

Journal of Proceedings

Forty-Third Annual Session

1915

California State Grange

Patrons of Husbandry

Social Features of the Session

Tuesday Evening, October 19, 1915

Program

Introductory Remarks—

Dr. J. C. Stout, Master Oakland Grange

Music—

Hawaiian Band from P. P. I. E.

Address of Welcome—

Mayor of Oakland, J. L. Davie

Vocal Solo—

Mrs. Geo. Carter

Address—

Dean Hunt, University of California

Music—

Hawaiian Band

Address—

Prof. P. M. Fisher, Principal Oakland Technical High
School

Vocal Solo—

Mrs. Geo. Carter

Address—

Joseph Holmes, Master California State Grange

Music—

Hawaiian Band

Address—

Oliver Wilson, Master National Grange

Music—

Hawaiian Band

Refreshments

Wednesday Afternoon

Excursion around the Bay tendered by City of Oakland.

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1915 AND 1916.**

Master	JOSEPH HOLMES Sacramento, Sacramento County.
Overseer	PETER HANSON Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.
Lecturer	MRS. KATE D. HILL Eldridge, Sonoma County.
Steward	ROY I. CHURCH Petaluma, Sonoma County.
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THOMAS JACOB.....	Visalia, Tulare County
A. VAN MAREN.....	Fair Oaks, Sacramento County
S. L. STICE.....	Petaluma, Sonoma County

Forty-Third Annual Session of the California State Grange

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY.

FORENOON.

The California State Grange was opened in ample form at 11 o'clock A. M., October 19th, 1915, in the Municipal Auditorium, Oakland, by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes.

The Lady Assistant Steward was assisted in taking up the A. W. by Brother A. Van Maren.

After the opening song (Sowing the Seed) the following officers responded to roll call: Master Joseph Holmes; Overseer, Peter Hanson; Lecturer, Mrs. Kate D. Hill; Steward, Geo. Sehlmeier; Chaplain, C. E. Wingate; Treasurer, Michael Farrell; Secretary, Mrs. Nellie Hunt; Gate Keeper, Lee Dudgeon; Ceres, Mrs. Caroline F. Emery; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. Ora Gould Anderson; Pianist, Mrs. Alice E. Winans. The Assistant Steward, Roy I. Church, came in later.

The following officers were appointed to act pro tem: Flora, Sister Susie E. Stover; Pomona, Sister A. Van Maren.

The following were then introduced and obligated in the fifth degree: Brother and Sister Joseph Fereday of Silverado Grange, Brother H. C. Lutley of Rutherford Grange, Brother F. W. Dorn of Live Oak Grange, Brother and Sister Arthur H. Deverman of Guenoc Grange and Brother H. Turner of Greenfield Grange.

The Worthy Master then announced that it was our privilege to have with us the Worthy National Master of the order of Patrons of Husbandry, Oliver Wilson, and requested Worthy Past Masters Geo. W. Worthen and E. T. Pettit to escort our distinguished guest to the front.

The Worthy National Master was then introduced and responded to the hearty ovation tendered him.

The following Past Masters were then invited to come forward and occupy seats at the right of the Worthy Master:

W. W. Greer, G. W. Worthen, W. V. Griffith, E. T. Pettit; after which they were invited to address the Grange. Each responded in a brief and fitting manner.

Sister W. V. Griffith was then requested to escort the wife of National Master Wilson to the front and the distinguished Sister was asked to address the Grange, which she did with a few well chosen remarks.

On roll call of Subordinate and Pomona Granges, a quorum was found to be present. The following Granges responded:

Antelope, Bellevue, Bennett Valley, Capital, Cotati, Danville, Dinuba, Elk Grove, Forestville, Fort Romie, Geyserville, Gold Hill, Greenfield, Guenoc, Live Oak, Mountain View, Napa, Oakland, Orchard City, Poplar, Rutherford, Sacramento, Sacramento County Pomona, San Jose, Santa Clara County Pomona, Santa Rosa, Silverado, Sonoma County Pomona, Tulare, Tulare County Pomona, Two Rock, Valley Oaks.

Granges responding later in the sesison were American River, Castoria, Lincoln, Potter Valley and Sebastopol.

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

Order of Business—Peter Hanson, Dr. J. C. Stout, E. K. Clendenning.

Credentials—M. T. Hunt, E. V. Jones, A. H. Deverman.

Division of Labor—John A. Ellis, H. C. Lutley.

Resolutions—H. G. Keesling, N. A. Griffith, Joseph Fereday, Miss Mamie Sanford.

Press—Mrs. Kate D. Hill, Prof. C. W. Childs, Edwin D. Sweetser, H. G. Keesling.

Constitution and By-Laws—E. T. Pettit, F. H. Dorn, H. L. Martin, M. Farrell.

Fifth and Sixth Degrees—W. V. Griffith, Dr. H. F. Dessau, Harry Wakefield, S. L. Stice.

Pomona Feast—Dr. J. C. Stout, S. L. Stice, S. S. Gladney, Mrs. A. Van Maren, Mrs. W. V. Griffith.

Finance—G. R. Harrison, W. E. Lindley, J. W. McPherson, Miss Harriet Pettit, Mrs. Allena Collins.

Memorial—C. E. Wingate, Mrs. Caroline F. Emory, Mrs. Elisabeth W. Gladney, Mrs. C. Von Kepple.

Mileage and per diem—E. K. Clendenning, F. W. Bush, F. W. Dorn.

Good of Order—W. W. Greer, W. V. Griffith, Dr. H. F. Dessau, Mrs. W. V. Griffith, Mrs. G. W. Worthen.

Legislation—F. L. Hunt, C. Von Kepple, E. T. Pettit, Thos. Jacob, Mrs. Lee Dudgeon.

Education—Mrs. Nina E. Williams, Mrs. Eliza J. Farrell, Mrs. Della B. Howell, W. E. Cole, Oscar Triggs.

Co-operation—G. W. Worthen, G. R. Harrison, A. P. Southworth.

Woman's Work—Mrs. Minnie Church, Mrs. A. P. Southworth, Mrs. E. V. Jones.

Dormant Granges—Lee Dudgeon, Mrs. Chas. J. Wood, Mrs. A. Van Maren.

A recess was here declared until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON.

Grange called to order at 2 o'clock P. M. by the Worthy Master.

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

Committee on Credentials made a partial report, which was adopted and the committee continued.

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

MASTER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange, in 43rd Annual Session assembled:

Since last we came together the rains have fallen and as always, we have been favored with the golden sunshine. As a result, our State has been blest with a liberal harvest. The cash returns have not in some instances been all that was desired, yet on the whole we are thankful and look with hope into the future.

It is our privilege by invitation to meet in the beautiful, prosperous, growing city of Oakland, and to be welcomed within its gates.

