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THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

TUESDAY—FIRST DAY.
MORNING SESSION.

Sacramento, October 7, 1902.

The Thirtieth Annual Session of the California State Grange opened in ample form in the Fifth degree at 11 o'clock a. m. in Sacramento, Cal., Worthy Master C. W. Emery presiding.

Brother D. M. Winans assisted in taking the word. Sister Etta Cornell acted as Worthy Flora, Sister Cora G. Beecher as Worthy Pomona. All other officers except the Worthy Lecturer were in their places.

The Masters of Gold Hill, Newcastle, Florin and Magnolia Granges and the Master and wife of Castoria Grange were obligated in the Fifth degree, the obligation being followed by the opening song.

Grange was then closed in the Fifth degree and opened in the Fourth.

The Worthy Master then appointed the following Committees on Credentials and Order of Business.

Credentials—W. V. Griffith, J. A. Young, H. Gregory, Sister Muddox and Sister Meder.

Order of Business—H. C. Raap, George H. Rogers, J. L. Beecher, Sister Woodard and Sister Schell.

The roll of Subordinate Granges was then called, the following responding to their names: Alhambra, Capital, Castoria, Danville, Eden, Florin, Geyserville, Loomis, Magnolia, Newcastle, Pescadero, Petaluma, Roseville, Sacramento, Stockton, Two Rock, Gold Hill, Sacramento County Pomona and Sonoma County Pomona.

The following Past Masters were called upon and responded in well-chosen words: Worthy Past Master Daniel Flint, William Johnston and W. W. Greer.

Worthy Master Emery replied appropriately to these words, and was followed by a song by the Grange.

Brother Greer, Chairman of the Committee on Entertainment, outlined the programme of entertainment prepared by the Patrons of Sacramento County that we might plan our work accordingly. At the close of his remarks Brother Greer introduced the following resolution:

"Resolved, That when we take a recess this afternoon we take recess until 7:20 o'clock Wednesday evening."

The resolution was adopted.

Brother H. C. Raap notified the Committee on Order of Business to meet at 1 o'clock. A meeting of the Committee on Credentials was also called at 1 o'clock.

Upon motion recess was then declared until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grange was called to order by Worthy Master Emery.

Hon. C. F. Curry, Secretary of State, was introduced by the Worthy Master and spoke words of welcome to the Patrons of Husbandry. Worthy Master Emery responding in behalf of the Grange.

Sisters Jennie Gould and N. H. Root and Brothers Hayden and Winans assisted in taking up the word of the Fourth Degree; this was followed by a song by the Grange.

Brother Gould acted as Worthy Overseer, Sister Etta

Cornell as Worthy Flora and Sister Cora Beecher as Worthy Pomona. All other officers were in their places.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows: We find the following Granges entitled to representation either by Master or Alternate, the list follows:

GRANGE.	MASTER.	ALTERNATE.
Alhambra	H. C. Raap & wife	Carrie Hansen
American River	Geo. O. Yost	A. D. Logan
Antelope	P. R. Peterson	R. G. Sutherland & wife
Bennett Valley	M. S. Whitaker & wife	W. W. Greer & wife
Capital	Dr. I. G. Saw & wife	W. B. Mathews & wife
Castoria	J. N. Jones & wife	Miss Mabel Davidson
Central	Allan Davidson	R. O. Baldwin & wife
Danville	S. F. Ramage & wife	Sidney Ransom
Eden	Mrs. Josie Horton	Fred Schelmeyer & wife
Elk Grove	Irwin Woodard & wife	A. B. Plummer
Enterprise	Thos. Waite	T. E. Davies
Florin	John P. Brown	C. P. Morse & wife
Geyersville	W. V. Griffith & wife	James Cowan & wife
Glen Ellen	Thos. Johnson & wife	Frank Crow & wife
Grass Valley	W. J. Alderman & wife	Noah G. Perry
Lincoln	H. F. Tuck & wife	D. Bilderback
Loomis	C. D. Harvey	Geo. H. Rogers & wife
Magnolia	C. D. Bilderback	
Napa	Walter Renwick & wife	
Newcastle	C. T. Adams	
Oakland	D. W. Gilbert & wife	D. T. Fowler & wife
Pescadero	G. H. Steele	Will Steele
Petaluma	C. D. Grover & wife	Mr. and Mrs. Park
Pope Valley		
Potter Valley		
Progressive	Geo. Farmer	A. E. Burnham
Roseville	Emmett Farnham & wife	A. E. Farnham & wife
Sacramento	H. C. Muddox	
San Jose	C. D. Meder & wife	J. C. Rodell & wife
Santa Rosa	E. D. Higby & wife	Mr. & Mrs. Gregory
Sebastopol	E. E. Miller & wife	Mr. & Mrs. Graham
Selma		
Stockton	Wm. L. Overhiser & wife	N. H. Root & wife
Tulare	F. H. Stiles & wife	John Tuohy & wife
Two Rock	T. G. King & wife	
Watonsville	V. M. Roache & husband	Geo. W. Rowe & wife
Sac. Co. Pomona	J. H. Hayden & wife	Mr. E. Greer & wife
Sonoma Co. Pomona	Henry Johnson & wife	W. H. Skinner & wife
Gold Hill	I. A. Delameter	

Worthy Past Master Overhiser, being present, was called up and responded with remarks of good cheer.

The Secretary read the report of the Committee on the order of business which was adopted as follows:

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the State Grange of California:

Your Committee on Order of Business beg leave to report that they have duly considered the same and report as follows:

First Day.

1. Opening of the Grange in ample form.
2. Presentation of Credentials.
3. Report of the Committee on Credentials.
4. Report of Committee on Order of Business.
5. Report of the Officers of the State Grange.
6. Calling the roll of the Subordinate Granges for the introduction of new business, and reports for reference without debate. Motions and resolutions.
7. Miscellaneous Business. Reports of Committees.

Second Day.

1. Reading and approval of minutes of the preceding day.
2. Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Unfinished Business. Motions and Resolutions.
4. New Business. Reports of Committees.

Third Day.

1. Reading and approval of minutes of preceding day.
2. Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Reports of Standing Committees, to be placed on file, to come up in regular order.
4. Additional Business, same as preceding day.

Fourth Day.

1. Reading and approval of minutes of preceding day.
2. Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Report of Special Committees.
4. Report of Standing Committees to come up in regular order.
5. Should any of the foregoing Order of Business not be completed on the first, second or third day of the session, it shall on the succeeding day, where it left off on the former, except that the reading of the minutes and

the report of the Committee on Credentials be the first business in order each day.

Your Committee on Order of Business beg leave to further report as follows:

Conferring of Fifth and Sixth degrees to be the regular order for Friday evening.

All resolutions shall be in writing and in triplicate and shall be referred without debate.

The hours of meeting shall be 9 a. m., 1:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The approval of the minutes of the last day to be left to the Executive Committee.

H. C. RAPP,
J. L. BEECHER,
G. H. ROGERS.

Worthy Past Master Flint was then called to the chair and Worthy Master C. W. Emery read the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Division of Labor.

MASTER'S REPORT

Officers and Members of the California State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry:

Under the most favorable auspices the California State Grange begins its Thirtieth Annual Session, in our beautiful Capital City to-day. The season has been a fruitful one, the harvest bounteous and the farmers of the State with an abundance in store are prosperous and happy. With hearts full of gratitude to the generous Giver of all good and with kind feelings toward all men, we the representatives of this great farmers' organization assemble to celebrate our annual festival—to review the work of the past year—to enjoy social intercourse and to consult together for the common interest, and to plan for the future. May perfect freedom characterize our deliberations and may the issue of our convention be the welfare of our country and of mankind, the advancement of the interests, the elevation of the character and the increase of the influence of all Patrons of Husbandry. May this session prove to be one of the pleasantest and the most profitable in the history of the Order in California and result in strengthening our Order and extending its benefits to all sections of the State.

The progress of the Order throughout the country, during the past year, has been marvelous. Two hundred and fifty-four Subordinate Granges have been organized and eighty-two re-organized since October 1, 1901—the most remarkable record in the history of the organization. Commenting upon this wonderful growth and great prosperity, the Lecturer of the National Grange says: "The almost thirty-five years' existence of the Grange is evidence that a Farmers' Organization can be made to succeed and prosper when conducted along legitimate lines and with a vigorous, well-defined policy. This policy has been the social, educational and financial welfare of the agricultural people, and the entire absence of any attempt to attack, or support any political party. The action and influence of the National Grange in matters of public concern is along such lines as the farming interests demand, and whether in accord with, or opposed to, the policy of any political party, is not given the slightest consideration in determining its line of action. There is abundant evidence that this course is strictly adhered to, and hence the organization has the respect of all intelligent people, and even of political leaders in all parties. This strong non-partisan position which the Grange is taking is one of the chief factors in increasing its membership and extending its influence." To this glorious result the Pacific States have contributed no small amount, and have just reasons to be proud of their record.

Through the efforts of Brother C. D. Harvey, our General Organizer, and the earnest co-operation of the farmers and fruit growers of Placer County, that section which was selected by the Executive Committee, as the first field in which to work, was thoroughly canvassed with the result that on January 11, 1902, Newcastle Grange No. 325 was organized at Newcastle with a charter membership of twenty-six.

February 20, 1902, Bowman Grange No. 326, at Bowman, with a charter membership of thirty-six.

February 24, 1902, Gold Hill Grange No. 327, at Lincoln, with a charter membership of forty-four.

March 15, 1902, Penryn Grange No. 328, at Penryn, with a charter membership of thirty, and—

April 22, 1902, Weimar Grange No. 329, at New England Mills, with a charter membership of twenty-seven.

These Granges have received their charters and are actively at work in advocating the principles and carrying out the objects of our order. There are good prospects that other towns in the county may organize in the near future.

While it is true that strength is not always in numbers, it is nevertheless very desirable that our membership should be largely increased, that the benefits of the order may be as widely extended as possible. How shall this be done? It is related of the eccentric divine, Dean Swift, that on one occasion, having been asked to preach a sermon on behalf of charity, he took for his text: "He that giveth to the poor, lendeth to the Lord." The sermon consisted of a single sentence, "Now my hearers, if you like the security, down with your dust." To the officers and members of the Subordinate Granges in California we would say—Brothers and Sisters, if you believe in the principles and teachings of our order, and are assured of the benefits to be derived from it, work for it. Much can be done by individual effort. Something must be done in that way if we would see our existing Granges kept up in numbers and in influence. If we sit down and wait for somebody else to do our work, it will never be done.

It, however, sometimes becomes necessary and may be desirable to appeal to feelings, other than those of patriotism, and for that reason we would suggest the propriety of offering some prize, or trophy, to the one bringing in the largest number of accepted applications, during the coming year. That the State Grange pay the expenses of the delegates to the annual session of that Grange making the largest gain in membership. This plan has been found to work well in other States.

It is expected that organizing work will be continued during the coming year, if competent agents can be secured for that purpose.

From the report of our Treasurer we find a balance of \$1727.73, showing that financially we are also in a better condition than we were one year ago.

Besides this improvement numerically and financially there seems to be a spirit of earnestness among our members, and a determination to make the Grange a more potent factor for the advancement of agriculture in California than it has ever yet been.

POMONA GRANGES.

Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the work and influence of the Pomona Granges. On this subject I quote from a recent writer: "All Grange work is carried on through the Subordinate, Pomona, State or National Granges, the four comprising the complete Grange structure."

The Subordinate Grange is conceded to be not only the most important but the support of the other three. While it is the foundation and key to all, yet without the others its work would not only be distinctively local in its character, but would lack that harmony of effort resulting from the Pomona, State and National Granges—the great focalizers of Grange effort.

The Pomona was the last inserted and came in response to the call of necessity. Previous to its entry into the Grange mechanism, the connections between the Subordinate and State Granges was felt to be too remote.

There are certain questions, problems and interests common to Granges of a county, which are foreign to the Granges of every other county, such as special acts of Legislature for counties for bonding the county, or fixing county officials' salaries; so also are such work as roads, bridges, county fairs and county record investigations.

Not less important than these is the oversight of county Grange conditions—the ferreting out of the first indication of weakness and applying the proper remedy for the same. Its mission is to supply the Granges of a county the medium for doing things which they would be unable to do alone.

The Pomona Grange is the hub that holds together and strengthens the Subordinate Granges of a county, which are the spokes in a Grange wheel. The union of these converging spokes and receiving hub, when band-

ed together by the tire of fraternal friendship and common interests, will withstand any amount of outside pressure and bear any ordinary load likely to burden the agricultural class of any county.

A close study of the mission of the Pomona Grange will disclose the fact that scarcely a Pomona Grange is measuring up to its opportunities. Every Pomona session when regularly conducted diagnoses the condition of each subordinate Grange in the county and gives it the opportunity of applying the remedies to each case where needed.

Volunteers for visitors to the weak Granges, or special open Pomona meetings at the weak point, or missionary work among the farmers of the infected locality under the direction and pay of the Pomona Grange may often be the means of saving a Grange afflicted with that awful contagious, but not incurable disease, "Decline."

Verily the Pomona must often exert its greatest energies in working out that most excellent Grange principle of the "strong helping the weak." After the weak Granges are thus lined up, its energy can then be directed towards extending its lines until every township is organized and represented in the Pomona Grange.

I would suggest that some action be taken at this session looking towards the immediate formation of Pomona Granges wherever suitable districts can be found having the requisite number of Subordinate Organizations.

GRANGE HALLS.

Several of our Subordinate Granges own halls and other property from which they derive considerable revenue from rents, and this serves to give strength and permanency to their organization. During the year Lincoln Grange has built a beautiful and commodious hall upon a co-operative plan, which I hope will be explained to you later in a report from that Grange. I would heartily recommend their method to the consideration of any Grange that may be discussing the question of hall building. Our Granges generally have comfortable and convenient meeting places, and are suitably provided with the necessary paraphernalia of the order.

DORMANT GRANGES.

While we rejoice at our generally prosperous condition, the fact that new Granges have been formed and that there are good prospects that others will follow in the near future, we have to confess that some also have become dormant and inactive. This is a source of great regret and has given your executive officers no little concern. Doubtless there are reasons for this condition of affairs, but it is not our purpose to discuss them here. Your Committee on "Dormant Granges and the Causes of Dormancy" will treat this subject at length later. We earnestly recommend that the members of such Granges as are in a declining state seek diligently to discover the cause and make strenuous efforts to bring the Grange back to life and activity.

FIELD MEETINGS.

During the season we have held more than the usual number of picnics and field meetings. The attendance has been large, especially of the young people, and the exercises of the diversified character common to such occasions. It has been my good fortune to attend several of these festivals, and the cordiality of the reception, and the interest and earnestness manifested, in the work of the order, has been most gratifying.

These annual gatherings should be encouraged and a special effort made to make them more interesting and instructive. I would suggest that this body extend to the Worthy Master of the National Grange, Brother Aaron Jones, a cordial invitation to visit this Coast during our next holiday season, and deliver several addresses in our State. I am sure such a visit would be of great advantage to our cause.

I would suggest a more general observance of Memorial Day, of Children's Day, and of anniversary occasions, as tending to preserve the memory of those who have finished their course, to interest and enlist the rising generation in the work of the order, and to keep alive the history and traditions of the past.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

The Grange has the most fraternal feeling towards all the other orders having for their object the promotion of human welfare, but claims this advantage, that whereas most other organizations are restricted in their nature, ours is National in its character, broad and philanthropic in principle. While others seek for the good of their members and their immediate connections, ours is founded on such liberal lines that it is impossible for us to benefit ourselves, without benefitting all.

We heartily endorse the various associations that are formed for the promotion of different lines of farm industries, and rejoice in their success. It is eminently proper that those engaged in special lines of production should unite for mutual information and protection, but such are in no way ineligible to membership in the Grange, where all meet on common ground to discuss general questions effecting all producers alike.

NATIONAL GRANGE.

The thirty-fifth annual session of the National Grange convened in the city of Lewistown, Me., November 13, 1901. It was a notable gathering of delegates from all parts of the country, and its deliberations were characterized by earnestness and thoughtfulness. The address of the Worthy Master was a manly and straightforward presentation and treatment of the subjects discussed, and is well worth a careful persual and study by every Patron in the land.

The re-election of Brother Jones was a well deserved recognition of his faithful and efficient service, and an honor to the Fraternity.

The sessions were crowded with work and at not infrequent intervals, receptions, excursions and entertainments were tendered us by the wide-awake citizens of Maine, whose hospitality was as unbounded as the waters that dash upon their coast, and the free air that circulates over their hills and valleys.

Prominent among the subjects discussed and favored were:

The further extension of rural free mail delivery.

To provide for the establishment of Postal Savings Bank.

To submit an amendment granting power to Congress to regulate and control all corporations, preventing monopoly and the use of their corporate power to restrain trade.

To submit an amendment providing for the election of United States Senators by popular vote.

To regulate the use of Shoddy.

To enact pure food laws.

To provide for the extension of markets for farm products.

The enactment of anti-trust laws.

The speedy construction of an inter-oceanic canal and a canal connecting the great lakes with the Atlantic Ocean.

Revising the fees and salaries of Federal officers and placing them on a basis of similar service in private business.

To protect the dairy interests of the country by appropriate legislation.

Thus may be seen what our National Organization is trying to accomplish in the interest of the people.

Nearly eighteen hundred persons availed themselves of the opportunity to receive the seventh and highest degree of the order, which was conferred in a manner rarely equalled for impressiveness.

