

ry privilege, granted to the university, by the act of eighteen hundred and sixteen, chapter 8. Should the legislature be of opinion that the privilege of raising money under said act is not already exhausted, which opinion may be expressed by the adoption of a supplement to the said act, which your committee have prepared and submitted with this report.

With respect to the charter, your committee are unanimously of opinion, that it is radically defective and requires fundamental alterations. It will be recollected that the regents are composed of the members of the four faculties. This makes the body too numerous and unwieldy. In consequence of this, your committee found that although the University has been in operation for more than thirteen years, the regents had not had even one meeting a year, regularly, during that time.

The charter prescribes that the regents shall make rules and regulations for the discipline of the university.

This duty has been entirely neglected. The law granting a lottery for the benefit of the university, requires that the money arising from it, should be paid to the regents and expended under their direction. This has never been done but with the exception of a very trifling sum, all the money has, from the neglect of the regents to act, gone immediately into the hands of the medical faculty, and has been expended entirely under their direction.

The body of regents is too heterogeneous in its composition, and being made up in part of professors who have strong personal interests, often conflicting and opposed, will necessarily be distracted in its counsels and measures.

After mature reflection upon the existing difficulties and their remedy, your committee have unanimously determined to recommend that a supplement to the law, establishing the university, should be enacted, which shall abolish the board of regents, and also all the members of the different faculties, except the professors belonging to each, and to substitute in their place a board of trustees consisting of fifteen members, none of whom shall be professors, or have any personal interest to be affected. The governor of this state for the time being, to be the president of the board, which shall elect from their own body, a vice president. The trustees to have the power of appointing the provosts, professors and leturers, and also the dissectors and demonstrator of anatomy, and the same to dismiss at pleasure: But whenever a vacancy shall occur in the faculty of physic, each of the remaining professors shall have the right of nominating two persons, and it shall be the duty of each to nominate one person, to fill such vacancy; and the trustees shall appoint some one from among the persons