

Mechanics Institute
Friday Aug. 25/65.

The Society met at the usual hour Rev A. Forless in the Chair

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed; the following gentlemen were elected members - Messrs Dr. Kerr & E. Mills.

Mr J. B. Fisher then proposed and Mr Mould seconded, that Mr John Warner be a member. ^{Mr A. Ferguson proposed by Mr Payne & seconded by Mr Beynon -} Mr Forless then introduced the question "Is an embezzlement justifiable under any circumstances?" opening it in the negative. He was supported by Messrs Cluff, Hewitt, March, & Beynon, Grimes. And opposed by Messrs Al. Newton Sheppard Grimes, H. Newton, Winter, A. Cluff & Masely.

The Chairman having summed up the votes were taken when 12 voted in the affirmative & 10 in the negative. Mr Symington appointed to open the next question "That the Colonies are a source of weakness to the Great Britain." Mr Beynon gave notice that he would oppose Mr Symington. The meeting closed with the Doxology -

Read & Confirmed on the 1st day of September 1865

Chas. J. Forless
Chairman

Mechanics Institute
Sept 1st 1865

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

Present Messrs Al. Newton, Beynon Symington Bowie, H. Newton, Winter, Cluff, N. Balfour J. B. Fisher, C. Cluff Manning, Masely Kerr, Dewbury, Durrill Mcneil Harris Hewitt, Daxter, W. J. Fisher, Hanson Pratt, March, Aldridge, Mould & Partr.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following gentlemen were elected members of the Society. Messrs Warner and A. Ferguson

Mr J. Manning then proposed & C. Cluff seconded that Mr William Packard be a member

Mr Durrill proposed & Mr Beynon seconded that Mr Phillip Betrounch be a member -

Mr Symington then introduced the question "That the Colonies are a source of weakness to the Great Britain." opening the question in the affirmative and Mr Beynon in the negative. Messrs Malfore Cluff & Guthrie spoke in the affirmative and Messrs Bowie, Al. Newton, Winter, Hewitt, W. J. Fisher, Mcneil, March, Durrill, H. Newton, Masely and Hanson, in the negative. Mr Symington then replied & Dr Forless having summed up the votes were taken when 5 voted for & 17 against the motion. The meeting closed in the usual manner -

Read & Confirmed on the 8th day of September 1865 Chas. J. Forless
Chairman