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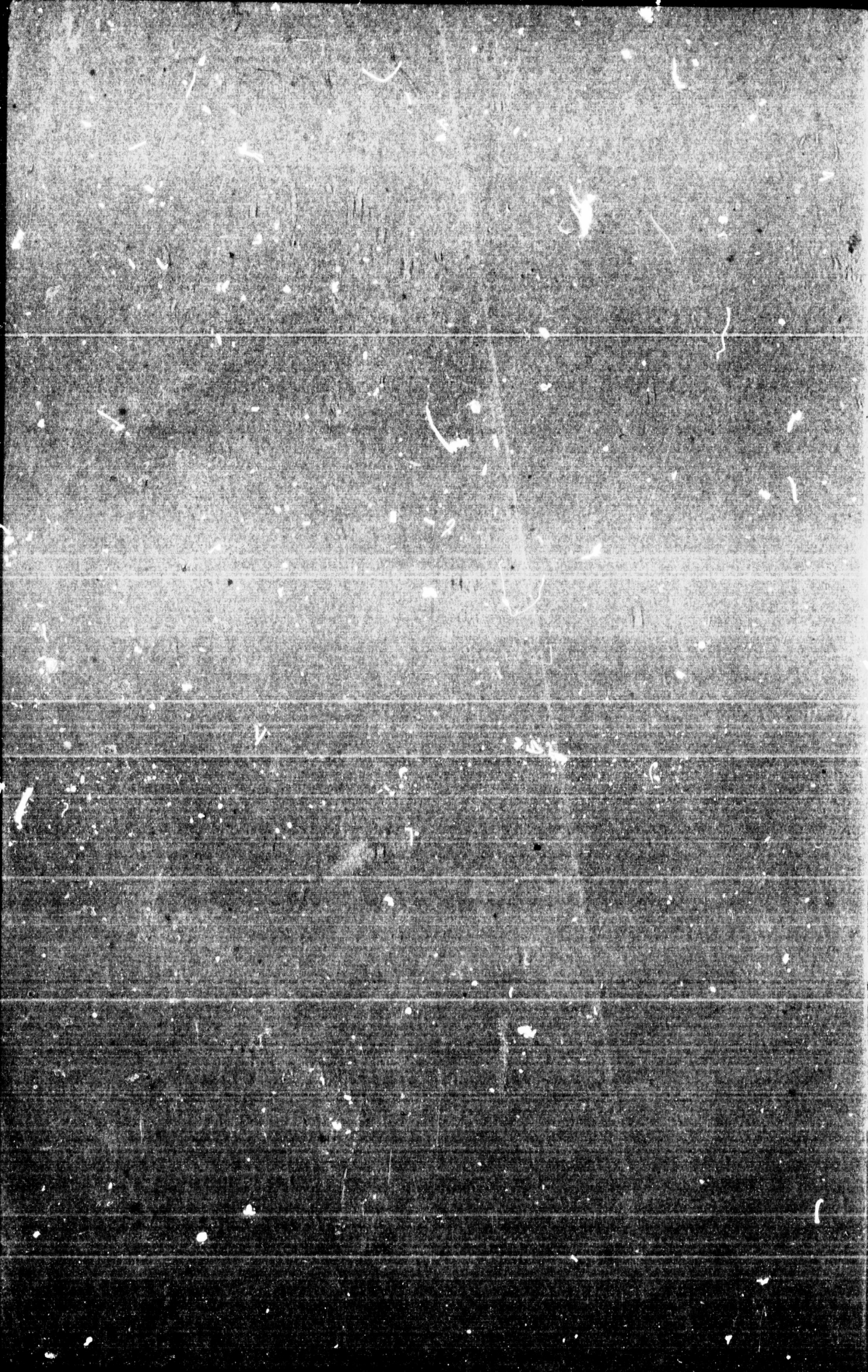
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OFFICERS.

Bro. A. GIFFORD, Meaford, Ont.,	W. M.
" D. B. NEWCOMB, Sheffield Mills, N. S.,	C.
" L. CHEYNE, Brampton, Ont.,	Sec.
" J. P. BULL, Downsview, Ont.	Treas.
" LEVI VANCAMP, Bowmanville, Ont.	L.
" J. C. SHEPLEY, Kingsville, Ont.	C.
" WM. BROCK, Adelaide, Ont.	S.
" T. S. McLEOD, Dalston, Ont.,	A. S.
" E. CAMERON, Port Stanley, Ont.	G. K.
Srs. MRS. L. VANCAMP	Ceres.
" MRS. T. S. McLEOD,	P.
" MRS. S. A. NELLES,	F.
" MRS. J. TRULL,	L. A. S.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—JABEL ROBINSON, Middlemarch; R. Wilkie, Rondeau.

AUDITORS.—Bros. A. J. HUGHES, Sharon, and E. H. HILBORN, Uxbridge.

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⌘ EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING. ⌘

FIRST DAY.—FIRST SESSION.

TORONTO, February 14th, 1882.

Grange met in Eighth Annual Session in Temperance Hall, Temperance Street, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Worthy Overseer, Bro. Doyle, in the chair, in the absence of the Master.

The Worthy Master appointed Bros. Cameron, Hughes and Gifford a Committee on Credentials; also appointed as Committee on Standing Committees Bros. Gifford, Robinson and Trull.

Bro. Doyle then read an opening address, as follows:

To the Worthy Officers, Delegates and Patrons:

Welcome to this the eighth annual session of the Dominion Grange Patrons of Husbandry. You will all with me deeply regret the absence of our esteemed Worthy Master Blair, who has been prevented by his legislative duties in Nova Scotia from meeting with us and presiding over our deliberations. Providence has permitted us to meet again, officers and delegates, with our ranks unbroken by death, which should fill our hearts with praise and adoration to the Great Author of our being. Since our last meeting there has come and gone another seed time and harvest. The harvest has been bountiful, and the husbandman may rejoice. It is now fitting that we relax from the labors of the farm-yard and field, while nature and vegetable life are wrapt in repose, to review the errors of the past and learn wisdom for the future. It is now the season of the year when Patrons of Husbandry can devote more time not only for mental and social culture, but for studying their relationship (as tillers of the soil) to the trade and commerce of our country. The rapid advance of knowledge in arts and manufactures demand increased intelligence on the part of agriculturalists. It demands renewed devotion to our calling. It demands more systematic and earnest labor in the future than in the past to produce the same results. It is largely for the Patrons of Husbandry to decide whether these results shall be achieved or not. Shall we press forward, using every legitimate means in our power to increase the natural products of "This Canada of Ours," whose shores are washed alike by the Atlantic and Pacific? History teaches that in the past the strength, wealth

and influence of enduring nations were largely dependent on its agricultural resources, and if the agricultural interests of Canada are to keep pace with the manufacturing and commercial interests, then the rising generation must receive a more liberal agricultural education than their fathers and mothers have received. And may the united influence of our order be used to secure to our children a more liberal scientific agricultural education in our schools and in the rural sections of the country. Will the Grange use its united power to secure a revision of our school text books? A step has been taken in the right direction by the Legislature of Ontario in establishing a Model Farm and Agricultural College of which every patron should feel proud, and every effort should be made to cherish and support that institution which it is believed is doing much beneficial work. I am sure you will with me express your high appreciation of the labors of the Agricultural Commission appointed by the Government of Ontario for the procurement and publication of agricultural information which will be of untold value to this and future generations. Our order, with its noble aims and purposes, is gradually becoming better understood and its members more respected. As patrons, as representatives, as the Supreme Court of our order, let our deliberations be guided by wisdom and intelligence, that we may reflect the honour and dignity of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry.

Co-operation in thought, co-operation in practice, co-operation in work, co-operation in results, is our aim, and in union there is strength. Our order has accomplished much by co-operation, but greater results in the future are awaiting us, if we are true to the great principles laid down as ours, putting away distrust, jealousy, and hatred, and cultivating confidence, faith, hope, and charity.

The united wish of a free people, sanctioned by their representatives assembled, and assented to by the representative of our gracious Queen, is required in the agricultural interests of our country, and it is confidently believed that when the Patrons of Husbandry and their fellow-agriculturalists unite and ask for such legislation, it will receive more than passing notice from our representatives. If our petitions and askings are just and wise they will be granted in due time as the people have the power to a great extent in their own hands, which is a sacred trust, and should always be used as conscience dictates—for the common good of our common country. While certain required legislation in the agricultural interest is local and provincial in its character, such as the repeal of the law authorizing the collection of market fees, which will no doubt receive the attention of the various Provincial Granges, there are others of a national character, which should receive the attention of the Dominion Grange, one of which I may mention, namely, the rapid amalgamations of corporations engaged in the carrying trade both by railway and steamer.

The subject of railway amalgamation and pooling of earnings is one which deeply interests agriculturalists, manufacturers, artisans, and in fact every producer and consumer in the Dominion, and it will require their united and persistent efforts to hold in check these grasping corporations who to-day to a large extent control the representatives of the people, and tax the producer for carrying his produce what they please. The moment amalgamation or pooling of earnings kills competition, that moment the very highways built largely by direct bonuses from the people and by direct loans (or Government grants), are used to oppress the people and extort from them more than a just rate for transportation. It will be your privilege and duty to consider this matter calmly and deliberately.

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I regret that I have not at this time any special information to convey to you relative to the National Grange, but have reason to believe it is in a most prosperous condition, and trust that the same fraternal feeling exists for the welfare of the Order in Canada that has existed in the past. Our brethren in the United States have the same objects in view, the same evils to combat that we have, and are laboring zealously in the cause.

As your attention will be asked to the consideration of proposed amendments to the constitution of the Grange, it is earnestly hoped that such consideration will be given to the subject as the importance and general welfare of our order demand at your hands. The Executive Committee will no doubt bring before you a detailed report of their proceedings during the last year, which I have no doubt will receive your earnest consideration.

