealand."
Read and confirmed on the 29th day of October 1865.

Chair. J. R. [name]
Chairman.
Mechanics Institute

Oct 6th 1865

The Society met at the usual hour & place in the Chair.

Present: Mr. Phipps, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Woodburn, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Newton, Mr. Rock, Mr. Scott, Mr. Shippard, Mr. Ransley, Mr. Al. Newton, Mr. T. Newton, Mr. S. Newton, Mr. H. Newton, Mr. Adams, Mr. Jameson.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. R. Newton opened the question that the Society of Mechanics is of a higher order than that of Mechanics, opening it in the affirmative. He was supported by Mr. Phipps, Mr. Scott, Mr. Ransley, Mr. Al. Newton, Mr. T. Newton having replied the Chairman amended it as the vote was taken when 6 voted in the affirmative and 5 in the negative.

Mr. Montgomery was-appointed by Mr. Rock and seconded by Mr. Bayne.

The meeting closed with the Doxology, and confirmed on the 13th day of Oct. 1865.

Chas. T. Burton

Chairman

Mechanics Institute

Oct 13th 1865

The Society met at the usual hour & place in the Chair.

Present: Mr. Phipps, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Woodburn, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Newton, Mr. Rock, Mr. Shippard, Mr. Ransley, Mr. Al. Newton, Mr. T. Newton, Mr. S. Newton, Mr. H. Newton, Mr. Adams, Mr. Jameson.

Mr. Ransley opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read & confirmed, Mr. Montgomery rose a number - Mr. Ransley then opened the question "What Mechanics are as to be recognized as a college in New Zealand?"

He was supported by Mr. S. Newton, Mr. Woodburn, Mr. Shippard, Mr. Ransley - it opposed by Mr. Phipps, Mr. Rock, Mr. Montgomery.

Mr. Rock moved to refer the question to the vote to New when 16 voted for, 8 against the motion.

The meeting closed with the Doxology, and confirmed on the 13th day of Oct. 1865.

Chas. T. Burton

Chairman

Mr. Burton was joined by Mr. Woodburn, Mr. S. Newton.
Mechanics Institute
Oct 20 / 65

The Society met at the usual hour Dr. Foster in the Chair.

Dr. Foster, Mr. Mayne, Bowdoin, C. R. More, W. H. King, Webster, Dr. Caff, Lewis John, Samuels, Dr. Walther, H. Diner, Dr. Darby, Sheppard, Montgomery Parrott, Duncan A. Newton & Nesbit further.

The meeting opened with prayer.

All the motions of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Darby was elected a member. Dr. Foster then opened the question that Great Britain is likely to decay like the great nation of antiquity. The affirmative was maintained by Messrs. Bowdoin, Newton & Newton, Sheppard, the negative by Messrs. Mary Montgomery & Dr. Foster.

Dr. Foster having summed up, the vote was taken where 5 voted in the affirmative and 12 in the negative.

Read and confirmed on the 3rd day of November 1865.

Charles Foster
Chairman

Mechanics Institute
Oct 27 / 65

The Society met at the usual hour. Mr. U.S. Stanford in the Chair.

Present, Mr. Parrott, Montgomery, Parrott, Mr. Foster, March, C. R. More, W. H. King, Newton, Bowdoin, Dr. Foster & J. H. Foster.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The remarks of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Foster then opened the question that a protective tariff is beneficial to a young Colony. He was supported by Mr. J. H. Foster, and opposed by Dr. Foster, bowdoin, Newton, & M. L. Parrott. Mr. Foster having summed up, the vote was taken where the negative was carried unanimously.

Read and confirmed on the 27th day of Oct. 1865.

