

A Letter was then read from Mr. Gillie, a gentleman on the surveying staff at Canterbury, giving a very ~~satisfactory~~ <sup>satisfactory</sup> account of the condition and prospects of the infant colony.

The Secretary was <sup>then</sup> instructed to ~~send~~ <sup>convey</sup> the best thanks of the Society to Mr. Draper and Mr. C. W. Mountfort for presents made to the Library of the Society.

The Meeting then adjourned to Thursday Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>

W. G. Brittan

General Meeting. Thursday August 1<sup>st</sup>  
44 Present. W. G. Brittan Esq<sup>r</sup> in the chair

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman announced that the Library which had been already collected in England would be divided ~~equally~~ <sup>proportionately</sup> between all the four ships for use during the voyage. The Bishop also had kindly <sup>offered</sup> that any books suggested by any Colonist, if of general utility, should be purchased <sup>again</sup> for the Colony. He also said

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. Parnscoft 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