

Brush Hill, 1857

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Proceedings of a meeting
held at the room occupied by
Mr. Johnson and S. P. Ackley, for
the purpose of organizing a
debating club in British Hill
Monday evening Jan 26th 1851

Present,

Receipts,

W. H. Johnson	S. P. Ackley
J. C. Isaac	Chas. Fox
J. R. Fuller	Franklin Co
Thos. Bedell	Jan. B. Colburn

The meeting was called
to order by Mr. Johnson, and
S. P. Ackley was called to the
aid and Chas. Fox was chosen secretary.
A motion was then made and
carried, that a committee of five
be appointed, to draft a constitution
and by laws to govern our future
proceedings, and that Mr. Johnson and
Franklin Co. were appointed
committee, with instructions to report.

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at the next meeting, the following
you have made and carried, that
the committee on certain points, which
was accordingly done.

Mr. Daniel Webster
was then chosen President for the
next evening.

A motion was made for the
adoption of the following question
Resolved that Columbus be
granted credit for his
services to the Republic for defending
the same.

The motion was then made
and carried, but the Chair
appointed chief opponents on the
affirmative and Wm. Johnson and
B. P. Johnson on the negative.
The house was then divided, and
after some few remarks having
been made on the business before
the house, the motion was made
and carried that the meeting
adjourn to the school house on
Tuesday evening next at
the usual hour.

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Tuesday Evening June 29th

The House was
called to order by the President
and J. C. Parr appointed Secretary.
The Secretary's report was called for
read and accepted by the meeting.

The committee appointed to draft
a constitution and by laws were
called on for their report, which was
approved by Wm. Johnson's reading
the following constitution and laws
which were then adopted by the meeting,
and signed by twelve persons.

Constitution and By-Laws
of the Brown Hill Debating Club.

I. Preamble

Whereas we the undersigned
of Brown Hill, considering that
Education and Improvement are
the grand objects of our existence
and desiring that our brethren
to avail ourselves of all means
within our reach for improving
our minds and adding to our

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stock of knowledge, resolve to
form ourselves into a society for
the purpose of mutual improvement
and benefit.

Constitution

Article 1st

1st This society shall be known
as the Brush Hill Debating Club.

Article 2nd

The powers of this society shall
consist of two branches, the
Legislative and the Executive,

Article 3rd

1st The Legislative power shall be
vested in the members of the
society.

2nd The Executive power shall
be vested in a President,
Secretary and Treasurer.

By-Laws

1st

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The Legislative branch shall
have the power to vote upon all
matters that properly come before
the Society.

2nd

It shall be the duty of the
Executive, to carry out the wishes
of the society as expressed to them
by the legislative.

3rd

It shall be the duty of the
President, to preside at the meetings
of the society, to decide all questions
of discussion, (except when he may
choose to appoint two assistants to
aid him in deciding the questions)
to appoint chief disputants, and
every question adopted for dis-
cussion, to give such instruc-
tion from time to time as the
society may need, and to give
the casting vote.

4th

It shall be the duty of the

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Secretary, to keep full, fair and impartial records of all the transactions of the society, to read the same whenever the society shall direct and to transmit all books, papers, and records in his possession to his successor in office.

5th

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, to receive all moneys coming to the society, to pay out the same as the society shall direct, to keep a record of the same and to transmit all moneys and records in his possession, to his successor in office.

6th

Time of holding office.

1st - The President shall hold his office for one evening only

2nd - The Secretary and Treasurer shall hold their offices during the pleasure of the society

7th

Membership - Any person to become a member of this society, after it is organized, must be proposed by a member of the society, accepted by a majority of the members present, sign the Constitution and by-laws, and pay 25 cents to the Treasurer.

8th

All questions for discussion must be proposed by a member of the society, and accepted by a majority of the members present

9th

Upon the election of a President he shall take his seat and preside till a successor is elected

10th

All voting shall be done by acclamation except for members which shall be by ballot

11th

No question involving a question
of political issue shall come
before the society for discussion

12th

All persons becoming members
of the society shall abide by the
decision of the majority.

13th

No person shall be allowed to
speak more than ten minutes
at any one time.

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No person not a member of the
society shall be allowed to speak
on the question.

15th

Any objection may be raised
at a majority of the members
present.

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Order of exercises

1st Calling the house to order by
the President.

2nd Reading and disposing of the
Secretary's report.

3rd Discussion of the question.

4th Decision.

5th Election of President.

6th Selection of question.

7th Apportioning of Disputants by the
President.

8th Dividing the House.

9th No collateral business.

10th Adjournment.

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The Constitution and by-laws.

or any part of them may be
repeated or attended at any
time by a two third vote of all
the members of the society

Wm. B. Johnson Com.
Franklin, Vt. Secy.

- Members James A.
- W. B. Johnson Franklin, Vt.
- Sam. C. Burr Saml. J. Peasey
- Wm. B. Fuller Chas. Fox
- Wm. D. Gison Theron Bidell
- Wm. J. Roddy Benjamin Davis
- Wm. J. Gison Edgar H. Knapp
- Wm. B. Fox Andrew Lockman
- E. C. Rogers Saml. Egner
- Wm. B. Fuller Wm. B. Fox

- Edwin C. Fuller
- Robert Willard
- Wm. Fox
- Wm. H. Robins
- Wm. Jeffers
- Wm. Fuller
- James Farrel
- Jacob Blackman
- Robert Swartout
- John Smith
- Hayton Collier
- Charles Curtis
- Edwin Vial
- Guadalupe Smith
- Peter Schaffer
- Ed. Poorman

- David Fuller
- Thos. Johnston
- Frank Reynolds
- Wm. Reynolds
- Chas. Jarvis
- Wm. Johnston
- Alex. Johnston
- Gilbert Bidell
- Chas. Rodgers
- Geo. Cheal
- Mary Ann Chapman
- J. W. Thompson
- Mrs. Loomis
- William Potter
- Wm. Mariner

The society being thus organized proceeded to elect officers as follows.

Wm. Johnson was elected Secretary.

John R. Fuller was elected Treasurer.

Wm. H. Dixon was elected President for the evening.

The question was then taken up, warmly discussed and decided in favor of the affirmative.

Mr. Theron Bidell was then chosen president for the next evening and took his seat. A number of questions were then proposed from which the following, proposed by Wm. Johnson was selected for the next evening to resolve that money has more influence with an unkind than a kind education.

Mr. S. J. Ashley and Wm. H. Dixon were chosen chief disputants, Dixon taking the affirmative and Ashley the negative.

After which Messrs. Dixon, Fox, Hutchinson, Vanalger and Davis were proposed and accepted as members of the society.

Upon motion of S. J. Ashley, the House decided that the order of exercises be so changed as to provide for the proposition and acceptance of members (which was included under the head of miscellaneous business) next after the election of president.

Upon motion of Wm. Johnson the House adjourned to Wednesday evening next at 6 o'clock.