The exemplification of the first four degrees of the order by local Grange teams was exceedingly interesting and admirably done.

A novel and interesting feature in Grange work—The Juvenile Grange—was presented by the only organization of the kind in the country—that of the Junior Grange of East Hebron, Maine.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE.

It was quite impossible for us to return home without visiting the State Grange of New Hampshire, where our first Grange work was done, especially so, as this session closely followed the meeting in Maine. The order has taken great strides in the Granite State and this is largely due to the complete organization they have, and to their

excellent deputy system. Special inducements are offered for securing new members, and the formation of new Granges, prizes for proficiency in ritualistic and literary work, and frequent inspection serve to keep the membership wide awake and in working order. In many respects their work is a model for other States.

Numerous courtesies were extended to us, and a pleasant little incident of the closing session will be long remembered. Your representative was escorted to the platform and in a very happy and felicitous speech by Worthy Master Bachelder, was presented with this beautiful gavel—the head made of wood from a cherry tree grown on Daniel Webster's farm, and the handle from apple wood from the birth place of Horace Greeley.

With your permission it will be used during this session, in the hope that something of the force of character and keenness of insight which characterized these noted Americans may be ours in the consideration of important questions that come before us, and as a reminder to our young friends of the possibilities of the American farmer boy.

CO-OPERATION.

Co-operation is a fundamental Grange principle. We believe in meeting together, talking together, working, buying and selling together and in general acting together for mutual protection and advancement. To do this successfully we must understand each other and have confidence in each other. Circumstances must determine to what extent and in what ways we can best put in practice this principle.

County Mutual Fire Insurance as existing in California affords an excellent opportunity for the practice of the co-operative idea, whereby a large amount of money can be saved annually to the insured.

The Rochdale system of business co-operation is perhaps in advance of all others so far introduced. In Great Britain where it originated it is conducting business amounting to many millions of dollars annually, saving to the co-operators large sums. It has been recently introduced into California and thus far the results have been very encouraging.

Prof. D. T. Fowler of the Agricultural Department of the University of California, the President of the Pacific Coast Co-operative Society, an esteemed member of our order, has just returned from England, where he was in attendance upon the International Convention of the Society and we hope he may be able to tell the producers of California how they can be benefitted by this sort of Co-operation.

LEGISLATION.

The farmers of this country who produce so large a proportion of its material wealth and prosperity are vitally interested in both State and National legislation. They do not, however demand, and the Grange as the representative farmers' organization, does not desire so-called special legislation in their behalf. We insist upon the passage of just and equitable laws that shall safe-guard all legitimate interests, preventing one from taking advantage of another and guaranteeing to each an equal opportunity for normal development.

We ask for the enactment of more stringent laws prohibiting the manufacture and sale of adulterated food products in the interest of the public health, for more strict regulations in the interest of good order and morality, for the better protection of our forests and for some method of compulsory arbitration to the end that differences between employer and employed may be speedily and equitably adjusted, and community spared the inconvenience, waste and demoralization of strikes.

While we sympathize with labor we are not unmindful of the fact that capital is equally essential to the development of industry. The relation between capital and labor should therefore be of the most friendly character, and any attempt to antagonize them should be promptly rebuked.

Your Committee on Legislation will doubtless formulate some definite plan of action for your consideration.

TAXATION.

The subject of taxation is one to which the Grange should devote some attention. Taxation is necessary to the support of government and to the maintenance of

public institutions. Few people object to the payment of taxes and fewer would do so if they knew the burdens were justly distributed. But inequality exists, unjust discriminations are made and a large amount of property escapes assessment altogether and thus the burden falls with increased weight upon those who do pay. Farmers especially are sufferers because of the fact that their property is exposed to the view of the assessor and very rarely escapes his notice.

In the disbursement of the revenues obtained by taxation there is also room for improvement. Public money is not always handled with that due regard for economy which obtains in private business affairs, hence the public is deprived of some of the benefits which might otherwise accrue to them. We deprecate any wasteful use of any public funds.

It might be well for this body to name a committee to investigate this subject of taxation and report at our next annual session.

EDUCATION.

If I were asked what is the most important work of the Grange, I would unhesitatingly answer, Education. And by education I mean the process of training, however accomplished, that developes manhood and womanhood to the highest degree. Not a mere acquaintance with books and literature containing the thoughts, opinions and results of the investigations of others. Not merely a knowledge of ones own business and the conditions necessary to enable him to carry it on successfully, but the cultivation of the higher nature as well—the heart, the soul and the conscience, whereby we recognize and respect the rights and opinions of others and our duty to help one another to help others—whereby temperance is supported, economy inculcated, and charity made an essential characteristic.

Education is really the fundamental principal of our organization, and it is to incite one another to greater effort and to the attainment of greater success that we meet together. To ascertain the needs of our own immediate neighborhoods and to search out the best things to be done, ought to be our first care. In this work we

may confidently expect the co-operation of our progressive and patriotic neighbors, whether members of our order or not.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The very valuable papers read by the Woman's Work Committee, which added so much to the interest of the last session, have been printed and circulated freely among our Subordinate Granges. It is hoped they have been read by every sister of the order and that they may have suggested some line of work that can be adopted by the women of our Granges.

The object of the Woman's Work Committee is to develop the latent talent of women, by which not only the meetings of the Grange may be made enjoyable and instructive, but an element be introduced into country home life that may make it brighter and happier. I know of no work more worthy of our attention, or more promising of results.

It is to the efforts of our noble women that we are indebted in a very large measure for the wonderful growth and success of our beloved order.

It was a woman who first suggested the admission of women to full membership, and during its thirty-five years' existence the Grange has pretty thoroughly demonstrated the wisdom of its founders in adopting her suggestion.

We accord to her the right to hold office and an equal voice in the management of our affairs. She has never yet failed in the performance of any duty.

LIBRARIES.

While some of our towns and villages are supplied with good libraries and reading rooms, many do not have these very desirable institutions. Our Subordinate Granges might well lead in a movement to establish public libraries. It is possible to obtain good books and magazines at very reasonable rates, and a small contribution from each will furnish a large amount of good reading for all.

We would recommend as a good way to begin, that each Secretary or Lecturer have his name placed on the

mailing list of the Division of Publications of the Department of Agriculture, and thus receive monthly a list of the publications of the department, many of which are exceedingly interesting and valuable, and which will be sent on application—most of them free of charge.

The University of California will also send its bulletins etc., to those desiring them.

Thus in a few years good libraries would be established in many places, and existing ones might be enlarged and made more valuable.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES.

The act of Congress creating these institutions declares that the leading object should be to teach such branches of learning, as are related to agriculture, and the Mechanic Arts, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life. The necessity for special training has long since been recognized by the professions and by many lines of manufacture and trade. The farmer has been about the last to admit his need of such training, and consequently has labored at a great disadvantage. Gradually, however, he is coming to see that his success depends upon his ability to keep abreast of the age, and in order to do this he must take advantage of the thoughts and the experience of others.

The Agricultural College has passed the experimental stage and has proven its worth and efficiency wherever it has been properly conducted and patronized. But it cannot succeed without competent instructors, thoroughly imbued with love for their work, and students intent on gaining knowledge. Our farmer boys should be encouraged in every way to take advantage of these opportunities to equip themselves for more successful work.

Worthy Master Jones in his last annual address at Lewistown, Maine, said: "I desire to call attention to these schools and ask the order in the several States to investigate their Agricultural College and its management, and see whether it is conducted along the lines contemplated by the act creating it, and to the best interest of agriculture in their respective States. If not, then insist and take such action as will cause such changes to

be made as will make their agricultural school in practice, as well as in name an Agricultural College. Urge your Legislature to make such appropriations as will provide for all the needs of the school, in lands, buildings and equipment, as well as to make it a first-class Agricultural College. Insist that the boards of trustees shall be practical men who have faith in agriculture, who will appoint a president and professors who are in full sympathy with agriculture, men who believe that farming is as honorable as any other business or profession, and by proper management can be made profitable, who will use all of their influence in securing the teachings of scientific agriculture in our public schools, and assist in all honorable methods in advancing the agricultural interests."

We believe it to be the aim of the management of our California Agricultural College to enlarge and improve its courses of study from time to time, as circumstances may demand, and to provide vacation schools, and special courses, the better to accommodate those who are unable to attend the regular courses.

It would be well if the teachers of our rural schools could spend a part, at least, of their vacation at the Agricultural College, to perfect themselves in those branches of natural science that should be taught in every country school.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

The Farmers' Institutes that are held in different parts of the State, offer to students and practical farmers excellent opportunities for taking advantage of the thoughts and experiments of some of the best informed men of the country. These institutes deserve a better support than they sometimes receive from our farmers, but we are pleased to note that in most places where Granges are located our members are in hearty sympathy and are disposed to render all the assistance in their power to make the sessions interesting and profitable. The Institutes and the Grange may be mutually helpful, and we already see where our order has been benefitted by the association. The gentlemen who are sent out to deliver addresses are specialists in particular lines, and the sug-

gestions they make, if followed will often save the farmer much valuable time and prevent annoyance and loss. We bespeak for the Farmers' Institutes the hearty sympathy and support of every member of our order.

THE LECTURER.

The success of the Pomona or Subordinate Grange depends more upon the lecturer than upon any other officer, and the measure of this success will be in proportion to the amount of tact and ability he possesses and displays. It is not enough that he be prepared at the meetings of the Grange whenever the time will permit to deliver short addresses and to read or cause to be read, short articles containing useful information, although this is made a prominent part of his duty by the ritual. He is to suggest for discussion topics of general interest, and to arrange his programme to fit conditions, as he finds them, to endeavor at all times, to bring out and develop the best thought and efforts of his fellow members, and to see to it that all are given a chance to contribute to the common fund of information and entertainment.

A few quotations from the report of Mrs. F. D. Saunders, Worthy Lecturer of Michigan State Grange, may not be out of place in this connection: "This distinctive feature of Grange work towers above all others and makes this organization of superior worth when compared with other organizations of a fraternal nature." * * "If other work crowds upon the Lecturer's hour, protest against it; insist upon having the lecture hour." "We favor the use of special programmes, such as Flora's, Ceres', Pomona's and others." * * * "The great question of the order to-day is, not so much how to get members, as to keep them; and to educate them, and the solution of the question lies, to a large extent in the hands of the Lecturer."

I recommend that every Lecturer in the State read and carefully consider the last report of the National Lecturer.

RITUALISTIC WORK.

We are often confronted with the objection that our ritualistic and initiatory work is too long and is not

adapted to an organization of farmers. Such objections have frequently been presented to the National Grange, but no committee as yet appointed for the purpose of revision has made more than a few verbal changes, and the consensus of opinion has been that the work cannot be abridged without destroying its beauty and effectiveness.

Some creed or ritual is necessary to the permanence and integrity of every society, and such ritual should be made as valuable as possible. To say that the beautiful symbolism of the Grange ritual cannot be understood, and that its great moral lessons are not appreciated is to reflect upon the intelligence of our people. As a matter of fact our opening and closing ceremonies are very short as compared with those of other orders, and the length of the initiatory work is largely chargeable to the careless and imperfect rendering too often given it. We cannot expect to rise higher than our ideals.

The National Lecturer well says: "Ritual work when properly rendered is a great educational factor in the Grange. Rituals are for use in memorizing the work and not to read from in Grange ceremonies."

THE PRESS.

It is gratifying to note the attitude of the press of the country generally toward the Grange and it is eminently fitting that this attitude should be of a friendly nature. for the order has done much toward the cultivation of the reading habit among the people.

The establishment of the rural free mail delivery, (a result of Grange agitation and effort) has greatly increased the circulation of newspapers and periodicals, and these valuable educators are now within easy reach of all our rural homes.

Besides the Grange Quarterly Bulletin and some others devoted entirely to the cause, many papers have a Grange department and the columns of nearly all are open for Grange matter. That more is not published here is the fault of the Patrons themselves. Every Grange in the State should have a press committee or regular correspondent who should furnish the local paper with Grange news and a brief outline of work done, and he or she

who wields the pen of a ready writer would no doubt rejoice the heart of the editor of the county paper by sending in an interesting and instructive article now and then on the Grange or some kindred topic.

MEMORIAL.

We are again reminded of the presence of the silent reaper, Death, who has garnered two of our well beloved members during the past year.

Brother Louis Schelmeyer of Elk Grove Grange No. 86, whose sudden and serious illness saddened the closing hours of the last State Grange session, passed away October 5, 1901. We miss his genial smile and pleasant greeting to-day, but we will hold in loving remembrance his example of self-sacrificing devotion to the demands of honor and duty and his loyalty to this order which he loved so well.

Sister Jennie Conners, wife of Brother George Conners, Past Master of Santa Rosa Grange No. 17, entered into rest January 26, 1902. A faithful wife, a loving mother, a worthy sister; may her life be an inspiration to—and a benediction upon us all. "The Great Master giveth his beloved sleep."

CONCLUSION.

Thus Brothers and Sisters, I have endeavored to outline some of the more important matters that may be brought to your attention at this session. In addition to these many more will doubtless suggest themselves and will be presented in the reports of your various committees. It is hoped that these suggestions and reports will receive your careful consideration and that the final action of this assembly will be such as will commend itself to the membership of the order, and, so far as it has to do with public affairs, to the general public.

Let us legislate first to give strength and permanence to our order, and use all the means in our power to extend it and increase its influence. Let us strengthen the weak and wavering among us, if any such there be, and remind those who may have become discouraged that no great reform is brought about in a day, but is the result of patient and long continued effort. A man may plant

vines and because of one season's failure may pull them out and reset the land with trees, but this is hardly the way to become a successful vineyardist.

A Grange may be formed and may run on smoothly for awhile and then on account of some fancied failure may disband or ally itself with some new organization for the accomplishment of financial, or political wonders, but this is not the way to bring about results of a very far reaching nature.

We should not attempt more than we can carry out, or launch out into enterprises of which we know nothing, but as we have a good organization let us stay with it and use all honorable means to extend its benefits as widely as possible.

I would especially thank those members of the order who by their kind words and generous hospitality have greatly assisted our agents and officers in the discharge of their duties.

A better knowledge of the needs of existing Granges and of localities where Granges may possibly be formed gained during the past year will, it is hoped, enable us to push the work in a more satisfactory manner during the coming season.

I bespeak your hearty co-operation in the accomplishment of this result.

Respectfully submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity and with fidelity.

(Signed)

CHAS. W. EMERY,

Master California State Grange.

LECTURER'S REPORT

The Worthy Lecturer submitted the following report:
W. M. and Members of the California State Grange:

In presenting my first annual report as Lecturer of this body, I do so with a certain sense of dissatisfaction, and some degree of trepidation, owing to the fact that I feel that my report must consist largely of mere words. A superfluity of words sounds very nicely and looks very well in print, but does not build up organizations.

I entered upon my duties with a reasonable degree of enthusiasm, which has been dampened somewhat, owing

to the lack of facilities for distributing some of it among the Grangers generally. Unless a person be very wealthy, and I see no present possibility of my attaining that much to be desired condition unless I can induce some misguided young lady, (I am afraid she would have to be very young indeed), who possessed a large amount of money, into pouring my coffee and buttering my toast for the rest of her natural life, it is impossible to properly conduct this office under the present financial condition of the State Grange. Lecturers, in order to properly carry out the functions of their office, should keep constantly and closely in touch with each and every Subordinate Grange within their jurisdiction, through the person of the Lecturer thereof. This may be accomplished in two ways: First, and in my estimation, the best way to personally visit each Subordinate Grange and establish a sympathy between the State Grange and that particular Grange. If one visit be not enough, repeat the dose not every half hour, but as often as may be necessary to establish that community of interest, that trust and confidence, which the members of a Subordinate Grange should entertain towards the State Grange officers. The second method which has suggested itself to my mind, would be some established form of correspondence by means of which a regular communication might be kept up between the Lecturer of the State organization and the various subordinate lecturers. By pursuance of this method the different Subordinate Granges might also be kept in touch with one another through the communion of ideas thus expressed. This would mean the rousing into ambition the lethargic condition into which many of our Granges have been plunged and which is generally responsible for loss of members and dormancy. I believe that the publication of a monthly pamphlet to be conducted under the jurisdiction of the Lecturer, after the manner of that conducted by the Oregon State Grange, would be productive of very good results in this State. In the pamphlet published by the Lecturer of the Oregon State Grange, appears many articles from the members of the various Subordinate Granges, queries and answers, accounts from Grange doings in other States, etc. The cost of issuing can amount to but little, while the benefit

derived would undoubtedly amount to much. I have attempted to inaugurate a correspondence between this office and the subordinate lecturers, but I should call the effort a blank failure, for the reason that I received less than a dozen replies to the circular which I issued and I doubt if more than very few were read before the Grangers. I did not essay a second attempt, for the reason that it requires too much time to write forty-five or fifty communications on a typewriter, especially when there are no results. I have attended several Grange meetings and Farmers' Institutes during the year, but do not think, viewing the matter from a practical standpoint, that my office can be said to have accomplished a great deal, so far as the upbuilding of the order is concerned. This fact I do not wish to have attributed to unwillingness, but to lack of proper facilities, and I do not believe, unless some means can be provided by the Executive Committee for the establishment of some means of communication between the Granges that the Lecturer's office can accomplish much more than it has done this year. If we expect to increase the membership and prestige of our order, we must advertise it, and advertising costs some money; yet every good business man or corporation realizes that the expenditure of money judiciously in advertising will be returned not less than ten fold.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. CORNELL,

Lecturer California State Grange.

