

# **Journal of Proceedings**

**Forty-Fourth Annual Session**

**1916**

**California State Grange**

**Patrons of Husbandry**

# Social Features of the Session

Tuesday Evening, October 17, 1916

## Program

JAMES A. PETRY, Presiding

Invocation	- - - - -	Rev. C. H. Hilton
Address of Welcome	- - - - -	Mayor George H. Brigham
Vocal Solo	- - - - -	Mrs. J. F. Gasser
Greetings from Progressive Grange	- - - - -	A. R. Galloway, Master
Response	- - - - -	Joseph Holmes, State Master
Selection	- - - - -	Orchestra
Vocal Solo	- - - - -	P. J. Ferguson
Select Reading	- - - - -	Mrs. E. L. Moore
Selection	- - - - -	Orchestra
Vocal Solo	- - - - -	Otha V. Wilkinson
Monologue	- - - - -	Harry A. James
Selection	- - - - -	Orchestra
Stereopticon Lecture, "California",	- - - - -	Rev. Francis Hope
Selection	- - - - -	Orchestra
Refreshments		

Thursday Afternoon

Automobile excursion tendered by citizens of Healdsburg

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Next Session Begins October 16, 1917



**OFFICERS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE FOR  
1916 AND 1917.**

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Master .....	JOSEPH HOLMES Sacramento, Sacramento County.
Overseer .....	PETER HANSON Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.
Lecturer .....	MRS. KATE D. HILL Eldridge, Sonoma County.
Steward .....	ROY I. CHURCH Petaluma, Sonoma County.
Assistant Steward.....	LEE DUDGEON Soledad, Monterey County.
Chaplain .....	C. E. WINGATE Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.
Treasurer .....	MICHAEL FARRELL Mountain View, Santa Clara County.
Secretary .....	MRS. NELLIE W. HUNT Napa, Napa County.
Gate Keeper.....	A. P. SOUTHWORTH Galt, Sacramento County.
Ceres .....	MRS. NINA E. WILLIAMS Lathrop, San Joaquin County.
Pomona .....	MISS PEARL STOUT Oakland, Alameda County.
Flora .....	MRS. IRMA DEVERMAN Middletown, Lake County.
Lady Assistant Steward....	MRS. ORA GOULD ANDERSON Oak Park, Sacramento County.
Pianist .....	MRS. ALICE WINANS San Jose, Santa Clara County.

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

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A. VAN MAREN.....	Fair Oaks, Sacramento County
THOMAS JACOB.....	Visalia, Tulare County
GEO. R. HARRISON.....	Sebastopol, Sonoma County



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**FIRST DAY—TUESDAY.**

**FORENOON.**

The California State Grange was opened in ample form in the Fifth Degree at 11 o'clock A. M., October 17th, 1916, in I. O. O. F. Hall, Healdsburg, by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes.

The A. W. was taken up by the Assistant Steward and Sister Mamie Sanford acting as Lady Assistant Steward.

After an opening song, "Onward Marching," the following officers responded to roll call: Master, Joseph Holmes; Overseer, Peter Hanson; Lecturer, Mrs. Kate D. Hill; Steward, Roy I. Church; Assistant Steward, Lee Dudgeon; Treasurer, M. Farrell; Secretary, Mrs. Nellie W. Hunt; Pianist, Mrs. Alice E. Winans.

The following officers were appointed to act pro tem: Chaplain, Sister A. C. Paris; Gate Keeper, Brother A. R. Galloway; Ceres, Sister Elinor Libby; Pomona, Sister Catherine Van Maren; Flora, Sister Susie E. Stover; Lady Assistant Steward, Sister Mamie Sanford.

The following were then introduced and obligated in the Fifth Degree: Brother A. V. Turner, Silverado Grange; Brother and Sister P. J. Bryant, Aromas Grange; Brother and Sister E. H. Freeman, Lincoln Grange; Brother and Sister J. C. Griffin, King City Grange; and Brother B. F. McLeod, Orangevale Grange.

The Worthy Master then appointed the following committee on Credentials: W. H. Livingston, A. V. Turner, E. A. Junior.

Grange was closed in the Fifth and opened in the Fourth Degree.

Following the usual custom, the Worthy Master here invited the following Past State Masters to occupy chairs at his

right and each responded with appropriate remarks: G. W. Worthen, W. V. Griffith, E. T. Pettit.

On roll call of Granges the following responded, showing a quorum present: Antelope, Aromas, Danville, Fort Romie, Geyserville, Greenfield, Guenoc, King City, Lincoln, Napa, Oakland, Orangevale, Orchard City, Petaluma, Potter Valley, Progressive, Sacramento, Sacramento County Pomona, San Jose, Santa Clara County Pomona, Santa Rosa, Silverado, Sonoma County Pomona, Tulare.

Granges responding later in the session were: American River, Bennett Valley, Castoria, Cotati, Elk Grove, Forestville, Live Oak, Mountain View, Rutherford, Sebastopol, Tulare County Pomona, Two Rock, Visalia.

The Worthy Master appointed Sister Jennie Dudgeon and Brother W. V. Griffith as a special committee for the introduction of new members.

After a song, "Who Will Reap," several announcements were made and Grange then stood at recess until two o'clock P. M.

#### AFTERNOON.

Grange called to order at two o'clock P. M. by the Worthy Master. After singing "The Good Old Farm," the committee on Credentials made a partial report, which was adopted and the committee continued.

Committee on Order of Business made a partial report, which was accepted and the committee continued.

Worthy Past Master Worthen was then called to the chair and the Worthy Master read his report, which was referred to the committee on Division of Labor.

#### MASTER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

At the commencement of our Forty-fourth Annual Session let us determine to make it a record session in the amount of work accomplished and the benefits derived. We have met in one of the banner Grange counties in the State. When we think or speak of Sonoma County, there comes before our vision men and women of sturdy character who have done and are doing valiant service along Grange lines and carrying out Grange ideals. "Excelsior" seems to be their motto, and verily they are known by their works.

Patrons, we have come together in this beautiful city of Healdsburg to give an account of our stewardship and to report our successes and failures, and to review the deeds and accomplishments of another Grange year. We have come here to gather inspiration, to fortify ourselves for the work that is still ahead. Let each one of us give of the best there is in us to make this session a success, and when it is ended may we leave here with the thought and feeling that the time has been well spent and the work well done. Exercise charity in your deliberations. Give the glad hand, the cheerful smile and the welcome word to the newcomers in our midst. Let efficiency be our motto. What we have done in the past may have been good, may have been great, but let us aim higher, let us catch a vision of greater things. In a word let us grow.

In presenting this, my Third Annual Report, to the Grange, and reviewing the labors and accomplishments of the past year, I regret that more in the way of organizing new Granges, and in assisting weak ones has not been done.

Some of our Deputies have worked faithfully and well, as time and circumstances permitted.

Three new Subordinate Granges have been organized and others assisted to a sound working basis and I feel confident that the reports of the Masters from the different Granges will show a substantial increase in membership and a revival of interest along many lines of Grange work.

I have had the pleasure of dedicating two new Grange Halls during the year, one at Rutherford, Napa County; one at Antelope, Sacramento County. Both are of a substantial character and too much cannot be said in praise of those who conceived the thought and carried out the plans of building their own Grange Halls. They are a credit to their community and to their own members and reflect honor upon the Grange as a body, and I would recommend that wherever possible Subordinate Granges build and own their own halls and beautify them; it will give a feeling of respect and dignity and add stability to the Grange organization.

Deputies have been appointed as follows:

General Deputies—W. V. Griffiths and F. L. Hunt.

District Deputies—Peter Hanson, Sonoma County; Granville Libby, Lake County; Lee Dudgeon, Monterey and San-



ta Cruz Counties; W. E. Stewart, Contra Costa County; F. H. Babb, Santa Clara County; J. L. Patterson, Sacramento County; Della B. Howell, Tulare County.

These, we expect will give you a report of their labors and conclusions in detail.

I had great hopes that Bro. Timothy Brownhill (whom some of you know) would take up the work of organizing Granges. In fact plans were laid out and arrangements made with him, but unfortunately for the Grange he was unable to commence the work.

#### THE GRANGE OFFICIAL ORGAN.

In the early part of the year a special committee was appointed by the Executive Committee to interview the publishers of different agricultural papers and learn if they would publish a certain amount of Grange news. The Orchard and Farm consented to give two columns of space in their paper, provided the news would be of general interest and of things actually accomplished. This offer was gladly accepted, and thus this paper becomes the official organ of the Grange in this State.

I would again call your attention to the National Grange Monthly. This paper covers a wide field and is constantly enlarging its usefulness and is proving to be a live wire in disseminating the news of Grange activities throughout the country. By reading its pages, you will keep in touch with all the important events that take place in our Order, and come in contact with the most advanced and brilliant minds of the Grange. Your time and money will be well spent that is given to this periodical.

#### EDUCATION.

In my last year's report on this subject, mention was made of a revolving fund, to be loaned to students who wished to take a course in college. This recommendation was endorsed by you but no steps have as yet been taken to provide such a special fund. Perhaps the Educational Committee has some plan to submit to you for your consideration. We feel that if the Grange is still to be a force in the community, or in the State, it must be doing something. It must either progress or retrograde, so we trust that something will be done at this session and a movement will be started that will help our young people help themselves.

Education is one of the corner stones of our Order, and we may, by aiding worthy young people to a higher education rear a monument that will be a testimonial to this State Grange as long as time shall last. "Cast thy bread upon the waters and thou shalt gather it after many days."

#### GRANGE FIRE INSURANCE.

After years of tireless effort we have succeeded in organizing and putting into operation a Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association.

With proper care and safeguards exercised by the members, it should become a strong and influential Association. It will save its members one-half of their insurance premiums, especially in those counties where there are no County Mutuals established, and in time should prove a lever and aid in organizing Granges.

Those who have had charge of this work have done it thoroughly and well. They deserve your thanks and your assistance, your support and your fire insurance business. Give it a boost and help it along.

#### CO-OPERATION.

After seeing and understanding in part the workings of the plan adopted by the Committee on Co-operation in Sacramento County Pomona Grange, I feel constrained to recommend that some such plan be adopted by this State Grange and arrangements be made with some of the reliable business firms whereby members of the Grange in good standing may buy farm machinery of all descriptions, automobiles, extras, etc., at special prices.

It has proved profitable to some of our members during this last year and if carried out right will prove a money saver to our members.

#### GOOD ROADS.

This subject is of vital interest to us as farmers. We as a class use roads more for general purposes than any other class of people. We use them for school and church purposes, for our trading, for the hauling of our produce to market, for our summer vacation, in fact, next to our home and farms, good roads and their maintenance, are of greatest interest and consequence to us.



We begin to realize more than ever that good roads are a money saver, as they mean less wear and tear to wagons, buggies and all vehicles, and it has been estimated that the present improved highways in California have been the means of a saving to auto tires alone of \$4,000,000, to say nothing of the pleasure, comfort and satisfaction to those who use them.

The building of the State Highways with the \$18,000,000 bond issue has been done in an efficient and satisfactory manner. With the \$18,000,000, according to reports, 1,490 miles have been improved as follows:

Oiled macadam, 129 miles.

Concrete pavement, 933 miles.

Asphalt, 33 miles.

Graded, 395 miles.

With this money nearly all spent or contracted for and many connecting links or gaps to be completed and new routes laid out, so that all parts of our great State may be connected, it has been thought wise to ask the people to vote favorably on an additional \$15,000,000 bond issue. Let us give this matter careful consideration and be wise in our deliberations so that we may arrive at a correct and business-like conclusion.

#### MARKETING.

While the topics that I have previously touched upon are important, we think the subject of marketing is doubly so. The farmers as a rule are beginning to realize the fact that it is not the amount produced that gives them a competence, but that which is sold at a profit that counts in the balancing of the ledger.

Organization after organization has been formed and with the exception of a few, have failed to meet the expectation of those interested.

We trust that some man will come forth with a plan that will fill the gap between producer and consumer so that both will be benefitted. We could relate instance after instance, and probably someone within the hearing of my voice has had the experience of being unable to sell some of the products of the farm at a profit, while the consumers have been hungering for these self same products.

So we believe that the true way to order and the most ec-



onomic way is from first hands. For further information on this subject I would call your attention to a plan as outlined by Mr. David Lubin on direct dealing between producer and consumer through the Parcel Post Service, employing mail order methods. Last Spring this plan was demonstrated by a committee appointed by Sacramento County Pomona Grange. Their efforts proved that the plan was feasible.

The plan has many advantages both for consumer and producer. Time and money are saved and gained by each. It enables the producer to dispose of small quantities of produce which otherwise could not be marketed. The consumer gets the product in much fresher condition and has a greater variety to draw from.

#### TAXATION.

It has been well said that all who own property, pay rent, eat and live, are vitally interested in taxation. It is as sure today as it ever was that death and taxes must be met.

Chapter 194 of the Statutes of 1915 makes provision for certain officers to investigate the systems of revenue and taxation in force in this and other States; also to investigate and report upon the matter of the relative burden of taxation borne by general property values taxed directly by the State under the existing system of taxation. The findings of this investigation are to be reported to the Legislature which will meet in 1917.

Without going into further detail on this matter at this time, I would suggest that some time during this session we deliberate on this question and perhaps we can arrive at what we think would be a fair and equitable mode of taxation.

I will state for your information that the State Commission to investigate the Taxation problem has sent out a pamphlet containing a number of questions on this matter, requesting answers to said questions and reasons for such answers.

I would call your attention at this time to the proposed Amendment to the Constitution on land Taxation. It declares all public revenue shall be raised by taxation on land values and declares land shall be assessed equally, according to its value for use or occupancy. Let us give this matter our thoughtful consideration.

## RURAL CREDITS.

For a number of years our legislators have been studying and working to devise a plan of Rural Credits whereby the farmer might obtain money on a longer time loan and at lower interest rate.

I do not know of anything that would give us more information on this subject than Circular No. 1 issued by the Federal Farm Loan Board.

We think that Subordinate Granges might form a National Farm Loan Association in their community. Perhaps the act will have to be amended to meet conditions that will arise. Yet a working plan has been devised and we trust that much good will come from it. I would recommend this subject for your further consideration, and quote below from the above mentioned Circular No. 1:

## NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATIONS.

## Organization.

A National Farm Loan Association may be organized in any community where 10 citizens owning land desire to borrow an aggregate of not less than \$20,000. The land must be unincumbered or the proceeds of the loan must be used, in part, to remove any lien. Loans may be as small as \$100, or as large as \$10,000.

They must first make application, in writing, for a charter to the Federal Land Bank of the district in which the association desires to do business. This application must be signed by all those desiring to form the association, stating specifically the name under which they desire to do business, the amount each one desires to borrow, the estimated value of the security each one offers, the territory in which the association desires to do business, how the proceeds of the loan are to be used and other details set forth in the blank forms which are furnished.

The application having been signed, together with another blank form furnished, called an "organization certificate," the applicants become a tentative organization and elect an agent to represent them, called a "secretary-treasurer;" they also select a committee of three, called a "loan committee." This agent will then receive, from each of the applicants, a subscription to the stock of the association they are forming

equal to 5 per cent of the loan they severally desire, which is not required to be paid unless the loan is granted. That is, each borrower must subscribe for such stock to the amount of 5 per cent of his own and no more.

The application for the charter having been signed, the signatures must be acknowledged before a Notary Public or other officer qualified to administer oaths, and then it must be forwarded by the secretary-treasurer to the Federal Land Bank of the district.

Upon its receipt the bank will send its agent to examine into the representations made in the application and, if found satisfactory, a charter will be granted.

Upon the granting of the charter, the individuals signing the application become a body corporate, which gives it the right to do the business authorized by the farm loan act, to extend its benefits to others by taking in new members from time to time, and to have succession indefinitely. New members must be borrowers whose loans may be as small as \$100 or as large as \$10,000.

Let it be plainly understood that farmers can organize at once, but they can not borrow money until the land banks are established.

#### **Management.**

After the charter is granted the applicants no longer act in their individual capacity, but become merged as shareholders into a corporation, which has a separate existence created by law, under the same name which has been chosen and set forth in the original application and organization certificate. This corporation will have directors and officers selected by the shareholders to do its business in accordance with the by-laws which the shareholders make for their guidance. The active executive officer of the association will be the secretary-treasurer, and his duties are set forth in Section 7 of the Farm Loan Act.

#### **Powers.**

These associations are organized for the primary purpose of giving to each borrower the benefit of the combined credit of all its members to the extent of the capital contributed and the limited liability they each incur, and hence the associations are required to indorse every loan made to members. It is also through these associations that the borrowers will ultimately become the owners of the Federal Land Banks. The association decides whether any loans shall be



made or not by refusing the application for every loan which is considered unsafe or even doubtful. No loan can be made unless it is approved by the loan committee after examination of the land offered as security.

The National Farm Associations are not limited as to the number of their members. After one is organized it may serve an entire neighborhood by receiving new members. Each association may obtain in loans for its members twenty times the amount of stock in the Federal Land Bank, no matter how large its holdings of stock may become by the growth of the association.

#### Limitations.

1. No loan may be made except upon the security of first mortgages.

2. The amount of the mortgage can not exceed one-half the appraised value of the land and 20 per cent of the permanent improvements thereon, which must be insured.

3. The proceeds of the loan must be used for the extinguishment of re-existing indebtedness or for productive purposes, which includes the purchase of live stock, fertilizers, equipment and improvements (see Section 12, Farm Loan Act).

4. Every mortgage must contain an agreement to pay off the debt (principal and interest) in fixed annual or semi-annual installments.

5. The amount of each installment may be fixed by the borrower, but cannot be less than sufficient to pay off the debt in 40 years nor greater than to pay it off in 5 years.

6. The rate of interest charged any borrower cannot exceed 6 per cent per annum.

7. The borrower can not be called upon to pay the debt except by the installments he originally fixes, unless he defaults, but after five years he may pay off the whole or any portion at his option at any installment period.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Death, the Grim Reaper, has laid low some of our most prominent members. I speak of Past Master Flint and his wife, Sister Flint. Mrs. Martha Renwick, Harvey R. Eddie, Mrs. Rachel M. Coulter, John Tuohy, Mrs. Maria Krull and Dr. James Caples have also passed to the Great Grange above.

Others have also been stricken. At some time during this session our Worthy Chaplain will hold Memorial Services, at which time it is meet and proper that we pay a last tribute of respect to our Worthy Brothers and Sisters who have been garnered to the Paradise above.

The Worthy Overseer offered the following report, which was accepted:

### OVERSEER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

In thus meeting together in annual session in the Golden Jubilee Year of our Order, we can clasp the hand and, looking back over the passing years, heartily say "Well done;" and then turn to the future with a new determination to give our best services to our beloved Order and humanity.

The Patrons of California cannot boast of great gains or of numerical strength, but we can and do glory in the loyalty and devotion of our membership.

As your Overseer, I cannot point out many visible results of my labors in the past year, but the Grange seed has been sown whenever and wherever possible, and I am certain the harvest will follow.

May our counsels at this meeting in the beautiful city of Healdsburg, be productive of every good that our hearts desire and inspire every one of us to give all that is possible of our time and talents to the advancement and upbuilding of our fraternity, to the end that it may soon come into its own and be the power for good that it should be in our great State.

