

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

California State Grange

Patrons of Husbandry

1917



Forty-Fifth Annual Session

Social Features of the Session

Tuesday Evening, October 16, 1917

Program

Selections by Male Quartette.....
Arnold Bills, D. T. Davis, A. V. Oliffe, Dr. Squires
Address in Behalf of Silverado Grange.....H. J. Clements
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Dennis Spencer
Address in Behalf of Rutherford Grange.....W. E. Cole
Violin Solo.....Miss Agatha Turner
Address of Welcome in Behalf of Citizens of Napa.....
.....Mayor E. J. Drussell
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Mary Short
Address of Welcome in Behalf of Citizens of Napa County
.....Judge H. C. Gesford
Recitation.....Mrs. George Chapman
Address in Behalf of State Grange....Joseph Holmes, Master
Vocal Solo (violin obligato).....Miss Florence E. Dean
Select Reading.....Mrs. H. J. Baade
Address.....E. T. Pettit, Past Master
Vocal Solo.....Arnold Bills
Refreshments.

Thursday Afternoon

Automobile excursion tendered by Napa Chamber of Commerce and Patrons of Napa County.

Journal of Proceedings

Forty-fifth Annual Session

of the

California State Grange

Patrons of Husbandry

(Organized July 15, 1873)

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Next Session Begins October 15, 1918

OFFICERS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE FOR
1917 AND 1918.

Master.....	F. L. HUNT
	Napa, Napa County.
Overseer.....	ROY I. CHURCH
	Petaluma, Sonoma County.
Lecturer.....	DR. E. C. ABBOTT
	R. B. 123, San Jose, Santa Clara County.
Steward.....	LEE DUDGEON
	Soledad, Monterey County.
Assistant Steward.....	A. C. WILLIAMS
	Visalia, Tulare County
Chaplain.....	REV. ROBT. G. HARBUTT
	Kenwood, Sonoma County.
Treasurer.....	MICHAEL FARRELL
	Mountain View, Santa Clara County.
Secretary.....	MRS. MARTHA L. GAMBLE
	Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.
Gate Keeper.....	ROBERT SCHOLTZ
	Campbell, Santa Clara County
Ceres.....	MISS LULU C. EIPPER
	Aromas, Monterey County
Pomona.....	MRS. MARY L. CHURCH
	Saratoga, Santa Clara County.
Flora.....	MRS. ELLA BRAUGLER
	Sacramento, Sacramento County.
Lady Assistant Steward.....	MISS MAMIE SANFORD
	Sacramento, Sacramento County
Pianist.....	MRS. ALICE WINANS
	San Jose, Santa Clara County.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Forty-Fifth Annual Session
of the
California State Grange

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY.

Forenoon.

The California State Grange was opened in ample form in the Fifth Degree at 11 o'clock A. M., October 16, 1917, in Flanagan Hall, Napa, 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, "I Love the Dear Old Farm," the following officers responded to roll call: Master, Joseph Holmes; Overseer, Peter Hanson; Steward, Royal I. Church; Assistant Steward, Lee Dudgeon; Treasurer, M. Farrell; Secretary, Nellie W. Hunt; Ceres, Nina E. Williams; Pianist, Alice Winans.

The following officers were appointed to act pro-tem: Lecturer, Dr. E. C. Abbott; Chaplain, Robt. G. Harbutt; Pomona, Mrs. Mary L. Church; Lady Assistant Steward, Miss Mamie Sanford; Gate Keeper, H. L. Gunn; Flora, Mrs. Susie E. Stover.

The Worthy Master then appointed the following committee on Credentials: Mrs. Emily B. Jacob, E. K. Clendening and Mrs. A. C. Williams.

The following were then introduced and obligated in the Fifth Degree: Brother Attilio Binsacca of Fort Romie Grange; Brother L. J. Gamble of Guenoc Grange; Brother A. Steinmetz of Danville Grange; Brother C. A. Bodwell of Petaluma Grange; Brother and Sister H. A. Craig of Gazelle Grange; Sister Lulu E. Eipper of Aromas Grange; Sister Julia Field of Middletown Grange.

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

The Worthy Master then invited the following Past State Masters to occupy chairs at his right: W. W. Greer, W. V.

Griffith and E. T. Pettit. The Worthy Assistant Steward escorted them to their posts of honor and each responded with appropriate remarks.

The roll of Granges was called. The following responded, showing a quorum present: Aromas, Belleyue, Bennett Valley, Capital, Castoria, Cotati, Danville, Forestville, Fort Romie, Gazelle, Geyserville, Greenfield, Guenoc, Los Guillicos Grange of Kenwood, Middletown, Mountain View, Napa, Oakland, Orchard City, Petaluma, Redwood Valley, Sacramento, Sacramento County Pomona, San Jose, Santa Clara County Pomona, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol Sonoma County Pomona, Soquel, Tulare, Tulare County Pomona, Two Rock, Visalia.

Granges responding later in the session were: American River, Antelope, Dinuba, Lincoln, Live Oak, Orangevale, Potter Valley, Rutherford, Silverado.

Several announcements were made and Grange stood at recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon.

Grange was called to order at 2 o'clock P. M. by the Worthy Master. The A. W. was taken up by the Worthy Assistant Steward and the Worthy Lady Assistant Steward, assisted by Sister May Church and Brother H. A. Nauman, Sr.

After singing "The Farmer Feeds Them All," the Committee on Credentials made a partial report, which was adopted and the committee continued.

The Committee on Order of Business offered a partial report, which was adopted and the committee continued.

The Worthy Master called Worthy Past Master Greer to the chair and read his report, which was referred to the Committee on Division of Labor.

MASTER'S REPORT.

Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

It seems but a few days since that we met in Annual Session last year, at Healdsburg. Yet, events have occurred that have shaken the world, and that will leave their imprints on the world's history, so long as time will last.

These things have affected us as a Nation, and as a Grange, and as individuals we have been and will be called upon to do

our part. As a distinctive part of this great and liberty-loving Nation; as Patrons of Husbandry; as men and women who love justice—let us not be found wanting in this awful crisis—but ready to carry on to a triumphant victory the principles of democracy.

We are extremely fortunate in having our Forty-fifth Annual Session in the beautiful and prosperous City of Napa, with its historic association. According to the program, we are assured of a generous welcome, and of a good, busy and profitable time while we are here. Heretofore, the State Grange has been entertained by the citizens of the County and City of Napa, and our members have gone to their homes in different parts of the State with precious recollections of State Grange week in Napa. This meeting, I know, will not be an exception.

Condition of the Order.

The condition of the Order in the State is in an encouraging condition. Like all other organizations and callings, we have been affected by the great world war.

Some of our Grange members, at their country's call, have felt it their duty to lay aside their private business and offer up their lives, if needs be, to sustain and hold aloft the principles of democracy.

The call has also come, and been answered by those who could not go to the front, to use their best endeavors in producing and conserving the food supply of our country; hence, we sometimes miss their presence and counsels in our meetings.

Five new subordinate Granges have been organized in this State. We had hoped to make it twenty-five. In this connection, I would say, that, in the United States, from October 1, 1916, to September 30, 1917, four hundred and seventy-seven Granges were organized. Of these, Oklahoma leads with sixty-seven; Ohio, fifty-seven; Colorado, fifty-four; Kansas, fifty-three; Pennsylvania, forty-six; Washington, thirty-eight; the remainder being distributed throughout the other Grange States, so you see our Order is in a healthy and growing condition in other States.

At this time I also wish to state that the fiftieth anniversary of the National Grange was fittingly celebrated last year in the City of Washington, D. C. An excellent program was car-

ried out, and the great outstanding fact is, that, during the last fifty years, this great farmers' organization has grown from a few Granges to be strongly organized in thirty-three States, with over six thousand subordinate Granges, and a membership of eight hundred thousand.

Referring back to our own State, I will say that it has been my privilege and great pleasure to visit and meet with some of the subordinate Granges in this State and found them in good working order, and quite a number were going to try to meet the requirements of a standard Grange. I trust we series of meetings with the Grange in Monterey County. At these places it was an inspiration and a pleasure to be in the work.

National Grange Monthly.

To those who do not subscribe for the National Grange Monthly, I wish to bring to your attention this splendid medium of intercourse, always full of interest and practicable suggestions. It brings you in close touch with the great leaders in Grange thought, and with the questions that are of paramount interest to the farmer and Grange worker, and especially with our subordinate Grange lecturers.

The September number of this magazine, known as the booster number, is full of good things—it is an inspiration to read it. I have a few copies and you can have them as far as they go, and then I want you to subscribe for it, and do it now.

The Orchard and Farm has also given us splendid service in this State, publishing the things that the Granges were doing of practicable value, and I have noticed items of interest in its columns during the year. Subscribe for the Orchard and Farm.

Deputies.

Deputies have been appointed as follows:

For the State at Large—Past Master, W. V. Griffith, Granville Libby, Frank L. Hunt.

For Sonoma County—Peter Hanson.

For Sacramento County—J. L. Patterson.

For Santa Clara County—F. H. Babb.

For Contra Costa County—W. E. Stewart.

For Monterey County—Lee Dudgeon.

I recognize the position of Deputy as one of the most im-

portant positions in our Grange work, especially in this great State of ours, with its magnificent distances, making it almost impossible for the Master to visit every Grange in the State; and I would recommend that this phase of Grange work be carried out to a greater extent than heretofore. The present directors will report to you of their work during the year.

Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association.

The Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Company, so far, has proved to be a wise provision and undoubtedly will be a money saver to our members. It has the advantage of the very best of material for its members, so that its moral risk is very low indeed, and I bespeak for it your hearty support.

In other States, Grange insurance companies have grown and prospered and have proved of great financial benefit to their members, and it will, also, prove a tie that will bind us closer together. The directors of the company will make a report in detail of the business done during the year, and I am sure that you will say, with me, that the business of the company has been carried on at the very minimum of expense, and at the minimum of the fire loss, and I recommend that, as your insurance expires in the other companies, you place your insurance with the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association.

Good Roads.

As eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, so eternal digging at it is going to be the price of good roads.

As the Grange in the past has been in favor of good roads, working and voting for same, it behooves us to keep watch and ward over the expenditure and method of road constructions and repairing.

The following figures and facts, taken from the "Sacramento Union," may be of interest to us as taxpayers, and are given for your respectful and thoughtful consideration:

"Waste of Farmers' Money."

In one of the series of analyses of county finances which the Taxpayers' Association of California is sending out, there are some figures concerning road funds which are calculated to make the people think and look for some method of reform.

According to this authority, during the fiscal year of 1916 the enormous sum of \$19,502,826 went into the county road funds of the State.

If San Francisco is omitted—and properly it should be, because it has no road fund—then the roads of the other counties cost the people of these counties in this one year \$7.21 per capita for every man, woman and child in the State outside of San Francisco.

If, for the sake of calculation, we eliminate the people of the cities and towns of the State who pay no road taxes, we shall find that the farmers are paying not far from \$15 per capita for every man, woman and child in the rural districts for the maintenance of poor roads.

It would not be so bad if any considerable proportion of this great sum were for permanent roads. Practically all of this money goes into repairs of poor dirt roads or is wasted in the payment of political debts or to lay the foundation of political support in the future.

In Sacramento County \$124,902 was collected for road work, or \$7.63 per capita for the entire population of the county. This entire burden falls on the farmers and the dwellers of the small unincorporated towns.

An examination of the records will show that the figures for this year are not greatly in excess of the average for the last five years. For roads and bridges, outside of bond roads and bond bridges, the counties of the State in six years have collected in taxes, mainly from the farmers, not far from \$75,000,000, and poured it into mudholes in the roads under a system which is the acme of uneconomic wastefulness.

Every attempt that has been made during the last few years to break up this system and bring about a sane and business-like handling of the county road funds has been blocked by the political machine of the supervisors of the State.

It would seem that the farmers, who pay practically all of this enormous bill, would rise in their might and put an end to this woeful waste of their money. They can smash the supervisors' machine at any time if they but have the will.

Bonds.

The one paramount issue today is the great world war, into which we have entered, and where we shall stay until the principles of democracy are vindicated.

President Wilson says it is a fearful thing to lead this great, peaceful country into this war, into this most terrible and disastrous of all wars—civilization itself seeming to be in the balance. But the Right is the more precious than Peace, and we shall fight for the things which we have always carried nearest our hearts, for democracy, for the rights of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own government, and so on.

To fight for these principles, our young men have gone forth by the thousands.

To carry out these aims, money is needed. We are called upon as individuals, and as an organization, to do our utmost in this respect, to meet the requirements of the Government in this time of need. And I would recommend at this time that at least one thousand dollars be invested in United States Liberty Bonds.

In Memorium.

Not only on the grim and terrible field of battle, but in the peaceful walks of life, the grim reaper "Death" stretches forth his hand and takes from our midst loved ones with whom we have wrought in the field and in the household, and in the Grange. It is fitting and proper that we should pause in our labors and carry out our ceremonies in thoughtful remembrance and respect to those who, during the last year, have been taken from us.

Closing Address.

There are other questions which might be touched upon in this address, if time would permit.

Before closing, however, I wish to state, as this will be the last session that I shall appear before you as Master of this Grange, I thank you most heartily for your cordial support of my administration, for your generous hospitality, for the welcome that has always been extended to me.

All has not been accomplished that I hoped for, or expected; but I trust that in the selection of your new officers, men and women will be chosen under whose guidance the Grange will grow and prosper and become a power for good.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH HOLMES, Master.

The Worthy Master resumed his chair.

The Worthy Overseer, Peter Hanson, read his report, which was accepted.

OVERSEER'S REPORT

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

Meeting together in our forty-fifth annual session in this beautiful City of Napa, the place of our organization, and where we have been welcomed so many times since, let us resolve to do our utmost to make this session of especial value and interest to our Order and to our membership.

This is a time, above all others, when our beloved Order should make its influence felt for the good of all of our calling; for now, more than ever, the farmer is the hope of the Nation and of the World.

Our Order, through long years of experience, steady growth, wise council, and constructive action, is the best fitted to safeguard the farmer's interests, both in the State and the Nation. Let us take hold of the work before us with new enthusiasm that we may do our part well, to as speedily as possible bring back peace and good will to the world.

As your Overseer, I cannot say that I have done much visible work during the past year, but have done my best with the opportunities at hand, and feel that some good has been accomplished.

PETER HANSON.

The following reports were presented and accepted:

LECTURER'S REPORT.

Worthy Master and Members of the State Grange:

In this, my fourth annual report, I am giving back to you the responsibility that was placed in my care four years ago.

Have I made good the trust reposed in me?

My ideals have not been reached, but in trying to build upon the firm foundation of almost fifty years' growth, I am sure progress can be read and felt.

I am far from being satisfied with the report I have to offer, for I must admit that many of my ideas and desires for the upbuilding of our beloved Grange have not been realized.

In fulfilling my duties as State Lecturer, I have written many letters, sent out over two hundred (200) Lecturer's

Helps of various kinds, a suggested list of topics for discussion, have supplied the Grange space in Orchard and Farm, and have visited Granges whenever possible.

My greatest disappointment is that I cannot offer you a perfect report of the Lecture Hour work of the subordinate Granges for the year. I have received only eighty-five reports. I should have received two hundred. Many Granges failed to report at all. The reports of the "faithful few" tell us that one hundred and forty papers were read or addresses given, two hundred and twenty-two debates and discussions took place, participated in by 2,579, listened to by 12,000 Patrons and 1,400 visiting Patrons and outsiders. Many musical programs, special programs, both patriotic and literary, Red Cross meetings and picnics were given. Had all lecturers reported, the totals would be all the inspiration the officers for the coming year would need! I wish to acknowledge the perfect reports of Mrs. Rose U. Bryant of Aromas Grange, and Mrs. Ida Clendenning of Orchard City Grange. The highest type Lecturer Hour work for the year was reported by Mrs. Earl Morris, Lecturer for the San Jose Grange. These reports you will find on the Secretary's desk.

I have had many optimistic Grange letters during the year, in which the following alarming phrase occurs, "We lack young people." For this there is no logical reason. The Grange is for young and old alike. We may start and build a fire of fine hard oak, but no matter how brightly it burns at first it will smolder and die out if we do not occasionally add kindling and stir it up. It is the same with the Granges. In spite of their firm foundation, they will become dormant and die out if we do not have young people. The young people must be our kindling! To do this, a Grange must occasionally offer forms of entertainment that may not be to the liking of all, but we must remember one of our golden beliefs, "That difference of opinion is no crime—that all progress is made through difference of opinion." Remember, also, that all lasting reforms come through education. So try to educate the young people to enjoy an evening of substantial entertainment.

The following inspiring Lecturer's Creed by Miss Jennie Buell of Michigan I offer as a source of inspiration for the coming year:

I believe in the Bigness of the Grange—in its splendid past

and its sturdy present; but most of all, I believe in glorious possibilities for its future usefulness.

I believe in a program at every meeting.

I believe that, as a Lecturer, I should love to do my work.

I believe I am entitled to take a large responsibility in realizing my Grange ideals among my own neighbors—if need be, by fanning breath into dormancy; wringing success from defeat; coaxing strength to grow from weakness, and changing Grange purposes from self-seeking to community building.

I believe I am elected to work—the pleasant, ceaseless work of helping others to do better work in field, home and state than they have ever done before.

I believe the program hour should dominate the Grange, and that for good.

I believe even the entertainment features of the program should lead to thought.

I believe plenty of light, fresh air, music, and good cheer are indispensable parts of every truly successful lecture hour.

I believe the lecture hour is the hand-maid of the Grange—not greater than its legislative, co-operative, social, or other departments, but the servant of each and all of these.

I believe in appealing to the eye as well as to the ear; to the love of action; to an interest in public affairs, and to a sincere desire to lead an efficient, all-round life in the country.

I believe a Grange Lecturer must have hope; exert tact; plan far ahead; often show more confidence in members than they feel in themselves; keep his program disappointments to himself; and smile.

I believe, finally, I should today resolve to beat my own record.

I wish to bespeak for my successor the same helpfulness, kindness, and consideration that has been shown me. The cordial welcome that has been extended to me in homes and Granges in the course of my work, the loyal harmony that has responded to my efforts for service, the earnest co-operation of the Worthy Master and members of the Executive Board, and the words of appreciation and helpfulness from my co-workers, and the lectures of subordinate Granges have made my work a pleasure and my office a "place in the sun."

I leave you, my Brother and Sister Grangers, regretfully, lovingly, with an increased faith in our glorious Declaration

of Purposes and a stronger belief in the power for good in our beloved organization. With cordial greetings, I am

Yours fraternally and faithfully,

KATE D. HILL,
Lecturer California State Grange.

Napa, October 16, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

STEWARD'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the State Grange:

In serving as Steward, I have taken care of the paraphernalia entrusted to my keeping, and fulfilled the duties of my office to the best of my ability, all of which has been a pleasure to me.

I wish for each and every one a pleasant and harmonious session here in Napa.. Fraternally,

ROY I. CHURCH, Steward.

Report was accepted.

ASSISTANT STEWARD'S REPORT.

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

In making this, my second annual report, as Assistant Steward, I must again call your attention to the fact that I am at your service at all times to make this a most pleasant and profitable session. I realize more fully than ever the necessity of each officer discharging the duties involved upon him. This I find to be of great importance, especially in subordinate Granges. My work has been a pleasure as well as a duty, for being of service to others and helping to make this life a pleasant journey makes our own lives worth living.

Fraternally submitted,
The report was received.

LEE DUDGEON.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in treasury October, 1916.....	\$2754.73
Received from Secretary in cash and endorsed war-rants during the year.....	2317.47
Interest during year.....	80.97
Interest on Educational Fund.....	3.69
Donation—Thos. Jacob.....	13.50
Donation—Jos Holmes.....	13.50

Total receipts.....	\$5183.86
Disbursed during year.....	2052.48

Cash in Treasury October, 1917.....\$3131.38

General Fund.....	\$2850.69
Educational Fund.....	280.69

Total.....\$3131.38

M. FARRELL, Treasurer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

I beg leave to report as follows:

There are forty-seven subordinate and four Pomona Granges in good standing at the present time. Five new Granges, Strawberry Valley, Gazelle, Middletown, Redwood Valley and Los Guilicos Grange of Kenwood, have been organized during the year, and two have become dormant, Clear Lake and Ramona.

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

Receipts.

Dues	\$1740.64
Fees, from subordinate Granges.....	216.00
Fees, Fifth and Sixth Degrees.....	49.00
Merchandise sold	136.53
National Grange for organization work.....	150.00
National Grange for strengthening weak Granges....	24.40
Miscellaneous .....	.90

Total.....\$2317.47

Expenditures.

National Grange Dues.....	\$ 151.98
National Grange for Sixth Degree Certificates.....	19.00
For Organizing	386.60
For Supplies	142.05
Miscellaneous	1352.85
Total.....	\$2052.48

Summary.

Total receipts by Secretary.....	\$2317.47
Interest retained by Worthy Treasurer—	
(1) On Grange Funds	80.97
(2) On Educational Loan Fund.....	3.99
Contributed to Educational Loan Fund.....	27.00
Total receipts.....	\$2429.13
Amount in Treasury October 1st, 1916.....	2754.73
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	\$5183.86
Total disbursements	2052.48
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Balance in Treasury October 1st, 1917.....	\$3131.38
Grange Funds	\$2850.69
Educational Loan Fund	280.69
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Amount in Treasury October 1st, 1917.....	\$3131.38
Fraternally submitted,	

NELLIE W. HUNT, Secretary.

Secretary's report referred to Committee on Finance.

The following reports were also presented and accepted:

REPORT OF CERES.

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

Since the last session of the State Grange, our own United States has taken up arms in the great conflict. In consequence, many grave problems confront us, but chief among them is the food problem.

The world was greatly impressed when Hoover pithily declared that "Biscuits, not bullets, would win the war."

It has now come to pass that the great principles upon which our glorious order was founded are today recognized to be the correct solution of the perplexing problem.

How gratifying to all loyal Patrons to know that the government has assumed our great purpose of eliminating speculation in the products of the soil, and is also co-operating with us in our task of bringing the producer and consumer in closer and more agreeable relation.

With confidence I can now repeat the conclusion of my last year's report, that the farmers of the nation must save it in the future, just as they built its greatness in the past.

So beautifully has Kipling expressed the reason why America entered into the war we had so deplored that I feel it a duty to recite the poem—

THE CHOICE

The American Spirit speaks:
To the Judge of right and wrong,
With Whom fulfillment lies,
Our purpose and our power belong,
Our faith and sacrifice.

Let Freedom's land rejoice!
Our ancient bonds are riven.
Once more to us the eternal choice
Of good or ill is given.

Not at a little cost,
Hardly by prayer or tears,
Shall we recover the road we lost
In the drugged and doubting years.

But after the fires and the wrath,
And after searching and pain,
His Mercy opens up a path
To live with ourselves again.

In the gates of Death, rejoice!
We see and hold the good—
Bear witness, Earth, we have made our choice
For Freedom's Brotherhood.

Then praise the Lord Most High,
Whose strength hath saved us whole;
Who bade us choose that the flesh should die,
And not the living soul.

Fraternally submitted,

NINA E. WILLIAMS, Ceres.

REPORT OF FLORA.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Once more we meet in this, our forty-fifth annual session, in the beautiful Napa Valley, a most desirable and fitting place for the Court of Flora to hold forth, where Flora and companions will not be in want of those beautiful creations of God with which to decorate their court and thrones.

May the many Patrons who will avail themselves of this opportunity to give pledges to Flora and receive her emblem as evidence of her favor be impressed by the beauty and fragrance of this emblem as a pattern for their future life.

Fraternally,

IRMA DEVERMAN, Flora.

REPORT OF LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD.

To the Worthy Master, Officers and Members of the California State Grange, I send Greetings, as I am not able to attend in person.

I feel rather guilty after having accepted the office of Lady Assistant Steward and the honor thereof not to perform my duties. I shall be with you in thought at least, and wish you a pleasant and profitable sessions. Fraternal submitted,

MRS. ORA G. ANDERSON,

Lady Assistant Steward.

Reports from Granges were read and accepted. See Page 49.
The following resolutions were introduced:

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions introduced by Fort Romie Grange relating to signals at railroad crossings, referred to Legislative Committee.

Resolutions introduced by Los Guillicos Grange of Kenwood relating to securing a uniform price for brown and white eggs, referred to Committee on Co-operation.

Resolution introduced by Sacramento County Pomona, relating to remitting State Grange dues on members of subordinate Granges who have enlisted in military service, referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution introduced by the Sonoma County Pomona Grange relating to shortening the ritualistic work, referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution introduced by Tulare County Pomona Grange relating to the Torrens Land Act, referred to Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution introduced by Sebastopol Grange relating to the purchase of Liberty Bonds by the State Grange, referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution introduced by Greenfield Grange relating to widow's rights in community property, referred to the Legislative Committee.

The song, "As We Go to Labor," was enjoyed by all.

Sister Emily B. Jacob moved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Sister Caroline Emery. Seconded and carried.

A letter from Past Master G. W. Worthen was read. Secretary was instructed to reply and express the regrets of the Grange that Brother and Sister Worthen could not meet with the State Grange this year.

A telegram from DDr. Margaret S. McNaught sending greetings to the State Grange was read.

Several announcements were made. Grange closed in form.

Evening.

A reception was tendered the visiting Patrons by the citizens of Napa and the Grange members of Napa County.

SECOND DAY—TUESDAY.**Forenoon.**

Grange was opened in ample form at 9:30 o'clock A. M. by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes.

The A. W. was taken up by the Assistant and Lady Assistant Steward, assisted by Sister Farrell and Brother F. L. Hunt.

After an opening song, "Bud and Bloom," the minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Worthy Overseer Peter Hanson read the report of the Committee on Order of Business. By motion of Brother Clement, seconded by Brother Dudgeon, the report was adopted.

The roll of Granges was called. Thirty-five responded.

The Committee on Credentials offered a partial report, which was accepted.

The following deputies' reports were presented and accepted:

REPORT OF DEPUTY GRANVILLE LIBBY.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

I received my appointment as general deputy in February, and early in March I had made arrangements with Brother Holmes to take up the work of organization, hoping to add to the number of Granges and thus increase our membership and influence. From that time till the last of May I gave my whole time to the work.

I entered the field with fond hopes and high and lofty ambition. I soon found, however, that mine was no easy task, for, be it known, I was not going to some particular locality in answer to a call for assistance, but it was my lot to enter new territory a stranger among strangers, and with a zeal born of inexperience, I began to preach the Grange gospel.

I worked hard and persistently. I walked miles over highways and through orchard and field. I canvassed whole neighborhoods. I talked with individuals and talked in public. I called meetings wherever I could get the people to gather, whether in hall, in schoolhouse or church. I met with some rebuff, but generally was kindly received and patiently listened to.

I made many friends and here and there some enthusiastic workers. Several factors, however, operated against a successful termination of my work.

In counties having a farm advisor, I found that wherever a farm bureau was established it was of little use to attempt to organize a Grange. This was the situation I found to exist in the vicinity of Acampo, the Christian Colony and Lodi. In these places I spent weeks of fruitless effort.

In Lake and Mendocino counties I met with better success. In Loconomi Valley, in Lake County, I organized the Middletown Grange. This Grange was started in a territory which should furnish a large membership. A fine lot of officers was elected, and quite a number of new members have been added. This Grange has suffered considerable loss by having several of its best members called into the military service. In Mendocino County I worked in Ukiah Valley, in Covelo and in Redwood Valley. A splendid Grange was organized in Redwood Valley with thirty-six charter members. This Grange is made up of live wires and is sure to do a good work for the order and for the community.

During the period in which I worked I held eight public meetings and delivered my message to those present. I also attended the convention of Practical Farmers of California at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, May 21 and 22, and by request gave a Grange talk at one of the evening sessions.

In all my work I have encountered not opposition but indifference. Farmers readily acknowledge the need of organization, but stubbornly refuse to apply its principles to their individual needs.

It is stated in our Declaration of Purposes that "individual happiness depends upon general prosperity," and "the welfare of one is the concern of all." These are foundation stones upon which our Grange structure is built, and indeed a careful consideration of the meaning shows that sentiment to be the very essence of that term "World Democracy" which we hear so much today and in support of which our country is applying that last awful measure, the arbitrament of war.

In closing this report I would appear ungrateful if I failed to acknowledge the valuable assistance received from Brother George Magnuson in organizing Redwood Valley Grange. I also wish to express my appreciation of the help, encouragement and confidence placed in me by Brother Holmes and other officers of the State Grange and the members of the Executive Committee. In return, I can say that I gave to the work the best I had to give, and while the immediate results

have not met with our expectations, yet I firmly believe that a portion, at least, of the seed that has been scattered has fallen on fertile soil and in due time will return a reasonable harvest for the good of our order, our country and mankind.

Fraternally submitted, GRANVILLE LIBBY.

REPORT OF DEPUTY F. L. HUNT.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

As a rule, the length of a deputy's report is long or short in the ratio as the work done by the deputy is much or little.

Judged by this standard, the report now being given should be a short one, for I feel that the amount of work done by me as deputy is very small indeed.

About the middle of the month of January, 1917, I received a long distance call from the Worthy Master, the purpose of which was to request me to go to Sisson, in Siskiyou County, for the purpose of starting a branch of our Order there.

On January 23rd, in accordance with instructions received by the message mentioned, I started for Sisson, and upon arriving there immediately set about the work in hand. On January 26th, after having made a canvass of the vicinity, a meeting was called which resulted in the start of a very good Grange. On January 29th a second meeting was held, and the organization of the new Grange was completed with a charter list of sixty-eight members, and was named Strawberry Valley Grange.

A great deal of credit for the organization of Strawberry Valley Grange is due to Brother M. G. Barker, who had formerly been a Patron in the East, and who greatly assisted in starting the new organization.

As a result of the Grange work done in and about Sisson, the sister town of Gazelle, also in Siskiyou County, caught the spirit, so there soon came a call for work there.

On April 1st I started for the second visit to Strawberry Valley Grange, and to see what could be done in Gazelle. On the evening of April 2nd I was very much gratified to meet with Strawberry Valley Grange and find them taking up the work so well and to assist them in initiating seven new members in the third and fourth degrees.

On April 4th, with the able assistance of Brother Barker, a canvass was made in the vicinity of Gazelle, and that same

evening a meeting was called which resulted in the start of Gazelle Grange.

Two days later, on April 6th, after some valuable assistance from Sister Alice E. Williams and Brother H. A. Craig, the organization of Gazelle Grange was completed. Several members of the new Grange at Sisson were present at the formation of Gazelle Grange, and it was very gratifying to witness the true, fraternal feeling exhibited by members of the two new organizations.

After making careful inquiry for new territory for other Granges, I had good reason to believe that another good Grange could be started in Little Shasta Valley, which is also in Siskiyou County. So, as soon as we saw Gazelle Grange well started, we moved over to Little Shasta and spent a couple of days canvassing for members and secured a nice list of names and called a meeting for organization. It was only through a rare combination of circumstances, the principle one of which was bad weather, that this meeting failed to produce a new Grange.

Although we failed to organize in Little Shasta, I am firmly convinced that there is a good opening there for a Grange, and I still hope to see the time when they will join our ranks. Indeed, I am convinced that there is a splendid field for Grange work in four or five of those northern counties of the State, and from my short experience and acquaintance with the people of that section, I was, and am now, of the opinion that we should have several new Granges there.

Outside of the work in Siskiyou County, I have made no attempt at organization work, but have had the pleasure of attending several meetings of the Granges of my home county, and have always found them in good condition, as you will learn from their reports to this State Grange.

This statement is especially true of Rutherford Grange, and I wish to call your special attention to the report from this Grange to learn whether I am right when I predict that it will prove to be the largest Grange in the State.

Fraternally submitted,

F. L. HUNT.

REPORT OF DEPUTY LEE DUDGEON.

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

After the close of our last session, Mrs. Dudgeon and myself spent about three months in States of the East and

Middle West enjoying ourselves and attending Grange meetings whenever possible, including the National Grange at Washington, D. C., the Ohio State Grange, and also Pomona and subordinate Granges. During this time I was lending such assistance as I could, but more particularly I was trying to get what knowledge I could for myself that I might discharge the duties as deputy more intelligently, but sorry to say that unavoidable circumstances have hindered me from doing as much work as I had expected. Nevertheless I have visited all the Granges in my district and find that my hardest task is in getting the members to realize the importance of carrying on their Grange work according to the Grange rules and regulations. To my observation, where this is done I find good, strong, active Granges; and where it is side-tracked, as a rule I find them very weak, if I find any at all. For the good of the Order, I suggest that each subordinate Grange get one of Brother T. C. Atkeson's History of the National Grange for reference. While the farmer is none the less important in this great crisis, the interest in my territory seems to center on the man behind the gun. Nevertheless, I believe there is an opening for more subordinate Granges in the near future in my district, and I will endeavor not to let an opportunity go by.

Fraternally,
LEE DUDGEON.

REPORT OF DEPUTY PETER HANSON.

As one of your deputies, I am sorry to say that it has not been possible to accomplish nearly as much as all our hearts desired. I organized one Grange this year, Los Guilicos Grange of Kenwood. Nearly all of the pre-organization work was done by Robert G. Harbutt, the present Master of the Grange. At the organization meeting we had the best of help and counsel, as Worthy Master Holmes and Past Master Griffith were both present. We believe the Grange was started in the way it should go.

I have attended many Grange meetings, installed officers, and done what good I could, all along the line, all without expense to this Grange.

PETER HANSON, Deputy.

Brother W. V. Griffith offered an oral report of his work.

