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The Report of the Business Committee was accepted on motion of Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Henry moved to adopt the Report in sections; Mr. Ferguson suggested that the preamble should be in order; adopted after the resolutions.

Resolutions No. 1 being read again, and upon the motion of Mr. Newby, adopted.

Resolution No. 2 read, and on motion of Mr. Barbadoes, adopted.

Resolution No. 3 read, Mr. Robinson moved its adoption—carried.

Resolution No. 4 was read, pending a motion to adopt it Mr. Newby said: "I am opposed to the language of this resolution, 'that we hail with delight its onward progress;' no man can expect me to do this; a country whose prosperity and wealth has been built upon our sweat and blood; to say we hail its progress with delight, is to make ourselves ridiculous; to tell this to America—to the world—is to volunteer the acknowledgement of a degree