

Thursday July 4. General Meeting.

55 Gentlemen present. Mr. Conway Rose in the chair. The Secretary having announced that the Council had not yet matured a scheme for electing a new Council in pursuance of the resolutions to that effect passed at the previous meeting, but that the election wd. certainly take place on Thursday, the 11th inst., and there being no other business before the meeting - on the motion of Mr. Ward seconded by Col. Campbell -

the meeting was adjourned to the 11th inst.

W.G.Brittan.

Thursday July 11. General Meeting.

63 gentlemen present. Mr. W.G.Brittan in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. In consequence of numerous questions that had been asked on the subject, the Chairman announced that the position of the Canterbury Colonists was unaltered by the fate of New Zealand Company.

The meeting then proceeded with the election of 12 members to form the new Council. The Secretary reported that he had sent to each member a list of all, with a circular requesting that he would mark the list with the names of those he might desire to have elected. To this circular 60 replies had been received from 118 members, complying with his request, and two letters, one from the Revd. Chas. Forlesse and another from the Revd. J. Rhoades (which the Secretary read to the meeting) protesting against the mode of election. According to the lists sent in twelve gentlemen whose names he read had obtained by far the largest number of votes, and it was for the meeting then if they chose to confirm their election. After some discussion, Mr. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. Rose seconded the resolution.

"That the election of the Council be postponed till next Thursday the 18th inst. and the Secretary be requested to send a notice to all the members of the Society who have not hitherto voted, to acquaint them with this resolution."

The Chairman having read a letter from Mr. Moore on the subject of Steam communication with and between the ports of New Zealand - said that he regretted that the Society were not in a position to do more than they had done on the former occasion when Mr. Moore had drawn their attention to the same subject, viz. to refer the letter and recommend its consideration strongly to the Association. The New Zealand colonists in posse and in esse were much indebted to Mr. Moore for his energy in so important a question. Having referred to a petition to Parliament which was left for