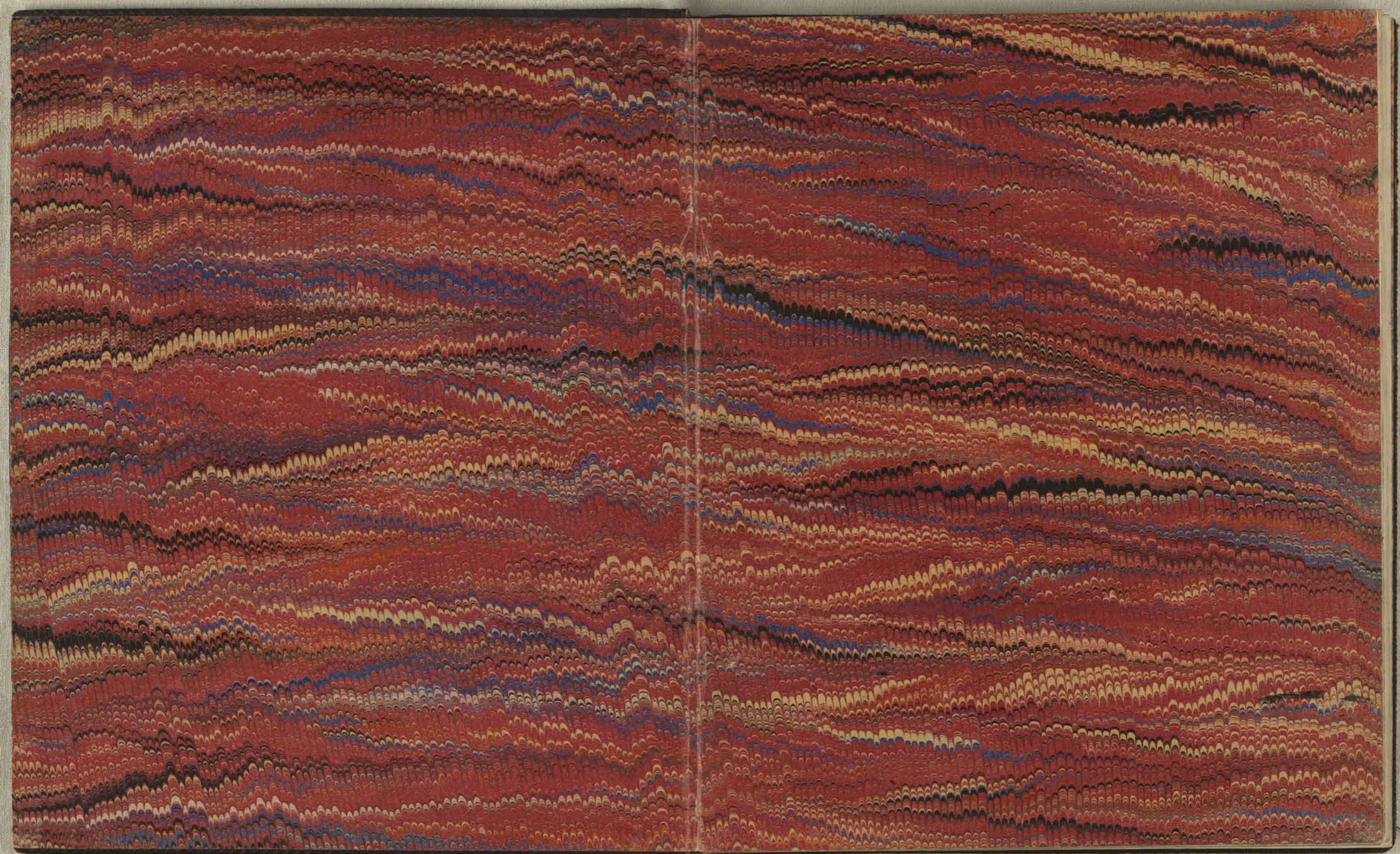


YOUNG MENS' LITERARY ASSOC.

Committee Minutes, 9-6-1865 - 13-6-1867



Young Men's Literary Assoc.
Committee minutes, 1865-1867.

