

Congregational Church
Thursday January 19th 1865

Dr. Foster in the Chair

The meeting opened with Prayer
Minutes of last Meeting read and confirmed
Mr J. Cuff proposed and Mr. Fisher
proposed seconded Mr Cornelius Cuff as
a Member.

Mr Hanson was elected a Member.

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

Mr A. C. Newton opened the debate "That
the discovery of Gold in the Province of Canterbury
would be beneficial to the Province" Mr Cuff
spoke against the motion Mr. Eumell, Fisher &
I should ^{spoke} in favour of Messrs Cuff. Jamerson &
Hanson against the motion - Mr Newton
replied. The Chairman summed up, when there
was a show of hands 8 in favour and 8 against the
motion. The Chairman reserved his vote.

The Meeting closed with the Doxology

Read and confirmed the 26th day of
January 1865

Chas J. Foster
CW

Congregational Church
Thursday January 26th 1865

Dr. Foster in the Chair

The meeting opened with prayer.
The Minutes of January 19th read and confirmed.

Mr Cornelius Cuff was duly elected a Member.

The Chairman intimated that the Committee of
Management would present their Report at the
next meeting.

Mr J. Cuff opened the debate "That the Constitution
of New Zealand is not more democratic than that
of Great Britain" Messrs A. C. Newton, Bowie
and Fisher spoke ^{against} in favour of and Messrs Would
and Guthrie in favour of the motion. Mr Cuff
replied and the Chairman summed up. Votes
for 7 against 10. Motion lost.

Mr. Would proposed to open the next debate
"That the punishment of death ought to be
abolished"

The meeting closed with the Doxology

Read and confirmed the 2nd day of February
1865.

Chas J. Foster
Chairman