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MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN.—We assemble this evening to elect directors for the management of the School of Mines for Ballarat. It affords me much pleasure to assist on the occasion. My good fortune has associated me before this with the inhabitants of Ballarat in furthering the cause of voluntary mental improvement. Their zeal, discretion, and perseverance prepared me for the exhibition of similar invaluable qualities in the members of your provisional council: that expectation has been completely realised; and their exertions ably regulated by the good judgment and unwearyed assiduity of your provisional vice-president, Judge Rogers, have matured within a short time, and in the face of many difficulties, the plan for the organisation of the school.

My first duty is to thank very heartily the gentlemen who initiated these proceedings for the honour they have conferred on me by naming me the provisional president, and to assure them, as well as the members of the provisional council, that I am very sensible of the distinction. Indeed, these gentlemen have left me nothing more to do now, and but little to say, because as the school has become, in the phraseology of the day, "an accomplished fact," it may be presumed that everything connected with its establishment and maintenance has been thoroughly debated and determined upon. Nevertheless, it is quite possible for an entire community to accept the conviction that it is expedient and desirable to open such a school, and yet it may not present itself to the minds of all that the maintenance in a