

The President moved, seconded by Mr. J. B. Henson, that the Report and Balance Sheet as read be adopted. The motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENT (Mr. W. D. Cruickshank).—Mr. Trevor Jones, in complimentary and appropriate terms, moved “That in view of the long continued, untiring and valuable services rendered by Mr. Cruickshank during his term of office as President in promoting the welfare and best interests of this Association, this meeting desires to express its high appreciation, and accords a hearty vote of thanks to that gentleman on his retiring from the presidentship. The motion was seconded by Mr. O’Niel, and carried by acclamation.

Mr. Cruickshank, by a few appropriate remarks, acknowledged the vote of thanks.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The President then announced that the election of officers for ensuing year would be proceeded with in accordance with the Rules. The result of the ballot was as follows :—

PRESIDENT :

A. D. NELSON.

VICE-PRESIDENT :

ROBERT POLLOCK.

HON. SECRETARY :

GUSTAVE FISCHER (*re-elected*).

HON. TREASURER :

JOHN SANDS *re-elected*).

OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL :

W. D. CRUICKSHANK

W. SHELLSHEAR

J. RICHMOND

L. HARGRAVE

J. B. HENSON

R. W. FINLAYSON

Mr. Cruickshank having announced the result of the ballot, then vacated the chair in favour of Mr. A. D. Nelson.

Mr. Nelson, in suitable terms, thanked the members of the Association for having elected him as their President, and promised to use his best endeavours to fill the position with benefit to the Association and credit to himself.

ANNUAL RE-UNION.—The President stated that the next business before the meeting was the consideration of the advisability of holding a re-union of the members, as had been done in previous years. Mr. R. Pollock moved, seconded by Mr. Irons, "That the Annual Re-union take the form of a picnic." The motion was agreed to. Mr. W. S. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Kerle, "That the Council make the necessary arrangements," which was agreed to.

DISCUSSION ON MR. J. B. HENSON'S PAPER ON "THE WESTERN SUBURBS SEWERAGE SCHEME."—Mr. Cruickshank stated that as Mr. Henson's paper criticised Mr. Stayton's scheme he, having ascertained that Mr. Henson had no objection, considered it only just to Mr. Stayton to invite him to be present, and this he (Mr. Cruickshank) had done; but owing to a prior engagement that gentleman was unable to attend. He had also invited Mr. Chas. Cowdery, and was pleased to see that gentleman present. Mr. J. M. Smail then opened the discussion, in which also Messrs. Trevor Jones and R. Pollock joined, after which, the hour being late, Mr. G. Fischer moved, seconded by Mr. Cruickshank, and carried, "That the discussion be adjourned until the next meeting."

NOVEMBER MEETING.—Owing to the absence of many of the members from Sydney, in consequence of the Melbourne Exhibition, the November Meeting was not held.