To those who meet with us in annual session for the first time, we extend cordial greetings and extend the right hand of fellowship and trust that during this meeting we may be united in the bonds of fraternity and when you return to your homes it will be with a message of hope and good cheer for the benefit of the order.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

We meet on this occasion to report results accomplished, and successes attained. May our short comings prove to be stepping stones to greater achievement.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The condition of the order in our State is encouraging and results are being obtained, but when compared with the number of Granges organized and other advancement made in some of our eastern States, we feel as though the results obtained in this State are very small indeed.

Two Grange halls have been dedicated in this State during the year and others are in the course of erection and steps are being taken to finance others.

I have received inquiries as to when the fifty dollars donated by the State Grange toward building Grange Halls would be available. I think it would be wise to have it definitely understood at what point in the operations the money would be paid over.

I had the pleasure of meeting with the members of Poplar Grange and assisting in the dedication of their Grange Hall and installing their officers. It has also been my pleasure to meet with Sonoma, Santa Clara and Sacramento Pomona Granges. At all of their meetings I found an active, efficient and intelligent membership. Especially was I impressed with the character and scope of their discussions and the serious and earnest manner in which they were conducted.

A good time was also enjoyed at the annual picnic with Napa County Patrons. After disposing of a generous picnic dinner the Worthy Lecturer of the State Grange gave them a good Grange talk. Speeches were made by several other Patrons. The balance of the afternoon was occupied with games, races, fun and frolic. I would recommend that where there are one or more Granges in a county they hold an annual picnic and invite their friends. Worthy members for our order will thus be obtained.

In addition to these I have met with Greenfield, Fort Romie, Aromas, Elk Grove, Valley Oaks, Sacramento, Mountain View, Danville and Antelope Granges, and found them in good working condition.

I am sorry to report that there are some Granges in a weak condition and need assistance.

FIRE INSURANCE.

The temporary directors of your fire insurance association

to my certain knowledge have been giving serious consideration and a great deal of labor in devising and evolving a just and equitable plan to operate under.

While to many of you it may seem to take a long time to start the association, I believe that the directors have been justified in making haste slowly in order to make a proper beginning and build it upon a foundation that will be substantial and enduring. The directors, I feel assured, will bring in a complete and encouraging report. Steps should be taken toward getting the association in operation as soon as possible. I trust the directors will have some recommendations toward that end, as a strong Grange Fire Insurance Association would prove of inestimable value to our members and aid in increasing our membership.

EDUCATION.

At our last annual meeting, my recommendation in regard to a revolving fund for Grange Scholarships was adopted. I believe that now is an opportune time to start such a fund and trust that this State Grange will see its way clear to establish it. It will be an inspiration to some of our young people. The revolving loan fund plan is a success wherever put into operation. Massachusetts State Grange has a large class attending college and New York State Grange sent this year twelve scholars to Cornell University under this plan.

Let us remember if we work upon marble, it will crumble. If we work upon brass, time will corrode it, but if we work upon and educate the human mind the never ending ages of eternity will never be able to obliterate it. Therefore, I earnestly request that this subject be not left dormant, but that energy and life be put into it.

CO-OPERATION.

Co-operation wherever put into practice in our Granges, has proved a money saver to members. Valley Oaks Grange in Sacramento County bought a half-car load of apples last year. The members of that Grange had the satisfaction of securing better fruit at a saving of nearly 50 per cent of what they would otherwise have paid through the ordinary channels of trade. This season they expect to buy a carload of apples, also one of potatoes. Sacramento County Pomona Grange has a committee appointed and at work devising ways and means whereby their members can buy their machinery.

such as gasoline engines, mowing machines, plows and other tools for farm use in a co-operative manner. Sometime since, I received a letter from Past Master Worthen in which he suggested the idea of having a committee appointed from our different County Pomona Granges, whose duties it would be to keep in touch with crop conditions in their locality and report the same to their local paper and the papers in question be sent to the chairmen of the committees. I most heartily recommend the plan and hope that resolutions toward that end will be presented and adopted.

In connection with this subject, I wish to bring to your attention the results and the conclusions on the part of the speakers at the National Grange session at Wilmington:

First—Local community co-operation the first requirement of successful business co-operation.

Second—In conducting co-operative enterprises the basis, must be one man, one vote.

Third—Adequate financial arrangements absolutely essential to any success.

Fourth—Marketing high grade products only with honest packing and shipping of same absolutely essential.

Fifth—Strictly cash basis, the only safe rule, credit ventures always uncertain.

Sixth—Information bureaus at shipping centers are an important requirement.

Seventh—The Rochdale plan of co-operation in extensive operation in Europe and partially tried in Kansas commended as an example of successful co-operation.

Eighth—All successful co-operation must begin with the small local unit and work upward, rather than beginning on State and National basis and expecting to embrace local communities later.

Ninth—The confidence of the membership of any organization seeking to promote co-operative enterprise is the fundamental necessity.

RURAL CREDIT.

Our State is just now on the eve of voting on several very important amendments to the constitution. One of these amendments is known as the "Rural Credits" amendment, giving the State Legislature power to provide for a system of land colonization and may authorize the establishment of any adequate system of rural credits in aid of the agricultural in-

terests of the State. Our faith in Rural Credit has been severely shaken when we have considered the prices received this year by the farmers of California for some of their products. Here are a few illustrations: Peaches \$7.00 a ton, wine-grapes as low as \$7.00 a ton, onions selling at the grocery store at \$0.50 per sack. Onions shipped to distance markets, with freight costing more than the onions. One grower shipped a load of potatoes and in place of profit returns, received a bill for \$3.00. Another shipped 15 sacks of potatoes to market, the empty sacks costing him \$0.10 each. The returns for his consignment was \$0.15. These illustrations will suffice for the present. I could mention others. Let us look into the subject thoroughly and decide wisely. Do not let your eyes be dazzled with the idea of cheap money to raise more produce with to receive less money for. In my opinion the most important subject to be solved and put in operation in California is an adequate system of marketing that will insure to the farmer fair and equitable returns on his investment, labor and productions, and to the consumer a just and equitable price for that which he consumes.

GOOD ROADS.

The question of good roads is one that is uppermost in the minds of a great many of us and is of great interest to the taxpayers and citizens of California. Some of us may disagree as to the manner of raising money to pay for same, whether by bond or direct taxation, or even in the mode of their construction; but we all agree that they are convenient and desirable. California has fourteen hundred and fifty miles laid out to be constructed, 570 miles under construction, 715 miles accepted by the Advisory Board. At the recent Highway Convention California was congratulated on having the finest highway system in the United States. I will quote for your earnest and thoughtful consideration from the report of the special committee on highways at the session of the National Grange at Wilmington:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS.

