

CANADIAN LECTURE BUREAU.

As intimated in our last issue, an adjourned meeting of the "Lecture Bureau" was held in the office of the Grange Wholesale Supply Company on Tuesday last, 12th. Present—Bros. A. Gifford, Luther Cheyne, E. H. Hilborn, W. N. Harris, H. B. Hunt and W. P. Page. A map of the several districts proposed was made out as follows:

District No. 1—Consisting of the Counties of Essex, Kent, Lambton, Elgin, Middlesex, Norfolk, Haldimand, Oxford, Brant, Wentworth, Lincoln and Welland.

District No. 2—Huron, Bruce, Perth, Waterloo, Halton, Peel, Wellington, Gray, York, Simcoe and the Algoma District.

District No. 3—Ontario, Durham, Victoria, Northumberland, Peterboro, Prince Edward, Hastings, Lennox, Addington, Frontenac.

District No. 4—All East of Frontenac in Ontario.

No. 5—Province of Quebec.

No. 6—The Maritime Provinces.

A number of prominent members of the Order have been solicited to act as lecturers among whom may be mentioned, Bros. A. Gifford, E. H. Hilborn, A. J. Hughes, Jabel Robinson, S. W. Hill, W. P. Page, D. Kennedy, J. C. Shepley, Chas. Drury, W. M. Blair, W. N. Harris, W. J. Massey, J. B. Aylsworth, Peter Graham, M. M. P., besides several American brethren.

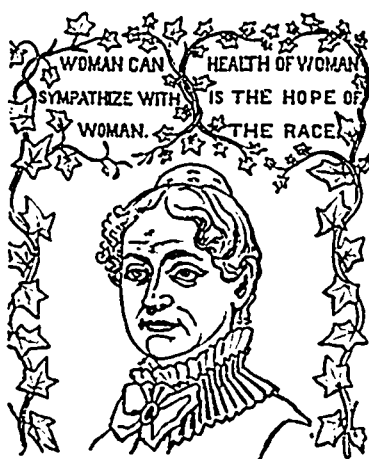
A circular will be issued giving full instructions to Granges, and it is to be hoped advantage will be taken of this opportunity to secure lecturers during the fall and winter. Granges will notify the Secretary, Bro. H. B. Hunt, Toronto, of the time and place they desire to have lectures delivered; the Bureau will take all these applications from each district and arrange in each a course. Such as will be to the best advantage traveling facilities, &c., considered, and send one or more men to fill the appointments in each district. Send us your orders at once that arrangements may be completed at as early a date as possible.

THE grand mission of the Grange in one word is—Education—sunlight for the plow. Daniel Webster says: "All national wealth depends upon enlightened agriculture," and yet how many otherwise, good farmers seem—by their actions at least—"to love darkness rather than light."

SEVERAL of the State Granges of the United States, have met, and in each one cheering news are reported of the condition of the Order in their respective States. Progress marks the course of this great organization. Do not let them be ahead of us in Canada. Wake up, attend your Grange meetings, help on the good cause by your presence and by your work. It is the farmers society, and upon them depends its success, or otherwise.

"We must not be satisfied with present attainments; our Order is progressive; it is our privilege and duty to reach out to strive for something higher. Inasmuch as we improve, as we elevate, as we ennoble ourselves, we shall improve, elevate and ennoble the Grange by our influence. We are to use our powers well and wisely with those with whom we are associated. We should be ready to stand firm by what we believe to be true. Our quicker perceptions, our persuasive ways, our softer voices are needed oft-times in the debates, or the deliberations of the Grange—and whatever yet was injured by the firm, yet gentle touch of woman's hand?"

"Sisters, it falls not alone to our brothers to be true Patrons at heart. We, too are allowed that grand prerogative. Let us go forward at every call of duty, in that strength, that is the source of strength, and work in harmony with the best work ever put upon the minds and hearts of the great farming world. To do any work we must inform ourselves. The great world of home and the greater world of thought, is open to us all; the table in every house is supplied with the news of the day. We can better spend our leisure moments than in reading the cheap literary trash of the times. Some good Grange paper should weekly visit the home of every brother and sister Patron. It will be a silent but powerful monitor in every hour. It will give food for profitable thought and accompany us in our hours of labor or of recreation."



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