Wm. Johnson Secretary

Wednesday evening Feb 4th

The House was called to order by the President Mr. Theron Bidell and the secretary's report was read and accepted as read. Mr. H. H. H. then signed the Constitution and By-Laws. The question was then

called for, and after a spirited and lengthy discussion was decided in favor of the negative.

Mr S. J. Ashley was then chosen President and took his seat.

Mr T. S. Rogers and Lewis Fuller were then proposed and accepted as members and Rogers signed the Constitution and By-Laws.

A number of questions were then proposed, and after some discussion on parliamentary rules, the following question proposed by Mr W. H. Dixon and seconded by Mr H. Johnson was adopted for the next evening. Resolved that the works of Nature are more to be admired than the works of Art. Messrs. Chas Fox and Franklin Cable were appointed chief disputants. Fox taking the affirmative and Cable the negative. The House then called for the Constitution and By-Laws which were accordingly read of the Secretary.

Upon motion of Mr H. Johnson the Treasurer was directed to pay Mr Chas Fox for candles furnished the previous

meeting. The Treasurer was also instructed to use his judgment in furnishing lights for the society from time to time as they may stand in need.

Upon motion of Mr H. Johnson the house adjourned to next Wednesday evening at 6 1/2 o'clock.

Wm H Johnson Secretary

Tuesday Evening Feb 11th

The House was called to order by the President, Mr S. J. Ashley. A Secretary's report was then called for, read, and accepted as read. The question was then called for, and after being debated, rather briefly, was decided in favor of the affirmative. Mr T. S. Rogers was then chosen President for the next meeting, and took his seat. Messrs. Saml. Giddner, Rowden, David, and Edwin Fuller were proposed and accepted as members of the society and signed the

constitution and by laws. A number of questions were then proposed for discussion, from which the following proposed by J. R. Fuller, was selected. Resolved that the Indian has more cause of complaint against the white man than the Negro. Messrs. Root, Ciceron, & Edgar, & C. K. Knappe were appointed chief disputants. Given taking the affirmative, and Knappe the Negative. The constitution and by laws were then called for by the House, and were read by the Secretary. Upon motion of J. R. Fuller, the President was instructed to invite the Ladies, to take a part with us, by means of essays, speaking or any way they might deem proper, to have for a very cordial invitation was extended to them by the President. Upon motion of Benjamin Fuller, the House adjourned till next Wednesday evening at 6 1/2 o'clock.

W. B. Johnson
Secretary

Wednesday Evening Feb 13th 17

The House was called to order by the President, Mr J. R. Rogers, the Secretary's report was then called for, read, and accepted as read. Some few remarks were then made about the division of the House the preceding evening. The question was then called for, and debated to some length, but not very spirited, and decided in the Negative.

Mr John C. Burr, was then elected President and John Root, Messrs. Fox, Duncan and Johnston were proposed and accepted as members and signed the constitution and by laws. A variety of questions were then proposed from which the following proposed by J. R. Fuller was adopted. Resolved that man is the agent of his own character. Messrs. John R. Fuller, and Daniel V. Hancock, were appointed chief disputants. Hancock taking the Affirmative and Fuller the Negative. The House was then divided.

When upon meeting of W. B. Johnson, it was resolved that no member of the club be appointed, each evening to the President.

To produce an essay and read
 to some of the society. It was also
 decided that the time for reading
 such essays should be immediately
 after the disposition of the Secretary's
 report. Upon motion of W. H. Johnson
 the House adjourned till next Wednes-
 day at 6 1/2 o'clock.

W. H. Johnson
 Secretary

Tuesday Evening Feb 25th

The House was called to
 order by the President Mr. G. C. Rans
 the Secretary's report was then called
 for, read, and accepted as read.
 A very sensible and well written
 essay was then read by Mr. J. Cable
 and upon motion of W. R. Fuller
 the thanks of the Society were ten-
 dered to Mr. Cable for this essay.
 The question was then called for
 and debated quite length and very
 spirited, and was decided in the
 Negative. Mr. J. Cable was then
 elected President and took his
 seat. A motion was then made,

by Mr. Rogers, that the House
 remain as it now is, and debate
 the same question again. A very
 spirited discussion followed on this
 motion, and it was finally withdrawn
 a number of questions were then
 proposed, from which the following
 was selected. Resolved that looking
 a stronger incentive to action than
 the late laws, and that
 were appointed chief opponents, C. C. Rans
 taking the affirmative, and J. C. Fuller
 the Negative. After dividing the House,
 a motion was made by J. C. Fuller
 and carried, that the Ladies leave us
 with a song. After some little singing
 they resumed with a song which
 was well received, and caused considerable
 merriment, and upon motion
 of J. C. Fuller, the thanks of the
 Society were tendered to them for the
 favor. Mr. J. C. Fuller was then appoin-
 ted to produce an essay the next
 evening. Upon motion of J. C. Fuller
 the House adjourned till next Tuesday
 evening at 6 1/2 o'clock.

W. H. Johnson
 Secretary

Tuesday Evening March 3rd

The House was called to order by the President Mrs. Cuffe. The Secretary's report was then read and accepted as read. Mr. Ackley, the gentleman appointed to produce an essay, being absent, the question was raised, read and debated to some extent and with considerable spirit and excitement, and was decided in favor of the affirmative.

Mr. Cuffe was then elected President and took his seat.

Mr. Lewis Edridge was then proposed and accepted by a majority of the society, and signed the constitution and by laws.

From among the questions proposed, the Green's proposed by Mr. Harlock was selected. It resolved that there be more enjoyment in anticipation than in participation. Mr. Johnson and T. S. Rogers were appointed chief distributors. Johnson taking the affirmative and Rogers the Negative. After dividing the House, the President appointed Mr. Johnson

to produce an essay for the next evening. Upon motion of Mr. Johnson, the Ladies were invited to favor us with a song. Whereupon they responded with a song which was well received and highly applauded. Upon motion of Mr. Dixon, a vote of thanks was tendered them for the favor.

The Secretary then brought in a bill, for paper to the amount of twenty cents, and upon motion of John W. Carr the Treasurer was directed to pay the same.

Upon motion of Mr. Johnson, the House adjourned till Wednesday evening, the 11th inst at the usual time and place.

W. H. Johnson
Secretary

Wednesday Evening March 11th

The House was called to order by the President Mr. Wm. Fox. The Secretary's report was then called for, read and accepted as read. An essay was then read by Mr. Johnson, and an motion of J. S. Rogers, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Johnson for his essay. The question was then called for, and debated rather briefly, and was decided in favor of the Negative.

Mr. Benjamin Fuller was then elected President and took his seat. Several resolutions were then proposed, from which the following was adopted, by J. S. Kelley was chosen President that Slavery had been productive of more misery than other crimes. Messrs Saml. DeGore and J. P. Kelley were appointed chief debaters. DeGore taking the affirmative and Kelley the Negative. DeGore not being present. Mr. Johnson acted as his proxy in dividing the vote. The Ladies were then invited

to favor the social with a song to which they responded with a very elegant piece, and upon motion of J. S. Rogers, the society tendered their thanks to them for the favor.