Dr Foster's Office June 9/65.

Which day the Committee met and was
constituted Dr Foster in the chair -

Present, Messrs Beynon, Bowie, Cox, Morley,
Newton, Darrell, & Gutter.

After some general conversation as to how the
Society should invite to attend the Public Service
the following resolution was proposed
"That the Ministers of Religion of all denominations
be invited" On the motion being put six voted
for and one against it. It was accordingly
carried.

The following resolution was then put and
carried unanimously.

"That the Society invite his Honor the Superintendent
to preside at the public Service, and joining
him, the Bishop of Christ Church and
joining him Mr Justice Gresson."

It was then resolved to invite the following
Gentlemen to be present -

Messrs J. E. Getzfeld, John Hall, Rolleston
(Moorhouse), J. Olliver, Crocker Wood,
Garrick, Joseph Brittain, Geo. Miles
A. Cox, C. Wilson, Isaac Pherson

Symington. C. W. Turner, Lewisham

The following resolution was also put & carried

"That Messrs Morley & Gurnell be appointed a committee to confer with Mr Bilton & learn if the services of the Musical Society can be obtained for the occasion"

The following also was carried

"That the Speakers be invited by letter, but that His Honor the Superintendent be invited on personally by the Secretary"

"That Mr Morley be appointed to deliver the invitations to all who reside in the County District"

A long discussion then ensued regarding the price to be charged for tickets. It was ultimately resolved

"That 2/6 be charged with the understanding that any member may obtain, if able, any sum beyond that amount"

The following resolutions were then carried

"That if by next meeting of Committee Mr Morley obtain the names of a sufficient number of ladies willing to give tables the Society agree to request those ladies to do so, also

"That the Secretary call upon Mr Wilson Secretary of the Town Hall Committee and ascertain at what charge the Hall may be obtained." also
"That the Dinner be held on the 29th day of June next."

The Committee then adjourned till Tuesday 13th at 5 o'clock -

Chas J. Foster
Chairman

In Foster's Office June 13/65.

Which day the Committee met and was constituted by Foster in the Chair. Present Messrs Blyman, Bowie, Morley, Gubton, Gurnell & Gutterie.

The Minutes of last Meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary reported that the invitations to the various gentlemen were in the course of issue. He also reported that he had invited on his Honor the Superintendent who had consented to preside,

Mr Morley on behalf of the Sub-committee reported that he had seen Mr Bilton who had received their proposal favourably and had appointed a meeting with the Committee of the Musical Society. This had not taken place, but Mr Morley was in a position to state that the help of the Musical Society could almost be depended upon.

Dr Foster reported that he had seen Mr Fitzerald, Hon. John Hall & Archdeacon Jacobs all of whom had consented to come. Mr Fether reported that from what his Honor had said, he thought, that some thing in the form of a conversation would be more satisfactory. After a long discussion regarding the propriety of providing refreshments it was agreed that Messrs Baynon Gurnell & the Secretary be appointed a committee to see at what rate refreshments could be obtained with power to negotiate to the extent of £15/-.

The Secretary, with any of the committee who had time, was appointed to see the following gentlemen and learn if they would be willing to give the use of their pictures &

circumstances for the evening viz.

Mr E Nece, Dr Barker, Whaler, Elabee, Mundy & la Mont. Russer, Bonnington, Drew.

Mr Morley & Gurnell were appointed to see Mr Bilton and make further arrangements with the Musical Society.

Mr Morley reported that he had received authority from Mr Bailey to take any timber that might be required. Mr Morley was appointed to see to the arrangements carried out in this department.

The following resolution was proposed by Dr Foster and carried

"That the Committee report to the Society on Thursday next, that the question of removing the place of meeting has been brought under their notice, and having considered it they recommend the Society to give them full powers to negotiate" The Secretary was also ordered to obtain a minute book at the price of 2/6.

The Committee then adjourned till Thursday at 6.30.

Chas J. Foster
Chairman

Dr Foster's Office June 15/65.