W. J. Holme
Chairman.
Mechanics Institute
Nov. 3/65
The Society met at the usual hour & place in the Chair.
Present - Mr. Baynor, Capt. Laff & Mr. Smith.
Montgomery, Ship and March, Lewis, Present
Mr. Baynor. The meeting opened with prayer.
The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. A. Newton offered the question, That orders of motion have been brought from the Church at the request of Mr. Smith. Montgomery & March at the chair. At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Turnbull stood opposite. Mr. Newton then asked the Chairman, having summed up the vote was taken at 10 votes in the affirmative and 0 in the negative.
Chairman

Mechanics Institute
Nov. 10/65
The Society met at the usual hour & place in the Chair.
Present - Mr. Baynor, Capt. Laff & Mr. Smith, Ship and Montgomery, Juttun, D. Newton, A. Newton, Gelett, March.
The meeting opened with prayer.
The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed. Mr. Baynor opened the question “That Church and state ought not to be separated,” on the affirmative. He was supported by Mr. Montgomery, Capt. Laff, March, Juttun. A. Smith opposed by Mr. Smith, Montgomery, Juttun, D. Newton.
Mr. Baynor replied in favor having summed up the vote was taken at 8 votes in the affirmative and 5 in the negative. The meeting adjourned on the 24th day of November 1865.
Chairman

Mechanics Institute
Nov. 17/65
No meeting was held in consequence of Mr. Mills' Meeting in the New Hall.
Mechanics Institute
Nov 24th 81

The Society met at the usual hour in the Chair.

7 Members present.
The meeting opened with prayer.

On account of the small attendance no discussion took place.
The Secretary gave notice of general resolution.

In the Committee meeting business was transacted.

The first item of business was the adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting.

It was moved and seconded, "That the Society hold its weekly meetings on Thursdays instead of Wednesdays." Carried unanimously.

Moved and seconded, "That the Committee have power to consolidate the rules and regulations and report in print." Carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded, "That twelve (12) members be chosen by ballot to conduct the affairs of the Society during the quarter commencing from the end of the current quarter, that the last meeting of the Society be held at one o'clock on the afternoon of the last meeting of the Society." Carried unanimously.

The following gentlemen were thus elected:


 Moved and seconded, "That the Society have a license of 2 or 6 months adjoining premises to the present banquet in July 1882." Carried unanimously.

Moved and seconded, "That the Society continue in July next to be opened with a
Dinner at which members of the Committee only may be present, the necessary funds the said Committee furnished.

Read and confirmed on the 15th day of February 1866
Chas.: J. Wilts
Chairman.

Mechanics Institute
May 15th 1866

The Society met at the usual house Dr. Price in the Chair, 15 Members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary laid on the table the report of the rule as amended, and gave notice that he would move their adoption at the quarterly meeting.

Mr. McNeill then opened the question, 'What on the whole, field plots are most beneficial & economical,' losing the affirmative. He was supported by Mr. Bie, the Rev. Mr. Beech, Rev. Mr. Beech, and opposed by Mr. Lockett, Mr. White, Mr. Lovejoy, & Mr. Lovett. The motion was afterwards carried.

Mr. McNeill replied, and the Chairman summed up where 3 voted for and 7 against the motion.

Read and confirmed on the 22nd day of February 1866.

Chairman.
Mechanics Institute
July 22/66

The Society met at the usual hour, in the absence of Dr. Austin, Mr. Beggan was chosen Chairman.

Present, Mr. J. Ferrars, Montgomery, Mr. McVair, McVair, Alston, H. Austin & McIlwraith.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Kerr proceeded to open the question that a Classical Education be pursued by its advantages the time spent in acquiring it supports it in the affirmative. The vote was carried in the affirmative. The Chairman then moved his casting vote on the affirmative.

Read and confirmed on the 4th day of March 1866

Chairman

Mechanics Institute
March 1/66

The Society met at the usual hour Dr. Austin in the Chair.

Present, Mr. J. Ferrars, Darril, McVair, Mr. Montgomery & Caff, J. Page, McIlwraith, Woodford, Lewis, Jamieson, Acton, Alston, Newton & Woodford. The last name was not a member of the institution, which Mr. Malton introduced.

Mr. Malton then moved forward the question that "Is Phonology time?" opening it in the affirmative. He was supported by Mr. Montgomery, Darril, McVair & McIlwraith. Mr. Ferrars replied to the Chairman's motion and moved, on the vote being taken, & voted in the affirmative.

Read and confirmed on the 1st day of March 1866

Chairman
The Society met at the usual hour 9 o'clock in the Chair.


The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the quarterly meeting was discussed and took place.

The rules as consolidated by the committee were accepted as the Constitution of the Society.

Mr. Newton moved and Mr. Beegnow seconded that the following clause be inserted: "The annual election of officers to be held on the 1st day of the current year, and the examination of the committee's accounts to be held on the 1st day of the next month, be held on the Committee's own account."