Whereas, The Grange has been the pioneer in the good roads movement and national aid for same and as the sentiment for good roads is practically universal; and

Whereas, There is a great danger of this sentiment being diverted toward the construction of scenic highways, and

boulevards for the benefit of tourists and pleasure seekers, rather than for the business interests of the general public; and

Whereas, The roads needed first are those which put the farmer in close touch with the trading centers and enable the producer and consumer to reach each other quickly, inexpensively and easily, and save the farmer much money in the cost of haulage and which enable the consumer to receive a share of the benefits; and

Whereas, The more economical and more expeditious transportation of the products of the farm to the consumer would reduce the cost of living and be of equal benefit to both consumer and producer; and

Whereas, While the scenic road advertises the State, the interior highway develops its resources, the former are desirable when they can be afforded, but the latter are indispensable; and

Whereas, Business roads are the chief concern of the Grange and we insist that their construction, maintenance and control shall be kept within the smallest possible unit of population or area consistent with the highest efficiency of administration, in order that the money appropriated shall be spent close to the people most directly concerned; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the National Grange in this the Forty-eighth Annual Session, that the old adage "Business before pleasure," is especially true in regard to the location and construction of public highways; and be it

Resolved, That we are opposed to the many bonding schemes advanced by those seeking touring roads, believing that the pay-as-you-go policy is far more business-like in road building whatever may be the unit of administration; and be it

Resolved, That roads are local affairs and their control should remain with the people in whose midst they are located; and

Resolved, That the National and State governments may provide general standards for construction and maintenance of roads and may protect themselves by inspection; and

Resolved, That we call the attention of all our people to the grave dangers in top-heavy bureaucratic control of road administration and to the fact that much of the support for the good roads comes from those who are more anxious to

build roads for bonds than to sell bonds for roads; and be it

Resolved, That legislative committees of the Grange, both National and State, are urged to use every honorable endeavor to secure first, business roads that will serve the best interests of both producer and consumer.

NATIONAL GRANGE.

You are well aware that the next session of the National Grange will be held in the City of Oakland, commencing Wednesday, November 10th, 1915. We earnestly desire your co-operation in making the meeting a success. Anything that you can do to this end will be appreciated. We desire your attendance and that of as many members of our order as possible. It may be the only opportunity that some of us will have of attending the National Grange and taking the seventh degree. Speak for and work for a successful meeting of the National Grange in our midst. May their coming be for the upbuilding and strengthening of the order in our State. We are proud and glad to welcome to this session of the State Grange, Brother Oliver Wilson, the Worthy Master of the National Grange.

NATIONAL GRANGE MONTHLY.

I desire to again call your attention to this paper, which is full to the brim of the good things concerning our order and no member who expects to keep in touch with the latest in Grange work and advancement can afford to be without this periodical. The cost is a mere trifle considering the benefits and the knowledge to be derived from the reading of its pages. In addition to this, I would recommend that a committee be appointed to interview some of the publishers of weekly agricultural papers of this State, such as the Orchard and Farm, the San Jose Mercury, Pacific Rural Press, and try to secure one or two pages for Grange news. If such a thing could be accomplished it would bring the Grange to the attention of the public and undoubtedly would bring members in to the ranks of our order.

DEPUTIES.

Deputies have been appointed for the different counties as follows: From Monterey County, Lee Dugeon; Sonoma and Lake, Peterson Hanson; Lake County, Granville Libby; Contra Costa, W. E. Stewart; Napa, F. L. Hunt; Sonoma, D.

M. Winans. Their efforts have been crowned with the organization of two new Granges, Guenoc and Bellevue.

At the meeting of the State Grange held in Sacramento you gave to the Executive Committee authority to employ an organizer to do Grange work in this State. We communicated with two or three parties, but owing to certain conditions we were unable to perfect plans for their work. One party from Oregon was willing to come, but the State Master of Oregon stated that he had work for him to do. I most heartily recommend that we try again, for I still believe it to be one of the most important steps to take in building up the order in our State.

IN MEMORIAM.

While time on its onward flight has passed along, death has invaded our ranks and we are called upon to note and mourn the loss of some of our estimable and valuable members. We have to record the death of Cyrus Jones, Past Master of San Jose Grange; John Strong, Past Master Santa Rosa Grange; S. P. Sanders, Past Master San Jose Grange; Mrs. Ella M. Dow, wife of Past Master of Oakland Grange; and Mrs. Myra Reese, Past Master of Florin Grange.

Prominent among these, and one who deserves a special mention, was our beloved Chaplain, Sister Ella M. Dow. Words fail to express our sorrow at her departure, but there is consolation in the thought that our loss is her gain, and that in answering to the summons to "come up higher" the Victor's crown has been placed upon her brow, for verily she has stretched out her hands to the needy and relieved the sufferings of the distressed. Truly, her life was a benediction unto all with whom she came in contact. "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all." Let us cherish her memory, emulate her example, knowing full well that "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

IN CONCLUSION.

There are many and varied questions and subjects of vital importance that I have not touched upon. I know that some of you will have resolutions covering these topics, therefore I will refrain from anything further on them at this time.

May the spirit of Wisdom, Loyalty and Charity be exem-

plified in all our deliberations, and may our earnest desire be to make the work of this session enduring and of everlasting benefit to our members, our order and all mankind.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH HOLMES, Master.

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

OVERSEER'S REPORT.

In making my report to you as your Overseer, I am mindful of the fact that when you elect a person to so high an office in our great order, you naturally expect something more than holding down an easy job.

During the past year I have made considerable effort to do at least part of what might have been done. I have attended many Grange meetings and done considerable organizing work. It has been a busy and pleasant year to me. I hope the work done will prove of lasting benefit to our order.

In the spring Past Master Griffith and myself visited Cloverdale Grange, which had not met for several months. We visited the members and found some who wished to have the Grange continued and some who did not. Finally a meeting was called and with the help of the good and loyal brothers and sisters of Geyserville Grange, Cloverdale Grange was given a new start and we believe put permanently on its feet.

I organized and visited Guenoc Grange and instructed a class of candidates in the secret work.

I met with Bellevue Grange, our baby Grange, on the 25th of September. We had a rousing meeting, it being the occasion of the dedication of their splendid new hall. I also assisted in conferring the work on a class of over 40 candidates the same day. It is to be sincerely hoped that more Granges will follow the example set by Bellevue and build halls for the good of themselves and the community in which they live; and we hope that some means will be found to help them to that end.

In a short time the National Grange will meet with us. We know that the Worthy Master and the Executive Committee are doing everything they can to make their meeting with us pleasant and profitable to our order, our State and our country.

Then let us each and all do what we can as true Patrons and loyal citizens of our glorious California to make it a red letter time in our history.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER HANSON, Overseer.

The Worthy Lecturer read her report, which was referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

LECTURER'S REPORT.

Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

At the beginning of my second annual report, I would emphasize the importance of the lecture work of our order, and would impress on all Masters and Lecturers present, that with a good Master and a good Lecturer a Grange cannot be other than a good Grange. The few reports sent me during this year convince me that the Granges that recognize the value of the lecture hour are the live and prosperous ones. They are the ones that are drawing most largely the attention of the public to their work, holding their members in closest union and doing those things that count for real progress. The heroism that it takes to be a Grange Lecturer when the possibilities and probabilities and purposes of the office are understood is the kind of heroism that requires life and living.

President Wilson says in his inaugural address: "Who dares not to try when the immense responsibilities of an office fall upon him."