The present session will, for a time at least, close my active labors as a member of the Dominion Grange, and I have to express my earnest wish for its prosperity and influence, and may the Divine Ruler of the Universe always guide you in your labors of legislation for the good of our Order and the prosperity of our country.

Moved by Bro. Gifford, seconded by Bro. Cheyne, that the address from the Chair be received, and referred to the proper Committee. Carried.

Bro. McMordie referred to the matters of appointment of delegates to the Industrial Exhibition Association, of Toronto.

Moved and seconded that the appointment of Bros. Bull and Gifford, as delegates to the Industrial Exhibition Association by Executive Committee, be approved.

Committee on Credentials reported, which report was adopted as follows :

" We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report the following-named delegates present:—Bros. Robinson, Gifford, Hughes, Trull, Van Camp, Cameron, McLeod, Brock, Shepley, Currie, Cheyne, Wilkie, Newcomb. Lady Members—Sisters Trull, Hughes, McLeod and Wilkie. Officers Present—R. J. Doyle, Overseer; S. W. Hill, Lecturer; R. McGuffin, Chaplain; J. P. Bull, Treasurer; W. P. Page, Secretary; Wm. Brock, Steward; M. Carlyle, Asst.-Steward; Geo. Lethbridge, Gate-Keeper; Sister Mrs. Trull, Lady Asst.-Steward; Sister Wilkie, Ceres; Sister Starratt, Pomona; Sister McLeod, Flora; Bros. J. Trull and R. McMordie, Ex.-Com.; Bros. Starratt and McLeod, Auditors."

Moved by Bro. Robinson and seconded by Bro. Hughes, that the reading of the proceedings of the last annual meeting be dispensed with. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. Shepley, that the proceedings of last annual meeting be confirmed. Carried.

Worthy Master referred to the presence of Hon. Chas. E. Mickley, Lecturer of Michigan State Grange, and L. C. Whitney, Past Lecturer of Michigan State Grange, and Secretary and member of the National Lecture Bureau.

On motion of Bro. Hilborn the formal reception of these brethren was deferred until to-morrow morning (Wednesday) at 10 o'clock.

Brother Hughes, on the part of Worthy Master Blair, who was unavoidably absent, read an address forwarded by him.

MASTER'S ADDRESS.

"To the Officers and Members of Dominion Grange, Patrons of Husbandry:—

"I regret very much that I am unable to be with you on the present occasion. Though absent in person, my thoughts and wishes are with you, and I trust that the present meeting may be noted for earnestness and zeal in our noble work, as well as the thorough consideration and wisdom of all its actions. Time was in the past when it required nerve and independence to stand up for our organization, when public sentiment prophesied the speedy end of an institution so unexpected in its introduction, and so rapid in its growth. But experience has proved that the uncultivated prairie, when once broken and sown with good seed produces abundantly. So similarly has the agricultural community, where the good seed of our principles has been sown borne evidence of greater capabilities for the future. Therefore, now that we have attained a position of acknowledged power and influence in our land, so much the more do we require to guard our actions in the future, lest by a misguided step we should retard the accomplishment of our great and laudable object. I would earnestly impress upon you the importance of taking energetic action in the lecture work, for as we are now enjoying the benefits derived from our association and co-operation, so should we endeavor to extend its usefulness to thousands of our fellow farmers. We find the successful farmer increases his profits by the aid of fertilizers; we also find the most active and successful Granges improve and strengthen themselves by interesting and valuable information in regard to their avocation. In view of advancing the above proposed valuable work, I have forwarded to Bro. Hughes (acting Master in my absence), suggestions to be laid before you as to what I believe would be a most profitable course of lectures to be established throughout the Eastern provinces, leaving to you who best know the wants of Ontario to adopt the course that would most readily meet its wants.

"As your representative I attended the meeting of the National Grange, held in Washington, D. C., and it gives me pleasure to state that I received a cordial and fraternal greeting.

"I can only again repeat my regrets at not being able to meet you at this time, and my fervent prayer is that the blessing of Heaven may be bestowed upon the Grange and all its loyal members."

Bro. Starratt moved that the address of W. Master Blair be received and referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. Motion adopted.

Bro. Gifford being absent, Bro. Cheyne was by the Worthy Master placed upon the Committee for striking the Standing Committees.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Executive Committee presented a Report, which was read by Bro. R. McMordie, as follows:—

"To the Worthy Master and Members of Dominion Grange:—

"We your Executive Committee beg to make the following report:—

"We have to congratulate the Order on the addition to the number of established Granges that has been made during the past year, showing that we are extending the benefits of our organization to an increasing number of our class. Particularly encouraging is the advancement made in the Province of Nova Scotia, and the Committee feel that their thanks, and

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those of the Grange, are due to Bro. George Creed, who as Deputy there has been so successful in impressing on the agriculturalists of that Province the principles that we advocate, and inducing them to join with us in advancing the interests of the farmers. In Ontario a number of new Granges have also been established, but we regret to find that a good many are falling behind, neglecting to report, and becoming dormant. With reference to this class, your Committee would suggest that Division Granges take immediate steps to ascertain the cause of inactivity, in any subordinate Grange in their jurisdiction, and if possible have it removed, when it is found impossible to resuscitate a Grange the charter should be surrendered and the members induced to join a neighboring Grange. In many cases it will be found that two weakly Granges can be united, forming one good working Grange.

"The Worthy Master acting under authority given them by resolution passed by Dominion Grange at last meeting, and by the advice and consent of your Committee, appointed Bro. A. J. Hughes to act as his attorney during his absence at all Executive Committee Meetings, and transact any other business that it is the Master's duty to perform.

"In compliance with instructions received from Dominion Grange at last meeting your Committee made arrangements for placing Lecturers at the disposal of Division and Subordinate Granges where their services might be required; and the various Institutions of the Order were asked to assist in the work. A Joint Committee composed of representatives of the Board of Directors of Grange Wholesale Supply Co., Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and Canadian Mutual Aid Association, met with your Committee and prepared a scheme for the successful carrying out of the project. Your Committee set apart three hundred dollars of the funds of this Grange to be applied to the payment of lecturers, the aforementioned Associations supplementing it with an equal amount. Your Committee feeling the importance of having the aims and objects of the Grange more fully understood would urge upon Division and Subordinate Granges to secure Lecturers where their services are required. Your Committee have also been waited upon by Bro. C. L. Whitney, Lecturer of Michigan State Grange, who introduced the subject of establishing a Lecture Bureau; this has been undertaken by those connected with the Cincinnati *Bulletin*, and has the hearty approval of the body in the United States. A proposition was made to extend its operations to Canada, if agreeable to our patrons. Your Committee approved of the suggestion, and upon application the Bureau will supply lectures at reasonable cost.

"Your Committee advertised and received several tenders for printing; most of those we considered excessively high; some were very reasonable, but we had some doubts about the ability of the latter to perform the work satisfactorily, so we decided to award it to Bro. N. B. Colcock.

"Your Committee were interviewed by a deputation from the Industrial Exhibition Board of this city, asking us to co-operate with them in arranging for a Farmer's Excursion (on a large scale) to the Exhibition. To recoup us for the outlay incurred, they offered us 10 per cent. of the receipts on 20,000 visitors, and 20 per cent. on all in excess of that number. We accepted their offer, and appointed Bros. Hughes and Page a Special Committee to make the necessary arrangements, and we are pleased to be able to inform you that it was a success financially. After paying all expenses we have placed to the credit of this Grange \$248.57. But apart from this, and what

we consider of greater importance, it assisted in bringing this organization prominently before the public, and marks a new era in our progress. There was a large attendance of those Brothers who have laboured long and earnestly in behalf of the Grange. A large number of visitors availed themselves of the cheap rates secured for that occasion. Mr. McMurrich, the Mayor, delivered an address of welcome, followed by our Worthy Master, who delivered a very able and interesting address on matters connected with our interests. A meeting was held in the evening when addresses were delivered by prominent agriculturalists. Your committee would recommend that these excursions be continued as opportunities occur.

"It is with pleasure we report a continuation of fraternal relations between this Grange and the National Grange of the United States. Our Worthy Master acting as delegate to convey our fraternal greetings to that body was the recipient of a cordial response. Its heartiness showing that the bond of unity and good fellowship established between us will not be easily sundered; and while recognizing this fraternal feeling we hope in future to have a representative of that body at our meetings as it would tend to cement these bonds of friendship, which we hope will always exist between two great incorporated organizations, although divided by an imaginary boundary line.

"According to a resolution passed at the last meeting of this Grange your Committee instructed Bro. Page to open a correspondence with some of the co-operative societies of Great Britain, which correspondence will be laid before you.

"Your Committee regret to inform you that legislation with regard to the carrying trade of the country that was in progress during the last Session of the House of Commons, has not become law. Your Committee are of the opinion that the time has come when some united action should be taken by the Grange towards the suppression of the growing power of Railway combinations which is fast approaching a monopoly, and which is destined at no distant day to place the transportation interests of this country virtually under control, directed by one head and taxed by one authority; where combination is possible competition is impossible. There was a time when competition held this power partially in check, and to some extent it still exercises a restraining influence, but that influence is growing weaker as the system of combination becomes better matured. This problem is one in which every farmer has an interest; he depends on the railway to move his produce, and the railway depends upon him for that employment which supports it. Those relations should be so maintained that neither would be allowed to take advantage of the other. The alarming custom of discriminating rates practiced by all our railways has aroused the attention of the people, as also the amalgamation of some of the main lines of the country. In many instances municipalities have granted assistance to what they believed would be a competing line, and afterwards it would be purchased or leased by the one against which it was supposed to compete, thus defrauding those municipalities out of large sums of money. Your committee are of the opinion that Dominion Grange should take such action in this matter as would properly place the opinion of farmers before the Commons of Canada, praying for such Legislation as will remove the cause of complaint.

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ciples for which we labour. We would urge that more prominence be given to all subjects connected with the Grange, and those associations emanating from it, and its heading so altered as to make it appear what we would wish it to be, the *Organ of the Grange*. We are pleased to notice an addition to our Grange literature in the *Bulletin*, edited by Bro. Doyle and Bro. Harris, of Owen Sound, which although in its infancy is growing in favour with members. Your Committee would recommend that a closer connection be established between Dominion Grange and Subordinates, as from information which has been brought to our notice a great deal of correspondence which should have been addressed to the Provincial Secretary has been addressed to the Dominion Secretary, thus causing a great deal more work in this office than properly belonged to it, and in some instances there has been considerable delay in printed reports and circulars reaching the hands of members.

“Your Committee have much pleasure in reporting the continued success of the Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which supplies a long felt want. It is owned and controlled by the farmers of the country, and has inaugurated a cheaper rate of Fire Insurance than any other Company has yet attained. Owing to its composition its solvency is beyond doubt: under its able and energetic manager we hope the farmers of this country will give it that patronage which it justly deserves.

“Your committee are pleased to be able to report that our Grange Supply Company has during the past year had an unparalleled extension to their business, even beyond the most sanguine expectations of the promoters of the scheme. The manager is, we believe, doing his best to comply with the wishes of his patrons in supplying their wants. There is yet a considerable amount of stock which has not yet been subscribed for, and we would urge upon members to subscribe for the balance as soon as possible; by so doing they will materially assist Bro. Harris in purchasing our supplies, and will enable him to offer greater inducements to the patrons.

“We would also direct the attention of this meeting to the Grange Trust, which was instituted for the purpose of relieving our members from an extortionate rate of interest. Stockholders becoming borrowers share in the profits. Your committee believe it will to the advantage of patrons to take an interest in this Company, as by so doing they will assist in driving out agents of foreign capitalists whose only object is to extort the largest percentage on terms, which in many instances ruin the borrower, and he finds after many years of hard toil that he has to begin life again.

“In accordance with instructions received at last meeting of Dominion Grange we have had under consideration the propriety of establishing a bank (owned and controlled by agriculturalists,) but have as yet no scheme sufficiently matured to be in a position to present it properly before this meeting, and would recommend that a special committee be appointed to appointed to consider this question and submit the result of their labor before the close of this session.

“In conclusion, your Committee believe that by the education we have received from the Grange and its associations, that the farmers of this country should be able to elevate themselves out of the arena of political party strife, and know but one class of politics, that which belongs to their profession. We have long been the dupes of tricksters and political quacks who tell us at one time that we are the free and independent electors of this great country, and when elected will legislate to grind us under the

heel of combinations and monopolies. Your committee is aware of the difficulty which this Grange has experienced in having some of our laws so amended as to meet the requirements of the agriculturalist owing to the strong opposition of opposing interests. Our interest and our numbers demand, forming as we do, seven-tenths of the population, that we should have a larger representation in our Legislative Assemblies. We are pleased to see some divisions are contemplating nominating candidates, irrespective of party, to represent the Agricultural interest, and we would respectfully urge on this Grange the propriety of expressing their views on this question. All of which is respectfully submitted.

“ ROBERT McMORDIE.
“ JESSE TRULL.”

Moved and seconded that the Report be received and adopted.

Moved in amendment that the Report be referred to the Committee on Officer's Reports.

Amendment carried.

Worthy Master extended to the Grange the privilege of addressing or making any suggestions they might wish.

E. H. Hilborn moved, seconded by A. J. Hughes, that the Grange meet at 9:30, adjourn at 12:30, meet again at 2:30, adjourn at 6:30. Evenings to be devoted to committee work unless otherwise ordered.

Moved in amendment by Bro. Cameron, seconded by Bro. Wilkie that the time for meeting be 9 o'clock A.M., instead of 9:30, and at 2 o'clock instead of 2:30 P.M. Amendment carried.

The Worthy Secretary stated that Mr. William Johnston has expressed a willingness to address the Grange and asked that a time be fixed for such address.

H. Hilborn moved, seconded by Bro. Robinson that Mr. Johnston be heard by this Grange, and that Bros. Cameron, Hughes and Wilkie be a Committee to make the necessary arrangements as to time, etc. Carried.

Bro. Brock suggested that Bro. Whitney be heard. Bro. Whitney said he came here to learn, and not to make suggestions for the good of the order, were he at home he might do so. He thanked the Grange for the courtesy extended to him, and would say that one thing impressed itself on the order there. It was that our order had certain definite aims and objects and that the mission of the Grange will never attain the objects aimed at until it becomes as universal as the calling it aims to benefit.

Bro. Starratt said he thought there were several notices of motions for change in Constitution and these suggestions might now be considered.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STANDING COMMITTEES.

Bro. Cheyne, on behalf of the Committee on Standing Committees, read their first report, as follows :—

We, your Committee on Standing Committees, beg leave to report the following Standing Committees :—

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Cameron,
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INSURANCE COMMITTEE—

Doyle,
Lethbridge,
Shepley.

CLAIMS AND GRIEVANCES—

Starratt,
McMordie,
VanCamp.

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS—

Starratt,
Trull,
Harris,
Brock.

TRANSPORTATION AND MONOPOLIES AND
LEGISLATION—

Newcomb,
Hilborn,
Gifford.

AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY—

Robinson,
Van Camp,
Wilkie.

TEMPERANCE—

Mrs. Doyle,
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" Hilborn,
" Trull,
" Van Camp,
" Carlyle.

MUSIC & HOME ATTRACTIONS—

Mrs. Lethbridge
" McLeod,
" Wilkie,
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COMMITTEE ON STANDING
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On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. Starratt moved, seconded by Bro. Brock, that a Committee be appointed on Rituals. Carried.

Committee on Standing Committees made appointment accordingly.

On motion Grange adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1882.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Grange opened at 9:45. Bro. Doyle in the chair.

Bro. Hilborn announced the presence of Bros. Whitney and Mickley.

The Master appointed Bros. Hill, Hilborn and Starratt a Committee to escort the Brothers to the Grange.

Bro. Whitney was conducted by Bro. Starratt, and Bro. Mickley by Bro. Hilborn, and introduced to the Grange by the Master, after which Bro. Hilborn gave a welcome address, replied to by the visiting brethren.

Minutes of yesterday's meeting read and approved.

Committee to wait on Mr. Johnston in reference to his address to the Grange reported that Mr. Johnston would accommodate himself to our convenience.

It was moved and seconded that he be asked to address the Grange at 11:30 to-morrow (Thursday.) Carried.

Bro. Hill, as Lecturer, gave a verbal report.

On motion the report was received and accepted.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The Secretary submitted his annual address, as follows:—

“ Worthy Master and Members of Dominion Grange :

“ I have the honor to-day to present my sixth annual report as Secretary of the Dominion Grange. As usual I shall take the opportunity to review to some extent the business of the past year, with particular reference to the work of my office. During the year ending January 31st there have been organized thirty-two (32) Subordinate Granges and one (1) Division Grange. We now number eight hundred and forty-nine (849) Subordinate Granges and fifty-four (54) Division Granges. Besides these we have two (2) Provincial Granges in working order, one in Ontario and one in Nova Scotia, embracing a part of the Province of New Brunswick. Of the Subordinate Granges, as nearly as can be ascertained from the reports sent up by Provincial Granges (7) have formally surrendered charters and ceased existence, in addition to those reported last year, leaving seven hundred and eighty-four (784) distributed through the several provinces as follows: Six hundred and ninety-two (692) in Ontario; eleven (11) in Quebec; sixty (60) in Nova Scotia; sixteen (16) in New Brunswick, and five (5) in Manitoba. With respect to the latter province, an unusual amount of correspondence has been received, asking for the organization of Granges in that province, and which has had especial attention. This will probably result in the formation of several new Granges soon in Manitoba and the Northwest territories. In connection with these, it will be, however, right to state that there are a considerable number, perhaps proportionate in each province, from which no reports have been received during the past year. Some of these are extinct, but have not been so reported; others are struggling for existence, and which, with proper encouragement, might be revived. The most effectual means for accomplishing this should receive your earnest consideration, for the fact must not be overlooked that in many sections the Grange is not in as healthy a condition as we could desire. I advise direct assistance through the medium of printed matter from Dominion Grange and missionary work by Lecturer of Dominion Grange, or some other person appointed for the purpose, whose whole time for the coming year be devoted to the work and the organization of new Granges.

“ From the Provincial, Division and Subordinate Granges above referred to, together with the many communications from farmers asking for information relative to the object and working of the Grange, a large amount of correspondence has been received and answered, such correspondence being always encouraged as a means of keeping up interest and diffusing a definite knowledge of Grange principles. During the past year there have been

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received at the Secretary's office about one thousand letters, besides post-cards, circulars, &c., all of which have been answered, fyled, and carefully placed away for future reference. The most important answers given to these communications have been copied in a letter-book, which book shows four hundred and sixty-nine copied letters. This we find very important, as they are frequently referred to. This part of the Secretary's duties, although a small part of the work, is, perhaps, the most important of any, as the interest and consequent success of the Grange depends largely upon the communications kept up between the Dominion Grange and its subordinates, thus bringing into close connection, by frequent correspondence, these two sections of the organization. Besides the correspondence by letter, there have been — circulars issued at four different times during the year, embodying the work of Executive Committee and other important matter requiring to be brought before the members. The Proceedings of last Annual Meeting and Lists of Granges were also prepared and distributed. Part of the circulars referred to were considered of such immediate importance that, instead of sending by the usual route to Provincial Granges for distribution to Divisions, then to Subordinates, two of these were sent directly to Subordinate and Division Granges, entailing a good deal of labor, but more satisfactory. Besides sending out information directly interesting to members by circulars, etc., I have also used the columns of the *Canadian Farmer*, thus saving a considerable expense to Dominion Grange and getting the desired information extended more promptly and generally than could be done even by circulars.

“ Reports now coming from Subordinate to Division, and then to Provincial, and from thence to Dominion Grange, I am not in a position to give as full and detailed a state of the condition of the society as heretofore or as I should like to do ; for I consider it of great importance that you should be made acquainted once a year with the actual condition of the Order, its successes and failures (if any) of the past year, and the cause of such, that you may be the better able to legislate for the future.

“ I have, however, taken more than usual pains to ascertain the condition of the Order from reliable sources, and while, without doubt, there has been a considerable falling off in membership as well as in members of Local Granges, yet the Grange is practically stronger to-day than ever ; I mean stronger in its capabilities—there being left, after the weeding that has taken place, those who are devoted to the principles of the Order, and ready to give practical direction to its teachings. Still there is somewhere an undeniable weakness, I think traceable to a lack of unity amongst us. We have not yet learned what others have—that to effect objects aimed at, a determined unity of purpose and co-operative effort must be sustained ; petty jealousies and suspicions must be dropped, and all lift together as one man if we obtain the sought-for treasure.

“ The Grange in Canada is now about eight years old, being first introduced in the winter of 1873 and 1874. We all agree, and the public generally acknowledge it to have been born of necessity—an instrument put into the hands of the farming community to enable them to successfully compete with men in other branches of business, who, through organized capacity, were crowding upon the rights and privileges of agriculturists—an instrument by which the agricultural community might be educated and assisted in the development of “ a higher and nobler manhood and womanhood amongst us.” Enthusiasm and zeal, with men as leaders whose sole

object was to benefit their fellow-men, has given to us an organization the magnitude and capabilities of which has no equal. It has now been in existence sufficiently long to determine its adaptability to our wants, to show results. If these are not seen, there is something wrong in the principles of the Association, or else the machinery is somewhere defective, or our efforts have been misapplied. We have the form of organization complete; Have we accomplished what we promised? is a question the public is asking. Members themselves are asking, and one each should ask himself, at the same time applying the practical question—Have I done my part of the work? fulfilled my duty towards the Order and my fellow-members?

“For the accomplishment of great results through organization, one of the first requisites is thorough discipline; next to this unanimity of purpose and an unselfish desire to carry out the true principles of the Association. Farmers in their natural isolation acquire habits of selfishness, become jealous and suspicious of their neighbors; accustomed to practice a rigid economy in their private business, they forget the maxim that “a judicious expenditure is the wisest economy,” and often defeat their best wishes both in private and associated effort by holding too tightly the purse-strings, under the false impression that success can only be attained by strict economy.

“I have come to the conclusion that as an organization we need more discipline, more cohesion, and a simplification of our machinery. We have boasted of our organization, its growth and magnitude, but the time has come when members look for results. As the head of a great organization, Dominion Grange must show to the Subordinate Granges some recompense for their loyalty and support. I do not intimate that this has not been done; on the contrary, we have much to show in a social and educational way, as well as through the companies and associations organized under our auspices, and the influence upon legislation through our organized capacity; and it is but just to say that our Legislatures, both Dominion and Provincial, have given courteous consideration to all our petitions and shown a generous respect to our Association; yet there is something lacking—something that should have a more direct and stirring influence over our Subordinate Granges; something that will give them a greater interest and a stronger attachment to the parent institution; and I can suggest no better way than by constituting the Dominion Grange a Bureau for the collection of agricultural statistics and general information important to farmers, both in growing their crops and marketing them after they are grown. This information to be distributed, with other matters directly connected with the internal working of the Order, to the Subordinate Granges, and thus by frequent communication and the encouragement of correspondence and the personal visits by some one, as before referred to, among the Subordinate Granges and Grange families at their own firesides, create and sustain the close connection sought for. With an efficient missionary or missionaries in the field, well paid for their work and required to devote their time and talents to it, I would feel safe in predicting that the result would be such as to pay back to the treasury all that it would cost and a handsome sum besides; and more than this, we would be rewarded by seeing healthy, successful and enthusiastic Granges and Grange members all over the land. But our efforts are not sufficiently concentrated. What we want and must have is a more definite understanding amongst us; more concerted action; a disposition to pull more closely together; more unity; more cohesion;

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more discipline. With these requisite elements of success, and each Subordinate Grange acting upon the fact that as a school they must be active and earnest in spreading among the members useful information relating to their profession, much good will be done. "We emphatically and sincerely assert the oft-repeated truth taught in our organic law, that the Grange is not a political party or organization." While this clause in our Declaration of Principles speaks truthfully, and should be regarded, yet we should not lose sight of the fact that every man has a duty to perform towards his country, and must, therefore, give attention to the political questions of the day; but his course should be actuated by principle; and in casting his vote or using his influence it should be for measures instead of men. We have followed our respective party leaders long enough. It is true we now, as a community, assert our independence and learn to consider questions upon their merits, seeking for legislation in the interest of agriculture. What we have a right to ask for is representation in proportion to our numbers and the importance of our profession. As an organization it is legitimate that we should use the means at our command to carry this into effect; and here let me say that education is the medium by which this can be accomplished—the one great means by which to better our condition as agriculturists; and the Grange, as a school for this purpose, should ever bear this in mind, and discussions on agricultural subjects should be a leading part in the work of every Grange meeting.

"But we should not confine our discussions to agricultural questions alone, but include all questions of a public nature that affect our interests. I refer to these matters in a plain manner, and just as I have seen them. During the six years of my connection with this body as your secretary, I have not lost opportunity to acquaint myself with the requirements of the farming community, and especially with our members, and the exact relation the Grange holds towards their position. I have unbounded faith in its capabilities, but am prepared to say that if we get all from it it is able to do for us, we must follow its teachings more closely, and apply them in a more generous, broad, and business-like manner. We must divest ourselves of all natural jealousies, of all selfishness, take a broader and more liberal view of circumstances, define what we want to do, hew closely to the line, and pull together.

"My term of office now expires, with this session my official connection with the Dominion Grange will cease, as circumstances prevent my again becoming a candidate for the office. I shall return the emblem of my office to your keeping, and trust that you will place it upon some one worthy to wear it. I cannot close this address without thanking you all, and through you my brother and sister patrons all over the Dominion for the general kindness and courtesy that has been extended to me during my incumbency of the office. I leave it with some regrets, for I have spent many pleasant hours in correspondence and personal intercourse with you, and to me it is like parting from old friends, and carries with it a degree of sadness. Yet, I assure you that although I now retire from the position of an officer of this Grange, I hope to ever be found among the working members of the order, for my faith is not shaken nor my zeal diminished. I shall ever consider it a pleasure to assist in my humble way towards the advancement of this great organization, and especially will my assistance be at all times at command by my successor, on whom the mantle I have worn so long may fall.

"Respectfully submitted,

"W. PEMBERTON PAGE."

Moved and seconded that the Report of the Secretary be received and referred to the Committee on Officer's reports. Carried.

Moved and seconded that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet in the lower Hall in order to give opportunity to prepare this Hall for conferring the higher degrees.

Moved and seconded that the election of officers take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Moved in amendment that the election be on Friday afternoon next, when we may have before the Grange the financial reports of the Secretary and Treasurer.

Bro. Shepley's motion by consent of the Grange was withdrawn, and Bro. McMordie's motion amended to say that the election be deferred until after the Financial Reports of Secretary and Treasurer, also Auditors and Report of Committee on Officer's Reports be received and discussed.

Grange adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grange met at 2:30, Worthy Master in the chair.

Bro. John Ramsay being present was asked to address the Grange, who did so in a few remarks, referring to the success of the Provincial Grange meeting and hoped that the Dominion Grange meeting would also be as pleasant and profitable.

Moved by Bro. T. S. McLeod, seconded by Bro. Bull that the Master be recommended to desire the Committee appointed by the Ontario Provincial Grange to visit the Government of Ontario to re-visit that body and request them to strike out clause No. 4 in the proposed Market Fee Bill, which authorizes Municipalities to prevent and regulate the sale of marketable commodities in certain places. Lost.

Moved by Bro. Robinson, seconded by Bro. Cameron, in amendment, that the Committee appointed by the Provincial Grange of Ontario be requested to make every endeavor to secure the expunging of the word "Preventing" and the words "Vacant Lots" from clause No. 6 of the Market Fee Bill, and to secure the change of 83 to 82 in time for which bill comes into force. Carried.

Some time was taken up in the discussion of this resolution. The general feeling expressed was dissatisfaction with the Bill, as its provisions were not sufficiently definite.

Moved by Bro. Robinson, seconded by Bro. Cheyne, that Bro. R. J. Doyle be added to the Committee appointed by the Provincial Grange to secure Legislation on the Market Fee Bill now before the Local Legislature. Carried.

Moved by Bro. T. S. McLeod, seconded by Bro. Lethbridge, that we do not endorse the recommendation contained in the report of the Executive Committee with regard to the establishment of an Agricultural Bank, as we consider the less the Grange has to do with institutions of this kind the better for the order.

Ordered to be referred to Committee on Officers' Reports.

A suggestion was read by Bro. Shepley, as follows :

The Committee on Legislation has been requested to lay before your Committee the fact that while we in Essex and Kent Counties have

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received in past years a good remuneration by the growing of tobacco, and as that industry has been injured by the laws of our Dominion Government we claim that these laws should be so amended as to allow any one to engage in that industry without having to procure a license from an Inland Revenue Officer as at present, and without being liable to a fine, and to have the produce so raised confiscated unless the grower has procured said license, and also as the laws at present stand the grower of tobacco is not allowed to sell to any one but a licensed buyer, which we feel to be a great injustice to the agricultural interests of our counties.

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Ordered to be referred to Committee on Legislation.
Grange adjourned.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, February 16th, 1882.

Grange opened in due form. Worthy Master in the chair. Minutes of yesterday's meeting read and approved, with the addition of the name of members taking the higher degrees.

Moved and seconded that Bros. McLeod, Wilkie, Shepley, Holmes and Lethbridge be a Committee to collect the names of those taking the higher degrees, and submit the same to the Provincial Grange.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The Auditors' Report was submitted, as follows:—

"To the Worthy Master and Members of Dominion Grange:—

"We, your Auditors, beg leave to report that we have examined, compared and checked the books and accounts of the Secretary, as also the papers in connection therewith, and found them to correspond with the vouchers produced; but regret that in some instances the reports of Division and Sub-Granges were not on file, although the dues were accounted for in the Secretary's accounts. We would suggest that more discipline be exercised in this direction.

"We find the total amount received by the Secretary from all sources to be \$2,292.01.

"The amount paid out as incidental expenses and to Deputies in organizing Granges to be \$576.05, which, with the amount of \$1,717.96 paid over to the Treasurer, makes the full amount received, viz., \$2,292.01.

"We have also examined an account, headed 'Grange Excursion Expenses,' in which we find the sum of \$720.00 received from the Secretary of the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto, which sum is accounted for as follows:—Cash paid Treasurer of Dominion Grange, \$209.17; Assets, \$39.40; Expenses in Advertising, &c., &c., \$251.43; paid to Temperance Society, \$55.00; Clerk hire, \$55.00; Services of Committee in connection therewith, \$110.00; said sums authorized to be paid by Executive Committee.

"In examining the Treasurer's books and accounts we find the amount of \$1,698.68 brought forward from February 10th, 1881, which, with \$1,717.96 received from the Secretary, makes the total amount received up to February 11th, 1882, \$3,416.63.

"In the credit account we find \$619.08 paid as expenses to Delegates to

Dominion Grange, 1881 ; Printing, \$280.05 ; Lectures, \$151.30 ; Executive Committee, \$220.50 ; Representative to National Grange, U. S., \$77.60, together with other incidental expenses amounting to \$299.55, makes the total expenditure \$1,648.08, which, with the balance credit of \$1,768.55, makes up the total amount of receipts,

" We feel in closing this report that it is due the Treasurer to say that we find his books systematically and correctly kept, and agreeing with the vouchers in every instance.

" Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

" W. E. STARATT,
" THOS. S. MACLEOD, } AUDITORS."

The Treasurer's Report was also submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

" *Worthy Master and Brother Patrons* :—

" Your Treasurer, in presenting the Financial Report of another fiscal year is pleased to be able to shew a handsome surplus in the Treasury, believing that without such the power of the Executive would be limited, and serious results to the Order would follow. At the last session of Dominion Grange some loyal and true patrons feared the establishment of Provincial Granges would so affect the receipts of this Grange that but a small amount could be placed in the estimates for perpetuating and extending the Order, that liberal measures necessitating an increased outlay in employing Lecturers and other work could not be devised, or so devised could not be carried into execution. Such has not been the case. Your Chief Officers have judiciously managed the affairs of the Order in the interim, and also handsomely supplemented the ordinary receipts by a wise and timely arrangement with the Directors of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, the sum of Two Hundred and Forty-eight Dollars and fifty-seven cents net. have been added to the funds. Your Treasurer would recommend that in accordance with the desire of the Industrial Association Representatives from this Grange be elected thereto as formerly, and would also suggest that the Grange offer a special prize, to be competed for at the next Exhibition. By thus uniting with Agricultural Exhibitions, the Order is brought prominently before many that it otherwise would not, and thereby strengthened."

RECEIPTS.

1881.	DR.		
Feb. 9.	To Balance on hand.....	\$1698	67
14.	" Amount received from Dom. Secretary.....	125	25
M'rch 16.	" " " " " ".....	36	60
April	" " " " " ".....	35	70
"	" Draft, \$205.73; Bills receipted, \$23.75.....	229	48
June 14.	" Amt. from Dom. Sec.....	49	40
July 2.	" Draft from Dom. Sec.....	126	77
"	" Bills receipted.....	218	55
Aug. 6.	" Cash from Secretary.....	17	35
Oct. 29.	" " " " " ".....	89	70
Nov. 10.	" Cheque " ".....	149	33
Dec. 26.	" Amt. from Dom. Sec.....	118	70
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"		By Cash paid Hill & Weir for printing 100 copies of Financial Statement.....	6 00
"		By Cash paid T. E. P. Sutton, Assistant Secretary at Annual Meeting.....	15 50
"		By Cash paid for three days use of hall.....	2 00
"		By Cash paid caretaker of hall.....	65
"		By Discount on Stamps.....	8 00
"		By Cash paid Bro. Anderson, for lecturing in Hastings & Prince Edward Co.	88 75
"		By Cash paid Executive Committee attendance at Annual Meeting and Com.	10 00
Mar. 14		By Cash paid Sec., compiling list of Sub. Granges for publication.....	35 70
"		By Cash paid Executive Committee.....	6 00
"		By Cash paid W. P. Page, for lecturing in Sub Granges Nos. 174 and 194.....	20 60
" 16		By Cash paid C. Drury, lecturing in Leeds and Grenville.....	6 00
" 30		By Cash paid A. J. Hughes, attendance to arrange for lectures.....	9 75
"		By Cash paid A. J. Hughes, lecturing in Peel.....	8 00
April 8		By Cash paid Bro. Robinson, for lecturing in Prince Albert.....	16 35
June 14		By Cash paid Bro. Drury, Port Stanley, Pic-nic.....	6 05
"		By Cash paid Executive Committee.....	27 00
"		By Cash paid Bro. Hill, for lecturing.....	218 55
July 2		By Cash paid N. B. Colcock, for printing.....	5 00
Aug. 6		By Cash paid W. P. Page, lecture at Guelph.....	12 35
		By Cash paid J. N. Crow, Sec. Division Grange No. 39, for lectures delivered by J. C. Black.....	60 70
Oct. 29		By Cash paid Executive Committee.....	8 50
"		By Cash paid A. J. Hughes, lecturing at Hornings Mills.....	20 00
"		By Cash paid S. W. Hill lecturing in Dundas Division.....	31 30
"		By Cash paid Executive Committee.....	7 40
"		By Cash paid R. McMordie, for services in connection with Kelvin Gore Grange	9 25
1882.		By Cash paid Jabel Robinson.....	150 00
Feb. 11		By Cash paid W. P. Page, salary account.....	30 00
"		By Cash paid Treasurer's salary.....	51 50
"		By Cash paid Welland Printing Company.....	50 00
"		By Cash paid Col. Blair, W. M., as per resolution.....	77 60
"		By Cash paid Col. Blair, travelling expenses, delegate to N. Grange.....	25 00
"		By Cash paid King's Division, for lectures.....	
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J. P. BULL, TREASURER.

SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

32 Granges organized, @ \$20.....	\$ 640 00	
1 Division do " \$2.....	2 00	
Received from sale of printed matter.....	124 60	
do do do jewels.....	33 00	
do do do advertisements on list of Granges.....	53 00	\$210 60
Received from Exhibition Association Committee, \$248 57, less assets to the amount of \$39 40.....	\$ 209 17	\$209 17

QUARTERLY DUES.

For Dec. 14, 1880	N. S. Provincial Grange.....	\$ 62 07	
" " "	Ontario do.....	205 73	
" " "	Division and Subordinate Grange.....	134 79	
" " "	Ontario Provincial Grange.....	190 55	
Mar. " 1881	N. S. do.....	45 70	
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" " "	Ontario Provincial Grange.....	178 63	
June " "	N. S. do.....	30 05	
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" " "	Ontario Provincial Grange.....	192 90	
Sept. " "	N. S. do.....	52 76	
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DISBURSEMENTS.

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Expenses, last Annual meeting.....	\$ 3 62		
Stationery	34 61		
Tin Cases	15 75		
Scales	4 00		
Express	8 55		
Bank Drafts and Discounts.....	50		
Pad Locks.....	3 75		
Regalia.....	12 80		
Copying Pad.....	5 00		
Map	3 00		
Sundries.....	11 80		
Shelves for Office.....	4 25		
Postage.....	74 36		
Preparing list of Granges for Agricultural Com.....	5 00		
Telegrams	4 70		
		\$191 79	\$191 79
ORGANIZATIONS, &c.			
Paid Deputies.....	\$339 78		
Returned to divide Granges overpaid dues.....	5 09		
Provincial Granges dues forwarded.....	32 89		
Miscellaneous.....	4 50		
		\$382 26	\$382 26
Paid Treasurer.....	\$1717 96	\$1717 96	
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Total.....	\$2292 01	\$2292 01	

STOCK ON HAND.

	CASH PRICE VALUE.	
Rituals 5 3/4c.....	\$ 15 00	
Song Books.....	12 00	
do do with music.....	55 00	
10 Full sets Jewels.....	80 00	
3 Broken sets.....	12 00	
Roll Books.....	6 00	
Tin Cases	3 00	
Miscellaneous blanks &c.....	25 00	
Desk.....	50 00	
Flag	25 40	
Miscellaneous	20 00	
	\$303 40	\$303 40

Moved by Bro. J. P. Bull, seconded by Bro. Page, that the reports of Secretary and Treasurer and Auditors be received and adopted.

After some discussion the matter was laid over until the afternoon session.

On motion the Grange adjourned.

Mr. Wm. Johnston, late President of the Agricultural College, Guelph, was introduced, and gave an interesting address upon agricultural and kindred subjects.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grange assembled at 2:30.

The motion for the adoption of the reports of Sec., Treas. and Auditing Committee was again brought up for discussion, when, with explanation by the officers referred to, the motion was adopted.

Moved by Bro. Bull, seconded by Bro. VanCamp, that this Grange grant

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the sum of one hundred dollars for essays on agricultural subjects, the sum to be given to such parties whose essays obtain prizes after full examination.

Moved by Bro. Cameron, seconded by Bro. Lethbridge, that the motion be laid on the table. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMERCIAL RELATIONS.

Bro. Starratt on behalf of Committee on Commercial Relations, submitted a report.

"To the Officers and Members of Dominion Grange :—

"Your Committee on Commercial Relations beg leave to report that the Grange Wholesale Supply Co. is transacting a large amount of business, giving good satisfaction, and gradually gaining the confidence and patronage of the members of the Order; and, so far as we can learn, is well and ably managed by Brother W. N. Harris. We recommend this institution to the confidence, support and patronage of all the members of the Order. We believe that if patrons would turn their trade into their own supply store, it would materially reduce the profits on the supplies which they have to purchase.

"We are pleased to report that through the exertions of a few mercantile men of good business capabilities, also members of the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry and farmers generally, the discussion of the problem of transporting the surplus products of the farm to the markets of Great Britain and the Continent of Europe, resulted in a Joint Stock Company being organized, with a capital of \$100,000, in the Western Counties of Nova Scotia, to extend our commercial relations more profitably and successfully in transporting the surplus products to the English and other foreign markets. A commodious and substantial deep-water pier, where 3 large steamers can lie to load at the same time, and a large frost-proof warehouse, capable of storing 14,000 barrels at once, has been built by said Company; a line of steamers has been put on between Annapolis (Nova Scotia), and London (G. B.), and several cargoes of apples and other produce have been shipped, and the enterprise is looked upon by the people of that part of the country as a decided success.

"Also, we are pleased to report that more favorable lines of transportation have been established between the western ports of Nova Scotia and the United States.

"And we further beg to report that the different lines of steamers sailing from the Atlantic ports of the Dominion are affording more favorable terms of transportation, through the exertions put forth by farmers to establish better commercial relations with other countries.

"And your Committee recommend that every encouragement be given to the establishment of cheaper lines of transportation for the surplus produce of the central and western parts of the Dominion to the larger markets of England and other countries.

"Respectfully submitted.

*" W. E. STARRATT.
" WILLIAM BROCK.
" JESSE TRULL.
" A. W. HARRIS."*

Moved and seconded that the report be received, engrossed on the minutes and adopted. Carried.

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Moved by Bro. Robinson, seconded by Bro. A. Gifford, that this Grange authorize the granting of an amount not exceeding \$25 for the purpose of presenting a memento to Bro. J. R. Thompson, Presiding Officer of the Seventh Degree of the National Grange of the United States, for his services in copying and supplying this Grange with the Manuals of the Higher Degrees. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' SALARIES.

The Committee on Officers' Salaries submitted a report as follows :—
" To the Officers and Members of Dominion Grange :—
" Your Committee to whom was referred the question of Officers Salaries beg leave to report as follows :—

" We recommend that the sum of \$50 be paid to the Master, in lieu of office expenses ; that the sum of \$30 be allowed the Treasurer, in lieu of office expenses ; and that the salary of the Secretary be \$150, with bonds for the faithful performance of the duty of Secretary and Treasurer in sureties to the amount of \$2,000 each ; and that the Executive Committee and Auditors shall receive each the sum of \$2.00 per day and actual traveling expenses while in the discharge of their duty.

" All of which is respectfully submitted.

" D. B. NEWCOMBE.
" ROBERT CURRIE.
" GEO. LETHBRIDGE."

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion Grange adjourned.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Friday, February 17th, 1882.

Grange opened with the Master in the chair. Minutes of yesterday's proceeding read and approved.

Bro. Shepley on behalf of Committee on Insurance submitted a report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

" To the Master, Officers and Members of Dominion Grange :—

" Your Committee on Insurance would respectfully submit the following report :—

" Your Committee have to congratulate the Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Company on the success of their company during the past four years of its existence, and although the past year has been one of unusual severity on fire insurance companies, they have been enabled to pay all claims and working expenses, while many other companies have found that they could not insure wood buildings three years for 75 cts. per \$100, this company has furnished four years' insurance for 75 cts. per \$100, and returned as savings out of such receipts the amount of \$635, which has been paid back to the insured.

" The amount at risk in the Grange Mutual Insurance Company is nearly \$5,000,000 ; the capital, \$105,000, and nearly six hundred dollars was received in 1881 as interest and surplus cost capital invested.

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"Your Committee are of the opinion that if the undertaking note could be still further reduced without hazarding the security of the Company it would be an inducement to others to insure who now cannot be persuaded to join the Company, not realizing the fact that the amount of undertaking in no wise affects the actual cost of insurance."

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment that the report be referred back to the Committee for such changes as the explanation given warrants.

Amendment adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY.

Bro. Robinson submitted report of Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

"Your Committee begs leave to report as follows:—

"In dealing with this subject, your Committee believe it is one of vast importance—so much so that we think the limited time at our disposal insufficient to do justice to the cause, our time when not in session being taken up on other important committees.

"Successful agriculture is the foundation of civilization. Every effort made to improve agriculture, either by individuals or organized bodies, is worthy the support of all classes.

"We believe that agriculture, as a science, is only in its infancy, although within the present century marvelous progress has been made.

"We would recommend that those engaged in the pursuits of agriculture should study well the nature and condition of the soil, and in order to counteract the uncertainty of our climate, underdrainage becomes specially necessary. By these means the evil effects of excessive drouth and rain on the crops becomes obviated.

"We believe that the cultivation of clover is one of the important factors in successful farming; the more clover is ploughed down the better will be the condition of the soil. It is obvious that the consumption of coarse grains and the growing of roots fed to stock on the farm is of great importance. The fact that superior animals are in great demand in the European market, should encourage us to improve our herds by using none but thorough-bred males.

"We would recommend that the law for the prevention of the growth of obnoxious weeds should be strictly enforced.

"We also think that new varieties of seed grain should be introduced, and that our Organization should be taken advantage of for that purpose.

"As the natural forests are fast disappearing from the face of our country, and as it is a well known fact that the forest has a decided influence on the rain fall, we believe that the farmers of our country should take steps to prevent the country from becoming denuded of its natural protection, since it is almost impossible to raise fall wheat where the forests have disappeared. We think that the trees should be planted along the line fences and road sides for shelter and ornament.

"We favor the proposition made by the Local Legislature of Ontario to establish a Bureau of Statistics, relating to agricultural production, and think it would be wise if all the provinces of the Dominion would do the same. In this country the farmer cannot control the price of his productions,

but by taking advantage of the many opportunities given through the Grange, by strict economy and the study of natural law, all difficulties to a great extent may be overcome.

“ JABEL ROBINSON.

“ R. WILKIE.

“ LEVI VAN CAMP.”

On motion report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Bro. Gifford submitted a report on Education.

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

“ We, your Committee on Education, beg to submit the following report :

“ In doing so we have to ask the indulgence of the Grange if it is found that the subject is not presented as fully as they and we might wish. A subject of such grave importance to the community at large, and to the Association in particular, requires much more time for consideration than is at the disposal of your Committee.

“ As our Dominion Government does not legislate upon matters connected with our educational system, your Committee consider it outside their duties to make any suggestions respecting the laws under which the schools of the different provinces are conducted, such laws being entirely under the control of the respective provinces. consequently we have given our attention to the desirability of Education being more general in its character, and making such suggestions thereto as we feel assured will meet with the approval of this Grange. That “ ‘tis education forms the common mind, just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined,” is a sentiment as true to-day as when first uttered, and your Committee have no hesitation in saying that what we are is the result of Education, and upon it depends our future. If the Grange, and through it the farming community, is to exert the influence which of right, owing to the importance of the agricultural interest, belongs to us, we must educate ourselves so as to intelligently discharge the duties that devolve upon us.

“ Your Committee would respectfully submit that all education to be useful must be practical in its character, that is, conducted with a view to its application in the occupation to which the recipient expects to devote his attention, and in this respect we feel there is yet a great lack in our country so far as a training for agricultural pursuits is concerned, while in each province ample provision has been made for teaching the specialities of the so-called professions, only in one case, that of Ontario, and then in but one instance, has provision been made for giving a purely agricultural education.

“ This is a matter which your Committee thinks requires earnest attention, and is one in which the importance of the interests involved would make it permissible for the Dominion Government to supplement grants made by provinces, for the purpose of maintaining schools or colleges devoted entirely to the study of agriculture, such institutions to form part of the educational system of the province, and remain under provincial control.

“ However, as a very large proportion of our population will never go beyond the common school, your Committee deem it imperative that more prominence should be given to agricultural subjects in our ordinary school books, and that our teachers should be required to teach the rudiments of

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those sciences bearing directly on agriculture, and would suggest that for this purpose and the cultivation of a taste for beauty in our surroundings, that every school-house be provided with suitable grounds where the teacher will be required to devote some of the time now expended in holidays to healthful recreation in teaching the nature of plants, landscape gardening, &c.

"We have observed with regret that our school books, especially the Readers, do not give that prominence to agricultural subjects which we think desirable, and would again suggest, as was done by your Committee of last year, that the insertion of biographical sketches of successful agriculturists would tend to create an interest in the subject, and convince the rising generation that other classes do not get all the prizes in life.

"At the present time a strong effort is being made to secure for females the same educational privileges as have been given to males in the past. This your Committee think should be granted, as upon the intelligence of our matrons more than upon any other one thing depends the *future* of this country. If they are educated and imbued with principles of integrity and right, then will the coming generation advance; but if on the contrary they are frivolously devoted to pleasure and luxury, then may we expect indolence and effeminacy to prevail, for the character of the woman is indelibly stamped upon the man.

"Another matter to which we would draw attention is that feeling so prevalent, that when well qualified to fill positions hitherto occupied by men, women are expected to do so at greatly reduced salaries. This, we think, inflicts much injustice, and should be in every way discouraged.

"Your Committee have been waited upon by a gentleman with reference to a new series of reading books for schools, which, from a cursory examination, we judge may be found preferable to those now in use. Those, while not giving that special attention to agriculture which we think desirable, apparently give much greater prominence to Canadian subjects and surroundings than has been hitherto given, and in this way must beget a feeling of respect for and pride in our own country which will prove highly beneficial. Subsequently your Committee received the annexed letter from the publishers, which we submit for your consideration.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"A. GIFFORD.

"A. E. HUGHES.

"W. E. STARRATT."

"TORONTO, Feb. 16, 1882.

"A GIFFORD, Esq:—

"DEAR SIR:—Since I saw you this morning I have referred the consideration of your suggestions to the Managing Director of the Canada Publishing Co.

"He will be pleased to have lessons inserted in the Readers having special reference to successful agriculturists. Will you or your Committee kindly make note of a few names such as you would wish to have brought forward for this purpose.

"In connection with articles (for the Readers) that are now being pre-

pared by Messrs. W. Johnson and Prof. Brown, there will be an excellent opportunity to introduce good Canadian biographical allusions.

"With reference to this acquiescence in the wishes of your Committee, coupled with what you know of the general plan to be followed in the preparation of our books, I trust you may see your way clear towards giving them your approval before the Dominion Grange.

"Be kind enough also to furnish us with the particulars in the lives of the persons you name.

"Address communications to W. C. Campbell, Esq., Managing Director Canada Publishing Co., Toronto.

"By letting us have the necessary material at as early a date as possible, you will greatly oblige.

"I am, yours respectfully,

"DAVID BOYLE."

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Moved and seconded that a copy of the report on education be made and forwarded to the Minister of Education.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS & GRIEVANCES.

Bro. Starratt then submitted a report on Claims and Grievances.

"To the Officers and Members of Dominion Grange :—

"Your Committee beg leave to report that their duties were of a very light nature indeed, from the fact that no claims or grievances were laid before them. This, we believe, will be a source of much pleasure to the members of this Grange, and we trust that future committees, following in our footsteps, may always have as light a duty to perform in this respect.

"Fraternally submitted.

"W. E. STARRATT.

"ROBERT McMORDIE.

"L. VAN CAMP."

On motion the report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Bro. Starratt then submitted report of Committee on Officers' Reports.

"To the Worthy Master and Members of Dominion Grange :—

"We, your Committee, after reviewing the several addresses presented by the officers of Dominion Grange, would most respectfully draw your attention to some of the more important points.

WORTHY MASTER'S ADDRESS.

"1st. We join in the expressions of our Worthy Master in the regret that his parliamentary duties prevent his attendance at this meeting.

"2nd. We heartily concur in the suggestion of our Worthy Master, that action be taken with a view of placing lecturers in the field for the advancement of our Order, and we think the time has arrived that a more general knowledge of the aims and objects of the organization should be widely disseminated.

"3rd. Your Committee view with much pleasure the fraternal greeting

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extended to our Worthy Master by the officers and members of the National Grange of the United States of America, and express the hope that those relations may ever be maintained."

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

" 1st. We are pleased to notice the continued increase in the number of Sub-Granges and the prospective extension of our Order in Manitoba, and would call especial attention to that portion of the report recommending some encouragement to those granges which would seem to be in not so flourishing a condition as we would wish.

" 2nd. Your Committee commend the action taken by the Provincial Legislature of Ontario, in the matter of agricultural statistics, and we are of the opinion that through the medium of the Dominion Grange much valuable agricultural information could be obtained."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.

" 1st. We concur in the recommendation of the Executive Committee that division granges should take steps to resuscitate weak granges in their jurisdiction, or induce them to unite with others.

" 2nd. Your Committee endorse the action of the Executive Committee, in having the financial reports printed and laid before the members of the Grange at the earliest possible moment.

" 3rd. We note the instructions given the Secretary to open correspondence with co-operative societies in Great Britain (as per resolution passed at the meeting of last Dominion Grange), but not being aware of the result of the correspondence, cannot pass an opinion,

" 4th. We feel that we cannot too strongly recommend the suggestions of the Executive Committee relative to the discriminations and amalgamations of our railway system, particularly where millions of dollars of the farmers money have been granted as bonuses, and which have been misapplied.

" 5th. We cannot but add our regret to the clause in the report relating to the *Grange-Record*, and trust that in the future sufficient patronage may be given so that the publishers may see their way clear to give the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry more real grange matter, suited to meet the requirements of its members; and we further endorse the remarks of the Committee respecting the *Grange Bulletin*, published by brothers Doyle and Harris.

" 6th. We have taken into consideration the clause relating to correspondence which properly belong to Provincial Granges, being often mis-sent to Secretary of Dominion Grange, and we are of opinion that when the system of correspondence becomes better known that it will find its proper channel.

" 7th. We are pleased to notice the increasing prosperity of the Grange Wholesale Supply Company, and would recommend the suggestions of the Executive Committee in having the balance of stock taken up as soon as practicable.

" 8th. It is the opinion of your Committee that the time has not arrived in the history of the Organization to warrant the establishing of a bank in the interests of the Order.

" 9th. The concluding clause of your report we consider of the very first importance in the moulding of the future legislation of our Dominion, for

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.

"W. E. STARRATT.
"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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"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"SISTER LETHBRIDGE.
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On motion the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS.

Report of Committee on Constitution and By-laws was submitted by Bro. Cameron.

"To the Officers and Members of the Dominion Grange, of Canada:—

"We, your Committee on Constitution and By-laws, beg leave to report, recommending the following amendments, legal notice of motion of which has been given:—

"1st. That in Article 2, Section 12, Page 14, the words "and treasurer" be erased.

"2nd. Article 2, Section 1, Page 20—that the words, "and one member." after the word "Auditors," be erased, and the words, "and three members," be inserted in lieu thereof.

"3rd. That the last word in Section 1, Article 1, page 11, be erased and the word "ten" be inserted in lieu thereof.

"4th. To Section 3rd, Article 1st, Page 18, add the words, "or wherein Division Granges and electoral districts are the same such Division Granges shall elect delegates to the Provincial Granges, unless said Division Grange by resolution, decide to elect by method for Electoral Districts or sealed ballots.

"5th. Article 2, Section 1, Page 20—the words, "and one member," after the word "Auditors," be erased, and the words, "and two members," be inserted in lieu thereof; and in Section 2, Article 2, of the same page, the words, "and secretary," be erased.

"6th. When one male and one female or two males (but not two females) are regular paying members under the constitution any subordinate grange is hereby empowered to pass a by-law admitting the remainder of the family to membership who are otherwise eligible at a nominal initiation fee of not less than twenty-five cents, and a nominal annual due of not less than twenty-five cents, so long as they remain actual members of that family (and no longer) both of which nominal sums shall be equally divided between the division and subordinate grange to which such persons belong, and no further capitation tax shall be paid to superior granges on account of such members.

"Sub-Sec. 1. That such members be entered upon a separate finance book, and all their accounts kept separate from the regular paying members and reported in a separate column in the quarterly reports.

"Sub-Sec. 2. That when such members cease to be actual members of such family, no longer living under the parental roof and drawing their supplies from the same family purse they shall be entered as regular paying members.

"Sub-Sec. 3. Provides that such members shall be known as junior members, and shall be received only through the same channel as regular paying members, viz., by application, ballot and initiation, and shall be subject to the same laws as regular paying members, except as herein otherwise provided.

"Sub-Sec. 4. Provided further that no junior members shall be allowed to vote upon any question affecting the finances of the Grange nor be eligible for election to the offices of master, secretary, executive committee, or delegates to superior granges.

"5th. That section 4, article 2, Constitution of Division Granges, be amended by substituting the word 'four' for the word 'five' in the second line on page 26.

"Your committee further recommend that changes in the Constitution not dealt with in this report, and which are recommended by the committee on Constitution and By-laws of the Ontario Provincial Grange, stand over as notices of motion until the next meeting of this Grange.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"EWIN CAMERON.

"A. J. HUGHES.

"THOS. S. McLEOD."

Moved and seconded that no members be allowed to speak on the subject report of Committee on Constitution and By-laws more than twice and not more than five minutes at a time.

On motion the grange adjourned, and when the grange assembles again the report of Committee on Constitution and By-laws be the first business.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grange opened in due form. Bro. Gifford in the chair in the absence of the acting master.

Bro. Doyle came and took the Master's chair. Moved and seconded that the report of Constitution be read and considered clause by clause. Carried.

Bro. Starratt moved, seconded by Bro. Trull, that Constitution be amended in accordance with notice of motion given by him at last annual meeting of Dominion Grange.

Moved and seconded that the first clause of report be adopted.

Moved in amendment that the report be placed on the table. Carried.

Bro. Starratt moved that his first notice of motion be adopted. Lost.

Also second notice of motion be adopted. Carried.

Bro. Gifford moved, seconded by Bro. Hughes, that Bro. Blair's notice be adopted. Lost.

Grange proceeded to consideration of report of Committee clause by clause.

Moved and seconded that the report of Committee on Constitution as adopted be now adopted as a whole. Carried.

Moved and seconded that slips containing the changes in Constitution be

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Bro. Hilborn submitted report on Transportation and Monopolies.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION MONOPOLIES.

"To the Officers and Members of Dominion Grange :—

"Your Committee on Transportation, Monopolies and Legislation beg leave to report as follows :—

"That we find the powers of railway companies increasing to an alarming extent. In regard to this means of transportation, while legislation may encourage the construction of new lines of railway, we yet believe that such lines of railway could have been built and facilities for transportation given without placing in the hands of any company such unrestricted power as the Legislation have given them. This is a circumstance which will require the people to exercise great diligence to meet and counteract the increasing power of these monopolies. Experience has shown that the corporate power which manages a railway is rapacious and merciless in the extreme; it is marked by encroachments and usurpations; it assumes rights that belong to the people, forgetful of the fact that its first duty is respect at least to the people, the power from whence it emanated; it taxes the products of honest labor at its own merciless will, and usurps the power so to do; it boldly warns the people against any attempt to recover rights they have innocently yielded upon the plea that its property is private property, and therefore not amenable to the public for wrongs in its management; it will not submit to be made subject to regulations or laws dictated by the people's representatives; its power is irresponsible and defiant, and with astonishing effrontery it even sneers at any attempt on the part of the Legislature to restrain its rapacity or hold in check its assumed prerogative; it hesitates not to resort to a system of bribery and corruption to effectually checkmate all attempts on the part of the people to recover their yielded rights by a system of dead-heading in the granting of free passes to legislative and judicial officers of the country, thus destroying their freedom and independence in the honest discharge of their official duties. Entrenched as it is in the capital, either by self-interest or controlled by corrupt influences on the part of a large majority of our law-makers, the railway power to-day sways the commerce of the country, nay, even of the continent. Accelerated by its own growth, licensed by its own greed, usurping as desire advances, how long will it be before the Government itself will be but a suppliant tool in the hands of a creature of its own creation?

"Your Committee cannot place too much stress upon the centralizing tendency of the railway corporations of this country, which we regret is becoming so general that it is very apparent that in a very short time we will have but two or three railway corporations in the Dominion, when by pooling receipts and friendly combination nothing like competition will be possible, and as a natural result high and discriminating rates will be charged by such corporations upon the same principle as the great corporations on the American side which have adopted the principle of fixing the tariff by what the traffic will bear regardless of the actual value of the service rendered, and it is well known that the burdens of all such combinations fall upon the producer, as neither dealer nor consumer can be made to participate in such bearing. And history goes to show that no principle is too high for them to sacrifice in order to the all-devouring greed with which their every propensity seems ever to abound, and whereas the railways of

this country have been to a very large extent constructed by bonuses granted by the municipalities and government subsidies, both of which are the people's money, and both of which have been contributed in a very large number of instances for the express purpose of providing a competition that would keep the freight passenger rates at something like what the service is actually worth, only to be disappointed and chagrined by seeing the very object they sought to gain defeated by the action of the Legislature confirming an amalgamation of the line they thus helped to construct with the very lines they were endeavoring to provide a competition with.

"And your Committee are of opinion that the time has come when the Grange should take a more decided stand in reference to what they conceive to be our vital interest. Our legislators but a day or two ago told us we were an acknowledged power in the land. Where does the power lie, and how and when are we to exercise it? Your Committee conceive that that power lies in our co-operative efforts in the selection of our representatives, independent of party politics. In this matter our interests are identical, and our efforts should be united at the ballot box. We do not wish to be understood as asking patrons to relinquish party ties by any means, but we do believe it to be the duty of every patron, irrespective of party, to see to it that candidates for parliamentary honors answer satisfactorily the following questions, viz. :—

- " 1. Will you with your vote and influence seek to restrain effectually the growing tendency of railway corporations to oppress the people by means of high and discriminative rates beyond the actual value of service rendered?
- " 2. Will you under any circumstances accept from any railway company any token of recognition conferring upon you the rights of travel over such railway without paying for such privileges the ordinary rates of passage?

"And your Committee would further recommend that the Dominion Grange put forth a vigorous effort to place our views upon this subject prominently before the country in order that the people may have the opportunity of acting thereon at the next general election to our Legislatures.

"And your Committee would also recommend to the Executive Committee the propriety of petitioning the Government at Ottawa to remove the present vexatious restrictions upon the cultivation of tobacco, as such restrictions have almost entirely destroyed that industry, which has been and could otherwise be a profitable undertaking in some of the Erie counties of this province.

"All of which is fraternally submitted.

" E. H. HILBORN,
" D. B. NEWCOMB, } Com.
" A. GIFFORD,

On motion report was adopted.

EVENING SESSION.

Grange assembled at 7:30 o'clock.

The Grange then proceeded to the election of officers.

Bro. Hilborn read an additional clause desired to be added to the Committees report on Legislation.

On motion it was ordered to be added.

Moved by Bro. Robinson, seconded by Bro. Hillborn, that our W. M., Bro. Gifford, be a representative to the National Grange of the U. S.

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Master appointed Bros. Hunt and McMordie as scrutineers, when the election proceeded, resulting as follows:—

Master, A. Gifford ; Overseer, D. B. Newcombe ; Secretary, L. Cheyne ;
Treas., J. P. Bull ; Lecturer, Van Camp ; Chap., Shipley ; Steward, Brock ;
Asst. Steward, McLeod ; Gate Keeper, Cameron ; Ceres, Sis. Van Camp ;
Pomona, Sis. Hilborn ; Flora, Sis. Wilkie ; L. A. Steward, Sis. McLeod ;
Auditors—Hughes, Cameron ; Executive Committee—Robinson, Wilkie.

Moved and seconded that the installation of officers be proceeded with.

Bro. Hilborn, Past Master of the Dominion Grange, acting as installing officer.

H. Hilborn moved, seconded by Bro. Robinson, that the thanks of this Grange be and are hereby tendered to Bro. W. P. Page, our worthy Secretary, for his long continued and faithful services as the custodian of the records of this Grange, and at the same time tender some suitable token by presenting to him as a memento of our esteem of his valuable services during the past six years. Unanimously adopted.

Remarks were made by different members of the Grange having reference to the long and tried services of Bro. Page, retiring secretary.

Replied to by Bro. Page in pleasant and kindly words in which he expressed his intention of still remaining an active worker in the Grange although not an officer.

Moved by Bro. Bull, seconded by Bro. Wilkie, that the sum of \$4 be given the cartaker of this hall.

Moved by Bro. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. Bull, that 4,000 copies of the Reports of Dominion Grange be printed for distribution.

Moved by Bro. Hilborn, seconded by Bro. Trull, that the Executive Committee be instructed to take rigorous means to call in charts, books and seals of defunct granges.

Bro. Cameron having tendered his resignation of auditor of the Dominion Grange, it was moved by Bro. Shipley, seconded by Bro. VanCamp, that Bro. Hilborn be appointed auditor in place of Bro. Cameron, resigned.

Committee on Temperance submitted report read by Bro Hilborn.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of Dominion Grange :

Your Committee on Temperance beg to report as follows:—

1st. That they are in sympathy with, and heartily endorse the sentiments set forth by the Dominion and Provincial Temperance Alliance in asking the Legislature of Ontario for certain amendments to the Crooks Act.

(a.) To prohibit the sale of liquors to minors.

(b.) To prohibit the sale of liquors in all shops or places of business where other goods are sold, and to make the penalties for the violation of said license law more stringent, and if possible, more easily enforced.

2nd. Your Committee would desire to express the hope that the House of Commons will not allow any interference with the Canada Temperance Act until such time as said act has had a fair and impartial trial.

Your Committee would further suggest that in view of the carrying out one of the declarations of principles, as set forth in our organic laws, that the members of this organization will assist, individually and collectively,

in all its legitimate reforms in our laws (and no such reform is a greater necessity than one having for its object the suppression of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic and malt liquors as a beverage).

Your Committee are of opinion that the time has come when we, as an organization should be more pronounced in our opinion upon that subject; and also that subordinate Granges and patrons should take a more decided stand in reference thereto, by aiding any movement calculated to advance the principles of total abstinence in their own immediate locality; believing that we have now upon our statute books sufficient law, with the amendments proposed, to elevate the standard of morality among the people by suppressing the liquor traffic, if such laws were not allowed to remain so largely a dead letter; which can only be done by a united effort upon the part of the people. And as law abiding citizens, as members of Christian churches, and as advocates of reform, in every conceivable direction, why should we not make a united effort in endeavouring to further this great moral reform?

Fraternally submitted,

- SIS. MRS. DOYLE.
- " " HILBORN.
- " " TRULL.
- " " VANCAMP.
- " " HUGHES.
- " " CARLYLE.

Moved by Sister Doyle, seconded by Sister Lethbridge, that the report be received and adopted.

Moved by Bro. E. Cameron, seconded by Bro. T. S. McLeod, that the Dominion Grange in session assembled has learned with pleasure the success of the Canadian Mutual Aid Association, and having confidence in the men who are now managers of the Mutual Aid, we therefore recommend it to the favorable consideration of our members. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Bro. Bull, seconded by Bro. VanCamp, that the next meeting of Dominion Grange be held in the City of Toronto.

Grange adjourned.



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NOTICE OF MOTIONS.

In Accordance with Article 4, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Dominion Grange.

Moved by Bro. R. J. Doyle, seconded by Bro. W. McCloughrie, that the Secretary be instructed to give notice to the Dominion Grange Secretary, that this Grange request that the Constitution be so amended as to make the members of the Dominion Grange elective directly from the Division. Allowing the power to Division Granges to submit this question to their subordinate Granges. Carried.

JOHN WEBER,
Secretary Grey Division Grange No. 2., Vandeleur.

Moved by Bro. H. Reid, seconded by Bro. R. J. Doyle, that the Secretary be requested to notify the Dominion Grange Secretary, that this Grange request that the Constitution be so amended as to enable grangers to regulate their own initiation fee or reduce the same. Carried.

JOHN WEBER,
Secretary Grey Division Grange No 2.

Moved by Bro. R. J. Doyle, seconded by Bro. W. McCloughrie, that in the opinion of this Grange one superior Grange is quite sufficient for the requirements of the order, and the Secretary is hereby instructed to give notice to the Secretary of the Dominion Grange that this Grange now apply to have the Constitution so amended as to do away with the Provincial Grange and the delegates of this Grange to the Provincial Grange be requested to make every effort to secure the above change.

JOHN WEBER,
Secretary Grey Division Grange No. 2, Vandeleur P. O., Ont.