STEWARD'S REPORT

The Worthy Steward reported as follows:

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

We meet again with glad hearts. The year just past, in many respects has been one of prosperity to the husbandman, a year which I hope will give us encouragement for the future advancement of agricultural classes.

It is for us as an order, and as individuals, to foster the proper spirit in farm communities, and in all vocations in life, a spirit that will bind together in a true brother and

sisterhood, all workers for the good of humanity. Let us show that the Grange is our true ark of safety, our shield and our protection. Let us show the anxious farmer that it will give him something to hope for, something to work for.

After each meeting, every Subordinate Grange should have some one to write a short account for the local papers, that the printed page may go forth and proclaim to those outside of the order that the grand old Grange, that has stood the storms for many years, is still traveling on that road that leads to the Star of freedom and equality for the American farmer.

I have endeavored to discharge the duties of my office promptly and cheerfully, and to look well to the comfort of our members when assembled. The property of the Grange is in good order. At a meeting of Tulare Grange held June 20th, Worthy Master Frank Stiles by request of Sister Worthen, on behalf of the members of the California State Grange, presented me a handsome gold badge of a beautiful design. Words cannot convey to you my great appreciation for this token of your respect and esteem. I highly prize it and shall ever wear it in honor of our order, and in kind remembrance of my Brothers and Sisters in the California State Grange. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Now let our future Grange acts sparkle as those diamonds in the jewel you gave me sparkle.

Fraternally Submitted,
EZEKIEL C. SHOEMAKER,
Steward of California State Grange.

The Worthy Assistant Steward, Brother I. C. Steele, Jr., made a verbal report.

WORTHY CHAPLAIN

The report of the Worthy Chaplain was as follows:
Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Seed time and harvest have again brought us to the annual re-union of the Patrons of Husbandry.

As we take a retrospective view of the events of the past year, we find that we have great cause for gratitude,

that we have been spared the terror and dreadful fate that has overtaken other lands and people, through the vicissitudes of war, pestilence, famine, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. We have also escaped the immense forest fires that have devastated our own Pacific Coast so ruthlessly; destroying the proud old monarchs of our forests.

When we consider the appalling loss of life that has attended many of these casualties and the few that have been left to tell the tale and who have been rendered destitute, homeless, without food or sufficient clothing, we realize that we cannot be thankful enough to the Divine Master for the blessings that have attended us through the year and now crown our labors with such an abundant harvest.

Only two members have fallen from our ranks this year. Brother Louis Schelmeyer was the first to respond to the inevitable summons. He was stricken down while attending the last State Grange session and lived only a short time after its close.

The next to pass from mortal vision was Sister Connors, wife of George Connors of Santa Rosa Grange. She with her husband were delegates from that Grange to the State Grange.

I trust that this session will be one of renewed earnest efficient effort, crowned with success for the Grange cause throughout the State.

Fraternally Submitted,

S. H. DEWEY,

Chaplain California State Grange.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER,

DANIEL FLINT

Of California State Grange for Year of 1902.

The Worthy Treasurer's report was as follows and was referred to the Finance Committee:

1901		AMOUNT
Oct. 12	Rec'd from A. D. Logan	\$1314 74
	(Logan warrant).....	6 60
Nov. 13	Rec'd from Secretary	\$194 70
1902		
Jan. 17	" " "	168 75
Feb. 18	" " "	65 75
April 7	" " "	344 14
July 26	" " "	208 55
" 26	" " National Grange	103 00
" 26	" " Secretary	149 95
Sept. 30	" " "	310 75
" 30	" " " warrant	24 50
" 30	" " " cash	24 00 --1594 09
" 30	" " " "	\$2915 43
	cash	52 45
1901 WARRANTS PAID.		
Oct. 4	Paid Warrant No. 1084	10 00--\$2967 88
" 29	" " " 1090	27 21
Nov. 13	" " " 1081	3 75
" 13	" " " 1083	14 65
" 13	" " " 1085	4 50
" 13	" " " 1086	16 75
" 13	" " " 1087	32 00
" 13	" " " 1088	74
" 13	" " " 1091	36 85
" 13	" " " 1092	43 80
Dec. 6	" " " 1093	93 40
" 31	" " " 1096	22 50
" 23	" " " 1094	12 00
" 23	" " " 1095	36 75
1902		
Jan. 31	" " " 1097	29 00
Feb. 17	" " " 1098	4 75
" 27	" " " 1100	64 00
Mch. 7	" " " 1102	25 75
April 10	" " " 1105	83 85

1901		AMOUNT
Mch. 10	Paid Warrant No. 1103.....	\$ 75 35
April 11	" " " 1104.....	45 75
" 11	" " " 1101.....	50 65
" 21	" " " 1105.....	37 05
" 26	" " " 1106.....	10 50
" 30	" " " 1099.....	7 45
May 1	" " " 1007.....	10 00
" 23	" " " 1008.....	25 40
July 18	" " " 1009.....	62 00
" 18	" " " 1110.....	149 95
Aug. 20	" " " 1112.....	25 30
" 27	" " " 1113.....	32 45
Sept. 30	" " " 1111.....	33 05
" 30	" " " 1116.....	24 50
" 30	" " " 1114.....	37 35
" 30	" " " 1117.....	44 55
"	" (1901) 1082.....	6 60
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		1240 15 --1240 15
Balance Oct. 1, 1902.....		<hr/> \$1727 73



SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Worthy Secretary's report also was referred to the Finance Committee and follows:

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange.

As success or failure is determined in business enterprise by the taking of stock, which usually occurs annually, we are but following well established business methods in assembling as a State Grange to review the work of the year and make report of what has been accomplished.

On the first of October, 1901, there were 47 subordinate Granges in the State and during the year there have been organized the following:

January 11th, 1902, Newcastle Grange No. 325 was organized at Bowman, Placer County, by Special Deputy ties J.D. Cornell and C. D. Harvey.

February 20th, Gold Hill Grange No. 326 was organized at Lincoln, Placer County, by Special Deputy C. D. Harvey.

February 20th, 1902, Bowman Grange No. 327 was organized at Bowman, Placer County, by Special Deputy C. D. Harvey.

March 15th, 1902, Penryn No. 328 was organized at Penryn, Placer County, by Special Deputy C. D. Harvey.

April 22nd, 1902, Special Deputy C. D. Harvey organized Wiemar Grange No. 329, at New England Mills, Placer County

Besides these Granges newly organized through Brother Harvey's efforts, Loomis and Roseville Granges have greatly increased in membership, and we understand

that Los Gatos Grange which has been dormant for the past year is about to begin life anew.

Fair Oakes Grange No. 313, Giant Oak No. 321, Hollister No. 319, Live Oak 311 and Union No. 84 have not been heard from during the past year.

Of our Pomona Granges Sacramento and Sonoma County Pomona still exist and report a good membership. San Joaquin County Pomona had taken its leave of absence.

Today we have forty-two Subordinate Granges in good paying condition and all entitled to representation at this meeting, as also are both Pomona Granges.

The membership throughout the State has increased generally, yet a number of members have been dropped for non-payment of dues.

Our finances have increased since the last year and are in good condition as the following itemized account will show:

DATE	SOURCE	DUES & FEES	SUP- PLIES	TOTAL
1901				
Oct. 1...	Balance in Treasury.....			\$1373 79
Oct. 3...	Fifth and Sixth Degree.....	\$ 73 00		73 00
Oct. 31	Receipts, month of October.....	66 50	\$ 75	67 25
Nov. 30...	Receipts, month of November.....	8 70	4 75	13 45
Dec. 31...	Receipts, month of December.....	183 10	8 00	191 10
1902				
Jan. 30...	Receipts, month of January.....	106 01	7 05	113 06
Feb. 28...	Receipts, month of February.....		9 45	9 45
Mar. 31...	Receipts, month of March.....	124 40	3 15	127 55
Apr. 30...	Receipts, month of April.....	207 28	10 10	217 38
May 31...	Receipts, month of May.....	6 20	20 80	27 00
June 30...	Receipts, month of June.....	67 95		67 95
July 7...	Nat. Gr. for Organizing Work.....			128 00
July 31...	Receipts, month of July.....	269 82	10 35	280 17
Aug. 31...	Receipts, month of August.....	32 95	4 00	36 95
Sept. 30...	Receipts, month of September.....	240 88	90	241 78
	Total.....	\$1386 79	\$ 79 30	\$2967 88

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts for dues and fees.....	\$1386 79
Total receipts for sale of supplies.....	79 30
Total receipts from Nat. G. (organizing work) ..	128 00

Total amount forwarded Treasurer.....	\$1594 09
In Treasury October 1st, 1901.....	1373 79

Total amount in Treasury.....	\$2967 88
Warrants issued during year.....	1240 15

Funds in the Treasury October 1st, 1902.....	\$1727 73
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Throughout the year my efforts have been to answer all communications and forward all supplies promptly and whenever there has been delays it has been unavoidable.

Fraternally submitted,

LAUROLA S. WOODHAMS-BRASCH, Sec'y.

Worthy Gate-Keeper's Report

The reports of the Worthy Gate-keeper, Lady Assistant Steward and Worthy Ceres follow in their respective order:

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange, Greeting.

I greet you all as Brothers and Sisters and as such, trust that harmony and good will, as members of this great fraternity, will prevail during the deliberations of this session.

A year has passed since I was elected to the arduous position of Gate Keeper of this honorable body of representative men and women, from all parts of this glorious State of California.

My duty calls me to guard the outer gate of this model convention, a duty I will willingly perform, that when my term of office expires you will one and all say "well done, thou good and faithful servant."

I promise that none shall enter the portals of our gate who are not duly qualified, and will assist with all the means in my power to promote the welfare of our order. Fraternal submitted with F. H. and C. with F.

N. H. ROOT, Gate Keeper.

Lady Assistant Steward's Report

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

It affords me much pleasure to meet with you once again in the City of Sacramento.

In submitting my report I think of nothing new to offer in the way of suggestions. At our last session I assisted in conferring the fifth degree upon a class of thirty-nine and in the sixth degree forty-seven.

Fraternally, with Faith Hope and Charity,

DELMA GREEN.

Worthy Ceres' Report

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

It becomes my duty for the first time to give a report of my stewardship as Ceres of this Grange.

There are many who think that the offices of Flora, Pomona and Ceres in the Grange do not amount to much. I cannot agree with them. Our beautiful manual is all emblematical of the farm life and of the seasons of blossoms, fruit and harvest and these offices symbolize these seasons in a most beautiful manner and I think in our degree work, add much to the effectiveness and beauty of the work.

I am sure that if patrons of Husbandry who have the honor to fill these offices would be in their chairs at each meeting of the Grange and memorize their parts, it would add much to make the work impressive and help the Masters in giving the degrees. It is true, in our State Grange we meet but once a year but what applies in subordinate Granges also applies here.

Hoping that this session of the State Grange may be of much benefit to all who have the good fortune to attend

I remain Fraternaly,

ALICE E. JOHNSON

Ceres of California State Grange.

The Worthy Organist made verbal report.

Report of Executive Committee

The report of the Executive Committee, which was referred to the Finance Committee, follows:

Your Executive Committee again offer you their congratulations upon a most successful year.

Many new members have been added to our ranks since the beginning of the year and five new Granges have been organized, viz. Newcastle No. 325, Gold Hill No. 326, Bowman No. 327, Penryn No. 328 and Weimar No. 329.

Fairoakes, No. 313, Giant Oak No. 321, Hollister No. 319 and Union No. 84 have not been heard from during the year.

The reports to the National Grange have been promptly forwarded and therefore we are in good standing.

Your committee has held four regular meetings, besides one called meeting since the last session of the California State Grange. Thus you see we have been active and have done all in our power to further the interests of the order.

Our finances are in good order as you will note by the following. There was in the treasury October 1st, 1901, \$1373.70. During the year our receipts have been \$1594.07 with warrents drawn against same to the amount of \$1240.15 making our actual balance October 1, 1902, \$1727.73.

We have examined the books and vouchers of the Secretary and Treasurer and find them correct.

Taking it all in all the year's work has been a satisfactory one, and we hope that next year's will be more so.

Fraternally submitted,

H. F. BLOHM
CYRUS JONES
W. V. GRIFFITH,
Executive Committee.

The reports of the subordinate Granges were the next order of business and follow in order of their presentation.

BENNETT VALLEY.

Worthy Master, I have the pleasure to report Bennett Valley Grange in good condition.

We have gained one new member during the year and

lost none. To-day we have forty-nine members all in good standing.

While we take no hand in politics, we look carefully after the public affairs of the community and have done much toward building up and maintaining good roads, and good schools in our valley.

The first prize was awarded to our Grange for the best display of farm products at the District Fair held in Santa Rosa last week. This means much to our Grange and the order at large.

Our meetings are usually well attended and our annual picnics held on May 27th and July 4th were successfully carried out.

We have no new business to offer this meeting.
Fraternally submitted,

M. S. WHITAKER, Master.

CASTORIA.

Number of meetings during year, 33; number of visits to neighboring Granges, 6; number of members gained, 24; average attendance, 35.

As Master of Castoria Grange No. 322 of San Joaquin County, will state to the Master of the State Grange that we have a very lively little Grange of 61 members and have been constantly improving since we organized, and we have erected a very comfortable Grange hall, with all necessary improvements. At our next regular meeting we have a class of nine to be initiated.

Hoping to be with you at the next meeting of the State Grange, I remain

Yours truly

J. N. JONES,

Worthy Master Castoria Grange No. 322, P. of H.

DANVILLE.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the State Grange of California:

It is with pleasure that I submit herewith my third annual report as Master of Danville Grange, No. 85.

In this, my report for the year 1902, will say that Danville Grange still lives, moves and has her being. We

are still working harmoniously together as we always have done for the last thirty years.

We are less in number than formerly on account of deaths and removals. We have a membership of forty (14 Brothers and 26 Sisters.)

We meet twice each month at 2 o'clock p. m. with an average attendance of about twenty members. For the last two months the attendance has been below the average on account of the busy season of the year, taking care of the fruit and nut crops.

We use for our entertainment the questions sent out by the Grange together with other local questions. In these discussions Sisters as well as Brothers express their views, thus adding much spirit to the issue.

The Worthy Overseer of the State Grange, Brother Raap, is the only one of the State officials who has paid us a visit during the year.

We own our hall and grounds and are out of debt, and have a few dollars in the treasury.

We have had no accessions to our Grange during the past year and no withdrawals.

We are thinking of holding a Farmers' Institute later in the fall but have not yet decided upon the date.

The great Reaper, Death, has again visited us and taken from our little flock dear Brother F. B. Moore, Past Master of our Grange, who was drowned near Sonoma last winter while attending to his duties as overseer for the Beet Company of that place. We miss his wise counsels very much.

Respectfully submitted

S. F. RAMAGE, Master.

EDEN.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

It is with regret that I have not a very encouraging report to make of Eden Grange for the past year, from the fact perhaps that there has been sickness in several families of working members.

We have lost two members by death; have gained none by initiation. Our membership is not so large as in years gone by.

We have, however, held our regular bi-monthly meetings with one exception, the members taking active interest in all Grange matters.

The Worthy Master of the State Grange visited us in the early part of the year, installing our officers in connection with those of Oakland Grange, and once later in the year.

Our numbers are small but loyal and enthusiastic, proven by the large delegation from so small a Grange at this meeting here in Sacramento.

Submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity,

MRS. H. A. HORTON, Master.

ELK GROVE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

I submit my report for the year ending September 30, 1902: Membership 83, Brothers 35, Sisters 48. Members initiated during the year, 22; Brothers 7, Sisters 15. Received a Brother on Demit. Members lost during the year by Demit two and for non-payment of dues one. Elk Grove meets the first and third Saturday of each month. Number of meetings held for the year ending September 30, 1902, 24. Average attendance 20. The prosperity of this Grange for the last year is based upon its social and educational features. We have introduced a feature in this Grange, which I think will be a success; namely, the general discussion of subjects to be named at each meeting prior to its discussion. One of the greatest drawbacks to the advancement of the Grange is the disposition of the farmers to form new organizations, even in a neighborhood where a Grange already exists, and the P. of H. will join this organization when the objects for which they have organized could just as well have been secured in the Grange. There seem to be a prevalent belief that the Grange is only a social order and that to reap any benefit through it by a business or financial proposition is not to be expected. So when it is necessary to promote, or foster, some business proposition, join a new organization. As an illustration of this a short time ago a meeting was called in the town of Elk Grove to organize a Wine Grape Growers' Association, the call

was responded to by the grape growers of Elk Grove and Florin, and the organization was perfected. Now some of the most prominent P. of H. of Elk Grove and Florin Granges joined that organization. I claim that the object of that combine could have been accomplished in the Grange just as well as out.

As long as farmers organize outside of the Grange and Grangers will join them, just so long will the Grange be a failure along certain lines.

I. M. WOODARD, Master.

ENTERPRISE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

I herewith submit my report as Master of Enterprise Grange No. 129:

It is in a prosperous condition.

Yours in Faith, Hope and Charity,

THOS. WAITE, Master.

GEYSERVILLE.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

In submitting to you the report of Geyserville Grange No. 312, I am pleased to say that the past year has been a pleasant and prosperous one. We have held our regular meetings and in addition have held several social and business gatherings under the auspices of the Grange, all of which have been a success.

During the year we have gained 15. Our present membership is 80.

Our finances while not large are equal to the demands.

Our Grange enjoyed one visit from the Master of the California State Grange, also one from Deputy Organizer Brother J. M. Talbot. Have had several visits from our neighbor Grangers at Healdsburg.

Through the active work and the persistent efforts of some of our members we now have in our village a truly co-operative store run on the Rochdale plan, which is

prosperous and a good example of some of the principles advocated by the Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

W. V. GRIFFITH, Master.

This report was followed by a song by the Grange.

GLEN ELLEN.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Our Grange has held fourteen meetings during the year. Our membership is 39. Number of members gained 5. Average attendance fair. Have held no public meetings. Our exercises consist of discussion of farm topics and other literary work, socials and banquets.

Fraternally subscribed,

THOMAS JOHNSON, Master.

Brother W. W. Greer announced that tickets for the excursion to Folsom could be secured either from members or at the depot at a cost of 70 cents per round trip.

The Worthy Master appointed the following Committees:

Credentials—W. V. Griffith, Geyserville; J. A. Young, Pope Valley; H. Gregory, Santa Rosa; Sister Muddox, Sacramento; Sister Meder, San Jose.

Agriculture—B. W. Mathews, Stockton; C. T. Adams, Newcastle; I. A. Delameter, Gold Hill; Sister Eddy, Potter Valley; Sister Vanderburg, Selma.

Co-operation—S. P. Sanders, San Jose; H. Johnson, Petaluma; D. T. Fowler, Berkeley; Geo. Conners, Santa Rosa; Sister O. E. Borrette, Napa.

Division of Labor—J. N. Jones, Castoria; S. F. Ramage, Danville; E. Greer, Sacramento; Sister Horton, Eden; Sister Woodard, Elk Grove.

Education—Sister C. W. Emery, Oakland; C. W. Childs, San Jose; Sister G. W. Worthen, San Jose; Elmore Chase, Fair Oaks; Sister Griffith, Geyserville.

Finance—H. C. Muddox, Sacramento; Thos. Waite, Enterprise; M. S. Whitaker, Bennett Valley.

Dormant Granges—H. F. Tuck, Cupertino; W. J. Alderman, Grass Valley; F. H. Stiles, Tulare; Sister Grover, Petaluma; Sister Farnham, Roseville.

Forestry—D. W. Gilbert, Oakland; George Farmer, Healdsburg; Thos. Johnson, Glen Ellen; Sister Stiles, Tulare; Sister Cora G. Beecher, Stockton; Sister Daniel Flint, Sacramento.

Fifth and Sixth Degrees—E. C. Shoemaker, Visalia; X. P. Brown, Florin; C. E. Hendricks, Kelseyville; G. W. Rowe, Watsonville; Sister H. Johnson, Santa Rosa.

Good of the Order—W. D. Houx, Petaluma; T. G. King, Petaluma; C. D. Harvey, Loomis; Geo. Rogers, Napa; Sister Tuck, Cupertino.

Judiciary—W. W. Greer, Sacramento; Fred Schelmeyer, Elk Grove; E. M. Winans, Petaluma; P. Hansen, Santa Rosa; Sister Root, Stockton.

Legislature—William Johnson, Sacramento; R. O. Baldwin, Danville; G. W. Worthen, San Jose; C. D. Meder, San Jose; Sister Horton, Haywards.

Memorial—Sister S. P. Sanders, Cupertino; Sister M. J. Worthen, San Jose; G. W. Worthen, San Jose.

Music and Literary—Sister Carrie Irish, San Jose; J. D. Cornell, Sacramento; Sister Houx, Petaluma; Sister Delma Green, Courtland, and Local Committee.

Order of Business—H. C. Raap, Martinez; Geo. Rogers, Napa; J. L. Beecher, Stockton; Sister Woodard Elk Grove; Sister Schell, Sacramento.

Pomona Granges—A. E. Burnham, Healdsburg; Emmet Farnham, Roseville; C. D. Meader, San Jose; Sister Raap, Martinez; Brother Snook, Weimar.

Pomona Feast—W. V. Griffith, Geyserville; Irwin Woodard, Elk Grove; I. C. Steele, Jr., Pescadero; Sister Johnson, Glen Ellen; Sister Alderman, Grass Valley, and Local Committee.

Press Committee—H. C. Raap, Martinez; N. H. Root, Stockton; E. E. Miller, Sebastopol; Sister T. G. King, Two Rock; Sister Emery, Oakland.

Resolutions—C. D. Harvey, Loomis; W. D. Houx, Oakland; G. W. Worthen, San Jose; Sister Gilbert, Oakland; Sister Miller, Sebastopol.

Reception—H. C. Muddox, Sacramento; C. D. Grover, Petaluma; Geo. Yost, American River; Sister M. S. Whitaker, Bennett Valley, and Local Committee.

Recess was then declared until 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

EVENING.

A public reception was tendered the Grange at the Crocker Art Gallery and the following interesting programme was successfully carried out:

Opening remarks by Hon. W. W. Greer, Past Master California State Grange.

Selection Orchestra
Address of Welcome

..... Hon. Geo. H. Clark, Mayor of Sacramento
Response... C. W. Emery, Master California State Grange

Vocal solo..... Mrs. A. F. Hichborn
Address..... Judge Peter J. Shields

Vocal solo..... Mrs. F. M. Jones
Response..... J. D. Cornell, Lecturer Cal. State Grange

Quartet..... Sacramento Athletic Club Quartet
Sam Smith, Harry Hilbert, C. B. Brier, Chas. Koenig.

Address..... J. A. Woodson
Vocal solo..... Miss Mabel A. Peterson

Response..... H. C. Raap, Overseer Cal. State Grange
Vocal solo..... R. T. Cohn

Quartet.....
Mrs. A. F. Hichborn, Mrs. N. G. McMullen,

Mrs. F. M. Jones, Mrs. C. G. Holcomb.

Selection Carpenter's Orchestra

SECOND DAY.

At 9 o'clock the heavily loaded excursion train left Sacramento depot for Folsom. Upon our arrival there we were allowed to visit the State's Prison and the American river dam. Returning to the town of Folsom, where lunch was spread, the afternoon was spent in social converse and dancing.

EVENING SESSION

Grange was called to order at 7:30 by Worthy Master C. W. Emery.

Sister Fred Schelmeyer assisted in taking the word, With the exception of Worthy Flora all officers were in their places.

The roll of Subordinate Granges was called and the following noted present: Alhambra, American River, Ben-

nett Valley, Capital, Danville, Eden, Elk Grove, Enterprise, Geyserville, Glen Ellen, Loomis, Magnolia, Napa, Newcastle, Oakland, Pescadero, Petaluma, Progressive, Roseville, Sacramento, Two Rock, Watsonville, Sacramento Co. Pomona, Sonoma Co. Pomona, and Gold Hill.

The reading of the minutes, by motion, was dispensed with until morning.

Worthy Past Master G. W. Worthen was welcomed to the circle of Past Masters with appropriate remarks by Past Masters Flint and Overhiser.

Worthy Past Master Worthen replied with feeling.

The Worthy Master gave the following notices:

First—Those Patrons desiring to take the Fifth and Sixth Degrees please obtain blanks from the Secretary and have them properly filled out and handed in by Friday afternoon.

Second—That in order that outsiders may have the benefit of Brother Fowler's account of his recent trip to Great Britain part of Friday afternoon will be open session.

Brother Harvey asked that the Committee on Resolutions remain a few moments after session.

The roll of the Subordinate was again taken up and those having time to be read follow in their respective order:

GRASS VALLEY.

To the Worthy Master of the State Grange of California:

We have had no visit from other Granges nor have we made any. We took charge at times when no one wanted an office. Our Overseer has never been to meetings since installation. After patient waiting we elected a second and he never came back. Lecturer attended once after three months and no more. Gave as a reason nothing to commit to memory. Chaplain attended two or three times only. Steward was never installed and Second attended two or three meetings. Assistant Steward was never installed.

Our meetings are called to order about thirty minutes late, my business requiring the time.

We were promised a visit from the Worthy Master in April, but owing to a misunderstanding he did not come.

At Santa Rosa I was one of the committee voted to reduce, as offered by Merced Grange, from \$3 to \$1; the result was that the fun and a good meal was almost worth a dollar and the harvest was great, but as we now find, the laborers are few.

Brother John Hart, age 22, was killed by a cave at Wardner, Idaho. He was a good, happy, active member till he left Grass Valley one year before his death.

Two new members last quarter.

Wishing you a profitable meeting, fraternally yours
with Faith, Hope and Charity, with Fidelity,

WALLACE J. ALDERMAN, Master.

LOOMIS.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

The infant Grange from Placer county, which at your last convention asked to be relieved from its swaddling clothes and to be clad in the garments of a worker, has passed from its childhood and entered into manly labor. The restless, impatient energies of the child are transformed into the vigorous, pushing activity of manhood and become a promoter of public benefits, a champion for the rights of the producing people, a protector of the helpless and an educator of the uninformed. It has made the acquaintance of the Placer County Fathers, the Supervisors, and commands their respect when it presents its petition. To this Board, which contained no representative farmer, it has graciously tendered a stalwart Granger from our midst to supply the place of the retiring officer, and appealed to the public to indicate its choice by the ballot at our next election.

Professional politicians, corporations, as well as the combination of fresh fruit shippers, with their long retinue of middlemen, keep a vigilant watch over us, and seem apprehensive of our welfare (perhaps it is of our success), so we feel encouraged to continue our labors.

The continued absence of the Master for several weeks during his tour of organization for the State Grange has interfered somewhat with our work of extension, yet we have increased our numbers from thirty-three to seventy-

six, with two additional uninitiated candidates, giving a gain for the past year of forty-five.

Weekly meetings were held during the winter months; semi-weekly during the spring, and only once a month during the summer, which was a heavy draft upon the time and strength of our members, during the rush of fruit picking and shipping, twice necessitating an adjournment for want of a quorum, and to those fruit growers who pick, wrap in paper and pack for Eastern shipping every pound of fruit raised no apology is needed for this delinquency, especially when the help supply was as limited as the past season.

During the year we have held four public meetings, discussing subjects of vital interest to the general fruit grower, and twice secured outside talent to assist. In this manner we first introduced Warren T. Clarke, the entomologist sent by the State University Regents to study and devise methods to check and destroy that destructive pest, the peach moth. Mr. Clarke's appointment here was due largely to the action of the Grange, taken by a suggestion offered us by Prof. D. T. Fowler.

We have demonstrated to the public that the Grange, using the latest methods, is a promoter of the public welfare, irrespective of persons, parties or places, and is a power wherever it stays.

A kind providence has spared our members and no dismissals have yet been made.

The surroundings of our first place of meeting being undesirable we used a school building during the summer vacation, and have just taken possession of new, and we trust, permanent quarters, more desirably situated, more commodious and lighted with electricity; so, in the coming year we expect in our new home, with better surroundings, to do better work, and in our extended quarters to still further enlarge our order, and with clearer and better lights to more closely discriminate between duty and convenience in our Grange work.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

C. D. HARVEY, Master.

MAGNOLIA.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Magnolia Grange, No. 261, has thirty-two members, owns it hall, meets second Saturday in each month at 1 o'clock p. m.

Have had no accessions this year and lost one member by demit. Our meetings are rather poorly attended and it is far from a live Grange, but we hope for the best.

D. BILDERBACK, Alternate.

NAPA.

Read by Sister O. E. Borrette.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

It gives me pleasure to report that in membership Napa Grange has more than held her own during the past year, and in working strength we are stronger than ever.

Through the effort of our Grange a bonus was raised which secured in Napa the location of one of the largest fruit canneries on this Coast. To be sure the same differences between orchardist and canner arise there as elsewhere, still we consider a big cannery a good acquisition.

We petitioned the City Council to erect more railings in a convenient place where teams could be tied and our request was readily granted.

For the benefit of residents in an outlying district where the mail route was to be discontinued we signed a petition to the Postmaster General and secured the re-establishment of the route.

A Farmers' Institute was held in the Grange hall October 25, 26, 1901, and by getting trade advertisements on the programme sheets all expenses were paid and a balance of \$5.25 was turned into the Grange treasury.

We sent a committee to the Chinese Exclusion Convention November 21, 1901.

Napa Grange feels a material interest in the new Rochdale store, for it was through this Grange that our people first learned of the Rochdale plan of co-operation.

On account of failing health Worthy Master Robinson resigned last April, and Brother Renwick was elected to succeed him.

Children's Day was celebrated Saturday, May 10th, by a large and very pleasant gathering of Patrons, their families and invited friends in a beautiful grove on the Spreckels farm, near Napa.

Because of the very busy fruit season our Grange took a vacation from August 2d to September 6th. We have had four all-day meetings, with harvest feasts at noon, and right heartily did we enjoy these Grange family gatherings.

Not until September 20th were we favored by a visit from any officer of the California State Grange. On that date Worthy Master and Sister Emery accepted an invitation to visit us, and we were much benefited by their counsels.

Brother and Sister Winans also kindly joined with us in the festivities of the day.

No member of our Grange has died during the year; a few dropped out for non-payment of dues, and one strictly orthodox member, on acquiring a stock of merchandise took a withdrawal card. Eight members have joined us by initiation and one by demit.

We are in the good fight to stay. We have ever been alive to the needs of the community and the merchants show us a consideration never before bestowed upon farmers in our locality.

Respectfully submitted in faith, hope and charity,
WALTER RENWICK, Master.

NEWCASTLE.

Newcastle Grange has thirty-two members. Our average attendance is about twelve. Our meetings open promptly and our members are careful to observe the rules of the order. We have held one public meeting. We have not held regular meetings through the busy summer months. Could not get a good attendance. Hope to revive through the coming fall and winter.

C. T. ADAMS, Master.

OAKLAND.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Oakland Grange, No. 35, is glad to report continued prosperity and an increasing membership. On September 1, 1902, we had thirty-five members, sixteen brothers and nineteen sisters. During the year there were admitted up to that date six brothers and six sisters. One brother and sister moved from town and took demits. Two were dropped from the rolls. There has been an average attendance of twelve, a majority being sisters. When we wish for a full attendance, brothers and all, we announce a harvest feast or social gathering. We have had several picnics. Children's Day was observed under the trees in Berkeley on July 4th, and owing to a scarcity of children in the families of members we all "became as little children" for the day. The Woman's Reading Club of the Grange should have a part of the credit for an increase in our membership. We have had the advantage of including the Worthy Master of the State Grange in our membership, and have found encouragement from time to time in his reports of the progress made in other Granges which he had visited. Our Grange suffers in common with nearly all Granges from a lack of the feeling of individual responsibility for the success of each meeting and the Grange as a whole. Who will tell us how to overcome the lack, that our Grange may become the power for good in the community which its founders hoped it would be?

Respectfully submitted,

DEXTER W. GILBERT, Master.

PESCADERO GRANGE, No 32.

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters of the California State Grange:

Words cannot express the regret Sister Steele and myself feel at being kept at home. We had hoped to attend the State Grange and come home loaded with enthusiasm to dispense among the members of our Grange; for the past year has been a quiet one with Pescadero Grange. We held a few well-attended and interesting meetings during the first of the year, but sickness has kept so many members at home that we have only held one Grange

since May 3d. Sister Steele joins in wishing you all a prosperous and pleasant meeting.

Yours fraternally, G. H. STEELE, Master.

PETALUMA GRANGE, No. 23, P. of H.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Petaluma Grange meets semi-monthly, on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Our present membership is 122; number of brothers, 68; number of sisters, 54; number of meetings, 26.

Have gained ten by initiation and four by demit. Lost nine by demit, one by death and several for non-payment of dues. Still we hold our own very well. Our Grange enjoyed a pleasant and profitable visit from the State Master.

Our roll book shows a good attendance of officers; attendance of members fairly good. No resolutions of importance have been introduced during the year. We have endorsed the resolution by Worthy Master N. B. Haywood of Pescadero Grange, also Corliss bill.

Received a card from Mrs. William McKinley acknowledging receipt of resolutions of condolence sent her by this Grange on the death of her husband and our beloved President, which card was suitably framed and hangs on the wall beneath our charter.

Our Worthy Lecturer has brought forward many good and interesting questions for discussion. Our financial condition is good and genial and kindly feeling exists among our members.

Respectfully submitted, C. D. GROVER, Master.

After reading the report of Napa Grange Brother Geo. H. Rogers read the following resolution and asked that it be referred to a special committee of five who should report as early as possible.

Whereas, Congress at its recent session passed a bill for the construction of an Isthmian canal by what is known as the Panama route, or by Nicaragua and the choice between them was left to the President, and

Whereas, we believe from close observation and reports that it will be for the best interest of California and

the United States that said canal be built along the line known as the Nicaragua route.

Therefore Resolved, that the President of the United States is most earnestly requested to give to the Nicaragua route his most favorable consideration.

Resolved, that the above preamble and resolution be signed by the Worthy Master and Secretary and transmitted to the President of the United States with the seal of the State Grange attached.

The following special committee was appointed: Geo. Rogers, Napa; Harvey Gregory, Santa Rosa; D. T. Fowler, Oakland; H. F. Blohm, Watsonville; C. D. Harvey, Loomis.

As the team was in readiness for the exemplification of the work of the first and fourth degrees the further reading of reports was deferred until another session. A picked team consisting of ladies from the Granges of Sacramento County then took charge and conferred the first and fourth degrees upon a class composed of Brothers and Sisters. The work was well carried out and gave evidence that Sacramento County might well be proud of its degree work. The work of the team well merited the vote of thanks given by the Grange.

At the close of the exemplification of the fourth degree Brother J. Peterson Jr., of Capital Grange, entertained us with a character song and selection which made much fun and merited applause.

The following telegram from the East was read by the Worthy Master:

California State Grange Convention, Sacramento.—

Greeting: "Try to instruct legislative committee to co-operate with other non-partisan organizations for referendum and initiative.

NON-PARTISAN FEDERATION FOR MAJORITY RULE.

A motion was carried that the State Grange send a telegram of greeting to the Farmers' Congress convention, held at Macon, Ga.

As the hour was late recess was then declared until 9 a. m., the following day.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Grange was opened at 9 a. m., Worthy Master Emery presiding.

Brother Winans acted as Worthy Overseer, Sister D. T. Fowler as Worthy Lecturer, Sister Carrie Hansen as Worthy Flora and Sister J. Hansen as Worthy Pomona.

The taking of the word was followed by the opening song.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The roll of Subordinate Granges was then called and the following noted present: Alhambra, American River, Bennett Valley, Capital, Danville, Eden, Elk Grove, Florin, Geyserville, Glen Ellen, Lincoln, Loomis, Napa, Oakland, Petaluma, Potter Valley, San Jose, Santa Rosa, Stockton, Tulare, Two Rock, Watsonville, Gold Hill, Sacramento County Pomona and Sonoma County Pomona.

The Committee on Division of Labor made the following partial report, which was adopted:

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Committee on Division of Labor, to whom was referred the Worthy Master's report, beg leave to report that they have duly considered the same and have referred that portion of said report which relates to legislation to the Committee on Legislation;

That portion of said report which relates to Woman's work to the Committee on Woman's work;

That portion which relates to Memorial be referred to the Committee on Memorial;

That portion which refers to Pomona Granges to be referred to the Committee on Pomona Granges.

That portion relating to fire insurance and Rochdale system be referred to the Committee on Co-operation;

That portion referring to taxation be referred to a special committee;

Relating to libraries be referred to the Committee on Education, and also that portion relating to education be referred to the same committee;

That portion which relates to Agricultural Colleges be referred to the Committee on the Good of the Order;

That portion which relates to Farmers' Institutes be referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and that portion of said report which relates to the Lecturer's work, also that portion relating to Ritualistic work be referred to the Committee on the Good of the Order.

J. N. JONES,
E. GREER,
S. F. RAMAGE,
MRS. HORTON,
MRS. I. WOODARD.

The report of the Special Committee to which was referred the resolution introduced by Napa Grange, upon the canal question was read and a motion carried that the discussion of this question be made the special order of business Friday morning immediately after the reading of the minutes.

The following telegram was sent to the Farmers' Annual Congress now in session at Macon, Ga.:

"To the Farmers' Annual Congress, Macon, Ga.—

"The California State Grange in thirtieth annual session sends greetings."

C. W. EMERY,
Master C. S. G.

The reports of the following Subordinate Granges were presented in their order:

SACRAMENTO.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

In presenting this, my first report to the State Grange, on behalf of the officers of Sacramento Grange, I extend to your distinguished body a greeting and a welcome to the home of our Grange.

It affords me pleasure to report progress, not only in our own Grange, but along Grange lines throughout our entire county. Sacramento Grange has been growing more prosperous each year, and this year is no exception to the general rule. We have initiated 26 candidates during my term of office, and have admitted several by demit cards. We have gained not only numerically, but also financially, having held several entertainments and

dances, which have served to lend an added zest and prestige to our order. Our meetings have been generally well attended, and our officers have proven very zealous and attentive to their duties, realizing that upon the action of the officers depends in a great measure, the success of a Grange. Our members have made it a point to visit the different Granges in the county, and we in turn have been visited by members from the other Granges, thus promoting a spirit of fraternity throughout the order generally in this county. Upon occasions when the fourth degrees have been conferred upon the various classes of candidates who have been admitted during the year, the meetings have been largely attended, and we have ever made it a strong point to have the children, the little folks who will one day occupy our places, represented upon our entertainment list. Amid our success, however, sorrow has crept, for death has entered unbidden, within our portals, and removed one of our most zealous workers; but though we bow our heads in grief, we yet accept with resignation the decree of an all wise Providence.

On the whole we feel encouraged to persevere, knowing that we are doing our part in upholding the dignity and increasing the prestige of an organization, which, for purity of principle and honesty of motive, is the equal, if not the superior, of any other order under the sun.

H. C. MUDDOX,

Master of Sacramento Grange.

SAN JOSE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Brothers and Sisters: San Jose Grange No. 10, P. of H., brings to you its greeting of fraternal good will.

During the year just passed it has held fifty-one regular meetings which have been well attended and of profit and interest to its members.

The number of members in good standing is 177, of which 88 are brothers and 89 are sisters. We have gained during the year 14 members and lost 5.

On the 4th of July our Grange accepted the invitation of Lincoln Grange to attend a picnic in grounds near

their new hall. The day was most pleasantly spent in social relations that strengthen the bond of good fellowship. The printed program prepared by our esteemed Worthy Lecturer, Brother Fred Smith, is still followed and the generous support given it by our members speaks for its success.

I am happy to add that the singular harmony that for years has characterized San Jose Grange is still its greatest and I believe its best feature.

Fraternally submitted in

Faith, Hope and Charity with Fidelity.

CHARLES D. MEDER,

Worthy Master San Jose Grange, No. 10.

SANTA ROSA.

Worthy Master and Members of the California State Grange:

As alternate of Santa Rosa Grange No. 17, P. of H., I beg to submit the following annual report of said Grange:

Santa Rosa Grange has held it own the past year. We have held twenty-five meetings, have initiated five members and lost three by demit and two by death, (Sisters Strong and Conners). Now have 106 members, 56 Brothers and 50 Sisters. Have generally a fair attendance. Our meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. We have on hand a general fund of about \$150.00 and a special fund of \$74.00. being what is left of the first prize of \$150.00 for the best exhibit of agricultural products at last year's District Fair.

Since writing the above Santa Rosa Grange with Bennett Valley Grange again took first prize of \$150.00, thus adding \$75.00 more to our treasury.

On the 26th of April we celebrated the golden wedding of Brother and Sister Mills, who were the oldest initiated members now belonging to the Grange, and Brother and Sister Coulter being the only charter members now belonging to the Grange, were included in the celebration. and both couples received appropriate remembrances from their numerous friends in the Grange. At the noon hour a sumptuous repast was served, at which many invited guests were present.

In May we had an interesting lecture on Agriculture, and in June we celebrated Children's Day. In August the Healdsburg team exemplified the third and fourth degrees in a very impressive manner without the use of the ritual and we are anticipating having a team in our Grange in the near future.

Fraternally yours,
HARVEY GREGORY, Alternate.

STOCKTON.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Another year has rolled around and I am yet in the chair as Master of Stockton Grange No. 70, P. of H.

I have very little to report. We have suspended one member and lost one by death, Brother John B. Harelson, who joined our Grange soon after its organization, 1873. For several years he was Overseer, and was a faithful officer. He was beloved and respected by all, and is yet sadly missed from his place.

We now have 32 members, 10 brothers and 22 sisters. Number of meetings since last State Grange, twenty-six.

Our dues are not sufficient to pay expenses, and were it not for the money we saved during our prosperous times, we would have to surrender our charter.

We have a few faithful members left, who are determined to hold on to our charter and abide our time. Hoping the State Grange will come to our relief, by sending a canvasser among the people and help strengthen our Grange.

We have had no help the past year from the State Grange, not even a visit from one of its officers.

There is now in attendance at this session of the State Grange nine of our members, good and true, who know no such word as fail.

Respectfully submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity with Fidelity,

WM. L. OVERHISER.

TULARE.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Tulare Grange, looking back upon the year just past sees no reason for discouragement. True, we have suffered a slight loss in membership, but we believe the same to be due to reasons not necessarily denoting a decrease in Grange interest.

Our loss in the past year has been eighteen. Four by demit, five by removal from Tulare, and nine by non-payment of dues.

Against this we place a gain of sixteen. Four by affiliation and twelve by initiation. A net loss of two, making our present membership sixty-two.

The special events in the Grange year were Children's Day, which was pleasantly kept at our usual meeting place. Our annual picnic, observed with its usual good fellowship, and a Farmers' Institute conducted by Brother T. D. Fowler under the auspices of the Grange, and generally pronounced the best ever held in Tulare.

A most pleasant incident of the Grange was the presentation, at the last session in June, of a beautiful pin from friends in the State Grange of 1901 to our Worthy Steward, E. C. Shoemaker, as a recognition of his faithful stewardship in the State Grange.

Our regular meetings have been fairly well attended and the interest well sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. STILES, Master.

SACRAMENTO POMONA.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

I take great pleasure in submitting herewith my report as the presiding officer of Sacramento County Pomona Grange No. 2, P. of H., for the year just closed:

Our Grange is in very good condition and the meetings are well attended. Much interest is shown by the members and I feel that I can predict for the coming year, as good, if not better results than have ensued during the year just passed. The officers and members take a deep interest in the meetings and seem to be working in harmony.

At the beginning of the year our membership was 104, since which time we have gained 30 members, mak-

ing a total of 134. During the year, however, we have lost through demit 16, and by death 3, making a total of 19—leaving our present membership 115, or a total gain for the year of 11 members, which is very encouraging. I trust that during the year to come, our gain will be even greater than it has been in the past.

It is with feelings of deep regret that I have to report the death of Sisters Johnson and Ellis, and Brother Schelmeyer, all worthy and highly respected members.

We have held four very pleasant meetings during the year, at one of which we enjoyed the pleasure of a visit from Worthy Master of the California State Grange, Brother Emery, who made some very interesting remarks.

We have also organized a Mutual Fire Insurance Company this year which is in full working order and giving good satisfaction. Brother George Hack is President, and Brother J. D. Cornell, Secretary, two worthy and very efficient officers.

Our annual Grangers' picnic was held at Elk Grove on the 3rd of May, and was a most pleasant re-union. It was conducted on strictly temperance lines, which seemed to meet the approval of all who attended. Altogether it was a very successful affair, both socially and financially.

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to my Brother and Sister officers of Pomona Grange for their earnest co-operation and assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HAYDEN,

Master Sacramento County Pomona Grange.

SONOMA POMONA.

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

I again have the honor to represent the Sonoma Pomona No. 1, Patrons of Husbandry, in this most honorable body, and I make the following report:

I can report our Grange in a very good condition, our membership at the present time is 71 members, 42 Brothers and 29 Sisters, the average attendance has been very good, the members coming from long distances.

16 to 25 miles, and often at a great sacrifice of their interests to attend our meetings.

And I take pleasure in expressing my thanks to the Masters of all the Granges, and to all the members, for the kind and earnest manner in which they have all striven to make our meetings both a pleasure and a profit to us.

The following Granges are represented in this Pomona Grange, with the following membership:

Bennett Valley, No. 16, membership 48.

El Verano, No. 315, membership 30.

Glen Ellen, No. 299, membership 39.

Petaluma, No. 23, membership 122.

Santa Rosa, No. 17, membership 106.

Progressive, No. 308, membership 64.

Sebastopol, No. 306, membership 48.

Geyserville, No. 312, membership 80.

Two Rock, No. 152, membership 80.

I am sorry to say that during the year I think the Grange work in the county has rather lost than gained, some of our Granges being at the present time in a very inactive condition; we have a Farmers' Fire Insurance Company doing a good and safe business, and we also have eight stores conducted on the Rochdale plan, and the membership largely composed of Patrons of Husbandry.

While we rejoice in all the good we have received during the year, we must also bow in sorrow for the loss of two of our beloved and earnest Sisters, Sister Conners and Sister Strong, both most earnest and willing workers in the Grange, always in attendance unless prevented by sickness, and always doing their part.

In conclusion, I most earnestly hope that this session of the California State Grange may be productive of great good to all in attendance, and to our noble order in this State, and that we may all carry home new enthusiasm, and firmer resolves to do more earnest work during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY JOHNSON, Master.

GOLD HILL.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of State Grange:

The Gold Hill Grange was organized February 18, 1902, with a charter membership of 44, and has added 14 members since; lost one by demit and have now a membership of 57, with an average attendance of 25.

For the first three and one half months the Grange met regularly every Saturday. Since that time it met every other Saturday, until the first of October, then it will meet every Saturday.

This Grange has a very bright outlook as a deep interest is felt by all, especially by the young folks, for it has brought them together and formed a bond of fellowship that naught can tear asunder, and already the elevation of these young people is plainly noticeable to all, and this Grange is rapidly accomplishing one of the purposes for which all Granges are formed, namely, the elevation of mankind.

We have been favored once with the presence of our Worthy State Master, and four times with the presence of the Worthy State Organizer.

The good influence of our Grange is openly admitted by some who were openly antagonistic towards it at first, and some of these people now desire to join us. I am proud to be a member of an organization that casts such an influence on posterity that they may look back and point with pride at the efforts of their ancestors towards the elevation of all mankind. Teaching recreation to the overworked, wisdom to the ignorant, kindness to the vicious, and courage to the despondent.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. DELAMETER.

ALHAMBRA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Alhambra Grange No. 230, P. of H., can report no increase in membership, but we are moving along in a fairly prosperous condition. The old guard, as it might

be termed, being usually on hand, and we have kept our finances in good condition.

Fraternally submitted,
H. C. RAAP, Master.

AMERICAN RIVER.

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

It is with a feeling of pleasure and satisfaction that I herein submit this, my annual report:

I report our Grange in a prosperous condition both as to working order and finance.

Considerable attention has been given during the past year to the degree work, and as a result of our efforts, we accepted an invitation to confer the third and fourth degrees in a neighboring Grange, and I feel justified in saying that the team did the work well.

The majority of the members initiated during the past year have been young people, ready and willing to work.

We have held twenty-five regular and three special meetings; one member has been dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues.

Twenty-six members have been initiated, eighteen of whom were initiated at one time.

Two members have withdrawn and one has been re-instated; total number of members at date, 79.

Respectfully submitted,

G. O. YOST,

Master American River Grange, No. 172, P. of H.

ANTELOPE.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

The membership of Antelope Grange No. 100 has been increased from thirty-two to thirty-six during the past year, and we have four candidates to take the third and fourth degrees and one application on hand.

The meetings have been very well attended and interest in the work kept up.

An entertainment was given by the Grange in April, which was quite a success. The receipts were used to furnish and paint the hall in which we meet.

On the whole I think the condition of the Grange, as compared with last year, very good indeed, and hope for another prosperous year.

Respectfully submitted,

P. R. PETERSON, Master.

CENTRAL.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Central Grange meets on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Our meetings have not been as well attended as they were last year, but we are doing very well, everything considered. We had a visit from Worthy Master Emery in August. He gave us a good talk on Grange work, which I think was a great help to the Grange. I regret that I cannot meet with you at the State Grange, hoping you will have a profitable meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN DAVIDSON, Master.

CAPITOL.

Number of meetings 18, number of visits to neighboring Granges 4; number of members 55, number gained during the year 19, average attendance 15. Our meetings open promptly; our members are earnest and our condition is somewhat improved over last year.

Respectfully submitted,

I. G. SHAW, Master.

LINCOLN.

Worthy Master and Members of California State Grange.

In presenting this, my second annual report as Master of Lincoln Grange No. 318, it is gratifying to state that we have made substantial progress during the year, and that the order has gained prestige in our community. We have held 22 regular, 6 special, and several open meetings, all of which were presided over by the Master.

In our work we are not unmindful of local environment and have always endeavored to work along the lines of an improvement club to build up our section.

Some of the practical results have been the advocacy of a railroad line to open up and develop our locality, success seems imminent, as engineers are at work and have nearly completed the survey.

Another result is an effort to establish a Farmers' Telephone System and we are now considering a proposition from the Sunset Telephone and Telegraph Co. This augurs well for ultimate success.

And a third is an offer from one of our largest fertilizing companies on the coast, to establish an Experimental Station in our midst, for testing commercial manures, for demonstrating the value of these fertilizers to the farmers of Santa Clara Valley.

We have held a very successful Farmers' Institute, and are looking forward to another on the 13th and 14th of November.

We are pleased to report that the plans regarding the construction of a hall for our use have been realized through intelligent co-operation, and we have now a most satisfactory building.

Our membership has increased very considerably during the year; at the spring initiation we had a banner class of 24 candidates.

We have been favored with the presence of Worthy Master Emery at our installation, and the Worthy Lecturer, Mr. J. D. Cornell also visited us.

We meet on the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month, instead of on Thursdays, as formally, to which meetings visiting members are always welcome.

Yours fraternally.

HERBERT F. TUCK, Master.

POTTER VALLEY.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Our Grange still holds the fort and in fair working order. We have thirty-five members.

The Worthy Master Emery paid us a visit this year which was appreciated by our members.

WILLIAM EDDY, Master.

PROGRESSIVE.

To the Worthy Master and Members of the California State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry:

I have the honor to submit this, my second annual report as Master of Progressive Grange, No. 308:

Our regular meetings are held on the first and third Saturdays of each month. We have held twenty-three meetings during the last year. In connection with Geyersville Grange we held a picnic on one of our meeting days, hence one meeting was missed.

We have fair to good attendance most of the time, and very good interest is shown at the meetings. Progressive Grange is just about holding even in membership and also financially.

We have had no visit from State Grange officers or District Deputies during the last year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. FARNER, Master.

TWO ROCK.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Two Rock begs leave to report the following: We meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Our Grange is in a fairly good condition financially, but there seems to be a lack of interest, and we do not have the attendance we should have with our membership.

Our Grange has not held its own during the year. We had 98 members on October 1, 1901, and have 83 members at the present time. We have lost 20 members and gained 5 by initiation. The majority of our loss was caused by members moving to other localities, and I am glad to say that they have taken their demits and joined other Granges.

We held twenty meetings during the year and paid three visits to other Granges.

We took action on most all the important bills pertaining to the farm that were presented to the State Legislature and our National Congress, and our Grange has been alive to the interest and welfare of our community in general.

We had a pleasant visit from our Worthy State Master on June 5th, and a very enjoyable day was spent, which I know was beneficial to the Grange.

Respectfully submitted,

T. G. KING, Master.

ROSEVILLE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

I am pleased to be able to report to you that Roseville Grange has taken a new start in the race of progress. The last year we have initiated 13, re-instated 3, lost 1 by death.

We hold meetings regularly on the first and third Saturdays.

We have had several visits from our State Organizer, Brother Harvey, from Loomis, and several from our Worthy Lecturer, J. D. Cornell. We held our second annual picnic the 7th of June, which was well attended.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMET FARNHAM.

SAN JOSE.

San Jose Grange through Worthy Past Master Worthen presented the following petition and asked that it be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Resolved, by San Jose Grange No. 10, P. of H., that we ask the California State Grange to petition the coming Legislature to appropriate a suitable sum to provide a good display of our fruits and other products at the St. Louis Exposition, with a view to increasing the demand for the same.

A. R. WOODHAMS,
B. G. HURLBURT,
G. W. WORTHEN.

Tulare Grange through Brother Tuohy presented the following paper and asked that that part referring to taxation be referred to the special committee on taxation and the rest to the Committee on the Good of the Order.

The paper reads as follows:

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the State Grange of California, Patrons of Husbandry:

Tulare Grange No. 198, P. of H., Cal., having carefully considered the following subjects pertinent to the welfare of our order and of this community, herein ask your consideration of the same.

We advocate, 1st A revision of the laws governing the appropriation and use of water for irrigation purposes.

2. The selection of sites for reservoirs for the storage of water for irrigation purposes, and the erection of reservoirs thereon, by the general government.

3. The renting of public land for grazing purposes by the general government, without distinction of stock to be grazed thereon, the rental to be regulated according to the grazing value of land rented.

4. A revision of the road laws requiring the use of wider tires on all vehicles, except such as are used for passenger conveyance and the adoption of the proposed constitutional amendment providing for State roads.

5. The establishment of more polytechnic schools, and, in rural districts, instruction in our public schools in the elementary principles of agriculture.

6. The proposed University Extension course to be given by Prof. Stevens is an advance in the right direction. We believe it will meet with the approval and support of our order.

7. We approve the proposed Constitutional amendment including High schools in our public school system. It is an essential connecting link in our present day educational course.

8. We condemn, as unnecessary and simply pampering to local influence, the establishment of any more normal schools for the preparation of teachers, those now established and supported by the State being ample for present needs.

9. We condemn, as vicious class legislation, the proposed Constitutional amendment exempting bonds from taxation. Article XIII of the Constitution provides that bonds are an evidence of interest in the property securing their payment and contemplates that they shall pay the taxes incidentally assessed on property in that locality. If bond-holders, who are so quick to call on the

government to protect their property rights, are so dishonest as to evade the just payment of their pro rata of taxation, to support such government, and the law is so lame, at present, as not to enforce such payment, the proper remedy is such legislation as will enforce the payment of taxes on bonds as contemplated by our Constitution. We deem this just and equitable and can do no man injustice. The exemption of bonds from taxation is unjust to all other classes of property.

We have seen circular letters, being sent to school trustees, by the League of California Municipalities, advocating the adoption of the proposed amendment and enclosing a copy of an ex parte statement of Carl C. Plehn, Professor of History and Political Economy, University of California. We regard this as one of the methods of booming unworthy legislation. We will now ask Prof. Plehn to discuss the question from the side of equity and justice and tell us why the bond-holder should not pay taxes to support the government that protects his person and property right. We hold that three per cent per annum, equals, if it is not in excess of the net earnings of property in any community for almost any decade, and had the rate of interest on bonds to be exempt from taxation, been limited to that amount, as proposed by Mr. Myers in the last Assembly, we would offer no objection to such exemption.

10. We believe in the interest of communities, no bonds should be issued except on petition of two-thirds of the property owners representing two-thirds of the taxable property securing the payment of their bond and then the bonded indebtedness should, for all purposes, be limited to ten per cent of the assessed value of the property securing the payment of bonds issued.

Thos. Johnson, Master of Glen Ellen Grange, introduced resolutions relating to free markets in San Francisco, which were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The Worthy Master announced the following special Committee on Taxation: Brothers Tuohy, Rogers, and Griffith. This announcement was followed by a vocal solo by Brother G. H. Slawson of Sacramento Grange.

Committee on Woman's Work

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was read by its chairman, Sister S. P. Sanders, and was adopted.

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters, your Committee on Woman's Work beg leave to offer this, their second annual report:

While there is not much to give you in the line of progress along the line of woman's work, your committee can see some activity and a growing interest in our work, and they feel encouraged to think that the seed sown during the past two years will at some time be quickened into life, and something good may come to our sisters through this committee.

We look to the reports from the different Granges, hoping to hear something that will be still more encouraging than what we have already had in regard to our work, knowing the thing we most prize is the thing we work hard to get, personal effort, close application and devotion to any one object in life, will in nine cases out of ten bring success. So dear Sisters, I wish to make one more appeal to you for the Book Club, and the Reading Circle. I would like to impress upon your minds the importance of these two sources of pleasure and improvement so easily within your reach.

Form your Book Club within your Grange, each putting in one dollar as a membership fee. Make a careful selection of the new literature of the day and circulate those books among yourselves, and when the first installment of books have been read through, you will find that you have an interest created and such a strong desire for more books to read that you will have no trouble to raise funds for a new lot of books, and you will look anxiously for the regular Grange meeting day to come around to enable you to bring home another of those interesting books to read. One writer calls books—"Medicine for the Soul." Another writer, an old man, says: "A taste for books, which is still the pleasure and glory of my life." Again, "Books are embalmed Minds."

Carlyle has said: "All that mankind has done, thought, gained or been, * * * * is lying as in magic preser-

vation in the pages of books; they are the chosen possession of men."

Bulwar Lytton has said: "There is no past, so long as books shall live." Again the same author has said: "We call some books immortal; do they live? If so, time hath made them pure. In books, the veriest wicked rest in peace."

This beautiful passage was written by James Freeman Clarke: "When I consider what some books have done for the world, and what they are doing, how they keep up our hope, awaken new courage and faith, soothe pain, give an ideal life to those whose hours are cold and hard, bind together distant ages and foreign lands, create new worlds of beauty, bring down truth from heaven; I give eternal blessings for this gift and thank God for books."

In the reading of good books we are providing food for thought, not alone for the present but are storing our minds for the future, and laying up pleasures for old age. Once more let me urge upon you the Book Club, a work in which our Sisters are well qualified to lead.

With reference to the "Circle," we expect to give you an outline of what one Circle has done during the past year, at this session the Circle connected with the Oakland Grange. The Sisters of this Grange have demonstrated the possibility of a reading circle, and one of the members will tell you of the work accomplished by them and the pleasure they have derived from their work, socially and intellectually.

Sisters go and do likewise, remembering "The cultivation of the mind is a kind of food supplied for the Soul of Man."

"Let us fill urns with rose leaves in our May,
And hive the thrifty sweetness for December."

MRS. N. A. SANDERS,

Chairman of Committee.

Worthy Past Master G. W. Worthen gave a verbal report of his work as Deputy Organizer. He supplemented his report with many valuable remarks in aid of Granges.

The following report of Deputy Organizer Mrs. I. K. Roadhouse was read by the Worthy Secretary:

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

I hereby submit my report as District Deputy of Fresno County.

I regret to say that I cannot give a very glowing account at this time. I made an attempt to organize a Grange at Kingsburg, but was not successful. I learned that Merced Grange had lapsed, but did not have an opportunity to investigate as we moved to Berkeley early in July.

We hope to affiliate with Oakland Grange before very long. Have not yet withdrawn from Selma Grange.

Yours Fraternally,

I. K. ROADHOUSE.

The report of the Standing Committee on Co-operation was read by Brother S. P. Sanders, its chairman, and received the approval of the Grange.

Report of Committee on Co-Operation

Sacramento, October 7, 1902.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the State Grange of California:

The report of your Committee on Co-operation will be brief in order that the time allotted to it may be used by Brother D. T. Fowler, who has this summer visited the birthplace of the Rochdale system of co-operation, and will have many interesting things to tell us about.

Since our last report to the State Grange we have kept informed of the progress of events co-operative, and can state that the Rochdale societies under the auspices of the Pacific Branch of the Co-operative Union of America have increased in number to over sixty, being a gain of fifteen during the year. At their convention held in Oakland last spring, they were reported to be in a flourishing condition, doing a safe business, growing in membership, enlarging their stores and stocks of goods, establishing themselves in the confidence of members and outsiders and demonstrating the feasibility of doing business on a co-operative basis.

The wholesale store in San Francisco, which stands somewhat in the relation of parent to this increasing fam

ily, is also expanding and increasing its facilities for doing business, keeping pace with the retail stores in their growth and development of trade.

COUNTY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES, which are of a mutual or co-operative nature, are organized in Sonoma, San Bernardino, Ventura, Fresno, Orange, Los Angeles, Santa Clara and Sacramento Counties.

It is not deemed necessary in this report to state the amounts of risks taken nor the amount of losses paid by these companies. They have been recently started, the amount of risks taken is small and the losses have been trifling. A better idea of the average cost of insurance in similar companies may be had by referring to the report of the Committee on Co-operation in the National Grange:

The Patrons Androscoggin Mutual in Maine carries policies to the amount of \$5,300,000. Its annual assessments to pay losses are \$2.33 per \$1000 insured.

The Grange Mutual in New Hampshire carries policies amounting to \$4,454,350. For the nine years of its existence its annual assessments to pay losses, \$1.95 on the \$1,000 insured.

New York has over twenty mutual companies under the auspices of the Grange alone. Many of them carrying insurance to the amount of \$5,000,000 each, at a cost of \$2.27 per \$1,000.

The Ohio Grangers' Mutual Co. covers the whole State. In nineteen years of business its total cost is \$2.43 per annum on each \$1000 insured.

Michigan has eighty-five mutual companies doing business with 172,531 members, insuring property to the amount of \$250,992,923, at a cost of from 25 cents to 40 cents per \$1000 per annum.

Other States are mentioned, giving the amounts of risks carried and showing about the same cost to pay losses, and these rates prevail in States where 33 per cent of the losses are caused by lightning. In California the danger from this cause is extremely small. The Santa Clara County Insurance Co. has been doing business two years and has not had any loss at all. Some

of our members have been official members of like companies in Eastern States, and for years had their property insured against loss by both fire and lightning at a cost of less than one-eighth of one per cent per annum.

Patrons of Husbandry were very active and persistent in their efforts to secure the passage of the law under which these county insurance companies are formed. It seems strange indeed that so few avail themselves of the privileges the law gives them.

Perhaps there is no line of activity in which a Grange can engage to better advantage than in organizing a county insurance company.

Every prudent farmer desires to be insured against loss from fire. He is deterred only by the cost of it. As only detached farm buildings are insured in these companies, the danger is very slight and consequently the cost is very small. It is both safe and cheap.

Mr. A. L. McCray informs us through the Pacific Rural Press that the Co-operative Packers' Association, formed by local organizations in Fresno and Kings counties, was organized for selling purposes only in 1895. Since that time they have changed their articles of incorporation, giving power to build packing houses, and to do other business than the selling of raisins. Under these enlarged powers they have erected packing houses and introduced raisin seeding apparatus as their needs demanded. Their yearly pack is from 400 to 500 ten ton cars, according to the prevailing conditions of the crop.

Of the raisins controlled by the California Raisin Growers' Association about one-sixth has been packed by the Co-operative Packers' Association. It is composed of eight grower packing companies in different raisin districts.

Each of the eight packing companies is formed either as a joint stock company, or under the co-operative law, and raisin growers only are eligible to membership. Each packing company controls its own affairs through a regularly elected board of directors. They pool their pack for selling purposes through the organization known as the Co-operative Packers' Association, and each company owns equally in that organization. It is

one of the most successful co-operative organizations on this coast.

The California Cured Fruit Association, like the Roman Empire, "has crumbled beneath the weight of its own magnificence."

It is going through the process of decay by which its component particles are set free.

Chaos has come again to the cured fruit industry, and members of the late association look on the pitiable wreck in dismay. Its failure must not count against the co-operative idea. It was not operated in a co-operative spirit. It was a bundle of weak and bruised reeds bound together with ropes of sand.

Let the architect who would rebuild the broken structure see to it that he does not build it upside down.

He should lay a sure foundation in neighborhood Rochdale co-operating drying plants and federate them in one central wholesale selling department, which would be in touch with like institutions throughout the world, now already in operation and looking to us for a distribution at a minimum cost, and which department would be the medium through which all the proceeds of sale after necessary expenses are paid will go into the hand of the producer, to each one for the fruit he has contributed. No iron bound contract that does not bind at all to deliver fruit will then be asked for. Co-operators and business will flow towards it by the law of gravitation, which is constantly in operation in the business as well as in the physical world.

INDIVIDUALISM.

We have long been taught that individual effort in all walks of life has furnished the key to all financial success.

Changed economic conditions during the past ten years have demonstrated that it is no longer possible for the mass of the people to individually succeed financially in competition with concentrated wealth either in production, manufacturing or distribution.

The individual is alert and swift to seize any chance to out-do his competitor in business, depending on unscrupulous smartness to over-reach and circumvent him. He frets to death devising snares to entangle him, gloats over him when he stumbles, and if he falls makes a step-

ping stone of him to reach a little higher after the thing they have both been striving to attain.

The age of individualism is passing. The age of collectivism is coming in.

The co-operative commonwealth is in view of those who have the gift of prevision, and who can read the signs of the times aright.

THE INDEPENDENT FARMER.

The farmer is prone to style himself independent, to glory in his ability to stand alone and to act in his individual capacity, but while he does the vultures of trade circle about him and settle upon him in his isolation.

They go about in rubber-tired buggies seeking the producer, who is tired, sick and maimed in the conflict with competitors. They buy his produce at half its value and fatten on his substance. The farmer cannot be independent. He is interdependent and cannot escape the environment that makes him so.

The Grange as an order is falling far short of the glory it might win by espousing this vital principle of co-operation. There used to be in our book of constitution and by-laws a preface styled a "Declaration of purposes," in which co-operation was presented as one of the cardinal virtues and most vital purposes of the order. In the issues of late years this declaration is not incorporated for the reason, we must conclude, that the spirit of it having never materialized the substance was expunged as effete matter.

Patrons sit and listen to reports of what is being done in the outside world as unresponsive as though listening to the recital of a dream.

Masters' reports contain little to indicate that in their respective Granges a single mention has been made of the subject.

We have no medium of communication among the Granges through which to make their action known if any had been taken.

Patrons have been the moving spirits in organizing some of the Rochdale societies in our State, while others have been formed in sections where no Grange exists and by people who have never been members of the or-

der, so, while we accord all honor to the noble spirits of our order for their helpful labor in this field we must maintain that their action was not prompted by Grange teaching, since others outside of the order are as ardent workers as they, and both have been convinced of the advantages of co-operation only by the logic of events, and are equally entitled to credit that the co-operative movement has taken on its present growth.

Let us not think that co-operation is complicated and costly. It is as simple as the commonest phenomena of nature.

If the particles of mist rising from the ocean should resolve to maintain their individuality we should never see it rain, but being blown about by wind, rudely jostled by counter currents, jarred by the rolling thunder, having their polarity changed by the lightning flash, they forget their individuality, they finally yield to the solicitation of neighboring particles to co-operate. They coalesce into drops and descend to earth in beneficent rain. Have we been blown about and buffeted by cross currents, jostled and tossed about on a sea of perplexity long enough, so that we are persuaded to gravitate towards one another in an effort to co-operate? The Rochdale system has come to stay.

It has survived all the vicissitudes of trade for more than sixty years. It has surrounded itself with all the safeguards that right-minded men can devise and offers itself in all its justness and simplicity to people of average mental and business capacity, as a means of escape from the vexations and hazards of competitive trade.

It is not the province of this committee to write an essay on the merits of the Rochdale system of co-operation but it fails of its highest purpose if it does not persuade some Patrons to set out in quest of light and knowledge.

S. P. SANDERS.

Chairman.

GEO. CONNERS,

D. T. FOWLER.

Committee.

Under the head of Good of the Order there was a lengthy discussion of Mutual Fire Insurance by Brothers Worthen, Sanders and Gregory.

Recess was then declared until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON.

Grange was called to order at 1:30 p. m., Worthy Master Emery presiding.

