correspondence was opened with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England, in the hope that he might be able to send the money in safety as designed. That officer having kindly expressed his willingness to aid in any way in forwarding the money to the French capital, was instructed to draw upon our Grand Treasurer for $250, but up to this time has not done so. The benevolent intentions of your Board have not, therefore, been of any avail; and the order and cheque still remain in custody of your Grand Secretary, subject to any action Grand Lodge may see fit to direct.

GRAND LODGE FUNDS.

The Board had under consideration the advisability of investing in Dominion Stock $8,000 of the funds of Grand Lodge, deposited in the Bank of Commerce; but finding that the high rate of premium to be paid therefor would not justify any change being effected at that time, it was decided to await the action of Grand Lodge at the present Communication.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Your Board has much pleasure in reporting that no case of grievance or appeal came before them at this meeting, which afforded gratifying evidence of the fraternal harmony prevailing throughout this jurisdiction.

HOSPITALITIES.

The Board desire, before closing this Report, to express their thanks and satisfaction for the courteous manner in which the fraternity of the city of Hamilton entertained the members thereof, a pleasant and fraternal interchange of sentiment having taken place during the meeting.

GOLD JEWELS.

An application was received from Niagara Lodge, No 2, for permission to wear gold jewels and lace, in consideration of its age, and having preserved its records from 1770 to 1860, when fire unfortunately destroyed the warrant, records, and everything connected with its paraphernalia. After consideration, the request was withdrawn.

The whole respectfully submitted.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.—FINANCE AND AUDIT.

The receipts for the six months ending 30th June, 1871, amounted to $4,516 31.

The Grand Treasurer's Statement shows that the funds on hand 30th June, 1871, were $44,864.19, invested as follows:

Dominion Stock, controlled by G. L	$24,000 00
" " Asylum Trust	4,800 00
Middlesex Debentures, 6 per cent	1,600 00
Bank of Toronto, Asylum Fund, 4 per cent	720 31
" Commerce, 5 per cent	13,743 88
	$44.864 19

Accounts amounting to $656.17 were examined, and recommended for payment.

INVESTMENT OF GRAND LODGE FUNDS.

The Board has again considered the question of the large surplus of Grand Lodge funds now remaining on deposit in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum at call; and while approving of the course pursued by the President in not withdrawing any portion of the said surplus for investment in Dominion Stock at the current rate of premium, it is gratified to learn upon official authority that a new issue of Government five per cent. stock will shortly be made, in which it will be desirable that at least ten thousand dollars of the available funds of Grand Lodge be at once invested.

WARRANTS.

Upon a recommendation from the Board, warrants were authorized to issue to the following Lodges:

Tweed	Lodge,	Tweed, Ont.
Prince Rupert's	"	Fort Garry, Manitoba.
Quinte	"	Shannonville, Ont.
Macoy	"	Mallorytown, Ont.
St. George's	"	St. George, Ont.