

The Rev. Mr. Cooney supported the resolution in a speech replete with wit and humour, <sup>was met with</sup> and much applause.

On the motion of Mr. Sewell, the Chairman left the Chair.

The thanks of the meeting were then proposed for his conduct in the Chair, and the manner in which it was carried must have convinced that gentleman of the high estimation in which he is deservedly held.

After a few frank and warm-hearted sentiments from the Sheriff, the meeting adjourned.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

The retiring Committee of the Toronto Mechanics' Institute gladly avail themselves of the provisions of the Constitution, and the usual custom, of laying before a public meeting a report of the proceedings of the past year. This task, usually a pleasing one, has become doubly so on the present occasion, by the generous donations of many public spirited gentlemen, to whom we are indebted for a valuable extension of our Library, and for the possession of the building in which we are now assembled.

In explaining the position of the several departments of the Institute, we shall show that the means of extending its usefulness have been increased—that its permanency has been ensured, and, if in monetary matters a pressure has been felt, and heavy responsibilities incurred, they feel assured, that they need only to be explained to be met by a generous and discerning public.