

June 13 General Meeting, 97 Gentlemen present, Mr. Brittan in the chair.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

The following members were proposed - Mr. Postans of Shelly, Colchester. Mr. J.W.Earle of Norwich. Mr. G.L.Lees of 20 Cadogan Place, Mr. Henry Richards and Mr. Joseph Richards of Bridgenorth.

A letter from Mr. Luck of Oxford accompanying a handsome alms-box for the use of the first cathedral church of Lyttelton was read, and the Secretary was instructed to thank Mr. Luck for his donation.

A letter from Mr. Doulan was read offering to explain his process of manufacturing New Zealand flax to the Society. The Secretary was instructed to ~~write-him~~ invite him to a meeting of the committee to ~~explain~~ state the nature of his proposals.

Mr. Brittan then put the ~~metier~~ resolution which he had moved and Mr. Dampier had seconded, and which stood adjourned from the last meeting for further consideration.

Mr. Simeon and the Rev. Henry Bellairs addressed the meeting in favour of the adoption of the name of Christchurch for the capital of Canterbury.

The resolution was then put and, on a show of hands, declared carried.

The Chairman read a letter which had been put in his hands by a member of the Society referring to a complaint which had been made of the quality of the provisions by a passenger in one of the New Zealand ships:- observing the Superintendent of Shipping present, he felt it his duty to ask in the name of the colonists, whether any extra precautions and what, would be taken to ensure a supply of the best provisions for the ships chartered by the Canterbury Association.

Mr. Bowler in answer to the Chairman's question stated that the system of the Association in such arrangements was to proceed on the principle of public tender. They had advertised for and accepted the tenders of the best ships, and they wd. do the same by the provisions contracting with the best provisions-merchants. Besides that, the provisions wd. be inspected by an officer of the government and of the Association, and any colonists who chose were at liberty to attend the inspection. No further safeguard could be devised.

Mr. Ward moved in pursuance of notice to that effect "That a list be opened for subscription by the colonists to form a fund for providing birds and other wild animals of England to be taken to and set at Liberty in the Canterbury Settlement.