

Congregational Church
Thursday June 1st 1865

24 Members present

Dr. Foster in the Chair

The Meeting opened with Prayer

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary gave notice that the half yearly Meeting of the Society would take place on Thursday the 8th day of June instant

Mr Guthrie gave notice of Motion for the half yearly Meeting respecting the fining of absent Members.
Mr Baynon gave notice that he would move "That the members do consider the advisability of giving a service or other ~~at~~ public celebration of the first half year of the existence of the Society." He would also bring forward a Motion respecting the duties of Office Bearers.

Mr Cox gave notice that he would move "That the opposer of the opener shall be granted a reply as well as the opener, the opposer having agreed publicly beforehand to oppose"

Mr Turvell opened the debate "That war is opposed to any circumstances to Christianity." Messrs H. Newton, March, Bowie, Hewitt, Murray, Morley, W. H. Dexter ~~and~~ ^{and Guthrie} spoke against and Messrs McNeill and J. G. Baker in favor of the Motion, the opener replied, and the Chairman summed up votes 14 for & 17 against the Motion.

The Meeting closed with the Doxology.

Read and confirmed June 8th 1865

Chas. I. Foster

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Half yearly Meeting
30 Members present

Dr. Foster in the Chair

The Meeting opened with prayer

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer brought up his report which was adopted as amended.

The following gentlemen were elected as Office Bearers for the ensuing year viz President Rev. M. J. Kabens Vice President Dr. Foster M.D. Treasurer Mr Baynon Secretary Mr Guthrie.

The following gentlemen were elected to act as a Committee of Management for the ensuing year viz Messrs Cox, Newton & C., Turvell, Jameson, Bowie & R. W. Morley.

Mr Baynon brought forward a Motion which was seconded by Mr R. W. Morley "That in the opinion of this Society it is advisable to give a service in celebration of the first half year of the existence of the Society," and read a proposition for the carrying out of the same.

Mr J. Cuff proposed and Mr Baynon seconded "That this meeting deems Mr Baynon's proposal eminently calculated to promote the objects of the Society, request the Committee of Management to take such steps as may be necessary to carry it out & that all reports ^{from the Committee of Management} hereafter take ~~at~~ precedence of all other business until further Order" carried.

It was proposed by Mr Bowie seconded by Mr J. Cuff "That this meeting do pledge itself to support