Mr. Beegnow moved and Mr. Shafton seconded that the words "daily audited" be substituted for the words "prior audit" in rule 15. The constitution as amended was accepted.

The treasurer's statement was submitted and the balance sheet of the current year was approved. It was also resolved that the question...
Mechanics Institute
March 27, 1866

The Society met at the usual hour 10 O’clock on the Chair.

Present: Mr. Beggs, Darrell, Mr. Munro, Montgomery, Addie, Newton

Mackelrie, Al. Newton, further

The Secretary on behalf of the Committee of Management laid before the Society the following report:

The Committee of Management report:

1. That there are three vacancies in the Committee of Management.

2. Mr. Jameson, Morley & Bone.

3. In regard to Mr. Jameson & Morley

4. The Committee are of opinion that the vacancy should not be

5. Confirmed, in regard to Mr.

6. Bone, the committee consider that his case does not beg almost

7. Come under the laws, and that

8. The Society therefore declare that

9. There is no vacancy in his case.

The report was adopted and Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Newton elected members of Committee.

The Secretary also gave notice on behalf of the Committee of the following resolution:

20. That laws twenty three (23) be altered

21. That members electing themselves

22. For four weeks consecutively shall

23. Be paid (25) two shillings and six pence

At the end of the current quarter

On non-payment of which may shall

be cause to cease the members of the Society.

Mrs. Paine & Johnson were elected members of the Society.

Mr. Foster proposed & Mr. Pavell seconded that Mr. Lee be a member of the Society.

Mr. Thackston then opened the question “But the present system of Credit is dangerous & Business.” He was supported by Mr. Munro and opposed by Mrs. Montgomery. Further, by Beggs. Mr. Thackston asked

25. That the sum of all which all voted in the negative (to five (5)).

Read & confirmed on the 29th day of March, 1866.

Chas. J. John
Chairman
Mechanics Institute
March 29, 1866

The Society met at the usual hour Dr. Foster in the Chair.

Present-
Mr. Al. Newton, Mr. Page, Mr. Davis, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Scott, Mr. Bollitt, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Cupp.
Mr. Cupp in the Chair. Present.- Mr. Page, Mr. Davis, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Scott, Mr. Bollitt, Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Al. Newton proposed for Mr. Montgomery, a resolution giving notice of last meeting, Mr. Al. Newton proposed as an amendment that the words "on request" be struck out which he put instead of "on non-payment of $1.00." He then opened the question. "That the amendment is more useful to the individual property of Mr. Newton." He was supported by Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Scott. Mr. Page opposed by Mr. Al. Newton, Mr. Scott.

Mr. Page asked if the Chairman would add a 3rd lady. There were 2 lady votes in the affirmative, 3 in the negative. Mr. Al. Newton proposed in Mr. Newton seconded that the motion be a member.

Read and confirmed on the 5th day of April, 1866.

E. J. Foster
Chairman.

Mechanics Institute
April 5, 1866

The Society met at the usual hour. Dr. Foster in the Chair. Present.- Mr. Page, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Scott, Mr. Davis, Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Lewis proposed Mr. Cupp. Mr. Scott, Mr. Bollitt, Mr. McNeil.

Mr. Newton was elected a member.

Mr. Newton then asked the question that women are inferior to men. He was supported by Mrs. Montgomery, Mr. Scott. Mr. Bollitt opposed by Mr. Al. Newton, Mr. Woodford, Mr. Lewis. Mr. McNeil, Mr. Scott.

Mr. Scott proposed to Mr. Foster concurred with. On the vote being taken three votes in the affirmative and eleven in the negative.

Dr. W. H. Barnes was proposed by Mr. Al. Newton seconded by Mr. Newton.

Mr. W. H. Scott was proposed by Mr. Woodford and seconded by Mr. Scott.

Read and confirmed on the 12th day of April, 1866.

E. J. Foster
Chairman.
The Society met at the usual hour 6 o'clock on the Chair—

Present—Mr. Beynon, Mr. Swart, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Shackleton, Mr. Cass, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Russell.

Mr. Cass was elected an Adder of the Society.

Mr. Beynon then opened the question: "That the Society adopts the two points of measures adopted by England during the eighteenth Century." He was opposed by Mr. A. H. Newton, Mr. Montgomery, and Mr. Swart.

