

Congregational Church
Thursday December 22nd 1864

The President in the Chair

The Meeting opened with Prayers

The Minutes of the Meeting of December 15th were read and confirmed

Dr. Foster submitted the following^d Draft of Rules prepared by the Committee appointed for that purpose, which were passed seriatim after 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 young men present whether married or single giving in their names to the Secretary and paying the first quarter's subscription be Members of the Society.

That all future candidates be nominated at one Meeting and balloted for at the next; when a majority of votes in favor of the Candidate shall carry the election. Candidates not to be eligible under 16 years of age.

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

That the subscription be fixed for the present at Two shillings and sixpence per quarter.

That there be a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee of Management to be elected in the first instance for six months and afterwards annually.

That the President or 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 upon the construction of the Rules of the Society; and in case of equality of votes have a casting vote.

That the Committee of Management do consist of the Officers of the Society and six other Members, who shall have power at any time on notice to report on matters which they shall consider of importance to the Society; four to form a Quorum.

That the Society meet weekly on Thurs day evening from the 30th September to the 1st of April from 7.30 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
On the Chair being taken prayer to be offered; the Minutes read and put for confirmation; Candidates for admission proposed and a ballot taken on nomination already made; Reports from Committee of Management (if any) considered. The next subject for debate announced. The question for the evening called on and the Debate taken. To conclude with the Devology or a short hymn.

That twenty minutes be allowed for the opening speech or fifteen minutes if there are two opening speeches; and all other speeches ten minutes only. The Chairman may sum up after the opener's reply and the votes shall be then taken and the numbers on both sides recorded on the Minutes.

That there be four Quarterly Meetings, in the second week of the months of March, June, September and