Fraternally submitted,

PETER HANSON, Overseer.

The Worthy Lecturer read her report, which was accepted.

### LECTURER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange,  
Greeting:

You will remember that the closing thought in my annual report last year was "that the California State Grange must lead, not follow, in all that pertains to bettering rural life, in California."

Lyman Abbott, in the Outlook, some time ago said, "three elements combine in successful achievement, Opportunity, Equipment and Courage. A few persons go through life unsuccessful because they have no opportunities, more because they have no equipment, a great many because with opportunity and equipment, they lack courage."

This has been a successful Grange year. To realize our ideal and place the Grange in the lead we found we did not need to look for Opportunity, it was always at hand, and the reports of the Lecturers of Subordinate Granges show through the selection of subjects offered for study and discussion during the Lecture Hour, that local conditions were studied and that there was ample opportunity for their ablest efforts.

Equipment, we have in our strong virile, aggressive organization of men, women and young people—with similar views, with a strenuous determination to correct and improve rural conditions—for personal reasons first and following for Community and State reasons.

The Grange equips its members for service—it inspires them to acts of usefulness, it directs their minds, concentrates and co-ordinates effort, it teaches that many minds acting together can accomplish much.

So let us strengthen our equipment by making the Grange more efficient, by holding it closer to the high ideals that actuated the noble men who first conceived it and who through years of toil, sacrifice and personal effort started it on the road it has so successfully traveled for fifty years.

To grasp the opportunity and use the equipment it takes thought, effort disinterested and whole-hearted; but most of all it takes Courage to stand for ideals. Opportunity will never come to the Grange that sits idly by, giving too much time to pleasure, to light and wholly useless programs. We have these Granges and these Granges must find Courage, for Courage will open the door of Opportunity and find the Equipment. That many of the Granges have had Courage, appreciated their opportunities and used their equipment you can judge by the following figures: Since my last report to you I have received over one hundred quarterly reports from Subordinate Lecturers, showing that 11 debates were held, that 440 papers were read on subjects presented and discussed—participated in by 2,100 members, or visitors, and listened to by about 16,000 members and visitors, 12 Granges



failed to report at all. Had all reported, our totals would have been even more encouraging.

The State Immigration and Housing Commission asked this office for a paper on "Rural Housing" for the annual meeting of the Social Agencies' Conference and the annual meeting of the California Federation of Women's Clubs. I have visited eight Granges outside of my own county, and held Lecturers' Conference in Tulare, Napa and Santa Clara counties.

I am endeavoring to fill our Grange space in "Orchard and Farm" with creditable Grange news.

You will realize that my report is the report of the Lecturers of the Subordinate Granges, the work represented is their work. To them I would express appreciation and thanks for prompt reports and gracious co-operation.

You will also realize with me, that if the Grange is to hold its own with the other rural organizations in California, it must keep up with the times in all educational and civic affairs. It must do its part in furthering all that is for the good of the rural people.

It must seize every Opportunity, strengthen its Equipment and have the Courage to dare, if it is still to lead, not follow—or be lost by the wayside in the onward march of Rural Organizations!

Fraternally submitted,

KATE D. HILL, Lecturer.

### STEWARDS REPORT.

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

As Steward, I have performed the duties prescribed for my office to the best of my ability.

I arrived here one day before the opening of the session in order to have time to make the hall ready for our meetings, but found that the local committees had already done this work, so there was little left for me except to admire and appreciate what had already been done.

With the members and delegates arriving early, thus insuring a representation, everything indicates a most pleasant and prosperous session.

Fraternally submitted,

ROY I. CHURCH, Steward.

The Worthy Assistant Steward then read his report, which was accepted.

### ASSISTANT STEWARD'S REPORT.

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

The Assistant Steward holds an office which is just as important as any of the other offices. If we all discharge our duties according to the rules and regulations of our Order, the burden will not be heavy on any one. Therefore, I am at your service and as far as the duties of my office will permit, I will endeavor to make this session a pleasant and profitable one.

Fraternally submitted,

LEE DUDGEON, Assistant Steward.

The Secretary read the Chaplain's report, which was accepted.

### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members:

The only official act of the past year, since the last annual meeting, which has been performed by me as your Chaplain, was the issuance of an "Easter Time" letter of greetings and good wishes.

In that letter was expressed the heartfelt sympathy of your Chaplain with the purpose and work of our splendid Order. With abounding gratitude for this opportunity of again meeting you in fraternal session, please accept this "Harvest Time" cordial emphasis upon the "Easter Time" greetings.

May the lines attached hereto carry to your heart's inmost core the spirit of my present thoughts for you, one and all:

Grumble? No; what's the good?

If it availed, I would;

But it doesn't a bit—

Not it.

Laugh? Yes; why not?

'Tis better than crying, a lot;

We were made to be glad,

Not sad.

Sing? Why, yes, to be sure!;

We shall better endure  
If the heart's full of song  
All day long.  
Love? Yes; unceasingly,  
Ever increasingly.  
Friends' burdens bearing,  
Their sorrows sharing,  
Their happiness making;  
For pattern taking  
The One above  
Who is Love.  
Fraternally submitted,

C. E. WINGATE, Chaplain.

The Worthy Treasurer read the following report, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Treasurer submits his report for the year ending October 1st, 1916:

Balance on hand October 1st, 1915.....	\$2917.10
Received from Worthy Secretary.....	2386.00
Received from interest on Bank Account.....	84.52

Total amount received.....	\$5387.62
Disbursed by endorsed warrants.....	\$2632.89

Balance in Treasury, October 1st, 1916.....	\$2754.73
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Fraternally submitted,

M. FARRELL, Treasurer.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

There are 44 Subordinate and 4 Pomona Granges in good standing at the present time. Three new Granges—Soledad, King City and Clear Lake—had been organized during the year and one—Cloverdale, has become dormant.

The following itemized account will show the financial condition of the State Grange to be satisfactory:

#### Receipts.

Dues .....	\$1781.45
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Fees from Subordinate Granges.....	219.25
Fifth and Sixth Degree Fees at State Grange.....	72.00
Fifth and Sixth Degree Fees at National Grange....	92.00
Merchandise sold .....	94.30
National Grange for Organization Work.....	90.00
Interest on Grange Funds from Joseph Holmes.....	37.00
Interest on Grange Funds retained by Worthy Treasurer .....	84.52
Total .....	\$2470.52

#### Expenditures.

National Grange Dues.....	\$ 141.99
National Grange for Sixth Degree Certificates.....	62.00
Organizing .....	203.89
Supplies .....	33.27
Miscellaneous .....	2191.74
Total .....	\$2632.89

#### Summary.

In Treasury October 1st, 1915.....	\$2917.10
Total receipts .....	2470.52
	\$5387.62
Expenditures .....	2632.89
Balance in Treasury, October 1st, 1916.....	\$2754.73
Fraternally submitted,	

NELLIE W. HUNT, Secretary.

The report of Ceres was read by the Secretary and accepted.

#### REPORT OF CERES.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

It is strange that nearly all countries, including our own, should, until taught by approaching misfortune, fail to realize the indispensable place of agriculture in sound national government.

It is but recently that there has been aroused in this country a right sense of the dependence of all progress, of na-

tional prosperity and individual existence upon the land and its proper care.

That was a wise sovereign who decreed that twenty golden grains of wheat should be the basis for computing the wealth of the realm.

Samuel Johnson, one of the most philosophic thinkers of his time, said: "A nation without agriculture might be the transmitters of money, but never the possessors. Agriculture alone can supply us without the help of others. Whatever we buy, the sellers may refuse; whatever we sell, the purchasers may reject; but while we have corn and cattle in plenty, we can want for nothing, for there is nothing corn and cattle cannot buy."

Not armies, or navies, or commerce, or diversity of manufactures, or anything other than the farm is the anchor which will hold through the storms of time. The farmers of a nation must save it in the future just as they built its greatness in the past.

Fraternally submitted,

NINA E. WILLIAMS, Ceres.

The Secretary read the report of Flora, which was accepted.

### REPORT OF FLORA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

It is with deep regret that I am unable to read in person my report to the forty-fourth annual session of the State Grange. I trust that the beautiful flowers which decorate Flora's station will convey to you my greetings.

Since being elected to the office of Flora, I have given more thought than before to what the active duties of Flora might be, and I have come to the conclusion that the office of Flora in the Subordinate Granges (and this applies to the other goddesses as well) is not made as important as it should be. One feature in particular worthy of adoption, would be the observance of a "Flora Day" by each Subordinate Grange. On this day let Flora and her assistants rule. Where Granges own their own halls, let trees or shrubs be planted on this day. Let there be floral decorations in the hall and a program by Flora. As a feature of the program, let there be, by previous arrangement, an exchange of seeds and cuttings or plants among the members. This and other ideas that

would suggest themselves to the different Floras would tend to make a real Flora Day and to carry out the purpose of Flora in the Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

IRMA DEVERMAN, Flora.

### LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD.

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

As your Lady Assistant Steward I regret very much not being able to be present with you this year. However, I am sure you will have an able substitute. I have enjoyed my little part in the work and my heart is always with the Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

MRS. ORA G. ANDERSON, Lady Assistant Steward.

The report of Brother W. V. Griffith, State Deputy, was read and accepted.

### DEPUTY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the State Grange of California:

I received my commission as State Deputy in the latter part of January, 1916, and left home early in February to take up the work of trying to add new Granges, members, and strength to the Order which I so much respect.

At the outset, I wish to acknowledge the valuable assistance given me by loyal members in all the fields in which I worked.

I have met with 21 Granges besides my own home Grange. These were not all official visits, however, some being prompted by my own desire for the pleasure and benefit to be derived from such meetings and were not made at the expense of this State Grange.

The greater part of my extension work was done in Monterey county, some in Alameda and Santa Cruz counties. The Granges most directly benefitted by these visits were Aromas and Soquel. Aromas Grange, while perhaps not dormant as far as the specified lapse of time was concerned, was soundly sleeping. After a canvass of its former members, we found live sparks. Many desired to have their Grange



in working order again. At a subsequent meeting, the slumbering embers were fanned into flames. As a result we have their representative here at this session to report upon their own activities.

Soquel Grange, we found in sore need of help. In company with Brother Lee Dudgeon, I visited their Grange and installed their officers and canvassed for new members with success. I am pleased to report Soquel Grange again growing in numbers and strength.

At Soledad some time was spent in working up Grange interest. A sufficient number was secured to organize and a meeting called for that purpose, but after conferring with those present, it was deemed best to defer the organization to a later date, which was done. Soledad Grange was later organized by Lee Dudgeon, Deputy.

I found Fort Romie Grange in splendid condition, being carefully guided by Brother and Sister Dudgeon as Master and Secretary. I doubt if there is another Secretary in the State whose books show as complete and correct a history of the workings of its Grange, as those of Fort Romie.

Time and effort were spent among the members of Fort Romie Grange in securing applications for policies in the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association with good success.

Greenfield Grange was visited and canvassed for new members and insurance policies with success. We found that, owing to the skillful guidance of Brother Livingston, the value of the Grange and its good work were proclaimed all over Monterey county.

King City Grange was organized after some earnest canvassing. I have great hope that this Grange will prove to be of value. Inclement weather necessitated a second visit and extra expense, but I feel that the strong personnel of many of its members will fully repay all costs.

I feel that I should not close this very imperfect report without acknowledging the marked improvement in many ways, and the advanced ideas gained by the members of our Order as a result of their connection with the Grange. This noticeable feature has always encouraged me to advocate and work for the upbuilding of the Order.

In conclusion, let me urge that more work be done in the

field. The harvest is ripe and many earnest workers are needed.

Fraternally submitted,

W. V. GRIFFITH, Deputy.

The report of Brother Lee Dudgeon, Deputy for Monterey and Santa Cruz counties, was read and accepted.

#### DEPUTY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

I feel somewhat gratified at this time to be able to make a favorable report as Deputy for Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. However, a large part of the credit for the good work done, should be given to Greenfield and Fort Romie Granges, and to Brother W. V. Griffith, Past Master of the California State Grange.

In January I received a letter from Soquel Grange asking me to come over and install their officers. At the same time I learned that Brother Griffith was coming to my territory. I invited him to go with me and he accepted the invitation. After we arrived at Soquel we worked together for about two weeks spreading the Grange doctrine. During this time I was learning all I could from an experienced Deputy. The results were the making of a good live Grange of Soquel, for which their Master, Brother Archibald, deserves a great deal of credit, and the re-establishment of Aromas Grange, which is in splendid working condition now.

On March 15th I organized Soledad Grange No. 375 with a charter list of 36 members. Mrs. Dudgeon acted as my assistant and quite a number of the members from Fort Romie Grange were present.

Brother Griffith organized King City Grange No. 376. I have made several visits to this Grange, and it bids fair to make a good live Grange.

I have met frequently with Soledad Grange. It also is in good prosperous condition.

While I have not been successful in all my undertakings, I am doing what I can for the good of our Order.

Fraternally submitted,

LEE DUDGEON, Deputy.

The report of Granville Libby, Deputy for Lake county, was read and accepted.

#### DEPUTY'S REPORT.

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

Since my appointment as Deputy for Lake county I have faithfully endeavored to spread the Grange doctrine and I am pleased to report a measure of success.

After strenuous efforts in canvassing the country around the town of Lower Lake I succeeded in organizing Clear Lake Grange No. 377.

This is in the midst of a large farming country and I have strong hopes of its great success.

I made my annual visit to Live Oak Grange and witnessed the work of the Third and Fourth Degrees. I found this Grange in a flourishing condition, with officers and members alert for the welfare of the Order. I have endeavored to arouse interest and reorganize the dormant Upper Lake Grange, but so far without success.

I still have hopes not only of ultimate success here, but also in organizing other Granges in my district where the need is great.

In our beautiful county of Lake, isolated as we are, great is the need of some incentive power that will call the farmers to a central gathering point that they may learn one from the other and gather greater courage to fight the every day battles of life.

The Grange offers this and much more. It will indeed be gratifying to me if I can be instrumental in helping to dot our hills and valleys with Grange growth that will be healthy and fragrant with good works.

Fraternally submitted,

GRANVILLE LIBBY, Deputy.

The report of W. E. Steward, Deputy for Contra Costa county, was read and accepted.

#### DEPUTY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

I regret to say that I have done no definite Deputy's work aside from writing a few letters to people in nearby localities whom I thought might be persuaded to form new Granges.



I have and still shall hold myself in readiness to grasp any opportunity to organize new Granges in my district.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. STEWART, Deputy.

The Secretary read the report of Sister Della B. Howell, Deputy for Tulare county, which was accepted.

#### DEPUTY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Upon receiving my appointment as Deputy June 29th I wrote to Alpaugh Grange in response for help in April, offering my services and asking when and how I could best serve them. I learned that it was busy harvest time with them and that many were away, but that they would notify me when it seemed most feasible to have me come. The date was finally set for October 10th. On that date Brother Clifton, Worthy Master of Pomona Grange No. 5; Brother Thomas Jacob, whom I asked to speak on the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance; Brother Schulp, Brother and Sister G. O. Taggard and myself met with Alpaugh Grange. Owing to rain I was not able to spend as much time as planned, but had the opportunity to call on several members and others before the meeting and to give invitations to the same.

We had a most attentive though not a large gathering at the meeting and many thoughts were voiced by the visiting members which we hope not only encouraged the devoted few, but may serve to increase the membership there. I plan to keep in touch with their work and assist them as I may be able.

In regard to visiting other Granges, three of our five Granges, owing to heat, harvest and other causes, took vacations through July and August, so there was no opportunity to visit them until within the last few weeks. I was then busy with the September Pomona and the Alpaugh meeting, but I hope to visit all these Granges whenever possible.

Fraternally submitted,

DELLA B. HOWELL, Deputy.

Deputies Peter Hanson and F. L. Hunt gave oral reports of their work.

Several announcements were made. After singing "As We Go Forth to Labor" Grange closed in form.

EVENING.

A reception was tendered the visiting Patrons by the citizens of Healdsburg and the members of Progressive Grange in I. O. O. F. Hall.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY.

FORENOON.

Grange was opened in ample form in the Fourth Degree at nine o'clock A. M. by the Worthy Master, Joseph Holmes.

The Assistant Steward and the Lady Assistant Steward were assisted in taking up the A. W. by Brother Alfred Baker and Sister Allena Collins. After an opening song, "Sowing the Seed," the roll of Granges was called and 31 Granges responded.

The minutes of the previous day's meeting were read and with a few slight corrections, approved. The Committee on Credentials made a partial report, which was accepted. The Committee on Order of Business offered a report covering the order for the second day, which was adopted.

The reports of the Subordinate and Pomona Granges were then taken up.

REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE AND POMONA GRANGES.

AMERICAN RIVER GRANGE.

To the Officers and Members, State Grange of California:

It is with regret that I am forced to give so unfavorable a report of our Grange at the present time.

American River Grange has a membership of fifty-four members. Of these few are close enough to be able to attend Grange, some are living in other counties and others as far as seven or eight miles from our hall. When we have a dozen present at meetings, that is a big majority of our patrons who are close enough to attend at all.

So you see how we have been situated for several years, but we have succeeded in keeping alive and at times having quite a bit of enthusiasm.

At times we talk of giving up our charter, but that feeling that seems hard to explain, that remembrance of good times had, of principles learned that cannot be learned anywhere but in the Grange, prompts us to hope, to try, to keep together, even if there are few in numbers of faithful workers.

Since the first of the year our Worthy State Master, Bro. Holmes, has been with us on two occasions. On the first visit he very capably installed our officers, and on the second, encouraged us on with words of hope and wisdom.

Financially our Grange is out of debt, owns its own hall and has money on hand for taxes after State Grange dues are paid.

Hoping that we may be among you next year with reports of brighter times, I will close my report for this year.

Fraternally submitted,

F. W. BUSH, Alternate.

#### ANTELOPE.

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

Antelope Grange held 17 regular meetings during the year. As usual, Antelope Grange declared a recess during the summer months or the harvest season. We feel that as good Patrons of Husbandry, more benefit is derived from gathering our crops in an efficient manner than holding a Grange meeting with hardly a quorum of members present.

The most important work for the year with us was the building of our new hall on the ten acre tract owned by us and which was planted to eucalyptus trees by our Grange a number of years ago. The dedication of this hall was a gala day with Antelope Grange and one long to be looked back on with pleasure by our members. Worthy State Master Joseph Holmes performed the dedication ceremonies, assisted by the members of Antelope Grange and officers of visiting Granges. Among the State officers present were: Master, Joseph Holmes; Secretary, Mrs. Nellie W. Hunt; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. Ora Gould Anderson; Executive Committeeman A. Van Maren. Visiting Patrons were present from Sacramento County Pomona, Sacramento, American River, Orangevale, Elk Grove, Capital and Napa Granges.

Recognizing the need of more funds for completing and furnishing our hall, our dues have been raised from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per year, to continue till our debts are paid.

