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West Simcoe Division Grange, No. 37,
(Late Hornings Mills.)

Meeting at this time under a sense of sadness at the loss of one of our most valued members, Howard A. Hay, late Secretary of this Division Grange, No. 37. We resolve that the following letter of condolence and sympathy be forwarded to the bereaved family :

We, the members of West Simcoe Division Grange, No. 37, in sympathy with you in your great and sudden bereavement, feel that we have not words to express how deeply we mourn the loss of one we all so truly loved. We will ever miss him from our midst, and feel that his place cannot well be filled. In our blindness we have said, "Why must the good and true be removed from our midst? One, whose life, if prolonged, might be instrumental in a loving Father's hand of so much good." But ever comes the answer: "The Lord seeth not as man seeth," and we bow in submission while we mingle our tears with yours, whose home and hearts are left desolate. May He, who has thus afflicted you, comfort your hearts, and may his strong arm of power be ever underneath for your support. And while we deeply sympathize with the family in the great loss they have sustained, we would remind them that it is the divine will of God of mercy and love, and that their loss is his great gain of bliss and happiness throughout eternity in that Glorious Home. • We hope that He, whose love is infinite, will sustain the afflicted ones under this sorrowful trial, and that they may meet him, for whom they now mourn around the throne of God in heaven, to sing the song of the Redeemed.

And be it further resolved, that a copy of the above resolution be kept in the records of this Grange, and that a copy be forwarded to the CANADIAN FARMER and *Grange Bulletin* for publication.

JAMES DICK,
ROBT. GRAY,
THOS. REAZIN.

Moved by Bro. Thos. Porter, 385,

seconded by Bro. Henry Graham. 410, that the West Simcoe Division Grange, No. 37, (late Hornings Mills) now in session, recommend all its members to do all in their power to carry the Scott Act in their respective counties, believing it to be for the good of the country. Dated this 1st day of October, 1884 —Carried.

THOS. REAZIN,
Secretary.

Social at Kinsale.

A very successful social was held at Kinsale by the members of the Kinsale Grange, No. 390, on Monday evening, October 27th. When after partaking of a sumptuous repast, which reflects great credit upon the ladies of the Order, and enjoying an interesting programme, chiefly home talent, the Secretary, R. R. Mowbray, and wife, were presented with a handsome dining table and rocking chair, accompanied by the following address, read by a sister of the Order, to which a suitable reply was made by the Secretary :—

ADDRESS.

To our Worthy Secretary and wife, on presenting to them this small token of the appreciation and esteem in which they are held, and which is herewith unanimously accorded to them by the members of Kinsale Grange :

RESPECTED WORTHY SECRETARY AND WIFE.—We have at this time met together for the three-fold purpose of renewing fraternal greetings with the brothers and sisters of our Grange, for the revival of a more lively interest in the cause of the Order, and last, but not least, to manifest in some degree our gratitude to yourself and honored wife for the painstaking and in every way acceptable manner in which you have performed the arduous duties of your responsible and important office. We are well aware that our offering comes far short of being full or adequate recompense for the care and toil which has for so long a time been imposed upon you as the Secretary of this Grange, but we desire that you will both kindly accept our sincere thanks and heartfelt good will, which we know not

how fittingly to express. Before concluding we wish to give expression to the warm sympathy we feel in our hearts for you in your late bereavement (the death of a dear little boy), and knowing as we do that "The Lord loveth whom he chasteneth," and that it is in mercy He afflicts his children, we would cite you to look to Him for that grace and strength, which will enable you to say "Not my will oh Lord, but Thine be done," and to believe although to us it may seem hard to do so, "That all things work together for good to God's trusting children." And now in conclusion, we would ask that God's richest blessing may rest upon you, that you may long live to surround this dining table with your dear family, and to enjoy the well-earned repose and comfort which this chair may give you, and may that rest and peace also be yours which the world can neither give nor take away.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS.

THE FARMER.

That farming is as sure, stable, honorable and remunerative a business as one can enter upon has been asserted and proved over and over again. It is true that other kinds of business—trade, commerce, and some kinds of manufacturing—that speculations of various kinds—banking and joint-stock companies—have, especially of late years, attracted much attention, and have been popular with dashing and ambitious young men ; still, in the experience of a few past years, the statistics of business disasters and failures, the moral wreck of character, and the crash and ruin of men who were reputed rich, have proven that farming is an industry less fluctuating, less depressed by hard times, less subject to failures—a pursuit in which temptation to dishonesty has had less influence and in which men pursued the even tenor of their way with less anxiety and with less exposure to financial ruin and wreck of moral character than any other kind of business. That colossal fortunes have been, here and there, now and then, built up

by speculation, sharp practices, gambling in stocks, spoilation of labor, and by indirect and direct robbery, we cannot deny ; but these fortunes, however large and glittering, do not stand up to the public gaze as monuments of public honor, of patient industry, of painstaking, honest labor; but they tower rather as beacons, warning men to beware of the hidden rocks and treacherous quicksands on which so many of life's voyageurs have been wrecked. These fortunes have no solid foundations to rest upon, and when the floods come and the winds blow they fall like the house built upon the sand. Farming is a business that rests upon a sure foundation. It demands honest work. It is not built up by the spoilation of others. Its gains, though they may be small, are legitimate and honorably earned. There is more capital invested to-day in agricultural pursuits than in all other industries combined. It pays more for the support of Governments and receives less protection and consideration from Government than any other interest.

In looking at farming in the broad, full light of practical utility, of safe investments, of sure dividends and of the best public service, we cannot help commending it, and urging it upon the young as a pursuit upon the whole more satisfying, less hazardous, more useful, honorable and remunerative than any other business. It gives a scope to the intellect, a play to the imagination, a range to the affections, a field to the inventive powers, a work for hand and heart which no other industry supplies.

But for any adequate realization of the advantages, the remunerations and the satisfactions of farming, there must be among our patrons and farmers a high education, a better culture and a larger appreciation of and devotion to their own peculiar calling. They must see and feel its importance in its financial, social, moral and industrial bearings, and prepare themselves with as much zeal and earnestness by careful experiment, close observation and persevering study as those who propose to enter the learned professions, or the paths of science, or the study and the practice of the arts.