

"He gives the substance of the Proceedings of thirty Grand Bodies, Tennessee for 1880 and 1881 having a place. The Report concludes with an eloquent and courteous tribute to our late President."

This is the argument presented in favor of dress and parade:—

"We desire to enter our dissent to the proposition that the Order is suffering any harm from the displays and parades that have been made. If the members did nothing but 'make a show of themselves and their good clothes,' the case would be lamentable. It seems to us, however, that wherever the largest numbers are equipped, it is safe to presume that the greatest interest prevails, and the internal work corresponds with the outward appearance. On the contrary, we have observed that the absence of 'good clothes' and of any desire to make a creditable public appearance, is an equally good indication of listlessness and inactivity. There was a time when very many excellent and pious people thought it ungodly and sinful to worship in fine houses, to have comfortable seats, or even be warmed by fires in their churches. The descendants of the same people now build the costliest sacred edifices, and adorn and decorate and warm them with all the splendor that money can furnish. The latter are every whit as pious as their ancestors, give much more in charity, and doubtless serve God as acceptably. So, if the principles of the Order are kept in view, and the Sir Knights continue to be Christian gentlemen, we fear no harm from any authorized display or parade."

TEXAS, 1882.

The Grand Commandery of Texas held its Twenty-ninth Annual Conclave in the Asylum of Dallas Commandery, No. 6, K. T., on Wednesday morning, April the 19th, 1882. Present, Sir Knight J. W. Hannig, Grand Commander.

Thirteen out of sixteen Commanderies were represented.

The Proceedings are entirely of local interest, and there is no Report on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Commander's address is a simple record of his actions during his year of office.