

"Read a letter dated the 15th inst. from the Chairman of the Society of Canterbury Colonists enclosing a resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Society held on the 13th inst. expressing their anxious desire that the capital of the Settlement may be called Lyttelton.

Resolved That the Committee although they do not themselves see the necessity or expediency for the change of name, in compliance with the expressed wishes of the intending colonists will readily assent thereto, it being understood that the College which will be established in the Settlement will be called Christchurch. [sic]"

General Meeting, Thursday June 27.

103 gentlemen present. Mr. Brittan in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman announced donations of books to the Library from Revd. O. Matthias and the Revd. C. Trench.

The Chairman read a letter received from the Messrs. Deans, dated Riccarton near Port Lyttelton, New Zealand, 8th Decr. 1849, containing interesting accounts ~~from~~ of the country.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved in pursuance of notice to that effect the following series of resolutions.

- I. That after the 1st of July 1850, every purchaser of land in the Canterbury Settlement be enrolled as a member of the Society of Canterbury Colonists.
- II. That after the 1st of July, the present council do resign, and that a new Council be elected by the Society.
- III. That no one be elected a member of the new Council except those sailing in the first fleet of vessels dispatched by the Association, or who may have previously sailed to the colony.
- IV. That after the sailing of the first ships, the meeting of the Society and of the Council shall be adjourned until the arrival of the First Body of Colonists at Canterbury.
- V. That the Council shall meet for the transaction of business as soon as two-thirds of their number shall have arrived in the Colony, and that a General Meeting