The taking of the word was followed by a song of the Grange.

Brother Rogers from Napa introduced copies of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of California which he had received from the Secretary of State, and asked that they be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Overseer's Report

The Worthy Overseer read the following report:

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

We are now assembled in the thirtieth annual session of the California State Grange, closing a year of unexcelled prosperity throughout this great State of ours, for which we can truly give thanks. A year that has done much toward bringing our order before the general public under better and more favorable conditions, and I hope the fraternal spirit which seems to pervade the air, will find a permanent abiding place with us.

I have attended few meetings of the order outside of my own Grange during the year, but have placed myself and such time as it would be possible for me to give, at the disposal of both the Worthy Master and the Executive Committee at all times.

We should work in harmony and assist the Worthy Master wherever we can, but besides that, good organizers could be sent into the field, for organization I feel will help us to a thorough realization of the position we occupy among the trades and professions, for although one might say we are neither, yet we belong to both. Let us choose some paper, devoted to interests we represent, through whose columns we can place before the public, in a better and more thorough manner the ob-

jects of our order and the work in which we are engaged. With best wishes for a profitable session, and that our membership may double in the next year, I am

Yours fraternally,

H. C. RAAP,
Overseer California State Grange.

Worthy Past Master G. W. Worthen was called to the chair and introduced with a few appropriate remarks Sister S. P. Sanders, chairman of the Committee on Woman's Work. As Woman's work was the order of business, Sister Sanders announced the following programme, which was well received:

Solo	Sister Edward Gerrish
Paper.....	Our Courtland Farmers' Club
	Sister William Johnston.
Paper—A Dream.....	Sister Overhiser
Recitation	Sister Dow
Original Poem	Sister Cross
Vocal Solo	Sister Brasch
Paper	Reading Circle in Oakland Grange
	Sister Gilbert.

The last number on the programme was followed by a song by the Grange.

With a few fitting remarks Worthy Master Emery, who had resumed the chair, presented Worthy Past Master Worthen with a Past Master's jewel. Brother Worthen, though greatly surprised, replied with earnestness and feeling.

A motion was carried that the election of a member of the Executive Committee be made the order of business immediately following the special order Friday morning, and a further motion was carried that the election of the executive officer be followed immediately by the selection of the next meeting place.

The report of State Organizer Harvey was read and motion carried that it receive the approval of the Grange and be spread upon the minutes, the report follows:

State Organizer's Report

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

In presenting my report as Organizer I am at loss where to begin, what to say and what not to say. The experience obtained in traveling through the country, the close contact with all classes, socially, fraternally and in a business way, warmly welcomed by some, doubtfully received by others, has much of interest and instruction if time would allow so lengthy a report, but this I will pass over, giving more space to the work accomplished.

The importance of this work cannot be overestimated if the organization is to become a power in the industrial and commercial world, when the marshalling of the producers' forces are so swiftly forming for the impending struggle between the people on the one hand and the monopolistic trusts on the other.

The work is a difficult one and as many sided as the diversified characters the Organizer has to meet. He should therefore be as wise as a serpent and as harmless as a dove, he should have all the enthusiasm of a crank so as to put life into an entire community if necessary, should have the versatility of a politician without duplicity, he must be all things to all men, at the same time stamp an individuality upon all his work, and above all, never know defeat, believing that all things are possible.

Your Organizer does not presume to have these qualifications, and when he accepted the appointment it was a case of "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread" more than merit or fitness, and what has been lacking in ability he has tried to atone for in some measure by persistency, and if his work shall receive the approbation of the officers and members of the Grange he is satisfied.

My first work was commenced in Newcastle in the latter part of November, where I found confronting me fifteen fraternal societies; already they were wanting more week days in the week than had been allotted in the beginning, hence there was no demand for the Grange socially, and an appeal to the older members of the community was a necessity, but in this direction the memories of the old Grange which had surrendered its charter years ago confronted one like an evil spirit and again I cudgelled my poor brains for deliverance. But Newcastle, the center of the fruit district of Placer County, which could ship twenty-seven car loads of green fruit in a

single day, and over 1300 car loads in a single season, was too rich a prize to be abandoned. A few days' work brought together some thinking members and a meeting was appointed with too few to organize. The next appointment resulted disastrously with an increased attendance, until the third meeting when an organization was effected December 14, 1901, with thirty-two members.

From Penryn, another fresh fruit shipping town, midway between Newcastle and Loomis, came a call for an organization, but its proximity to the Newcastle and Loomis Granges raised doubts as to the advisability of such a course, later, however, upon representations made to the Worthy State Lecturer and the Organizer, it was decided to proceed, and a canvass of the district was made, resulting in an organization of twenty-eight charter members.

The next field to which your Organizer was directed was the country east of Newcastle and Auburn lying between the main line of the S. P. R. R. and its Oregon branch, including the school districts of Gold Hill, Fruitvale, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Vernon and Edgewood. At the first meeting held at Fruitvale it was to canvass the district and meet again in two weeks.

At this adjourned meeting the union of the Mt. Pleasant district and Fruitvale community was proposed and the meeting was again adjourned to meet at Mt. Pleasant, where a desirable hall could be secured. At this adjourned meeting a change of plans developed. The Fruitvale and Gold Hill with a contingent from Mt. Pleasant had united to establish a Grange at Gold Hill, where an abandoned school house had been secured, where the first meeting was held on February 18th to organize in the abandoned school house, which has a history worth recording.

No windows, and one open side when we took possession (a strange place for the birth of a secret society some one whispers, and doubtless our Worthy Master joins), but it was no humbler than the manger which cradled the babe in Bethlehem, and later it will speak for itself. This old building was the home of a secret society years ago, shipped around the Horn and put together here, the first Masonic hall in Placer County, if not in the State.

when Gold Hill and Virginia town out-ranked Sacramento and San Francisco in size, surely this was an appropriate birth place for another secret society designed to uplift and unify our producing classes. At the next meeting the old building was enclosed, windows filled the open sash and wooden blinds shut out all prying eyes, a stove was donated by one member, pipe by another, wood by a third and the hauling of the same by a fourth, each contributing a share until the old room smiled again with appropriate decorations, and from such a beginning we can expect but one result.

Organized with 44 charter members, it numbers 58 at the present date.

At the Edgewood and Mt. Vernon districts I met my Waterloo, after a thorough canvass and making two appointments, one of which was fairly attended, the conclusion was forced upon me that nothing could be effected without too much time and labor, it was too near the countyseat, where the farmers were too closely identified with the professional politicians to make good Grangers, so shaking their dust off my feet I renewed the attack in the little town of Bowman on the railroad, north of Auburn, where I succeeded in organizing a good Grange on the 31st of March with 38 charter members, the present membership is 46.

Leaving Bowman we strike the mountain district, where settlements are scattered and progress slow, averaging about twenty miles a day. Canvassing from house to house in the rain is pleasant to think about, after it is over, and a promising Grange is secured, but when success seemed doubtful, and the rain came harder and the mud grew deeper, it did cool the enthusiasm of your Organizer nearly to the quitting point, but after days of persistent pushing a union of the Applegate and New England Mills was effected), the latter place is also known as Weimar). A beautiful hall was secured, and another Grange with 20 charter members sprang into existence among the sugar pines in this mountain district, and I heartily recommend these brothers and sisters to your confidence, for what they lack in numbers is made up in spirit.

From this place your Organizer pushed on to Colfax, and thence higher up, hoping to plant two more Granges.

one at Colfax, and the other at Dutch Flat, drawing from Alta and Towle, thus securing a strong Grange. The latter was found to be impracticable, the antagonism existing between the miners and farmers, extending even among the younger people, made it difficult to secure success where co-operation was so essential, and this field was abandoned.

The work at Colfax was promising but the season was late before the work was completed and it seemed best to defer the organization until the hurry of the fruit season had passed, and it is my judgment that the work can be completed with little effort in the early fall.

At the request of a charter member of the old Pilot Hill Grange, (the first Grange organized in California), I spent two days where a good Grange could be organized, and steps for effecting this would have been taken but for the desire on the part of the surviving members to be re-instated in the old Grange first, so as to retain their old Number One, Pilot Hill Grange name.

The residents of Cool Station would join in this and I am promised a donation of lumber to build a new hall and the labor to construct it when an organization is completed. It's worth our attention later.

Roseville has received me twice, where I spent two days on one occasion, working in the interest of the Grange, and am pleased to note her increase, due largely to the faithful work of her worthy master.

Three times I have visited the Magnolia Grange, where a little work from the outside would mean much. A new face is warmly welcomed by these hospitable brothers and sisters, who entertain like old time Grangers. New blood is wanted here as in many old Granges.

A visit of a week at Los Gatos was a surprise to me. Coming from the sparsely settled mountain district into the rich and beautiful Santa Clara valley, where lovely homes crowd so closely, one upon the other, I was at loss to understand why there should be such discouragement and lack of interest as to even suggest the surrender of its charter when the forces of the laboring world are so rapidly wheeling into line to protect themselves from the encroachments of organized greed, backed by the combined capital of grasping corporations.

Visiting and conversing with Grangers and non-Grangers I find a settled conviction of the absolute necessity of organization. There is new material enough available if put into action to lift the institution out of the old ruts and make it a power for good.

Brothers and sisters, we have a high mission, a sacred trust. "United we stand, divided we fall." The work of re-construction is often more difficult than of the first organization, and if this falls to our lot, let no loyal Granger shirk his duty but put a manly shoulder to the wheel, and with Faith, Hope and Charity and Fidelity prove our loyalty.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

C. D. HARVEY.

Remarks on the Good of the Order were made by Brother Ramage of Danville and Brother Overhiser of Stockton.

The report of the Committee on Education was read by Sister Emery. A motion was carried that the report be accepted and spread upon the minutes and the report is as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your committee find many ways in which the Grange can work for the higher intelligence of the community, but we will occupy your time only to indicate a few of these. Wherever there is a Grange there should be no unattractive school houses. The school room should be bright with good pictures and the grounds should be adorned with flowers, plants and trees, above all trees.

This is not mere sentiment, it is positive education of the highest importance. The child whose artistic sense is entirely uncultured loses half the joy of living. The decoration of school grounds and rooms is a great factor in child culture and should not be neglected. It is often the seed that produces the beautiful rural home a delight and benediction to its neighborhood.

We would urge our brothers and sisters to read more carefully and thoughtfully. A world of happiness is opened to the members of a family who will read their books together, discussing them in friendly fashion.

Our books help and instruct us and are the friends who never desert us. The kind of books we read makes or mars our character.

A book exchange can be made a strong element for the improvement of a Grange, and a tie to interest and unite the members of our order.

We ask in the interest of education that the Patrons of California take a more active interest in the school laws of our State to the end that better facilities for education be afforded the children of the rural neighborhoods. The Grange last year went on record as favoring free text books, free transportation of pupils beyond certain distances, so that small schools might be united and a compulsory school law that will compel attendance.

But we should do more than record our wishes. We hope our Legislative Committee will formulate some bill to be presented to the Legislature that shall bring about one or more of these needed reforms. One of our political parties has announced itself as favoring free text books. Few opponents will be found in any party when the results educationally and financially are fully understood.

Among the amendments submitted by the last Legislature, and which are to be voted on in November, is one relating to schools, which reads as follows:

The public school system shall include primary and grammar schools, and such high schools, evening schools, normal schools and technical schools as may be established by the Legislature or by municipal or district authority. The entire revenue derived from the State school fund and from the general State school tax shall be applied exclusively to the support of primary and grammar schools; but the Legislature may authorize and cause to be levied a special State school tax for the support of high schools and technical schools, or either of such schools included in the public school system, and all revenue derived from such special tax shall be applied exclusively to the support of the schools for which such special tax shall be levied.

The first part of this amendment is identical with the section as it stands in the Constitution. The amendment is the new matter beginning with the words "but

the Legislature may authorize and cause to be collected a special State school tax," etc. As the Constitution stands no State money can be used for the support of high or technical schools. If the amendment is adopted, while all the money now raised by the State for school purposes must be applied as heretofore to the support of primary and grammar schools, the Legislature may levy an additional tax for the support of high and technical schools.

In most States of the Union, as in California, local high schools would be immensely improved by State aid. while this is right there are some localities where the high schools would be immensely improved by State aid.

The communities are too small to maintain a good school and such a school is of incalculable advantage to the rising generation.

We ask the careful attention of our brothers to this amendment before voting upon it. We seem to have begun at the wrong end to educate people in agricultural pursuits. We establish a College of Agriculture and run it for years and still have no primary and secondary schools leading up to this great service. Then we wonder at the few students who enter the College of Agriculture.

How long or with what success would the classical courses of our universities be maintained if there were no secondary schools in which Latin and Greek were taught?

The governing characteristic of the secondary school often determines the particular direction of the work of its graduates who enter the universities.

Can our College of Agriculture find some way of having taught in our rural schools the elements of those sciences which will awaken a love of agriculture? When this is done our college will be filled with enthusiastic students and the learned men of our occupation will rank with those of any profession.

The Worthy Master of the National Grange in his last address before that body wisely said: "The best interest of agriculture as well as the best interest of the entire country demands the teaching of the science of agriculture in all our public schools." And again: "Im-

mediate steps should be taken to secure the teaching of scientific agriculture in every public school in the country."

Patrons are you ready to insist on this reform which will raise the intellectual standard of our county communities.

Respectfully submitted,
CAROLINE F. EMERY,
For the Committee.

A resolution relative to organized labor was introduced by Brother J. F. Daly and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Worthy Past Master Greer was presented, by Worthy Past Master Johnston, with a Past Master jewel. Brother Greer accepted the jewel with fitting remarks.

Brother H. C. Muddox announced that the room of the Secretary of State and the Supreme Court room were at the disposal of any of the committees who wished to use them.

Brother Colmore, secretary to Prof. Hilgard, made a few remarks concerning the College of Agriculture. He was followed by Brother Steubenrauch of Berkeley, who spoke upon the experimental station.

The Worthy Master gave notice that the memorial exercises which were to take place in the evening would be open session.

Recess was then declared until 9 a. m. of the following day.

EVENING SESSION.

The hall was well filled with Patrons and friends to listen to the following well rendered and fitting programme prepared by the Memorial Committee in memory of Brothers Louis Schelmeyer, Elk Grove; F. B. Møre, Danville; J. B. Herlson of Stockton, and Sister George Connors of Santa Rosa:

MEMORIAL.

Opening Chords	Mrs. Irish
Reading (23rd Psalm).....	Mr. Emery
Piano Solo	Miss Christensen
Reading	Mrs. Fowler

Ladies' Quartette	
Thanatopsis	Mr. Worthen
Vocal Solo	Miss Wilcox
Oration	Mr. Fowler
Duet	"Lead Kindly Light."
Memorial by Past Masters Johnston, Flint, Coulter, Overhiser, Greer and Worthen.....	
Recitation with floral offerings by Sisters Worthen, Cross, Dow and Emery.....	
Ladies' Quartette	
The Lord's Prayer, led by Chaplain, in which all are asked to join	

FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY.

Grange was opened in ample form in the fourth degree at 9:30 a. m., Worthy Master C. W. Emery presiding.

A song by the Grange followed the taking of the word.

The following Subordinate Granges responded to the roll call: Alhambra, American River, Bennett Valley, Capital, Castoria, Danville, Eden, Elk Grove, Enterprise, Geyserville, Glen Ellen, Gold Hill, Grass Valley, Lincoln, Loomis, Magnolia, Napa, Oakland, Petaluma, Progressive, Roseville, Sacramento, San Jose, Santa Rosa, Selma, Stockton, Tulare, Two Rock, Watsonville, Pescadero, Sacramento County Pomona and Sonoma County Pomona.

The Special Committee to whom the resolution by Napa Grange was referred, reported as follows:

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your committee appointed to look after the matter of an Isthmian Canal, and to whom that subject was referred have had the same under consideration and report the same back to the Grange and unanimously recommend its passage.

GEO. W. ROGERS,
D. T. FOWLER,
HARRY GREGORY,
H. F. BLOHM.

The report was followed by a lengthy discussion by Brothers Rogers, Huffman and Fowler. Upon conclu-

sion of the discussion the report of the committee was adopted.

Brother J. L. Beecher of Stockton was elected for a three years' term to fill the vacancy in the Executive Committee, caused by the expiration of the term of Brother Cyrus Jones. Brother Beecher responded to his election with a few well chosen words. Brother Frank Allis of Michigan was introduced and entertained the Grange with a short account of Grange work in Michigan and also of his impressions of California. An invitation from San Jose Grange to the State Grange to hold its next annual meeting in San Jose was accepted.

The following final report of the Committee on the Division of Labor was adopted:

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the State Grange of California:

Your Committee on Division of Labor to whom was referred the Worthy Master's report, beg leave to report that they have duly considered the same and refer that part of the Master's report referring to Dormant Granges to the Committee on Dormant Granges;

That part relating to field meetings and the Worthy Master of the National Grange be referred to the Committee of the Whole;

That part of the Master's report relating to free rural delivery, postal savings bank, corporate trusts, election of United States Senators by popular vote, to regulate the use of shoddy, etc., to enact pure food laws, to provide for the extension of market product, and the speedy construction of an inter-oceanic canal, revising of the fees and salaries of Federal officers, and to protect the dairy interests of the country by appropriate legislation, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

That portion relating to the offering of prizes or trophies to the one bringing in the largest number of accepted applications during the coming year, be referred to a special committee of three to be appointed by the Master.