After a song, "The Star Spangled Banner," the Worthy

Master appointed the following Committees and substitutes on Committees:

Credentials—Emily B. Jacob, Mary Williams, E. K. Clendenen.

Order of Business—Peter Hanson, F. L. Hunt, Mrs. F. W. Bush.

Division of Labor—W. W. Greer, W. E. Livingston, Florence Steinmetz, Caroline B. Gage.

Legislation—G. R. Harrison, Henry J. Clement, C. A. Bodwell, Jennie Dudgeon.

Co-operation—George Sehlmeier, F. W. Bush, G. H. Brigham, Julia Field, Clara Lannis.

Good of the Order—W. V. Griffith, Warren S. White, E. K. Clendenen, Leila O. White, Mary Williams.

Woman's Work—Mira Moore, Harriet L. Pettit, Caroline B. Gage, Lulu C. Eipper, Mamie L. Sanford.

Finance—H. H. Nauman Sr., H. A. Craig, Attilio Binsacca.

Education—Dr. Margaret McNaught, Eliza J. Farrell, Dr. E. C. Abbott, W. E. Cole.

Conservation—Thos. Jacob, W. H. Livingston, Elenor Libby.

Dormant Granges—F. W. Bush, Roy I. Church, Alice M. Abbott.

Press—Horace G. Keesling, Geo. H. Francis, W. E. Cole.

Charity—Ruth E. Griffith, Martha L. Gamble, Minnie Eddie, Alice S. Harrison, Julia Matthews.

Mileage and Per Diem—Warren S. White, J. H. Beach, P. J. Achibald.

Pomona Feast—A. Van Maren, S. L. Stice, Frankie Greer, Emily Harris, Grace Lincoln.

Memorial Committee—Robert G. Harbutt, Harriet Pettit, Alice Winans, Elenor Libby, Ella R. Kerns.

Resolutions—George Magnuson, E. C. Abbott, H. J. Clement, Mrs. H. A. Nauman, Minnie Church.

Special Committee on Purchase of Liberty Bonds—E. T. Pettit, W. W. Greer, S. L. Stice.

Brother W. W. Greer read the report of the Committee on Division of Labor and moved its adoption. Seconded by Brother F. L. Hunt and carried.

Brother George Sehlmeier moved that steps be taken to maintain a rest room at the State Fair under the direction of the Executive Committee of the State Grange and the Sacramento County Pomona Grange. The motion was duly sec-

ended, and after being thoroughly discussed was ordered referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

By unanimous consent, Brother Granville Libby introduced a resolution relating to saloons, which was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Upon motion of Brother Greer, seconded by Brother Blohm, it was ordered that no resolutions be given to the press until action is taken upon them by the State Grange.

Several announcements were made and the Grange stood at recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon.

Memorial exercises were the special order of business, and under the direction of the Worthy Chaplain, Robt. G. Harbutt, the following program was presented:

Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Helen Spencer
Prayer Chaplain
Scripture Reading and Remarks.....Chaplain
Song—"Beautiful River of Time".....Grange
Placing Tribute of Flowers on the Altar for—

Sister L. B. Hustead, wife of Past Master of Lincoln Grange, by Brother Freeman.

Sister Mary Capels, wife of Past Master of Elk Grove Grange, by Brother L. S. Dart.

Hugh A. Leigh, Past Master of San Jose Grange, by Brother E. C. Abbott.

Brother Fred Grimm, Past Master of Cotati Grange, by Brother H. C. Olson.

Song—"Nearer, My God, to Thee".....Grange

The death of Sister Lucy E. Hall, wife of Past Master Hall of Danville Grange, was announced, and the Secretary was instructed to have a memorial page placed in the Journal in her memory.

Grange was opened in the Fourth Degree by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes.

A communication relating to vocational education from Brother Sivert H. Shelley was read by Worthy Ceres Nina E. Williams. Brother Shelley spoke in favor of the communication, which was further explained by Brother E. C. Abbott, Sisters Harriet Pettit and Eliza Farrell.

Moved by Brother Nauman, seconded by Brother Greer and

carried, that this communication be referred to the Committee on Education.

An amendment was moved by Brother Sehlmeier, duly seconded and carried, that the portion referring to vocational education be referred to the Education Committee, and the portion referring to the employing of an attorney and secretary to the Executive Committee. The motion as amended was carried.

Special order of business being the meeting of the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association, a recess was taken until 7:30 P. M.

Evening.

Grange was called to order in open session by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes.

Under the Lecturer's Hour the following program was presented:

Song—"America" Grange
Vocal Solo.....Miss Florence Dean

Address—"National Defense"—A. H. Naftgger, Vice-Chairman
State Council of Defense.

Grange was opened in the Fourth Degree, closed and reopened in the Third, and the Ladies' Drill Team of Rutherford Grange exemplified the work of the Third and Fourth Degrees.

Mrs. H. J. Baade and Frank Wood of Napa Grange were the candidates.

On motion of Brother Greer, duly seconded, the thanks of the California State Grange were extended to the Ladies' Drill Team of Rutherford Grange for the beautiful floor work and the impressive manner in which the Third and Fourth Degrees were exemplified. This was adopted by a rising vote of all present. Grange was closed in form.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY.

Forenoon.

Grange was opened in ample form at 9:30 A. M. by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes. The A. W. was taken up by the Assistant and the Lady Assistant Steward, assisted by Brother Nauman and Sister Frankie Greer.

After the opening song, "Work for the Night is Coming,"

the roll of Granges was called, forty-two Granges responding. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved after slight corrections. The Committee on Credentials offered their several partial reports as their complete report. This was adopted.

The special order of business for the morning being the election of officers, the following were appointed as tellers: Brothers W. V. Griffith and E. H. Freeman and Sister A. Van Maren.

The following officers were declared to be duly elected:

Master—F. L. Hunt.

Overseer—Roy I. Church.

Lecturer—Dr. E. C. Abbott.

Steward—Lee Dudgeon.

Assistant Steward—A. C. Williams.

Chaplain—Robt. G. Harbutt.

Moved by Brother Greer, seconded and carried, that a recess be taken until 8 o'clock of the following day and that the election of officers be made a special order of business for that time.

By unanimous consent, Brother E. T. Pettit presented the report for the Special Committee on Purchase of Liberty Bonds, as recommended in the Master's address. The report was adopted.

Grange stood at recess.

Afternoon.

The members were tendered an automobile excursion to points of interest in Napa Valley.

Evening.

Grange called to order at 8 o'clock P. M. by the Worthy Master, Joseph Holmes. Grange was closed in the Fourth and opened in the Fifth Degree.

The Fifth Degree was conferred on a class of forty-three Patrons by the Sonoma County Pomona Drill Team. Those taking this degree were:

Mrs. Rannie Abramsen, P. J. Archibald, Mrs. Carrie Tessin Baade, Attilio Binsacca, C. A. Bodwell, G. M. Brown, Arthur F. Bryan, Miss Edna Bryan, Milton Alvin Chamblin, Henry J. Clement, Mrs. Evelyn A. Clement, Mrs. Fanny W. Coats, H. A. Craig, Mrs. Lois Craig, Miss Florence Dean, Mrs. Cyn-

thia Eddie, Miss Eva Eddie, Mrs. Lulu C. Eipper, Henry F. Ekdahl, Miss Mildred Ekdahl, Mrs. Julia Field, Robert W. Ford, Launcelot J. Gamble, James W. Gilson, H. L. Gunn, C. L. Hampton, Miss Bertha O. Harris, H. H. Hodges, Mrs. Henry Horettop, George F. Lincoln, Geo. L. Magneson, Arthur T. McBride, Mrs. Elva M. McBride, H. Leonard Page, Z. D. Page, Mrs. Mary Pfister, Herbert Porter, Albert C. Sanford, Mrs. Louise Sanford, August Steinmetz, Miss Louise Taplin, Miss Mabel Taplin, Mrs. Maggie E. Turner.

Grange was then closed in the Fifth and opened in the Sixth Degree and the Worthy Master, assisted by the other State officers, conferred this degree on a class of fifty-seven Patrons. Those who took the degree were:

Mrs. Rannei Abramsen, P. J. Archibald, Mrs. Carrie Tessin Baade, Mrs. Amelia A. Mar Baker, Mrs. Attilio Binsacia, C. A. Bodwell Jr., G. M. Brown, Arthur F. Bryan, Miss Edna Bryan, William B. Burke, Mrs. Irene Burke, Milton Alvin Chamblin, Henry J. Clement, Evelyn A. Clement, Fanny W. Coats, H. W. Craig, Mrs. Lois Craig, Miss Florence E. Dean, Mrs. Cynthia Eddie, Miss Eva Eddie, Mrs. Lulu Eipper, Henry Ekdahl, Miss Mildred Ekdahl, Mrs. Julia Field, Robert W. Ford, Launcelot J. Gamble, James W. Gilson, H. L. Gunn, C. L. Hampton, Miss Bertha Olivia Harris, H. H. Hodges, Mrs. Henry Hortop, Clara Lannis, George F. Lincoln, Mrs. Mabel DuPoint, Geo. L. Magneson, Clarence Mathews, Arthur T. McBride, Mrs. Elva M. McBride, Mrs. Cynthia Ossman, H. Leonard Page, Z. D. Page, Mrs. Mary A. Pfister, Herbert Porter, A. C. Sanford, Mrs. Louise Sanford, Anna Scholz, Marie Scholz, Robert Scholz, William R. H. Spiers, Mrs. Mollie Spiers, August Steinmetz, Miss Louise Taplin, Miss Mabel Taplin, Mrs. Maggie E. Turner, Mrs. Lillian Webb, Mrs. Mary Goad Williams.

The feast of Pomona was then served in Native Sons' hall. Grange was closed in the Sixth and reopened in the Fourth and closed in form.

FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY.

Forenoon.

Grange was opened in ample form by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes. T. A. W. was taken up by the Assistant and Lady Assistant Steward, assisted by Sister Dudgeon.

The song, "The Farmer Feeds Them All" was sung.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The special order of business was the completing of the election of officers. The following were duly declared elected:

Treasurer—M. Farrell.
 Secretary—Martha L. Gamble.
 Gate Keeper—Robt. Scholz.
 Ceres—Lulu Eipper.
 Pomona—Mary L. Church.
 Flora—Ella Braugher.
 Lady Assistant Steward—Mamie Sanford.
 Pianist—Alice Winans.

Executive Committeeman—(for the term of three years)—
 A. Van Maren.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to the tellers.

The Napa Grange quartet, consisting of H. L. Gunn, S. H. Wyckoff, Mrs. Dennis Spencer and Mrs. S. H. Wyckoff, rendered two selections.

The special order of business at this time was the hearing of invitations and the selection of a place of meeting for the next annual session of the State Grange.

Brother Magnuson read a telegram from the Secretary of the Ukiah Commercial Club, supplemented by an invitation from the Farmer's Club of Ukiah, inviting the State Grange to meet with them next year.

Brother Roy I. Church, on behalf of the Sonoma County Pomona Grange, extended a ninvitation to meet in Santa Rosa.

Brother E. K. Clendening, second by Brother Abbott, invited the State Grange to mee* in Santa Clara County next year.

On motion of Brother Greer, duly seconded and carried, the voting was by roll call of Granges.

Ukiah was selected as the place of meeting of the next session of the California State Grange.

Several announcements were made. Grange stood at recess until 1:30 P. M.

Afternoon.

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

A song composed by H. L. Gunn of Napa Grange, "The Way the Grangers Boost Their Order," was sung by the Grange, led by the Napa quartet.

The report of the Executive Committee, consisting of the minutes of all their meetings during the year, was read by the Secretary and referred to the Finance Committee.

The general report of the Committee on Good of the Order was read and adopted. The recommendations of the Committee were taken up seriatim.

Recommendation No. 1—That the Legislative Committee of the State Grange be so organized and empowered that the membership of the order may promptly know the effects of pending legislation. Reported favorably by the Committee. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 2—That the motion asking the State Grange to maintain a rest room at the State Fair be disapproved. The recommendation of the Committee was sustained.

Recommendation No. 3—That the resolution introduced by the Tulare County Pomona relating to the Torrens Land Act be endorsed and that a copy of the act be supplied to each subordinate Grange. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 4—That the resolution introduced by Sonoma County Pomona Grange relating to shortening the ritualistic work, be not adopted. The adverse report of the Committee was not sustained.

On motion of Brother Roy I. Church, duly seconded, the resolution as introduced was adopted.

Recommendation No. 5—That the resolution of Sebastopol Grange relating to the purchase of Liberty Bonds be approved. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 6—That the resolution of Sacramento County Pomona Grange, recommending that the State Grange dues on members who have enlisted in their country's service be remitted, be adopted. Adopted.

Recommendation No. 7—That those portions of the Master's report referred to this Committee be adopted. Adopted.

Sister Martha Gamble offered the report of the Committee on Charity. Adopted.

Brother Thos. Jacob offered the report of the Committee on Conservation. Adopted.

The Committee on Legislation recommended the adoption of the resolution from Greenfield Grange relating to widow's rights in community property. Adopted.

The Committee on Legislation further recommended the adoption of the resolution introduced by Fort Romie Grange advocating the placing of signals at grade crossings on both steam and electrical railways. Adopted.

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work by Sister Mira More was read and adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee on Education, Dr. Margaret S. McNaught, sent a very able and comprehensive general report, which was read by the Secretary. The report was referred to the Executive Committee and the Secretary instructed to write a letter of thanks to Dr. McNaught.

A supplementary report was presented by Sister Eliza J. Farrell on behalf of the Committee. Supplementary report adopted.

Brother George L. Magneson offered a partial report for the Committee on Resolutions, recommending the adoption of the resolution introduced by Brother Granville Libby relating to saloons. Adopted.

Brother F. W. Bush read the report of the Committee on Dormant Granges. Adopted.

Brother H. A. Nauman Sr. read the report of the Committee on Finance. Adopted.

Brother Magneson presented the following resolutions:

(1) Resolution relating to Senator Hiram Johnson's efforts to increase the tax on excess war profits.

(2) Resolution relating to conflicting and technical laws and legal red tape: also advocating a more equitable representation for the common people in our lawmaking bodies.

(3) Resolution relating to the increasing of salaries of county officers during their terms of office.

The three resolutions were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem was read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Co-operation was read by Brother George Sehlmeier and adopted.

The report of the Press Committee was read by Brother Horace G. Keesling and adopted. Brother Keesling gave a supplementary oral report.

The resolution relating to securing a uniform price for brown and white eggs was withdrawn by Brother Robert G. Harbutt.

Communications relating to: Drying and Dehydrating of Fruits and Vegetables; the Overseas Acre Fund; Land Settlement Board; Invitations from San Francisco and Los Angeles Convention Leagues to Entertain the 1918 State Grange,

and Formation of Granges in Arizona under the Jurisdiction of the State Grange of California, were read.

The communication relating to the Land Settlement Board was referred to the Executive Committee.

The members were invited to express their opinions regarding Grange work in Arizona under the direction of the California State Grange, and the opinion prevailed that it was not practicable owing to the distance.

Several announcements were made and a recess taken until 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Evening.

Grange was opened in ample form at 7:30 P. M. by the Worthy Master.

A resolution of thanks was presented by the Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, George L. Magneson, and adopted unanimously by a rising vote of all present.

The resolutions referred to the Committee on Resolutions were taken up seriatim. Action was taken as follows:

Resolution commending Senator Hiram Johnson's efforts to increase the tax on excess war profits. Adopted.

Resolution relating to conflicting laws. Rejected.

Resolution relating to increasing the salaries of officers during their terms of office was, on motion of Brother Livingston, seconded by Brother Craig, referred to the Standing Committee on Legislation.

The hour having arrived for the installation of officers, Worthy Past Master Pettit, assisted by Sister Minnie Church, installed the newly elected officers.

After installation the newly elected officers were called upon for speeches. Each responded with appropriate remarks.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the installing officer, Brother Pettit, and his assistant, Sister Church.

A parting song was sung and Grange was closed in form until the third Tuesday in October, 1918.

**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE
GRANGE.**

Pertaining to Signals at Railroad Crossings.

(Passed by Fort Romie Grange.)

Whereas, the Aromas Grange, in 1916, passed and presented to the State Grange a resolution regarding signals at railroad crossings; and

Whereas, We believe these signals to be of the utmost importance in preventing accidents and saving life; therefore be it

Resolved, That we ask the California State Grange to recommend and use all available means to bring about the passage of a law at the next session of the legislature requiring all steam and electric railways in this State to place proper signals at all grade crossings outside of incorporated cities on both public and dangerous private roads, these signals to be in plain view of any one approaching the railroad crossing from either direction, and to warn them when there is a train in the block; and we also favor making it a criminal offense for any one in a motor vehicle to cross the railroad when the signals denote that there is an approaching train in the block without first coming to a complete stop.

