

Wednesday Evening  
July 10<sup>th</sup> 1848.

Representatives from The School of Mines, Exhibition Committee, and the City Free Library and Reading-room met together at The School to confer on the proposed scheme for the establishment of an amalgamated School of Mines, Museum, and Free Library. Mr. J. Noble Wilson occupied the chair, and there were present on behalf of The School Mess<sup>rs</sup> Serjeant, Koelscher, Barnard, Bickett, and Dr. Asher; and for the Exhibition Committee, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Caselli, Banister, Richardson, J. C. Smith, Reid, Evans, and Flude; Mess<sup>rs</sup> Swift, Vallius, and Miller, representing the City Free Library. The scheme for amalgamation was discussed at some length, and the Exhibition Committee was shown by the representatives of The School of Mines that The School was in a very sound financial condition, and would be able to expend on the new institution more than a pound for every pound the Committee could bring forward if it felt disposed to apply their funds in the direction indicated. Mr. Serjeant said that if the amalgamation were carried out, the two bodies interested in the Museum and Free Library might send fifteen members to join the present number from The School to sit at the Council table of the proposed institution. Every member of the conference but one recognised the great benefit that would be derived from the establishment of such an institution as had been hinted at, and when the question of site cropped up the representatives from the Free Library protested that The School of