

part of the St. Albans district and the Knightstown library was that founded by the St. Albans Mutual Improvement Association in 1867. At a meeting of residents in August,<sup>(10)</sup> it was decided to abandon the name of Knightstown and to become simply a portion of St. Albans.

When a public meeting was held to consider the establishment of a reading room and library on July 8,<sup>(11)</sup> the Chairman (Mr. J.L. Wilson) said that doubtless the meeting was aware of £5000 voted by the Provincial Council to assist old and establish new reading rooms and libraries. He felt that the Institute should take advantage of this grant, as, in his opinion, the library at Knightstown was not centrally situated. However, the Knightstown librarian, Mr. Fowler, argued that they had over 300 volumes, a comfortable room, and everything paid for; but in spite of this the meeting set up a committee to establish a library. Stating the case for the Knightstown library, the Chairman, in a letter to the newspaper about a week later,<sup>(12)</sup> declared that as far as amalgamation was concerned they would be glad to receive the promoters of the new society as members of their own association but, as the land, building, and its contents were public property, they felt that they would be doing an injustice to the inhabitants of their part of the district if they gave their sanction to removal to the schoolroom or to any other place. A joint meeting between the committees of the two societies proved fruitless, the Knightstown people remaining adamant in their refusal to amalgamate.<sup>(13)</sup> Their attitude appeared to be justified by the apparent lack of interest of the St. Albans people evidenced by the

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10. *ibid* August 6, 1873.

11. *ibid* July 9, 1873.

12. *ibid* July 17, 1873.

13. *ibid* July 19, 1873.