

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 1865.

Special Meeting of the Committee.

Mr J. B. Bishop in the Chair  
Mr Smith Mr Brown  
Mr North & Secy.  
Mr Clephane

Although a quorum was not present it was deemed essential to proceed with the following business.

The Annual Report was read received & adopted.

The Nominations of Officers & Committeemen for the ensuing year was then made as follows.

For President. C. W. Bishop For Treasurer J. B. Bishop  
" Librarian J. W. Smith  
Committee

Mr J. Anderson Mr W. H. Phillips  
" H. L. Alford " H. H. Piers  
" J. Brown " J. W. Shackleton  
" J. C. Brooke " J. L. Withnall  
" R. Clephane " W. D. Wood  
" J. C. Farr " C. J. Worth  
" J. Foley " J. Oliver  
" J. S. Guthrie " W. Jarvis  
" J. J. Hawkes  
" J. Preston

A Letter was read by the Secy from Mr C. W. Bishop resigning his seat on the Committee and forwarding as a donation his four Shares in the Ch. Ch. Mechanic Institute

Moved by Mr J. W. Smith Seconded by the Secy  
That the thanks of this Committee be tendered to C. W. Bishop Esq for his very handsome donation of Four of the Institute's Shares, amounting to £20: at the same time the Committee desires to express its heartfelt sympathy with Mr Bishop and his Family in their late sad bereavement, and while regretting that he for the present, feels himself inadequate to take part in the affairs of the Institute, trusts

his absence from the Committee will be for only a very temporary period; and that the Institute will soon have the pleasure of welcoming back him, who has been one of its first promoters and chief mainstays.

Moved by & Seconded by

That this Committee does not recognize the necessity of the Library Fund being separated from the General Fund; inasmuch as all subscriptions are paid to the latter, although many members subscribe entirely for the advantage of the Library, which is not benefited to the extent it ought to be paid; It is therefore resolved that to make the Library more efficient by the purchase of additional Books, the Committee in lieu of the present system, shall in future vote a sum quarterly, for the purchase of new Books under the Rules provided for that purpose.

Resolved That the Secy do write to Mr J. Miles for particulars of account for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> Sept for the purpose of completing the Annual Account for laying before the General Meeting.

Read & confirmed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July  
1865 except so much as relates to the nomination of officers,  
Edw. Bishop Chairman

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 1865

Present  
Mr J. B. Bishop in the Chair  
Mr Alford Mr Preston  
" Farr " Clephane  
" Smith " Lockyer  
" Heath " Brooke  
" Withnall " Jarvis  
" Junners " Durham

Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> May and 21<sup>st</sup> June were read and confirmed

Bills amounting to £9.8.0 were ordered to be paid. Hughes' account to be paid when in funds.

The following donations of Shares were reported; Mr J. C. Brooke