

May 2nd. General Meeting.

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Gentlemen present. Mr. Hart, Mr. Butterfield, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Brittan, Mr. Rowley, Mr. Ward, Mr. Simeon, ~~Mr. P~~ - Mr. A. Stafford, Mr. Wills, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Felix Wakefield. Mr. Duncan, Mr. C. Dampier, Mr. Power, Mr. Le Cren, Mr. Whitcombe Mr. J. Whitcombe.

A letter of recognition of the Society received from the Committee of the Canterbury Association in reply to resolution I passed at the preceding meeting, was read by the Chairman.

A letter from the Revd. Wm. Bradley having been read, it was therefore resolved, on the motion of Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Wills, that the name of Mr. Richard Anstruther Bradley be enrolled on the list of original members.

A letter from Sir Thos. Tancred having been read, requesting to be enrolled a member of the Society, it was therefore moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Butterfield and adopted unanimously.

"That it is the opinion of the meeting that the members of their Society should consist of Colonists only; and that the Secretary be instructed to inform Sir Thos. Tancred that on this consideration only they are compelled to decline the honour of enrolling him among their number."

On the motion of Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Butterfield, the Secretary was directed to enrol the name of H.J. Cridland Esq. among the Honorary Members.

It was moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Ward

"That a list be opened and kept at these rooms in which intending Colonists may enter their names, addresses, number of family and other particulars which shall be open for the inspection of parties applying at these rooms for such information."

A letter from the Rev. O. Mathias having been read announcing a donation of valuable books to the Library of the Colony, it was moved by Mr. Power, seconded by Mr. Phillips

"That the Secretary be instructed to convey to Mr. Mathias the thanks of the meeting for the same."

On the motion of Mr. Felix Wakefield, seconded by Mr. Wills, the Secretary was instructed to convey the thanks of the meeting to Sir Wm. Hooker of the Royal Gardens, Kew, for having placed some interesting specimens of New Zealand shrubs at the disposal of the Society.