

Mechanics Institute  
March 29/66

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

Present Messrs Beynon, Durrell, Ley Munnings  
Montgomery, Dexter & Newton  
Shackleton & Newton further.

The Secretary on behalf of the Committee  
of management laid before the Society the  
following report

" The Committee of management report  
" that there are three vacancies in  
" the Committee of management  
" viz. Jamieson, Morley & Bowie —  
" As regards Messrs Jamieson & Morley  
" the Committee see no reason why  
" the vacancies should not be  
" confirmed, as regards Mr  
" Bowie, the Committee consider  
" that his case does not legitimately  
" come under the law, and <sup>recommend</sup> that  
" the Society therefore declare that  
" there is no vacancy in his case"

The report was adopted and Messrs Montgomery  
and A. Newton elected members of Committee —

The Secretary also gave notice on behalf  
of the Committee of the following resolution

" That Law twenty three (23) be altered  
" as follows: That members absents them-  
" selves for four weeks consecutively shall  
" be fined (2/6) two shillings & six pence —  
" at the end of the current quarter

" On non-payment of which they shall  
" therefrom cease to be members of the Society."

Messrs Fawcett & Johnson were elected members  
of the Society

Mr Fawcett proposed & Mr Junell seconded  
that Mr Lee be a member of the Society.

Mr Shackleton then opened the question "That  
the present System of Credit is injurious  
to Business" He was supported by Mr  
Munnings and approved by Messrs Montgomery  
Fawcett, Ley & Beynon. Mr Shackleton replied  
& Dr Foster summed up where all voted  
in the negative — (viz) five (5) —

Read & Confirmed on the 29<sup>th</sup> day  
of March 1866

Chas. J. Foster  
Chairman