

ment in accordance with the plan adopted. This amount I presume will be made up by September next, at which time it is decided to dedicate the monument now being erected in the City of Baltimore.

On page 3649 appear resolutions submitted by Rep. Stokes of Pennsylvania in regard to the division of the Funds and property of Lodges and Encampments. These resolutions were adopted and declare such proceedings illegal and dishonorable, and that in case of the failure of a Lodge from any cause, their Charter, Books, Money and property of every kind must be delivered to its Grand Lodge. Grand Lodges are also directed to make provision for the care of such funds and property which shall become a separate fund to be employed in aiding and assisting Lodges and Encampments needing funds to maintain their organization.

A special committee on revision of Funeral Service reported in full, which report was recommended and accompanied by a Service submitted by Representative Escaville of Maryland.

(Page 3362.) Rep. Ransom of Kentucky submitted a resolution in favor of admitting members by initiation who reside in other Jurisdictions, provided the Lodge petitioned is nearer than any Lodge out of the Jurisdiction, provided also that no petition shall be received where the consent of the foreign Jurisdiction can be obtained, except with such consent. All of which was approved by reference to former actions of Grand Lodge, page 3485.

(Pages 3663 and 3665.) Reps. Escaville and Lamberton submitted resolutions somewhat similar, in reference to members of extinct Lodges who are incapacitated by age from joining other Lodges, and proposing such legislation as would secure to those Brothers the social benefits of our Lodges, but not entitle them to pecuniary benefits. On page 3690 Committee reported favorably. Page 3767—Report adopted.

(Page 3678.) Sundry amendments to the Constitution proposed in 1860, 1861, 1862 and 1863, were all either indefinitely postponed or laid on the table.

(Page 3601.) Two resolutions by Rep. Ellis providing for withholding funeral benefits, and Widow and Orphan's benefit, in case of misrepresentation of age were adopted. Page 3679.

(Page 3683.) The Committee on Appeals report against the *retaking* of a ballot before the result is declared by the Noble Grand.

(Page 3698.) Report on above adopted.

(Page 3686.) Legislative Committee report adversely to the adoption of a system of life membership. (Page 3699.) Report adopted.

(Page 3677.) Inquiry by Rep. Sanders. Can the M. W. Grand Sire legally appoint a Past Grand Sire, not a Representative, to act upon Committees either regular or special? (Page 3700.) A special report in the affirmative. (Page 3719.) Report adopted.

(Pages 3701 and 3709.) A new price list for Books, Odes, &c., was adopted, making quite an increase upon former prices, but owing to the decline in gold, there is no good reason why those prices should be maintained.

(Page 3709.) Grand Lodge adopted Resolutions censuring convivial practices in Lodge Halls and ante-rooms, and instructed Grand Lodges and Grand Officers to forbid and disallow everything of the kind.

(Pages 3, 716 and 3, 720.) The Finance Committee reported against the practice of some Lodges publishing Odes and Diplomas as being an encroachment upon the prerogative and perquisites of the Grand Lodge of the U. S., which report was adopted.

The following amendments to the Constitution were proposed for consideration in September next: