

extended advantages; Your Committee allude particularly to the urgent want of Books and additional conveniences in the Reading Room - the want of Books is seriously felt; and although the Committee are well aware that the Institute is under some obligation for the service the Town Hall has afforded it, still were it practicable to have the Reading Room less disturbed, it would infinitely add to its usefulness and the comfort of the members.

Your Committee have been assured by the Government that the subject of a site for a Mechanics Institute shall have every attention, your Committee are hopeful therefore that at no long period it will be able to take some steps for obtaining the improvements so much desired.

Your committee has deemed it advisable to postpone the Conversazione in consequence of the bad weather prevailing at the time it was appointed to have taken place.

Your committee trust that the Institute will flourish to a much larger extent, and that the members will increase in numbers, thereby promoting an incalculable benefit to society at large as well as to the prosperity and usefulness of this Institute.

Moved by the Rev. C. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Locke that the Report be received. Carried.

Resolved that the thanks of this Institute be presented to
Mr. Alabaster
Mr. Dobson
Mr. Bradwell
Mr. Wilson
for the lectures delivered by them during the year.

The amendments to the Laws were considered seriatim and agreed to as follows.

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viz: Laws of the Christchurch Mechanics Institute as now amended under recommendation of the Committee.

N^o. 1. That this Institute shall be called the "Christchurch Mechanics Institute".

N^o. 2. That the objects of this Institute be the mental improvement and recreation of its members by the establishment of a Library and Reading Room, the delivery of lectures, and the formation of Discussion, Elementary, and other classes.

N^o. 3. That the terms of Subscription to this Institute shall be twenty shillings per annum or five shillings per quarter payable in advance; entitling the member to a free admission to all public lectures, and the enjoyment of all other privileges and advantages of the Institute: Non-members to be admitted to the Reading Room on payment of one shilling per week. any member who shall have paid annual or quarterly subscriptions continuously for ten years, or any person paying ten pounds in one sum shall be deemed an honorary member of the Institute.

N^o. 4. That the Government of this Institute shall be vested in a managing Committee consisting of the President, Treasurer, Librarian, and Secretary and twenty one Committee-men; all to be elected annually.

N^o. 5. That the President shall be chairman at all meetings of this Institute: in his absence the members present may appoint a chairman for the time from amongst themselves: the ruling of the chairman shall be absolute and final on all points of order at any meeting - except as hereinafter provided.

N^o. 6. That in the event of any appeal against the decision of the Chairman the same shall be decided at the next general meeting of the members of the Institute.

N^o. 7. That the Treasurer shall receive and pay all monies for and in behalf of this Institute, and shall have the