

The third condition "That members of the Mechanics Institute shall be granted a like privilege in their own room unless the work be required by any member of this society" was put and carried.

The resolution that the Encyclopedia Britannica be placed in the Mechanics Institute as a work of reference subject to the three conditions just carried was then put and carried.

The Secretary was ordered to get tickets printed and to deposit the above named work under the above named conditions in the library of the Mechanics Institute.

The programme as drawn up by the Committee of Management & printed was laid before the society.

This extraordinary business being finished Mr. A. C. Newton opened the appointed question

"That the Patent Laws ought to be abolished"

The votes recorded were 6 in favour of the opener and 3 against him.

Next week Mr. Cox was appointed to open

"That voting by ballot is the best way of taking the suffrage"

Read and confirmed August 30th 1866

Chairman A. Montgomery

Mechanics Institute

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The Society met as usual. Mr. Montgomery in the chair - present Messrs Cox, Wheeler, March, Barnes, Mice, Kennan, A. C. Newton, Hewitt, Guthrie, Bayson, Bowie, S. Pavitt, Exall, Atkinson -

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The secretary stated that tickets had been printed, as ordered, and that members who had already paid their subscriptions could have them, and that the Encyclopedia had been deposited, as ordered, and that members upon presenting their tickets would be allowed access to it.

He also stated that Dr. Turnbull would be glad to know how many would wish to accept his offer of free admission to a series of lectures he was getting up. - Nearly all the members present seemed to wish so to do.

Mr. W. R. Kennan was duly elected a member.

Mr. Swift was proposed by Mr. Guthrie and seconded by Mr. Cox -

Mr. Cox then opened the subject "That the Ballot box is the best way of taking the suffrage" - The votes were four (4) in favour of the opener and six (6) against him -

Read and confirmed September 6th 1866

Chas. J. Forti
Chairman