

we believe that in proportion as we become better educated as farmers in political economy, party lines will be less definitely drawn.

"All of which is fraternally submitted.

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"ROBT. WILKIE.  
"L. VAN CAMP."

On motion the report was received and adopted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUSIC & HOME ATTRACTIONS.

Sister Nelles, on behalf of Committee on Music and Home Attractions, submitted a report.

*"To the Officers and Members of Dominion Grange:—*

"In submitting this essay to your consideration, we, your Committee, beg your leniency, we not having time for that quiet thought which is so essential to a well-composed essay.

"Under the reforming influence of Music, home government becomes a pleasure, not a task. Such is its secret power that even the sweet, low warbling of a bird has been known to soothe the irate householder on his way to business; the weary mother finds rest in the sweet strains of "Home, Sweet Home;" the little feet patter faster to the notes of a lively tune, and a passer-by is apt to remark, "What a happy home that must be!" The influence there for the good of its occupants must truly have originated in the just appreciation of music. Then let us strive to encourage it in our "Grange" homes, that those who are so unfortunate as to seldom come in contact with it may be made to feel its captivating and elevating influence over the mind and heart. Let it be one of the chief influences used in our homes. Combine with its use the gentle word of admonition over the careless, indolent and unheeding. For a few moments let us think seriously how important those influences which fix the habits and mould the character and destinies of those who are soon to become actors in the great drama of life. On both parents alike rest the duties and responsibilities of training aright those little immortals which are given them perhaps only for a few days, or years at most, then to be transplanted, if rightly cultured here, to their heavenly home. If the influences of their earthly home are to be carried with them to Heaven, how important that they be good and true. Home influence should be one of love and freedom, not of harsh discord or restraint. In many cases the father is apt to be too harsh and reserved with the children, especially towards the boys. You know he is sometimes styled the "lord of creation," and some have such an inborn love of controlling and carrying out their notions, that they forfeit the respect and obedience of their sons, and throw away the peerless gift of a daughter's love. What is the consequence? Childhood is robbed of its gladness, youth of its gladness, and an opportunity lost for laying the foundation of a noble, generous character. The influence of our homes does not stop there, but is felt throughout the neighborhood. Whether we will or no we are continually showing to those around us of our inner life, which life goes to the making of the outer life, or character. We cannot be too cautious of our words and works, all of which have a bearing in the community. It follows the children daily to school, and if we succeed in keeping them from falling an easy prey to bad habits, the association of evil companions, will not this recompense us for all our striving and toiling? But this will not

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