

Minutes of the Proceedings
of the
Christchurch Mechanics'
Institute.

Thursday Evening May 26th 1859.

A public meeting was held on the above evening at the Odd Fellow's Hall Lichfield Street Christchurch - to take into consideration the best means of establishing a Mechanics Institute; John Hall Esq. R.M. having been call'd to the Chair, the objects of the meeting were briefly explained, and several letters were read from Gentlemen who were unable to attend.

The first Resolution, was then moved by the Rev^d Charles Frazer, and seconded by the Rev^d Chas. Habaster, as follows. — Resolved —

"That this meeting being desirous to promote the Social Moral and Intellectual welfare of the Community; considers it expedient that a Mechanics Institute be at once established in Christchurch, And that in order to render the same both popular and useful it is highly necessary, that it should be conducted on the most liberal principles, and the easiest terms consistent with efficiency."

As there appeared to be some impession on the public mind, that the present meeting was got up as a rival scheme to one recently advertised in connection with the Town Hall Mr. C. Rae briefly explained the object of the meeting to be, the giving of a really public character to the formation of such an Institution, and expressed the desire on behalf of the Provisional Committee and himself to further the establishment of any Institution based on right principles and the wish to avoid anything like a division of interests. — —