UNLEY CITIZENS’ APPROVAL

The Mayor of Unley (Lieutenant-Colonel Dullein), when the council assembled on Monday evening, said he desired on behalf of the citizens to express gratification at the safe return of Dr. Mawson and his party from their perilous journeyings in the Antarctic. Especially did they welcome the gallant leader and those of his companions who were natives of South Australia. The value of the scientific achievements of the expedition was impossible for a layman to measure. The journeys afforded an opportunity to impress the whole world with the personal bravery and intrepid conduct of Australians. Faced as they had been by horrors and dangers seen and unseen, composed by the severe climatic conditions and privations, and hourly and daily risking their lives for the sake of the science they studied and loved, they had grown for themselves and for Australia a monument of achievement that would stand for the admiration of peoples of every clime and tongue. In the hearty welcome they offered they must think of the many brave hearts who had fallen by the way, and were now amid the everlasting groves in a grandeur of silence. But their memory would live on and on in the minds of all who loved the deeds and daring of brave men.

The Chancellor Thanked.

Lord Denman proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to Sir Samuel Way for presiding. (Cheers.) He thanked him, once again, for giving him the opportunity of listening to two of the most interesting speeches he had heard in the lifetime of hearing during his term of office—those of Dr. Mawson and Captain Davis. (Cheers.) He noted from what Dr. Mawson had said that he appeared to have annexed, if not the whole, at all events a considerable part, of a continent. If that were the case, they did not think it would fall to his (Lord Denman’s) lot, but to the lot of his successor, to go down and formally take over the country on behalf of his Majesty and the Commonwealth. (Loud cheers and cheers.) He confessed he was rather pleased that that particular duty would not fall within his province. With regard to the Chancellor he might say a good deal, but he would content himself by mentioning only one or two things. Sir Samuel had been connected with the University of Adelaide for the whole of its life, and he had been Chancellor for about 25 years. It must have been a pleasure to him to preside at that gathering and to hear for himself the great achievements of a South Australian University man. (Cheers.) He believed that lately his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor had not been in the best of health, but he hoped and believed he had now recovered, and he trusted Sir Samuel would long be spared to occupy the position of Chancellor of the Adelaide University, Chief Justice of South Australia, and Lieutenant-Governor of the State. (Loud cheers.)

Sir Samuel Way, in acknowledging the expression of appreciation which was given by the audience in a particularly enthusiastic manner, said there was no finer way to express his gratitude to the Governor-General for his kind remarks, of which he was conscious he was not deserving. Had it been regular and of good manners, he would have moved an amendment to the motion submitted by Lord Denman to the effect that their grateful thanks be given to his Excellency for being present on that occasion and for the admirable services he had rendered. (Cheers.) It was not necessary to recapitulate those great services. They would carry away a grateful memory of Lord Denman’s visit to the University and of the enthusiasm he had shown on that great occasion. (Cheers.)

At the call of the Chancellor hearty cheers were given for the Governor-General, and for the playing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.