

## ANNUAL REPORT, &c.



The ANNIVERSARY MEETING for the Election of the Officers of this Society was held on Thursday in the LITERARY ROOMS, UNION BUILDINGS, HIS HONOR the CHIEF JUSTICE, in the Chair, who, after some preliminary business had been gone through, read the following REPORT :—

GENTLEMEN,

The Council being now about to retire from the offices which they have respectively exercised during the last year, we have the honor to lay before you, and to submit to your consideration, a report of the execution of the trust which you were pleased to repose in us, and of the actual state and condition of the Society.

During the past year the number of members has increased from about 70 to nearly 130 and we have solid ground to believe that in the future progress of the Society, the number will continue to increase. The disposition of the public to approve, and to advance our views, has been plainly indicated, and ought to operate as a stimulus to renewed exertion on our part, whilst it encourages us to expect a perfect reward for all our labours, in the ultimate success of the instituton.

The departure of Sir James Kempt from the Province, and his consequent resignation of the office of Patron to our infant establishment, we cannot but deeply regret ; at the same time we have the satisfaction to state that his Excellency the Lord Aylmer, in consequence of the resignation of Sir James Kempt, has done us the honor to become our Patron. His Lordship's conduct and example have already evinced the most cordial disposition to further the views, and to promote the best interests of the Society—and we cannot but look forward to the happiest results, while we continue to act under his Lordship's auspices.

The liberality of the Legislature in the last Sessions of the Provincial Parliament has enabled us to add several instru-