Upon motion of J. R. Fuller the House adjourned till next Wednesday evening at the usual time and place.

W. Johnson
Secretary

Wednesday Evening March 18th

The House was called to order by the President Mr. Benjamin Fuller. The Secretary's report was then called for, read, and accepted as read. No one having been appointed to produce an essay it was dispensed with. The question was then called for, and debated with considerable spirit and was decided in favor of the affirmative. Mr. J. R. Fuller was then elected President and took his seat. Two or three resolutions were then proposed

from which the motion was
 rejected. Resolved that the motion,
 "Our Country right or wrong" is
 not always a just one. Mr. J. R.
 Benjamin, Fuller, and Edgar W. Knapp
 were appointed, chief disjunctive Fuller
 taking the Affirmative and Knapp
 the Negative.

The House was then
 divided after which Mr. Edgar W. Knapp
 was appointed to produce an essay
 for the next evening.

The Ladies
 were then invited to pass us with
 a song to which they responded with
 our side touching and sweet piece
 and were given a vote of thanks was tendered them
 for the evening.

When motion of
 Mr. Johnson the House adjourned
 till next Wednesday evening at
 the usual time and place.

Wednesday Evening March 25th

The House was called to
 order by the President, J. R. Fuller.
 The secretary's report was then
 called for, read and accepted
 as read. An essay was then read
 by Mr. Wm. Gunkan, for which
 the House returned him their
 sincere thanks, and upon motion
 of Mr. J. C. Gager, he was invited
 to read the same, again read
 Wednesday evening. The question was
 then debated with spirit and
 energy, and notwithstanding the
 whispers of those interested
 was decided in the Negative.
 Mr. Saml. Gager was then called
 to order and took the usual
 course, upon the question pro-
 posed the evening was spent.
 Resolved that capital punishment
 ought to be abolished. Messrs
 C. Jones and J. C. Johnson
 were appointed chief disjunctive
 Johnson taking the Affirmative
 and taking the Negative. The House
 was then divided and there being
 important business in another part
 of the town the House adjourned

will read Wednesday evening
at the usual time and
place

Tuesday Evening April 1st 1857

The President not being present, the House was called to order by Benjamin Fuller, when the motion was made and seconded that Mr Theron Bedell act as President pro tem which was carried. Mr Bedell then took the chair.

The Secretary's report was then read and accepted as read.

A very elaborate essay was then read by Mr Knapp, for which the House returned him their sincere thanks. Mr Juncan then read his essay of the previous meeting for which the House returned him their thanks.

The question was then called for and debated with considerable spirit and was decided in favor of the negative.

Mr Edgar H Knapp was then elected President and took the chair. The following question was then proposed by Mr Ackley and adopted. Resolved that the art of printing has been more beneficial to mankind than the art of navigation. Messrs Robert Dixon and John R. Fuller were appointed chief disputants Dixon taking the affirmative and Fuller the negative. The House was then divided, and Henry Dixon was appointed to produce an essay for the next meeting. The Ladies were then invited to sing which they declined to do, and no farther business being before the House it was adjourned till next Wednesday evening at the usual time and place.

Wm H. Johnson
Secretary.

Wednesday Evening April 8th 1857

The House was called to order by the President - Mr Knapp. The Secretary's report was then called for read, and after some few remarks was accepted. Mr Dixon not being present the essay was dispensed with.

The question was then taken up and debated to considerable length and with much spirit and was finally decided in favor of the Negative.

A proposition was then made by Mr Ackley to adjourn the society till next fall, but not being favorably entertained by the House, no motion was made on the subject - Mr Robt. Dixon was then elected President and took the chair.

The question was then selected from those proposed and was as follows. Resolved that man acts more from policy than from principle.

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Messrs John R Fuller and Edgar H Knapp were appointed chief disputants Fuller taking the affirmative and Knapp the Negative. The House was then divided and J. R. Fuller was appointed to produce an essay for the next meeting.

The Ladies were then invited to favor the society with a song, to which they responded with a very elegant and appropriate piece, and upon motion of Mr Knapp, the society tendered them their thanks for the favor.

No farther business being before the House it was adjourned till Wednesday evening the 22nd inst at the usual time and place.

Wm. H. Johnson

Secretary.

Wednesday Evening April 22nd 1841

The House was called to order by W. H. Johnson, and Reuben Fuller was selected to act as President. pro tem. he not being inclined to serve, a committee of two appointed themselves to escort him to the chair, which after some trouble they succeeded in doing. But just then the President appeared and saved further trouble by again calling the House to order, and taking the seat. The Secretary's report was then called for read and accepted. The question was then taken up and debated quite warmly and decided in the Affirmative. Mr Daniel B. Kallouf was then chosen President for the next evening, and took the chair.

The following question was then selected for the next debate Resolved that Ambition has been the cause of more misery to mankind than Superstition. Messrs. Robt Iron and Chas Fox

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were appointed chief disputants Iron taking the affirmative and Fox the Negative. The House was then divided and the Ladies were then invited to favor the society with a song, to which they responded with an appropriate piece. And upon motion of Mr Appleby, the society tendered them their thanks for their favor. A motion was then made by Mr Scrupp to adjourn for two weeks, and after some debate an amendment was offered by W. H. Johnson, that the time for meeting be 7 1/2 o'clock, which was carried.

W. H. Johnson
Secretary

Wednesday May 6th 1857

The House was called to order by the President Mr Wallock. The Secretary's report was then called for read and accepted as read. The question was then called for and debated rather briefly and was decided in favor of the negative.

A motion was then made by Robt Dixon, and seconded, that the Society adjourn till the first Wednesday in December, next. Some remarks were then made upon the matter, which resulted in the withdrawal of the motion by Mr Dixon.

The Treasurer was then called upon for a statement of the financial affairs of the society, not having his papers with him he was unable to make it but stated that there was a balance in favor of the society.

A motion was then made that the balance remain in the hands of the Treasurer, subject to the

Minutes of a preliminary meeting held at the store of L. & B. Fuller ^{Dec 8 1857} for the purpose of reorganizing the Bush Hill Debating Club for the winter of 1857-58

Lewis Fuller was called to the Chair Wm. A. Robins was elected Secretary. The following named persons were proposed and admitted as members of the Club Robert Willard - Wm. Fox Wm. A. Robins - Wm. Jeffers - M. Fuller James Farrel - Jacob Blackman and Robert Swartout

On motion it was decided that the question "Resolved that Man is the architect of his own character" be the subject of debate at the next meeting of the Club the same to be held at the School-house on the Friday evening following.