To be responsible for a program that shall credit itself with an outgiving stimulus, while it trains the inner perceptions, is a responsibility that if we comprehended it better we might have cause to fear it more.

At the meeting held last year, the resolution was adopted whereby a committee was to be appointed with the Master as Chairman to prepare and present to the Pomona and Subordinate Granges of the State a list of questions for study, consideration and discussion. This was with the idea that all of the Granges in the State should be working to a common end. A list of eighteen questions was prepared and through the Lecturers of the Subordinate and Pomona Granges, each member of the order should have received a copy.

Judging from the few reports I have received, the result has been satisfactory. I find that out of the 23 Granges

that have reported for the year, all of the subjects have been considered in some form or another. I had hoped that at this meeting I could give you a complete report of the work accomplished by the Lecturer of each Grange, but only 23 Granges have reported. That these 23 live and faithful Granges, from which I only received 42 reports, have accomplished something, you can judge by the following report:

225 subjects, debates, etc., were actively participated in by 1,270 persons and listened to by over 7,000 Patrons and visitors.

Twenty-three Subordinate and two Pomona Granges failed to report at all. How encouraging to officers and members would the totals have been had all reported. My red letter days for the year were the picnic days. I spent one with Live Oak Grange at Kelseyville, one with Tulare County Pomona Grange at Visalia, and one with the Granges at Napa county at their joint picnic at Tucker's Grove. The invitations I could not accept have been my real disappointments.

It has been my pleasant duty to send out material for 15 special programs. One request from Greenfield Grange I was not able to respond to in time.

With this report I close my term of office and I would leave this one thought with you: make each and every one of the elected officers and chairmen of standing committees in State, Pomona and Subordinate Granges, realize that they are the live wires that must keep the fire of Grange enthusiasm alive; and remember, all of us, that the expression of a sentiment strengthens the sentiment, and that this is our sentiment. The California Grange must lead, not follow, in all that pertains to rural life in California.

Fraternally submitted,

KATE D. HILL, Lecturer.

The Worthy Steward read his report, which was accepted.

STEWARDS REPORT.

Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

We have assembled for another Grange session in the beautiful city of Oakland. I came to the place of meeting Monday morning to give such assistance as might be necessary to the committee from Oakland Grange in preparing the hall for our meetings.

I found the committee well advanced with the work and any assistance from this office was hardly necessary. I will suggest to my successor in office that every member who is given a badge at the State Grange session be requested to return the badge. I believe this will overcome the annual loss of badges.

The work of this office is confined wholly to the session of the State Grange; so I have nothing to report on during the year. Let us hope that the present session will result in greater good, and greater progress for the Granges of the State than any of the previous sessions.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. SEHLMAYER, Steward.

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

ASSISTANT STEWARD'S REPORT.

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

I am delighted to greet you one and all. While I have performed no official business outside of the State Grange sessions, yet it has been my pleasure to meet with nearly every Grange in my home county.

I have been awake to all that pertains to Grange welfare and have assisted in Subordinate, Pomona and State Grange work wherever possible.

Fraternally submitted,

ROY I. CHURCH, Assistant Steward.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Worthy Master and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Treasurer makes his annual report as follows:

Balance in treasury October 1, 1914.....	\$2,857.28
Received during the year.....	2,324.59

5,181.87

Disbursed during the year.....	2,264.77
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Balance October 1, 1915.....	\$2,917.10
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Respectfully submitted,

M. FARRELL, Treasurer.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:
There are 42 Subordinate and 4 Pomona Granges in good standing.

Two new Granges, Guenoc and Bellevue, have been organized during the year. Sunnyvale Grange surrendered its charter and Bowman, Dairyville, Merced, Prairie Center and Upper Lake Granges are dormant.

The financial condition of the order is good, as the following itemized account will show:

1914.	Source.	Dues and Fees.	Supplies.	Total
October 1, balance in treasury.				\$2857.28
October 23, 5th and 6th Degree		\$ 83.50		
October 31, October receipts..		391.99	\$73.27	
November 30, November receipts			12.20	
December 30, December receipts.		104.05	16.80	
1915.				
January 31, January receipts...		343.23	3.65	
February 28, February receipts..		28.45	1.25	
March 31, March receipts.....		49.00	13.63	
April 30, April receipts.....		372.83	9.35	
May 31, May receipts.....		34.40	14.95	
June 1, National Grange for organization work				25.00
June 30, June receipts.....		61.16	.35	
July 31, July receipts.....		270.46	.25	
August 15, National Grange for organization work				30.00
August 31, August receipts.....		88.55	2.00	
September 30, Sept. receipts...		192.56	7.00	
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		\$2020.18	\$154.70	\$5087.16

EXPENDITURES.

National Grange Dues.....	151.47	
National Grange for 6th Degree		
Certificates	43.00	
Organizing	191.35	
Supplies	145.44	
Miscellaneous	1733.51	2264.77
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RECAPITULATION.

In Treasury, October 1, 1914.....	2857.28
Total receipts from Dues and Fees.....	2020.18
Total receipts from Merchandise.....	154.70
Received from National Grange for Organization work	55.00
Interest on Grange Funds retained by Worthy	
Treasurer	94.71
Total	5181.87
Expenditures	2264.77

Balance in Treasury, October 1, 1915..... 2917.10
 Fraternally submitted,

NELLIE W. HUNT, Secretary.

The Gate Keeper read his report, which was accepted.

GATE KEEPER'S REPORT.

Worthy Master and Members of the California State Grange:
 Your Gate Keeper has tried to comply with the instructions he received when installed—imitating the owl as nearly as possible, by being wide awake at his post of duty.

I appreciate the high esteem my fellow Patrons hold me in and the pleasant way they have met me at the outer gate.

Fraternally submitted,

LEE DUDGEON, Gate Keeper.

Worthy Ceres offered her report, which was accepted.

CERES' REPORT.

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

"Joy cometh in the morning" when we are privileged to welcome our friends from the broad lands and fertile valleys of our ever glorious State to the hospitality of the beautiful city of Oakland—queen of the bay section.

But my Patronesses, Ceres, whose representative I am, sits in mourning for her lost domain. Her robes of green and gold are trampled by warring hosts. Her fair fields of grain scarred by huge trenches in which her votaries burrow for safety from exploding shells. She asks in vain—What and when will be the end of this terrible war? She offers only this message: that we by the western sea labor with diligence and prudence to retain our sanity, and assist by every

means within our power the preservation of the civilization that seems so near annihilation.

Fraternally submitted,

CAROLINE F. EMERY, Ceres.

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

POMONA'S REPORT.

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

Again the hour of labor has arrived and we are given the happy privilege of meeting and greeting our brothers and sisters.

I wonder if, before attending the Exposition and particularly the California building, we fully realized the blessings and the wonderful opportunities our State offers us. There we were shown a room from a single log grown in one of our northern counties, while from every part of the State we saw the result of farm husbandry, in making every growing thing produce its very best. In the flowers and ferns shown there we have proof that the love of the beautiful is a strong factor, and financial gain not the only incentive in labor.