We desire at this time to thank the State Grange for their liberal donation of \$50.00 toward our building. Sacramento County Pomona Grange has adopted the same wise policy as the State Grange has in this line, and donates the same



amount—\$50.00—to every Grange in the county that builds its own hall.

Fraternally submitted,

E. A. JUNIOR, Master.

#### AROMAS.

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

Aromas Grange No. 361, which had become dormant in 1915, was re-organized on the 24th of last February through the efforts of W. V. Griffith and our County Deputy, Lee Dudgeon, with a membership of thirty-three. The reorganized Grange meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday evenings of each month. So far our attendance has been very good and we have missed but one meeting. The 2nd meeting in July, falling in the busiest part of the apricot season, was by universal consent omitted.

We are making much of the Lecturer's hour and have organized a Grange orchestra. For the accommodation of some of our members who, while attending the Grange, found it unpleasant to leave guests at home, we adopted a by-law which allows them to bring their guests with them. After the business session, the secret work of the Grange is closed and the guests invited in to a special open session for the Lecturer's hour.

As we have no County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, we find the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association quite an attraction. We have paid considerable attention to public questions, and were among those who telegraphed a protest to President Wilson against a war with Mexico. Our last meeting before the November election will be in charge of the legislative committee, and devoted to a discussion of the measures to be voted on at that election.

Our meetings have been faithfully reported to the local papers, and this has served to awaken much interest in our Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

P. J. BRYANT, Alternate.

#### BENNETT VALLEY.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:  
Again it becomes a duty and a pleasure to be with you and

report for Bennett Valley Grange. This year has been a successful and profitable one, and we have accomplished much. We are united by a strong and faithful tie, and labor for the good of the Order, our country and mankind. Our meetings are held on the first and third Saturday evenings of each month. The ritualistic work is carried out according to the prescribed methods.

The members take an interest and respond to any call for work, which adds to the good fellowship and general betterment of the Order. The Lecturer's Hour is always observed as an open meeting and all are invited to take part at that time. Our orchestra music and solos lend charm and attract young and old.

Many of our members have moved to other parts of the State, but still hold their membership in our Grange, which shows a strong fraternal tie.

There are two days on which our Grange always keeps open house—the 27th of May, the birthday of Bennett Valley Grange, and the fourth of December, the anniversary of the dedication of our Grange Hall. This year the fourth of July was celebrated with more than passing interest as the orator was one of our young men who did credit to himself and the Grange.

Our Hall is large and presents a neat appearance inside and out. It is well painted and has all the equipment necessary for the exemplification of the work, including a piano. The dining room has seating capacity for 100 persons. The buildings are valued at about \$3,000.00. The hall has an ideal and beautiful setting which attracts many people to our picnics.

We had the pleasure of entertaining Sonoma County Pomona Grange in June. We have held 23 meetings during the year. We received a substantial donation of \$25.00 from our Pomona Grange and I now take great pleasure in saying that we are entirely out of debt and have money in the treasury.

Recently the father of the free market and the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce visited us and explained to us how the free market would work to the advantage of the small producer.

Another year is drawing to a close. Let us not lessen our labors, but strive to do more and greater things to help one another and advance our common interests, so that when our

terms of office shall have expired, we may each receive that welcome plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Let our watchword be "Onward and Upward."

Fraternally submitted,

ALLENA COLLINS, Master.

#### CASTORIA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange,  
Greeting:

Castoria Grange holds its meetings on the second and fourth Saturday evenings. Attendance varies from 13 to 36. We held one open meeting to which all were allowed to bring their friends. We have a good Lecturer and interesting meetings. The programs consist of readings, recitations, music and discussions. A debate on "Which is Best, City or Country Life?" proved to be very interesting. Some of our members are watching the Rural Credits movement.

A visit from the Worthy State Master, his wife and son, and some of his friends was very much enjoyed by our members. We wish for the Order a prosperous future and a successful session of the State meeting.

Fraternally submitted,

W. B. MATHEWS, Master.

#### COTATI.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

As Master of Cotati Grange No. 369, I have the honor of submitting the following brief report.

We hold our regular meetings on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month in the I. O. O. F. Hall, and although the attendance has been small, the interest has been good, many live questions of the day being discussed during the Lecturer's hour.

In June we were honored by a visit from our Worthy State Master and his most efficient helpmate, also Worthy State Overseer, Brother Hanson, and several visiting members from the various Granges around. A very enjoyable time was spent and we benefitted much by the occasion.

Brother Hanson in the chair, assisted by Brother Holmes, conferred the third and fourth degrees, on two of our members. Sister Holmes and Brother Hanson exemplified some of the unwritten work of the Order.



The Grange has become a factor in our community, and there are few problems affecting the interest of our local population which have not been considered or acted upon as occasion demands.

We have a movement under way to have a banquet each evening we meet during the winter months, so as to make it more interesting. We are looking forward to an increase in our membership with benefits to all as a result.

Financially, we are able to meet our obligations. We are looking forward to more and better work than we have done in the past.

Fraternally submitted,

S. MAGOWAN, Master.

#### DANVILLE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange.

It is with pleasure I bring you fraternal greetings from our loyal Patrons of Danville Grange and best wishes for a profitable and successful session.

The first meeting of the year coming on New Year's was observed with a reception. Although the day was stormy it was one of our red letter days.

The harvest was not as large as some years, on account of late frosts and not having spring rains.

As Harvesters and Gleaners we have gathered good seed and profitted by it.

A delegate was sent to the Prune Growers' meeting, from which all our growers received aid.

We have engaged in promoting co-operative buying with very good success.

Flora Day was observed by bringing to the Grange plants and seeds and sharing with others.

A Grange picnic was held July 8 and was well attended. We resolved to make it an annual affair.

The Lecturer's Hour has been made very profitable and interesting as conducted by our efficient Lecturer, Sister Kate Wood.

An entertainment committee was appointed, and they are working to pay for a piano which has been purchased.

The County Horticulturalist is one of our new members and through his efforts the obnoxious weeds have been cut on the public highway, the work being done by our High School students.

A social afternoon was held in honor of Sister Maxey's 81st birthday, at the home of one of our sisters, assisted by Sister Goold.

Past Master Harvey Eddy was claimed by death during the year.

Have held all our regular meetings, and one special meeting.

Fraternally submitted,

MIRA O. MORE, Master.

#### ELK GROVE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Elk Grove Grange No. 86, from the first of October till the first of April, meets the first Thursday evening and the third Saturday afternoon of the month; from the first of April to the first of October, we meet the first and third Thursday evenings of each month.

We held eighteen regular meetings and one special meeting in the past year.

One of the interesting features of the year was a fishing picnic. Ice cream was served and the dinner was spread on the ground in the shade of some large trees. Another special feature was a hay ride enjoyed by several members of the Grange, accompanied by a number of friends.

On the fifth of October we celebrated our forty-second anniversary. There are four charter members still living, but none of them were able to be present. The Worthy State Master and Judge Shields being present they gave us a number of new ideas. After this a lunch prepared by the Sisters of the Grange was enjoyed.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY JACKSON, Master.

#### FORESTVILLE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Early in the year we changed our meeting place, and are now using a room in the school house. The move proved most beneficial not for ourselves alone, but for the community at large, because the room as we have now furnished it is also used as a social center.

Besides our regular meetings, we held during the past year one special meeting, at which was discussed the resolu-

tions on Government Control of Public Utilities, which was endorsed; Prohibition and Preparedness, which our Grange did not favor. Our Worthy Lecturer, Minnie S. Lehn, has provided at all meetings interesting and instructive programs along the most progressive lines. Several topics of community interest have been handled.

The good roads movement was endorsed at different times, the Patrons co-operating with the County authorities on several occasions in improving roads.

The Patrons interested in apple growing formed a selling league, which growers outside of the Grange were invited to join. The organization when completed will undoubtedly be a source of great profit to this section. Death claimed one of our members during the year, Elden Wakeland.

Fraternally submitted,

C. E. WHITE, Alternate.

#### FORT ROMIE.

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

Fort Romie Grange sends greetings to the 44th annual session of the State Grange. We have had a very prosperous year in Grange work, as well as in other ways. Even through the summer months, interest in Grange work has surpassed our expectations. Not only from our members do these reports come, but those outside our gates give us great praise for having a good, clean moral place where old and young alike come together, talk together and work together for the good of mankind.

Our Worthy Lecturer is always on hand with an interesting program, and no small amount of the credit for our success is due to his efforts. We always have a short recess after the business session to allow the Lecturer time to prepare his program. This gives the members an opportunity to pay their dues. We have learned from the way our young people take advantage of this recess, that in our Grange it is better to put young heads on old shoulders than old heads on young shoulders.

We have just purchased paint with which we expect to improve the outward appearance of our hall. During the year we have had quite a number of visitors. Among these was Sister Holmes, wife of our Worthy Master, who installed our



officers. This was a little out of the ordinary custom, but she certainly deserves credit for the way she conducted the ceremonies and the splendid remarks that followed were appreciated by all.

Early in February Brother W. V. Griffith, who organized our Grange five years ago, visited us and expressed himself as being well pleased with our growth in membership. He complimented the officers very highly on the manner in which they put on the initiation work and the thoroughness of their Grange methods, as well as on the interest aroused in this community in Grange work.

Brother E. T. Pettit made his annual visit, which is always looked forward to with eagerness by our members, and it is needless to say that his splendid remarks were applauded and appreciated by all.

Fraternally submitted,

LEE DUDGEON, Master.

#### GEYSERVILLE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

As Master of Geyserville Grange No. 312, I beg to submit the following report:

In the early part of the year our members became very much enthused over the idea of owning our own hall. In less than ten minutes about eight members volunteered to subscribe over \$800.00 toward the hall fund, but the interest seems to be held in abeyance except for a few members. We are still hoping that the seed sown will not be entirely wasted and that Geyserville Grange will some day own its own hall.

There is a good, fraternal feeling among our members. At our meetings, both business and social, there is no friction, every one is willing to do his or her part. We think the future looks bright for Geyserville Grange, as all of our members are young. By that I mean that not even our youngest Sister or Brother in years, is any younger in spirit than the oldest member.

Our treasury shows a good balance. This is my first appearance at a session of a State Grange and I hope to get many suggestions that will aid me in the work of my Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

C. WEIDERSHEIM, Master.

## GREENFIELD.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Upon the occasion of installation of officers of our Grange in January last, our Worthy Secretary announced that her motto for our Grange for the year was: "One hundred members before the end of 1916."

At that time our membership was 83. We are now well past the 100 mark.

But we have not lived up to our high resolves in all other lines.

We have held our regular meetings twice each month during the year, and except through the months of June, July and August, the busiest haying months, the attendance has been good.

Interest in Grange work was never better among our members than at the present time.

The one enterprise which as a Grange we engaged in during the year and that we look back upon with the greatest satisfaction was a children's garden contest.

In this contest our Grange, through our Committee on Education, offered a number of small premiums amounting to \$5.00 in cash, to the children of our grammar school for the best results in three different lines of gardening.

Great interest in the contest was manifested by both the children and their parents.

While some of those who started in the race dropped out, forty-two children continued to the end, which was Saturday, October 7th. The premiums were then awarded to the winners and all the faithful were banquetted by the committee who had the affair in charge.

Further than this event not much out of the usual order has been attempted by our Grange during the year.

Various committees appointed at the beginning of the year have been more or less active in their various lines of endeavor.

We held our usual Fourth of July celebration.

The last event of interest occurred last Saturday evening when about thirty of our members, including our ladies' degree team, visited our neighbor Grange at King City and assisted them in conferring degrees on a class of new members.

The occasion was a very happy one to all members of Greenfield Grange and I hope was the same to those of King City Grange.

Membership dues have been kept paid up with satisfactory promptness, and all payments to the State Grange have been promptly made when due. We are in sound condition financially.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. LIVINGSTON, Master.

#### GUENOC.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

In this, my first attendance at the California State Grange, it gives me great pleasure to report as the representative of Guenoc Grange No. 373.

During the past year we have added but few to our number, for we already include as members nearly all the available persons in the community.

The Grange is the center of all social activities in the community and it has been our constant aim and object to elevate the moral standing of all social gatherings.

In this we have met with very gratifying success.

Our financial standing is good. We have bought and paid for a piano, besides expending considerable for cooking and kitchen utensils, etc. We hope in the near future to own the hall we now occupy.

In business co-operation we have done little since the educational and social hunger of the people seemed of the first importance.

We are, however, much interested in the direct buying and selling plan which is being tested in other localities.

We have endeavored at all times to do everything decently and in order, to build up the community spirit in our midst and advance the interests of our Order.

Fraternally submitted.

GRANVILLE LIBBY, Master.

#### KING CITY.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

King City Grange is of such recent origin as to be scarcely regarded as an active working organization.



About 30 signed the Charter Roll, of which number only about one-half have become active members.

We have recently initiated six new members, in which work we were assisted by the efficient degree team of Greenfield Grange.

I am of the opinion that we will grow into a substantial Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

J. C. GRIFFIN, Master.

#### LINCOLN.

To the Officers and Members of the State Grange of California:

As Alternate from Lincoln Grange No. 318, P. of H., I came to this convention not knowing that I would be expected to make a report for my home Grange, this being my first attendance at the State Grange.

At present our attendance is not as large as we would like, owing to the fruit harvest, which, however, is now about over. We hope and expect to start something during the Fall and Winter months that will draw the members out to the meetings. We have our own hall with electric lights and equipped with a good stage and footlights for giving plays and other entertainments. We are now trying to realize enough money from these entertainments to build and equip a kitchen. We already have about 75 per cent of the amount on hand that we expect to use for this purpose.

For the past three months the roads from the Meridian corner to Cupertino, and from Saratoga to Sunnyvale, have been impassible on account of replacing the old gravel road with a concrete base and asphaltum top. We expect this to be finished before Winter, and will then feel amply repaid for all our inconvenience.

Fraternally submitted,

E. H. FREEMAN, Alternate.

#### LIVE OAK.

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

Live Oak Grange sends greetings to the members of the State Grange and welcomes another opportunity to make its report. Our Grange is still active, although we are not with-

out our periods of discouragement and depression. However, we are holding our own in the spirit with which our active members work.

Our county would be greatly benefitted from the standpoint of Grange activity if a Pomona Grange could be organized. County Organizer Libby is planning the formation of several new Granges in the county and we hope this work will find its fruition in the establishment of a Pomona Grange with its resultant influence and possibilities for effective service.

Live Oak Grange has engaged in a number of activities during the past year. We have protested against the limitations sought to be placed on the parcels post; we have advocated good roads for our county; we have considered questions relating to irrigation and the conservation of our water resources; we have taken the lead in working for a charter form of government in our county, and largely through our efforts, freeholders will be elected at the November election to prepare a charter for Lake county.

We have also maintained and carried out on a small scale a system of co-operative buying and recently the interest of our members has greatly increased in this branch of our work. It now seems that this phase of Grange activity may ultimately develop into an extensive system of buying and selling on the part of the farmers.

We are not neglecting the social features of the Grange, but endeavor to offer something to entertain our people. In this we have more or less success; incidentally we are getting experience and the Grange is settling down into a sort of institution in the community.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. DORN, Master.

#### MOUNTAIN VIEW.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

I consider it a high honor and privilege to bring to this State Grange the fraternal greetings and best wishes from Mountain View Grange 332, P. of H.

Striving to keep to the high standard set by our predecessors, we have progressed steadily during the past year. Our membership, as compared with the farmers of this district, is greatly out of proportion, yet we feel we have gained

ground and the time is ripe for a well organized and well directed effort to increase our membership, and thereby place within reach of more of our farmers the many privileges and benefits which are gained by becoming affiliated with our Order. I am pleased to say that our healthy growth and the harmonious conditions are largely due to the untiring efforts of our Lecturer, Brother B. W. Holeman, who has good programs for the meetings and every member seems interested in the work. The Agricultural College, the Leland Stanford University and State University have always kindly responded to his request for lectures at our Grange meetings and have co-operated with us in an honest endeavor to better the conditions of the community. As the Declaration of Purposes well says, "we meet together, talk together and work together for the improvement of agriculture and the upbuilding of a better citizenship among ourselves." In closing this report, I want to thank all who have so kindly assisted me in this work, but more especially my associates, for their many acts of kindness and words of encouragement. Our work together has been in perfect harmony. May the New Year find them receiving the same loyal support given me.

"Give to the Grange the best you have,  
And the best will come back to you."

Fraternally submitted,

R. P. VAN ORDEN, Master.

#### NAPA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

In offering to the State Grange the 19th annual report for Napa Grange, I am pleased to report a successful year's work. The Lecturer's hour has been exceptionally interesting this year since it was in charge of our Lecturer and Worthy Past Master, Brother F. L. Hunt. We have had several speakers on these occasions who were exceptionally well qualified to address our meetings, giving us many valuable suggestions regarding the proper tillage of the soil.

We have this year had our second annual County Grange Picnic, Silverado Grange and Rutherford Grange joining to make the occasion a success. There were many prominent Grangers from outside present, including our Worthy State Lecturer, who gave us a very interesting and instructive address.



Our Grange adopted the following resolution on school credits for home work:

Whereas, the California State Grange has for more than two years advocated "school credits for home work" in our schools; and

Whereas, this system is now in actual operation in a part of the public schools in Napa county and is meeting with the enthusiastic support of the teachers using the system; therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, Napa Grange, No. 307, P. of H., heartily approve the position taken in the matter by the State Grange and we hereby go on record as favoring the adoption of the system in all the public schools of Napa county.

Resolved, that copies of these resolutions be sent to the Napa County Board of Education, to the Napa County Granges, and to the press for publication.

Our policy of encouraging the Boys' Agricultural Clubs has met with more than gratifying results. The teacher of Agriculture in the Napa High School is now employed the full twelve months of the year. He is paid, in addition to his regular salary, \$300.00 by the High School Board for his transportation, and \$200.00 by the State University and Federal Government for his time during the summer months. This makes it possible for him to do complete work with the boys and girls who have entered these contests. Heretofore the agricultural clubs would get a good start, but when the Agricultural teacher would go on his vacation, the pupils would lose interest and the contests were usually failures. Napa this year sent 16 prize winners to the State Fair at Davis and one boy on a 9000-mile transcontinental tour. Some of these boys made exceptionally good records. One 14-year-old boy took a 40-pound pig, fed it for 150 days, when it weighed 325 pounds. Another raised 72 bushels of corn per acre. Still another hatched and successfully raised 100 chickens from 112 eggs. At the Napa County Fair Bureau Fair these boys took 32 blue ribbons as first prizes and \$45.00 in cash. These boys are proud of their work and are looking forward to the day when they can have for their vocation the tilling of the soil. To verify this statement we have one High School boy who has just taken a five-year lease on a 10-acre tract near Napa. These boys are now intending to join the Grange.

Napa Grange No. 307 is justly proud of the fact that it has started a Farm Bureau and an Agricultural Club movement to which the entire county points with pride. With some work accomplished in the past, we look forward to the future for better and greater achievements.

Brothers and Sisters, some of the above statements may be interesting to you. If so, when the proper time comes, the Granges of Napa county want to invite you to come to Napa next year and see what I have now told you about.

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. BAADE, Master.