**Relating to Senator Johnson's Efforts to Increase the Taxes
on Excess War Profits.**

(Introduced by Brother Magneson of Redwood Valley Grange)

Whereas, We have noted with pleasure the hard fight Senator Johnson has made to increase the tax on excess war profits; therefore be it

Resolved, That the California State Grange, in session assembled, heartily endorses the work of Senator Johnson and hopes he will persist in his fight for higher tax until there will be no excess war profits, as we do not believe any one should make excess profits out of this war.

It is small enough sacrifice for us to give up any excess profits when our boys are preparing to sacrifice their lives for our beloved country.

Relating to the Torrens Land Act.

(Introduced by Tulare County Pomona Grange)

Whereas, The Grange claims the honor of bringing the Tor-

rens system of land titles before the people; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grange members show their faith in the law by making use of the same; and also

Resolved, That the State, Pomona and Subordinate Granges give all information and help possible to members desiring to make use of the law.

Relating to Community Property.

(Introduced by Greenfield Grange)

Whereas, The laws of the State of California regulating the inheritance of community property owned in common by husband and wife discriminate against the wife, making her heir to part of such community property only when the husband dies intestate, and requiring her to go through a process of law that necessitates lawyers' fees and court expenses that in many cases consume a large part of the estate at a time when the widow is least able to pay such expenses; and

Whereas, There is no process of law necessary for a husband to put community property through when the wife dies, the husband in such cases becoming the sole and only heir to all the community property; therefore be it

Resolved, By Greenfield Grange, No. 357, Patrons of Husbandry, that we hold such law as characteristic of ancient times and of uncivilized peoples among whom woman is not considered the equal of man and that such law is very unjust to woman; we request our representative to the California State Grange to bring this matter before it, asking that the State Grange go on record for the amendment of said unjust law at the next session of the State Legislature and for the enactment of inheritance laws that will place the wife on an equality with the husband.

Relating to the Remittance of State Grange Dues.

(Introduced by Sacramento County Pomona Grange)

Whereas, A large number of the young men, members of our Subordinate Granges, have answered the call of our country and have entered the service; and

Whereas, Many of the Subordinate Granges are keeping these members in good standing; and

Whereas, It will work a financial hardship on these several

Subordinate Granges to pay the State dues on these members who have gone to the front; therefore be it

Resolved, That when any Subordinate Grange shall, under the Seal of the Grange, present the names of such members who have entered the service of the country, and whom they are keeping in good standing in their respective Granges, that the State dues on such members shall be remitted to such said Grange.

Relating to the Purchase of Liberty Bonds

(Introduced by Sebastopol Grange)

Whereas, It is the duty of every patriotic American citizen to aid our government in the present great crisis, in every possible way, and that one of these ways is by aiding its finances; be it

Resolved, That we, the officers and members of Sebastopol Grange, No. 306, hereby request the State Grange to invest some of its funds in Liberty Bonds, and that our delegate to the State Grange present this resolution to that body, and work for its adoption; be it further

Resolved, That we individually purchase Liberty Bonds, where possible, and that we do all in our power to further the sale of these bonds.

Relating to Abolishing the Saloons,

(Introduced by Brother Granville Libby of Middletown Grange)

Whereas, The preservation of our liberties and the perpetuation of our institutions depend upon a successful termination of the war; and

Whereas, To accomplish this end demands the greatest measure of efficiency and energy from all; and

Whereas, The saloon is the greatest destroyer of such efficiency, breeding poverty, crime and immorality, destroying character and reputation, filling our jails and asylums and is an evil which should no longer be tolerated; therefore be it

Resolved, That the best interests of our country demand that the saloon should be abolished from the land.

Relating to Shortening of Grange Ritual.

(Introduced by Sonoma County Pomona Grange)

Resolved, That Sonoma County Pomona Grange hereby urges the State Grange of California at its coming session to petition the National Grange in favor of a revision and shortening of the Grange ritual as regards initiation in the various degrees.

Resolved, Also, that the National Grange be asked to consider whether a reduction in the number of degrees to one or at most two would not be conducive to the Good of the Order.

Resolutions of Thanks.

Whereas, The State Grange of California, in session held at Napa, Cal., October 16-19, 1917, has been an exceedingly beneficial one, both from the standpoint of work accomplished and social enjoyment; and

Whereas, Much of the pleasure and benefit has been due to the efforts of the good people of this city and of Napa Valley; therefore be it

Resolved, That this California State Grange go on record as expressing its deep appreciation and hearty thanks to Mayor E. J. Drussell, H. C. Gesford, and all those people of Napa who made our stay here a pleasant one.

We appreciate the efforts of those people, not members of the Order, who assisted in the enjoyable program of Tuesday evening, and our excursion up Napa Valley on Thursday afternoon, particularly the Napa Chamber of Commerce for automobiles furnished.

Our thanks also are due to the management of the Tokalon experiment station for fruit furnished.

To Mr. A. H. Naftzger for his instructive and inspiring address on National Defense.

To Mrs. Flannigan for the use of the hall in which we meet.

To Brother Gunn for his thoughtfulness in having copies of songs printed and distributed. And be it further

Resolved, That the Press be extended our thanks for the generous amount of space and publicity given us.

GEO. L. MAGNESON.

MRS. H. A. NAUMAN.

H. J. CLEMENT.

MRS. MINNIE CHURCH.

E. C. ABBOTT.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AS ADOPTED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE.

Credentials.

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report as follows. We find the following Granges entitled to representation:

- American River—Fred Bush, Alternate.
- Antelope—A. T. McBride and wife, Alternates.
- Aromas—Lulu C. Eipper, Alternate.
- Bellevue—Wm. Spiers and wife, Master.
- Bennett Valley—Hans Mortenson and wife, Master.
- Capital—W. W. Greer and wife, Master.
- Castoria—Sister Nina Williams, Alternate.
- Cotati—H. C. Olsen, Master.
- Danville—Florence Steinmetz and husband, Master.
- Dinuba—H. H. Hodges, Master.
- Elk Grove—Geo. Sehlmeier, Alternate.
- Forestville—Chas. E. White and wife, Alternates.
- Fort Romie—Attilio Binsacca, Master.
- Gazelle—H. A. Craig and wife, Master.
- Geyserville—John Ellis and wife Alternates.
- Greenfield—W. H. Livingston, Master.
- Guenoc—L. J. Gamble, Master.
- Lincoln—Clara Lannis, Master.
- Live Oak—Herbert Porter, Master.
- Los Guilicos—Rev. Robt. G. Harbutt, Master.
- Middletown—Mrs. Julia Field, Alternate.
- Mountain View—James Center and wife, Alternates.
- Napa—F. L. Hunt and wife, Master.
- Oakland—Warren S. White, Master.
- Orangevale—L. H. Mann and wife, Master.
- Orchard City—Robt. Scholz, Master.
- Petaluma—C. A. Bodwell and wife, Alternates.
- Potter Valley—James Eddie and wife, Master.
- Progressive—G. H. Brigham and wife Alternates.
- Redwood Valley—Geo. L. Magneson, Master.
- Rutherford—Wm. E. Cole, Master.
- Sacramento—J. H. Beach, Alternate.
- Sacramento County Pomona—H. A. Nauman and wife, Master.
- San Jose—Dr. E. C. Abbott and wife, Master.

Santa Calara County Pomona—E. K. Clendining and wife, Master.

Santa Rosa—Geo. R. Gage and wife, Master.

Sebastopol—Geo. R. Harrison and wife, Master.

Silverado—H. J. Clement and wife, Master.

Sonoma County Pomona—Roy I. Church and wife, Master.

Soquel—P. J. Archibald, Alternates.

Strawberry Valley.

Tulare—Thos. Jacob and wife, Alternates.

Tulare County Pomona—Emily B. Jacob and husband, Master.

Two Rock—S. L. Stice and wife, Alternates.

Visalia—A. C. Williams and wife, Master.

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 Napa and Patrons of Napa County.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY.

1. Opening Grange.
2. Reading and Approval of Minutes of Previous Day.
3. Report of Committee on Order of Business.
4. Roll Call of Granges for the Presentation of Credentials and New Business Without Debate.
5. Report of Committee on Credentials.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. Reports of Committees. New Business. Announcements.

Afternoon.

1. Memorial Service—Open Session.
2. Reading and Discussion.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. New Business. Announcements.

Evening.

1. Open Meeting for Public Speaking.
2. Exemplification of Third and Fourth Degrees by Ruth-
erford Grange Degree Staff.
3. Unfinished Business.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. New Business. Announcements.

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. Election of Officers.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Reports of Committees.

Afternoon.

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

Evening.

1. Conferring Fifth and Sixth Degrees.
2. Feast of Pomona.

FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY.

Forenoon.

1. Roll Call of Granges.
2. Reading and Approval of Minutes of Previous Day.
3. Selection of Next Place of Meeting.
4. Unfinished Business.
5. New Business.
6. Reports of Committees.

Afternoon.

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

Evening.

1. Unfinished Business.
2. Installation of Officers.
3. Closing the Grange in due form.

Hours of Labor to be from—

9:30 A. M. 12 M.

2:00 P. M. to 4:30 P. M.

7:30 P. M. till the labors of the day are completed.

PETER HANSON.

F. L. HUNT.

CO-OPERATION.

Never before in the history of our country has the need of intelligent co-operation existed not only among farmers, but among other occupations, and all should assist in bringing about a system of co-operation that would prove practical in operation.

In this regard, your committee would suggest that the once a day delivery system be adopted in all cities, believing that such delivery would result in conservation of labor and expense of delivery, now so necessary.

After a thorough investigation of the various systems of co-operation now being practised in this State, your Committee is convinced that the plan adopted by the Sacramento County Pomona Grange to be the best adapted for use in the various subordinate Granges in this State.

The plan we would suggest is as follows: That, in every case, where it is possible, that several subordinate Granges unite in the purchase plan and that lists of the things to be purchased be printed and sent to every member of such Granges with the request that the list be marked and returned to a committee appointed by the subordinate Granges concerned, and in this way a club or pool system of purchases be made.

Your committee most urgently suggests that nothing but the cash system be used in all Grange purchasing. We believe that the greatest curse of the farmers is the credit system, and your committee believes that, if cash were paid in all instances, not only would it bring about a reduction in

the purchase price, but would result in relieving the distress caused by the credit system.

Your Committee on Co-operation last year called attention to the David Lubin plan of direct dealing between producer and consumer, and, inasmuch as this plan has been given a practical trial by the Sacramento County Pomona Grange your committee suggests that the State Grange of California direct the delegates to the National Grange to use every honorable means to bring about legislation through the National Grange Legislative Committee which would result in the adoption of the David Lubin plan.

We believe that the adoption of this plan would result in the food conservation so necessary for the conduct of the war.

In conclusion, your Committee urges that all members in attendance should return to their homes with the intention of making an effort to bring about co-operation in their respective Granges, as we believe co-operation in all lines to be one of the greatest needs of the country.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. SEHLMAYER,
G. H. BRIGHAM,
F. W. BUSH,
CLARA LANNIS,
JULIA FIELD.

Conservation.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Committee on Conservation beg leave to report as follows:

The subject of Conservation has assumed such proportions that it has got entirely beyond our grasp.

Food, fuel, water, minerals, mineral oil, lumber, grain, feed, transportation facilities, manufacturing industries; in fact about everything tangible and intangible, are subjects of conservation by the general government.

We, your Committee on Conservation, endorse the action of the Government in the present crisis.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. JACOB
ELINOR M. LIBBY,
W. H. LIVINGSTON.

Division of Labor.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Committee on Division of Labor, to whom was referred the annual address of the Worthy Master, beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that portion relating to the "Condition of the Order" be referred to the Committee on "Good of the Order"; that the portion relating to the "National Grange Monthly" be referred to the Committee on "Good of the Order"; that portion relating to Grange Deputies be referred to the Committee on "Good of the Order"; that portion relating to "Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance" be referred to the Committee on "Good of the Order"; that portion relating to Good Roads be referred to the "Good Roads Committee."

We recommend that portion relating to Bonds, which carries with it a recommendation to invest a large sum of money from our treasury, and perhaps, the necessity of new legislation authorizing the same, be referred to a special committee; said committee to be appointed by the Master, with instructions to report at their earliest possible convenience; as, under the circumstances, this matter demands prompt and immediate action.

We recommend that portion relating to "In Memoriam" be referred to the Committee on "Order of Business" and to the Committee on "Memorial Services."

Fraternally submitted,

W. W. GREER.

FLORENCE STEINMETZ.

CAROLINE B. GAGE.

Charity.

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

We, your Committee on Charity, know of no specific charitable work in which any of the Subordinate Granges have been engaged, though undoubtedly there have been many instances of personal giving among the members.

We were glad to note, from the reading of the Master's Reports, that so many Granges are interested in the Red Cross

work and have donated both time and money. Too much can not be done along this line, but we must not let our interest in this great national work absorb our thoughts to the exclusion of charitable work in our very midst.

Charity, like agricultural products, grows with cultivation; likewise the enjoyment in connection therewith, for it is "more blessed to give than to receive." That you may enjoy your rewards, "dispense Charity, the flowers of brotherly love, as freely as nature spreads her flowery carpet over all the earth. And let your Charity extend to all humanity."

While we are taught that we must not let our left hand know what our right hand doeth, that your Committee on Charity may have data on which to make a report, we recommend that any charitable work done by any Grange be embodied in the report of the Masters of said Grange.

"And now abideth Faith, Hope and Charity, and the greatest of these is Charity."

Fraternally submitted,

RUTH ELIA GRIFFITH.
MARTHA L. GAMBLE.
MRS. MINNIE EDDIE.
ALICE S. HARRISON.
JULIA MATHEWS.

Committee.

Education.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:
Your Committee on Education beg leave to report as follows:
The Chairman of the Committee on Education has sent from her off of Commissioner of Elementary Schools at Sacramento a voluminous and exhaustive report, which would seem to challenge the propriety of her colleagues, who were not conferred with, adding anything to the document, which is herewith referred to the Grange. The members of the Committee in attendance at the convention, however, feel that complete silence might argue indifference on their part to the importance of the subject which they were requested to consider, consequently venture to present a brief supplementary report, confining their endeavor to emphasizing the ob-

vious necessity of increased effort in behalf of industrial training. The exigencies of the times demand that the youth of our country be properly equipped, if possible, to face the complex conditions which will confront them in the near future. In this connection, your committee begs leave to report favorably and enthusiastically upon the plan evolved by Mr. Siebert Shelly, of San Jose, involving the conscientious mental effort of years, and presented yesterday in an explanatory paper to the State Grange. Mr. Shelly is urged to "Hope and Persevere" until this effort in behalf of humanity shall be recognized and made an important factor in the machinery of the educational system of California, if not the entire country.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZA J. FARRELL.

E. C. ABBOTT.

Napa, Oct. 19, 1917.

Finance.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that we have examined the books of our Secretary and Treasurer and find them correct, and kept in a neat and comprehensive manner. We have also examined the Financial Report of the Executive Committee, and found it correct.

HENRY A. NAUMAN SR.

H. A. CRAIG.

ATTILIO BINSACCA.

Good of the Order.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

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

We accept the task as meaning all that the words imply, and our sincere desire is to give to this body something that will prove of benefit to the Order; something that will stimulate greater interest in our work. We recognize the great work the Grange has done in creating a co-operative spirit. Co-operation is one of the precepts and fundamental princi-

ples of our Order. All successful organizations find their greatest strength comes from persons who have met, or are meeting, together; and advocate and recognize the value of co-operation. If we admit and recognize this fact, why hesitate to make greater use of its benefit? Are we not retarding progress by dividing our efforts with new and often untried movements striving for the same objects?

The "Declaration of Purposes" of our Grand Order is so broad and comprehensive that it has stood the test of fifty years.

Brothers and Sisters, if we admit these conditions, let us go home from this session with new and determined resolutions that we will give to the Grange, first, last, and all the time, our loyal support.

One way for us to prove our faith in the work of the Order is for each member to take a part in all its work, and be true to his obligations. Let us be ready at every meeting to give information on work entrusted to our care. All committees, especially the standing committees of the State Grange, whose opportunities for consultation are limited, should take this to heart.

We notice with regret the growing tendency of tardy reports of officers and delegates. This we consider very detrimental to the Good of the Order, both by example and the proper transaction of the business. Let us be prompt "that no time be lost in useless labor."

In view of our convictions, as briefly expressed in this report, we beg leave to make the following recommendations:

We recognize the value of a better knowledge of the Work of the Legislature, and recommend, as suggested by Brother Shelley, that the Legislative Committee of the State Grange be so organized and empowered that the membership of the Order, through the local Granges, may promptly know the effect of pending legislation affecting their interests.

Of the resolution asking the State Grange to maintain a rest room at the State Fair, we disapprove.

On the resolution referring to the Torrens Land Title Act, we report favorably, and recommend that a copy of this law be supplied to each Subordinate Grange that the members may become familiar with it.

On the resolution asking for a shortening of the Grange Ritual, we report adversely.

The resolution of Sebastopol Grange pertaining to the purchase of Liberty Bonds we approve.

The resolution introduced by Sacramento County Pomona Grange, in relation to the remittance of State Grange dues on members who are in the service of their country, we recommend.