Charles Fox and John Fuller were appointed Chief Disputants on the question - Chas Fox for the affirmative chose Saml Degobier - Robert Dixon - Wm. A. Robins - Benj Fuller - E. H. Knapp - Jacob Blackman - George M. Fox - Andrew Kitchum - John Fuller for the negative, chose Saml Ackley - Wm. Fox - Theodore Rogers - Henry Dixon - Robert Willard - Wm. J. Jeffers - Henry Fox and James Ferrell - on motion Friday

evenings were selected for the regular meetings of the Club
On motion the meeting then adjourned

Wm. A. Robins
Secretary

Minutes of a meeting of the B. H. L. C.
held at the School-house Dec 11th 1857
Jefferson Munson was called to the
Chair

Subject for the evening "Resolved that
Man is the architect of his own Character"
Minutes of last meeting read and
approved of

On motion that we proceed to debate
Chas Fox opened for the affirmative
followed by Sam. Ackley for the neg-
ative and after speeches from other
members of the club both pro and con
the question was submitted to the
chair who decided in the negative
at the request of Saml Degolier
the President's words were noted
down his words were "the weight
of the argument is in favor of the
affirmative but being under obliga-

tions to the negative side of the ques-
tion I shall give my decision in
their favor")

On motion the President was empowered
to appoint a committee to examine and
revise the Constitution and By-Laws
of the club he accordingly appointed
Theodore Rogers - Saml Ackley and Sam
Degolier to serve on such committee

On motion it was then decided that
that the question "Resolved that Am-
bition has caused more misery than
Ignorance and Superstition" be the
subject for debate at the next meeting
of the club and Robert Willard
was appointed President on that
occasion

Sam. Ackley and Sam. Degolier were
appointed Chief Disputants
Saml Ackley for the affirmative
chose Theodore Rogers - Wm. A. Robins
Wm. Jeffers - Benj. Fuller -
Saml Degolier for the negative chose
Henry Dixon - Robert Dixon - Chas Fox
W. Johnson

The meeting then adjourned

Wm. A. Robins
Secretary

Friday evening Dec 18th 1857

The society met in pursuance of the foregoing (which was read and approved) and after duly considering the small attendance and desiring to hear the subject fully discussed the President was empowered to adjourn the meeting to some future time which he done accordingly selecting the following Tuesday evening and continuing the subject over

Wm. A. Robins

Secretary

Minutes of an adjourned meeting of the B. H. D. C. held Dec 22^d 1857
Robert Willard in the Chair

Question for the evening "Resolved that Ambition has caused more Misery than Ignorance and Superstition"

On motion it was decided that the President be allowed to resign in order to take part in the debate and all rules of the club conflicting with his so doing were suspended for the evening - he accordingly resigned but no other person appearing willing to act in his place he was reinstated. On motion the question for the evening was then taken up and after considerable debate it was submitted to the Chair who decided it in favor of the affirmative.

On motion the Question "Resolved that the intellectual faculties of Woman are equal to those possessed by Man" was accepted as the subject of debate at the next meeting of the Club.

Wm. Jeffers was appointed President for that occasion.

Chas. Fox and Wm. A. Robins were appointed Chief disputants to

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Chas Fox for the affirmative chose
Saml Ackley Henry Dixon Benj
Fuller - John Fuller Layton Collar -
Wm^d A. Robins for the negative chose
Sam Degolier - Robert Dixon - Robert

Willard - E. H. Knapp - Theodore Rogers.
On motion it was resolved that
all members of the club present
at any of the debates whether chosen
or not be allowed to take part in
the same.

A motion was made and seconded
that the committee appointed to
examine and revise the constitution
and By-Laws be required to report
progress at the next meeting of
the Club carried.

The further business being brought
before the society the meeting
adjourned.

Wm^d A. Robins
Secretary

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Minutes of a meeting of the B. H. D. C.
held Dec 30th 1857

W^r Jeffers in the Chair assisted
by Messrs Fox and Bedell

Question appointed for the evening
Resolved that the intellectual fac-
ulties of Woman are equal to
those possessed by Man

On motion of Saml Degolier all
rules conflicting with the cha-
nging of the subject were sus-
pended and the Question was
accordingly changed to the one
discussed at the last meeting

"Resolved that Ambition has caused
more misery than Ignorance and
Superstition

Saml Ackley for the affirmative
chose Henry Dixon - Benj Fuller -
Wm^d A. Robins - John Smith -

Saml Degolier for the negative chose
Chas Fox - Robert Willard - Layton
Collar - Hearnan Fox

The question was then debated
and the closing speeches having
been moved and made was sub-
mitted to the Chair when it was
decided in the negative

On Motion the question "Resolved
Intoxicating Drinks have caused
more evil than War" was

adopted as the subject of debate
at the next meeting.
Chas Fox was appointed President
for that occasion.

Robert Willard and W^m A. Robins
were appointed Chief Disputants
Robert Willard for the affirmative
chose Sam. Ackley. W^m Jeffers - H.
Dixon - Benj Fuller -
W^m Robins for the negative chose
Sam. Degolyer - Theodore Rogers - John
Fuller - Robert Dixon -

The committee on By Laws not
being ready to report were not
called upon.

The meeting then adjourned.

W^m A. Robins
Secretary

Minutes of a meeting of the B. A. D. C
held Jan 7th 1858

Chas Fox in the Chair assisted by
Messrs Marvin Fox and John At-
water

Subject for the evenings debate
Resolved that Intoxicating drinks
have caused more evil than War
Minutes of two previous meetings read
and approved of.

All rules conflicting with the same
being suspended amotion was made
and carried that any person present
wishing to take part in the debate
be allowed to do so but no person
availing themselves of the opportunity
the subject was proceeded with and
after considerable debate the closing
speeches were moved on and made and
the Question submitted to the Judges
who decided in the negative after
which a vote of thanks was tendered
them for their assistance.

Benj Fuller was then appointed Pres-
ident for the next meeting of the
Club and the Question Resolved
that Capital Punishment ought
to be abolished accepted as the
subject of debate on that occasion
Saml Ackley and Saml Degolyer
were appointed Chief Disputants

Saml Degolyer for the affirmative chose
Henry Dixon - Wm Robins - John Fuller and
Theodore Rogers -

Saml Ackley for the negative chose Robert
Dixon - Robert Willard - John Smith and
Chas Fox - Adj^d

Wm A. Robins
Secretary

Held Jan 15th 1838

Minutes of a meeting of the B. H. S. C.
Benj Fuller presiding.

