

Congregational Church  
Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Roll of the Members

Mr Bowie opened the debate "That Burns is a truer Poet than Longfellow" Messrs A. Newton, A. C. Newton and Guthrie spoke in favor of and Messrs <sup>H. M. Morley</sup> and Baynon against the motion Mr Bowie replied and the Chairman summed up - votes 8 in favor of and 6 against the motion.

Mr. Baynon proposed to open the next debate "That Cooper is not now sufficiently appreciated"

The meeting closed with the Doxology  
Read and confirmed the 30<sup>th</sup> March 1865.  
Chas. I. Foster

Congregational Church  
Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup> 1865

Dr. Foster in the Chair

19 Members present

The meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and Confirmed.

Propd. by Mr. W. J. Fisher { That Mr. John Booth be a member  
Secd. by Mr. S. Madman } of the Association.

Propd. by Mr. W. J. Fisher { That Mr. Fred. De Jans be a  
Secd. by Mr. S. Madman } member of the Association.

Mr. Baynon opened the debate  
"That Cooper does not receive from  
General readers of the present day, that  
appreciation proportionate to his varied  
poetic genius"

A discussion ensued in which Messrs A. C. Newton, M. Kee, Guthrie, H. Newton, Woodford, and Fisher took part - Mr. Baynon replied, and the Chairman summed up.  
votes 11 in favor of and 1 against the motion.

The meeting closed with the Doxology.  
Read and Confirmed the 6<sup>th</sup> April 1865.  
Chas. I. Foster  
Chairman