

shucks when properly considered, and these fellows who are so anxious to show their 'loyalty' by cutting a swell on 'Memorial Day' are no better. The war has been over more than a quarter of a century; it was a civil war, a family quarrel, and when it ended every man, North and South, who loved his country was in favor of burying everything connected with it out of sight. Politicians and fools, the former for their own aggrandizement, and the latter for lack of sense, have kept alive the memories and animosities of the war by the organization of the G. A. of the Republic, Sons and Daughters of Veterans, Memorial Days, and kindred stupidities, that make a PATRIOT, pure and simple *tired*. Any man that does aught to foster the feeling of sectional animosity, or that revives the memories of the war in a kindred spirit, ought to be hung to the nearest limb or lamp post, let him be Northern or Southern! Those are our sentiments, and if any one objects to them let him pitch right in."

In his review of our Preceedings for 1891 he says the best thing for us to do is to cut loose from that unnatural "big brother" and join their family where we "will be somebody and be appreciated also." Well, we have cut loose from our "big brother" some time ago, and as for the rest we imagine we are quite big enough to run a show of our own.

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Thirty-third Conclave, Natchez, Feb. 6, 1893.

W. A. Bodenhamer, G. C.

From his address we make the following extracts:

"No inspection of Commanderies has been had in this Jurisdiction during the term just closed. However, by invitation, I visited Cyrene, No. 9, at Meridian, on the 29th of December last, and Aberdeen No. 17, on the 26th day of January following. They conferred the Orders with their own forces. It is gratifying to be able to compliment them for the able and knightly manner in which they did the work, and especially for the interest they are awakening in the cause of Knighthood at their respective Stations. I predict for them a prosperous future. For courteous knights and generous hospitality they are among the peers of Templars. If the other Commanderies of the State are keeping pace with them, or leading them as I sincerely hope they are, it will not be long before other Grand Jurisdictions will cease to make sport of the paucity of Templars in Mississippi."

The Grand Recorder, the widely and most favorably known John L. Power, has continuously served in that capacity since 1870, a longer period than any of his confreres except Robert Macoy of New York.