

Mechanics Institute

July 5th 1866

The Society met as usual - Dr Foster in the chair, present Messrs Wheeler, Wilson, A.C. Newton, H. Newton, Bowne, Hewitt, Mic Guthrie, Shackleton, Morley, Bayson, A. Cuff & Prince.

Mr Bowne opened the subject appointed - "That the jury system of Scotland is preferable to that of England." It was opposed by previous agreement by Mr H. Newton.

After an animated debate & the chairman's summing up the votes recorded were all in favour of the English system -

Dr Foster consented to deliver a lecture on the 12th instant in this room on "Works of Fiction" -

Read and confirmed July 19 1866

Chas. J. Foster

Chairman

Mechanics Institute

July 12th 1866

The usual meeting was not held this evening the time being devoted to a lecture by Dr Foster on "Works of Fiction" Alfred C. Newton

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July 19th 1866

The Society met as usual Dr Foster in the chair present Messrs Kerr, Wheeler, Wilson, A.C. Newton, H. Newton, Montgomery, Guthrie, Hewitt & Shackleton.

Mr Kerr opened the question that "Credit upon the whole increases national wealth". The votes recorded were all in favour of the affirmer's view. The subject appointed for next week was "That the words Evening

and morning" in the 1st chapter of Genesis are meant to represent a period of 24 hours". To be opened by Mr Wheeler - opposed by Mr Montgomery -

Read and confirmed July 28th 1866

Chas. J. Foster

Chairman

Mechanics Institute

July 26th 1866

The Society met as usual Dr Foster in the chair, present Messrs Wheeler, A.C. Newton, H. Newton, Bowie, Montgomery, A. Cuff, Guthrie, Mic, Wilson & Hewitt.

Mr Wheeler opened the Question appointed - "That the words Evening & morning in the 1st chapter of Genesis are meant to represent a period of 24 hours" -

All recorded votes were against the opener.

The subject appointed for next week was "That Mesmerism (or vital magnetism) is worthy of being called a science" -

Read and confirmed August 2nd 1866

Chas. J. Foster

Chairman

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Aug^r 2nd 1866

The society met as usual - Dr Foster in the chair The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed - Mr Crall was proposed by Mr Wheeler & seconded by Mr A.C. Newton - Mr John C. Atkinson

was proposed by Mr Mic & seconded by Mr Hewitt -

Mr Pringle was proposed by Mr Cox & seconded by Mr A.C. Newton

Cap^l Wilson then opened the question appointed "That