I regret that I cannot attend this meeting and extend to all visiting members a most cordial welcome. To our own California members I send best wishes for a pleasant and instructive Grange session.

Fraternally submitted,

EDNA HARTLEY, Pomona.

REPORT OF FLORA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

The domain of Flora is from one end of the earth to the other. Amid the snow of the high Sierras the brilliant snow flower glows. On the surface of the muddy pond the snow white lily floats. The golden cowslip grows by the road side and the beautiful queen of flowers, the rose, grows in our carefully cultivated gardens. All alike are beautiful in their places.

In our order, Flora has special care of the sixth degree. To the Court of Flora are welcomed all who have faithfully observed the precepts of our order in the preceding degrees.

We are instructed in our ritual to dispense charity, the flower of brotherly love, as freely as the flowers dispense

their perfume. Also to beautify and adorn our homes by planting trees and shrubs and flowers.

The observance of Arbor Day should be encouraged by Flora in all the Subordinate and Pomona Granges. Also the planting of home and school gardens.

The exchange of flower seeds and if practicable, of slips of hardy flowering plants, could be made a feature of Flora day. Encourage short, practical talks on the cultivation of the different varieties of flowering plants and shrubs most suitable to your particular location.

There are many beautiful legends and myths regarding flowers and use may be made of some of them on the annual Flora Day. Some beautiful poems and songs regarding flowers may also be fittingly placed on this program.

Every Flora should try to have flowers at her station at every meeting during the year. Also she should endeavor to send flowers to the sick or shut-in members of her Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

SUSIE E. STOVER, Flora.

The Lady Assistant Steward offered the following report, which was accepted:

LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

It gives me pleasure to be able to report personally at this meeting of the State Grange, which concludes my term of office.

I assure you anything that I have done or may do for the Grange is always a pleasure to me.

Fraternally submitted,

ORA G. ANDERSON, Lady Assistant Steward.

The report of Brother Lee Dudgeon, deputy for Monterey county, was read and accepted.

DEPUTY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Since receiving my commission as Deputy for Monterey county, I have endeavored not to lose an opportunity to spread the Grange doctrine, in an economical way, believing as I do, that we should at no time be too anxious to get a grab at the State Grange Treasury. I have made several trips to different sections of my territory with rather dis-

couraging results, until recently I have partially made arrangements to go to Parkfield, at the close of this State Grange meeting to organize a Grange there.

Also to return to King City and then to Hollister in San Benito county. I will certainly comply with these requests.

I have tried to keep in touch with the Granges in my jurisdiction and aid them in every way possible. I have recommended contests in attendance, but so far have succeeded in getting but one Grange to try it. That one was my home Grange—Fort Romie. It is working out very nicely.

While I have not accomplished as much as I would have liked, I am trying to treasure up the lessons I have learned, both by successes and failures and plan more wisely for the future.

Fraternally submitted,

LEE DUDGEON, Deputy.

The report of Brother Peter Hanson, Deputy for Sonoma county, was read and accepted.

DEPUTY'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

In reporting my work as Deputy and Organizer, I am very much pleased to say that while there has been some failures and set backs, the successes far out-weigh them.

Late last year I went to Windsor, Sonoma county, and met a young and enthusiastic man, a former Patron, and his wife, and we made a start toward the organization of a Grange. Soon after this, however, they moved away, and while there was plenty of good material left there, no one could be found to take the lead in this kind of work, the hall rent was exorbitant, and we finally decided that we would not try to organize there at that time.

Early in the year I received word from a former member of Bennett Valley Grange, who was then living in Lake county, saying that they would like to have a Grange started there if possible. I wrote letters to people up there asking assistance and laid the matter before our State Master, Joseph Holmes. He immediately sent me a commission for Lake county. High water and bad roads kept me back for sometime, but on April 13th I went to Middletown and was very kindly received. I canvassed the country near there and on the 17th organized Guenoc Grange, four miles from Middletown, on the Lower Lake road, with a charter list of 22

members. Brother A. H. Deverman was chosen Master of the new Grange.

From Bellevue, south of Santa Rosa, where a neighborhood club had been organized, some of the members came to me and wanted to know something about the Grange and if they could have one. I said "certainly." And in a short time with the able and kindly assistance of some of the members, we soon had a charter list of 41 members.

June 21st I organized Bellevue Grange with Brother O. L. Triggs as Master. Watch them grow! for they will be heard from. But I will leave the rest for them to tell.

I have done some missionary work in other places which may at some future time bear fruit.

Fraternally submitted,

PETER HANSON, Deputy.

A song, "Onward Marching," was sung, after which the Worthy Master requested the wives of the Past Masters to come forward and be seated at his right and requested Brother F. L. Hunt to escort them. Sisters Greer, Worthen, Emery and Griffith were introduced and each spoke most fittingly.

The wife of our Worthy Master was called for and favored the Grange with a recitation.

The Lecturer announced a conference of Subordinate and Pomona Lecturers to be held at the close of the afternoon session.

Dr. H. F. Dessau announced that a trip around the Bay had been arranged for Wednesday afternoon and presented the invitation on behalf of the city of Oakland. On motion of Brother W. W. Greer, seconded by Brother M. T. Hunt, the invitation was accepted.

Grange closed in form, to be opened at 9 o'clock A. M. Wednesday.

EVENING.

A reception was tendered the visiting Patrons by the members of Oakland Grange and the city of Oakland in the beautiful ball room of the Hotel Oakland.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY.

FORENOON.

Grange was opened in ample form at 9 o'clock A. M. by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes. After an opening song, "The

Wild Bird," the roll of Granges was called, 31 Granges responding.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved. The report of the Committee on Order of Business for the second day was adopted.

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

REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE AND POMONA GRANGES.

AMERICAN RIVER.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange: As alternate from American River Grange, I beg leave to submit the following report:

American River Grange is one of the old Granges of the State, having been organized about 40 years ago in a little hall known as the "Fifteen Mile House" and located on the old Emigrant Road.

Our Grange met in this hall for about six years. The Grange then decided to build its own hall. We now have a two-story building located on the Folsom and Sacramento highway, with a fine concrete school house on one side and a lady's club house on the other side.

I will say for American River Grange that while it is not flourishing as in time past, owing to our members being scattered in all parts of the State, and also because many of the farms surrounding our Grange having been sold to other Natamas Company, the former owners have moved to other parts of the State. However, we are getting along very well. Besides owning our hall, we have one acre of land clear of debt and a little money on hand.

We have 54 members in good standing, but it is hard to get the good attendance at our meetings which is necessary to make any Grange as active as it should be. Some of our members take an active part in the meetings of Sacramento County Pomona Grange.

During the past year we have lost by death two worthy sisters, Sister Cornell and Sister McFarland. Sister McFarland was at one time Lady Assistant Steward of the California State Grange.

I was elected to represent American River Grange last Tuesday evening at a special meeting; the Worthy Master and his wife having been detained at home on account of sickness.

We have held but ten meetings during the year as we take a vacation of three months during the summer. We hope the time is not far off when the land in our vicinity will be divided into small farms and thereby make it a great field for American River Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

F. W. BUSH, Alternate.

ANTELOPE.

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

Antelope Grange No. 161 sends best wishes for a pleasant and profitable session.

We have fifty-two members at the present time.

We have had fourteen meetings so far this year, which have been attended by a few faithful members.

We had a picnic this spring which netted thirty-five dollars, which, considering the cold, windy weather, we considered good.

The trees on our ten acre eucalyptus tract are growing splendidly and we expect them soon to be large enough so we can have our picnics on our own grounds.

Our long-looked for, long-hoped for hall seems to be nearer than ever before, as this year the Master of the Grange laid the forms for the foundation and the few faithful, active workers at Antelope turned out and hauled sand and the ladies furnished a lunch. Then for days the same members worked on the cement work, till at last the foundation is completed and ready for the building, which will be twenty-eight feet wide by sixty feet long, situated on the highest rise of ground on the tract, which makes a fine location, giving a beautiful view of the mountains.

We have taken up a subscription among the members toward the hall, thereby raising about three hundred and fifty dollars, which, together with three hundred dollars in the bank, gives us a good start toward paying for the lumber, which figures up to about seven hundred dollars.

The members expect to donate most of the work. Our hall will face one of the oldest and most travelled roads in Sacramento county along the line of the Southern Pacific Railroad and all the travellers from the east will see it as they go to Sacramento, the capital city of California.

We, the people of Antelope, hope some day to have that

road improved, so it will make a worthy approach to our Grange Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. GLADNEY, Master of Antelope Grange.

BELLEVUE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Bellevue Grange No. 374, during the first quarter of its organization, has made the progress natural to a new Grange in a thickly settled community. This Grange started with a charter membership of 41. On the day of dedicating the new hall, a class of 41 was given the third and fourth degrees with a considerable number of applications yet to be acted upon.

On August 9th ground was broken for the foundation of a hall on land donated by one of our charter members. The hall, built entirely by volunteer labor, was dedicated September 25th, with the assistance of the Pomona Grange of Sonoma county. Brother G. R. Harrison, Master of Sonoma County Pomona Grange, had charge of the dedication ceremonies.

The hall is an attractive building 30x68 feet, with a wing containing kitchen and dining room. On the day of dedication a barbecue dinner was served by Bellevue and Sonoma County Pomona Granges to about 250 members and guests. In the afternoon the dedication ceremonies as laid down in our ritual were performed, followed with addresses as follows: "The Bellevue Program," by O. L. Triggs, Master; "The Contribution of the University to the Country," by Prof. W. T. Clarke; "The Grange and Rural Improvement," by W. T. Griffith; "The New Order," by Peter Hanson.

There was a large attendance from all parts of the county, about 400 being present during the day.

A dance was given on the following Friday evening. Naturally our main energies have been given to the building of the hall and to the dedication of the same. However, we have taken action on several matters of importance, viz: A move for a new depot at Bellevue Station; a protest against a proposed increase in Santa Rosa freight rates by the S. P. Co.; a proposal to the State and National Granges to establish a loan fund for the building of Grange halls; appointment of a committee to agitate the formation of a drainage district in the Santa Rosa valley and a proposal for an in-

vestigation of rural schools as agencies in the up-building of country life.

Fraternally submitted,

O. L. TRIGGS, Master.

BENNETT VALLEY.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

During this memorable year of Grace, 1915, there has been much to make it a great pleasure to me to be here and report to the State Grange of California. Among the deliberations and the many interesting features that come in the annual rounds of Grange work, one feature that makes this year memorable in the annals of our Grange is the fact that for the first time during its existence of thirty-two years I enjoyed the honor of being the first sister to be elected Master and thereby the first Matron to report to your honorable body from our Grange. Our meetings occur on the first and third Saturday evenings of each month. The routine work is carried out according to the prescribed method of the ritual. This seems a good place to say that one of the State officers quite unexpectedly dropped in at one of our recent meetings and complimented the Grange on the officers being able to open and close the Grange without referring to the ritual.

The officers of our Grange take a lively interest in their various duties and in anything that will in any way add to the uplift and general betterment of the order. The members generally are well posted on the declaration of purposes and the basic principals on which the order was founded.

Our membership is not strong numerically, but anything lacking in numbers is made up by firmness of spirit.

The Lecturer's hour is a feature made much of by the members of Bennett Valley Grange and is always open to any visiting members or friends who may desire to listen or participate.

Music, the Divine art, attracts the young and interests the old. Among our members are those who play on quite a wide range of instruments, and we always enjoy good solo music, and frequently rare treats of concert music.

Bennett Valley Grange records time from two dates—the twenty-seventh of May, when the Grange was organized, and the fourth of December, when our Grange hall was dedicated.

Our hall is large, looks neat and tasty inside and out, and has all the necessary equipment for the exemplification of the work. The ante-rooms are good and the dining room can seat a little more than one hundred and is well equipped.

The Grange has a good piano and a small library. The buildings are valued at about three thousand dollars and are insured in the Farmers' Mutual. The Grange campus has a beautiful setting of forest trees and the situation is ideal. The crowds that attend our annual picnic testify to this. Our membership is forty-eight brothers and thirty-one sisters.

We have held twenty-three meetings and missed one.

We have a small indebtedness, but hope that soon we will be free from this. Our buildings are well painted and in good repair.

Worthy Master and Patrons of the State Grange of California, in submitting to you my annual report of Bennett Valley Grange No. 16, permit me in conclusion to admonish you to make this session memorable by strong, vigorous work in doing the things that will advance the scope and work in our Golden State and win the plaudits and commendation of the National Grange soon to convene on our shores and by putting strong, tried and able men at the front, who will hold the course of the Grange true to the principles that have made it the great successful farmers' order of the past. May we ever keep in mind the words that the poet of the Sierras breathed in to the spirit of the Great Explorer, Hope and Persevere, and on, and on, and on.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLENA COLLINS, Master.

CAPITAL.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Capital Grange No. 305, P. of H., meets in the beautiful and thriving suburb of Oak Park, Sacramento county. Except when degree work is given or a large feast participated in, the meetings are held at the homes of the various members. At these meetings the children are invited and in addition to the regular work, a program is rendered and light refreshments served.

We find this to be a very successful innovation and our work along social and educational lines is attracting attention. In the local affairs of our community our Grange has

always taken an active part. This is due not so much to the size of our Grange as to the personnel of the membership.

Our Grange is a close fraternity. It is like one large family. At our last meeting our very efficient worthy Lecturer, the daughter of a pioneer member of Sacramento county, who recently took upon herself a helpmate, was tendered a luncheon and presented with some silverware as tokens of the appreciation and friendship of her co-workers.

