

Thursday July 18th. General Meeting 60 present.
Conway Rose Esq. in the chair.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary then announced that the number of Electoral Lists returned were altogether 85 in number, and that according to the 1st Resolution passed at the last meeting the following gentlemen were duly returned as the twelve members of the Society to form the new Council.

- W.G. Brittan Esq.
- Lieut. Col. Campbell
- James Edward Fitzgerald Esq.
- George Lee Esq.
- Charles Maunsell Esq.
- Henry Phillips Esq.
- John Watts Russell Esq.
- Henry Sewell Esq.
- Henry John Tancred Esq.
- Jas. Townsend Esq.
- Felix Wakefield Esq.
- E.R. Ward Esq.

Mr. Sewell and Mr. Lee's appointments were then declared vacant in consequence of the former being appointed Vice ~~President~~ Chairman of the Committee of the Association, which would engross all his attention, and Mr. Lee being obliged to defer his departure till after the sailing of the first ships. The Chairman therefore gave notice that the Council at its next meeting would elect two more members ~~in-their~~ to serve in their room.

The Chairman then announced that two petitions had been lying for the last few days at the rooms for signature, praying the two houses of Parliament to establish Steam communication with the Australian Colonies. These had been signed by a large body of the Colonists and would be immediately presented to both houses by Lord Lyttelton and Mr. Simeon M.P. Lord Lyttelton then informed the meeting that in consequence of the ~~title-of-~~ the death of the New Zealand Company, the Association were taking steps to get a bill passed through Parliament to give them special and sole authority over the land in the Canterbury Settlement. His Lordship also announced that as he was himself obliged to leave London for the next few months he had requested Mr. Henry Sewell to take his place, which that gentleman had kindly promised to do. He begged however to assure the meeting that his interest in the affairs of the Colony would still continue unabated.

A Vote of Thanks having then been moved by Col. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Sewell to Lord Lyttelton, was passed unanimously.

The following Resolution was then moved by Mr. Slater Richards and seconded by Mr. Keele "That the grateful thanks of this meeting be presented to Mr. Brittan and Mr. Ward, and as Chairman and Honorary Secretary of the Society of Canterbury