the Brother expressed the desire to have the degrees conferred on him, as he would much rather pay for them, than go to the trouble of hunting up evidence of his having before taken them; and under the circumstances it is the opinion of your Committee that as the Lodge acted in good faith, and at the request of the brother, the money should be forfeited to the Lodge, although we must add that the proceedings were at variance with the Laws and usages of the Order.

Your Committee are sorry to be informed that Bro. Peel will not be present at this session (in consequence of a Death in his family) to receive the Testimonial so honorably earned from this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee would earnestly endorse all that the Grand Master has said with regard to D. D. G. M.'s making full and complete semi-annual Reports to the Grand Secretary, as such reports would materially assist that Officer in his arduous duties, and in making out the statistics for this Grand Lodge.

With regard to the action taken by the Officers of this Grand Lodge, on the assassination of the late President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, your Committee would fully endorse the action of the Grand Officers.

With regard to the very able and lucid Report of our efficient and Worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. Wigmore, your Committee have but few suggestions to offer, as the document which you have heard read this morning, in every particular is full, clear and explicit; clearly demonstrating that our noble Institution is amply fulfilling its mission and labor of love, and that it is both numerically and financially at this time, in as healthy a condition throughout this Jurisdiction as at any former period of its existence. And while your Committee deplore the loss of two of our subordinate Lodges, yet we have abundant cause for gratulation, that we are as a whole in such happy and prosperous circumstances as are set forth in that Report. Your Committee would recommend that the Grand Master be instructed to appoint a Committee of one P. G. to visit the defunct Lodges mentioned in the Report, with power to reclaim the Charters, Books, Regalia, Furniture and Funds of said Lodges, and deposit the same with the Grand Sec.

We have also had under consideration the able and masterly Report of our R. W. Grand Representative, Bro. Bingham, and find that nothing therein contained calls for any legislation from this Committee or the Grand Lodge; only to thank most cordially that faithful and efficient officer, for the able and zealous manner in which he has discharged his duties.

In conclusion Brothers, we would again congratulate this Grand Lodge on the prosperity of our noble and beloved Order. May she continue to increase.

All of which is respectfully submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth.

(Signed) { HENRY McAFEE, GEORGE WALES, JAMES HERON, CHAS. B. TAYLOR. } Committee.

Resolved, That Resolution marked A. be hereby declared adopted—*Carried*.
Resolved, That Resolution marked B. be adopted—*Carried*.
Resolved, That Resolution marked C. be declared adopted—*Carried*.
Resolved, That Resolution marked D. be adopted—*Carried*.
Resolved, That Resolution marked E. be adopted—*Carried*.
Resolved, That Resolution marked F. be adopted—*Carried*.
Resolved, That the remainder of the Report be adopted —*Carried*.
Resolved, That the Report as as a whole be declared adopted—*Carried*.

The Grand Master decided that no Past Grand of a Subordinate Lodge has a right to move or second a motion, or debate on any subject unless a P. G. Master.

The Grand Master here requested the Grand Rep. of the G. L. U. S., Bro. H. C. Bingham, to instruct the Grand Lodge in the Secret Work of the Order.

The Grand Representative after having given the proper instructions in the