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lose no time in sending their subscriptions to this office, as our experience during the first year admonishes that those who delay will be disappointed in securing back numbers.

## The International Typographical Union.

It had been our intention, in commencing this article, to give a complete review of the workings of the International Union, from the time of its organization up to the present date; but on taking up a Report of Proceedings of that body, we see before us such an amount of food for thought, that to do justice to our subject, would be far more than the columns of the *Miscellany* could stand. We will, therefore, content ourselves with casting a hasty glance over the proceedings of the twenty-fifth annual session, held in Louisville, Ky., in June, 1877.

It has been intimated, we suppose, by those who know nothing whatever in the premises, or who are averse to union principles, that the meetings of this body have been of little or no use; that the business done did not amount to anything of moment for the good of the craft, and that the members thereof simply attended the Convention for the purpose of enjoying a holiday. It is not denied that there has been a considerable amount of pleasure attached to these gatherings—perhaps too much on some occasions—but as we look through the Annual Report of this body from year to year, we are strongly impressed with the conviction that *work*—and work for the good of the printer throughout the length and breadth of the land—has been the motive which animated the thoughts of the assembled representatives. Perhaps it would be as well to here quote a part of President McVicar's reply to the address of welcome from Mr. J. D. Barfield, President of Louisville Union. After some words of thanks, etc., Mr. McVicar goes on to say:—

*Delegates:*—As the representatives of our Union cause, you are assembled here from various parts of the country to consider matters of importance to the craft generally, and enact such laws as may tend to the bettering of the condition of ourselves and fellow-printers. It is meet that you bring to the work your best thought and most earnest endeavor, and so acquit yourselves that on your return to the various organizations who sent you here, they may feel that in so sending you they made no mistake, and that the work of this session will be such that in the years to come you may look back upon it with pride and feel that you were honored more than you now know in being members