

The Chairman also said that at a recent meeting of the Council they had determined to appoint a deputation to wait on the Union Bank of Australia to see if they would be willing to establish a branch office at Lyttelton.

A letter was then read from Mr. Ravenscroft concerning the establishment of a paper in Lyttelton. The Chairman said that it was a most important question and one that would greatly affect the future interests of the Colony. He also said that the Council would take upon themselves to enquire and report upon the best method of establishing it. He at the same time hoped that all members of the Society and intending Colonists would become subscribers, and that they would do their best to gain support for it from their friends in this country. After ~~a-great-deal-of~~ some discussion it was unanimously resolved "That a paper ought to be established, and the Council was desired to make what enquiries they could concerning the method of establishing it and report at a future meeting of the Society. The Secretaries were also desired to receive the name of all subscribers and to send a circular to all the Colonists desiring their cooperation.

The Chairman then called attention to a beautiful set of communion Plate purchased for the future Cathedral by a few friends of the undertaking and by them presented to the Colony.

He also announced that it is the intention of the Committee of Management of the Association to give a dinner to the Labouring Emigrants at Gravesend before the ships started.

The names of Christopher Calvert Esq. and The Revd. *Mr Jacobs* were then proposed for election as members of the Society next Thursday.

The Secretary also requested that all subscriptions to the Zoological Department should be sent in as soon as possible as from want of the necessary funds they were prevented at present from doing as much as they could wish.

The meeting then adjourned to Thursday Aug. 8.

W.G.Brittan.

General Meeting Thursday August 8, 1850.

W.G.Brittan Esq. in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Sewell said that he had the pleasure to be able to announce that the Bill for giving the Canterbury Association sole power over their lands had passed both houses of Parliament