The Grange Record.

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TO THE GRANGE.

Hereafter THE RURAL CANADIAN will have a department for Grange news, and will aim at advancing the interests of the organization in every way. To the thousands of patrons of husbandry throughout the Dominion, who have taken the Record, we say continue THE RUBAL CAN-

Its Grange department will be edited by a member of the order, and we trust to see our Grange friends throughout the country send in their news as of old. The paper will be supplied to Grangers on the same terms as the Canadian Farmer was. In disposing of the Farmer to THE RUBAL CANADIAN, we do not lose interest in the Grange, and hope in the future to meet many old friends that we have met at Grange gatherings, as well as to become acquainted with many other patrons, whom we have not known up to this time. Wo will still have the interests of the order at heart, still shall love its principles and be anxious for its ultimate universal success.

Faithfully yours, W. H. MONTAGUE, M.D., Editor.

We feel our responsibility in thus taking over the subscription list and good will of the Canadian Farmer and Grange Record; but if honest effort and persevering labour, coupled with some experience of journalism and an earnest desire to make THE RURAL CANADIAN of the highest value to its readers, are worth anything, then no one will suffer from the change in the proprietorship. This number of THE RURAL is scarcely a fair sample of what after issues will be. We shall try to make every succeeding number better than the previous one; and to this end we invite the valuable aid of friends in every section of the country. Let us have your practical experience in the various departments of husbandry. We do not ask for long essays, but brief, pointed papers, written by farmers for farmers. These will always be welcome to our columns, and welcome to our readers. As elsewhere stated by Dr. Montague, editor of the Farmer, the departments of the Grange and the Apiary are to be continued; and we invite the cordial co-operation of the officers of these important organizations to make them interesting and useful in the highest degree.

FRIENDLY GREETING.

Mr. Editor.—As this is the idle time of the year, I thought I would give you an account of a little of what is going on in this section of country. Morris Grange, No. 388, T. H., is beautifully situated in our S. House, Section No. 7, Morris, on the south branch of the Maitland River; and as you, Mr. Editor, are the controll-

ing element in the Grange Record, a little Grange new, will not be out of place. Now, Mr. Editor, I have of late heard a great deal about the Grange being dead or dying. Such talk is mere bosh, for I believe the Grange was never in a more healthy state than it is to-day, that is, judging from the feeling in this part of the country. The people are getting more and more alive to their own wants and recessities. I assure you the Grange is neither dead nor likely to die for some time to come. The turn out to our social of December 9th was splendid, when we take into consideration the state of the roads, for it was neither waggoning nor sleighing. The ladies, I may say, had an ample provision for the inner man, and the intellectual part was also pretty tolerably attended to by the parties taking part in it. Bro. Graham gave a very good address to the young men, showing them how many great advantages they are enjoying over their fathers before them; and pointing out to them many places of importance occupied by men that had been brought up on the farm. He claimed that without the healthy constitution that is naturally begotten of the farm, these men never could have attained to so high and exalted a position as they now occupy.

Bro. Wray also spoke, showing the many ways of knowing a prosperous and thrifty farmer, and claiming that the Grange was a school to educate intelligent practical farmers.

Bro. R. Currie was also present, and gave a splendid speech, dwelling chiefly on the advantages of farmers being grangers, showing the vast amount of good that the Grange had done and was doing.

Now, Mr. Editor, we have not the pleasure of your acquaintance, but many of your readers here hope soon to see and hear you at Wingham at no Fraternally yours, distant day. Morris, Co. Huron, Dec 17th, 1884.

OBITUARY.

Died at Middlemarch, in the County of Elgin, on Thursday, the 18th day of December, Caroline, the beloved wife of Bro. Jabel Robinson. Master of the Dominion Grange, aged fifty years and eight months. The deceased underwent an operation for cancer about sixteen months ago. She was under treatment in Bussalo for eleven weeks, but all to no purpose. She succumbed to the fatal malady. The deceased was of a kind and amiable disposition. She was loved and respected by all who knew her. She leaves, besides her husband, four sons and three daughters to mourn her loss.