Mr. Swart summed up when 4 votes were taken.

Motion made on the 19th day of April 1866.

Chas. J. W. M.
Chairman.

The meeting closed on the usual moment.
The Society met at the usual hour Dr. Tindal in the Chair.

Present, Messrs. Cowper, Mr. Barlow, Mr. Smith, Mr. Leach, Mr. Tindal.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Dr. Tindal then opened the question that Education should be continued.

The question was then put to the Committee, and Mr. Smith moved the adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leach, and the question was put to the Committee.

Mr. Tindal was elected a member of the Society.

The question of the purchase of the premises of Mr. Smith was then put to the Committee.

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Mechanics Institute
May 31st 1866

The Council met at the usual hour & roster
with the Chair

Present: Messrs. Beynon, Lee, T. Hall, N. E. Harbord, Mr. Montgomery, and Mr. C. R. Foster,

Mr. Harbord proposed & Capt. W. R. Harbord seconded that Capt. Wheelhouse be a member of the Society.

Mr. Foster then moved that the Society present powers to the Committee "to make arrangements for an entertainment." The motion was seconded and carried.

The Secretary then informed the Society that Mr. Wheelhouse had offered to give lectures to every member of the Society, setting to attend a course of lectures open to all.

Mr. March moved and Mr. C. R. Foster seconded, that the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Wheelhouse for his kind offer. Carried.

The letter of the Society the motion being read up by the Sec.

Mr. Beynon moved and Mr. Harbord seconded "that the Committee have power to purchase the Ely cemetery. Balladised." The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Beynon's motion to call the meeting.

Mr. Beynon, Montgomery then read the paper on the process of the Azonites with special reference to the Rescue of Mr. L. Vedder. It was challenged by Mr. J. Bellamy

Begun sitting on the 5th day of June 1866.

Read and confirmed on the
1st day of June 1866.

Charles J. Foster
Chairman

Mechanics Institute
June 7th 1866

The Society met at the usual hour & roster on
the chair


Capt. Wheelhouse was elected a member of the Society.

It seems then opened the question "What is Beynon and What is the future part?" He spoke to the side of Beynon. He was opposed by hope Beynon & Montgomery. On the side being taken two voted with the off & 5 for in the negative.

The Secretary gave notice, on the part of the Committee, that they would recommend the election of the Vice-President among the members also that an Honorary President be elected. Mr. Harbord gave notice "The following- that the with the view of "creating a more efficient and the proceeding of the Society a change should be made in the mode of conducting the programme."
March 1846 your notice that he would come to the Society in time conjunction the expenditure of a portion of our funds in the formation of a library.

Read and supported on the 1st day of June 1846

Mr. J. Smith
Chairman

Mechanics Institute
June 1846

The Society met at the usual hour on the 1st day of June. Present: Mr. Beazley, Barlow, Montgomery, Alten, & Newton. The Secretary was present while the Minutes were read.

Being generally agreed on the motion that Mr. Beazley resigned the office of President.

The Secretary then moved "That the late President be elected from among the members, and also an Honorary President." The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Shackleton was elected Vice-President.

Moved and seconded "That his honor be requested to act as first Honorary President." Carried.

Mr. Beazley was elected President.

Mr. Alten was elected Secretary.

Moved by Mr. Beazley seconded by Mr. Guthrie "That Mr. B. Newton be appointed Treasurer" Carried.

Moved by Mr. Guthrie seconded by Mr. Beazley "That Mr. C. Newton be appointed Secretary." Carried.

The following motion on Committee was then carried:

"That the Members of the Committee be authorized to divide the Society's property in equal shares among the members." Carried.

The Treasurer's report was read before the Society and passed.

In the absence of Mr. Alten, Mr. Beazley seconded the following resolution: "That with a view of creating a greater interest in the proceedings of the Society a change be made in the mode of conducting the proceedings." Motion carried.

Mr. Montgomery moved the former question which was carried.

Mr. Beazley moved "That £30, the sum of the Sewards be expended in the purchase of Books." Motion carried.

Mr. Beazley moved as an amendment "That the Library, under the name of "The British Museum" be purchased." Motion carried.

Mr. Watson moved "That the Society rent a room in Crown." Motion carried.