Those portions of the Worthy Master's report which were referred to our Committee by the Committee on Division of Labor, we heartily endorse and recommend their adoption.

In conclusion, let us again urge upon the members the importance of individual responsibility to give constant thought and study to create a better condition for the American farmer.

W. V. GRIFFITH.
E. K. CLENDENING.
WARREN S. WHITE.
MARY S. WILLIAMS.
LEILA O. WHITE.

Press.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Committee on Press beg leave to report as follows:

In the discharge of our duties we have had the co-operation of the newsgatherers of the two local papers, the Napa Journal and the Napa Register. These papers have courteously published all of the proceedings of this session that we have been able to furnish to them.

We recommend that the thanks of this State Grange be presented to the publishers of these papers for their courtesy.

We wish to again 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 local papers with such reports of their work as may be desired and that will serve to promote the Good of the Order.

HORACE G. KEESLING.
W. E. COLE.
GEORGE FRANCIS.

Woman's Work.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Committee on Woman's Work beg leave to report as follows:

Never has the old adage, "Woman's work is never done," seemed so true. Women certainly have to know where to put every ounce of energy to meet the demands of these strenuous times with a minimum of work and worry.

There must be no waste; this calls for careful planning and intelligent buying that the family may be properly fed and clothed. One of the biggest problems the American woman has ever been called upon to face is before her.

It is no small "bit" the woman of today is doing. We find her in every walk of life taking the places of the men who have gone to the front, and we should feel proud that she is able to do so.

The Woman's Committee on the "Council of National Defense" is urging national co-operation in all forms of work.

Let us ask ourselves, What can I do best? If we really wish to help our country, we should not attempt to do work for which we are not qualified. This is no time for experiments. If we have found our right niche, let us become one hundred per cent efficient in that one talent.

We approve all the Granges are doing and giving for the Red Cross work.

Your Committee is interested in one of the departments of the Napa Library. This is a rest room and kitchenette equipped with a gas stove and dishes, a table, chairs, etc., and there is a matron in attendance. It is supported by the city, and is especially convenient for women and school children from the country; and some modification of it would be possible in many towns. The subject is worthy the consideration of the women of the Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

MIRA MORE.
HARRIET L. PETTIT.
CAROLINE B. GAGE.
LULU C. EIPPER.
MAMIE L. SANFORD.

Special Committee.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Committee, to whom was referred that part of the Worthy Master's report referring to Liberty Bonds, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same and would recommend that the Executive Committee be authorized to invest fifteen hundred dollars of the Grange funds now on hand in Liberty Bonds.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. PETTIT.

W. W. GREER.

S. L. STICE.

Committee.

Mileage and Per Diem.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem beg leave to report as follows:

The following bills have been received and approved:

Roy I. Church.....	\$ 1.80
Susie E. Stover.....	3.15
Lee Dudgeon	7.00
Geo. L. Magnuson.....	12.70
Mary L. Church.....	3.20
Mamie L. Sanford.....	3.60
Peter Hanson	1.80
Mrs. Julia Field.....	10.10
H. A. Craig and wife.....	37.10
E. C. Abbott.....	3.20
Alice E. Winans.....	3.20
Nina E. Williams, Ceres.....	3.05

————— \$89.90

WARREN S. WHITE.

HERBERT PORTER.

J. H. BEACH.

P. J. ARCHIBALD.

Reports of Subordinate Granges

ANTELOPE.

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

As Alternate of Antelope Grange, No. 161, it is with pleasure that I am submitting this report to the forty-fifth annual session of the State Grange.

As our Grange is situated in an extensive agricultural district of Sacramento county, we are deeply interested in and have always stood for all movements and laws looking toward the benefit of the farmer.

As has been formerly reported by our Grange, we own our hall and ten acres of land planted to eucalyptus. The use of the hall is liberally donated for all community gatherings, such as Red Cross, church socials, Parent-Teacher Associations, and even to home receptions when the home of the hostess was not large.

While our membership is practically the same as was reported last year, we always have well attended, enthusiastic meetings, which are held in the afternoons of the first and third Saturdays of each month.

Our annual picnic and social dances are the principal sources through which we derive our funds.

The Worthy State Master, Joseph Holmes, visited our Grange on two occasions during the past year, and his visits have been highly appreciated by us.

In conjunction with Orangevale Grange, we have established the annual feature of holding memorial services at our local cemetery on Decoration Day.

Fraternally submitted,

A. T. McBRIDE, Alternate.

AROMAS.

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

It is with pleasure I report that Aromas Grange, No. 361,

Monterey county, is wide awake and gaining in strength and membership.

Last March we had the pleasure of entertaining fifteen Brothers and Sisters of Soquel Grange, No. 349, at our regular meeting, followed by an entertainment and banquet.

Our Worthy Lecturer always has entertainment of some kind prepared for the Lecturer's Hour, and each member seems willing to do his part toward the upbuilding of our Order. The members of our orchestra are always present and very liberal with their music, a fact which is greatly appreciated by all.

Last June we held a food sale and ice cream social, and sent the proceeds (\$27.50) to the American Red Cross Society.

Our Worthy Master, Brother Elmer Snyder, has a fine record, having been two years in office, and has been present at every meeting; therefore I most sincerely regret the fact that it was impossible for him to be with you.

Several of our members are present and we hope to send a larger delegation to the forty-sixth annual session of the California State Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

LULU C. EIPPER, Alternate.

BELLEVUE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange,

Greetings and best wishes from Bellevue Grange, No. 374.

As Master of Bellevue Grange, I have the honor of submitting the following brief report:

We hold our regular meetings on the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month in the Bellevue Grange hall. Throughout the summer months the attendance has been small, but the interest good. We are now gathering our forces together, and are trying to double our membership. We have held twenty-two meetings during the year. We missed one on account of bad weather; the other because of the Rose Carnival.

This year has been a successful as well as a profitable one, and we feel we have accomplished a great deal. We are united by a stronger tie and work for the good of the Order, for our country, and for mankind in general.

The members take an active interest and respond to any call for work, either on a committee or on a program. Our

Lecturer provides good programs, which consist of readings, recitations, music and open discussion on general subjects.

We had the pleasure of entertaining the Sonoma County Pomona Grange in June. This was very beneficial to us, as we are a new Grange and have to learn how to do the work.

During the year we have been honored by three visits from our Worthy State Overseer, Brother Hanson. Several members from the various Granges around have visited us at different times.

Our financial standing is good. We hope in the near future to be able to completely pay for our hall.

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,

WM. SPIERS, Master.

BENNETT VALLEY.

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

I herewith make the annual report of Bennett Valley Grange No. 16.

We have held two meetings each month.

Our Grange is on a good working basis; our hall equipments are valued at about three thousand dollars, and are fully insured in the Sonoma County Farmers' Mutual.

The main hall and ante-rooms are hard finished, large and commodious. The dining room is ample and well furnished for all occasions. A good piano is one of the Grange fixtures that adds materially to the interest and enjoyment of the meetings.

Another asset is plenty of good water. In my report I wish to mention the grand old trees in and about the campus, that lend themselves so beautifully to the environment of the Grange Hall, in whose shade so many picnic parties have been held.

The 27th of May and the 4th of July are red letter days with the Bennett Valley Grange, and the public always expects the Grange to entertain on these occasions. We also make a date for the 4th of December, commemorating the dedication of our hall. On the 22nd of February the Grange

paid proper homage and respect to the memory and character of our first President.

Quite out of the ordinary in our Grange life and work was the leave-taking of several of our young men, who were called by their Government to participate in the war in which we are now engaged.

Our Grange bought a Liberty Bond and on the 27th of October will give a social dance, the proceeds of which will be given to the Red Cross.

We are in good financial standing, having \$92.00 in the treasury and no debts.

During the year our meetings have been well attended.

The Lecturer's Hour is an important interim in our work that is made interesting by readings, recitations, music and lively discussions.

I desire specially to mention our young secretary, Miss Marie Beutel, who has made a very efficient officer, pains-taking and obliging.

At a recent meeting, Brother Hanson, our Worthy State Overseer, who is ever mindful of the good and beneficent work of the early promoters of Bennett Valley Grange, offered a resolution to make Sister Annie Whitaker, at whose home the Grange was organized, and where the first Harvest feast was spread, and it was said the first one in the State, a life member, without further dues. The resolution was unanimously carried, and accentuated by a rising vote of the Grange. A fitting recognition of the Sister's age and long continued service.

Fraternally submitted,

HANS MORTENSON.

CAPITAL.

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

Capital Grange, No. 305, meets the third Friday of each month at Muddox hall, Sacramento. We have very little to report and no new business to offer. Our meetings are held in the evening and at each meeting we have light refreshments and a musical and literary program under the supervision of the Lecturer. During the year we were favored by one meeting of Sacramento County Pomona Grange being held with us. Our officers were installed by the Master of

our Pomona Grange, who favored us with a good Grange talk.

We are trying to do our part in helping our Government in these trying times. Our members are active in Red Cross work, have liberally subscribed for Liberty Bonds, and have given some of our Grange sons and grandsons to the service of our country.

We give attention to civic affairs and have a representative in our enlarged Chamber of Commerce and convention of Improvement Clubs.

Our members are well paid up in their dues and our treasury is in a healthy condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. W. GREER, Master.

CASTORIA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Castoria Grange sends greetings and best wishes for a successful meeting.

I have had the pleasure of attending several sessions of the State Grange and have always found them instructive.

We are pleased to have as members Brother and Sister Edward R. Williams, whom we received by demit from Danville Grange.

Some of our active members have, during the summer, gone to other localities. The Worthy Lecturer and Worthy Trustee, Sister Andrews and husband, have gone to Acampo. Brother Jim Thorp and wife, a Past Master and past pianist, respectively, have gone to Lockford. Brother and Sister Sam Rhoads, Brother and Sister Borgan and Sister Flint have located in Oakland.

Some of our young patriotic Brothers who have answered the draft are the W. A. S., Brother Ernest Robinson and Brother Cleveland Beattie. They are at American Lake. Brother Glen Libhart is soon to follow. Of our enlisted Brothers, Brother Jim Drunsfield is near San Antonio, Texas; Brother Alphonse Saleni at San Diego, and Brother Lawrence Smith "somewhere on the ocean." May it all end right.

Some of our members have bought Liberty Bonds.

We celebrated Columbus Day, October 12th, with a patriotic meeting at the hall. The teachers of the public school, all three of whom are members of the Grange, and some of

the school children, joined in. Speakers and a singer from Stockton were also with us.

Wishing you a pleasant meeting and a prosperous future for the organization.

Fraternally submitted,

W. B. MATHEWS, Master.

COTATI.

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

Cotati Grange, No. 369, hold its regular meetings on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month, in Odd Fellows' hall, with fair attendance and the interest has been good.

Our membership has not increased as we expected, but we look to the future with confidence.

Financially, we are able to meet our obligations.

Early this year we organized a Degree Team, which did good work for a new team; but owing to the absence of some of its members the work is at a standstill.

Refreshments are served after each meeting; dancing and games are also in order. We believe this is a great help in bringing out the members.

The Grange gave an entertainment and dance with splendid success, both socially and financially, having had entertainers from different places to assist us.

We regret the loss by death of two of our members, Sister Mrs. P. Boyson and Past Master Fred Grimm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. OLSEN, Master.

DANVILLE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Another year has passed and we are again assembled as Patrons of Husbandry to welcome old friends, and we hope to make new ones.

At the beginning of the year, when the officers of Danville Grange were installed in an impressive and pleasing manner by Past Master Chas. J. Wood and his most efficient wife, I found myself occupying the Master's chair. It was with a feeling of diffidence and lack of faith in my own ability that I took

the gavel and tried to follow the example of the many successful Masters who had preceded me.

Danville Grange meets on the first Saturday afternoon and the third Thursday evening of each month. The attendance has been very good, and the interest satisfactory. While we have lost some members, we have gained others; and have a class waiting to be initiated.

The change of meeting to one day and one evening meeting each month has given an opportunity to many of our Brothers to attend who would not otherwise do so.

We have not missed a meeting this year, although the Master has been absent once owing to illness in the family. Under the leadership of our efficient and enthusiastic Lecturer, Sister Margaret Martinelli, we have enjoyed many pleasing and instructive programs.

Last fall some of our members, among them our wide-awake pianist, Sister Ada Boucher, conceived the idea of purchasing a new piano. The matter was taken up by the Grange; a purchasing committee was appointed with power to act; a piano was procured. The Grange gave an Old Folks concert and raised more than enough to pay for it. About this time a proposition was made the Grange to entertain the Shriners from Oakland with a banquet. This seemed a gigantic undertaking, as the concert was scheduled for the fifteenth and the banquet would come on the sixteenth. However, some of the pioneer spirit still exists among our members. They rallied nobly to the standard, and although it meant work, as some were on duty day and night, the feeding of three hundred and fifty Shriners being quite an undertaking the result was highly satisfactory, and a goodly sum was turned into our treasury.

In March the Grange celebrated the eighty-second birthday of Sister Cynthia Wood, she being one of the two charter members left in our Grange. The other Sister, Mary A. Jones, has passed her ninety-second birthday.

On May 30th, Danville Grange observed Memorial Day with an appropriate program, and the strewing of flowers upon the graves of deceased members.

The war has affected our Grange in various ways. Many of our members have sons or other relatives wearing the olive drab. One of our members has gone to the front, and many of our Sisters are working for the Red Cross.

The subject of County Farm Adviser has been taken up by

the Worthy Lecturer, a representative appointed, and the work of organizing a Farm Bureau is well under way in our county.

While there are many regrets for opportunities lost, still under existing conditions, being a very busy farmer's wife, we feel as the Good Book says, "She hath done what she could."

We have lost two members by death, Sister Sarah J. Winter and Sister Lucy E. Hall.

In conclusion, it is our sincere wish that the spirit of harmony and good will prevail at all our deliberations during this session, and that we may all return to our several Granges with messages of encouragement and good cheer, and with pleasant recollections, feeling better for having been here.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE STEINMETZ, Master.

DINUBA.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Dinuba Grange, No. 342, submits the following report:

The Grange meetings are held the second and fourth Saturdays of each month; the second meeting each month being held in the evening. A vacation of two months is taken during the summer.

Our Lecturer takes a great interest in the work and always has a good program.

Much work is done to induce the children to take part in the program, and once a year a picnic is given for the benefit of the children and young people.

H. H. HODGES, Master.

ELK GROVE.

The Elk Grove Grange meets the first and third Thursday evenings of each month in Masonic Hall, Elk Grove, Sacramento county. During the last year our gain in membership has been small. The attendance during the summer months has been light. This has been due to several causes; the lack of farm labor, and large fruit and grain crops. At our last regular meeting, October 4th, Elk Grove Grange met Valley Oaks Grange of Galt, Sacramento county, in a joint debate, two speakers from each Grange participating. The question for debate was, "Resolved, That the Government

enforce arbitration in all labor disputes, that lead to strikes or lockouts." Valley Oaks Grange on the affirmative; Elk Grove the negative. Valley Oaks was awarded the decision by the judges. In membership, our strength is about the same as a year ago.

Death removed one of our oldest and most respected members, Sister Mary J. Caples. Sister Caples was a pioneer of California, crossing the plains twice with ox teams. She took a prominent part in upbuilding the social and educational institutions in the community where she lived. Sister Caples was esteemed and beloved by all who knew her.

Elk Grove Grange, in connection with Valley Oaks Grange, is contemplating an extensive program of co-operative buying. Sugar, apples and potatoes will be on the list.

The members of Elk Grove Grange extend fraternal greetings to the State Grange and all hope that the present session will result in a new spirit of progress for our order in this State.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. SEHLMAYER, Alternate.

FORESTVILLE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

In offering to the State Grange the fourth annual report of Forestville Grange, No. 367, P. of H., I am sorry to report an unsatisfactory year's work. The membership is steadily falling off, and the Grange spirit and interest is very weak.

At the beginning of the year the Grange voted to change the meeting place from the school house to I. O. O. F. hall, hoping the more commodious quarters might be an incentive in putting on the work and doing the Grange social duties in a better manner; but except for a slight interest manifested at the earlier meetings of the year, our Grange has fallen into a state of apathy that is very discouraging to the faithful few who appreciate and love that for which the Grange stands.

Fraternally submitted,

C. E. WHITE, Alternate.

FORT ROMIE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

At this, my first meeting with the State Grange, I have the privilege of submitting the following report from Fort Romie Grange:

On the whole, we have enjoyed a prosperous year, and although we have not grown much in numbers during the past year, our membership includes most of the available persons in our community.