DUFFERIN GRANGE, No 624.—Officers elect for 1885: Stephen Pound, Master; Leo Cascadden, Secretary; R. Afile, Overseer; S. Staley, Lecturer; John Pound, Steward; W. H. Law, Treasurer; A. Cascadden, Ass't-Steward; F. Sparksman, G. K. Lady Officers: Miss Ida Calioun, Ceres; Mrs. Lee Cascadden, Pomona; Miss Ella Affle, Flora. Executive Committee . O. Baker, James Law and H. Westover. Lady Assistant Steward, Miss S. Staley.

ZEPHYR GRANGE, No. 451 .- Officers elect for 1885: L. Weller, Master; S. Foot, Secretary; C. Taffender, Treasurer; T. Pickering, Overseer; A. Miller, Lecturer ; G. Prout, Secretary ; F. Kay, Ass't-Steward; D. Horner, G.K. Lady Officers: E. J. Weller, Ceres; Mrs. Weller, Pomona; Mrs. Kertd, Flora; Mrs. G. Prout, L.D.S. Auditors: T. Pickering, and A. Weller. Executive Committee: L. Weller and S. Pront. Delegates to Dominion Grange: G. Prout and F. Kav.

Forest Rose Grange, No. 77 .- Officers installed for 1885 :- Bro. Jas. Davis, Worthy Master; Bro. J. G. Chapman, Overseer; Bro. D.

McAlpin, Lecturer; Bro. D. Coulter, Steward; Bro. In Pranglen, Assistant-Steward; Bro. C. Saywell, Chaplain; Bro. P. Cameron, Gate-Keeper; Sister E. Lindsay, Ceres; Sister J. Pickett, Pomona; Sister J. Mills, Flora; Sister E. Lindsay, Lady Assistant-Steward. Bro. Wm. Lindsay, Bro. J. G. Chapman as delegates for Division Grange. Bro. Wm. Pranglen, Secretary and Treasurer.

AVR GRANGE, No. 894.—Election of officers: John McGregor, Master; Colin McDiarmid, Overseer; G. S. McGregor, Secretary; W. D. Fieldhouse, Treasurer; Chas. Stewart, Lecturer; Joseph Riddell, Chaplain ; James Milne, Steward: Wm. Ferguson, Ass't-Steward; Lady Officers. Mrs. Millar, Ceres; --- , Flora; Mrs. C. Stewart, Pomona; Miss E. Wright, Lady Ass't-Steward. We were organized on Sept. 16th, by W. R. Dunlop, with officers as above. There are initiations every meeting. In fact, before long every one in the neighbourhood will have been initiated. What is wanted in this country is a good live man as Lecturer for the Order. The farmers are ready to join if made acquainted with the organization. G. S. McGregor.

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MEETING OF NORFOLK DIVISION GRANGE.

The regular meeting of the Norfolk Division Grange was held on the 28th of last month.

After routine, a question arose for discussion as to what course the Grange should pursue in the event of the Government neglecting or declining to legislate in accordance with the recommendations of the Order. The general opinion was, that if the views of the members were unaltered, they should continue to agitate until the desired legislation was secured.

The adoption of the Torrens System of Land Transfer being a case in point, our delegates were instructed to again bring it before the attention of the Provincial Grange.

Bros. E. M. Crysler and H. G. Glazebrook were appointed delegates to the Provincial Grange.

One of the delegates informed the Grange that his lodge had sued one of their members for nonpayment of dues and had obtained judgment against him for the full amount.

After discussing some local matters the Grange adjourned. JOHN A. CAMPBELL,

Secretary.

WE shall be glad to have early reports of the election of Grange officers. These may be sent in on a postal card. Let the names be plainly written, so that errors may be obviated.

A New York cheese was recently sold in the London market which on analysis was found not to contain a single ingredient of milk. Lard and colouring matter were the chief component parts, and of course it was vile stuff. The man who would engage in the manufacture of lard cheese ought to be sent to gaol.

WOOD ashes contain all the required elements of plant food except nitrogen. One hundred pounds of beech-wood ashes contains sixteen pounds of potash, three and a half pounds of soda, sixty-seven pounds of lime and magnesia, and five and a quarter pounds of phosphoric acid, and at the average market price of these fertilizers the 100 pounds of ashes are worth \$1.16. Who that thinks of the matter in this light will consent to the wasting of his ashes, 'or even to selling them to the soap-maker at a few paltry cents per bushel? In no other way can the farmer make so much of his ashes as by keeping them for fertilizing his land.