Mr. Beazley the whole question being referred to the Committee of Management, all the resolutions were then withdrawn in favour of Mr. Beazley which was called." Motion carried.

"A vote of thanks was then presented to Mr. Beazley on his behalf from the office of President." Carried.

Resolved of the motion to then proceed to the raising of Treasurer or Secretary. It was then resolved..."
Mechanics Institute
June 25th 1866

The Society met as usual, & Mr. Foster in the chair. There were present.- V. Foster, Mrs. Foster, Mr. H. Peirce, A.C. Newton, Matthew A. Cuff, Matthew, Mr. Macpherson, & Mr. Beaton.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Mr. Foster then read a letter from Mr. Stewart accepting on behalf of the Hon. the Superintendant the office of Honorary President of this Society.

The Secretary then proposed on behalf of the Committee of Management (as part of the results of their inquiries according to the work of the Society as reported on June 14th.)

"That a room should not be hired for more than one lecture each week." This was seconded and carried.

"That a copy of the Evangelical Register be sent for from England." This was seconded, but an amendment proposed by Mr. C. Peirce "That the word 'Australia' be substituted for 'England' was carried by a majority of 7 (seven) to 2 (two)."

Mr. Foster having another engagement the chair was taken by Mr. Beaton in the absence of both our three presidents.

Mr. Albert Cuff then asked the question "That Indirect taxation is preferable to direct." It was opposed by previous agreement by Mr. C. Peirce and also by Capt. Milnes - Peer. V. Foster & Macpherson voted in his favour. The chairman summed up and the vote declared two (2) in favour of indirect taxation & three (3) against it.

Read and confirmed on the 25th day of June 1866.

Chairman

Mechanics Institute
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Read and confirmed on the 25th day of June 1866.

Chairman
Mechanics Institute  
July 5th 1866
The Society met as usual - Dr. Foster in the chair, present Messrs. Wheeler, Miller, A. C. Newton, Mr. Newton, Bowes, Hewitt, Mr. Fullier, Sheckleton, Mr. pojvan, Capt. Pick, &c.
Mr. Bowes opened the subject appointed "That the jury system of Scotland is preferable to that of England?" It was opposed by previous agreement by Mr. Newton.
After an animating debate the Chairman's motion of the vote recorded were all in favour of the English system.
Dr. Foster continued to deliver a lecture on the 11th instant in this room on "Works of Helion".

Read and confirmed July 12th 1866
Chas. T. Fisher
Chairman.

Mechanics Institute  
July 26th 1866
The Society met as usual - Dr. Foster in the chair, present Messrs. Wheeler, A. C. Newton, J. Newton, Bowes, Hewitt, Mr. Fullier, Sheckleton, Mr. Millon, &c.
Mr. Wheeler opened the question appointed "That the word Opening is morning in the 10th chapter of Genesis are meant to represent a period of 24 hours?" All the recorded votes were against the speaker. The subject appointed for next week was. "That Merchandize (or trade Mascheine) is worthy of being called a science".

Read and confirmed August 2nd 1866
Chas. T. Fisher
Chairman.

Mechanics Institute  
Aug. 2nd 1866
The Society met as usual - Dr. Foster in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Clarke was proposed, by Mr. Wheeler & seconded. by Mr. A. C. Newton. Mr. L. C. T. Newton was proposed by Mr. Smith & seconded. by Mr. A. C. Newton. Mr. Tongue was proposed by Mr. E. E. & seconded by Mr. A. C. Newton. Capt. Millon then opened the question appointed. "And..."
Meckleme Institute  
Aug. 23, 1866

The Society met at Mr. H. F. Foster's, the chair being occupied by Mr. Shackleton. Mr. Montgomery, Mr. A. C. Hekton, Mr. E. M. Keating, Mr. C. G. M. Keating, Mr. W. N. Burch, Mr. George M. Burch, Mr. George B. Burch, Mr. B. B. Burch, Mr. W. D. Burch, Mr. F. D. Burch

Read and confirmed August 13th, 1866

E. B. H. H.  
Chairman

Meckleme Institute  
Aug. 16th, 1866

The society met as usual at Mr. Shackleton's and the chair was occupied by Mr. B. B. Burch

