

Innumerism (or Vital Magnetism) is worthy of being called a science" - Five votes were recorded in his favour and four against - Next week Mr Montgomery was appointed to read a paper on "The Laws of Thought" - The members present were Messrs Wheeler, A.C. Newton, H. Newton, Wilson, Montgomery, Cox, W. N. Barnes, March Hewitt, Eric Morley & P. Paritt.

Read and confirmed August 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

W. Shackleton  
Chairman -

### Mechanics Institute

August 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

The Society met as usual Mr Shackleton in the chair - present Messrs Beynon, Guthrie, Cox, A.C. Newton, H. Newton, Montgomery, Wheeler, Bonne, Eric Hewitt & Habens.

The Secretary gave notice on behalf of the Com<sup>tee</sup> that he should next week bring forward certain resolutions as to the Encyclopaedia Britannica -

Mr Beale was admitted a member.

Mr J. C. Atkinson was admitted a member.

Mr Pringle requested to have his name withdrawn for private reasons.

Mr Montgomery then read his lecture upon "The Laws of Thought" -

Mr A. C. Newton undertook to open the subject "That the Patent laws ought to be abolished" -

Read and confirmed Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> 1866

Chas. F. Foster  
Chairman

### Mechanics Institute

Aug. 23. 1866

The Society met as usual Mr Foster in the chair present Messrs Shackleton, Montgomery, Wheeler, A.C. Newton, H. Newton, Cox, Bonne, Beynon, Eric Guthrie, March, Barnes, Hewitt, Morley -

Mr W. R. Kennan was proposed by Mr Cox & seconded by Mr Guthrie - after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed -

The Secretary then, on behalf of the committee, <sup>moved</sup> the following resolutions -

"That tickets of membership be printed and given to each member upon his paying his quarterly subscription" - Carried

"That the Encyclopaedia Britannica be placed in the library of the Mechanics Institute as a work of reference subject to the following conditions" -

An amendment was moved by Mr Bonne "that the Encyclopaedia Britannica be kept in this room and that members be allowed to take home one volume at a time" after an animated discussion the amendment was lost.

The first condition was then put and carried

"That this Society shall have power to remove it at any time" - The 2<sup>nd</sup> condition

"That members of this Society, upon presenting their tickets, shall be allowed, during the ordinary library hours to have out one volume at a time and to read the same in the reading room of the Mechanics Institute or in the debating room of this Society during the debate" - Carried - an amendment to the effect that "two or more volumes" should be inserted in stead of "one volume" having been lost.