

Committee of Management that they intended on the following Thursday to recommend to the Society to adjourn till the first week in March

Mr Baynon opened the appointed subject "That the English people are intellectually superior to the Irish or Scotch" - after an animated debate & the summing up of the chairman (who advised that there should be no show of hands in the case of the Irish as they had for many centuries laboured under excessive & disadvantageous) the question was put are the English intellectually superior to the Irish - when no hands were held up either for or against - An answer to the question are the English intellectually superior to the Scotch (1) one hand was held up in favour of the English - and on the contrary <sup>being put</sup> four (4) in favour of the Scotch.

Read & confirmed Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866

Chas J. Foster  
Chairman

Mechanics Institute Nov. 22. 1866

The Society met as usual Dr Foster in the Chair, present Messrs Wheeler. Cox. Bouie Madman A C Newton H. Newton Montgomery, Mee. & March - Hewitt

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed. The Secretary proposed on behalf of the committee of management & Mr H. Newton seconded "That the meeting do at its rising adjourn till the first Thursday in March" after some discussion an amendment by Mr Hewitt "that the word February be inserted in the place of March" was carried. The meeting then adjourned. Read and confirmed Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1867

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The Society met for the first time after the recess. There were present Messrs Wheeler - A C Newton - H. Newton - Cox - Baynon - Gathrie - Mee - March - Hewitt & Newman - Dr Foster occupying the chair.

Dr Foster, President of the Society delivered a short address on the past & future of the Society.

The Secretary read the Report of the committee of management, which congratulated the Society upon the great success in getting the arrears of subscriptions: recommended monthly instead of weekly meetings, namely on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in each month - and advised that an entrance fee of five shillings should be charged, <sup>notices of motion of the above recommendations</sup> were given by the Secretary on behalf of the Committee.

The Treasurer made his financial statement showing the position of the Society on the 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1867. After writing off £27.15 as bad debts there was a balance of £44.8.10 to which must be added £28. the value of books in the possession of the Society making a total of £72.8.10. The liabilities were £6.10.0 leaving a net balance of £65.18.10.

A vote of thanks <sup>to the president</sup> was unanimously passed and the meeting adjourned till the following Thursday

Read and confirmed Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1867

Chas J. Foster  
Chairman