Mr. H. C. H. H.  
Chairman

The society present were B. B. Burch, Mr. A. C. Hekton, Mr. W. N. Burch, Mr. George M. Burch, Mr. George B. Burch, Mr. W. D. Burch, Mr. F. D. Burch

Mr. W. D. Burch was elected a member

Mr. H. C. H. H. requested to have his name withdrawn from the list of members

Mr. W. D. Burch then read his lecture upon the laws of thought

Mr. A. C. Hekton undertook to open the subject "The Talent Laws ought to be abolished"  

Read and confirmed Aug. 27th, 1866

E. B. H. H.  
Chairman
The First Condition. "That members of the Mechanics Institute shall be granted a like privilege in their own rooms unless the work is requested by any member of the society." was put and carried.

The resolution that the Encyclopaedia Britannica be placed in the Mechanics Institute as a work of reference, subject to the three conditions of first, it must be new and carried; second, it must be new and carried; and third, the above named conditions, was the library of the Mechanics Institute.

The proposition as drawn up by the Committee of Management of printed was laid before the meeting.

The decision about the sale of the Cyclist's Guide to the appointment of the printer was put and carried.

The motion to continue the sale of tickets for the above named subject was put and carried.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

He also stated that Mr. Turbott would be glad to know how many were willing to accept his offer of free admission to a series of lectures he was setting up. Nearly all the members present seemed to wish to do so.

Mr. R. H. Kavanagh was duly elected a member.

Mr. Swift was proposed by Mr. J. H. Fulchin and seconded by Mr. Cox.

Mr. Cox then opened the subject that the Ballot was the best way of taking the Suffrage. The votes were four (4) in favor of the opener and one (1) against him.

Read and confirmed, September 6th, 1866
Chairman.
Mechanics Institute
September 6th 1861

The Society met as usual - D. Foster in the Chair - present Messrs. Brickleton, Charles Brown, Wilson, C. Newton, W. Newton, Kemna, Miss Hewitt, Atkinson, P. Knowles, Mr. Swift was duly elected a member. The secretary then read a note from the Bank and Ann Reid of Mechanics Institute - under as follows: "Sir, I am pleased to say that the committee accede to your request to place the note mentioned on the foregoing note in the Institute on the premises stated.

They will take proper care of the note, but will not be responsible for any loss, fire, or damage that may happen to it when in circulation or otherwise."

I am, etc.

W. Brickleton, Secretary.

At the last quarterly meeting he should move the following resolution:

"That this Society having decided on extending its operations will at its next meeting take into consideration the propriety, or otherwise, of some more convenient room."

W. P. Knowles, Secretary. That the fire alarm be moved to some more convenient room.

W. J. McLean opened the subject that the writing of George Whitman excites a higher class of debaters than those of Oliver Bell. The vote was carried four to two in favour of Mr. Bell.

Read and Concluded.

September 13th 1861

Charles J. Fox
Chairman.
for some popular lecture on behalf of this Society.
Mr. Pet. moved that this quarterly business meeting be adjourned the next week—Saturday, and carried by a majority of six to two.
Mr. Captain Wilson, an order that he should move that those in arrear for subscription be written to by the Secretary and in default of payment their names be struck off the list.
Mr. Beynon said that he should ask what action had been taken towards carrying out the rules 23 & 24.
Mr. March to move, "That the Committee of Management be requested to ascertain if any and what sum is likely to be collected of the arrears of subscriptions and to report to the Society in four (4) weeks from date."
Mr. March to move rules.
Mr. March, "That motions arising out of debate may be brought forward by any member on the quarterly night without notice."
Mr. Justice, "That the Treasurer be requested to lay on the table a return of all fines due to the Society—And that the Secretary be asked for the names of those who have ceased to be members in accordance with the last two rules."
Mr. Bever, "That each clergyman of Canterbury be requested to become an honorary member of this Society."
Mr. Bever, "To move the adjournment of the Luncheon business meeting at 8 o'clock."
Mr. Beynon, "To move for some plan by which

Assessment of subscriptions may be collected—
The meeting then adjourned till Thursday, 10th September, 1866.
Chas. J. L. Potter
Chairman.

Mechanics Institute
September 20th 1866

The Society met at usual. S. Foster in the chair present.
Mechanics Institute, September 27th 1866

The Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Beggs, Mr. Page, Mr. Martin, A.C. Watson, Sutherland, Wilson, Hewitt and Montgomery.

