

sired. Sir Knights, I cannot too strongly urge this feature upon your attention. In feminine influence Temple Masonry has a force for good that is all powerful. It should no longer be ignored. In ancient times, woman turned to the Templars for protection; we need not blush to-day to call upon the women for help. Not for any militant qualities which we may assume they possess, but for that gentle, yet vivifying influence which ennobles whatever it touches, and which is an inspiration for everything pure and beautiful and good. At our feasts, at our assemblages, upon our Templar excursions, let us no longer neglect this powerful influence. We can have it with us, for the ethics of Templar Masonry appeal strongly to the sentiment of the best of the sex. Let us use it for the good of our Order and for the maintenance of those elevated principles we are sworn to uphold.

I doubt whether the district rendezvous have not accomplished all, and possibly more, than such reunions as the Grand Conclave of 1894. The time and expense of attendance being limited in each case to a single day, the constituent Commanderies were able to attend with a much larger delegation than would otherwise have been possible. The work of competing Commanderies enabled them to note their own defects, and the influence of such a gathering was more evenly and widely distributed throughout the state. Such rendezvous are, in my opinion, in every respect, superior to our old system of inspection, and when the constituent Commanderies understand that their presence and exemplification at their rendezvous is a part of their annual duty, and, so understanding, get thoroughly down to the business of preparation, the result must be a proficiency in work and tactics far beyond anything heretofore seen. I recommend the adoption of an edict making the establishment of such rendezvous a part of the stated duty of the Grand Commander.

His recommendation was endorsed by the Grand Commandery by the adoption of the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, By the Grand Commandery, that the Right Eminent Grand Commander be, and is hereby authorized and instructed to continue, for the ensuing year, the system of inspections by District Rendezvous of the several Commanderies of the state, and that such assemblies be organized, and the state districted in such manner as may to the Grand Commander seem best to accomplish such inspection.

The revision of the Tactics was completed, approved and promulgated.

Frazer William C. Swain presented his thirteenth report on Correspondence. It is an excellent compilation, and full of good points, terse and appropriate

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