

Congregational Church
Thursday March 2nd 1865

Dr. Foster in the Chair

20 Members present

The Meeting opened with Prayer

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.
Mr. F. Degariss, ^{name} as a candidate for election as a Member
was, at the request of the proposer, withdrawn for the present.

Mr. Morley gave notice that he would move at the Quarterly
Meeting of the Association (this night week) certain resolutions
respecting the creation of Honorary Members.

Mr. Guthrie moved and Mr. Cox seconded, that this Meeting
do adjourn until the next weekly meeting to enable the
members present to attend the Public Meeting held at the
Town Hall. Motion put and lost.

Mr. Morley opened the debate "That the House of Peers
ought to be hereditary" Messrs Bowie, McNeill and Cox
spoke against and Mr. A. C. Newton in favor of the Motion.
The speaker being absent the Chairman summed up votes
(7 for and 5 against) motion carried.

Mr. March proposed to open the next debate "That the separation of the two States
of New Zealand is ^{is now desirable} desirable."
The Meeting closed with the Doxology.

Chas. J. Foster

Read and confirmed March 9th 1865

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18 Members present

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The Minutes of the previous meeting were read
and confirmed.

This being the Quarterly Meeting of the Society the
Meeting went into Committee.

Mr. Cox proposed and Mr. Morley seconded that Mr.
J. G. Butler be a Member of the Society.

The Treasurer not being present Mr. Morley proposed
and Mr. Mould seconded that the Treasurer be
requested to furnish a proper financial Report
this night next: carried.

According to notice Mr. Morley moved the adoption
of the following Rules which were adopted as amended
viz.

- 1 That the Society consist of Honorary and
Ordinary Members.
- 2 That all members who shall have attended
fifty meetings of the Society and opened eight
discussions covering a period of not less than
eighteen months shall be entitled to Honorary
privileges provided that there are at the time of
claim fifty members on the Roll.
- 3 That the members thus elected shall receive
a diploma from the Society signed by the President
Vice President and Secretary.
- 4 Honorary Members shall enjoy all the
privileges of Ordinary Members but shall not
be relieved from all compulsory duties.