Our membership is not large, as we do not carry any member on our books who is in arrears for his dues. We are adding to our membership. We have money in the treasury. Our bills are all paid. The average attendance is proportionately large. We send greetings, best wishes and good will to you all.

Fraternally submitted,

W. W. GREER, Master.

COTATI.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange: Owing to the pressure of work, our Worthy Master, Fred Grimm, is unable to attend this meeting of the State Grange. As alternate, I beg leave to submit the following report:

Cotati Grange No. 369 was organized February 12th, 1914, by D. M. Winans, with a list of 46 charter members, of whom only 25 came to be initiated. Some withdrew or were dropped until our membership was only 19. We now have 26 members in good standing and some applications to be voted on.

We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 P. M. and the third Thursday at 1 P. M. sharp in I. O. O. F. Hall. The attendance is small, but we have missed only one meeting during the year. The Lecturer's hour is devoted chiefly to discussions of topics of the day, and to practicing degree work.

We are able to meet our obligations financially and on the whole we feel that we are gaining slowly in the face of some difficulties.

Fraternally submitted,

MORGAN T. DAVIES, Alternate.

CASTORIA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange: As Master of Castoria Grange No. 322, I am pleased to report that the members of our Grange have shown renewed

interest and that Castoria Grange promises to come to her own again.

We have taken in eleven new members during the past year, all of whom promise to make good active members. We are holding regular meetings twice a month and have a fair average attendance. We have taken up the matter of improving the roads in our vicinity with good results. As our Grange is the only one in San Joaquin county we are very anxious to keep it alive and hope some day to see more Granges organized in our county.

Fraternally submitted,

H. A. HOERL, Master Castoria Grange.

DANVILLE.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Danville Grange certainly began the year aright. Our officers had the honor of being installed by our Worthy State Master and Mrs. Holmes, his most efficient helpmate.

Our esteemed State Master set a noteworthy example by delivering the entire installation ceremony letter perfect, without a single halt or reference to the manual. Whoever has attempted to do the same must appreciate the mental effort it cost to memorize so many lines of prose.

Patrons in our Grange complain that the ritualistic work is very difficult to memorize.

On the day of installation the fourth degree was given to a class of eight. After initiation our guests of honor and nearly one hundred members sat down to a combined harvest and installation feast.

During the year three classes were initiated. We gained twelve members by initiation and eight by affiliation.

It is my sad duty to report that the Grim Reaper garnered for the great harvest three worthy and esteemed members. They were Brother George Wood, Sister S. L. More and Brother W. Z. Stone.

In January the Grange was invited to the celebration of the ninetieth birthday of Sister Mary A. Jones. She and Sister Cynthia Wood are the only surviving charter members of Danville Grange. Sister Jones came to California in 1846 and has the distinction of being the first pioneer mother.

Sister Rhoda Maxcey's eightieth birthday was another most enjoyable event participated in by the Grange.

The June-born ladies, in accord with the bounteous month of their birth, brought their birthday "goodies" to the Grange and made a merry feast. Our Worthy Lecturer prepared a very pleasing program for the occasion. A very amusing number was some witty verses written by Sister Elizabeth Wood.

The Committee on Good Roads has been very diligent during the year. Brother Josiah Boucher, a member of the committee, was sent to Sacramento as a delegate from our Grange to act in favor of reform in road supervision.

Our Grange being the mother of our local high school is now working to get it installed in a permanent home.

At our first meeting in October it was voted to assist financially in the Rural Credits Campaign.

Sister Mary Podva generously donated five dollars towards this fund.

We are much indebted to the editor of our local papers for much propitious publicity for all our activities.

During the year we did not miss any regular meetings and held one special meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

NINA E. WILLIAMS, Master.

DINUBA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Number of members 61. The attendance has been fair. Interest is good. Outside of local affairs the Grange has tried to stir up interest in Rural Credits, the National Marketing Commission and to push along the project of conserving the waters and power sites of King's river.

The Lecturer has used subjects outlined by the State Lecturer, topics suggested by the National Grange Monthly, and also subjects of especial interest to our local community.

We have an advertisement in the National Grange Monthly advertising dried and canned fruit and raisins. We hope in this way to be able to market some of our products directly to the consumer. The advertisement has not been running very long, but several inquiries have been received and some orders.

At a recent meeting the entire program was prepared under the direction of our Worthy Pomona. There was a display of fruits, grapes and other farm products. Our county horticultural commissioner was present and gave a talk.

Fraternally submitted, W. E. LINDLEY, Master.

ELK GROVE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

As Master of Elk Grove Grange No. 86 I will say that we have enjoyed a profitable year in our Grange. We have made our meetings social and interesting in all respects.

At present we are busily engaged in promoting a scheme of co-operative buying. We hope that our efforts will cause it to be a great factor in our Grange, as well as in other Granges who are trying the same.

Since our report to this Grange last year, we have made a net gain of 16 members. The present outlook for swelling our membership roll is very bright. The officers are generally prompt in the discharge of their duties and we always have the harvest feast when the fourth degree is conferred.

Our meetings are always attended and discussions of interest are entered into with commendable zeal. There are numerous things of interest that I would mention, but I have covered the most important.

Fraternally submitted, A. A. KRULL, Master.

FORESTVILLE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Forestville Grange No. 367 has had a very good year. We held 24 meetings during the year, in fact we have never missed a meeting since we were organized nearly two years ago. We have 94 members in good standing. Have lost one by death, Sister Fenton. Have passed two resolutions, one sent us by Live Oak Grange relating to a reclamation bill which they believed would be detrimental to their members, and one favoring the amendment which would enable the Legislature to pass a rural credit bill.

Our Grange has instituted an annual good roads day and celebrated it by doing some good work on the roads. Also, I am glad to report the work on the electric depot finished.

In June the Grange gave a benefit social for a worthy family and netted \$50.00, which was very thankfully received. At our last meeting we had the pleasure of having Brother Stice present the plan of the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association. Brother Doss, our Supervisor, was also present and gave us a good talk on roads. We believe in talking and working together and hope in a few years to have an ideal community.

Fraternally submitted,

C. VAN KEPPEL, Alternate.

FORT ROMIE.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Again I have the pleasure of bringing the best of wishes from Fort Romie Grange No. 358, that we may have a harmonious meeting of the 43rd annual session of the State Grange.

We have had a very prosperous year in Grange work under the leadership of a set of officers of which only two have passed the two score mark in years. Eight are less than 25 years of age, and five are yet in their 'teens. Our Lecturer has worked hard, presenting good programs, consisting of songs, recitations, music, debates and all that go to make an interesting social hour. We started an attendance contest in July. The Assistant Stewards were appointed captains, each choosing alternately, contest to end January 1st. The side having the least attendance to furnish a chicken supper to the Grange.

We have decorated our hall with a large picture of the seven founders of the order, Also an enlarged picture of our own members, both being neatly framed. Nearly all of our members have paid the 25c per year asked for by the P. P. I. E. rest room committee. There has been quite an improvement in our attendance for the last year, especially of the officers.