The question for the evening "Resolved
that Capital punishment ought
to be abolished"

The minutes of last meeting being
called for were read and approved
The Question was then taken up and
after speeches from all the members
present both pro and con and the
closing speeches having been moved
and made the question was sub-
mitted to the President who de-
cided in favor of the affirmative
Wm A. Robins was then appointed
President for the next debate
and the Question "Resolved that
the condition of the Lower Classes
in Europe is more to be explored

than that of the Slaves of the
United States

Chas Fox and John Fuller were
appointed Chief disputants
Chas Fox for the affirmative
chose Saml Degolyer - Benj Fuller
- Robert Dixon - Heaman Fox - Edgar
Knapp - Layton Collier - Jacob Blakeman
Richard Blakeman -

John Fuller for the negative chose
Saml Ackley - Henry Dixon - Theodore
Rogers - Robert Willard - John Smith
William Jeffers - Walter Baumgardner
William Fox - Andrew Ketchum
After which the meeting Adj^d

Wm A. Robins
Secretary

Minutes of a meeting of the B. H. L. C.
held Jan 22nd 1858

Wm. A. Robins President

The minutes of last meeting were read by the President and (with the exception of transferring the name of Saml Ackley to the affirmative side of the Question appointed for the evening) were accepted as read

Chas. Fox was then appointed Sec Protem

A motion was then made and carried that the spectators be allowed to take part in the debate

The Question was then taken up and ably discussed on both sides and the closing speeches having been made the decision was given in favor of the affirmative. G. M. Fox was then appointed president and the Question "Resolved that France has been more benefitted than injured by the assistance rendered the U.S. during the Revolution" was accepted as the subject for the next debate.

Chas Curtis and Ed. Bial were proposed and accepted as members of the Club

On a vote of the meeting expressing their satisfaction with the

present organization the Committee appointed to examine and revise the Constitution and By-Laws of the society were dismissed

Benj Fuller and Wm. A. Robins were then appointed Chief Disputants on the Question

Benj Fuller for the affirmative chose Saml Ackley - Henry Dixon - Gideon Pitts - Heaman Fox - W. Fox - John Smith - Saml Degolyer - W. Gibson - W. Vanvelzer - Andrew Ketchum - David Fuller - R. Willard - Wm. A. Robins for the negative chose Chas Curtis - Chas Fox - John Fuller - Robert Dixon - Theodore Rogers - Ed Bial - Edgar Knapp - Jacob Blakeman - J. Blaker - Gilbert Redell - Edwin Fuller - Lewis Fuller

On motion of John Fuller the meeting then adjourned

Wm. A. Robins
Secretary

Minutes of a meeting of the B. H. S. C.
held Jan 29th 1858

the President not being present the
meeting was called to order by Chas Fox
Peter Schaffer was then called to the
Chair

The minutes of last meeting were then
read and approved of

On a vote of the meeting the subject
appointed for the evening was ruled
out and the Question "Resolved
that Navigation is a more useful
Art than printing" was adopted
in its stead

Wm A. Robins and Chas Fox
were appointed Chief Disputants
and after a somewhat brief debate
was decided in the Negative

The thanks of the meeting was then
tendered to the President who then
retired from the Chair

John Fuller was then elected President
for the next Debate and the following
selected as the subject of Debate for
the next meeting

"Resolved that the Financial Crisis
has been beneficial to the Country
Wm Robins and Chas Fox were
appointed Chief Disputants
Wm Robins For the Affirmative
Chas Henry Dixon. Edgar Knapp

Layton Collier - Sam Hickey - Wm Fox
Girardus Smith - Walter Van Belzer
Gilbert Bedell - Gideon Pitts - A. Ketchum
Ed Vial - Theodore Rogers - Jacob Blakeman
Chas Fox for the Negative chose Benj
Fuller, Robert Dixon, Robert Willard,
L. M. Fox, Heaman Fox, John Smith
Richard Blakeman, Wm Jeffers,
Robert Swartout, Chas Curtis, Ed Fuller
Girardus Smith and Peter Schaffer
were proposed and admitted as
members of the society
The meeting then adjourned

Wm A. Robins
Secretary

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Minutes of a meeting of the B.H.D.C
held Feb 5th 1858.

Mr Fox not being present the meeting
was called to order by the Secretary.
On motion of Chas Fox Mr Lewis
Fuller, Mrs John Fuller and Miss
Betsey Fuller were appointed judges
for the evening.

Mr Chas Rogers was proposed and
admitted a member of the Club.
The Question was then taken up
and discussed and the closing
speeches having been moved and
made the decision of the judges
was called for and given in the
negative after which

a vote of thanks was tendered to
the judges who then retired and
Mr Marvin Fox was elected Pres-
-ident for the next debate and the
Question "Resolved that the persecution
of the Mormons by the U.S. is unjust-
-ifiable" was selected from a number
as the subject for that occasion.

Robert Willard and William A Robins
were appointed Chief Disputants
Robert Willard for the affirmative
chose Saml Ackley - John Fuller - Heaman
Fox - Chas Rogers - Walter Banzelger
Gerrardus Smith
Wm Robins for the Negative chose

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Benj Fuller - Chas Fox - Chas Rogers
Sayton Collier Wm Fox - Edgar Knapp
John Smith - Adjournment

Wm A. Robins
Secretary

Proceedings at a meeting of the B.H.D.C
Friday evening Feb 12th 1858
Subject for discussion Resolved that the
persecution of the Mormons by the United
States Government is unjustifiable.
The President not being present Mr Barto
Banzelger was chosen to preside.
The discussion of the Question being next
in order it was taken up and brought out
considerable debate and the closing speeches
having been moved and made the President
rose and after making a few remarks gave
his decision in favor of the Negative.
On a vote of thanks was then tendered him
for his assistance and attention during the
evening.

Mr Gideon Pitts was then elected president
for the next debate.
The question "Resolved that the United
States would be benefitted by building a
Pacific Rail Road" was selected for that
occasion.
Edwin Vial and Charles Dose were ap-

pointed Chief Disputants
 Edwin Neal for the affirmative chose Sam.
 Ackley, Robert Willard Wm. Fox - Girardans
 Smith Henry Dixon Layton Collier -
 Chas Fox for the Negative chose Benjamin
 Fuller, Wm. Robins - John Fuller - H. Fox
 John Smith - Edgar Knapp Walter Benzelzer
 Lewis Fuller was proposed and admitted
 a member of the Club

On motion adequate cause being shown
 for the same the meeting adjourned to meet
 on Wednesday Evening Feb 17th 1858

Wm. A. Robins
 Secretary

Minutes of an adjourned meeting of the
 B. A. C. held Wednesday Evening Feb 17
 1858 - Subject for discussion Resolved that
 the United States would be benefitted by building
 the Pacific Rail Road

Mr. Hideo Pitts had been elected President but
 he not appearing the meeting was called to
 order by Benjamin Fuller and

Mr. Marvin Fox was called on to preside
 and having accepted

The minutes of last meeting were read and
 approved of

The members present being mostly chosen
 for the Negative of the Question a motion
 was made and carried that the house
 be redivided whereupon the President
 appointed Benjamin Fuller and Chas Fox
 as Chief Disputants

Benjamin Fuller for the affirmative chose
 Wm. Robins and John Smith

Chas Fox for the negative chose Edgar Knapp
 and Girardans Smith

The debate was then proceeded with and after
 considerable discussion was submitted to the
 Chair who decided in favor of the affirmative
 Edgar Knapp was then elected President and the
 subject "Resolved that Nature teaches more
 beautiful lessons than Books accepted for
 the next debate

Benjamin Fuller and Wm. A. Robins were then
 appointed Chief Disputants

Benjamin Fuller for the affirmative chose Chas Fox
 Vidson Pitts. John Fuller. John Smith Wm Fox
 Walter Van Dyke. H. Dixon. M. Fuller. William Jeffers
 Chas Rogers

Wm Robins for the negative chose Robert Willard Cabial
 Heaman Fox. Layton Collar. Girardus Smith. Gilbert
 Bedell. Chas Curtis Robert Dixon. Saml Akeley
 Andrew Hetchum. Theodore Rogers

The President appointed Wm Robins to write
 an Essay to be read at the next meeting of the
 Club

On motion the meeting then adjourned.

