

ment, no opposition to the resolution declaring it lawfully adopted in 1886 was developed. And surely that resolution did not change the FACTS of the St. Louis action; 'twas mere enthusiasm.

"A committee consisting of a representative from each Grand Jurisdiction was chosen, and to that committee were all matters pertaining to the Ritual referred. The committee of thirty-seven chose Grand Commander Locke, of Maine, Chairman, and Past Grand Commander Connor, of Tennessee, Secretary.

"During the first session of this committee, a test vote was taken, which developed a large majority in favor of the Tennessee proposition, but to leave no effort untried, two days were devoted to an earnest effort to revise the Ritual of 1886. Only four pages were revised in those two days, and the attempt was abandoned.

"The Tennessee proposition was then taken up, the 'Essentials' were defined and adopted, with a motion to recommend that the Grand Encampment relegate all ceremonials to the Grand Commanderies. On this the twenty-four members of the committee present voted unanimously.

"When the committee read its report there was applause. There arose a feeble show of opposition in an amendment, to require the Grand Commanderies to use the ceremonials of the Ritual of 1886 until the Conclave of 1892. The amendment was voted down emphatically. Then filibustering was undertaken in a most unskillful manner, but the report was adopted, without a single alteration, by more than a three-fourths majority, amid rounds of applause.

"The committee of thirty-seven was continued, and instructed to prepare ceremonials to be reported in 1892. The status of the Ritual is:—

"1. The 'Essentials' are in the hands of all the Commanderies.

"2. The Ritual of 1886 is suspended in regard to Grand Commanderies.

"3. The Grand Commanderies will adopt Ceremonials with which to confer the 'Essentials.'

"4. Subordinates of the Grand Encampment will use the Ritual of 1886 until the Conclave of 1892.

"This is a great victory over the 'one man' methods by the Grand Commanderies. Now every jurisdiction is represented in