Mr. Ferguson:—"I am the last man to attempt to despoil any one of well earned laurels. The man of magnanimity who does his duty, feels rewarded when his services are acknowledged in a manly way: such a man, I believe is Mr. Duplex. Gen. Washington, in his best days, did not receive his meed of praise. Were Mr. Duplex here, I think he would hold it to be superfluous and invidious, in a case where his associates have also well performed their duty. In his place, I certainly would not expect it, and though I were grateful to the friends who proposed, I would protest against it."

Mr. Newby:—"I feel that I rise at disadvantage after Mr. Ferguson. A common soldier does his duty as well as his general; but does the nation award no more honor to the successful general, than to the common soldier? Mr. Duplex, as the Secretary of the Committee, has labored most faithfully—he has done a most important work; we look to him for full and faithful reports of the doings of the Committee; had he been neglectful of his duty, we could not have told where we are; but the papers from his hands speak for themselves: they are an honorable testimony of his zeal, faithfulness and ability. I would challenge any man in this State to produce clearer and better records of the doings of a public body than are presented in the books of the Executive Committee; they are worthy of imitation, and will be an incentive to those who may follow in the same path. Public bodies do not overlook these points, nor should we:—I trust the resolution will pass."

Mr. Hubbard spoke in support of the resolution; when the vote was taken, and it was adopted.

Mr. R. Hall, from the Committee appointed to nominate a list of persons to constitute the State Executive Committee, reported the following names:


Mr. Ferguson moved that the report of the Committee be adopted.

Phelps, Flowers, and Henry opposed the adoption; were in favor of substituting two other names for those of Townsend and Newby, for the reason that their services were indispensable in an other position.

Mr. Henry said it would conflict with their duties as editors of the Mirror.

Francis and Booth hoped the names of Townsend and Newby would, by all means, be retained.

President Hall vacated the Chair, (which was taken by one of the Vice Presidents,) and said:—"We have now reached an important point of the Convention, being about to re-form the State Executive Committee; when we shall have adjourned, that Committee will be expected to work for you, for all of our people in this State, and certainly it is not a work of slight importance to us; let not the proposition to leave off two such men as Townsend and Newby from the Committee, be entertained for a moment. I feel deeply in regard to this matter; if they were men of questionable character, that would be just cause for leaving them off, but the people of California know them to be able and honorable men, worthy of their confidence. I do not think their connection with the Mirror, will needs lessen the value of their services as members of the Executive Committee; much as I love my friend Townsend and Newby, deeply as I feel interested in the continuance and success of the Mirror, let either of them get out of the right way, and that love and confidence, with the little support I have hitherto been proud to extend to them, shall be withheld."

Mr. Hubbard said—"of one thing I think it is safe to assure the friends, Neers. Townsend and Newby will not be able to run off with the Executive Committee."

The motion of Mr. Ferguson to adopt the reported list, was carried.

Mr. F. R. Carter offered resolution No. 30, "That J. H. Townsend be appointed the principal and responsible editor of the Mirror of the Times."

Mr. Detter proposed to amend as follows:—"That J. H. Townsend and W. H. Newby be appointed responsible Editors, etc. Detter's amendment was accepted, and resolution No. 30 was adopted.

Mr. Ferguson asked permission to read a letter, which had been placed in his hands by Mr. Hyer—granted. The letter having been read, was, by vote of