

wherever it can be used towards the cultivation of this faculty in our natures, use it, and above all make home attractive, so that when the young, who have grown to manhood and womanhood in it, leave it to take their place in society they may do so feeling

Good-bye, old house, a long good-bye,  
My hand is on your gate ;  
Though tears are gathering in my eyes,  
I must not longer wait ;  
Good-bye old house, and after all  
The love which makes you dear,  
Awaits me in another home,  
By smiles made happy through the years.

Signed,

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" JENNIE M. GRANT,  
" JESSE TRULL,  
" D. KENNEDY,  
" ANNIE O. PAGE.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Bro. Hilborn again submitted the report of committee on Railways.

#### Report of Committee on Railways

*To the Officers and Members of Dominion Grange :*

Your committee are of opinion that the time has come when some united action should be taken by the Grange toward the suppression of the growing power of the Railway combination, which is fast approaching a monopoly that is destined at no distant day to place the transportation interests of this country virtually under one control, to be directed by one head, and taxed by one authority. A distinguished railway authority has said that "where combination is possible, competition is impossible." There was a time when competition held this power fully in check, and to a limited extent it still exercises a restraining influence, but that restraint is daily growing weaker as the system of combination becomes better matured.

The problem of transportation is one in which every farmer in the land has the deepest interest, and between him and the railway there exists a reciprocal obligation and dependence ; he depends upon the railway to move his products ; the railway depends upon him for that employment which feeds and sustains it, hence it is clear that a reciprocal interest exists between them, and as a question of political economy these relations should be so maintained that neither should be allowed to take advantage of the other, which can only be done by some equitable rule defining the obligations of each. Chief Justice Waite, Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States, in rendering a decision in that Court upon this very question, says : "When one devotes his property to a use in which the public has an interest, he grants to the public an interest in that use, and must submit to be controlled by the public for the common good, to the extent of the interest he has thus created."

The alarming custom of discrimination practiced by all our railways, the favoritisms granted to persons and corporations in preferential rates and free passes, are matters that should arouse the suspicions of both individuals and corporations to the necessity for legislative action to control and regulate the obligations which are so clearly mutual in their operations. Will the farmers of Canada join in positive, earnest and determined effort to secure just protection from wrong in this mutual matter, through the peaceful medium of legislation, by which railway corporations shall be gently but firmly restrained from levying so unjust a tax upon the tillers of the soil. Could the people as a mass meet with the railway managers as a body, and arrange rates and equitable settlement in the interests of both, but that is impossible, and no course appears open in justice to both but that Parliament should deal with this matter, as they are the custodians of the public rights of the people and also of railway corporations. Your committee would therefore recommend that the Dominion Grange, Pro-

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