For the first time since the organization of our Grange, our officers were installed by one of our own members. It had been previously decided to hold a special meeting for installation of officers at which Worthy State Master Holmes was to conduct the installation ceremonies, but as we had such a good attendance of officers-elect and members on the occasion of the welcome home given to our outgoing Master and our Worthy Secretary, Brother and Sister Dudgeon, who had attended the National Grange and enjoyed an extended visit in the East, and as our members feared that the weather would be unfavorable and the attendance small on the date set for the installation, it was decided to have outgoing Master Dudgeon conduct the ceremonies, which he accordingly did. Some of our members afterward attended the installation of officers of Soledad and Greenfield Granges by Worthy State Master Holmes, and they were very much benefited by meeting with these Sister Granges and hearing the inspiring and elevating remarks of the Worthy State Master.

One of the first things accomplished during this past Grange year was the application of one coat of paint to the exterior of our Grange Hall, which has added materially to its outward appearance. We have undertaken to make our Grange standard according to the requirements sent out by the Worthy State Lecturer, and judging from present prospects it appears that we will meet with good success.

On the first of June, Fort Romie Grange participated in the Loyalty Day parade, which was held in Salinas, our county seat, in conjunction with the grammar school graduation exercises; and the fact that one of the numbers on the day's program was the singing of the song, "The Farmer Feeds Them All," by a number of Grange members, attests to the respect shown to Patrons of Husbandry.

Fort Romie Grange will feel the effect of the present war to quite an extent, as several of our officers and members have already enlisted or are awaiting the call to go to the training camps. At our last meeting a committee was appointed to work for the purchase of a Liberty Bond by our Grange, so that we will be doing our share in the support of our government.

Although our Lecturer has been unable to attend Grange during the past few months, so that she could not carry out her intended plans, our lecturers pro tem. have generally been successful in finding material for programs, so that the literary hour has not been neglected. The younger members have shown a better disposition to respond when called on, which shows the effects of Grange training.

We have held all regular meetings and two special meetings during the year, and while attendance has been light at times, there has been a better turn-out at our meetings of late, and there seems to be renewed interest in our Grange activities.

At our last meeting we placed on the roll of honor those of our Brothers who are now in the service of our country.

Faternally submitted,

ATTILIO BINSACCA, Master.

GAZELLE.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Gazele Grange applied for a Charter April 6th, 1917, through F. L. Hunt, State Organizer.

We organized with thirty charter members, and have since initiated twelve new members.

We have lost four members, two by demit to join another Grange; one, a charter member, by death, and one by withdrawal card, granted to a young man that he might attend a school that does not permit its pupils to belong to any secret organization, leaving thirty-eight members now in good standing.

We have four applicants, who have been elected, and one application in the hands of the investigating committee.

We had at our last meeting, October 10th, \$33.97 in the treasury.

Our regular meetings are held on the second and fourth

Wednesday nights of each month. The meetings are interesting and are well attended.

We have held two special meetings.

One day last summer an open meeting was held at the school house, to which all had been invited. Several speakers were present from other parts of the county and addressed a large gathering.

On August 15th, Gazelle Grange joined with Strawberry Valley Grange in a Grange picnic at Edgewood, Calif. The attendance was large, while speaking, music and games, with ice cream and lemonade, furnished by the two Granges, made the day pass pleasantly.

The members of Gazelle Grange, No. 380, recommend that no per capita tax be collected from subordinate Granges for those members who are serving in the U. S. Army.

We are very proud of our Grange and hope to double our membership before another State Grange meeting.

Fraternally submitted,

H. A. CRAIG, Master.

GEYSERVILLE.

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

Owing to a lack of specific data and lessened activity in our Grange during the year just passed, this report, necessarily, must be brief.

Geyserville Grange is located at Geyserville, Sonoma County. We meet regularly in Odd Fellows' Hall, on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

Our financial condition is good. Following our custom for several years past, we again set aside our first meeting in May to celebrate what we term "Flora's Day." On these occasions we invite the Sonoma County Pomona Grange to meet with us. The meetings are usually largely attended. This year the attendance was not so good on account of conflicting with the Santa Rosa Rose Carnival. Our Grange furnished an excellent program and a bountiful Harvest Feast.

Since our last report, we have added to our locker dishes and cutlery sufficient to meet all our needs. This ware and

cutlery are not of the sort usually found in lodge rooms, but are of excellent quality.

As a slight evidence of our patriotism, it was voted at our last meeting to purchase a \$50.00 Liberty Bond.

While the work of our Grange for the year just passed has not been up to the standard of some other years, we feel that we are in a position to do excellent work for the year just beginning.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. ELLIS, Alternate.

GOLD HILL.

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

I would like to be present at the State Grange convention, but find it impossible.

May you have a good time and may each member be able to take home some knowledge that will be of use to his or her Grange.

Gold Hill Grange has had a very good year considering the troubled times. We have initiated fifteen new members and expect more in the near future.

We have put a new roof on our hall and built on an addition costing over \$200.00, and are out of debt.

We have social gatherings about once a month, from some of which we make a little money for improvements.

I would much rather be present at the convention to give this report in person. Again wishing you a most prosperous time, I am,

J. W. DANIELS, Master.

GREENFIELD.

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

The high purpose with which Greenfield Grange started out at the beginning of the year to be a factor for service in our community, has not been to any very great extent realized, but we still believe that it is worth while to continue trying to develop a higher and better manhood and womanhood among ourselves and to make the little world around us a

better and happier place in which to live.

We have held our meetings regularly twice each month throughout the year with good average attendance.

Delegations from our Grange attended the installation exercises at Soledad and King City Granges in January. Later, about thirty-five of our members visited Soledad Grange on special invitation. We also on two occasions entertained goodly numbers of visiting members from both Soledad and Fort Romie Granges.

The Greenfield Grange held the usual Fourth of July celebration under the oaks not far away. Neighboring Granges and all of Greenfield people were invited to this picnic. Appropriate music and speaking were provided; also appropriate games and stunts.

The great war has interfered with Grange work with us, as it has no doubt in other localities. It has taken seven young men out of our Grange for the army or navy. Naturally, some of us at least have had our thoughts much of the time on happenings and prospects at the various training camps, and on the progress of the war in Europe, and the possibility of an early victory, and peace.

Our Grange did itself the credit of voting to pay the dues of its absent soldier members. It also bought \$200.00 worth of the first issue of Liberty Bonds, and limited itself to the purchase of only \$50.00 of the second proposed issue, only because there was not more money in the treasury.

The children's garden contest, which was tried out so successfully last year, was conducted again this season. Our Grange appropriated \$10.00 for small premiums to the successful contestants.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. LIVINGSTON, Master.

GUENOC.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

It is with pleasure that I extend to you fraternal greetings from Guenoc Grange, No. 373.

We hold our regular meetings on the second and fourth Saturday evenings of each month in the community hall of Coyote Valley. Since the first of January, we have held sixteen regular meetings and one special meeting. The of-

ficers were installed at an open meeting at the first of the year, to which the friends of the Grange were invited. On the Fourth of July the Grange gave a successful picnic, to which the public and other organizations were invited.

We have made our first attempt in community buying, and without doubt will continue. The Grange has set a price on hay and grain, which is proving a help to the farmers in our community in securing a reasonable return.

Our membership is small, but we have enrolled practically all the qualified members of our section. This year our Grange initiated twelve new members, but we have lost several, due to their leaving the locality. However, being few in number, we are strong in spirit; which results in many enjoyable and lively evenings.

Fraternally submitted,

L. J. GAMBLE, Master.

LINCOLN.

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

As Master of Lincoln Grange, No. 318, I bring greetings to the members of the State Grange and submit the following report:

This year has been a busy and interesting one for us. The meetings have been fairly well attended and the Lecturer has given us fine programs, varied by outside talent. One evening we had the pleasure of having Past Master E. T. Pettit with us, speaking on the subject, "The Benefit of a Grange to a Community."

Our two aims and efforts for this year were to build and equip a kitchen and increase our membership, and we have been successful in both. We have taken in four members and have fourteen candidates to be initiated at our next meeting; also a number of others have expressed the desire of joining with us.

Our kitchen was completed at a cost of \$365.00, all being paid but about \$50.00. We then held a kitchen shower. Members from Mt. View Grange surprised us with a visit, bringing many useful articles. Much fun was participated in by all.

Soon after the shower, a house-warming in the form of a dinner and an entertainment was given, at which a large

number were present, including members from all Granges in the county.

In March we entertained the Santa Clara County Pomona Grange at their regular meeting. During the past year we have had many visitors from neighboring Granges, and we have also done more visiting than any other year.

Future prospects look bright, and we look forward to a greater and better work for the coming year.

Fraternally submitted,

CLARA LANNIS, Master.

LIVE OAK

To the Officers and Members of the State Grange:

As Master of Live Oak Grange, No. 311, I am pleased to report that we have had a very busy year, taking an active part in several movements for the betterment of the country. Among other things, a good deal of time has been given to discussion of Rural Credits. Several of our Lecture hours have been open to the public, one evening being given to talks on Red Cross work. Our local Red Cross was started in the Grange.

Our Worthy Lecturer deserves much praise for his earnest endeavor and the interest he creates in Grange work. We are working now to present a series of picture slides, accompanied by lectures on agricultural and horticultural subjects. We have given one entertainment to raise funds for this purpose, and will give more if we find the public wants the slides continued.

We held two meetings a month, with the exception of a vacation, which we take during fruit season. This has been unusually long this year, owing to the immense crops with which our county is blessed.

We lost our first member by death during the past year, Brother Henderson, who was an active member of the Grange and a beloved citizen, always taking an active part in all things pertaining to the welfare of the community.

Fraternally submitted,

HERBERT PORTER, Master.

LOS GUILICOS GRANGE OF KENWOOD.

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

Los Guilicos Grange of Kenwood was organized in April of this year, the main source of its charter membership being the Kenwood Improvement Club, which voted to merge itself into the Grange.

Organization was effected on April 21st, under the leadership of District Deputy Peter Hanson of Santa Rosa, supported by the presence and co-operation of State Master Holmes. The Master of Santa Rosa Grange, who resigned his office there to help the new Grange, was elected first Master of the new organization, and Laurence Bufford of Kenwood its first Overseer.

Work of Grange—Considerable time necessarily has been taken up in passing upon by-laws, etc., and the instruction of officers and members in Grange principles and procedure.

Grange Hall—The Grange takes over at a nominal price the hall and belongings of the late Improvement Club, subject to indebtedness. A player piano, practically new, is included. This gives the Grange a fine \$2500.000 building at the cost of about one-third of this value in assumed indebtedness. The Grange is, however, quite conscious of the work yet required to pay this off. To this property we have already added furniture and regalia necessary.

Literary Work—In addition to interesting subjects in the regular program of the lecture hour, there have been open meetings for discussion of the Red Cross, resulting in a Red Cross branch in Kenwood; also discussion of Farm Loan Banks and the Farm Bureau. A big Fourth of July celebration was engineered by the Grange, specially featuring recognition of boys who came under the registration call. Other discussions have been on Food Conservation and the various suggestions on the high cost of living and on food substitutes and alternatives. Lectures by U. of C. and other outside speakers are planned for.

Social Work—The social side is provided for by a standing committee for social purposes, under whose arrangement programs on other than Grange evenings are carried out, open to the public, and incidentally for the financial benefit of the Grange. We now feel that by the late consummation of the

transfer of the deed of the property, Los Guillicos Grange owns a fine home, and being fully organized and in working order will only have itself to blame if it does not become a strong and useful member of the fraternity of California Subordinate Granges.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. W. G. HARBUTT, Master.

MIDDLETOWN.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

As Middletown Grange is still in its infancy, it should not be expected to make a grown-up report. Our Grange is only six months old, but we have already added seven new members and have a good many more in prospect. One pleasant event of the season was the visit, by invitation, of Guenoc Grange, when the officers of Guenoc Grange conferred the Third and Fourth Degrees on a class of candidates. We are looking forward to the future with good courage and expect to report a good healthy growth at your next meeting.

Fraternally submitted,

JULIA FIELD, Alternate.

MOUNTAIN VIEW.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

As the Alternate to this forty-fifth session, I bring greetings from our Worthy Master, officers and members of Mountain View Grange, No. 332.

Our increase in membership is not as large this year as we anticipated, owing to the fact that we are determined not to carry any member on our books who is in arrears with his dues.

We are much indebted to our Farm and Orchard Committee for keeping the membership posted on crop and market conditions and matters along this line.

We have instituted a penny drill at our meetings. It is in charge of Sister Susie E. Stover, chairman of our Relief Committee, and it is a success.

We have purchased a large flag, which is displayed over the Overseer's station, and a salute to the flag, accompanied

with the oath of allegiance, is a part of our regular order of business.

We have had a number of successful open meetings. The principal speakers at these meetings have come from our State School of Agriculture and other professors and representatives of our universities.

We are very much indebted to our able and efficient Ladies' Drill and Degree Team and to our Worthy Lecturer, who has always provided an interesting program.

At the third annual Prune and Apricot Exposition, recently held at Mountain View, our Grange took an active part. The movement started in the Grange and the Board of Directors, with one exception, are Grange members. Exhibits of deciduous and citrus fruits, canned goods, poultry, home products, automobiles and sports were held. A majority of the exhibits were made by Grange members of our various communities, and were very creditable. Arrangements are now under way to make our fourth event the best ever held in this valley.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES CENTER, Alternate.

NAPA.

Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Webster defines "Hope" as "A desire of some good, accompanied with at least a slight expectation of obtaining it, or a belief that it is obtainable."

Those members of Napa Grange who have been true to their trust and faithful in the work, have been hoping for better things from Napa Grange, and they are still living in that hope.

We have not accomplished nearly as much as we had hoped for, but we still hope for better results than we have had during the past year.

Fraternally submitted,

F. L. HUNT, Master.

OAKLAND.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

As Master, recently elected, I bring kind greetings from the officers and members of Oakland Grange, No. 35, Patrons of Husbandry.

I am sorry to have to report that our Grange is not in a very flourishing condition. Many of our young brothers, including the Master and Overseer, have enlisted in the army, and other members have gone from us or have been suspended for non-payment of dues. Many of the older members have lost interest, or are ill, and cannot attend our evening meetings, so that at times we have not more than seven or eight members present.

Fraternally submitted,

WARREN S. WHITE, Master.

ORCHARD CITY.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

As Master of Orchard City Grange, No. 333, I am pleased to report that our Grange is in a healthy and prosperous condition.

Our Worthy State Master, Joseph Holmes, certainly started us out right when he installed our officers in conjunction with the Granges and Pomona of Santa Clara county, in Mountain View, January 6th. Our average attendance has been for the year about thirty-five out of one hundred and nineteen members.

During the year we have only missed one meeting night on account of a booster meeting held for the purpose of the Liberty Bonds. Our members were well represented and showed their patriotism by buying three \$100 bonds with the money that was on safe deposit.

We have been visited by members from our Sister Lodges of the county quite frequently this term, which not only made us become more acquainted, but also shows the good feeling that prevails toward us. When Mountain View Grange visited us, their drill team exemplified the Third and Fourth Degree in a most excellent manner.

Our drill team has exemplified all four degrees on our candidates this term. The members we have taken in during the

term counteracted with what members we have lost by demit and transfer and the one good Sister that has been called to "Lay down her implements on earth."

We certainly have a good Lecturer. Every meeting night our talented Lecturer, Ida M. Clendening, has a good program, either in a musical, patriotic or instructive line. During the first half of the year we had our Lecturer's Hour one meeting of the month in the banquet room after business of the lodge was completed. A committee had charge of the tables and and after light refreshments a good program was always enjoyed by the members as well as outside friends. These meetings always brought a better attendance, but during the busy season of fruit harvest we postponed them and hope to resume them again this fall.

The County Pomona Grange met with us in an all day session in May, when an interesting meeting was held, representing the members from all the four County Granges. During the noon hour a good harvest feast was enjoyed by about one hundred patrons.

Our standing committees are always prepared with some good report and many interesting and instructive reports are introduced by them. Some differ with others in their ideas, but a good feeling always prevails between them all.

In concluding my report, I wish to take the occasion to make special mention of the hearty co-operation and support I have received from the officers and members of our Grange, for without their co-operation my efforts would have amounted to very little.

Faternally submitted,

ROBERT SCHOLZ, Master.

ORANGEVALE.

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

The Orangevale Grange, No. 354, has had a very pleasant and successful year.

The State Master made us a pleasant visit on March 10th.

A purchasing agent was appointed in March, and through her over \$400 worth of groceries have been purchased at reduced rates. One article, especially, is worth mentioning—

that is, an excellent quality of baking powder which we get at 15 cents a pound. Our grangers have already used 300 pounds, and we have just sent an order for 100 pounds more. Should other grangers wish the address of this firm, I will gladly give it.

Our Grange purchased \$100 worth of Liberty Bonds, thereby doing our "bit" for Uncle Sam.

The Lecturer's Hour has been varied, being spent in discussing interesting topics of the day, debates, mock trials, papers, lectures on agricultural topics, music, etc.

Our annual picnic was held in April.

We have also enjoyed two evening "weenie" roasts, one on American river, the other on one of our regular meeting nights at Del Paso Park.

Our regular meetings, on the second and fourth Saturday nights of the month, are held in the Orangevale Civic Club house, and we extend a cordial invitation to each and all to join us.