#### OAKLAND.

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

As Alternate, I bring kind greetings from the Master, Officers and Members of Oakland Grange, No. 35, Patrons of Husbandry.

We look back with pleasure to one year ago when you honored Oakland city and Grange with your presence and hope you will meet with us soon again.

Our Grange home is in Star King Hall, Oakland, and we hold sessions on the first Friday evening of each month. Have a Grange dinner at 7 p. m. Lecturer's hour from 8 to 9 p. m., when we discuss interesting topics. Have recitations, music and singing, and are often entertained by California University Professors and others, who give us good talks on Agriculture, Scientific and Civic subjects. At 9 p. m. non-members retire, often leaving an application for membership in the Grange.

We then open the Grange, attend to business and at the close of the Grange the members often spend an hour at dancing or other amusement.

We have now sixty-seven members in good standing, mostly young people and all "live wires," working for the welfare of the Order and to increase our membership.

Many of our members are now, or have been, students of the University of California, who are interested in agricultural pursuits. Our usual attendance averages from 30 to 40 members. Our financial standing is good.

Fraternally submitted,

WARREN S. WHITE, Alternate.

## ORANGEVALE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange,  
Greetings:

Owing to the handicap of having to meet from house to house during the past year, we are unable to report progress in growth, our membership at this time being practically the same as last year. However, the members have been active and faithful in discussing and taking action on all legislative matters affecting the welfare of Patrons of Husbandry.

They have also assisted greatly in the construction of a beautiful \$5,000 Civic Hall, which has just been completed, giving us a fine place in which to hold our meetings. The result of which has already been our giving the first and second degrees to three candidates at our last meeting, with two more applications on the table. We are now making preparations for a big class of candidates, to be followed by more big classes. So watch out for a banner report from No. 354 next year.

Fraternally submitted,

B. F. McLEOD, Master.

## ORCHARD CITY.

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

Orchard City Grange No. 333 has had a successful year. While we have not gained as much in membership or accomplished as much as I had hoped for, still the attendance at our meetings and the interest in the work has been good. I find that in point of membership, Orchard City Grange stands well up toward the head of the list, holding fourth place in the State at the beginning of the year. We have at present seven candidates waiting to be initiated and quite a few others have expressed a desire to join us, showing that we are attracting attention.

Our financial condition is good and we have deposited about \$300.00 in bank toward a building fund. We have held regular meetings twice each month during the year with but one exception. On this occasion, hoping for the success and believing in the benefits to be derived from a State selling organization of the Prune and Apricot Growers, we held an open meeting in order to give the men promoting the work an opportunity to present their arguments to the growers both



in and out of the Grange. This was one of the most successful meetings ever held in Santa Clara county and gave the movement a good start.

The Lecturer's Hour has been well taken care of. We occasionally hold open meetings during this hour when we think it to be for the best interests of the Grange and the community to do so. Following the usual custom, Santa Clara Pomona Grange met with us on the second Saturday in May for an all-day meeting. Orchard City Grange provided luncheon for all present.

We have had a drill team for the past ten years and all our candidates are initiated by this team. I regret to say that we have not had the pleasure of a visit from any of the State officers during the year. We end the year without any serious problems confronting us, and I again appear before you without any resolutions to offer. I hope that the session may be profitable and that I may be able to go back to the members of Orchard City Grange with words of encouragement.

Fraternally submitted,

E. K. CLENDENING, Master.

#### PETALUMA.

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

Petaluma Grange No. 23 desires to report that this year's work under our able Master, Brother A. F. Barber, has been one of harmony and loving counsel among the members. Our meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. It was thought best to change the time of one of our meetings to evening for the benefit of the families of the Grange and this has been done. It has proved to be a good move so far and will be continued as long as it seems best for the Grange. At these evening meetings refreshments are served. If the young people desire, dancing can be indulged in, in the dining room.

Our financial condition is good at the present time. While our farmer's life keeps us very busy on the farms and in our homes, we still have a fairly good attendance at our meetings. We have used during our Lecturer's Hour, under the able leadership of Sister King, as many as possible of the leading and interesting topics to farmers, such as the Farm Loan Act, school matters and other similar subjects.

Our social life, which should be considered the most important feature for harmony, has been very happily adjusted by our Worthy Master with kindness and consideration to all. We feel that our year has been one of profit as well as of pleasure and that we have exemplified the principles of our Order in Faith, Hope and Charity.

Fraternally submitted,

A. S. HALL AND WIFE, Alternates.

#### POTTER VALLEY.

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

Potter Valley Grange No. 115 sends her cordial greetings and wishes you a prosperous and harmonious session.

We have held our meetings regularly twice a month, with two or three exceptions, during the busy season, when we failed to have a quorum. Now that the Fall work is nearly done, we expect a return of our former enthusiasm and a good attendance during the Winter months.

We are in a healthy condition numerically and financially.

On the sixth of May we held an all-day meeting, with our usual Harvest Feast.

Worthy Past Master E. T. Pettit met with us by invitation and gave the third and fourth degree work to a class of 11.

Brother Pettit's genial disposition and words of cheer always add strength to our cause and his coming is looked forward to by our members, who love and cherish him.

Future prospects look bright and we hope to exercise a greater influence for good in our community during the coming year than ever before.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES EDDIE, Master.

#### PROGRESSIVE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Progressive Grange No. 308 begs leave to report as follows: Our Grange meets regularly on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Our finances are in good condition. We have an excellent degree staff that exemplifies the third and fourth degrees, thereby adding much interest to our Grange meetings.

The anticipation of having the pleasure of entertaining the

State Grange at this time has added much interest to our Grange work.

Fraternally submitted,

A. R. GALLAWAY, Master.

#### RUTHERFORD.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Rutherford Grange meets regularly twice each month with a good attendance. Our fourth degree feasts are particularly well attended, the general attendance being about 140. Special effort is made to have a few capable speakers discuss interesting topics on these occasions. We have initiated 51 members during the year and now have 13 candidates in readiness.

Our big accomplishment for the year, and one in which we have great pride, has been the erection of our own Grange Hall. On June 10th our hall was dedicated with fitting ceremony by the Worthy State Master. Rutherford Grange is deeply appreciative of the splendid and impressive manner in which he conducted the full ceremony from memory and without notes. This brought many complimentary expressions from our friends, and gave a very favorable impression of the Grange movement to many outside the Order. About three hundred people attended the ceremony in the afternoon and over 450 attended the dedication ball in the evening.

Our hall is of bungalow type, 50x70, with a banquet hall, 30x50, and has a well equipped kitchen. The value of our property and equipment is a little over \$4,000.00. We are rapidly reducing our indebtedness. We welcome this opportunity to thank the State Grange for \$50.00 which the last session voted to give toward new Grange halls.

The plan of work which we have followed in our regular meetings has been to get our members to participate in a general discussion of some feature of seasonal farm work in which there is a real interest, or the solution of some problem that has become pressing. As an example, take the co-operative marketing of hogs by car lots in a case where our local butcher failed us. Particularly have we been alert to lead in our community in such co-operative matters as the Prune and the Apricot Growers' Information Bureau, the Weinstock projects to organize the Prune Growers and the Poultry interests. Members of our Grange are among the



Directors for Napa county or active committeemen on all these organizations.

It was due to the initiative of Rutherford Grange that Colonel Weinstock met with and presented the plan of the poultry producers of Central California to the poultry men of Napa county at our Grange Hall.

The most recent activity of Rutherford Grange has been our participation in the St. Helena Vintage Festival. A reproduction of our Grange Hall was very artistically made from corn on the cob and thatched with stover. Within this structure was a splendid display of farm products. The Sisters had an excellent exhibition of needlework, painting and canned and preserved fruits. Our efforts won for us the class prize and the grand general prize. A float in the parade also brought another prize.

This may be a timely place to say that the degree of prosperity which Rutherford Grange has enjoyed is due in part to the fact that we are in a thickly settled community, but also in a large measure it is because we have made ourselves the active factor in improvements of worth to the community and because we have used the press continuously.

It might be well here to present another thought. Napa county has had a Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. for nine years. Upon invitation its President addressed us on farmers' mutual fire insurance. His main argument in favor of the Farmers' Mutual was, that while the Napa county company was very successful and had saved the farmers 50 per cent on the dollar in cost of insurance, yet he firmly believed and would advocate to the State Legislature the passage of a law which would enable the various county organizations to combine into a State institution as an essential feature to their greater success. A broader field than the county unit was desirable, which is of course, a strong endorsement of the plan of the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association.

The officers of our Grange have taken an interest in their work, are punctually present at practically all of the meetings. The opening and closing ceremonies are conducted without the use of the manuals, the attendance has been good, due to the splendid work of the Lecturer during her hour.

This report was submitted to our Grange for approval. In a canvass to find what we should report as the most worthy

attainment of the Grange in the minds of our members, we found the unanimous opinion to be that it was the social spirit and acquaintanceship brought about and insofar as we have done this, we submit to you that Rutherford Grange is building on a permanent foundation and achieving the fraternal purpose of our Order.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. COLE, Master.

#### SACRAMENTO.

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

Sacramento Grange No. 12 sends you greetings and wishes you a pleasant and harmonious session. It gives me pleasure to give you my second annual report as a delegate. We are glad to meet you Brothers and Sisters, who have left your homes and come to this State Grange, some of you without doubt at a sacrifice, for this State Grange is composed largely of home keepers and home makers. You have come here from different sections of the State because you are not only home keepers and home makers, but because you are home loving men and women who have a vision of the great fact that home is not confined within the walls of our places of abode.

We meet the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 1:30 P. M. in Red Men's Wigwam. We have held fifteen regular meetings and two special meetings during the year.

On the twenty-seventh of May we held our annual Strawberry Festival, to which all the Subordinate Granges in the county were invited. July eighth we held a business session in the forenoon, then took our lunches to one of the beautiful parks, where we had an enjoyable afternoon.

As we meet in State Grange our hearts are touched with sorrow over the loss of five of our members, Sisters J. W. Holmes, Flint, Baker, Runyon and Brother Daniel Flint, Past Master of California State Grange. Our efficient Secretary, Sister O. H. Braughler, is serving her second term and has been at her post every meeting.

Sister Jennie Gould, who is also serving her second year as Lecturer, has been faithful and her programs are educational.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS MAMIE L. SANFORD, Master.



## SACRAMENTO COUNTY POMONA.

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

Sacramento County Pomona Grange has accomplished an unusual amount of important work during the year just closing. On October 30, 1915, our Grange held a splendid all-day meeting with a bounteous feast at noon time. Brother Oliver Wilson, Master of the National Grange, and his estimable wife, were the guests of honor.

Early in the year a committee on co-operative buying formulated a plan and arranged with different merchants, whereby Grange members could buy at wholesale prices, plus five per cent. Several members availed themselves of this opportunity and purchased gas engines, electric motors, etc., at a very considerable saving.

Our Pomona Grange gave its annual picnic on April 29th and cleared \$224.00, which is very close to the largest amount our Grange has ever made on any of its picnics.

A special committee from our Grange had entire charge of the Sacramento county exhibit at the recent State Fair and although this exhibit, together with the main pavilion, was entirely destroyed by fire, yet we were able to obtain temporary quarters and install a very creditable second exhibit. The Supervisors of our county appropriated the funds to pay for the county exhibits and very willingly allowed our Pomona Grange to handle the same.

Perhaps the most important work that our Pomona Grange has accomplished this year, the most far-reaching in its results, and the one that has done more to attract attention to our Grange than anything we have done for years, was the demonstration of the David Lubin plan of direct dealing between producer and consumer. This experiment started on May 3rd and continued for 39 days and was an entire success in demonstrating the practicability of the plan. A full report of the experiment was sent to Congress.

In accordance with resolutions passed, our Pomona Grange will hereafter observe the anniversary of the birth of our Order with appropriate exercises and on the fourth of next December we will hold the first of these celebrations. We cordially invite all Patrons of Husbandry to attend and celebrate with us.

Since our last report, death has taken five of our members



from us: Sister Mira S. Krull of Elk Grove Grange, Sister Myra Runyon, Sister H. W. Baker, Past State Master Daniel Flint and wife, Sister Mary Flint, all of Sacramento Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

M. T. HUNT, Master.

#### SAN JOSE.

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

It gives me great pleasure in this Golden Jubilee year of our Order to bring you greetings from the oldest Grange in the State, San Jose No. 10, organized 43 years ago last May.

We cannot measure the influence of that long list of silent dead, whose dimits have been received in that larger Grange beyond.

Only one charter member remains, Sister L. J. Watkins, one of our most able and helpful members.

We meet regularly every Saturday, beginning promptly at 10:30 and closing as promptly at 12:30.

We have an excellent Lecturer, who has given us fine programs, varied by outside talent.

Early in the year we held a "Rally Day," bringing out a large per cent of our membership and many visitors. Our Worthy State Lecturer, Sister Hill, by her presence added much to the interest and success of the occasion. Her address was full of helpful suggestions, which we trust will bear much fruit.

We have been favored during the past year by the presence of many visitors from other Granges.

We were especially glad to welcome Past State Master W. V. Griffith, who is a favorite with San Jose Grange. His words always are practical and full of spice and humor.

Sister Borrette of Napa Grange, Brother and Sister Church of Petaluma Grange, and Sister Bryant of Aromas Grange were very welcome visitors.

Not many Granges are as fortunate as we are in having among our members two Past State Masters. Their varied experiences in both State and National Grange well fit them to give advice and furnish ballast to our deliberations. Our standing committees are thorough in their reports and keep us well informed in all matters pertaining to their special work.

Every two weeks our county entymologist gives us seasonable hints.

At the suggestion of Past Master Worthen the Grange adopted a resolution favoring the establishment of a central buying and selling agency to be located, preferably, in San Francisco. We believe it would help build up the Order, and hope our State officers will work toward that end.

We are also very much in favor of vocational education in our public schools. We do not forget the obstacles in the way of such a radical change in our school system, but believe a start should be made in that direction. Would it not be well for us here assembled to take some action looking toward that end? I was instructed to present the matter to the Committee on Education. We have an efficient Secretary and Treasurer. A very competent Marshal directs our floor work in the degrees, balloting, penny drill, etc. While far from attaining that dizzy height, we are working toward a "Standardized Grange." We hope that some plan looking toward that end may soon be prepared by our State officers.

It is a pleasure to meet together through the courtesy and invitation of Progressive Grange in the beautiful city of Healdsburg with all her charming surroundings.

We trust that the very atmosphere is so charged with love and devotion to our Order that we shall take it in with the air we breathe.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD C. ABBOTT, Master.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY POMONA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Santa Clara County Pomona Grange No. 4 has a membership of 140 and holds meetings in Odd Fellows' Hall, San Jose, once in two months, when not being entertained by some of the Subordinate Granges. Mountain View Grange entertained the Pomona Grange on the occasion of the annual election, being the first meeting following the State convention of October, 1915, an interesting report of which was read by the Worthy Master, Horace Keesling; also a report of the National Grange by Brother Pettit. A bountiful lunch was served by the Sisters of Mountain View Grange, and enjoyed by 200 or more Grangers. The installation of officers, by Past State Master Pettit was the main feature of the



January meeting in San Jose. The March meeting was an all-day session in San Jose. Besides routine work, and reports of the various committees, the Grange endorsed the "Postalization of Wires" and Prohibition, also the work of the Information Bureau. Pomona held its May meeting at Campbell, by invitation of Orchard City Grange, where the members were royally entertained at a mid-day banquet of the most appetizing kind. Very interesting crop reports, from all sections of the county enlightened the members on the fruit situation, and it was conceded to be a most pleasant and profitable meeting. July 1st, "Field Day," was celebrated at Alum Rock Park, with a picnic lunch at noon, and a patriotic program, consisting of speeches, songs and recitations, everything combining to make it a happy and memorable day. The September meeting was held in San Jose, and Pomona members were the guests of the San Jose Grange at a sumptuous banquet at the noon hour. Decorations of autumn leaves, with center piece of baskets of fruit adorned the tables, eliciting much admiration for beauty and appropriateness. An open meeting, in the afternoon, was signalized by a talk on the Chicken Industry and the Bond Issue for Good Roads.

The meetings have been well attended and made interesting through the energetic work of the Lecturer, Brother Abbott, and the chairmen of the committees. I am pleased to be able to state that a spirit of enthusiasm, and kindly co-operation by the entire membership, has made the year's work one of pleasure and profit, with nothing to interrupt the harmony existing between the Brothers and Sisters comprising this big Grange family of Santa Clara county.

Fraternally submitted,

M. FARRELL, Master.

#### SANTA ROSA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

In presenting the report of Santa Rosa Grange No. 17, the Master, as a tyro in office, wishes to express his appreciation of the courtesy of Worthy State Master Holmes in answering some questions as to procedure, and at the same time to bear grateful testimony to the splendid support of his team mates, many of whom were more experienced in Grange work than he.



The Grange has held its semi-monthly meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays with faithful regularity, the only variations being the change of the day to accommodate the meetings of Pomona Grange. The attendance has varied from fair to very good, dependent upon conditions of work at home. The meetings have been of uniform interest, due in abundant measure to the fact that the Lecturer's chair is filled by a brother so full of the optimism of youth and the visions of life's primer, that his white hair seems singularly inappropriate in spite of the evidence of the birth certificate to the contrary. Santa Rosa Grange is highly favored in having Brother Wingate to direct its Lecture Hour as is the State Grange in having his services as Chaplain. We are also glad to claim as a member Sister Kate Hill, our State Lecturer.

We are financially in a strong state of preparedness, with a good balance in the treasury.

I desire at this time to give hearty praise to the Sisters of the degree team, who undertake at some sacrifice, to present the work of the third and fourth degrees in the way it should be given. Their increasing skill and grace merits particular notice.

The loss by death of Sister Rachel Coulter, our last charter member, dating from 1873, finds mention in the memorial service, and is referred to here to emphasize her long connection with the Grange and her exemplary work and character.

The Grange has now celebrated its 43rd birthday by appropriate exercises reminiscent and otherwise, and is to be remembered among the oldest in the State.

In closing, I may add that under the auspices of our Worthy Lecturer, we have been privileged to hear on different occasions outside speakers on subjects of interest and importance. One of these speakers whom we mention in particular was the correspondent of the Bulletin, whose graphic pen has pictured the rise of so many of our northern California ranchers from dollarless struggles to the positions of millionaires.

We also heard the advocates of the Free Market at Santa Rosa which was so successfully launched last Saturday, that when an observer arrived at noon, there was nothing left but two sacks of potatoes, a box of apples and an undersized watermelon. The market is a sure thing and displays all farm products, such as butter, eggs, etc., even to home made bread and cake and fancy needle work. It is no longer a proposi-

tion but a fine working fact. It is open Wednesdays and Saturdays of every week from midnight to two o'clock P. M.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT G. HARBUTT, Master.

#### SEBASTOPOL.

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

As Alternate to this 44th session of the California State Grange I bring greetings from our Worthy Master and members of Sebastopol Grange No. 306. We have held 23 regular and four special meetings during the year.

