

was given him to make a statement to the Grand Lodge. Representative Morphy, of No. 4, who was one of the auditors of the S. L. Reception Committee, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, who was the general Secretary of the Committee, also made statements. Considerable discussion ensued, after which the section was recommitted to the Committee, with instructions to report that the matter be referred to the lodge of which the party is a member, and that it be requested to appoint a Committee of Investigation under Section 119, Subordinate Lodge Constitution.

Representative King, of No. 4, from the Committee on Credentials and Returns, presented the following Report, which was adopted :

REPORT NO. 3 OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns to whom were referred the semi-annual returns of lodges, for the year 1889, beg leave to report that we have examined the same, and find them correct. It appears that in some instances they have had to be corrected by correspondence, and a few give evidence of anything but care in making them out. We would suggest for the credit of the lodges, if not from personal motives, that Keepers of Records and Seal should take a pride in having their Reports neat and clean. Your Committee note with satisfaction the improvement in regard to time in which the majority of reports are received, but some are still very dilatory in making their appearance. In a great measure the progress of the lodge is in keeping with the appearance and time of the reports.

So far as your Committee can ascertain the system of withholding the S.A.P.W. until the Report and *per capita* are in the hands of the proper officers is working well, and tends to secure a more prompt forwarding of returns.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. KING, of No. 25.

R. A. CARROTHERS, of No. 2.

J. C. MURDOCH, of No. 16.

Representative King, of No. 25, offered the following, which was not agreed to :

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn, and meet again in evening session after the reception at 10 o'clock.