

They would also recommend, that our representative to that body, be instructed to use all his influence to procure the repeal of the above enactment.

JAMES D. B. FRASER,
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NATHANIEL VIDITO,
J. W. JOHNSTON.
EDWIN STERNS,
GILBERT WILLETT,
JAMES BAYNE,

On motion, *voted*, to adopt the above report.

The Committee on the G. W. P.'s report, presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee to whom the address of the Grand Worthy Patriarch was submitted, respectfully present the following report:—

The subjects to which that address invites the attention of this Division, are in the opinion of your Committee, of vital importance, not only as bearing on the prosperity of our Order, but also as being intimately connected with the progress of Total Abstinence, and the prosperity of our country. One of these subjects—the License Law—has been assigned to a Special Committee, and therefore does not come within our province; but on the others, after careful consideration, we have arrived at conclusions, which we now respectfully and with diffidence lay before the Division.

The suspension and expulsion of members for non-payment of dues, appears to us to be not only harsh, but also exceedingly unwise. It tends to diminish the pecuniary resources of our Divisions, while it is at the same time a rude assault on the Temperance principles of those on whom it is inflicted, and must unquestionably have caused the ruin of some, whom it was the duty of their brethren to have preserved. It is our opinion therefore, that the National Division should be petitioned to repeal the law by which suspension or expulsion is inflicted for non-payment of dues. Instead of this we would propose that no member who is in arrears for one year's dues, shall receive benefits, or be eligible to hold an office, or to vote on appropriations of money, till two months after he has become clear of the books. This nearly corresponds with the resolution which was on the table of the National Division at its last session.

The Committee are deeply impressed with the vast importance of creating a fund, for the dissemination of our principles. That the glorious rule which is our bond of union, will yet govern the conduct of every dweller on this earth's surface, they firmly believe—when this may be, they regard as, to a great extent a money question. In moral, as well as physical conflicts money is the sinews of war, while it is also the best, and as far as most of us is concerned, the only test of sincerity. Without money, our professions of univer-