Mechanics Institute
Thursday Aug 10/65.

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

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been read & confirmed, a report from the Committee of management was laid before the Society recommending the change of day of meeting

Mr Beynon then moved & Mr Guthrie seconded "That the Society meet on Friday at the usual hour" The motion was carried —

The Treasurer then made a statement regarding the finances of the Society and read the list of those who had not paid their subscriptions.

Mr Pringle then opened the question "That a Limited Monarchy is a better form of Government than a Republic" opening it in the affirmative He was supported by Messrs McNee Fisher, I Cuff Beynon & Grimes and opposed by Messrs Bowie & Sheppard — Mr Pringle then replied, and the Chairman having summed up the votes were taken when 19 voted for & 6 against the resolution — The meeting closed in the usual manner —

The following Gentlemen were proposed as members
Mr Hislop proposed by Mr Maned & seconded by Mr Fisher —
Mr Masely " " Guthrie & " " Beynon
Mr I Mannings " " Beynon & " " Guthrie

Read & Confirmed on the 18th day of August 1865

Chas. I. Foster
Chairman —

Mechanics Institute
Friday Aug 18th 1865

Dr Foster in the Chair
Meeting opened with prayer
Minutes of previous Meeting read and confirmed
Proposed by Mr Bowie and seconded by Mr Beynon That Mr I. E. Kerr be a member
" " " March " " " " Cox " " L. Willis " "

The following Gentlemen were elected Members Messrs Hislop, Morsley, & Mannings.

Mr C. Cuff Opened the Subject "That it will be beneficial to the Province of Canterbury to spend large sums of money on the West-Coast Road at once" Messrs Turrell, A. C. Newton and W. I. Fisher spoke in favor of and Mr Bowie against the motion.

The Chairman having summed up votes were taken 17 for + 1 against the motion.

Meeting Closed with the Doxology.

Read and Confirmed on the 25 day of August 1865.

Henry Tarlese