The Committee met at 5 o'clock p.m. Dr Foster
in the Chair,

Present Messrs Reynou, Baine, Daniel & Guthrie

The Minutes of last meeting having been
read and confirmed, the Sub-

Committee reported that they had seen
Mr Richie regarding refreshments. They

reported that Mr Richie was willing
to provide refreshments, at the rate of

9^d per head, or at the rate of 1/1 per
head. The Committee appointed to con-

clude a bargain with him at 9^d per
head -

The Committee appointed Baine after the
Music had nothing definite to report -

The name of Mr Bowie was added
to the Committee

The Secretary was authorized to obtain letters,

The Committee then adjourned -

Read and Confirmed on the
day of June 1865 -

Chas. J. Foster

Congregational Church
June 22/65

The Committee met at 6.30 p.m. Dr
Foster in the Chair -

Present Messrs Reynou Esq, Morley Burrell
& Guthrie -

The minutes of last meeting having been
read and confirmed, a report was

made that a Contract had been
entered into with Mr Richie to supply

the meeting with refreshments at the
rate of 9^d a head,

It was moved, that Mr Reynou be
requested to call upon any gentlemen
likely to subscribe and ask for
a ~~small~~ subscription -

The Music Committee reported that
nothing definite had been settled
with the Musical Society -

Read and Confirmed on the
27th day of June 1865.

Chas. J. Foster

Chairman,

Congregational Church

St. Fortus Miss

July 27th 1865

Which day the Committee met Dr Foster president.
Mr Bayman reported "that 150 Bibles were
accounted for as given to the members present
to be sold, and they had reason to suppose
that 250 were disposed of"

It was agreed to get Mr Oswald to light
the old Town Hall - Mr Guthrie appointed
to see Peppall & get him to buy the picture.
It was then unanimously resolved "that
Mr Habens be requested to move the Superintendent
to preside"

Read & confirmed on the 6th day
of July 1865

Chas. I. Foster
Chairman,

Congregational Church
July 6/65

The Committee met at 6.30 p.m. Dr
Foster in the chair,
Present Messrs Bowe, Beynon, Cox, Guthrie &
Gurrell - Morley,

The minutes of last meeting were read and
confirmed. It was then moved and carried
that the Committee recommend that a vote
of thanks be given to His Honor the Lord Bishop,
the various speakers & contributors, & the
members of the Musical Society - And that it
be advertised in all the local papers -
The Treasurer presented a rough estimate
of the Receipts & expenditure in connection with
the Courazaine -

Read and confirmed on 10th
day of July 1865.

Chas. I. Foster
Chairman

Dr Foster's Offices July 10/65.

The Committee met at 5 o'clock Dr Foster
in the Chair

Present Messrs Beynon, Bower, Cox, Newton
Dunnell & Gutteridge -

The minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed -

The Secretary was instructed to write to
Mr Symington, Chairman of the Chamber
of Commerce, and learn at what rate
the Chamber of Commerce Rooms could
be obtained, and what arrangements
could be regarding lighting -

It was also resolved that the Secretary
write to Mr Wilson & N. Parker, thanking
them for the use of the Town Hall at so
small a rate. Change

It was unanimously resolved that the Committee
recommend to the consideration of the
Society the following resolutions

"That all subjects of discussion shall
be sent into the General Committee who
shall arrange the same at their discretion"
"That a book be provided setting forth

the Constitution of the Society, which every
member shall subscribe to, giving at the
same time his address in full -

"That the signing of the above be a con-
dition of membership"

"That no member be allowed to speak
or vote unless his subscriptions are all
paid (except by the courtesy of the Chair)

"That members absenting themselves for four
weeks consecutively shall cease to be
members of the Society and shall forfeit
all honors accruing from membership
unless such absence be satisfactorily
explained to the Chairman & Secretary"

The Committee agreed to allow Mr Walker
to bring forward the "Pernicious Bill" on
Thursday on the ordinary way -

Mr Parker's Bill of £17 was presented.

It was resolved that Mr Beynon be
instructed to pay only £15-0-0.

It was also resolved to pay Mr Drew
(£5-5-) five guineas.

