

eloquent speakers, and wishes it understood that he objects to the word every time it is used, whether he mentions it or not.

He evidently objects to the Order being termed an "isms."

With reference to the American and Cretan questions he remarks as follows:

The greatest trouble in the whole matter is, the struggling masses of semi-Christians referred to are degenerate races, almost entirely incapable of doing anything for themselves: hence, if we were to reach forth the helping hand to those people, we know in advance that, even if placed upon their feet, they are totally unable to stand. They are a shame to their ancient blood.

Sir Kt. Hodson is correct in the above assertion. Their Christianity is oftener more in name than otherwise, and they have exhibited, when opportunity offered, quite as much brutality and ferocity as their inveterate foe the Turk.

Sir Knight Hodson makes an interesting and pleasing report, his running comments being very enjoyable.

Membership, 398; net loss, 16.

L. C. Marshall,	Albany,	Grand Commander.
James F. Robinson,	Eugene,	Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA—1896

45th Annual. Harrisburg. May 25th

The Grand Commandery was opened by R. E. Sir Kt. Harry M. Van Zant, Grand Commander.

The Mayor of the city extended a welcome, which was acknowledged by the Grand Prelate on behalf of the Grand Commandery.

The Grand Commander in his report was properly indignant over a Commandery who loaned its name for a monetary consideration to an excursion to the "Holy Land." He being reliably informed that not one member of said Commandery participated in it, and that the affair had been commented upon in a manner which reflected no credit upon the Commandery.

Upon the Order of Malta he makes the following rather peculiar remarks and assertions: