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#### THE GRANGE.

Brother Patrons are requested to contribute for this column, and to send their communications direct to the office of publication, Welland, Ont.

#### SOUTH GREY DIVISION GRANGE.

The summer session of this Grange was held in the Orange Hall, Durham, on Thursday, 26th June, W. M. Bro. Wm. Irvine in the chair. After the reading and confirming of the minutes of last meeting, the secretary submitted the following:

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Worthy Master and Members of South Grey Div. Grange. In presenting this my first report as secretary of this Grange, I have to express a certain amount of regret in having to report to you that we have some little loss in membership during quarter No. one of this year, there having been reported from Sub. Granges for that quarter, a loss of thirteen, nearly all for non-payment of dues. As an offset to this we have received by initiations and demit, seven new members, leaving a total loss of 6. Although this leaves us numerically weaker, yet am I thoroughly convinced that we are practically stronger today, than ever before, so far as our capabilities are concerned. I look on those reports of "dropped for non-payment of dues" as a healthy sign of a determination on the part of those who are anxious to progress not to be impeded with the careless or slothful. It is a weeding out, as it were, of those who are useless, thus enabling those who are devoted to the best

interests of our order, to pursue their good work without feeling the dragging weight of an uninterested or slothful Brother.

The Grange has now been in existence in Canada over ten years; and does not its position in the country to-day convince even its most determined enemies that it is an institution peculiarly adapted to all our wants. There is nothing required to place the Grange at the head of all organizations in the country, aye, and to keep it there, too—but a determined unity of purpose, leaving behind us all petty jealousies and suspicions, standing shoulder to shoulder with one united determination to lift together as one man. Should this be accomplished, I feel perfectly safe in predicting that we shall be rewarded by seeing healthy, successful, and enthusiastic Granges, throughout the whole length and breadth of this land, spreading amongst its members useful information relating to the profession, and by so doing better our condition as farmers. The time has been when it required some amount of nerve and independence to defend our organization, or even to admit that we were members of it; when not only those who were opposed, but those who felt lukewarm towards us, predicted our speedy downfall. But I ask, have such prophecies been fulfilled? Have we not at the present day obtained a position, an acknowledged position of power and influence in the land? These questions can only be answered in the affirmative. Such being the case, I would earnestly impress on every member of our order, what I have repeatedly urged before, to guard well our actions in the future, lest by some injudicious or misguided movement we should destroy the accomplishment of those great and valuable objects which we are striving to attain. All of which is respectfully submitted.—CHAS. MOFFAT, Sec.

Moved and seconded that the thanks of this Grange are due and are hereby tendered to the secretary for this report.

In answer to a communication from South Simcoe Div. Grange, concerning the place of holding the annual meeting of Dom. Grange Fire Ins. Ass'n and other matters, the following report was adopted.

First, as regards the place of holding the annual meeting of Dom. Grange Fire Ins. Association, we consider Owen Sound as suitable a place for meeting as Toronto, and even more so, as the offices of the said Co. are situated there, which enables the Co. to be run on a more economical basis.

Sec'nd, we consider the advertising of annual meeting of said Co. in Owen Sound Grange Bulletin, Advertiser and Times insufficient, and recommend advertising for at least two weeks previous in Toronto Globe and Mail.

Th'rd, and further recommend that a certain day be fixed for holding said meeting each year.

Fourth, as regards the statement about treasurer's dismissal. Not having any authenticated facts your committee do not feel justified in expressing an opinion on the matter.

Fifth, we also consider that all communications received by officers of said Co. from secretaries of Divisions or subordinate Granges should be promptly answered. All of which is respectfully submitted.—JAS. SPEAR, W. ROBERTSON, ROBT. BYR, JOHN PEPER.

Moved and seconded that the secretary send a copy of proceedings of this meeting to Grange Record and Toronto and Owen Sound Buletins for publication.

Bro Chas. Moffat, delegate to Provincial Grange gave a synopsis of proceedings of Provincial Grange, for which he received a vote of thanks. The secretary read a communication received from the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, asking questions anent amending the Municipal Acts that the number of members in county councils be reduced. After being referred to a committee, the following report was adopted:—

First, the unanimous opinion is decidedly in favor of a large reduction of the members composing county councils. And of the different proposals for reducing the same; also of dividing the county into districts and electing representatives therefrom; that Legislation in the matter should be compulsory.

In answer to the question whether it is satisfactory to compel county councils to erect and maintain bridges over one hundred feet in length, in incorporated villages, this Grange is of opinion that it is not satisfactory. Also that we think that county councils should have no jurisdiction over bridges, other than those on County Division Lines. All of which is respectfully submitted.—JAS. EDGORTH, Chairman.

Auditor's report was received, shewing a balance in the hands of the treasurer of \$18.80.

Secretary reported having finished his lecturing tour very successfully. The committee appointed to make arrangements for the establishing of a seed fair in connection with the South Grey Agricultural Society, they having held their first fair in March last. The secretary on behalf of the members of the Grange presented the Worthy Master, Mr. Irvine, with a silver hunting watch as a mark of their esteem and regard for him, and as an acknowledgement of his services as a secretary of the Grange for a number of years. The very appropriate and feeling reply of the Worthy Master brought the labors of a very profitable day to a close.

CHAS. MOFFAT,

Sec. S. G. Division Grange No. 43.

#### A WARNING.

Brethren, don't build your grange wholly on the foundation of buying and selling goods. That will do well enough for one of the pillars, but we warn you from the experience of hundreds of other granges, that it is not broad enough for the sole foundation. A grange built on it alone will topple and fall before the first wind of adversity that comes along.

Build also on the educational work of the grange. Make your meetings valuable to all your members—male and female, old and young—as schools for the improvement of agricultural methods and development of mental ability. Have discussions, and debates, and essays, and readings, and declamations, and whatever else will instruct and amuse and elevate.

Build on the foundation of the social work of the grange. Make your Order a fraternity; bring into it your wives and daughters, and let them get a change from the routine of housework. Bring in your boys and girls, and let them get a little of that social enjoyment so dear to the young heart, and which is sometimes difficult to secure in country life.

And build on the foundation of patriotism. Strive in your grange to accustom yourselves to think soberly, free from party entanglements, of the great issues of the day. Don't make a political or party

society of it; don't try to interfere with the party affiliations of any of your members; but, try, all of you, to become independent, thoughtful American citizens, accustomed to parliamentary rules and usages; accustomed to expressing yourselves simply but clearly, on any subject and before any audience.

#### INTERESTING MEETINGS.

ED. CANADIAN FARMER.—Some time ago you suggested that every patron before going to the meeting of his Grange should have some one thought to present or should have considered some one subject upon which he may introduce a discussion. I am of your opinion exactly upon that matter, and would say that it would make your Granges much more interesting. No Grange should have a single meeting without it has a definite programme either of business or entertainment. It would not be a difficult matter to prepare a programme for each meeting beforehand. Some of the young folks and old ones too could easily give readings, recitations and music. Some of our intelligent male members could easily, if they would, prepare short addresses upon matters of great interest. Nothing spoils a Grange meeting like "nothing to do." Brethren, patrons, let us take a pride in the order; let us make its meetings among us potent agents for good. J. W. L.

If you would have your Grange prompt in meeting, insist on having the master prompt in opening.

No rituals should be needed in any well established Grange for the opening and closing exercises. Each officer ought to know his work by heart.

Real Grange progress has been, in every instance, in direct proportion to the number of persons in the community who take and read Grange papers.

INTER STATE PICNIC.—The eleventh annual Inter-State Picnic and Exhibition under the auspices of the Patrons of Husbandry of Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, New Jersey, and Delaware, will be held at William's Grove, Cumberland county, Pa., Aug. 25 to 30.

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