Read & Confirmed on July 25/65

Alfred C. Gutteridge
Chairman -

Dr Foster's Office
July 25/65

The Committee met at the usual hour Mr. Al Newton in the Chair -
The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Committee proceeded to arrange the programme - The Secretary was ordered to print the programme - It was then unanimously resolved that the Committee recommend the following resolution to the Society.

"That all members be admitted by a show of hands unless notice shall be given to the Chairman or Secretary in writing that a ballot is required any time prior to the time of voting."

Read & confirmed on the 10th day
of August 1865

Chairman -

Congregational Church
Aug. 3/65

The committee met after the usual sitting of the Society Dr Foster in the Chair -

The Secretary stated that he understood that the use of the Chamber of Commerce could not be obtained -

The committee therefore instructed the Secretary & Treasurer, to rent the Upper Room of the Mechanics Institute at the rate of Twelve pounds for annum for six months. They were also instructed to obtain chairs if necessary -

The Secretary was instructed to advertise the change of place of meeting -

Read & confirmed on the 8th day
of ^{Sept.} August 1865

(Alfred Newton)
Chairman -

Dr Foster Office
Jan 26/66

The Committee met in Dr Foster's Office at
five o'clock, - Dr Foster in the Chair,
Present Baynes, Mr. Newton, Mr. Morley & Mr. J. Foster
The sub-committee laid before the Society the
rules as arranged by Mr. The secretary
was authorized to get a copy printed.
Moved & carried "That Dr Foster, Messrs Baynes
& J. Foster of ascertain at what rate a
dinner can be provided by Messrs Broom-
White, Collier & Morton & Robertson,"
Moved & carried "That Mr. Baynes draw
up a programme."
It was also agreed to have the dinner on
Thursday & the 7th.
Read & confirmed on the 22nd day
of March 1866
Chas. J. Foster
Chairman

Mechanics Institute
June 7/66 -

The Committee met at half past six -
Dr Foster Chairman.
Dr Foster reported that he had been unable
to see the gentlemen he had agreed to
see regarding the entertainment. After some
conversation on the subject it was agreed
to let the matter stand over for a time.
It was agreed to recommend to the Society
the propriety of electing two vice-presidents
from among the number of the Society. Also
to have an honorary president.
The secretary was also instructed to write
to every member of the Society regarding his
attendance.

Chas. J. Foster
Chairman

Mechanics Institute

June 21. 1866.

Committee met at 7 o'clock Dr Foster in the chair - all members present except Mr Wheeler -

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr Foster stated that he had written to His Honor the Superintendent but on account of the latter having had to go to Wellington no reply had at present been received.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the committee should advise that the Society do not hire a room for more than one night in the week.

It was also agreed that it would not be advisable to send to Australia for a copy of the Encyclopaedia Britannica

By a majority of 5 (five) to 3 (three) it was agreed to propose to the Society - to send to England for a copy of the above mentioned work.

It was also the opinion of the committee that the Society should not otherwise attempt to form a library -

Read & confirmed on the 16th day of August 1866

L. M. Wheeler

Chairman

Mechanics Institute

Aug 16. 1866

Committee met at 7 o'clock Mr Wheeler in the chair - present Messrs A.C. Newton. H. Newton. Guthrie. Baynon. Miss Cox. Montgomery. Shackleton

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary then brought forward the programme the subjects on which were brought discussed one by one and agreed to - orders being given that the programme should be printed -

The Secretary stated that the Encyclopaedia Brit had arrived in Christchurch when he was appointed to give notice for behalf of the Committee that the subject of what should be done with the books would be brought before the general meeting next Thursday.

Read and confirmed on the 16th day of August 1866

Chas. J. Foster

Chairman

Mechanics Institute

Aug 23. 1866

Committee met at 7.10 Dr Foster in the chair - present Messrs Wheeler. A.C. Newton. H. Newton. Guthrie. Baynon. Bowie. Miss Cox. Shackleton. Montgomery -

The minutes of the last meeting were read and

confirmed. The following resolutions were put
and after some discussion were carried.