In December we entertained the Sonoma County Pomona Grange and on September 23rd we were honored by the presence of a number of our State officers. Among our distinguished guests were Worthy State Master Holmes and wife, Worthy State Overseer Peter Hanson and wife, Worthy State Steward Roy Church and wife, Worthy State Lecturer Mrs. Kate D. Hill, Worthy State Chaplain C. E. Wingate, Executive Committeeman S. L. Stice and wife, Past State Master W. V. Griffith and wife, and Robert P. Hill. At this meeting the Graces had very attractive displays of flowers, fruit, nuts and grains; also a tempting array of home made bread and pies, for which appropriate prizes were given. A very fine exhibit of hand needlework was shown. Our State officers furnished the program with the exception of the music. The visit was greatly appreciated by our Grange.

At one of our meetings Forestville Grange paid us a fraternal visit.

On July 15th Dr. Mead from the State University delivered a lecture on Rural Credits. This was given under the auspices of the Grange in conjunction with the Agricultural and Home Culture Clubs.

An "Old Time" social, open to the public, was given at the close of one of our meetings. Several of our members donated a number of boxes of apples to the children at Happy Land.

We have instituted a penny drill at our meetings for the purpose of raising a social fund, and it is a success. During the year we have kept in touch with all the live topics of the times as far as possible.



Although we have not accomplished all we would like to have done, we face the future with a strong determination to do more and better work.

Fraternally submitted,

MRS. M. McLEOD, Alternate.

#### SILVERADO.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

I have the pleasure of submitting the following report from Silverado Grange No. 370, P. of H.:

Considering the wet weather, the killing frost, dry season and other obstacles to contend with, we feel that we have done very well to hold our own and increase our membership somewhat. We are on our third year of Grange work at the head of Napa Valley. We have some good, loyal workers who are always ready with good suggestions or resolutions. We adopted a resolution relating to the "School Credits for Home Work" plan as used in the Calistoga grammar schools. This system had been tried with such success by the Principal of these schools, Brother J. F. Carney, that he introduced the resolution in our Grange, hoping thereby to influence other schools of the county to adopt the system also. We are pleased to say that this action, together with the work along this same line by the other Granges in the county, was largely responsible for the introduction of the system in our Napa county schools.

Brothers E. M. Billings and Fred Shaffer led a very interesting debate on Preparedness at one of our meetings.

We held a joint picnic again this year with Napa and Ruth-erford Granges. Our Worthy State Lecturer was present at this picnic and favored us with a stirring address on Grange work.

Edgar Allen Forbes, Secretary to Colonel Weinstock, gave us a very interesting talk on the State Market Commission.

The Grange bought several carloads of hay for its members at quite a saving of dollars and cents.

I had the very great pleasure, together with several others of our members, of being present at the dedication of Ruth-erford Grange Hall and enjoyed the very beautiful and impressive ceremony.

We have been favored with visits from members from other California Granges and also some from other States. We have had a wide awake Lecturer, who has prepared some



extra good programs. We hope to do better work than ever in the future.

Fraternally submitted,

A. V. TURNER, Master.

#### SONOMA COUNTY POMONA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

For the second time we bring you greetings from Sonoma County Pomona Grange. The enthusiasm that has existed with us is still maintained, the meetings all well attended and all of the members help to make the meetings interesting.

Our stated meetings are on the fourth Wednesday in January, April, July and October at 10 o'clock A. M. in Woodman Hall, Santa Rosa. The October meeting for 1915 was changed from Santa Rosa to Geyserville at the invitation of Geyserville Grange, as the Worthy Master of the National Grange and Sister Wilson were visiting their relatives there, Brother and Sister Griffith. In addition to Brother and Sister Wilson, we had the following officers of the State Grange with us: Worthy Master and Sister Holmes, Overseer and Sister Hanson, Lecturer and Brother Hill, Chaplain C. E. Wingate, Steward and Sister Church, Brother and Sister Stice of the Executive Committee, Past Master W. V. and Sister Griffith and Past Master E. T. Pettit.

This day was considered one of the greatest days the Patrons of this county ever enjoyed. The address of the National Master will long linger in our memory, as well as many others from the State officers, as will also the reception and entertainment given us by the members of Geyserville Grange.

Besides our regular meetings we were entertained by Sebastopol Grange in November, by Petaluma Grange in February and by Geyserville Grange early in May, this last being their Flora Day.

Our June meeting was spent with Bennett Valley Grange and in August we met with Two Rock Grange. Both these meetings were full of good things, as the Grange entertaining always furnishes the program except at our four stated meetings when our Lecturer, who is also the Worthy Lecturer of the California State Grange, has charge of the Lecture Hour. This hour is always open at our stated meetings and the Lecturer's program is always enjoyed by all in attendance.

In April we invited Market Commissioner Harris Weinstock to address us and his very interesting address was listened to by a large and interested gathering in Santa Rosa.

During the past year, we have lost by death Brother W. D. Robinson of Petaluma Grange and Sister Rachel Coulter, wife of a Past Master of the California State Grange.

This Grange endorsed the action taken by the State and National Granges relative to military preparedness, also adopted a resolution asking the Board of Supervisors to have printed in at least one of the county papers the expenditures of all public moneys in this county and endorsed the establishment of a Free County Library.

Our financial condition is good. We voted to assist all Subordinate Granges building their own halls, helped Bellevue Grange with its new hall and Bennett Valley Grange and Two Rock Grange, who were put to a considerable expense remodeling their halls.

At our next meeting, which will be on Wednesday, October 25th, the new officers will be installed. With our Brother Roy Church as our leader and the hearty co-operation of the ten Subordinate Granges in this county, I feel that we are in line for good work.

Fraternally submitted,

G. R. HARRISON, Master.

#### TULARE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Since Tulare Grange made its last report to the State Grange, it has moved to Sayre's Hall, located on the Sayre farm just outside of Tulare City. Our faithful members are doing all in their power to hold the Grange together and are hoping to make it a stronger organization during the coming year.

We have held two special meetings besides the usual regular meetings, have attended the joint installation of officers at Visalia and have held very successful joint initiations with Visalia Grange and had the pleasure of entertaining our Worthy Lecturer of the California State Grange, Mrs. Kate D. Hill, and her husband. Sister Hill gave us timely advice and created enthusiasm in Grange work.

The attendance has been small, but the interest has been good, due to the well prepared programs of the Worthy Lecturer, Sister Elsie B. Lawson.



We have met with two very serious losses in the deaths of our very able Secretary, Bertha I. Morris, and noble Brother John Tuohy. No one can know how we miss them. The following resolutions in memory of Brother Tuohy, unanimously adopted by both Tulare and Tulare County Pomona Granges, express the love and esteem of the members of his own Grange, the Patrons of the county, and we might say, of all who knew him:

Whereas, It has pleased the Great Master of the Universe to take from among us our worthy and esteemed Brother, John Tuohy; and

Whereas, The long and intimate relations held with him in the faithful discharge of his duties in this Order make it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of him; therefore, be it

Resolved, That during all our years of association with him we have found him to be a man of unimpeachable character, of sterling worth, integrity and ability and one who has justly commanded our highest respect and admiration; and be it

Resolved, That the wisdom and ability which he has exercised in the aid of our Order and all humanity by unselfish service, contributions and counsel will be held in grateful remembrance; and be it

Resolved, That the removal of such a life from our Grange leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be deeply realized by all the members and friends of our Order and will prove a serious loss to the Order, to the community and to the public; and be it

Resolved, That we tender to the relatives of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement; that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Grange, a copy be furnished to the local papers, the Grange section of "Orchard and Farm," and a copy forwarded to the bereaved relatives.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS JACOB, Alternate.

TULARE COUNTY POMONA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

I bring to you the heartiest of greetings from the Patrons of Tulare county, who wish the State Grange a most profitable and enjoyable 44th annual session.



We have just about held our own in membership, as you will see by the tabulated report in the Journal of Proceedings, and our financial condition is good.

We have held our regular quarterly meetings, which have been well attended and interesting.

Sister Howell is a wide-awake Lecturer and her excellent programs have brought forth animated discussions on Preparedness, Irrigation Problems, Farm Adviser, Parcel Post Efficiency, Federal Farm Loan Act, and resulted in the adoption of resolutions favoring the appointment of Colonel Weinstock as State Market Commissioner, favoring the Casey bill, the passage of the Jones bill and opposing the Shields bill.

December 11th, 1915, we met in Visalia. This session was especially productive of much benefit to the Grange, it being our good fortune to have with us Brother and Sister Hill of Santa Rosa Grange. Sister Hill as Worthy State Lecturer gave a very able address on Grange principles and presented a method of securing members who would likely remain with the Grange always.

The entire Board of Supervisors was present at this meeting and answered many vexing taxation problems of vital interest to the Tulare county taxpayers.

Strong resolutions were passed endorsing State Market Commissioner, Colonel Weinstock, and offering the assistance of the Grange in every possible way. We asked every Grange in the State to pass similar resolutions and forward them to the Executive Committee of the California State Grange.

On January 8th, 1916, a special meeting was held in Visalia for a joint installation of officers of the Pomona and Subordinate Granges in Tulare county; also for joint initiation of candidates in the first and second degrees.

Though the day was stormy, a goodly number of Patrons were present and the work of installation was splendidly carried out by Brother Charles Collins, ably assisted by Sister Emily Jacob, Brother Collins' well chosen remarks being especially full of earnestness and devotion to the Order.

A vote of greetings was sent to Brother Tuohy, a faithful and unselfish worker in the Grange, and who has since passed away.

Greetings were also sent to Sister Morris of Tulare, who has also passed away since that time.

Five candidates were instructed in the first and second de-

grees. The work was rendered in a very impressive manner, with Sister Jacob acting as Worthy Master.

The joint annual Grange picnic was held in April in the Mooney Grove of eighty acres of grand old oaks saved through the influence of the Grange.

The Granges were well represented and the entire program, especially the addresses of W. P. Bartlett on the Forestry Board and its work and A. E. Miot on the San Diego Exposition, were greatly enjoyed by all present.

Upon recommendation of Pomona Grange, Sister Della B. Howell of Poplar Grange was appointed County Deputy, and her first work was to appoint a meeting with Alpaugh Grange, which was in need of assistance, being located in a new colony where conditions were hard but improving.

Alpaugh has never been represented in the State Grange, their finances being limited, and we think some provision should be made to defray the expenses of their delegate from the State Grange Treasury.

Sister Howell's very able address on the work and advantages of a strong Grange ought to greatly encourage them.

Brother Jacob told of the Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Association and of its great advantage over the old line companies.

Brother Schulp spoke on one of the amendments to be voted on at the November election. Brother and Sister Taggard of Poplar and your humble servant of Dinuba added their testimony to the great value of the Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

F. S. CLIFTON, Master.

## TWO ROCK.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange, Greetings:

Once more I have the honor to report to you from Two Rock Grange No. 152.

Our first task after our report last year, was the completion of the remodeling of our Grange Hall. This was finished in time for our newly elected officers to start in their terms of office with a well equipped, commodious and comfortable building.

We started the year by having with us our honored State Master, Joseph Holmes, as installing officer. Past State Master W. V. Griffith was also with us. Both these distinguished



Patrons gave us words of inspiration and encouragement, which were appreciated by all.

Our Worthy Lecturer has from time to time presented special programs. The celebration of Washington's, Lincoln's and Longfellow's birthdays were combined in one very interesting meeting. A program was rendered by several of our younger members, who read papers prepared for the occasion.

One meeting was set apart for the potato growers. At this meeting we had Sister Neilson from Sebastopol give us expert advice on potato growing.

We held our usual memorial services, conducted by Worthy State Chaplain C. E. Wingate, who delivered the eulogy. All who availed themselves of the privilege of being present felt well repaid.

On another afternoon, we met jointly with Petaluma Grange to discuss ways and means of maintaining the high standard of the Petaluma egg. An expert from San Francisco gave us a talk on the subject.

We entertained the Pomona Grange in August. This is an annual event, to which we all look forward with pleasure.

Last Friday was what we call school day. All the pupils of the three districts in our community were brought in automobiles to the Grange Hall, where they exhibited specimens of their work, and carried out a program showing some of the late methods of primary education. This is but one of a series of such meetings that we hope to have, with the object of drawing parents, teachers and pupils in closer relations. In this and other ways we have been trying to get the people to think, talk and act together. It has been discouraging sometimes, but we feel that some ground has been gained. Some of our older members are renewing their interest and several of our younger ones are acquiring a real understanding of the purposes of the Order.

Our financial condition is excellent. We appreciate and thank the State Grange for setting aside a fund for improving as well as building Grange Halls. We have just purchased a piano to add to the pleasure of our entertainments and dances, of which we had several during the year.

We are always trying to get the brothers and sisters to do, through the Grange, that which will benefit our community, the State and the Nation.

Fraternally submitted,

HAROLD L. MARTIN, Master.



## VISALIA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Visalia Grange No. 353 sends greetings. We are pleased to report that Visalia Grange has had a very successful year. The members have displayed good will and harmony in their Grange work.

Our meetings have been well attended and the interest good especially during the Lecturer's hour, when interesting subjects are always presented and discussed.

In January the Tulare County Granges held a joint initiation in the first and second degrees and a joint installation of officers followed by a harvest feast.

During the year Tulare and Visalia Granges have held two joint meetings and have planned to hold a joint meeting every quarter. These meetings create Grange enthusiasm and make the degree work better.

Visalia Grange was well represented at the annual joint picnic held in our beautiful county park. The picnic was a great success and will long be remembered as a day of profit and pleasure by all those in attendance.

Fraternally submitted,

MRS. B. C. ANDERSON, Master.

Note—Statistics relating to membership will be found in the tabulated report on page 100.

The following resolutions were introduced:

**RESOLUTIONS.**

Resolution introduced by Napa Grange, relating to State Highway Bonds, referred to Committee on Good Roads.

Resolution introduced by Rutherford Grange, relating to a standard type of Farm Lease, referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution introduced by Santa Clara County Pomona Grange, relating to an amendment to the Smith-Hughes bill, referred to Committee on Education.

Resolution introduced by Aromas Grange, relating to Budget System in State and National Appropriations, referred to Legislative Committee.

Resolution introduced by Aromas Grange, relating to Econ-

omy in Government Expenditures, referred to Legislative Committee.

Resolution introduced by Aromas Grange, relating to Double Election Boards, referred to Legislative Committee.

Resolution introduced by Aromas Grange, relating to the use of Semaphores at Railroad Crossings, referred to Legislative Committee.

Resolution introduced by Dr. E. C. Abbott of San Jose Grange, relating to Standard Granges, referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution introduced by Sister Clara Moore of Santa Rosa Grange, relating to Choral Singing in the Grange, referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution introduced by Sister Rhoda Lambert of Sacramento Grange, referring to the Per Capita Tax, referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution introduced by Brother M. T. Hunt of Sacramento Grange, relating to Direct Dealing between Producer and Consumer.

The Worthy Master appointed the following committees and substitutes on committees:

Press Committee—Worthy Lecturer, Kate D. Hill, Brothers Edwin D. Sweetser and H. G. Keesling and Sister G. W. Worthen.

Good of the Order—Sisters Mary J. Worthen and Mamie Sanford.

Division of Labor—Brothers W. V. Griffith, Dr. E. C. Abbott, F. W. Bush and Sister Mamie Sanford.

Taxation—Brothers E. T. Pettit, W. E. Cole, F. H. Dorn and Sisters E. A. Junior and P. J. Bryant.

Memorial—Worthy Chaplain C. E. Wingate, Brother Robt. G. Harbutt and Sisters Annie Brigham and Mira More.

Resolutions—Brothers Granville Libby, J. C. Griffin, James Eddie and Sisters E. H. Freeman and E. K. Clendenening.

Dormant Granges—Brothers E. K. Clendenening and Roy Church, and Sisters Mary L. Church and Allena Collins.

Education—Sister Eliza J. Farrell and Brother W. E. Cole.

Finance—Brothers A. R. Gallaway, B. F. McLeod and Harry Jackson.

Charity—Sisters Minnie Church, Vernie B. Clifton and Cassie Deming.

Pomona Feast—Brother A. Van Maren and Sisters W. V. Griffith and G. R. Harrison.

Mileage and Per Diem—Brothers Warren S. White, C. Weidersheim and A. S. Hall.

Fifth and Sixth Degrees—Brothers G. R. Harrison, M. T. Hunt and G. H. Brigham.

Credentials—Brothers W. H. Livingston, A. V. Turner and E. A. Junior.

Several announcements were made and a recess declared to two o'clock P. M.

#### AFTERNOON.

Grange was called to order at two o'clock P. M. by the Worthy Master. The Committee on Credentials offered a further report which was adopted. Recess was taken for the purpose of hearing an address by W. D. Egelbert, Secretary of the California Development Board, on the Fifteen Million Dollar Bond Issue for the completion of the State Highway System. Also Clovis A. Farnsworth, Publicity Agent for the California Development Board and Edward Berwick on "Getting the World Together." This last distinguished speaker gave a very lucid and eloquent address on the so-called American plan for a stable world's peace.

#### MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

The hour for the memorial exercises having arrived, the Worthy Chaplain presented the following program: Song. "Who Will Reap?" Grange; Scripture reading. Remarks, Chaplain; Placing tribute of flowers on the altar for:

Harvey R. Eddie, Past Master of Danville Grange No. 85, by Sister Mira More.

Mrs. Rachel M. Coulter, wife of Past State Master S. T. Coulter, by Sister Fannie Gamble.

John Tuohy, Past Master Tulare Grange, by Brother Thomas Jacob.

Daniel Flint, Past Master State Grange, State Lecturer and Treasurer, by State Master Joseph Holmes.

Mrs. Mary E. Flint, wife of Past State Master, by State Master Joseph Holmes.



Mrs. Maria Krull, wife of Past Master Elk Grove Grange, by Sister J. A. Simons.

Dr. James Caples, Past Master Elk Grove Grange, by Brother L. S. Dart.

Mrs. Martha L. Renwick, wife of Past Master of Napa, Martinez, Temescal and Oakland Granges, by State Secretary Nellie W. Hunt.

Memory Silence; Prayer by Chaplain; Song, "Work for the Night Is Coming," Grange.

Grange was reopened in the fourth degree and the President of the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association, Brother Thomas Jacob made a complete report of the work of the Temporary Board of Directors. Moved by Brother Dudgeon and duly seconded that the report be accepted. Carried.

After several announcements, Grange stood at recess until after the Lecturer's Hour which was made the special order of business for eight o'clock P. M. and was to be an open meeting.

#### EVENING.

The Lecturer's Hour was the special order of business and under the direction of the Worthy Lecturer, Mrs. Kate D. Hill, the following program was presented:

Resume of the Lecturer's Work for the Past Year, Sister Kate D. Hill.

Song, "The Farmer Feeds Them All," Grange.

Paper on "Music in the Home and Grange," Sister G. R. Gage of Santa Rosa Grange.

Violin Solo, Prof. Wallace.

"Forces Co-operating for Rural Betterment," Sister Margaret McNaught, State Commissioner of Elementary Education, of Sacramento Grange.

Reading, Original Poems, Myrle Lampson.

Song, "America," Grange.

Grange was then opened in the fourth degree, several announcements were made, and the meeting closed in form.

