In order to assure the proposed carrying out of the above rules, the secretary shall, from every member of the district thenceforth, and take the state of the Members present at every meeting.

The committee with the sanction of the society shall have the power to create honorary members, other than are elected by the society rules.

The whole of the evening was taken up in doing away the above rules and after which were carried as amended.

The meeting closed with the Doxology.

Read and confirmed the 15th March 1865.

Congregational Church
Thursday March 16th 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. J. G. Ratnitz 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 mentioned obtaining further time being a necessity in the matter, until the next weekly meeting to enable the treasurer to prepare a list of the members.

Mr. H. W. proposed to open the next debate that "Dummo is a truer poet than Longfellow."

The meeting closed with the Doxology.

Read and confirmed the 23rd day of March 1865.

Chas. J. Foster