

interest to Templars. We have had the pleasure of hearing the distinguished General on this topic, and it was a real treat.

The newly adopted ritual was worked in full, and it received universal commendation.

The following reports and resolutions were adopted :

"We recommend that a committee of three be appointed by the Grand Commander to prepare and to report to the next Annual Conclave a system of tactics and drill for use in this jurisdiction, conforming as nearly as possible to the recently revised drill regulations of the United States army, to take the place, if approved and adopted, of the present standard tactics.

"*Resolved*, That the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Grand Recorder be and are hereby authorized to change such parts of the statutes as refer to the conferring of the Orders and to the uniform as may become necessary to conform with the regulations of the Grand Encampment."

Frazer William C. Swain presented his tenth report on Correspondence and it is fully up to the high standard of excellence which he has attained in past years. His extracts are well chosen and his comments are sound and full of sensible and original ideas. On the subject of legislation against non-affiliates, he has the following remarks in his review of Massachusetts :

"In reviewing California, he speaks of its Grand Commander's statement of the large number of non-affiliates in the jurisdiction—twenty-five in the vicinity of one Commandery, and says that would seem to imply that there was something wrong, and suggests as one method of rectifying the wrong, the abolition of the affiliation fee. We have had no affiliation fee in Wisconsin, in any of our Masonic bodies, for many years, and we have no such number of non-affiliates as California reports. But we scarcely think that cuts much figure. The inference we draw is, that California's stringent laws against non-affiliates—placing them in the position of suspended Masons, are not effectual as a preventive, and possible defeat their own object."

On the scheme of Frazer Hedges of Montana for recovering Palestine from the Turks, he says :

"He also continues to push his crusade, suggested last year, for the recovery of the Holy Land from Moslem rule. We were about to fall in with the scheme, but, we confess we are a little bewildered. For whom are we to recover it? And what shall we do with it when we have got it? And how would we govern