

Wednesday 5 September 1860.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee.
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| Mr. Fraser | Mr. Harrington |
| " Alabaster | " A. Johnston |
| " Brooks | " Piercy |
| " Rae | " Worth |
| " Miles | " Wilson |
| " J. Johnston | " Pappill |
| " Anderson | " Bishop |

Mr. Fraser was elected to the Chair

The Minutes of Committee Meeting of 1st August, were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported that the Provincial Engineer had had the site for the Mechanics Institute marked out on the ground, for the information and guidance of the Committee.

The Secretary laid 500 copies of the Laws of the Institute on the table printed by according to Resolution of the Committee, the cost of which was £9.10.0.

The "Public Lectures" sub-Committee reported as follows:

That the Rev. J. Buller would consent to deliver a Lecture on the 12th Inst. Subject "The Moral". This would be the opening Lecture of the season; that arrangements were nearly matured by which the weekly Lectures for three months would be secured.

This verbal report of the sub-Committee was received and generally approved of: and it was Resolved. That the Lecture offered by the Rev. J. Buller be accepted for Wednesday the 12th Inst., and that the sub-committee be authorized to advertise the course for three months as soon as possible.

forwarded

Resolved. That it is desirable there should be a Discussion Class under certain fixed Rules. of which the following is the Draft

- No. 1 - That the Chairman be appointed by the Committee, and be absolute on all points of order; but he shall not from the chair take any part in the discussion.
- No. 2 - That it shall be competent to any member to deposit in a box kept in the Reading Room for the purpose - a paper containing any subject which he is willing to bring forward, together with his name and the date at which he will be prepared upon it.

No. 3. Subjects of a purely Theological character or connected with local politics will be excepted from discussion.

No. 3 - That the person bringing forward a subject to be allowed half an hour for opening it, and twenty minutes for reply. All other members shall be limited to twenty minutes; and no member other than the mover shall be allowed to speak twice on the same subject, unless for explanation in the strictest sense.

No. 4 - That the Chairman shall keep every speaker to his time, ^{except} by permission of two thirds of the members present; and shall call upon the mover for his reply at 10 O'clock P.M. - unless an adjournment of the discussion be then moved and carried.

The subject selected by the sub-committee after examining those in the box, shall be posted on the notice board at least one week prior to the night fixed for the Discussion.