That portion which relates to newspaper and printing matters be referred to the Press Committee.

Such portions of said report as in our judgment require the attention of different committees have been referred for mature judgment. The remainder of said re-

port we recommend be adopted by this body, and the whole be published in the Journal of proceedings of this session.

Submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity and with Fidelity.

J. N. JONES,
S. F. RAMAGE,
E. GREER,
MRS. HORTON,
MRS. I. WOODARD,

The following preamble and resolution introduced by Brother Tuohy of Tulare, and followed by a discussion by Brothers Steubenrauch, Johnson, Greer, Daly, Ramage, Worthen and Sister Tuck, was adopted:

It appearing to the satisfaction of this State Grange of Patrons of Husbandry of California that the four outlying United States Agricultural Experimental Stations in this State, and the two State Forestry Stations will be greatly aided and do much more efficient work in their several lines if aided by an appropriation from the State; be it therefore

Resolved, by this State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, we ask the Legislature at its next session to make an appropriation equal to \$2000 per annum for each of said six stations, and we believe the agricultural and horticultural interests of California will be greatly benefitted and improved thereby.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that we most cordially and earnestly invite the Worthy Master of the National Grange, Hon. Aaron Jones, to visit us at his earliest convenience.

Recess was then declared until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON.

Grange was called to order at 1:30 p. m. by Worthy Master Emery, but remained in open session while Brother D. T. Fowler gave an account of his recent visit to the Co-operative Convention held in Great Britain, and his visits to co-operative stores in England and at Edinburgh.

Open session was then closed and Grange was entertained by an instrumental solo by Sister Herlson of Stockton.

A report of the Committee on Dormant Granges was read by Brother H. F. Tuck, and supplemented by Brothers Harvey, Fowler, Jones, Daly, Johnson, Blohm and Overhiser, and Sisters Tuck, Borrette and Emery.

The report received the approval of the Grange.

The following report of the Committee on Legislation was adopted:

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution asking for suitable appropriation by the Legislature to provide for a display of our fruits and other products at the St. Louis Exposition, beg leave to submit the following resolution and favor its adoption:

Resolved, that the California State Grange, P. of H., recommend that the Legislative Committee use its best endeavors to secure an appropriation of \$10,000 by the Legislature to provide a suitable display of our fruits and other products at the St. Louis Exposition.

Referring to Senate Constitutional amendment to propose to the people of California an amendment to the Constitution of this State, amending Section 6, of Article IX, relating to the public school system and the support of public schools, your Committee on Legislation report the matter back to the State Grange without recommendation.

Your Committee on Legislation also recommend the adoption of the memorial addressed to the President of the United States by the Sacramento Valley Development Association as contained in the Record-Union of Wednesday morning, October 1, 1902.

WM. JOHNSTON,
G. W. WORTHEN,
R. O. BALDWIN,
C. D. MEDER,
MRS. HORTON,

Committee.

The report of the Committee on Finance was adopted as follows: Officers and Members of the California State Grange, we the undersigned Committee on Finance beg to submit our report as follows: We have examined the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer and find them

correct in every respect and recommend the adoption of their reports as read.

Respectfully,

H. C. MUDDOX,
M. S. WHITAKER,
THOS. WAITE.

The following report of the Committee on Agriculture was adopted:

Report of Committee on Agriculture

Worthy Master and Patrons:

We consider the subject of Agriculture an important and extensive one. We approve of agricultural schools and colleges and consider them a great help to the practical farmer.

Scientific improvements have been made that are doing much for the advancement of the farmer and his interests. The records kept by the University, which can be had almost without expense, afford an opportunity for the advancement of agriculture for all who make an effort and take advantage of it. But while we admit the helpfulness of schools we consider practice the best education for the man who expects to make a success of planting and reaping the products of the soil.

While an extensive and classical education may not be absolutely necessary to the financial success of the farmer, it certainly would be as much enjoyed by him as by the professional man and we would encourage farmers to give their children all the advantages in this respect that circumstances will allow.

Observation is a source of education to the wakeful young farmer, who takes advantage of what he sees and profits by the experiences of his neighbors.

There are many attractions about farm life to those who take an interest in their surroundings and especially to those who are interested in the study of nature. Every home should be supplied well with farm literature which the young people especially should be encouraged to read.

While farm life is sometimes laborious there is an independence and freedom about it that should not be underestimated.

One great subject of interest to the California farmers is that of irrigation.

The water supply which is controlled by capitalists, we believe should be controlled by the State government, and adjusted with fairness to all.

We would call attention to the water companies, who are arrogant and exorbitant in their water rates, terrorizing the horticulturist, who dare not remonstrate with these companies, who hold the very life of the horticulturist in their hands.

We would ask that some legislation be enacted for immediate relief.

E. GROVER,
J. MATHEWS,
D. BILDERBACK,
J. A. DELAMETER,
W. B. MATHEWS,

Chairman.

The following partial report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted:

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

We your Committee on Resolutions herewith present the following resolutions as a partial report.

Your committee to whom was referred the resolutions relating to free markets in San Francisco, respectfully report that we find a law in force which is sufficient for this purpose.

We also find that organizations directed to this end are in existence and we recommend the following resolution:

Whereas, this State Grange of California recognizes the gross abuses of the producers' interests that have characterized the San Francisco market in recent years, culminating at last in the boycott of the Growers' Co-operative Agency in San Francisco by the Fruit and Produce Commission Merchants' Association, amounting to the denial of the right of the farmers of California to organize to do their own business in San Francisco;

Therefore, be it Resolved, that this California State Grange heartily approves of the action of the last State Horticultural Convention, which recommended that in every district which makes important shipments of perish-

able products to San Francisco, a Local Association of Producers should be organized, and that there should be centralized in an organization which should conduct the business of selling such products in San Francisco;

And, be it further Resolved, that we heartily commend the Sacramento River Co-operatives for taking the lead in this movement by establishing in San Francisco the "Growers' Co-operative Agency," and we pledge them our earnest support in securing such other co-operating associations as shall be necessary to successfully maintain a Growers' Selling Agency in San Francisco, in spite of the determined hostility of the Commission Men's Association, and also to make effective the present law, providing for a free public market in San Francisco.

The following report of the Committee on Taxation was accepted:

Report of Committee on Taxation

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, California:

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of taxation and that portion of the Worthy Master's report alluding thereto, report:

Taxation is an indispensable requirement of civilization and of civilized governments. The various objects for which governments are established and maintained need no repetition by us, more than to say as the government protects every citizen in his life, liberty and property, it is a duty every citizen owes to himself and to the community to contribute a just and equitable share of the incidental expenses essential for its support.

The object of taxation is to make this contribution to support the government fair, just and equitable, and to provide that every citizen shall, in proportion to the protection claimed by him for himself and his property, contribute his just proportion and this is as it should be.

As all property requires protection by the government, all property should contribute to the governmental sup-

port. That it should do so there is no gainsaying. It is a regrettable fact all property does not contribute an equitable proportion to the support of the government. How to make it do so is a problem in taxation we admit our inability to solve. As suggested by our Worthy Master, it perhaps, would be advisable for this Grange to appoint a permanent Committete on Taxation to study the subject and report at each annual session of our State Grange. We believe such a systematic consideration of the subject is the best course to take at the present time. We believe it will lead to better results than can be expected from a report of your committee, who have not the time nor facilities for consideration of it, the subject, of necessity. demands.

On that portion of the communication from Tulare Grange involving and relative to taxation, referred to this committee, we report:

Item 7, relative to the proposed Constitutional amendment providing a special State tax for the support of high schools, we leave with the committee having the Constitutional amendments under consideration.

That portion of it relative to exemption of bonds from taxation, we fully approve. We know that the advocates of the proposed amendment say no taxes are now paid on bonds. This is too true, more shame to the dishonest bondholder. We deem it an honest debt of every property owner, due to the State that protects him in his property rights, that he shall freely pay his proportion of taxes. We regret there are people who are dishonest enough to evade such payment and that the law at present is so lame and defective as to allow them to do so. The proper remedy is not to allow such dishonesty, we know no better term for it, but to enact such legislation as will enforce the payment of taxes on bonds as well as on trust deeds and mortgages.

We also approve of that portion of Tulare Grange communication recommending that no bonds be authorized to be issued except on petition of two-thirds of the taxpayers representing two-thirds of the taxable property securing the payment of the bonded indebtedness, and then only to an amount not exceeding for all purposes

ten per cent of its assessed value. We deem this prudent and safe.

Submitted in Faith, Hope and Charity,

JOHN TUOHY,
W. V. GRIFFITH,
GEO. H. ROGERS.

Brother J. H. Hayden introduced the following resolution out of order, which was adopted:

Whereas, by reason of the thoughtfulness and kindness on the part of the Board of Supervisors of Sacramento County, an excellent assortment of the preserved fruits and vegetables produced in Sacramento County has been placed upon exhibition for the benefit of visiting Patrons to this State Grange.

Be it Resolved, that this body tender its thanks and appreciation to the said Board of Supervisors for the courtesy thus shown by them in enabling Patrons from all portions of this great State to view the products of Sacramento County.

J. H. HAYDEN.

The following resolutions were adopted as the final report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Be it resolved that thanks be extended to the Crocker Art Gallery Association for the delightful reception tendered the State Grange.

Resolved, that thanks be extended to the Mayor of Sacramento and to the citizens for their cordial welcome.

Resolved, that thanks be extended to the directors of Folsom for the opportunity given the P. of H. to visit that State institution.

Resolved, that thanks be extended to the General Committee and to Sacramento County Pomona Grange and the Subordinate Grange of Sacramento, also neighboring Subordinate Granges for the courtesies extended and the manner in which they have entertained the members of the State Grange.

Resolved, that the thanks of this body be extended to the Drill Team who exemplified in such an admirable manner the secret work of the first and fourth degrees.

Resolved, that the press of Sacramento be tendered our sincere thanks for the generous publicity given the proceedings of the State Grange sessions.

C. B. HARVEY,
W. D. HOUX,
M. J. WORTHEN,
MRS. GILBERT.

Whereas, the State Grange of California, in annual convention assembled, has, through the courtesy of Chas. Curry, Secretary of State, been accorded the privilege of occupying both the Senate and the Assembly chambers in the State capitol during the progress of our deliberations and social sessions.

Be it resolved, that this body extend to Mr. C. F. Curry our hearty and sincere appreciation for this courtesy thus extended by him to this organization.

H. C. MUDDOX, and
COM. ON RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolution was introduced by Brother M. D. Hopkins of Petaluma and adopted:

Resolved, that the State Grange of California extend to Brother Worthy Past Master I. C. Steele, a friendly and fraternal greeting, hoping that his health be restored and his life spared so that he may again meet with us.

Brother M. D. Hopkins entertained the Grange with a vocal solo.

The following report of the Committee on Good of the Order was adopted:

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the State Grange of California:

Your Committee on Good of the Order, to whom was referred that portion of the Master's address which relates to Agricultural Colleges, heartily endorse the same, adding under the same head, boys and girls or sons and daughters be recommended etc., to attend, etc.

We also endorse all that the Worthy Master has said in regard to Farmers' Institutes.

We recommend that that portion of the Master's address relating to the work of the Lecturer in Subordinate and Pomona Granges be referred to State Lecturer with

a suggestion that he have copies forwarded to every Granger, that each may be specially urged to better work.

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution presented by Tulare Grange, report on said resolution as follows: First, the government ownership of water rights and reservoirs for storage of water by either State or National Government. Second, the renting of public lands for grazing purposes by the general government according to the grazing value of the land rented. Your committee is not prepared to recommend a rental without discrimination of stock.

Resolution 4 your committee commends be referred to the Legislative Committee. We do not recommend the establishment of more polytechnical schools, but we do recommend, in our rural districts instruction in our public schools in elementary principles of agriculture.

In section 6 we recommend the proposed University Ex. course recommended in resolution, section 6.

In reference to report on Dormant Granges, would say we recommend that the subject matter be left to the Master and Executive Committee.

W. D. HOUX,
C. D. HARVEY,
T. G. KING,
GEO. ROGERS,
HESTER F. TUCK.

Brother D. T. Fowler was questioned about the free market in San Francisco, and replied in a very able manner. Recess was then declared until 7:30 p. m.

Grange was opened at 8 o'clock in ample form in the fourth degree, Worthy Master Emery presiding. Brother E. C. Shoemaker assisted in taking up the word. As the work of the evening was the conferring of the fifth and sixth degrees, Grange was closed in the fourth degree and opened in the fifth. Brothers E. C. Shoemaker and M. P. Brasch assisted in taking the word of the fifth degree.

The work of the fifth degree was conferred by Brother Henry Johnson, Master of Sonoma Pomona Grange upon

the following class: Mrs. H. A. Hill, Nellie M. Beecher, Arthur W. Beecher, C. E. Reese, Mrs. C. E. Reese, Mrs. C. D. Harvey, M. T. Hunt, C. D. Meder, Mrs. C. D. Meder, J. N. Jones, Mrs. J. N. Jones, Amelia Van Slyke, Ella M. Dow, Ella Stiles Mrs. J. Tuohy, Geo. Selmeier, Thos. Nichols, Earnest P. Webb, W. A. Anderson, Geo. F. Jones, K. Tahler, Mrs. Gertrude Hanlon, Arthur McCindy, Mrs. W. B. Mathews, Mr. W. B. Mathews.

At the close of the conferring of the fifth degree Worthy Master C. W. Emery took the chair.

Grange was closed in the fifth degree and opened in the sixth and the work of this degree was conferred by Worthy Master Emery upon the following class: I. G. Shaw, Mrs. I. G. Shaw, Miss Jessie Shaw, Mrs. C. Hanson, Miss Carrie Hanson, Mrs. Jennie Stillson, Miss Effie Stillson, J. S. Daly, G. H. Slawson, Mrs. A. F. Peterson, H. C. Muddox, Mrs. H. C. Muddox, Mrs. H. A. Hill, Nellie M. Beecher, Arthur W. Beecher, Mrs. Lizzie Dudley, J. H. Hayden, Mrs. J. H. Hayden, Mrs. T. A. Lauder, Mrs. C. D. Harvey, M. T. Hunt, C. D. Meder, Mrs. C. D. Meder, Mrs. E. B. Stiles, Mrs. Ella M. Dow, Mrs. Emilia Van Slyke, Hetty P. Dunn, Mrs. J. H. Tuohy, Geo. Selmeier, Thos. Nichols, Earnest Webb, Geo. H. Daly, W. A. Anderson, J. A. Briggs, R. M. Nixon, C. D. Harvey, Edward Booth, J. B. Hayden, Mrs. J. B. Hayden, Mr. M. L. Stanford, Mrs. M. Stanford, J. N. Jones, Mrs. J. N. Jones, B. W. Mathews, Mrs. B. W. Mathews, H. J. Martel, Thos. Taylor, Geo. F. Jones, K. Tahler, Mrs. Gertrude Hanlon, Chris Hanson, G. A. Beggs, James A. Beggs, Arthur H. McCindy, W. T. May, E. A. Rooney, Alice Madison, Mrs. Laura Hansen.

Grange was then closed in ample form and all adjourned to the lower hall and partook of the Pomona Feast.

The hall and tables presented a most pleasing picture and reflected credit upon the committee having them in charge.

At the close of the feast each went his respective way feeling in his heart that the thirtieth annual session of the California State Grange had been a most successful one.

Standing Committees

The Worthy Master appointed the following Standing Committees:

Legislation—William Johnston, Courtland; W. W. Greer, Sacramento; R. O. Baldwin, Danville; C. D. Grover, Petaluma; Mrs. O. E. Borrette, Napa.

Taxation—John Tuohy, Tulare; Geo. Rogers, Napa; W. V. Griffith, Geyserville.

Education—Mrs. G. W. Worthen, San Jose; D. T. Fowler, Berkeley; I. G. Shaw, Oak Park; Mrs. C. D. Harvey, Loomis; Frank H. Stiles, Tulare.

Co-operation—H. Johnson, Petaluma; John L. Beecher, French Camp; John Tuohy, Tulare; Mrs. H. J. Snook, Weimar; Mrs. T. D. Fowler, Berkeley.

Charity—S. S. Coulter, Santa Rosa; B. Hayward, Pescadero; Mrs. W. Overhiser, Stockton; Mrs. S. H. Dewey, Oakland; Mrs. J. Hollister, Haywards.

Good of the Order—C. D. Harvey, Loomis, J. D. Cornell, San Francisco; P. R. Peterson, Sites; Mrs. H. F. Tuck, Cupertino; Mrs. H. C. Raap, Martinez.

Woman's Work--

Mrs. I. K. Roadhouse, Berkeley; Mrs. Dunn, Sacramento; Mrs. D. W. Gilbert, Oakland.



In Memoriam.



BROTHER LOUIS SCHELMMEYER

Worthy Past Master of Elk Grove Grange, Elk
Grove, Sacramento

In Memoriam.



BROTHER F. B. MORE

Worthy Past Master of Danville Grange, Danville,
Contra Costa Co., Calif.

In Memoriam.



SISTER GEO. CONNERS

Wife of Past Master Geo. Connors, Santa Rosa
Grange, Santa Rosa, Calif.

In Memoriam.



BROTHER J. B. HERLSON

Worthy Overseer and one of the oldest members
of Stockton Grange, Stockton, Calif.

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