Mr. Page was duly elected a secretary.

The Secretary in the name of the Committee of Management requested of each member their report and proposed that each member of the Committee of Management be requested to consider a certain number of members and on the vote of the society, and ask them for their assent and assent of their intention as to remaining in the society's books, and those who decline to pay their arrears of subscriptions or fines have the necessary notice given, then by the secretary to be struck off the roll.

Mr. Beggs moved an amendment which was carried.

That each member in default be written to first by the secretary and later the amount of the arrears be laid down in an amendment that the amount due be struck out and the original motion was carried as amended.

Mr. Hewitt moved the question. That there is no essential difference between the black and white races - after the chair's summing up of the votes recorded were four in favor and four against the speaker.

Read and confirmed October 4th 1866

Chas. J. Page
Chairman

Mechanics Institute
October 11th 1866

The Society met as usual in the chair present: Mr. Page, Mr. Linder, Mr. Heton, Mr. Beggs, Mr. Hewitt, Shakesleton.

Mr. Page moved an amendment about the meeting opened for their now appointed subject that депутация is not compatible with the subject's order of speech.

Mr. Linder vacated the chair in favor of Mr. Shakesleton and spoke in opposition to the speaker.

Here was an animating debate when the balance of votes were in favor of the speaker.

Read and confirmed October 11th 1866

Chas. J. Page
Chairman
Mechanics Institute
Oct 11th 1866

The Society met as usual at 7 in the Chair. Present were: Mr. Newton, Mr. Carter, Mr. Bannerman, Mr. Nairn, Mr. F. A. Hector, Mr. R. A. Hector, Mr. Bannerman, Mr. Nairn, Mr. Bannerman, Mr. F. A. Hector, Mr. Nairn.

Mr. Nairn then opened the afternoon’s subject: “The Beauty of a Gallery, which should be made of,”

When the vote was taken a majority was found against the speaker.

Read and confirmed Oct 11th 1866

Chas. J. Nairn
Chairman

Mechanics Institute
Oct 15th 1866

The Society met as usual at 7 in the Chair. Present were: Mr. Nairn, Mr. Newton, Mr. Carter, Mr. Beattie, Mr. Bannerman, Mr. Nairn.

Mr. Nairn opened the afternoon’s subject: “The Beauty of a Gallery, which should be made of,”

The vote was taken and a majority was found against the speaker.

Read and confirmed Oct 15th 1866

Chas. J. Nairn
Chairman

Mechanics Institute
Nov 1st 1866

The Society met as usual at 7 in the Chair. Present were: Mr. Nairn, Mr. Newton, Mr. Carter, Mr. Beattie, Mr. Bannerman, Mr. Nairn.

Mr. Nairn opened the afternoon’s subject: “The Beauty of a Gallery, which should be made of,”

The vote was taken and a majority was found against the speaker.

Read and confirmed Nov 1st 1866

Chas. J. Nairn
Chairman
Mechanics Institute.

Feb 14th 1867

The Society met for the first time after the recess. There were present Messrs. Wheeler, R.C. Newton, D. Foster, Rev. Benjamin Satterlee, Rev. Stuart Hewitt & Mr. Newman - D. Foster occupying the chair.

D. Foster, President of the Society, delivered a short address on the past & future of the Society.

The Secretary read the report of the committee of management. He then congratulated the Society upon the great success in filling the amount of subscriptions recommended by the committee instead of purely social meetings. He then read a paper on the history of the committee.

The Secretary made the financial statement showing the proceeds of the Society on the 14th Febr. 1867. After writing off £27 15s as bad debts there was a balance of £24 9s. 10d which must be added to £28. The value of books in the treasury of the Society making a total of £72 0s. 10d. The subscriptions were £1 10s 0d leaving a net balance of £65 18s 10d.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed and the meeting adjourned to the following Thursday. Read and confirmed. 21st Apr 1867.

Chairman.

Mechanics Institute

Nov 22nd 1866

The Society met as usual at D. Foster in the chair, present Messrs. Wheeler, Rev. N. Adams, R.C. Newton, D. Foster, Montgomery, Rev. C. Marsh, Hewitt, The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed. The Secretary expressed on behalf of the committee of management his thanks to Mr. Newton for the "fine hall." He also mentioned an amendment of the meeting that the word February be inserted in the place of March was carried. The meeting then adjourned. Read as confirmed. 26th Nov 1866.

