

The Hon. R. B. Sullivan, in moving the Resolution, in an eloquent address, stated that he came to this City many years ago, when it contained about 800 inhabitants; and such a building as that in which they were now assembled, was not to be found within its precincts; he had seen it rising step by step; he had watched it with anxiety, for he felt all the attachment which he could feel for a native town; and he had no words to express the gratification which he then felt at seeing the noble Hall, which the Mechanics of Toronto could now call their own: he rejoiced that the Mechanics of this City, by their noble and worthy conduct, had won such a testimony of esteem from their fellow-citizens. He trusted that the Mechanics and others, would avail themselves of the advantages which the Institute offered. He could assure them, that the hearts and sympathies of all classes were with them.

The Rev. H. Esson, in seconding the Resolution, said, he rejoiced that the time had passed away, when prejudice was entertained against such institutions. The history of the world was marked by three great eras of the improvement in the social condition of man. By the invention of writing, the Philosopher was enabled to hand down to posterity the noblest triumphs of the human mind; by the invention of Printing, those truths were distributed over the universal world; by the invention of Steam-power, a mighty engine was placed in the hands of man, to carry forward his triumphs of Science and Civilization; future ages alone could tell its achievements. He regarded the union of Science with Art as productive of happiness to the community, as the matrimonial bond was productive of domestic happiness. Institutions guided by practical men of Science and active business habits, must have superlative advantages over those of the more retired speculator; such Institutions were calculated to produce a new era in Society, which will redound to the glory of the rising generation, and prove a blessing to the world, by the creation of a nobler