#### THIRD DAY—THURSDAY.

##### FORENOON.

Grange was opened in ample form at 9:30 A. M. by the Worthy Master, Joseph Holmes. The A. W. was taken up

by the Assistant Steward and the Lady Assistant Steward, assisted by Sister Leila O. White.

After an opening song, "The Farmer Feeds Them All," the roll of Granges was called and 32 Granges responded.

The minutes of the previous meeting read, corrected and approved.

The Committee on Order of Business offered its final report, which was, on motion of Brother Libby, seconded by Brother Turner, adopted.

The Committee on Credentials asked for further time, which was granted.

The election of a member of the Executive Committee being next in order, the Worthy Master appointed Brother Freeman and Sister White to act as tellers. Ballot being had, Brother G. R. Harrison having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared elected Executive Committeeman for three years. Brother Harrison acknowledged the honor conferred upon him with a few appropriate remarks.

Sister Harriet L. Pettit presented the report of the Woman's Work Committee. On motion of Sister White, duly seconded, the report was accepted and a vote of thanks tendered the committee for its able and painstaking report.

Brother G. W. Worthen offered the general report of the Committee on Co-operation, which, on motion of Brother Abbott, seconded by Brother Farrell, was accepted, and the Executive Committee authorized to carry out the recommendation of the committee regarding a purchasing agent for the Grange.

Brother W. V. Griffith offered the report of the Committee on Division of Labor, which, on motion of Brother Hunt, duly seconded, was adopted.

Brother A. R. Gallaway stated that the automobile excursion for Patrons would leave the Plaza at 1:30 P. M.

A recess was then taken until eight o'clock P. M.

#### AFTERNOON.

The members were tendered an automobile excursion through Alexander Valley and returned via Dry Creek Valley.

#### EVENING.

Grange called to order at eight o'clock P. M. by the Worthy Master, who proceeded to close in the fourth degree and open



in the fifth degree. Twenty Patrons were then given the fifth degree by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes, assisted by the other State officers. Those taking this degree were:

H. Abramsen, H. J. Baade, P. J. Bryant, Mrs. Rose U. Bryant, Mrs. Theresa J. Foster, E. H. Freeman, Mrs. Dorothy D. Freeman, Mrs. Alice H. Goddard, J. C. Griffin, Mrs. Mary J. Griffin, Arne Hanson, Henry W. Luhrs, Mrs. Louisa Luhrs, B. F. McLeod, Mrs. Clara Moore, W. H. Nance, Mrs. S. M. Nance, C. H. Patchett, Mrs. Rose H. Patchett, A. V. Turner.

Grange was then closed in the fifth degree and opened in the sixth degree and the Worthy Master, assisted by the other State officers, conferred this degree on the following Patrons:

H. Abramsen, Mrs. Mary A. Amesbury, H. J. Baade, Olnéy E. Bremner, Miss Joey J. Brown, P. J. Bryant, Mrs. Rose U. Bryant, Mrs. Cerdenia E. Burnham, Herbert G. Comstock, Mrs. Eppie Comstock, Mrs. Theresa J. Foster, E. H. Freeman, Mrs. Dorothy D. Freeman, Geo. R. Gage, Mrs. Caroline B. Gage, Mrs. Alice H. Goddard, J. C. Griffin, Mrs. Mary J. Griffin, Arne Hanson, Bert L. Harris, Mrs. Emma Harris, James B. Jacobs, Mrs. Emma Jacobs, Mrs. Elinor Libby, Mrs. Viola Linebaugh, H. W. Luhrs, Mrs. Louisa Luhrs, B. F. McLeod, Mrs. Clara Moore, Arnold Necesal, Mrs. Anna Necesal, C. H. Patchett, Mrs. Rose H. Patchett, Miss Anne Presley, A. V. Turner, Mrs. Martha J. Watson, C. Weidersheim, Mrs. Lilian Weidersheim.

The Feast of Pomona was then served in Fox's Hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion by the members of Progressive Grange.

Grange was closed in the sixth, reopened in the fourth degree and closed in form.

#### FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY.

##### FORENOON.

Grange was opened in ample form at 9:30 P. M. by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes. The Assistant Steward and the Lady Assistant Steward were assisted in taking up the A. W. by Brother Ray Gould and Sister Roy Church.

After a song, "Maid," the minutes of the previous day were read, corrected and approved. The special order of business for this hour was the hearing of invitations and the selection of a place of meeting for the next annual session of the State Grange. An invitation was extended by Brother H. J. Baade,



Master of Napa Grange, in behalf of the three Granges of Napa county, to meet in Napa in 1917. Brother W. E. Cole from Rutherford Grange and Brother A. V. Turner from Silverado Grange seconded Brother Baade's invitation with appropriate remarks. Moved by Brother Libby, seconded by Brother Farrell, that the invitation to meet in Napa be accepted. Carried.

The Committee on Credentials offered their several partial reports as a final report which on motion of Brother Hanson, seconded by Brother Harrison, was accepted.

The Worthy Master then declared a short recess.

Grange called to order by the Worthy Master and the reports of committees were resumed. The chairman of the Committee on Order of Business moved the adoption of the following amendment to the order of business for the fourth day: Insert after Section 4, Unfinished Business, New Business, Reports of Committees. Motion seconded and adopted.

Brother Abbott offered a resolution relating to Standard Granges. Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Brother Warren S. White read the report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, which was adopted.

The report of the Executive Committee, consisting of the minutes of all the meetings of this committee during the year, was read by the Secretary. On motion of Brother Worthen, duly seconded, the report was accepted.

Brother A. R. Gallaway offered the report of the Committee on Finance and moved its adoption. Motion seconded by Brother Harrison and carried.

Brother G. W. Worthen presented a partial report for the Committee on Co-operation and moved its adoption. Motion seconded and carried. Brother Worthen then requested that the Chairman of the Committee on Co-operation of Sacramento County Pomona Grange, Brother George Sehlmeier, give an oral report of the work done by his committee. Brother Sehlmeier gave a comprehensive report showing that the members of the Order in Sacramento county had been able to save a considerable amount on gasoline engines, automobile tires, etc.

Brother Worthen also requested that the Master of Sacramento County Pomona Grange, Brother M. T. Hunt, give an account of the recent successful demonstration of the David Lubin Plan of direct dealing between producer and consumer as tried out by that Grange. Brother Hunt gave a

clear and concise account of the experiment in question. Further discussion of this subject was made a special order for three o'clock P. M.

Brother Pettit presented a partial report of the Committee on Taxation and moved its adoption. Carried.

Brother Pettit offered as a further partial report from the Taxation Committee a majority report recommending the substitution resolution (see page 91) for the resolution introduced by Danville Grange.

Sister Rose U. Bryant offered a minority report indorsing the original resolution.

The majority report was sustained.

The partial reports were adopted as the complete report of the Committee.

Grange then stood at recess until 1:30 P. M.

#### AFTERNOON.

Grange was reopened at 1:30 P. M. by the Worthy Master.

Sister Minnie Church offered the report for the Committee on Charity, which was adopted.

Brother W. E. Cole read the report for the Committee on Education. On motion of Brother Bryant, seconded by Brother H. G. Keesling, the report was adopted.

On motion of Brother Dorn, seconded by Brother Jacob, the report of the Committee on Grange Scholarship adopted October 18, 1912, was rescinded.

A partial report from the Committee on Good Roads was made by the Chairman, Brother M. T. Hunt. On motion of Brother Bush, seconded by Brother Dorn, the partial report was adopted.

By request, Brother W. B. Whitney of Progressive Grange explained the Savage Act.

At this point in the proceedings, the Grange was favored with a recitation from Sister Carrie Holmes.

The hour for the special order of business having arrived, the discussion was resumed on the "David Lublin Plan for Direct Dealing Between Producer and Consumer." The entire plan was thoroughly presented and discussed.

Brother M. T. Hunt offered a resolution (see page 74) endorsing the plan. On motion of Brother Libby, seconded by Brother Turner, the resolution was adopted.

Brother M. T. Hunt offered a further partial report of the



Committee on Good Roads, which was adopted. The partial reports of this committee were then adopted as their complete report.

The partial reports of the Committee on Co-operation were then adopted as a complete report.

Sister Clara Moore of Santa Rosa Grange, introduced a resolution relating to choral singing in the Grange (see page 74). On motion of Brother E. C. Abbott, seconded by Brother F. L. Hunt, the motion was adopted.

Sister Rhoda Lambert of Sacramento Grange, offered a resolution relating to the per capita tax, which was referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

Sister M. J. Worthen presented a report from the Committee on Good of the Order, which was adopted.

Brother F. L. Hunt offered the report from the Legislative Committee, which was considered seriatim.

Recommendation No. 1—That the resolution from Aromas Grange relating to the Budget System of Government expenditures be endorsed. This recommendation was adopted.

Recommendation No. 2—That the resolution from Aromas Grange relating to semaphores at railroad crossings be endorsed. Ordered laid on the table.

Recommendation No. 3—That the resolution from Aromas Grange relating to Economy in Government Expenditures by Use of Postal Facilities be endorsed. Recommendation adopted.

Recommendation No. 4—That the ideas expressed in the resolution from Aromas Grange relating to Double Election Boards be endorsed. Recommendation adopted.

Moved by Brother Harbutt, duly seconded, that the report as a whole be adopted in accordance with the action taken by the Grange. Carried.

A recess was then taken till eight o'clock P. M.

#### EVENING.

Grange was called to order at eight o'clock P. M. by the Worthy Master.

Brother E. K. Clendening presented a report for the Committee on Dormant Granges, which was adopted.



The report of the Committee on Resolutions, which consisted of resolutions of thanks (see page 75) was read by the chairman of the committee, Brother Granville Libby, who moved its adoption. Motion seconded by Brother M. T. Hunt and carried unanimously by a rising vote.

On motion of Brother Worthen, seconded by Brother Harrison, the report was ordered sent to the Press Committee for publication.

Brother H. G. Keesling offered the report for the Press Committee, which was, on motion of Brother Farrell, seconded by Brother Abbott, adopted.

The resolution introduced by Sister Lambert relating to the per capita tax was, by the Worthy Master, ruled to be unconstitutional.

The report of the Committee on Conservation was made by its chairman, Brother Thomas Jacob, and adopted.

The President of the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association then announced the names of the newly appointed county agents.

On motion made by Brother Dudgeon, seconded by Brother Clifton, a vote of thanks was tendered the Temporary Board of Directors of the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association for their faithful services.

By request, the Worthy Master read portions of the cypher code and exemplified portions of the secret work.

On motion of Brother E. T. Pettit, seconded by Brother M. T. Hunt, the approval of the minutes of the last day's session was left to the Executive Committee.

Short speeches were made by Brothers Deming, Tibbetts and F. L. Hunt on "Good of the Order."

Brother A. R. Gallaway expressed his thanks for the many kindly words spoken of Progressive Grange. Brother Geo. H. Brigham also added words of appreciation.

Worthy Master Holmes expressed his appreciation of the efforts of Progressive Grange to make this session pleasant and noteworthy for its many attractive features.

All joined in singing "As We Go Forth to Labor" and the Grange was closed in form until the third Tuesday in October, 1917.

## SIXTH DEGREE MEMBERS.

List of members given sixth degree, Oakland, November 11th, 1915:

## From California.

## Grange.

*Blow, Ben .....	Napa
Bosch, Mrs. Louisa .....	Geyserville
Bosch, John D. ....	Geyserville
Brooks, Joseph T. ....	San Jose
*Busch, Mrs. Hettie .....	Potter Valley
*Church, Miss Amy .....	Two Rock
Church, Miss Flora May .....	Two Rock
Church, Ralph M. ....	Two Rock
*Clark, Joseph .....	Sacramento
Clifton, Mrs. Vernie B. ....	Dinuba
Dean, Mrs. Ruth Ellen .....	San Jose
*Dyer, Mrs. R. C. ....	Oakland
Ellis, Mrs. Belle .....	Geyserville
Folk, B. W. ....	Mountain View
Ford, Mrs. Ruth P. ....	Bellevue
Grattan, Mrs. Lavinia .....	Orchard City
*Greer, Myron .....	Capital
Hill, Mrs. Kate D. ....	Santa Rosa
Hill, Robert P. ....	Santa Rosa
Holland, Mrs. Rachel .....	San Jose
La Due, Miss Alice .....	Bennett Valley
Magowan, S. ....	Cotati
Martin, Mrs. Edith .....	Capital
Maxwell, J. E. ....	Valley Oaks
*Maxfield, Mrs. Nellie R. ....	Oakland
*Maxfield, Geo. H. ....	Oakland
Olson, H. C. ....	Cotati
*Poston, Mrs. Nellie .....	Rutherford
Scheibel, Mrs. Frances L. ....	Bellevue
Smith, Mrs. Flora M. ....	Geyserville
Smith, John C. ....	Geyserville
Sohler, Mrs. Luella B. ....	Geyserville
Stice, Mrs. Florence .....	Two Rock
Stice, Ivan .....	Two Rock
Summers, Mrs. Esther .....	San Jose
*Tuttle, Miss Grace Laura .....	Mountain View
Warner, Mrs. Eva .....	San Jose

White, Chas. E.....	Forestville
White, Mrs. Leila O.....	Forestville
*Wicker, Miss Kate.....	Oakland
Wilcox, Mrs. L. L.....	Geyserville
Williamson, Mrs. Viola E.....	San Jose
*Whittaker, Mrs. Lena M.....	Potter Valley
Wood, Miss Charlotte E.....	Danville

From other States.	Name of State.
Apel, Miss Elsie.....	Colorado
Barker, Miss Kate J.....	New Hampshire
Eowker, Mrs. Rebecca M.....	Maine
Cole, Mrs. Ida D.....	New Hampshire
Cole, Wallace W.....	New Hampshire
*Cook, Mrs. Minnie S.....	New York
*Cruttenden, W. D.....	Connecticut
Degener, Armin.....	New York
*Emery, Mrs. Sarah.....	Maine
Gould, Mrs. Annie M.....	New Hampshire
Hedges, Sam'l C.....	New Hampshire
Helgensen, H.....	Washington
Higgins, Miss Belle.....	Washington
Higgins, V. L.....	Washington
Higgins, Mrs. Emma L.....	Washington
Holden, Thos. A.....	Washington
Holley, Miss Ella.....	Rhode Island
Kelnigard, J. S.....	Washington
Knowles, Mrs. Clara M.....	Rhode Island
McMillian, Emma J.....	New Hampshire
*Muney, Mrs. Ella.....	New York
*Phelps, Mrs. Lunetta.....	New York
*Sanderson, Mrs. Clara E.....	New York
Singer, Mrs. Rachel J.....	Washington
Stratton, Arthur S.....	New York
Taylor, Miss Ruth L.....	Massachusetts
Taylor, W. G.....	Ohio
Wheeler, Miss Bernice.....	Connecticut
Whittemore, Mrs. Lizzie L.....	New Hampshire

Conferred by ladies' drill team from Sacramento County  
Pomona Grange.

Note—Those marked with a star (\*) received the fifth degree also.



**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE  
GRANGE.****RELATING TO STANDARD TYPES OF FARM LEASES.**

(Introduced by Rutherford Grange.)

Whereas, in seeking improvement in social life, the rural school, the better education of rural children, co-operative marketing, systematic farming, and community spirit, we are inevitably met with the adverse factor inherent and due to the prevalent methods of short term lease of farm lands; and

Whereas, this condition has been improved in certain localities by education in the desirability of a better system, and concrete information as to a more progressive system of lease and type of draft to be used; be it

Resolved, by Rutherford Grange that our State Grange should appoint a committee, or request the proper committee, to draft standard types of farm leases to be distributed among the Subordinate Granges and that they be urged to use the same in their respective communities; be it further

Resolved, that our delegate to the State Grange present this resolution to that body and work for the appointment of such committee.

**RELATING TO ECONOMY IN GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES.**

(Introduced by Aromas Grange.)

Resolved, by the California State Grange that, in view of the ever increasing rate of taxation, we favor the utmost economy in the expenditure of public funds, and as a step in this direction, we ask our Legislative Committee to recommend the passage of a law which shall allow jurors to be summoned and witnesses to be subpoenaed by registered mail and make a postoffice return registry receipt all the proof of service required of a juror for the service of a summons, or from a witness for a subpoena. Also to petition Congress to so amend the postal laws that our County Clerks may send out election supplies and receive election returns by mail at parcel post rates.

**RELATING TO FEDERAL GUIDANCE OF INDUSTRIAL  
AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.**

(Introduced by Santa Clara County Pomona Grange.)

Whereas, there is a great need for Federal Guidance of industrial and vocational education; be it

Resolved, that the Pomona Grange of Santa Clara county urge the passage of an amendment to the Smith-Hughes bill giving such Federal guidance, and that a copy of this resolution be presented to the State Grange and by that Grange to the National Grange for like action.

#### RELATING TO STATE AND NATIONAL BUDGETS.

(Introduced by Aromas Grange.)

Resolved, that the State Grange of California favors the adoption of the Budget System providing for appropriations by both our State and National Governments.

#### RELATING TO FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLAR BOND ISSUE TO COMPLETE HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

(Introduced by Napa Grange.)

Whereas, the State of California has inaugurated a system of State highways which, when completed, will extend its entire length and connect all county seats in the State; and

Whereas, this system of highways is already more than half completed; and

Whereas, a great amount of preliminary expense such as surveys, the purchase of rights of way, more or less machinery, etc., has already been met in the building of that part of the road already done which, added to the very valuable experience already gained, would be of great value in the completion of the system and which would be lost if the system were not completed; and

Whereas, there will be submitted to the electors of the State at the general election in November, a bond issue for \$15,000,000 for the completion of the highways already so well started; therefore

Resolved, that we, the officers and members of Napa Grange No. 307, P. of H., hereby express ourselves as being heartily in favor of the bond issue referred to and we earnestly recommend that all electors give their support and votes to the same.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be submitted to the California State Grange at its session to be held in Healdsburg with a request that it urge all Patrons of Husbandry in the State to support the measure.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Napa County Farm Bureau with the request that they endorse the same or similar resolutions and urge other Farm Bureaus in the State to do the same.

RELATING TO DIRECT DEALING BETWEEN PRODUCER AND CONSUMER.

(Introduced by Brother M. T. Hunt of Sacramento Grange.)

Whereas, the plan known as the David Lubin Plan of Direct Dealing between producer and consumer has been successfully demonstrated by the Sacramento County Pomona Grange; and

Whereas, we believe that the adoption of this plan by Congress would work a great mutual benefit to both producer and consumer; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the California State Grange that we heartily endorse the plan and that we urge the members of Congress from California to use all honorable means to secure the adoption of the David Lubin Plan of direct dealing; and be it further

Resolved, that the delegates of the California State Grange to the National Grange urge the adoption of the above by the National Grange.

M. T. HUNT.

RELATING TO STANDARDIZED GRANGES.

(Introduced by Brother E. C. Abbott of San Jose Grange.)

Resolved, that the Subordinate Granges of the State of California be standardized and that the matter of standardizing the said Granges be placed in the hands of the Worthy State Lecturer with the assistance of the Worthy State Master and the Executive Committee with a request that same become effective in the year 1917.

