

membership. It is also gratifying to report that, so far as I can learn, peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction.

"It should be a matter of congratulation, Sir Knights, that the steps taken by the Masonic fraternity three years ago to build a 'Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home' gives promise of success, although much is yet to be done before this temple of practical charity can be completed and put in successful operation. While all is being done that can be done, by those to whom this work has been committed, to forward the enterprise, for want of means it is necessarily retarded. I commend it to your careful consideration and to your liberality, and permit me to suggest that here is afforded a great opportunity to give some practical demonstration of the usefulness of our Order as a factor in the problem of that Christian civilization which seeks to alleviate suffering, provide for the helpless, and make the world better.

"As Knights of the Temple, therefore, and as followers of the blessed Immanuel, our great Exemplar, let your influence be exerted in behalf of this noble institution within our own gates, and thus exemplify the teachings of our Order, making good your pledge to wield your sword in the defense of destitute widows and helpless orphans."

The following resolutions on Ritual were adopted:—

"1. RESOLVED,—That the Rituals of the Orders of the Red Cross and of the Temple, adopted by this Commandery at its Conclave of 1882, at Montegale, be declared as again in force so far as the Ceremonials are concerned.

"2. RESOLVED,—That the subordinates of this Grand Commandery are hereby ordered to use the 'Essentials' as adopted and promulgated by the Grand Encampment, and NO OTHERS, and that the Ceremonials laid down in the Ritual of 1882 shall be used in communicating these 'Essentials.'

"3. RESOLVED,—That these resolutions shall be read at a Stated Conclave of each subordinate of this Grand Commandery, and, when read, be spread upon the records.

"4. RESOLVED,—That all information as to the Ritual of 1882, necessary to the observance of the Ceremonials thereof, may be obtained by application to the Grand Recorder, who is the custodian of said Ritual; any expense attending the giving of said information to be borne by the Commandery applying.