

Congregational Church
Thursday July 27th 1865 -

The society met at the usual hour, Rev. W. J. Habers
in the Chair -

The minutes of the previous meeting having been
read and confirmed, Mr A. W. Maney was
elected a member of the Society.

Mr J. S. Guthrie, then proposed and Mr Beynon
seconded that Mr Alfred Willett be a
member of the Society.

Proposed by Mr Woodham and seconded
by Mr Hanson that Mr C. R. Bullock
be a member of the Society.

The secretary then laid a report before the Society
from the Committee of management recommending
the following resolution.

"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."

The resolution was passed -

Mr Morley then brought forward the question
"That Milton is a greater poet than Shakespeare"
opening it in the affirmative. Messrs Bowie A. C.
Newton Grimes & Beynon spoke in the negative.
The Chairman having summed up the question
was put when one voted in the affirmative &
two in the negative - Mr Donnetts appointed to open
the next question "That Richard Cobden was a greater
benefactor of his age than the Duke of

Wellington was"

Read and confirmed on the third day
of August 1865

Chas. J. Foster
Chairman -

Congregational Church
Thursday August 3rd 1865

The Society met at the usual hour Dr Foster
in the Chair -

The minutes of the previous meeting having been
read & confirmed, the following Gentlemen were
elected members of the Society Messrs Alfred Willett
and C. R. Bullock -

Mr Donnetts not having come forward to open
his question, the Chairman introduced the question
of the previous evening "That Milton is a greater
poet than Shakespeare." Mr Bowie spoke, after
which the Doxology was sung and the meeting
separated.

Read & Confirmed on the 10th day
of August 1865.

Chas. J. Foster
Chairman -