

Mechanics Institute

Oct 6/65 -

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

Present, Messrs Bayson, Woodham, Mee, Mould, Jamieson, Jamieson, Lewis Hanson, Paritt, Paritt, Hewitt, Sheppard, Massey

Wuff, Al. Newton & Newton, Guthrie -

^{If the meeting opened with prayer -}
The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr A. Newton opened the question "That the Genius of McKen is of a higher order than that of Thackeray" opening it in the affirmative. He was supported by Messrs Sheppard & Mee, and opposed by Messrs Bayson, Bowe, & Massey - & Al. Newton, Mr Newton having replied the Chairman summoned a vote & the vote was taken when 6 voted in the affirmative & 5 in the negative -

Mr Montgomery was proposed by Mr Guthrie and seconded by Mr Bowie -

The meeting closed with the Doxology -
Read & confirmed on the 13th day of Oct. 1865

Chas J Foster
Chairman -

Mechanics Institute -

Oct 13/65

The Society met at the usual hour & Foster in the Chair.

Present Messrs Bayson Woodford, Bowie, Hancock, Woodham, Lewis, Sheppard, Hewitt, Mee, Fisher, Montgomery, Meech, Hanson, Paritt, Al. Newton, N. Newton, Paritt, Massey

Perce Wadman, Jamieson

~~Mr~~ Massey opened the

meeting opened with prayer

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read & confirmed, Mr. Montgomery was elected a member - Mr Massey then opened the question "That Mesmerism ought to be recognized as a science in New Zealand"

He was supported by Messrs Al. Newton, Woodford, Sheppard & Hewitt - & opposed by Messrs Bowie, Perce, Montgomery, & Bayson -

Mr Massey replied & Dr Foster summed up - & the vote taken when 10 voted in favor & 8 against the motion -

The meeting closed with the Doxology -
Read & confirmed on the 20th day of Oct 1865

Chas J Foster
Chairman

Mr Varley was proposed by Mr Woodford seconded by W Foster