Wm A. Robins
 Secretary

Minutes of a regular meeting of the B.H.D.C
 held Friday Evening Feb 26th 1858

Edgar Knapp in the Chair
 Subject for debate Resolved that Nature tea-
 ches more beautiful lessons than Books
 The meeting was called to order by the President
 Wm Robins then read his Essay on the Men
 of the Revolution

A vote of thanks was then tendered him for
 the same

The debate being next in order the Question
 was taken up and after considerable dis-
 cussion was decided in favor of affirmative
 Layton Collar was then elected President
 and the Subject Resolved that the influ-
 -ence of the physical world is the formation
 of Mans Character was selected for the
 next debate

Edgar Knapp and Wm A. Robins were
 appointed Chief Disputants

Edgar Knapp for the affirmative chose
 Theodore Rogers. Heaman Fox. Robert Willard
 Wm Fox Girardus Smith Reuben Fuller
 Wm Robins for the negative chose
 Benj Fuller - Chas Fox. John Fuller. Vidson
 Pitts John Smith Gilbert Bedell

A Resolution was offered and accepted
 that the Younger Members of the Club
 have the privilege of speaking first on
 all subjects of debate - the meeting
 then adjourned, Wm A. Robins Secretary

Minutes of a regular meeting of the B. A. S. C.
held March 5th 1858

Layton Collar in the Chair

Subject of Debate Resolved, that the influence
of the Physical world is the formation of
Man's Character

The meeting was called to order by the
President who then Selected Messrs Fox
and Bedell to assist him.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were
then called for read and approved of
Chas Fox was then called upon, for his
Essay when he rose and apologized for
not having prepared one and was ac-
cordingly excused

The debate was next taken up and
after a somewhat feeble discussion was
decided in favor of the affirmative
Mr Bedell was then elected President
and the Subject Resolved that the
Character of Napoleon Bonaparte is more
to be condemned than admired was
selected for discussion at the next meeting
of the Club

Benj Fuller and Saml Ackley were app^d
chief Disputants

Benj Fuller for the Affirmative chose
Layton Collar - Chas Fox, Robert Willard
Heaman Fox, Edgar Knapp

Saml Ackley for the Negative chose
W^m Robins, John Smith, Chas Rogers

Brush Hill Jan 24th 1859

Pursuant to notice given
the members of the Brush Hill
Debate Club met at the School House
and the House was called to order
by W^m Johnson & Benj Fuller was call-
ed to the chair, and W. H. Johnson
chosen Sec. At the suggestion of the
Pres. It was decided to take up a
question and discuss it the same
evening, and the following was chosen
Resolved that the discover of gold at
Pikes Peak ~~has~~ ^{will} be a production of more
injury than benefit. Messrs Chas Rogers
& Herman Fox were chosen disputants
and the question was then taken up
and discussed and decided in favor of
the Neg, Mr Thos Johnston was then chosen
Pres. for the next evening, Question se-
lected for the next debate, Resolved that
the people of Illinois would be benefitted
by planting more corn and sowing up
small grains. Messrs F Reynolds & W^m
Fox were chosen chief disputants, Reynolds
taking the Aff, & Fox the Neg. Messrs Thos
Johnston, Frank & Milan Reynolds were
proposed and accepted as members
of the club. Motion, by W^m Johnson
that a com. of one be appointed to

wait on the present Treas and
request him to be present at the
next meeting so that the club
may know how their financial
affairs stand. Carried. W. H. Johnson
appointed such com. Adjourned
to next Mon evening at 6 1/2 o'clock

W. H. Johnson
Secretary

Monday evening Jan 31st 1839

The House was called to
order by Chas Fox, and motion made
that Gilbert Bedell act as Pres protem
Carried, Sec's report read and accepted
Question discussed rather briefly and
decided in the Neg. Mr W. H. Johnson
was then chosen. Pres for the next
evening. Question chosen for the next
debate Resolved that the Plow has
been more beneficial to man than
the Pen. Messrs Chas Fox & Chas Rogers
were appointed chief disputants
Fox taking the Aff. & Rogers the Neg.
Adjourned to next Thurs eve 6 1/2
o'clock

W. H. Johnson
Secretary

Brush Hill Feb 3rd 1839
Thursday evening

The meeting was called to
order by W. H. Johnson, The Sec, being in
the Chair W. Dantelzer was chosen Sec
protem. Report read and accepted, as read
Messrs Chas Davis & Geo Deal were pro-
posed and accepted as members of the
club. After some delay the question
was taken up and debated to some
length, and decided in the affirmative
Messrs Chas Fox was then chosen Pres
for the next evening. Question se-
lected for the next evening, Resolved
that man is the Architect of his own
Character. Messrs Achley & Johnson were
app't chief disputants, Achley taking
the Neg. Pres app't C. B. Knapp to pro-
duce an essay for the next meet-
ing. Special com. appointed to notify
Treas to attend reports that he notified
him to attend and that no said
there was no money in his hands
Mr Fox was then elected Treas, Motion
made that each of the old members
pay five cts to the Treas. Carried Adjourned
to next Thursday evening, 6 1/2 o'clock

W. H. Johnson
Secretary

Brush Hill Thurs. Evening
Feb 10th 1859

The meeting was called to order by the Pres. the secretarys report read and accepted as read. chose James Barras & Henry Bedell to assist him in deciding the question. The question was then taken up and debated quite lengthy and very spirited and decided in the affirmative. Mr Frank Reynolds was then chosen Pres. for the next meeting. Mr Bonapps essay was then listened to and a vote of thanks tendered him for the same. Question selected for the next evening. Resolved that fictitious writings are beneficial. Messrs Jacob Blakeman & Hex Johnston were apptd chief disputants Blakeman taking the Affirmative.

