

REPORT.

THE motto chosen for the first publication of this Society was "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

One of the primary objects of its founders appears to have been, the promotion of unity among the children of our beloved Church; and, to use their own words, "the knitting together of Pastors and people in closer bonds of mutual affection and regard." Through the blessing of Almighty God we trust that this truly Christian desire has not been utterly disappointed.

The idea of membership in a Society striving for one great and holy object conveys to the mind a feeling both of responsibility and pleasure.—Of responsibility while we admit that we are individually accountable for every word uttered in its deliberations; for advice and assistance given to its objects; and for the amount of exertion we have constantly made in its behalf—of pleasure while we reflect that we are one of an united number who perhaps before our time of incorporation were labouring in the good cause, and who after our day of toil is over will still continue to forward those objects which we have approved and cherished.

We delight to think that while absent from them the same spirit pervades their proceedings which we have loved to promote: and that although absent in person our heart unites with theirs in the earnest desire of advancing the welfare of our fellow mortals.

We have this evening to regret the absence of a member of this Society who was mainly instrumental in its formation; who has been its first and only President; of one who has always had the deepest regard for the welfare of the Society, who has ever taken the most lively interest in its proceedings; to whom we are under great obligations for his unwearied paternal care both with regard to the subject now before us, and also to all our dearest interests.

While we sincerely regret the cause of his absence, we are gratified by the conviction that his sympathies are with our endeavors, and that his prayers for the welfare of this Society are not omitted.

Of others who have rendered much and valuable service to the D. C. Society, one is at rest from earthly labors where he receives the reward of his diligence; another is about to transfer his attention to a different sphere of usefulness, and we pray that blessings may attend his efforts.