

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 1861.

Adjourned Meeting of Committee

Present

Mess <sup>rs</sup> Miles	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Harrington
Drum	Brooks
Daymond	Alphand
J. Johnston	Watts
Lock	Wilson

Mr. Miles in the Chair

The Secretary handed in the Draft Report prepared by him in obedience to the Resolution of the Committee on the 5<sup>th</sup> Instant.

The Draft Report was duly considered & adopted, and the Secretary instructed to prepare a fair copy to be laid before the Annual Meeting of the Members on the 26<sup>th</sup> Inst.

Read and Confirmed

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1861

W. Wilson  
Chairman

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1861.

Second Annual Meeting

Present - The Treasurer, Secretary, & 19 Members.

Mr. Wilson in the Chair

The Minutes of the last Quarterly General Meeting were read and confirmed.

The following Report of the Committee was brought up

up and read by the Secretary:

Second Annual Report of the Committee of the Christchurch Mechanics Institute.

Town Hall, Christchurch. 26<sup>th</sup> June 1861.

In laying before the members of the above Institute this the second annual Report, your Committee, in placing before you the present state of the Institute, are deprived of much of the pleasure they had anticipated in being enabled, through the past year, to have had the means now of congratulating you on a much greater progress in the Institute than has, your Committee regret to say, been attained; indeed, it appears evident to your Committee that unless the inhabitants of Christchurch stop cheerfully and immediately forward to support this Institute by their subscriptions, it is quite impossible that it can maintain a position to carry out those objects of public benefit and utility for which it was established.

In the first report laid before you, your list of members was shown to be 87 annual, 20 half-yearly, and 5 quarterly members, producing a revenue of £103.13.6; whereas for the past year your Committee have to make a return of the payments during the year from 47 annual, 20 half-yearly, and 74 quarterly members, amounting to £75.10.0. The total number of members at this date being 76, shows a considerable decrease in subscribing members, and a consequent falling off in the funds from this item of £28.3.6.

Your Committee have pleasure in reporting many useful additions to the library, and at the same time of showing a satisfactory result in this most important part of the Institute. Last year the Institute possessed only 99 volumes of its own; it now possesses 246: last year 314 volumes were circulated among members; your Committee can now report that 806 volumes have circulated among members during the year.

The increase to the library has been -

by purchase of	35 vols.
" donation from Mr. Olliver of	26 "
" " " Mr. Lock "	6 "

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