Motion made that the sec be instructed to write and post notices of the time and place of meeting of the club. Carried. Sec brought in a bill for paper, motion made that the Treas be instructed to pay for it. Carried. Adjourned to 6 o'clock PM next Thursday evening.
W. H. Johnson Secretary

Fullersburg Thursday Evening
Feb 17th 1859

The meeting was called to order by the Pres. F Reynolds Esq. the sec. report read and accepted. an awful essay was then read by Mr Chas Fox, and a vote of thanks was tendered him for the same. The question was then taken up and discussed rather briefly and decided in the affirmative. Mr E. W. Knapp was chosen Pres. for the next evening. Question selected for the next evening. Resolved that Education has more influence in the concerns of mankind than Money. Messrs R Blakeman & Chas Fox were appt. chief disputants Blakeman taking the Aff. Motion made that the Club appoint an Editor to take charge of such contributions as may be presented compile them and present them to the society. Amendment offered that the Editor have power to appoint an assistant. Amendment accepted. Original motion carried. Motion made that all be requested to contribute to the paper. Carried. Motion made that dialogues, declamations &c may form a part of the exercises. Carried. Chas Fox appointed Editor.

S. J. Ackley appointed assistant
Editor. Adjourned to next Thurs-
day evening at 6 1/2 o'clock P.M.

W^m Johnson
Secretary

Fullersburg Feb 24th 1859

The House was called to
order by the Pres E. H. Knapp. The Sec
report was called for read and
accepted. The paper edited by Chas Fox
was then read, and was well received
and a vote of thanks tendered the con-
tributors. The question was then taken
up and discussed to some length
and with some spirit and was deci-
ded in the Neg. Mr Fleable was
elected Pres for the next evening. Question
selected Resolved that Intoxicating Drinks
have been the cause of more misery to
Mankind than War. Messrs Chas Fox
and E. H. Knapp were a split chief dis-
putants Fox taking the Affirmative.
No farther business coming before
the house, Adjourned till next
Thurs. evening 6 1/2 o'clock P.M.

W^m Johnson
Secretary

Fillersburg Mass 7th
1857

The house was called to order by the President at 7 o'clock. The first report was then read and accepted the paper was then read and was well received after which the question was taken up and discussed with considerable spirit and animation and was decided in the affirmative. Mr J. Ashley was then elected president for the next evening. Question selected for the next evening resolved that the scope of future are more to be defined than the scope of last. Messrs. John Johnston & G. D. Bell were appointed chief deputies Bell taking affirmative. The house was then divided and adjourned till next Thursday eve 7 o'clock. P. M.

W. Vanvolkenburg

1859
Fillersburg Mass 7th

The house was called to order by the president the secretary being absent a motion was made and carried that Meyer after Vanvolkenburg set as our next secretary the report was then called for read and accepted as read the paper was then read and was well received after which the question taken up and discussed to some length and decided in the affirmative Messrs. Thomas Johnston was then chosen president in the next evening question selected for the next evening resolved that the Indian has more right to complain of the white than the African. Messrs J. Ashley and H. Dickson were appointed chief deputies Dickson taking the affirmative. The house was then divided and no further business before the house adjourned till next week Thursday eve 7 o'clock. P. M.

1831
Tuller's Burg. Court 24th

The meeting called to order
by the Sec our president not being
present a motion was made and
seconded that the ladies act
as our judges for the evening
of which Messrs Tuller Chief Justice
Vindt Messrs Blakeman were selected
and took the chair the report
was read and accepted the
paper was then called for and
no contributions being handed
in the paper was omitted the
next before the house was the
discussion of the question which
was discussed to some length
and decided in the affirmative
whereby Messrs Tuller was chosen
Sec for the next evening and
took the chair question
selected for the next evening
Resolved that man is bound
more by civil laws than
by moral Mr Napp and Mr
Davis were chosen chief justices
for the next evening the house
was then divided and no other
business being the house adjourned
till next Thursday Ev 7 o'clock
Wm Parvelgas Sec

1831
Tuller's Burg. Court 24th
The meeting was called to order
by the Sec the Sec report read and
accepted the paper was
then read and was with respect
the next before the house was
the discussion of the question
which was discussed to some
length and decided in the
affirmative the next before the house
was a resolution of a question
a motion was made and carried
that John R Tuller act as
our next Sec and took the
chair the next was a resolution
of a question the question
was resolved that Columbia
more praiseworthy than
Washington depending
upon Mr Napp the Sec of the
house U. Wright Sec were chosen
chief justices of the next evening
Resolved that the
business being disposed of and no
further business being the house
adjourned till next Thursday Ev
at 7 o'clock P.M.

Wm Parvelgas Sec

Trullerburg April 14th 1837.

Minutes of the meeting of the
John R. Truller in the chair question
for the evening Resolved that
Com. John Devereux more praise
for discovering Alexander than
Washington for defending her the
question for the last meeting
being read and approved and
no paper being read the question
was taken up and discussed to
some length and the closing
speeches were moved and the
question was submitted to
John R. Truller who decided in the Affirmative
W. Vanvozer was then chosen for
the next debate this for the
next debate was resolved that
Party spirit is not a Benignial
that Ch. Fox and John R. Truller
were chosen chief disputants
Ch. Fox taking the Affirmative the
house was then divided and no
farther business before house
adjourned till next appointed
time

Walter Vanvozer
S.

Trullerburg April 14th 1837

Minutes of the Bunker Hill
Debating Club the meeting
was called to order by the
Pres W. Vanvozer the Sec.
being in the chair Ch. Fox
was appointed Sec. Protom
the reports read and explained
as read the paper was then
read and with some spirit
after which a motion was
made and carried that there
be a division in the house
of Fox and Ch. Fox acting
as chief disputants the house
was then divided and the
question was taken up
and speeches from both
sides and the closing speeches
being moved and made the
question was submitted to
the Pres who decided in the
Affirmative H. Fuller was then
appointed Sec for the next
debate and not being present
W. Vanvozer was appointed Sec
Protom the question for the
next evening Resolved that
the elective franchise ought to
be extended to women

Ch. Child and Wm. Fay were
appointed, chief disputants
Wm. Fay taking the upper
house and then divided and
no further business before the
house adjourned till next
Thursday evening of October 31st

W. Taveler Sec

Minutes of the Parish Hill
Meeting (Club held April 14)
The meeting of the club
called for under the
was called for under the
at 7 o'clock and the
which was taken up
to some extent and
decided in the
Ch. Child taking the
see list

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The next resolution was read and
and decided that the club should
be a vote of thanks to the persons
for their assistance to the Pres.
carried. The next was the closing
of a Pres. for the next debate
a motion was made and carried
that Charles Cox be our next
Pres. the next was appointing
of assistants by the Pres. Mr
W. L. Linsler and Mr. J. W. Fox
were chosen. W. J. Van taking the
adj. the house was then divided
and no further business being
the house adjourned until the
next Tuesday Dec. 10th 1857

W. J. Van
Secretary

Fullersburg (Nov 21st 57)

