

5 In order to insure the proposed carrying out of the above rules the Secretary shall inform every member of his election forthwith and take the Roll of the Members present every evening.

6 The Committee with the sanction of the Society shall have the power to create Honorary members other than are elected by the foregoing Rules.

The whole of the evening was taken up in discussing the above Rules and ~~after~~ which were carried as amended.

The Meeting closed with the Doxology

Read and confirmed the 16<sup>th</sup> March 1865

Congregational Church  
Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> 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. G. Baker was balloted for as a member and approved 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 Treasurer attended and obtained further time until the next <sup>before submitting his Report</sup> weekly meeting to enable the Secretary to prepare a Roll of the Members.

Mr. Bowie proposed to open the next debate "That Burns is a truer Poet than Longfellow".

The Meeting closed with the Doxology

Read and confirmed the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1865  
Chas. J. Foster