Chairman.
Mechanics Institute
Feb 21st 1867
The Society met as usual. Mr. Yoder in the chair
Present: Messrs. Wheeler, A. Newton, Knepton,
Justice, Harte, J. G. Stimson, C. E. March.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary then moved on behalf of the Committee
that the minutes be read. Mr. Harte moved that the
Secretary announces the meeting of the Society should be put for
1st day of each month, instead of
weekly, on the second Thursday in each month.
Carried.

The Secretary moved on behalf of the Committee,
that an estimate be made of 
Mr. Yoder's bill for bookkeeping. Mr. Harte
seconded the motion. Mr. Justice
proposed an amendment that the
Chairman of a candidate shall pay off before the ballot can be taken.
Mr. Harte moved that the ballot be taken personally by Mr. Harte, and carried.

Mr. Page was proposed by Mr. A. Newton,
seconded by Mr. E. March.

In March, the motion was

Mechanics Institute
March 14th 1867

The Society met as usual, and the
President and the Vice Presidents
being absent. Mr. Cap was called to the
chair.

Present: Messrs. Wheeler, Dr. C. G. Stimson, A. Newton,
A. Newton, C. Stimson, H. C. Barnes,
Mr. Joshua Page was duly elected a
member of the society.

Mr. A. Newton then put the place of Mr.
Justice who was absent an accident of
ill-health. Proposed the question

"That there should be no legal restric-
tions on the exercise of any profession
or calling", this being the negative of
the question, undertaken to be opened
by Mr. Justice.

On the votes being taken, it was
found that the numbers for and
against were equal, the Chairman
declining to vote.

Read and confirmed April 1st 1867.

Chas. S. Page
Chairman.
Mechanics Institute
April 11th 1867

The Society met as usual at Foster in the chair present Mr. A. Newton, Wheeler, Jameson, Foster, March, Mr. E. Barnes, Catherine! Madison.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Foster opened the subject that the Cautions House should remain at Pelton - which was carried unanimously.

Read and confirmed May 9th, 1867

Chas. J. Porter
Chairman

Mechanics Institute May 9th 1867

The Society met as usual at Foster in the chair present Mr. Cox, J. Jameson, J. Jameson, J. Newton, A. C. Newton, Catherine, and Foster.

Mr. Foster, after the question that the Stafford Society are not justified in binding the present Incorporation of Members as they are doing - assured them on the assurance they were not to be required to pay any subscription - The Trustees to call a meeting upon requisition of five (5) members. The said Trustees to be appointed by the Society.

Read and confirmed

Chas. J. Porter
Chairman

Mechanics Institute
June 13th 1867

The Society held its usual annual meeting for the election of Officers - Mr. Foster in the chair present Mr. Cox, A. C. Newton, J. Newton, Wheeler, Miss Barnes.

Mr. Foster was unanimously elected President.

Mr. Sheeler and Mr. A. C. Newton were unanimously elected Vice Presidents.
Mechanics Institute
July 17th 1867

Mr. Foster, in the Chair

Mr. March moved that the House take a Committee consisting of Mr. A. C. Hastings 

The Secretary moved on behalf of the Committee that the Society ensure the raising of the Book's in the hands of the Trustees in the Mechanics Institute as at present. Mr. Wheeler, Resolution. The funds be deposited in a Bank in the hands of the said Trustees present. Members continuing such without paying any subscription. The Trustees to call a meeting upon requisition of five (5) members. (Signed by Mr. Henry) 

Carried

Mr. Wheeler 2nd. That there should be three (3) Trustees (Signed by Mr. Nettles) Carried.

Three Trustees were balloted for and selected in the election of Mr. F. A. Loose. (Signed by Mr. Foster)

Chas. J. Foster
Secretary

Litany Institute
July 5th 1867

Mr. Foster, in the Chair

Present Messrs. Martin, Herritt March, A. C. Hastings, Nee.

The Meeting was called for the purpose of ending up the Society, but the President ruled that the Meeting was out of order not having been called in conformity with the resolutions passed on the 17th July 1867.

The Secretary was authorized to call a meeting.