The meeting was called to order
by the Pres. Mr. Cox the next
of it was read and accepted as
read the next that came before
house the discussion of the same
resolved that a representative
ought to always to obey the
will of his constituent. The
was adjourned to tomorrow
when the next business shall be

and the question was
the Pres. who gave his honorable
opinion in favor of the same.
the next the adjournment of
Pres. for the next. Mr. W. L.
Merriam was chosen and took
the chair the question being
by the next business. Resolved
that no question shall be
brought before the Association
until the next adjournment
the next adjourned until
the next adjournment
W. Linsler
Secretary

The meeting was called to order
by the Pres. Mr. Linsler the next
of it was read and accepted as
read the next that came before
house the discussion of the same
resolved that a representative
ought to always to obey the
will of his constituent. The
was adjourned to tomorrow
when the next business shall be

Mr. Caldwell was
called and then the chair the
next was the resolution of a resolution
where the question was whether
should be a paper. A Congress
ought to be our next for the
next was a to take the house of
Mr. Thompson put to vote and
carried that the Pres appoint
two leading disputants and they
should be called and each should
speak as he chooses the next of
a point of disputants. It still
had the to be appointed
to be taken in of no
other business before the house
adjourned until the next
Thursday eve of December
21st 1867

Further being. Dec 20th
The meeting happened to adjourn
the 21st. It was explained that the
report was not made of a committee
concerning a few of the charges
present the question for the
house was dispensed with to some
other and the question was taken
up. Resolved that Colburn, come
let not quarrel. There was a
disagree the question was
up and discussed to considerable
length when the evening was
over the question was put to
the next was the question of by
Pres for the next paper that I
selected was Mr. [unclear] but he
was not being present. Mr.
Ruggles was appointed
pres. Problem three disputants
before that Stephen O.
Copier ought to be read
for the house was adjourned
for some as the night session
and so it was business before the
house adjourned until the
Thursday eve of December
21st 1867

Gentlemen composing the Boston
Hill Debating Club. A number of reports
has been left in my hands by the printer
for copying. I perceive they are good all in my
with me. Some are lost. My views are
so disconnected that I could not tell
the order in which they should come

Yours
R. F. M^cEwen
Secretary

Minutes

Boston Hill Debating Club Dec 22/59
L. Dempshel presiding. The secretary being
absent. W. M. Fox was appointed Sec. pro. tem.
The question for discussion was Res. That
the males intellectual faculties are
superior to the females intellectual faculties.
A spirited debate ensued. The ques being
submitted to the pres who after making a
few remarks, decided with the aff.
G. Beale was appointed to preside
at next meeting.

The Res. adopted for discussion was
That the Bible teaches eternal punish-
ment after death.

Messrs Merriam and A. M. Fox leading
disputants. Merriam taking off. Chose
A. P. Thompson. For the Neg chose
C. Davis. Club adjourned

Minutes

Boston Hill D. C. Dec 31st 1859
Was called to order by B Beale
The Chairman. The Sec. being absent
F Reynolds was appointed Sec. pro. tem.
Secretary's report read and accepted.
The Pres. chose Messrs Fuller & Blakeman
to ass. in deciding the ques. Res. That
eternal punishment is taught in the Bible.
A sharp debate ensued, and the
Res. submitted to the judges was decided
in the affirmative.

Leah Fuller was chosen to preside
at the next meeting. The Res. adopted
for discussion was Res. That the Bible
is God's Word, or is authentic.

Mr. P. J. M^cEwen was admitted a
member of the Club.

Messrs Dempshel and M^cEwen
leading disputants.

M^cEwen chose the Affirm-
ative. Dempshel the Neg.
Club adjourned to meet Thursday
even at 6 o'clock.

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Brush Hill D. C. Jan. 3rd 1860
The meeting was called to order by
the Chairman S. Fuller. Sec. being
absent. A. W. Thompson was chosen
Sec. pro. tem. Report read and accepted
The Resolution was then called for and
debated long and spirited
When submitted the Chairman decided in
the Affirmative.

J. Smith was chosen to preside
at next meeting.

The Res. adopted was Res. That the
doctrines of Christianity tend to diminish
human happiness in this life.

C. Davis & W. Dixon leading debaters
Davis chose Affirm. Dixon the neg.

Meeting adjourned to meet
Thurs. Ev. at 6 1/2 o'clock.

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Brush Hill D. C. Jan 14th 1860
The House was called to order by the
Chairman J. Smith.

Sec's Report read and accepted.
The Res was called for and discussed
to considerable length. In being
submitted to the Pres. he decided in
favor of the Neg.

A. W. Fox was chosen to preside at
the next meeting.

The Res. adopted was Res. That the
conscience is not always a correct
moral guide

Davis & Hempshell leading debaters
Hempshell chose the aff. and the follow-
ing gentlemen as assistants

Aff.
Hempshell
Robert J. McEwen

Neg
C. Davis
A. W. Thompson
B. Fuller
C. Fox

W. Dixon
P. Dixon
C. J. Dealey
Club adjourned

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Brush Hill Debating Club.

Jan 160

Meeting table called to order by the Pres. J. Smith

Robert J. McEwen elected permanent secretary. Report read and adopted.

The resolution before the house was tabled

On motion of Mr Hempshel the following resolution was adopted for discussion: That man's condition is better in a married state than single.

C. Fox & R. J. McEwen leading debaters.

The debate was spirited and amusing. The Pres decided in the aff.

A paper was then read by the editor C. Fox. It was quite a budget of fun.

Ques for discussion next meeting Res. That the signs of the times indicate the destruction of Roman Catholicism leading debaters Mr Fox & J. Beckell

adjourned Robert J. McEwen Sec.

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Brush Hill D. C. Mar 1st 160

Called to order by the Pres W. Johnston.

Sec report read and adopted. A long debate ensued on the ques Resolved that the signs of the times indicate the destruction of Roman Catholicism

The Pres decided in affirmative W. Merriam chosen to preside next meeting.

A paper was read by C. Fox editor

Ques left for discussion was Res that the people of Illinois should adopt and enforce the Maine liquor law aff. J. Smith Neg. J. Hempshel.

Adjourned

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Brush Hill D. C. 10 160

Called to order by the Pres. W. Merriam

Sec report read and adopted. The debate was in order and sharp too

Pres decided in the aff. Ques for next evening was Res that the use of tobacco as an indulgence is injurious

To the user

W. Fox was chosen to preside
Speakers to be chosen next meeting

Adjourned
R. J. McEwen
Sec.

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Brush Hill D. C. (Mar 14 / 00)

Called to order by the Pres.

Secretary's report read and adopted

A paper was read by Chas. Fox.

Debate being in order, con-
stantly went in their best looks

Pres decided in affirmative

of us for next evening. Pres

that man's enjoyment is more

anticipation than participation

Gilbert Bedell was chosen

to preside.

Adjourned to meet one week

from Saturday Evening

R. J. McEwen

Sec.

