

ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

DEMOSTHENIAN SOCIETY.

On motion of Mr. Asbury Hull, seconded by Augustin S. Clayton, Esq., the following resolutions were adopted without a dissenting voice:

Resolved, That the thanks of this society be tendered to Mr. McKINLEY, for the very elegant and appropriate Address with which he has favoured us on this Anniversary day.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to wait on him and solicit a copy of it for publication.

Demosthenian Hall, Feb. 19th, 1828.

Mr. E. D. McKINLEY:

Sir: In conformity with the enclosed resolutions, it becomes the pleasing employment of the undersigned Committee to present you the unfeigned thanks of the Demosthenian Society, for the correctness and ability which you, as its representative, manifested in the performance of your enviable task: and further, to solicit from you a copy of your Oration for publication. It being the unanimous desire of the society, we sincerely trust that no scruples of delicacy will influence you to deny the request—for, in our humble opinion, it will not only reflect great honour upon the abilities of the author, but also upon the exertions of our beloved society. We therefore hope that, acting under the influence of these considerations, you will unhesitatingly accede to the united voice of your Fraternity by favouring us with a copy as soon as practicable.—Accept, Sir, through us, the sincere wish of our society for your health, happiness and prosperity, through life.—Yours, very respectfully,

GEORGE W. HARRIS,
JOHN LAMAR,
THOMAS WALSH, } Committee.

February 25th, 1828.

GENTLEMEN: I have received your polite communication of the 21st, and take this occasion of returning to you, and through you, to the society, my acknowledgment for the favourable estimate you have placed upon my feeble efforts to serve you. Having written and acted under the appointment of my much esteemed fellow-members, I consider myself only as their organ, and the essay pronounced before them on the 19th inst. as their property, and therefore, setting aside all feelings of delicacy, and my own private sentiments and opinion upon the subject of your note, I submit it to the good sense and discretion of the society, to be used as seemeth to them most advisable.—Yours respectfully,

EBENEZER D. McKINLEY.

G. W. Harris, J. Lamar, T. Walsh,

Gentlemen of the Committee.