Fraternally submitted,

L. H. MANN, Master.

PETALUMA.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Petaluma Grange, No. 23, sends greetings to the State Grange at Napa, California, and wishes to make the following report for the year 1917.

Our Grange is well attended and the harmony and companionship at our meetings is everything that is desirable, and the loyal brotherhood is very welcome at this time, in the crisis of world affairs.

Our meetings are made instructive by discussions upon world affairs, and upon interesting farm problems.

Our donation to the Red Cross fund of \$25.00 was very small, but we felt that it would express a little of our interest in the human side of affairs.

We have entertained the Pomona Grange during the year, given a chicken pie dinner for the public, and had four all-day meetings and entertainments. These have been well attended and made very attractive by the ladies on these committees.

The Grange has tried to reach the outside in community

service, by holding a demonstration upon the canning of fruits and vegetables, assisted by a member of the University of California Agricultural Extension work. Miss Alma Ames gave us many helpful ideas upon the conserving of food. The meeting was an all-day affair, and the ladies of the Grange entertained Miss Ames at luncheon at noon. Outside interest in our Grange is thus stimulated and our membership is increased in this way. There was a very large attendance at the demonstration and the interest was good.

We have been called to mourn the loss of some of our co-workers, who, having received the summons, have left their work here and passed to the Great Beyond.

Our financial condition is good.

Trusting that you may have a successful, forceful and record-making session, this report is

Fraternally submitted,

A. F. BARBER, Master.

POTTER VALLEY.

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

I consider it a high honor and privilege to bring to this State Grange the fraternal greetings and best wishes from Potter Valley Grange, No. 115.

We have held our regular meetings twice each month during the year, with a very good attendance.

One big accomplishment for this year is the erection of our new banquet hall, which we expect to have completed by the 4th of December, this being the time when we have our annual harvest feast and the election of officers.

Brother P. M. Pettit, was with us April 20th and conferred the Third and Fourth Degree work on a class of thirty-eight new members. His visits are always looked forward to with pleasure by our members, and it is needless to say that his splendid remarks were appreciated by all.

Brother Libby, State Organizer, also was with us on the same date, and gave us a very interesting talk on "Good of the Order." Our Worthy Lecturer has been very faithful during the year, preparing a program for each meeting. The Lecturer's Hour is occasionally an open meeting.

I had the pleasure, together with several others of our

members, of being present at the opening of the organization of Redwood Valley Grange. Refreshments were served and a very enjoyable evening was had.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES EDDIE, Master.

PROGRESSIVE.

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

I regret being unable to meet with you this year, but am glad to be represented by an efficient alternate.

We have at present eighty-nine members in good standing. Interest is good, attendance fair, with two meetings missed during the busy fruit season.

At present there is not much surplus in the treasury, but enough to meet expenses.

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. GODDARD, Master.

REDWOOD VALLEY.

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

I have the honor to represent the baby Grange, Redwood Valley Grange, No. 382, organized May 10, 1917, by Granville Libby, with thirty-five charter members.

We have been handicapped by lack of a suitable hall, but are now taking steps to build our own hall, having located a building site and have now a committee at work on the financial end of it. This committee reports favorable progress.

The officers of Potter Valley Grange installed the officers of our Grange, and the best of fraternal feeling exists between these two Granges. They as well as we are very much interested in having three more Granges in this county, so we can have a Pomona Grange, and I am willing to go out and work hard for this end.

Our Grange has taken the initiative for Red Cross work in this valley, both in securing members and being the clearing house for Red Cross sewing, and a good deal of work has been turned in.

We have had an attendance contest, Red and White against

Blue and White, for a watermelon feast. This helped to keep up our attendance, which has averaged about 65 per cent since we organized. We have a piano nearly paid for, have also installed a bulletin board for the benefit of the members, as a clearing house.

We have been active workers for a farm advisor for this county, and our efforts seem very likely to be rewarded by success.

In the matter of food conservation we have unanimously pledged ourselves to practice the measures of economy asked of us all by Herbert Hoover of the Food Conservation Commission.

We have never missed a meeting, and they have all been regularly reported in all three of the Ukiah papers, thereby keeping the Grange constantly before the people.

Several members have availed themselves of the Grange insurance. It is a good drawing card with which to secure members. Our Lecture Hour is promising well for fall and winter. A male quartet is promised.

We have not had the pleasure of a visit from any of the State Grange officers so far, but assure you we would be pleased to have some of you come. I was instructed to invite you to come to Ukiah for next State convention.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. L. MAGNESON, Master.

RUTHERFORD.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Rutherford Grange, No. 371, extends to you a cordial and fraternal welcome. We appreciate that you have favored us in holding your session in Napa Valley. It will give us great pride to again extend you a greeting at our Grange hall as a part of the excursion of the coming Thursday. To thus see the home of Rutherford Grange, I think will reveal to you our faith in Grange principles and our Grange ambitions better than can a formal report.

Our Grange has met regularly twice a month, and our enrollment shows a growth to a membership of two hundred and nine.

Our accomplishments for the year are mainly on the social side, and to opening our hall and meetings to the several

patriotic and civic fields of endeavor that are so pressing this year.

We have been regarded as the central agency for the surrounding territory to which officials have appealed in such matters. The most important include a proposed County Charter, Red Cross work and distribution of Liberty Bonds. Our members have been called upon to help, and have, and still are loyally and creditably giving their services. We again took part in the annual St. Helena Vintage Festival, making a worthy showing of the products of our farms, and in the part taken in the parade.

We have been restricted from undertaking any progressive program by the unusual conditions that have prevailed this year. The splendid prices for farm products has stimulated our farmers to work more intensely than ever before. We are small farmers, doing much of our work ourselves. In particular, the utter absence of skilled farm labor has confined us to our farms. The farm labor problem is crying for solution. We farmers must solve it. These conditions have affected the attendance at our meetings, and limited our Grange activities. To thus present you some of the handicaps met during the year makes it incumbent upon us to state that the Grange has received loyal and faithful service from many of its members.

Several changes in the Lecturer's chair in the first half of the year naturally made a loss to the Grange. This position is now in capable hands; but on several occasions the Lecture Hour has been successfully filled solely by loyal work of capable members. We should mention our younger members, who took charge and conducted an entire meeting and Lecture Hour. Our younger Sisters, another evening, conducting the meeting, fully demonstrated how unobserving and forgetful the ordinary member is of the secret work and ceremonies. It made a very hilarious occasion.

We are now indebted to our young folks for a drill team and orchestra. The last two initiations in our Grange were conducted by them. The work was creditably carried out. It gave a new character to our initiations, and aroused the interest of our members.

Conscientious members of our Grange have been disturbed by the discrepancy between our iteration of "Whatsoever ye

do, strive to do well," and the conduct of our initiations. Thanks to their efforts, particularly our Worthy Lecturer and Sister Turner, with the co-operation of our younger members, we have a degree team and orchestra. As a Grange, we would wish for a shorter and better constructed initiation ceremony; the degree team assures us a dignity to further initiations.

Our report would not be complete without recording the fact that enlistment and draft has called twelve of our Brothers to the service of our country.

We are in debt, but are in a good financial condition. We have our hall insured in the Grange Insurance Company.

To sum up, in the year that has past we have met with some adverse conditions; but we have progressed. We have made ourselves the social and civic center of the heart of Napa Valley. We have many loyal workers. Finally, in our initiations, we have met squarely the dictum, "Whatsoever ye do, strive to do well."

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. COLE, Master.

SACRAMENTO.

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

It becomes my duty as Alternate to make the forty-fifth annual report of old Sacramento Grange, No. 12.

We have held eighteen regular meetings during the year and one with Sacramento County Pomona Grange; and on March 10th accepted the invitation to meet with American River Grange.

On May 26th we held our annual strawberry festival with a large attendance.

Sacramento Grange, like most old Granges, has its ups and downs. As everybody has been very busy, our meetings have been poorly attended lately, but we expect to do better soon. We have a faithful few who are nearly always present. We have taken up most of the subjects proposed and had several local ones in which we were interested.

We also started to do our bit by instructing our Secretary to subscribe for a small Liberty Bond.

We have the Master of the State Grange as one of our most active workers.

Our meetings are in Friendship Hall, in the Red Men's building on Tenth street, between I and J, and the latch-string is always out for visiting Patrons.

Two of our officers, the Worthy Overseer and Worthy Assistant Steward, are away serving in the U. S. Army, having enlisted before the draft was called.

Fraternally submitted, in F. H. and C. with F.
J. H. BEACH, Alternate.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY POMONA

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

Sacramento County Pomona Grange, No. 2, has had a pleasant and we trust a profitable term. The regular meetings of the Grange are held on the fifth Saturday of the month. After the installation of the officers, we decided to hold as many special meetings with the subordinate Granges as possible. We would gently hint to some Grange for an invitation, with an intimation, that if it were not forthcoming we might possibly come self-invited; the result was obvious; the invitations most cordial, and the meetings an inspiration to Pomona Grange, and we trust an encouragement to the subordinate Grange. Thus we held three regular and six special meetings during the term.

One of the events of Sacramento County is the annual Grange picnic, held under the auspices of Pomona Grange. This was well attended, and resulted in the increase of our treasury to the extent of \$161.30.

It is said in Holy Writ that "a prophet is not without honor, save in his own country and among his own people." There are, however, exceptions to all rules, and we have been singularly honored with the presence of our State Master, Joseph Holmes, and his esteemed wife, at most all of our meetings, giving us the benefit of his encouragement, enthusiasm and counsel.

The Grange has shown its interest in our national crisis by subscribing \$300 for a Liberty Bond, leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$327.00.

A number of our young men have answered the call of our country and are now in the service; we miss them in our meetings and pray for their preservation and success.

At the last meeting of the Grange, the representative to the State Grange was instructed to present resolutions pertaining to the remittance of the State dues on members who have entered the service of the country.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY A. NAUMAN, SR., Master.

SAN JOSE.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

In a way, the past year has been an uneventful one for San Jose Grange, No. 10.

We have gone on in a quiet way, discussing such topics as might aid us in our homes or orchards and farms, and also fit us for larger service for our country and mankind.

Our officers and committees have been vigilant and faithful in carrying out the principles of our order.

The labor question has been a vital one. We heartily believe in the organization of the farmer to protect himself against unfair labor wages.

Our floating and alien population should be drafted for service in shop and field while our own boys are at the front, unless they are willing to perform military service.

We are always in the fight for prohibition and hail the dawn of what seems to promise victory.

We have had interesting programs by our Worthy Lecturer. Those by our own members seemed to be the best appreciated.

We held a patriotic picnic at Alum Rock Park, June 30th, with stirring speeches and a fine feast. We are patriotic to the core. We subscribed to the first Liberty Loan and have just voted to aid the second. The click of the needles is part of our regular work, every one striving to do his "little bit." We are sorry to lose Brother Morris, county horticulturist, whose work in the orchards has been invaluable. His assistant, Brother Currier, is in the army.

Brother Past Master Hugh Leigh, whom many of you will remember, has passed to the "Grange Beyond." We cherish his memory and number him among those who were faithful and true.

No Grange hall has been thrust upon us, or throngs clamored at our gates for admission, but we feel that the year has

not been lost or time wasted.

We are anticipating the time when our Grange shall become a model, standard Grange.

We extend our greetings to Napa Grange, whose past kindness and courtesy we well remember.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD C. ABBOTT, Master.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY POMONA GRANGE

Worthy Master, Brothers and Sisters of California State Grange:

Santa Clara County Pomona Grange, No. 4, is still in the same prosperous condition as has been reported for a number of years by my predecessors in office. During the past year we have held six regular meetings and one special meeting, at which we celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the Order. This meeting, which was an all-day affair, was open to the public.

We have found it necessary to hold both morning and afternoon sessions, even in the busy times, in order to accomplish the amount of work necessary and allow the Worthy Lecturer the time he is entitled to. We have held meetings at all the four Granges during the year, and had a splendid time at each Grange.

Probably our best meeting, the one best attended and where the greatest co-operation and fraternal feeling was manifested, was held at Mountain View in January. At this time the officers of all the Granges of the county had the honor of being installed by our Worthy State Master. In fact, the good feeling manifested at that meeting led me to believe that this year would be one of greater growth in Grange membership in Santa Clara county. And it has been my earnest desire that we could add at least one new Grange to our number. In this respect I have been disappointed, yet I still believe all our Granges are in better condition than they were a year ago. We have had a condition in Santa Clara County probably not equalled in any other county where Granges are situated, and in some respect at least we are probably responsible for that condition, in that we were not as active in our co-operation with each other as we should have been, with the result that we left open a fertile field for other or-

ganizations to start work. Thus we have had to divide interest with the Farmer's Union. And Santa Clara county has been the stronghold of the State for that organization, with the State officers residing here. But they have not achieved the promised results, so the interest has rapidly declined, and now it looks like an even break, with advantage, if any, with the Grange, for the Grange now holds the field in their respective communities, while practically all the rest of the county is pretty well organized and occupied by Improvement Clubs that are difficult to replace unless we show greater results.

The meetings we have held and the questions we have discussed have not only been of interest to those members who attended our meetings, but I believe were deserving of much larger attendance. Like all Granges, I presume, we have many members who are willing to make quite a little sacrifice rather than miss a meeting, while there are others that do not require very much outside attraction to divert their attention away from the meetings, thus not getting all the benefits they are entitled to; neither are they giving all the attention, I believe, the welfare of the Order demands. Our standing committees have done splendid work, especially the Committees on Legislation and Education, in looking after the welfare, not only of our members, but the community at large.

Probably no man in California has worked harder to secure industrial and vocational education taught in the schools than has Brother Shelley, a member of our Committee on Education. With remarkable foresight, he has urged and pressed this question on any one who would listen to him, for the past ten years. Secure in the knowledge that he was right, he has stood rebuffs and sometimes ridicule, but, unlike many others, he did not quit the Grange because we did not take the view he did, but has stood by the Order and fought the good fight.

In co-operation we have largely confined our work to those pressing questions and conditions brought on by the war, and some of our members have spent much time on different committees appointed outside the Grange, such as food supply and labor conditions, but probably our greatest effort was spent in the organization of the Prune and Apricot Growers' Association, when quite a few members spent weeks working for its success.

While the result of our year's work is not as gratifying as I had hoped, still we probably have accomplished as much as I had reason to expect.

Fraternally submitted,

ELIAS K. CLENDENING, Master.

SOQUEL.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

I submit a partial report of Soquel Grange, No. 349. As you know, Soquel Grange at one time had a large membership. Members were added because of the profits of co-operative buying. Later dissatisfaction arouse, and members lost interest. Efforts to stem the tide of withdrawal were unavailing. In the early part of 1916, we applied to Brother Lee Dudgeon for assistance. Brother Dudgeon and Brother Griffin came and spent a short time canvassing the district, and secured a number of applications. Later Brother Dudgeon came and worked unceasingly two days and secured quite a number of applications; and when our State Master, Brother Holmes, installed our officers in January, 1917, he found us hopeful and enthusiastic.

In the springtime we wrote to Aromas Grange, practically inviting ourselves to their Grange. They extended a cordial invitation to us and we went over, fifteen of us, and enjoyed a very pleasant evening; but we have never thought ourselves capable of entertaining them in return.

At present our situation is not encouraging. The members take no interest; the busy summer season has prevented some from attending, and now the Farm Bureau organization is more attractive.

Fraternally submitted,

P. J. ARCHIBALD, Alternate.

SANTA ROSA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

During the year Santa Rosa Grange has held its meetings regularly on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, except in a few instances, when it gave way to a Pomona meeting. Interest is good and attendance fair. Finances are in good condition; no debt, and substantial balance in bank.

Our membership shows a loss of eight, but this showing is lightened by the fact that seven of our missing ones demitted to help form the new Los Guillicos Grange, and further we have seven candidates elected to receive the degrees.

Among those leaving us to form the new Grange was the Master, Brother Harbutt, so that an election was necessary to fill the Master's chair. Another regret was that Brother Wingate, the State Chaplain, who was also our Lecturer, was, on account of poor health, obliged to resign his office.

We have changed our meeting place to Odd Fellows' Hall, where there is everything modern.

Endorsement has been given to the Free Market, and one of our members, Brother W. B. Burke, is president of the Free Market Association.

We firmly believe that the Grange is the one farmers' organization, but that its importance and influence have not been kept before the public in any part of the United States as they should have been.

The first organization called upon by the President and his helpers in the food conservation problem should have been the Grange, but I do not find an instance where it is even mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. GAGE, Master.

SEBASTOPOL.

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

As Master of Sebastopol Grange, No. 306, I have the honor to submit to you a report of the work of our Grange for the year ending September 30th, 1917.

Our Grange has not made the growth that some others have, but we have kept up an interest in Grange work. During the busy summer months we only held one meeting per month. As we do not own our own hall, we decided in the early part of the summer to try meeting around at the members' homes. This plan worked out all right with us, as we had as good, or even better, attendance than when we met in a hall.

