

REPORT

OF THE COUNCIL of the LITERARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, at the Anniversary Meeting of the Society for the election of officers, January 13th, 1836.

Although, in some points of view the Council of the past year may not have it in their power to give so satisfactory a statement of the affairs and of the proceedings of the Society, as did that of the preceding one ; yet in others its progress onwards towards the attainment of some of the great and varied objects contemplated by its institutors, has not fallen short of the best wishes of its friends : and indeed the unequal rate of progress in the different paths of pursuit in societies like ours, is rather to be expected than regretted.

Accidental and temporary impulses will be given in some directions at one period, while in another, other objects of pursuit will be taken up, and urged beyond the general progress.

The influence which is felt upon a great scale, as indicating indeed the prevailing pursuits in any one age or country, or even the intellectual world generally ; will be felt also in their operation during more limited periods of time, and in much smaller societies.