

Mechanics Institute
Oct 20/65

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

Present - Messrs Bynon Bowie Woodham
Cox March McNe Winter Kerr Woodford
Cuff Lewis Fisher Hanson Mould
Wadman Willett Dexter, Hewitt Mc
Farrth Sheppard Montgomery Farrth
Duncan Al. Newton A. Newton further,

The meeting opened with prayer -

The minutes of the previous meeting having been
read and confirmed Mr Varley was elected a
member. Mr Guthrie then opened the question
"that Great Britain is likely to decay like
the great nations of antiquity" The
affirmative was maintained by Messrs
Bowie, Newton, A. Newton & Sheppard &
the negative by Messrs Mc Montgomery &
Bynon -

Dr Foster having summed up, the vote
was taken when 5 voted in the affirmative
and 12 in the negative

Read & confirmed on the 27th
day of Oct. 1865

W. J. Habens
Chairman

Present Messrs Bynon
S. Parrott

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The Society met at the usual hour Mr W. J. Habens
in the Chair -

Present, Messrs Cox, S. Parrott, Montgomery Hewitt
Mc, Fisher, March, Turrell Hanson, Lewis
Winter Kerr Bowie Al. Newton W. J. Habens
further

The meeting opened with prayer -
The minutes of the previous meeting having been
read and confirmed Mr Cox then opened the
question "that a protective tariff is beneficial
to a young colony." He was supported by
Mr Al. Newton and opposed by Winter Bowie
further Mc & Hewitt. ^{Mr Cox having replied -} Mr Habens
summed up, when the negative was carried
unanimously -

Read and confirmed on the 3rd day
of November 1865 -

Charles Fraser
Chairman

Miss Balfour