At our meetings, after the regular order of business is disposed of, the meeting is turned over to the Lecturer, who al-

ways has a fine program, to which the public is often invited. In February we had our State Senator, Mr. Herbert W. Slater, and both of our Assemblymen, Mr. Lyman Green and Mr. Robert Madison, from this county, with us. They explained to us many of the bills that were before them, all of which was very interesting to us.

Our Grange is very much interested in Red Cross work, and has made a cash donation to help the work along. One day has been set aside, and known as Grange Day, to which the ladies of the Grange go to the Red Cross rooms and work. Aside from this, some of them have been doing their bit by knitting at home. Some have subscribed to the Liberty Bonds, and all are doing their bit in various ways.

Submitted in F. H. & C. with F.

G. R. HARRISON, Master.

SILVERADO.

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

As one of the Granges of Napa County acting as host to the State Grange of California on this occasion, Silverado Grange, No. 370, sends you greeting and a cordial welcome from the upper end of Napa Valley.

The membership of Silverado Grange is showing a substantial increase, we having taken in fifteen new members since the State Grange met in 1916. We have every reason to consider this a healthy growth when it is taken into consideration that this community, representing perhaps 1200 people, are supporting ten fraternal organizations. In our building we are keeping in mind quality rather than quantity.

The Calistoga Farm Center and Silverado Grange united in having a picnic during the month of May. Among the speakers addressing those present was Dean Van Norman of the State University. As is customary each year, the members of our Grange set aside a day to clean up the cemetery and have it in a more presentable condition for the Memorial Day services.

We have held a number of open meetings, at which the public was asked to be present. On one occasion we had speakers from Napa, who presented both sides of the question of the proposed county charter, which was to be voted upon

at that time, and in which all Grange members were particularly interested.

The County Farm Advisor was present with us a number of times and has promised to give the Grange one day a month, and to discuss any subject in which the members are interested.

When this world-war is brought to an end, what will be the relation of the American farmer to the farmer of Europe? We are making vast strides in agricultural pursuits in this country at present. When the soldier-farmer of Europe is returned to his home, is there not some way in which the Grange, which is non-sectarian and non-political, can be of some service to our brothers across the ocean? Inexperience in Grange work prompts me to offer no solution to this vast problem, but merely to call attention to our opportunity for service.

We are confident that the coming year will mean much to each member of the Grange, socially and fraternally, and our growth in numbers and influence will be indicative of the zeal and purpose of our work.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY J. CLEMENT.

SONOMA COUNTY POMONA.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

I have the honor to submit the following report for Sonoma County Pomona Grange, No. 1, Patrons of Husbandry:

We have had a very profitable year with many live and interesting meetings, including the four regular meetings, five meetings by invitation, and a Golden Jubilee meeting on December 2, 1916. The five meetings by invitation were: With Progressive Grange, in February, where the amendments pending in the Legislature were discussed at length; with Geyserville Grange in May, where Flora's Day was observed with appropriate exercises; with Bellevue Grange in June, at a largely attended and interesting meeting; with Two Rock Grange in August, when our Worthy State Master and his wife were with us, and with Petaluma Grange, where the "Farm Advisor" question was discussed. At each of these meetings a harvest feast was served at noon, and a musical and literary program furnished by the entertaining Grange.

For the regular meetings at Santa Rosa the Lecturer's Hour program is made out for the year by the Lecturer, assisted by a committee, and printed for distribution. This plan, under the efficient leadership of our Worthy Lecturer, Sister K. D. Hill, has been a great success, giving to the members for discussion many topics of general interest for the welfare of the community, the county, or the State, with musical and literary numbers for general amusement.

At the evening meeting in July, the Fifth Degree was conferred by the Degree Staff in a very creditable manner on a large class of candidates.

Among the resolutions adopted during the year were endorsing the Prune and Apricot Association, Central California Poultry Producers' Association, Workman's Compensation Act, Farm Advisor Movement, Social Service Commission, Requesting the shortening of the Grange Ritual to fewer degrees, and inviting the State Grange to meet in Santa Rosa in October, 1918.

We are richer by the institution of Los Guillicos Grange of Kenwood last summer, making eleven subordinate Granges in Sonoma county. Los Guillicos Grange, having acquired its own hall, in accordance with the custom established by Sonoma County Pomona Grange, we donated \$25.000 to help purchase the hall.

With good crop reports from nearly all sections of the county, and with the prevailing high prices, everything points to a prosperous year on the farm, in the home, and in the Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

ROY I. CHURCH. Master.

TULARE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Tulare Grange sends the heartiest of greetings and is pleased to report that it is gaining in membership. We have held the usual regular meetings. The financial condition is excellent, and the attendance and interest have been about the same as last year.

Our Grange was well represented at the joint annual picnic and all were deeply impressed by the able address of Brother Pettit, Past Master of the State Grange.

The National Grange Monthly is never forgotten, as the Worthy Lecturer makes one of its editorials a part of each lecture hour.

Death has entered our shrine and carried away a faithful worker, Brother Carpenter.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. JACOB, Alternate.

TULARE COUNTY POMONA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Tulare County Pomona Grange has held its regular quarterly meetings and one special meeting, and has made a slight gain in membership. The interest and attendance have both been excellent and there has always been funds enough in the treasury to meet all necessary expenses.

Much of the success of our meetings has been due to Brother F. S. Clifton, our Worthy Lecturer, who always selected live subjects and then chose the right persons to handle these subjects.

In February we held a special meeting for the purpose of defeating county road bonds and obtaining a direct tax, but were unsuccessful in our efforts.

The principal part of the March meeting was devoted to a discussion of the various legislative bills that affected the farmer's interests.

May 12th we held our joint annual picnic in the beautiful county park, which was secured through Grange influence. Two members of the Park Commission are Patrons of Husbandry, and we are all proud of the work they are doing. E. T. Pettit, Past Master of the California State Grange, was the chief speaker at the picnic, and his address was a patriotic talk that went straight to the heart of every listener.

The June meeting was held at Alpaugh, and the following subjects furnished a very interesting program: "A Balanced Meal," "Tax Association," "Reclamation of Alkali Lands."

September 13th we met at Tulare and there was an animated discussion of "Present Labor Conditions," "Conscription of Labor," and "Shall We Send Tobacco to Our Soldier Boys in the Trenches?"

The Torrens Land Title Act has been discussed at every meeting during the year, and at the March meeting a com

mittee was appointed to try to put it into effect in Tulare County. The chairman of the committee has engaged an attorney and taken steps to put a portion of his property under the law, and thus make the act a law instead of a dead letter in his county. The Grange passed the following resolution and ask you to act upon it:

Whereas, The Grange claims the honor of bringing the Torrens system of land titles before the people, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grange members show their faith in the law by making use of the same; and also

Resolved, That the State, Pomona and subordinate Granges give all information and help possible to members desiring to make use of the law.

The Grange is also examining several pieces of mountain property with a view of having a Grange camp ground in the mountains.

Jack Frost paid us an untimely visit in the spring and considerable damage was done to peach, apricot, cherry and citrus crops. Plum, prune and grape crops were heavy and of excellent quality; corn, grain and grain hay good; first two cuttings of alfalfa hay good, but butterfly larvae so damaged the others in some sections that they were hardly worth the cutting; early potatoes a good yield, but late ones poor. Owing to the long cold spring, pasture did not grow, and it was hard to find feed for the dairy cattle, but the dairy has never brought larger or better returns than it has this year.

Fraternally submitted,

EMILY B. JACOB, Master.

TWO ROCK.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Greeting from Two Rock Grange, No. 152.

Two Rock Grange is still among the living, and on December 16th, 1917, it will be forty-four years old.

Owing to the press of work incident to the planting and harvesting of larger crops, with a scarcity of labor, the meetings of our Grange have not been as well attended as they usually are. A few of the day-time meetings have failed for the lack of a quorum.

The Sonoma County Pomona Grange met with us in August, Worth Master Joseph Holmes and Sister Holmes were present at the meeting. A well rendered and interesting program was enjoyed.

Our commodious enlarged hall and the furnishings are paid for and we have a goodly sum in the treasury.

We have held our own in membership; none have been dropped, and but few added.

Hoping that the present session of the State Grange will be a profitable meeting and one that will advance the interest of our Order, we submit this report in Faith, Hope and Charity with Fidelity.

S. L. STICE AND WIFE, Alternates.

VISALIA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Visalia Grange, No. 353, brings the heartiest of greetings from its members. We are pleased to report that our Grange is progressing, growing in membership and gaining in interest.

The attendance at the meetings is very good. The subjects selected for the Lecturer's Hour, many of which pertain to matters of pertinent value, are very interesting.

Our Grange has given considerable time and discussion to the Torrens Land Title Act, feeling that when put into use it will prove to be very beneficial as well as an economical method of transferring titles to land. One of our members has arranged to process a piece of his property through the court to secure a certificate of title through the Torrens Land Title Act.

A farm adviser has recently been appointed for Tulare County. This appointment was largely brought about through the office of the County Grange.

The Granges of the County held a joint installation at Visalia in January, and also a joint initiation in the Third and Fourth Degrees.

On Saturday, May 12th, the annual Grange picnic was held at Mooney Grove, and was a most successful and pleasant occasion. The weather was ideal, the tables were filled to overflowing with the best of edibles, and there was a splendidly

arranged program. Our Past Master of the State Grange, E. T. Pettit, was with us and delivered one of his enthusiastic Grange sermons, which was highly appreciated by all and will long be remembered in Tulare County.

Visalia Grange extended an invitation to the various Granges of the county to meet with it Friday evening, June 22nd, and bring all candidates for the Third and Fourth Degrees. The meeting was splendidly attended and the degrees conferred on several.

Fraternally submitted,

A. C. WILLIAMS, Master.

NOTE—Statistics relating to membership will be found in the tabulated report on pages 90-91.

STANDING COMMITTEES

GOOD OF THE ORDER—Mrs. Kate D. Hill, Eldridge, Peter Hanson, Dutton Ave., Santa Rosa; F. W. Dorn, Kelseyville; J. H. Beach, Freeport; Mrs. Jennie Gould, 3641 Orange, Ave., Sacramento.

LEGISLATION—Joseph Holmes, R. R. No. 4, Sacramento; W. V. Griffith, Geyserville; W. E. Cole, St. Helena; Mrs. Delia B. Howell, Porterville; Miss Clara Lannis, Cupertino.

EDUCATION—Mrs. Eliza J. Farrell, Mountain View; H. A. Nauman, Sr., 1712 N Street, Sacramento; A. T. McPride, Antelope; Miss Harriet L. Pettit, Cupertino; Mrs. W. V. Griffith, Geyserville.

CO-OPERATION—Geo. Schlmeier, Elk Grove; M. T. Hunt, Freeport; W. H. Livingston, Greenfield; Mrs. M. J. Worthen, Cherry Ave., San Jose; Mrs. Julia Field.

WOMAN'S WORK—Mrs. Nina E. Williams, Manteca; Mrs. Caroline R. Gage, Santa Rosa; Mrs. Jennie Dudgeon, Soledad; Mrs. James Eddy, Potter Valley; Mrs. Ida N. Clendenning, Campbell.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—Roy I. Church, Petaluma; R. R.; George L. Magnuson, Calpella; G. H. Brigham, Healdsburg; Mrs. Florence Steinmetz, Danville; Mrs. Cornelius Von Keppel, Forestville.

CHARITY—Mrs. A. Van Maren, Fair Oaks; Mrs. Leila O. White, Forestville; Mrs. Rose U. Bryant, Aromas, Mrs. L. Lindsay, Galt; Mrs. M. G. Barker, Sisson.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

GOOD ROADS—Granville Libby, Middletown; S. L. Stice, Petaluma, G. W. Hack, Sacramento, R. R. No. 4; H. J. Clement, Calistoga; H. A. Craig, Gazelle.

CONSERVATION—Thomas Jacob, Visalia; H. F. Blohm, Watsonville; Hans Mortensen, Santa Rosa, R. R.; Mrs. Vernie B. Clifton, Dinuba; Mrs. Alice Harrison, Sebastopol.

DORMANT GRANGES—F. W. Bush, Fair Oaks; J. W. Daniels, Lincoln; Attilio Binsacca, Soledad; Mrs. Susie Stover, Mountain View; Mrs. Julia Matthews, French Camp.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS—E. T. Pettit, Cupertino; G. W. Worthern, Cherry Ave., San Jose; W. W. Greer, 3530 Second Ave., Sacramento; Mrs. Emily R. Jacob, Visalia; Mrs. Minnie Church, Petaluma.

TABULATED REPORT OF SUBORDINATE GRANCES OCT. 1, 1917

NAMES OF GRANGES	GAINS						LOSSES						Total No. of Members to date			
	No. of Members Close Last Year		By Initiation		By Demit		By Reinstatement		Withdrawals		Death			From Other Causes		
			Brothers	Sisters	Brothers	Sisters	Brothers	Sisters	Brothers	Sisters	Brothers	Sisters		Brothers	Sisters	
Alpauah	7	8	11	5	..	..	5	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	23	18
American River	30	24	7	6	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	35	28
Antelope	32	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	31	25
Aromas	23	17	10	10	..	..	2	4	1	2	..	..	2	2	32	27
Bellevue	43	39	3	3	..	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	5	5	37	33
Bennett Valley	49	35	7	8	..	..	1	1	8	8	..	11	7	3	38	28
Capital	10	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	8	16
Castoria	22	21	13	7	..	..	1	1	4	2	..	..	10	6	22	22
Cotati	21	18	9	12	..	..	1	..	2	4	1	1	4	2	27	23
Danville	47	58	3	8	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	6	1	43	63
Dinuba	26	26	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	28	29	28
Elk Grove	56	52	4	2	..	2	2	..	4	2	..	..	8	7	50	47
Forestville	40	35	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	..	1	5	2	35	29
Fort Romie	38	36	3	7	2	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	4	1	38	42
Gazelle .....	..	..	6	5	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	20	18
Geyserville	48	64	1	2	..	..	1	..	3	3	1	..	10	2	36	61
Gold Hill	26	21	10	9	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	36	30
Greenfield	58	46	3	8	..	..	2	1	3	5	..	..	2	1	58	49
Guenoc	19	15	10	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	25	15

King City	18	11	3	3	..	..	..	1	...	...	...	...	...	20	14
Lincoln	32	28	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	30	30
Live Oak	41	31	7	4	...	1	1	2	...	1	...	7	3	39	33	
Los Guilicos Grange	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	19
Middletown	...	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	12
Mountain View	97	102	10	11	...	...	...	8	7	1	...	3	4	95	102
Napa	42	23	...	...	...	...	...	7	4	...	...	6	5	29	14
Oakland	31	36	2	3	...	1	...	2	1	1	1	10	3	20	35	
Orangevale	27	20	20	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	8	28	23
Orchard City	59	57	8	9	...	1	...	3	5	...	1	5	3	59	58	
Petaluma	29	37	2	2	...	...	...	3	3	1	...	...	...	27	36
Poplar	35	29	21	12	...	3	2	3	4	...	7	6	49	33	33	
Potter Valley	46	55	22	17	...	7	4	...	...	1	5	5	70	70	70
Progressive	36	54	4	4	1	1	...	2	4	...	2	2	37	53	53	
Redwood Valley	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	16	16
Rutherford	101	72	31	19	1	...	...	3	6	1	...	2	3	127	82
Sacramento	66	67	6	5	...	...	...	3	4	...	1	3	67	62	62
San Jose	49	50	3	1	...	...	1	1	3	1	...	2	4	48	45
Santa Rosa	48	43	6	8	1	1	...	8	7	3	1	1	2	43	42	
Sebastopol	28	31	5	3	3	1	...	1	1	1	...	4	5	30	29	
Silverado	29	23	16	12	...	...	...	...	3	1	5	4	40	27	27
Soledad	25	24	7	7	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	31	29	29
Soquel	13	12	6	7	...	...	...	2	2	...	3	1	14	16	16
Strawberry Valley	...	...	1	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	13	12	35	15	15
Tulare	14	16	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	...	1	...	14	16	16	
Two Rock	47	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	46	44	44
Valley Oaks	54	58	15	6	...	...	...	2	6	2	...	5	3	60	55
Visalia	16	14	9	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	24	18	18
Totals	1624	1526	308	259	11	11	31	22	88	102	19	9	171	120	1759	1540
Sacramento Co. Pomona...	75	80	8	7	...	...	...	1	2	...	1	2	81	83	83
Santa Clara Co. Pomona...	70	70	5	6	1	1	...	1	3	...	4	3	70	69	69	
Sonoma Co. Pomona	107	116	15	17	...	...	...	1	1	1	5	7	115	124	124
Tulare Co. Pomona	38	37	4	6	2	1	3	4	38	41	41	
Totals	290	303	32	36	1	1	...	2	4	6	1	1	13	16	305	317

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Wife of Past Master Hall

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Sister Mary Capels

Wife of Dr. James Capels, Past Master

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Past Master

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