That tickets of membership be printed & given
to each member upon his paying his quarterly
subscription -

That the Encyclopaedia Britannica be placed
in the Library of the Mechanics Institute as a
work of reference subject to the following ~~res-~~
~~olutions~~ Conditions

1st That this society shall have power to
remove it at any time -

2nd That members of this society, upon present-
ing their tickets, shall be allowed, during the
ordinary library hours, to have out one volume
at a time and to read the same in the Reading
Room of the Mechanics Institute or in the Debating
room of this society during the debate

3rd That members of the Mechanics Institute
shall be granted a like privilege in their own
reading room, unless the work be required by
any member of this society

~~Resolved~~ ~~was~~ ~~passed~~ ~~by~~
Ex. Brown & the Committee then adjourned

Read and confirmed on the 25th day of Sept 1886

John S. Futhrie

Chairman

Dr Lockers Chambers Sep. 25th 1886
Present Messrs. Shackleton Wheeler. Futhrie
(Chairman) A Newton Montgomery & A C Newton.

After some discussion the minutes of the last
meeting having been read and confirmed the
following resolution was agreed to. "That each
member of the committee of management be
requested to canvas a certain number of the
members now on the roll of the Society and
ask them for their arrears and ascertain their
intentions as to remaining on the Society's books
and that those who decline to pay their arrears
or fines have the necessary notice sent them by
the Secretary and be struck off the roll -

Read and confirmed Oct 1st 1886

Alexander Montgomery
Chairman

Mechanics Institute. Oct. 16 1886

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read
and confirmed. Mr Beynon moved and Mr Futhrie
seconded the resolution "that the words 'to conclude with
the doxology or a short hymn' be struck out of rule
12" - Carried -

Read and confirmed Nov. 14th 1886

Chas. J. Smith
Chairman

Dr Foster's Office
Nov. 14th 1866.

Present. Dr Foster (Chairman) Mr Shackleton
H Newton & A.C. Newton.

The minutes of previous meeting were read
and confirmed.

Mr A.C. Newton proposed and ~~Dr Foster~~ Mr Shackleton
seconded that "It was advisable that the
Society should have a recess until the
1st Thursday in March." - The meeting then
adj separated.

Read and confirmed. Nov. 15 1866
A. Montgomery.

Mechanics Institute
Nov. 15th 1866.

Present. Messrs Montgomery (Chairman)
Guthrie. Ince. Wheeler & A.C. Newton
Beynon & Bowie. The minutes of the
previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The committee went through the list of
members owing arrears of subscriptions who
had been written to by the secretary in ac-
cordance with the resolution of the general
meeting held Sep 2^d last. Noting those
who had paid or refused to pay and divided

The remainder among themselves in order
to call upon them personally in accordance with
the same resolution.

Read and confirmed Feb. 14th 1867

Chas. J. White

Chairman

Dr. Foster's Office
Feb. 14th 1867

Present Messrs. Beynon. Wheeler. Cox. A.C.
Newton. H. Newton. Guthrie & Dr. Foster -

The minutes of the previous meeting were read
and confirmed. The report was drawn
up and agreed to - congratulating the Society
upon their success in getting in the arrears of
subscriptions - recommending monthly instead
of weekly meetings - the night proposed being
the 2nd Thursday in each month - also recommend-
ing that an entrance fee of five shillings shall be
paid charged.

Read and confirmed. June
13th 1867

Thos. H.

Chairman

Mechanics Institute

June 13th 1867

The committee met at 7.00. Present. Messrs
Cox. H. Newton - A.C. Newton. Guthrie - Mee & Wheeler.

After some animated discussion the following
resolution proposed by Mr A.C. Newton & seconded
by Mr H. Newton was carried.

That the committee shall give notice this evening
to the general meeting that they will next month
propose that the Society adjourn sine die leaving
their Books in the hands of Trustees in the Mechanics
Institute as at present on similar conditions -
depositing their money with the Bank of New Zealand
in the hands of the said Trustees - present members
remaining such without paying any subscription -

The Trustees to call a meeting upon requisition of
(5) five members. The said Trustees to be appointed
by the Society

Read and confirmed

Chairman.

