

music may be cultivated; where love for rural pursuits may be nurtured; where home ties may be strengthened, beautified and riveted, and where faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind, may be brought to light and practiced daily by a fraternal band. To some extent this necessity has already been recognized.

"Juvenile Granges have been formed; periodical meetings have been held, when the children are generally invited to come together, and in consequence of judiciously prepared schemes, the impressions created are invariably joyous, exalting and lasting.

*'Tis education forms the common mind;
Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined.'*

"Make the Grange attractive to the youth and they will soon learn to love and revere its teachings, to follow its precepts, and to honor the farmer's vocation. This material must be had to build up and to perpetuate the Grange edifice.

"The places you and I fill they will soon be called upon to occupy. The destiny of our order and our country is to be placed in their hands, and we are responsible to a great degree for the manner in which they shall discharge the duties devolving upon them as Patrons and as citizens of this republic.

"I therefore solemnly enjoin upon you, the representatives of the several States here assembled, to teach and to enforce in your respective jurisdictions, by frequent repetition, the infinite importance of a speedy enlistment of the farmers' sons and daughters of to-day under the beneficent banner of our society."

A long felt necessity of a paper in the interest of agriculture and the Grange in Canada is now supplied, and it rests with the members to say whether or not it shall be sustained. The price for which it is offered places it within the reach of every family of the Order in the Dominion, and there is no way that we can better benefit each other than by a liberal support of a periodical, ably edited by a member of our own fraternity.

In the absence of information from the last session of the National Grange of the United States, I am unable to give any reliable statistics, but trust the bond of union is still preserved.

I wish to call the attention of the Grange to the propriety of noticing at this session the arrival to our shores of the Marquis of Lorne in his official capacity, as Governor of the Dominion of Canada, and his wife, the Princess Louise, and, as nearly every interest in Canada has given expression, in addresses or public demonstrations, of loyalty, the agriculturists thus far have been silent, not having an opportunity in a united capacity of expressing their patriotic loyalty to the one and their affections for the other, as the daughter of our beloved Queen. I would recommend the adoption by this Grange of a suitable address, expressive of the sentiments of the agricultural class in Canada.

This session closes my term of office, and, in retiring, allow me to express my high appreciation of the kindness and courtesy shown me by the members of the Grange everywhere, and, in a particular manner, do I appreciate the valuable assistance rendered me by the officers and members of the Dominion Grange, and I trust the members will ever bear in mind

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