RELATING TO CHORAL SINGING IN GRANGES.

(Introduced by Sister Clara Moore of Santa Rosa Grange.)

Be It Resolved, that it is the sense of the California State Grange in convention assembled, that all Subordinate Granges be urged to form Glee Clubs, such glee clubs to act as leaders in music in their respective Granges with the ob-



ject of training members to sing Grange songs in an acceptable manner.

#### RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Whereas, the 44th annual session of the State Grange of California has been the most pleasant and profitable session in its history; and

Whereas, we realize that much of the enjoyment of the occasion has been due to the untiring efforts of the members of Progressive Grange and other Sonoma County Patrons; therefore, be it

Resolved, that we extend our most sincere thanks to these good Patrons who have labored for our enjoyment.

In appreciation of the high class entertainment and banquet at the Tuesday evening reception, we would especially thank those not members of our Order who so kindly participated in the program, including the orchestra under the direction of Prof. Wallace, Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Gasser, Mr. James, Rev. Wilkenson and others.

We would also express our thanks for the enjoyable automobile ride given by the Business Men's Association and the Chamber of Commerce; be it also

Resolved, that we extend our thanks to the I. O. O. F. and other fraternal orders who have suffered inconvenience that we might occupy their hall.

To the press of Healdsburg for their reports of our deliberations.

To Mr. Edward Berwick for his inspiring talk on World Peace.

To Mr. W. D. Egilbert for his talk on Good Roads.

To Sister McNaught for her delightful talk on Education in the Rural Schools.

To Sister Gage for her excellent paper on Music, and to all others who have so graciously worked for the Good of the Order.

GRANVILLE LIBBY.

J. C. GRIFFIN.

MRS. E. H. FREEMAN.

JAMES EDDIE.

IDA M. CLENDENING.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AS ADOPTED BY THE  
CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE.****CREDENTIALS.**

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Committee on Credentials find that the following Granges are represented at this annual session by properly accredited delegates, towit:

American River—F. W. Bush, Alternate.

Antelope—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Junior, Master and wife.

Aromas, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Bryant, Alternate and wife.

Bennett Valley—Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Collins, Master and husband.

Castoria—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mathews, Master and wife.

Cotati—Samuel McGowan, Master.

Danville—Miss Mira More, Master.

Elk Grove—Harry Jackson, Master and wife.

Forestville—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. White, Alternate and wife.

Fort Romie—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dudgeon, Master and wife.

Geyserville—Mr. and Mrs. C. Weidersheim, Master and wife.

Greenfield—W. H. Livingston, Master.

Guenoc—Mr. and Mrs. Granville Libby, Master and wife.

King City—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Griffin, Master and wife.

Lincoln—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Freeman, Alternate and wife.

Live Oak—F. W. Dorn, Master.

Mountain View—R. P. Van Orden, Master.

Napa—F. L. Hunt, Alternate.

Oakland—Warren S. White, Alternate.

Orangevale—B. F. McLeod, Master.

Orchard City—Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Clendening, Master and wife.

Petaluma—Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hall, Alternate and wife.

Potter Valley—Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Eddie, Master and wife.

Progressive—Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Gallaway, Master and wife.

Rutherford—W. E. Cole, Master.

Sacramento—Miss Mamie Sanford, Master.

Sacramento County Pomona—Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Hunt, Master and wife.

San Jose—Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Abbott, Master and wife.

- Santa Clara County Pomona—Mr. and Mrs. M. Farrell,  
Master and wife.  
Santa Rosa—Robert G. Harbutt, Master.  
Sebastopol—Mr. and Mrs. M. McLeod, Alternate and husband.  
Silverado—A. V. Turner, Master.  
Sonoma County Pomona—Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Harrison,  
Master and wife.  
Tulare—Thomas Jacob, Alternate.  
Tulare County Pomona—Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Clifton, Master  
and wife.  
Two Rock—H. L. Martin, Master.  
Visalia—D. R. Deming, Alternate.  
Fraternally submitted,  
W. H. LIVINGSTON,  
E. A. JUNIOR,  
A. V. TURNER.

# ORDER OF BUSINESS.

## FIRST DAY—TUESDAY.

### FORENOON.

1. Opening of Grange in ample form in the Fifth Degree.
2. Roll Call of Officers.
3. Roll Call of Granges and Presentation of Credentials.
4. Appointment of Committees.

### AFTERNOON.

1. Report of Committee on Credentials.
2. Report of Committee on Order of Business.
3. Reports of State Officers.
4. Calling Roll of Granges for the Introduction of Reports and Resolutions Without Debate.
5. Motions and Resolutions.

### EVENING.

Public Reception by Citizens of Healdsburg and Members of Progressive Grange.

## SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY.

### FORENOON.

1. Roll Call of Granges.
2. Reading and Approval of Minutes of Previous Day.



## JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

3. Report of Committee on Order of Business.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.

## AFTERNOON.

1. Open Meeting for Public Speaking.
2. Memorial Services—Open Session.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. New Business.

## EVENING.

Lecturer's Program—Open Session.

## THIRD DAY—THURSDAY.

## FORENOON.

1. Roll Call of Granges.
2. Reading and Approval of Minutes of Previous Day.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Report of Committee on Order of Business.
5. Election of Member of Executive Committee.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. New Business.
8. Reports of Committees.

## AFTERNOON.

Automobile Excursion, starting at 1:30 P. M.

## EVENING.

Conferring fifth and sixth degrees, followed by feast of Pomona.

## FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY.

## FORENOON.

1. Roll Call of Granges.
2. Reading and Approval of Minutes of Previous Day.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Selection of place of holding next session of State Grange.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Reports of Committees.

AFTERNOON.

1. Unfinished Business.
2. Reports of Committees.
3. New Business.

EVENING.

1. Unfinished Business.
2. Closing Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

PETER HANSON.

JOHN A. ELLIS.

DIVISION OF LABOR.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Committee on Division of Labor recommends that the portions of the Worthy Master's Report relating to Co-operation and Rural Credits be referred to the Committee on Co-operation, that portion relating to Education to the Committee on Education, that portion relating to Taxation to the Committee on Taxation, that portion relating to Good Roads to the Committee on Good Roads.

Fraternally submitted,

W. V. GRIFFITH.

E. C. ABBOTT.

F. W. BUSH

MAMMIE SANFORD.

LEGISLATION.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Committee on Legislation beg leave to report on the resolutions referred to it as follows:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO DOUBLE ELECTION  
BOARDS.

(Introduced by Aromas Grange.)

"Resolved, that the California State Grange recommends the passage of a law providing for double election boards in California, and the counting of ballots during the day; and for this purpose we recommend amending Section 1142 of the election law to make all election boards consist of one inspector, one judge, and two clerks, and in all precincts

of over one hundred registration, an additional or counting board of one judge and three clerks.

Amending Section 1203 to provide for two ballot boxes in all precincts having over one hundred registration.

Amending Sections 1073, 1174, 1256, 1261, 1262, and striking out Section 1229 to do away with duplicate poll lists. (These poll lists have been superceded by the roster of voters and are now of no value).

Also striking out Sections 1254, and 1255 (as they are not needed under our present ballot law.)

Amending Section 1252 so that where there is a separate counting board they shall count the ballots at 9 A. M., 11 A. M., 2 P. M., 4 P. M., and 6 P. M. When the hour arrives for closing the polls, both the receiving and counting boards shall continue the work of counting, tabulating, and summarizing the votes, and making the certificates as to the result of the election. The members of both boards shall unite in signing the returns.

Adding a new section providing that the counting board shall report for duty at 9 A. M., and may relieve the receiving board from 12 M. to 1 P. M., and be allowed a recess from 1 P. M. to 2 P. M."

We approve the ideas expressed in the foregoing resolution, and recommend that it be referred to our successors in office and that they have a bill prepared embodying these ideas and presented at the next session of the Legislature.

We recommend the adoption of the resolutions introduced by Aromas Grange relating to

(1) Budget System of Government Expenditures. (see page 73).

(2) Economy in Government Expenditures by use of the Postal Facilities. (see page 72).

Fraternally submitted,

F. L. HUNT,  
W. V. GRIFFITHS,  
E. M. BILLINGS,  
MRS. JENNIE DUDGEON.

#### CO-OPERATION.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:  
Your Committee on Co-operation beg leave to report as follows:



This being the Fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, it is fitting that we note upon what our order is built.

Section 2 of the act of incorporation of the National Grange states that the object of the corporation hereby created is the promotion of agricultural and kindred pursuits by inducing co-operation among the farmers and those alike interested for their mutual benefit and improvement.

The term co-operation in the Grange sense is not confined to business enterprises alone. However, that is a very important part and essential to the upbuilding of the order in our state.

Your Committee presents two methods of buying and selling for your consideration, hoping that you will take measures to put into successful operation the business of "buying and selling together" as stated in our Declaration of Purposes.

The first plan is the one adopted by the State of Washington and is explained in a letter which we submit as a supplementary report.

The second plan is, as mentioned by the Worthy Master, having a purchasing and a selling agent for the State Grange in San Francisco.

Your chairman has talked with the wholesaler and learned that he does not consider it fair to sell to the retailer and also sell to persons who would otherwise be customers of the retailer.

For any number of persons to club their orders and buy at wholesale jobbers' rates, it is necessary to have a store. That store need not be expensive nor located where rent is high. The keeper of the store would be the selling agent. In the name of the grange he could purchase for the members and distribute the orders which he would receive. He would buy and sell on commission and would be able to buy at low wholesale rates by clubbing orders.

In Ohio the Executive Committee employed an agent. There is not space in this written report for particulars. Some one will have to take this matter in hand and put it into operation. No scheme of co-operation is self operating.

Your chairman has not the strength to do this work. The personnel of the Committee on Co-operation changes from

year to year. We see no way but for the Executive Committee to take hold of this work. We therefore request the Grange to so instruct them, that the work may be taken up without delay.

Your Committee also recommends, regarding that portion of the Worthy Master's Report which was referred to it, that the Chairman of the Co-operative Committee of the Sacramento County Pomona Grange, Brother Sehlmeier, be requested to present the plan of co-operation adopted by that grange, this subject to be open for discussion and action. Also that Brother M. T. Hunt be requested to make a report on the David Lubin plan of Direct Marketing of Farm Products by Means of the Parcel Post.

Your committee also commends the lucid exposition of the law on Rural Credits in the Worthy Master's Report and desires to express the hope that its workings will prove as beneficial as its promoters have anticipated.

We suggest that provision should be made for the industrious person who wishes to secure a home and who has little capital except his labor, honesty and ability to buy land with. He should be under obligation to improve this land which would make it increase in value and thereby afford ample security.

Fraternally submitted,

G. W. WORTHEN.  
ALLENA COLLINS.  
G. R. HARRISON.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Kent Washington, July 26, 1916.

Dear Sir and Brother:- Your communication has been passed to me for reply, I take pleasure in submitting the following:

Our Grange Co-operative work has been and is most satisfactory and we are working along the following lines. We first organized a co-operative trading company known as The Grangers' Warehouse Co. of Covington, Washington, though now located at Kent. We incorporated as a regular commercial company, embodying in our constitution provisions covering buying, selling and manufacturing all kinds of properties and goods, wares and merchandise, exactly as

your big wholesale firm of Tillman & Bendel did. We then rented a lot on a siding near the railroad depot (this is quite essential, as it saves cartage) erected a cheap warehouse building thereon and stocked up with staple groceries, hay and feed. Our Board of Trustees engaged a store manager and contracted to pay him, as salary, 3 per cent on all goods sold at the store. He buys and sells all goods handled in the business. He must, with this commission, pay himself and all help necessary for the store system. This is fair, for, if the business grows so he cannot handle it alone, the increase business will pay a clerk.

The manager must keep a good system of accounting in order that the business may be thoroughly checked up monthly by the Trustees. In addition to this 3 per cent, we also add 1 per cent to all sales made, which keeps up a sinking fund to incidental expenses such as rent, insurance, light, water, stationery, interest (where we borrow money from our banker to buy car lots of feed etc.,) and sundry items other than manager and clerks. So we charge the customer a total of 4 per cent on every purchase, of which 3 per cent goes to the management, and 1 per cent to sinking fund, monthly.

We first incorporated with a capital stock of Four Thousand Dollars, 800 shares at \$5.00 per share, selling not less than 5 shares nor more than 20 shares to any one member. Each member having but one vote regardless of the number of shares held. On this \$4,000.00 investment we are saving to our members, as against retail prices at the private stores, \$16,000.00 to \$20,000.00 per year. In addition to this profit, our manager, who is a "live wire," has found a market for our berries, eggs, potatoes, etc., in the large cities and in other States, which shows a net profit to us of fully \$5,000.00 per year. This, of course, increased the manager's income on the 3 per cent commission basis, which proves the value of that system as compared with a guaranteed salary. No business, no salary.

With this organization as a foundation, we are now preparing to build a creamery for our dairying members, who, for years, have been at the mercy (?) of the big condenser.

While our creamery is not yet built, the knowledge that it will be built forced the condenser to bid higher for milk, and the dairymen of this district are now receiving approxi-



mately \$200.00 per day in the aggregate, more than they did last July.

Does co-operation pay? We think it does. Much, yes, all hope for success depends, first, on the ability and loyalty of the Board of Trustees, and last but by no means least, on your store manager. If he is "susceptible" the business interests will very likely pay him to wreck your business. Look out. Sell your capital stock to members of nearby Granges only, so outsiders who may represent the "enemy," cannot get in control and disrupt you. Bond your manager, in a reliable bonding company, to account for every dollar and every pound of merchandise, paying the bond premium out of the 1 per cent sinking fund.

Your Trustees (two members of your Board will do), assisted by your manager, should take a complete inventory of your stock of goods and other personal property every month, add your cash on hand to that, then deduct what you may owe, and thus see if the business is running "O. K."

Now, if you wish to organize along these lines, I can furnish you with three complete sets of Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, one to file with your Secretary of State, one with your County Auditor, and one for your own office, as required by law, and will give you full written instructions for organizing and opening your business, for five dollars. I will also continue advising you by mail as long as you require it. This is my chief contribution toward Grange co-operation, and cuts out \$25.00 to \$50.00 attorney fees. In addition to this, your expense of incorporating will be a filing fee to the Secretary of State at Sacramento, (in this State it is \$25.00) and a filing fee with your County Auditor. Those things you will not do until you organize, sell your stock and get ready for business.

With best wishes for your success, I am,

Faithfully and Fraternally Yours,

M. F. MAYHEW,  
Meridian Grange, No. 265, Washington.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Committee on Good of the Order beg leave to report as follows:

We approve the resolution relating to a standard type of farm lease, introduced by Rutherford Grange, with this recommendation: that the Worthy Master appoint a committee of three, with Brother W. E. Cole as Chairman of said committee, to investigate and put into practical operation the spirit and purpose of this resolution. (see page 72).

We heartily indorse the resolution providing for a Standard Grange, introduced by Brother E. C. Abbott of San Jose Grange. (see page 74).

We recommend the adoption of the resolution relating to Choral Singing, introduced by Sister Clara Moore of Santa Rosa Grange. (see page 74).

MARY J. WORTHEN.

MAMIE L. SANFORD.

#### WOMAN'S WORK.

To the Worthy Master and Members of the State Grange of California.

Your committee has little material at hand from which to make a report of work accomplished by the women of the Granges in California during the past year, but we are sure that they have not been idle. Besides the festive and social features of our meetings which have always been their work in large measure, women are more and more realizing their responsibilities in the wider fields of County, State and Nation, and are trying in some measure to meet them intelligently. The women of California should feel a special responsibility to use both vote and influence for the right not only for the good of our own State, but for our influence upon the country at large. See that the women of your Grange do not forget to register for future elections and urge them to drop for a little time the smaller home duties for the larger duty, which is also for the good of the home, and cast an intelligent vote on every election day, not forgetting the school election. Let us emphasize educational work along these lines in our Granges that we be not swayed by mere prejudice nor led by public opinion. There is urgent need of careful study of these large issues which, whether we recognize it or not, are constantly being influenced by the public opinion which we help to create.

Many questions have been asked concerning the use of the Federal and State money made available in the different States by the Smith-Lever Act. The work carried on with this fund is under the direct supervision of the Extension Department of the College of Agriculture under the general supervision of the State's Relations Committee of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Prof. Clark, who has charge of Extension work in this State said last April, "The coming year some \$50,472 Smith-Lever Federal and Smith-Lever State fund will be expended in Extension work in this State and a very considerable proportion of this money will be expended in work directly applicable to the interior of the home work of women on the farm." He further states that no work will be done save in an organized way—usually through Farm Bureaus or through clubs of country women formed for the purpose. These organizations are expected to bear their share of the expense of such an undertaking.

Our schools are beginning to recognize the need of more definite training for the future farmer and housekeeper, but in our strictly rural communities this training still remains almost entirely with the family. With too many of our girls this training is a matter of hit and miss that brings many of them to maturity and into homes of their own with little real knowledge of the care of the homes, the proper preparation of food, the apportionment of the family expenses or the care of children. Can we not arouse greater interest in this line of the education of our girls in the home?

Your committee would suggest for special consideration by the women of the Grange the coming year the subject of dietetics. The health and comfort of the family in far greater degree than is generally recognized, depends upon proper nutrition. When we realize that the majority of diseases can be traced to the diet it becomes evident that some knowledge of the real needs of the body as well as the value of different foods is essential to intelligent provision for the needs of the household. Fortunately the subject is now being freely discussed in books and magazines and we recommend to



the women of the Grange that this subject be given special consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRIET L. PETTIT,

EDNA F. KEESLING,

Committee.

#### FINANCE.

To the Officers and Members of the State Grange of California:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the books of our Secretary and Treasurer, and find all accounts correct, and the books exceptionally well kept.

A. R. GALLAWAY.

B. F. MCLEOD.

H. J. JACKSON.

#### EDUCATION.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

The members of the Educational Committee that are present, regret that the chairman of the committee has been unable to attend this session of the State Grange, and that there is, therefore, no report at hand of the year's work.

We believe that the subject of education is such a vital one in Grange work, that we present the following suggestions, based on the resolutions adopted by the last session of the State Grange, from the point of view that the crying need of the times is "how to do" rather than "what should be done."

First, we suggest that there should be unity of action in the Granges of a county upon any matter that is being presented to county officials. Where there is a Pomona Grange, we would suggest that it be made the clearing house for lines of action in the Subordinate Granges beneath it.

Second, the laws very rigidly prescribe the way things may be done and it is nearly always possible to find a way under existing laws to attain a desired end. We urge, therefore, that Granges clearly decide upon the point they wish to gain and then work co-operatively with their Superintendent of Schools and County Attorney toward the end desired.

Third, we heartily endorse the consolidation of rural schools where the conditions are favorable. We point, however, to a substitute immediately available that will give some of the advantages of the consolidated school. We refer to the traveling teacher. This source will enable a number of rural schools or a single school to add a special teacher for the weaker upper grades, as for example, a teacher in home economics, music, manual training or agriculture. It is sometimes possible for the nearest high school to furnish such instructors.

Fourth, the urgent need of our schools is more money. Where the people of a district are apathetic, it is still possible upon the endorsement of the County Superintendent of Schools to get a special tax levied for specific purposes.

