

Mr. Sankey: I beg to propose that Mr. Alexander Niven be made President for the ensuing year. We all know Mr. Niven, and he has been one of our greatest supporters since we started. It is hard to make a speech when the object of your thought is under your eyes, and I don't want to turn this society into a mutual admiration society, but I don't think we could get a more suitable man. At any rate I should like to see his election carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Dickson: I think, Mr. Chairman, the best thing to do is to elect him by acclamation. I have known Mr. Niven for about twenty years, and I say, with no disparagement to any other member, that there is not a better qualified member for the position than Mr. Niven. Mr. Niven's nomination made unanimous.

Mr. Niven: Mr. President and Gentlemen—I hardly know how to thank you for your expressions of good feeling and confidence, and I assure you this is quite unexpected, and I feel rather diffident about accepting it; however, as it seems to be the unanimous feeling that I should take that office I will do so, and endeavour to carry on the work that has been so well commenced, and continued, by my predecessor Mr. Kirkpatrick, to the very best of my ability. I thank you.

Mr. Stewart moved, seconded by Mr. Chipman: That Mr. Sankey be Vice-President for the ensuing year. We all know Mr. Sankey, and I think he will be elected without opposition. Carried.

Mr. Sankey: Mr. President and Gentlemen,—I return you my hearty thanks for the honour you have conferred upon me, and let me assure you that anything I have done in the past for this Association has been a labour of love, and I only wish I had had the opportunity of doing more; but I will say that whatever time I have spent in furthering the objects of this Association has been given most willingly, and I have derived great pleasure therefrom. I thank the Association, and I trust your continued esteem will incite me to still greater efforts on behalf of this Association.

Mr. Saunders: I beg leave to nominate W. R. Aylesworth, of Deseronto, as Councillor.

Mr. Sankey moved that H. B. Proudfoot be a Councillor.

Mr. Ellis moved that T. B. Speight be a Councillor.

Mr. McAree moved that Mr. Stewart be a Councillor.

Mr. Burnet moved that Mr. Fawcett be a Councillor.

Mr. Stewart moved that Mr. McAree be a Councillor.

Mr. Stewart moved that Mr. Dickson be a Councillor.

Mr. Dickson: I thank you, gentlemen, but I will ask you to withdraw my name, as there are many more members better entitled to it, having been longer in the Association. I might serve at some other time, but I must ask to have my name withdrawn. Withdrawn.

The President: We will have to keep Mr. Dickson in view for the future as he says he will be willing to serve some time.