

Mechanics Institute

September 6th 1866

The Society met as usual - D^r Foster in the chair.
Present Messrs Shackleton, Wheeler Bowie Wilson.
A C Newton H Newton Kemman Mee Hewitt Atkinson
& Beynon.

Mr Swift was duly elected a member.

The Secretary then read a note from Mr Deuk and
Hon Sec of Mechanics Institute - worded as follows.

"Sir. I am desired to say that the committee accede
to your request to place the work mentioned in the foregoing
note, in the Institute on the terms stated.

"They will take proper care of the work but will not be
responsible for any loss ~~that~~ or damage that may
happen to it when in circulation or otherwise

I am &c."

Mr Shackleton gave notice that at the next quarterly
meeting he should move the following resolution

"That this Society being desirous of extending its
operations will at its next meeting take into con-
sideration the propriety of removing to some more
convenient room"

Mr Mee gave notice that he should move "That
the volumes of the Encyclopaedia be covered with
brown holland"

Mr H Newton opened the subject "that the writings
of George Eliot evince a higher class of ^{genius} intellect than
those of Currier Bell" - The votes recorded were four
(4) in favour & two (2) against the opener.

Read and confirmed.

September 13th 1866

Chas J. With

Chairman

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present Messrs Cox Beynon Guthrie March Wilson
Wheeler H Newton A C Newton Atkinson Hewitt Bowie
Mee Shackleton & Kemman -

Being Quarterly Meeting the Treasurer brought up
his financial statement, the Auditors having taken
objection to one item in the assets & liabilities ac-
count & having found the Cash account correct
the whole was adopted as altered by them by a
majority of seven (7) to six (6)

Mr Shackleton asked leave to withdraw his notice
of motion and was allowed to do so

Mr Mee ~~proposed~~ moved "that the Treasurer be
authorized to have the columns of the Encyclopaedia
covered with some material that should preserve them"
After various amendments were put & lost this was
carried - by a majority of six (6) to (2) two -

Mr March wished to move a resolution but as he
had not given notice of it at the previous meeting the
Chairman ruled that it was contrary to the usual
practice of the Society that he should be allowed to
do so.

Mr Beynon now moved the following resolutions
of which no definite previous notice had been given
1st "That Mr Newman be elected an honorary
member of this Society" - Carried unanimously -
2^d "That the blanks in the Programme be filled up"
Upon examination it was found that there were no blanks
and the motion fell to the ground -

It was then agreed that if there should turn out to be
no one to open the subject appointed for November 1st
the Committee should endeavour to arrange for