Fifth, our Worthy State Lecturer has called out attention to the education of the foreigner. The I. W. W. whose existence is partly a result of our neglect of this subject, affords a good example for study.

Sixth, we recommend that if possible our members afford their sons and daughters the opportunity to attend the farmer's short courses at the Davis University Farm, if they are inclined toward agricultural pursuits.

Seventh, for the material improvement of the rural school, we call attention to the Standard School plan as a successful and workable one. Ask your County Board of Education to adopt it.

Eighth, for bringing the school and the daily farm life in harmony, we recommend the School Credits for Home Work system. Urge its adoption by your County Superintendent and have it made at least optional in any district that wishes it.

Ninth, as the subject of education is recognized as a vital issue in the Grange movement, we believe that this session should start the foundation for an educational fund for the assistance of worthy members of our Order. We recommend for this foundation the sum of \$250.00, this sum to be increased as fast as possible, and that each Grange be asked to set apart each year an "Educational Day," with the object of obtaining money and contributions for this fund.

Tenth, we call particular attention to the following and urge that some action be taken in the premises: Ninety-three per cent of our children attend the elementary schools, and

only seven per cent the higher schools. Yet the higher schools and the universities are relatively richly endowed with money, while the elementary schools are sadly handicapped for it. It is to be borne in mind that the ninety-three per cent constitutes the mass of our future citizenship. We recommend that this present session of the State Grange refer this matter to a special committee for investigation and ask it to report a method of financial assistance for the elementary grades. We further recommend that this matter of finance in relation to elementary schools be forwarded to State Commissioner of Elementary Education, Dr. Margaret McNaught, as being the most important question at the present time in the minds of the members of the Grange.

Finally, we urge Subordinate Granges to have confidence that they themselves can largely bring about the improvement of their rural schools by a study of the State laws and by resourcefulness in using them. The will to do, backed by knowledge and intelligent action, and combined with unity of purpose, will accomplish wonders.

We recommend that the resolution introduced by Santa Clara County Pomona Grange, relating to an amendment to the Smith-Hughes bill be adopted. (see page 72).

Fraternally submitted,

MRS. ELIZA FARRELL.  
WM. E. COLE.

#### GOOD ROADS.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Committee on Good Roads recommend that the State Act known as the "Savage Act," providing for the building of county roads, the voting of bonds therefor and the appointment of a County Highway Commission be so amended that it provide

(1) That bonds so voted must be paid off not later than 25 years from the date of issue.

(2) That provision be made whereby ways and means may be created for the maintenance of the county highways constructed under the Act.

(3) That an Advisory Board may be appointed by the Board of Supervisors for the purpose of aiding the County Highway Commission, said Board to consist of ten members,



two of whom shall be appointed from each Supervisorial District, same to serve without remuneration.

(4) That the Act be so amended that roads may be built in any district instead of being so built as to connect only cities and towns in the same county as is now provided for in said Act.

We also recommend that the general laws of the State be so amended that a bonded indebtedness for the purpose of constructing roads under the Savage Act may be created by the counties upon a majority vote of the people.

We recommend the adoption of the resolution relating to State Highway Bonds introduced by Napa Grange (see page 73).

Fraternally submitted,

M. T. HUNT,  
HORACE G. KEESLING,  
S. L. STICE,  
E. V. JONES.

#### CONSERVATION.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange: Your Committee on Conservation beg leave to report as follows:

Some progress along this line is being made by the Federal, State, County and District Governments. One of the Federal projects is the great Elephant Buttes Dam for irrigation purposes in Texas. This work is practically complete and its dedication was set for last Tuesday.

In our own State the Internal Waterways Commission reports progress.

County work will be referred to later.

District work: In the San Joaquin Valley, steps have been taken to control and conserve the flood waters of some of the largest streams. Especially is this true in the King's River District. Here five irrigation districts have taken steps to consolidate their interests and construct a restraining dam in the river at a suitable point. This dam will be about 250 feet high, 200 feet on top and 1,000 feet long, and will, when filled, impound water to make a lake covering 4,800 acres of land. The reservoir will be about 14 miles in length and hold sufficient water to cover 929,000 acres of at present, unirrigated land, one foot deep over and above what

those lands now receive, thus adding greatly to its productive value, besides greatly reducing the danger of loss or damage by annual floods.

The estimated cost of this improvement will be approximately six million dollars, or between five and ten dollars per acre of land brought under irrigation. It is also believed that the power generated can be utilized to advantage and become another source of revenue to the district.

Further south in the orange growing districts of Lindsey, Strathmore and Terrabella, continuous pumping shows that the water is slowly but surely becoming exhausted, and steps are being taken to secure supplies from other sources, either by constructing reservoirs in the hills, or otherwise as may be thought best.

To return to State and County work, we want to refer to the Iron Mountain project now in care of Prof. Meade of the University of California. One great obstacle to development of this kind is the opposition brought to bear by the so-called riparian owners who claim a right to the water of the streams even though it is more than they can use.

Large sums of money are being expended by the State Reclamation Board, but we are not in position to give results at this time.

In Sonoma county a movement is on foot to secure and preserve for all time the beautiful Armstrong Grove, one of the finest bodies of redwood timber in this county.

THOS. JACOB.

A. R. GALLAWAY.

MARTHA L. GAMBLE.

#### TAXATION.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

We have carefully considered that part of the Master's report relating to taxation, and heartily approve the same, and commend it to the careful consideration of the members of the Order.

Signed:

E. T. PETTIT.

F. W. DORN.

WM. E. COLE.

MRS. E. A. JUNIOR.

MRS. ROSE U. BRYANT.

We have carefully considered the resolution from Danville Grange referring to Land Taxation, known as Amendment No. 5, and recommend the substitution of the following in its stead:

Whereas, pursuant to an Act of the State Legislature, approved May 10, 1915, a commission was appointed to examine into any and all matters appertaining to the subject of revenue and taxation in this State, and to report to the Legislature at its session in 1917, and said commission is making a thorough examination of all conditions and systems of taxation with a view of furnishing information to the Legislature which will enable it to propose laws making for tax reform; and

Whereas, the State Grange deems it an inopportune time to alter the constitutional provisions relating to taxation prior to the rendering of the report of the commission; and

Whereas, we believe the changes in our system of taxation as proposed by the so-called Single Tax Amendment too extreme, and said amendment, while it may contain the germs of a beneficial principle, appears too vague and uncertain in its terms to be capable of a just enforcement, and in our opinion, ought not to be adopted; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the State Grange of California, that we are opposed to the adoption of said proposed Single Tax Amendment, as being inadvisable, inopportune and against the best interests of the land owners of this State.

Fraternally submitted,

E. T. PETTIT.

F. W. DORN.

WM. E. COLE.

MRS. E. A. JUNIOR.

DORMANT GRANGES.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Committee on Dormant Granges beg leave to report as follows:

In accepting the task of offering you a remedy for keeping alive the interest in the work of our Order, we fully realize how difficult it is to offer a solution to this problem. In considering the matter, the following present themselves as troubles and suggested remedies rather than cures:

We may first consider the reasons why a Grange becomes



dormant. Many new members become so soon after joining. Some never attend a meeting after being initiated. Too many dormant members will make a dormant Grange. So our efforts should be spent in trying to hold the interest of members by providing a working program for our meetings suitable to their particular needs and desires. A Grange should hold meetings at least twice a month. For in considering the problems of the fruit grower and the farmer, meetings once a month are not often enough. Changes affecting our material welfare occur too often and we must be in a position to offer our suggestions and advice at the proper time.

In looking back over our membership and taking our personal experiences as a guide, we have found that it requires an attendance at the Grange meetings for a considerable time to get the interest that will hold the members. In fact, we have found it a case of attend the meetings and keep up your interest, or stay at home and lose your interest. We have known a Grange to become dormant, and the smallest in the State after its membership had been the highest. This growth was brought about by a co-operative scheme of buying and selling, but the regular work for which our Order was founded, was largely neglected. The result was that as soon as other agencies offered the same inducements to buy and sell, the members at once became dormant.

So we would suggest that while we should make use of these as weapons of defense, especially in these times of the high cost of living, a Grange should not depend entirely on them for its attendance and growth. We have also found that many successful Granges at their regular meetings stick pretty closely to the regular order of business and have a good list of standing committees making a report at every meeting, a good Lecturer, well supported, and a corps of officers that attend regularly, this last is very important.

Try and keep the members' dues paid up. Once they get a few quarters behind, they will be inclined to stay at home, become dormant and finally drop out. We also realize that any Grange will lose members from various causes, especially in a State like ours, where our population is more or less of a shifting class. The suggestion has been offered by an old Patron from the eastern States where Grange membership is strong, that a committee be appointed made up of all the Past Masters of our Granges wherever situated to act as an advisory board to look after the Granges that become dor-

mant, by offering advice and guidance that will help them in any difficulty that may arise that would cause a loss in membership or interest in the work. We offer this suggestion as worthy of your consideration and adoption. In offering this report, we feel that the suggestions if carried out will largely prevent Granges from becoming dormant.

Praternally submitted,

E. K. CLENDENING.  
ROY I. CHURCH.  
ALTENA COLLINS.  
MARY L. CHURCH.

PRESS.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange: Your Committee on Press beg leave to report as follows:

In the discharge of our duties we have been able to secure such proper publicity of the proceedings as we deemed desirable to make public.

Through the courtesy of Mr. R. L. Dunlap, editor and manager of the Healdsburg Tribune, good reports of the daily sessions have been published in the local and other county papers, as well as the State papers through the medium of the Associated Press.

We recommend that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Dunlap for his good offices in sending out reports.

We commend the members for the distinct and business-like manner in which they have presented the business of the State Grange, including reports of officers and committees, and in the discussion of matters proposed for action. Good order and distinct enunciation have made the work of your committee a pleasure.

We wish to repeat and emphasize the opinion of this committee expressed at former sessions regarding the importance of a press committee in every Subordinate Grange, whose duty it shall be to furnish their local papers with reports of such of their proceedings as may be consistent and for the good of the Order.

In the discharge of our duties we are convinced that the appointment of an Assistant Secretary, who shall also be a stenographer, will greatly facilitate the work of the State

Grange, prevent errors in recording the proceedings and be of help to the press committee in preparing proper reports for the public press.

MRS. KATE D. HILL.  
HORACE G. KEESLING.  
EDWIN D. SWEETSER.

#### CHARITY.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

We, your Committee on Charity, have listened to the reports of Granges with interest and only one Grange reported an act of charity. If there were other good deeds done they choose not to "let the left hand know what the right hand doth."

Charity is but another name for Love; and our ritual instructs us to dispense Charity as freely as nature spreads her flowery carpet over all the earth.

Charity is too often connected only with dollars and cents in our thoughts, when all could dispense boundless charity and love by the pleasant smile of encouragement and by refraining from the unkind criticisms or words in our Granges and our daily walks of life.

So let us all be earnest charity workers this coming year, encouraging others in the difficulties of life; smiling though the heart be sad, and there will be no limit to the good that may be accomplished.

Fraternally submitted,

MINNIE CHURCH.  
VERNIE B. CLIFTON.  
CASSIE DEMING.

#### GRANGE FRATERNAL FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

The law permitting the organization of Fraternal Fire Insurance Associations was passed by the California Legislature in 1913, and approved by the Governor on June 3rd of the same year. The following December the Executive Committee of the State Grange appointed the following named persons to act as Temporary Directors for a Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association: Thos. Jacob, Visalia; W.



B. Whitney, Healdsburg; A. Van Maren, Fair Oaks; Wm. E. Stewart, Danville; W. H. Livingston, Greenfield; F. L. Hunt, Napa, and E. T. Pettit, Cupertino.

These Temporary Directors met in Sacramento January 9, 1914, and organized by electing the following officers: President, Thos. Jacob; Vice President, W. B. Whitney; Secretary, E. T. Pettit. At a subsequent meeting State Master Joseph Holmes was elected Treasurer. Plans of organization were discussed and the President volunteered to secure data in regard to rates, form of application, etc., for a future meeting.

To formulate a code of By-Laws and prepare a form of application and rating required no small amount of time and labor.

Two or three meetings were held during 1914 and early in 1915, but it was not until March, 1915, that a revised form of application and rating was agreed upon.

The first formal application for insurance was received from Thos. Jacob, dated May 29th, 1916, and signed by Brother John Tuohy, as agent.

At a meeting of the Board at the Oakland Hotel on August 6, 1915, the following were named as agents for their respective localities: For Tulare county, Thos. Jacob and J. T. Lawson; Napa and Lake counties, F. L. Hunt; Sonoma, Mendocino and Marin, S. L. Stice; Placer, J. T. Peterson, Sacramento, A. Van Maren; Monterey, W. H. Livingston; Contra Costa, W. E. Stewart; Santa Cruz, J. C. Morrison. Lee Dudgeon was also appointed district agent and later W. V. Griffith was authorized to act as general agent.

But applications came in very slowly. During the summer and fall of 1915 all spare time and interest was absorbed by the World's Fair at San Francisco and by preparation for the National Grange session in Oakland.

At the beginning of the present year the prospect of securing the \$100,000 in applications, the amount necessary to legally begin issuing policies, seemed very discouraging. But the Executive Committee ordered some special work done and at a meeting of the Directors held at the Argonaut Hotel, in San Francisco, on April 4th, 1915, the Secretary was instructed to notify all applicants that policies would be issued to all who paid their premiums on or before May 1st,

1916, and that policies would be good from that date or as soon thereafter as they specified.

At this meeting S. L. Stice was appointed Vice President and Director instead of W. B. Whitney. The Board of Directors desire in this connection to express their appreciation of Brother Whitney's service in behalf of this Association and their regret that he was unable to meet with the Board regularly on account of conflicting duties.

Directly after this meeting certificates, as required by law, were printed and forwarded to Sacramento and to the County Clerks in all counties from which we had applications for insurance. Policies were made out and forwarded to the various applicants as soon as possible after the premiums were paid.

The total amount of insurance on which the premiums have been paid and policies issued up to October 1, 1916, is \$114,532.00.

The total amount of premiums received and turned over to the Treasurer is \$1,479.34.

83 different policies have been issued up to October 1st, but as some have two, or even three policies, the number of different individuals, and hall associations combined, is but 70.

The amount of the several policies vary from \$100 up to \$3,000.00, the average being about \$1,380.00.

The principal, or rather greatest expense to the Association so far is probably application fees, which, at \$1.50 for each application, will amount to \$124.50. Printing, books, postage and other incidental expenses will amount to probably as much more. As these bills are not yet all in and nothing has yet been paid out from the treasury the total receipts, \$1,479.34, are still on hand.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS JACOB, President.

# **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.**

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

We find State officers and delegates from new Granges entitled to mileage and days' time for attendance, respectively, as follows:

State Officers.	R. R. Fare.
Steward, Roy I. Church.....	\$ .95

Assistant Steward, Lee Dudgeon.....	7.30
Chaplain, C. E. Wingate.....	.80
Pianist, Mrs. Alice E. Winans.....	3.65

Grange and Delegate. Time and Amt.

Aromas, P. J. Bryant and wife.....4 days, \$12.00....	\$10.95
King City, J. C. Griffin and wife.....4 days, \$12.00....	16.40

We refer the following items to the Executive Committee:

Mrs. A. C. Paris, Chaplain pro tem, for R. R. fare, \$5.35.

Mrs. Elinor Libby, Ceres pro tem, for R. R. fare, \$6.65.

Mrs. Catherine Van Maren, Pomona pro tem, for R. R. fare, \$5.35.

Mrs. Susie E. Stover, Flora pro tem, for R. R. fare, \$3.45.

WARREN S. WHITE.

A. S. HALL.

C. WIEDERSHEIM.

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

GOOD OF THE ORDER—W. V. Griffith, Geyserville; Dr. H. F. Dessau, Oakland; E. K. Clendening, Campbell; Mrs. Alena Collins, Santa Rosa, R. R. No. 3; Mrs. Leila O. White, Forestville.

LEGISLATION—G. R. Harrison, Sebastopol; A. V. Turner, Calistoga; W. W. Greer, Sacramento; Mrs. Lee Dudgeon, Soledad; Mrs. E. V. Jones, Potter Valley.

EDUCATION—Mrs. Margaret S. McNaught, Sacramento; Mrs. Eliza J. Farrel, Mountain View; Mrs. Della B. Howell, Porterville; Dr. E. C. Abbott, San Jose, R. R. No. 2; Sivert H. Shelly, San Jose.

CO-OPERATION—G. W. Worthen, San Jose; A. B. Forester, Galt; Geo. Sehlmeier, Elk Grove; Mrs. Alice K. Livingston, Greenfield; Mrs. A. R. Gallaway, Healdsburg.

WOMAN'S WORK—Miss Mira More, Hayward; Mrs. J. C. Griffin, King City; Miss Mamie Sanford, Sacramento; Mrs. J. L. Patterson, Orangevale; Mrs. Edna F. Keesling, Campbell.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—Peter Hanson, Santa Rosa; F. L. Hunt, Napa; E. A. Junior, Antelope; Mrs. Fred Bush, Fair Oaks, R. R. No. 2; Mrs. Harry Jackson, Elk Grove.

CHARITY—Mrs. W. V. Griffith, Geyserville; Mrs. Martha L. Gamble, Santa Rosa; Mrs. James Eddie, Potter Valley; Mrs. Ida Moss, Sebastopol; Mrs. B. C. Anderson, Visalia.



**SPECIAL COMMITTEES.**

**GOOD ROADS**—F. S. Clifton, Reedley; H. G. Keesling, Campbell; M. Farrel, Mountain View; A. R. Gallaway, Healdsburg; E. K. Clendenning, Campbell.

**CONSERVATION**—Thomas Jacob, Visalia; R. P. Van Orden, Mountain View; W. H. Livingston, Greenfield; Mrs. W. B. Mathews, French Camp; Mrs. Elinor Libby, Middletown.

**DORMANT GRANGES**—M. T. Hunt, Freeport; Roy Church, Petaluma; Wm. Jensen, Mills; Mrs. George Orr, Galt; Mrs. E. C. Abbott, San Jose, R. R. No. 2.



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**In Memoriam**

**Brother Daniel Flint**

Past Master

California State Grange

Sacramento Grange, No. 12

**In Memoriam**

**Sister Mary E. Flint**

Wife of Past State Master Daniel Flint

Sacramento Grange, No. 12

**In Memoriam**

**Mrs. Rachel M. Coulter**

Wife of Past State Master S. T. Coulter

Santa Rosa Grange, No. 17



**In Memoriam**

**John Tuohy**

**Past Master**

**Tulare Grange, No. 198**

**In Memoriam**

**Dr. James Caples**

Past Master

Elk Grove Grange, No. 86

**In Memoriam**

**Harvey R. Eddie**

Past Master

Danville Grange, No. 85



**In Memoriam**

**Mrs. Maria Krull**

Wife of Past Master Krull

Elk Grove Grange, No. 86

**In Memoriam**

**Mrs. Martha N. Renwick**

Wife of Past Master Walter Renwick

Napa Grange, No. 307

and

Oakland Grange, No. 35

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