

Mechanics Institute

May 31/66

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

Present. Messrs Baynon Cox, J. Smith, Russell  
East, Whaler - P. M., Morley, W. M. McNewton  
at Newton Shackleton's father

Mr March proposed & Capt W. Shackleton seconded  
that Capt. Wilson be a member of the Society  
Mr. J. M. then moved that the Society grant  
powers to the Committee to make arrangements  
for an entertainment. The motion was seconded  
and carried.

The Secretary then informed the Society that  
Dr. Turnbull had offered to give lectures to  
an evening number of the Society willing to  
attend a course of lectures of at up by  
him.

Mr. March moved and Mr. H. Newton seconded  
"That the thanks of the Society be given to  
Dr. Turnbull for his kind offer." Carried -  
With the leave of the Society, the motion regarding  
lectures was withdrawn.

Mr. Baynon moved & H. Newton seconded "That  
the Committee have powers to purchase  
the Encyclopaedia Britannica." Mr. March  
moved that the Society do not purchase  
the Books. Mr. Baynon's motion was  
carried.

Mr. Bay. Montgomery then read his paper  
on "The products of the Imagination with  
special reference to the Novelist & Novel  
Reader." It was criticized by Messrs H. Newton

Baynon, father, M. M., East & Dr. Foster. Mr  
Montgomery replied -

Read and confirmed on the  
7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1866  
Chas. J. Foster  
Chairman -

Mechanics Institute  
June 7/66

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

Present Messrs Baynon, Russell, Whaler, Pavitt  
Montgomery, Shackleton, H. Newton, father  
March.

Capt. Wilson was elected a member of the  
Society.

Mr. J. M. then opened the question "Whether is Byron  
or Wordsworth the greater poet?" He took the side  
of Byron, he was opposed by Messrs Baynon  
& Montgomery. On the vote being taken two  
voted in the aff. & (5) five in the negative.  
The Secretary gave notice, on the part of  
the Committee, that they would recommend the election  
of two vice-presidents from among the members  
also that an Honorary president be created.  
Mr. Shackleton gave notice "That of the following -  
That ~~the~~ with the view of creating a greater  
interest in the proceedings of this Society a change  
should be made in the mode of conducting  
the programme."