

laws which occasion the dissolution of our material bodies ; but to assert that it has in it a principle of independent and eternal existence merely because it cannot die in the sense in which bodies die, is at once to forget that it is a creature and dependent for the continuance of its existence upon the will of Him who created it. Material bodies are as capable of immortality as immaterial spirits if God willed it.

“The two constituent parts of human nature were joined together by an invisible and mysterious tie. Although they possess no quality in common, and it might seem, therefore, that they could no more operate upon each other than if they were separated by an interval as wide as the space between heaven and earth, yet, by the will of God, which is the cause of all relations and connexions between created things, the soul moves the body, and the body affects the soul by its organs of sense, and all its modifications. Thus united, they constitute one individual, as really as if the essence of man, like that of the angels, had been perfectly simple. We cannot explain the fact, but we are all assured of it by experience.” *

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MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

Missionary Report of the United Associate Synod, for 1843.

HOME MISSIONS.

In presenting their report for another year, the Committee on Home Missions feel called upon, as on former occasions, to express thanksgiving to God for the continued countenance he has been affording to that branch of the Synod's missionary undertaking, with the direction of which they have been entrusted,—and for the tokens of encouragement and success with which, amidst many opposing difficulties, he has been pleased to bless the labours of those who have been more immediately engaged in carrying forward its operations. No work, in which the agency of man is employed, has higher claims to be regarded as emphatically the work of God, than the establishment and extension of God's own kingdom and cause in our world, and the in-gathering of precious souls into the fold of the Redeemer ; and nothing, accordingly, can be more befitting than that those who are honored to be “labourers together with God” in the advancement of his merciful designs, should, in every step which they take in their procedure, acknowledge their dependence upon Him, and, in every instance of success attendant on their exertions, ascribe the glory to Him