We have made a net gain of only one in our membership, having 69 members at the present time, and six candidates awaiting initiation.

Fraternally submitted,

LEE DUDGEON, Master.

GOLD HILL.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Gold Hill Grange is showing signs of waking up. During the last year we have taken in seven new members and reinstated three. Our membership is now 38, all of whom are in good standing. We hold two meetings each month—on the first and third Saturdays. Our attendance is getting better right along. We have given two plays with home talent and played both times to packed houses, thereby netting us a neat little sum of money.

We have materially improved our hall and grounds, which are free from debt of any kind, and we have quite a little re-

serve fund in our treasury. We have taken up co-operative buying and have had splendid results so far.

Fraternally submitted,

N. L. LABRIE, Alternate.

GREENFIELD.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

As Alternate to this 43rd session of the California State Grange I bring greetings from our Worthy Master and members of Greenfield Grange No. 357.

We have held 22 regular meetings during the year and omitted two. One of these was given over to the Farmers' Institute and one to a lecture on rural education. We have held four special meetings.

Greenfield Grange had charge of the local Fourth of July celebration, at which the Fort Romie Grange joined with us and a very enjoyable and profitable time was spent. The work of the lady's degree team was highly commended, and, being given in the open with a back ground of spreading oaks, it was a very pleasing spectacle.

We were also successful in securing a reduction in a proposed increase in valuation of real estate in Greenfield. Constant vigilance is necessary to secure a just and equitable basis of taxation, because Greenfield is surrounded by large land grants.

Our Worthy State Master was with us in January and installed our officers, and a very enjoyable time was spent. We are always glad to receive a visit from the State officers and we believe if their visits were more frequent, the Subordinate Granges would be benefitted that much more.

Our present membership is 85. We have taken in 15 members during the year by initiation and one as an unaffiliated member. Our attendance has fallen off somewhat lately, but with the return of the long evenings and with the rush of the season's work over, we are looking forward to renewed interest and a full attendance.

Fraternally submitted,

H. J. TURNER, Alternate.

GUENOC GRANGE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

As delegate from Guenoc Grange No. 373 of Lake county to the 43rd annual session of the California State Grange I beg to report as follows:

Our Grange is one of your baby Granges, having been organized on April 17th last with 15 charter members. We now boast 38 members, of whom 11 are sisters, and though they represent but a small part of our membership, nevertheless their earnest work more than makes up for their fewness in numbers.

Thus far we have not been able to devote much time nor accomplish much in organized work, due to the nature of the country. Those who are acquainted with conditions in Lake county will understand how scattered are the folks whom we must gather together as members and it has been necessary that we devote much time to increasing the roll of members.

Guenoc Grange meets the 1st and 2nd Saturdays in each month, and thus far has not missed a meeting.

We have a movement under way at the present time for a building of our own; also plans for securing a piano.

We have tried to give the Grange all the publicity we could and in a parade on the Fourth of July last in which all the fraternal orders were represented with floats, ours was acknowledged the finest.

Our members are all in good standing and the Grange is clear of debt. Our meetings are well attended and our Lecturer realizes the importance of the Lecturers' hour.

It has been our pleasure to endorse a resolution made by the Live Oak Grange of Kelseyville, which aided in securing a victory in favor of the farmers and land owners as against the corporation known as the Yolo Light and Power Co.

We are looking forward to a prosperous year and an increase in membership with benefits to all.

Fraternally submitted,

A. H. DEVERMAN, Master.

LINCOLN.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Lincoln Grange No. 318 meets every second and fourth Saturday of each month. We generally have a fair attendance, although we quite often have the odd number of 13. We have owned our own hall for about 15 years. It is well lighted by electric lights and is fully equipped with dishes, chairs, tables, etc.

We find that a banquet is a good drawing card. We have

felt quite a revival of interest in our Grange and at present we have several applications to act on.

Our membership is about 65. We have a new piano nearly paid for by entertainments given by the members. After our hall was built, we added a long shed for horses, but the shed is now used for autos. Driving horses are a thing of the past in our part of Santa Clara county.

As usual, we are looking forward to more and better work than we have done in the past.

Fraternally submitted,

L. B. HUSTED, Alternate.

LIVE OAK.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Live Oak Grange No. 311 now has 85 members, being a substantial increase over the past year. The Grange has become an active force in the community and there are few problems affecting the interests of our farming population which have not been considered or acted upon as occasion demanded.

For instance, we have considered and adopted resolutions upon such subjects as Consolidation of Rural Schools, State Marketing Commission, Rural Credits, Conservation of Public Resources. Our Lecturer, who is the County Horticultural Commissioner, has furnished much valuable information on topics connected with the fruit industry, the marketing of products and other subjects.

The social side of Grange activities has not been neglected. Our frequent initiations have called for harvest feasts which usually bring out almost our entire membership. Our annual outing this year took the form of an excursion on Clear Lake and we were honored by the presence of our Worthy State Lecturer, Sister Hill, and Brother Hill.

We have made a beginning along the line of co-operative buying, the results of which have so far been quite satisfactory. On the whole, we feel that in the Grange we have an institution with the capacity for doing good work in aid of the farmer and of the community. We are coming to look upon it as a sword of attack upon evils which threaten us and as a shield of defense of the rights which we possess.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. DORN, Alternate.

MOUNTAIN VIEW.

Worthy Master and Members of California State Grange:

Mountain View Grange 332, P. of H., sends greetings and submits the following report: Twenty-three meetings have been held since October, 1914, several of which were open to the public. On one of these occasions Professor Crocheron of Berkeley addressed the meeting on Farm Advisers and at another time Professor Adams gave a talk on Farm Marketing. The Grange took particular interest in "The High School Boys' Agricultural Club," giving material assistance, as well as encouragement, to the enterprise. The boys exhibited specimens of their potato crop and read essays relative to their agricultural experience at a recent Grange meeting, and many members contributed personally to the required sum which rewarded the most successful potato raiser with a trip to Washington. The Grange had the pleasure of a visit from our Worthy State Master and Sister Holmes during last month. Another pleasure during the year was that of entertaining at an all-day session and banquet the Santa Clara County Pomona Grange. The members of the different committees have been diligent with their reports and the Worthy Lecturer has not spared effort in providing suitable and interesting programs for each meeting. We have initiated 9 new members and received 8 on demit cards. We have at present 200 members in good standing with several applications pending.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL FARRELL, Master.

NAPA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

As I offer to this State Grange this, the 18th report for Napa Grange, I do so with a feeling of regret that the Worthy Master of our Grange is not able to be here and represent us. It is unfortunate for Napa Grange that the official duties of its Master are such as to prevent his presence here at this time.

We have had about the usual number of open meetings and feasts and at these meetings we always try to have some live topics discussed which generally takes the form of after-dinner speaking. The speakers on these occasions are always chosen with the view of getting the best available material for the particular subjects under consideration. We

feel that these discussions have been of considerable benefit to our members.

For several years it has been the custom of Napa Grange to hold an annual picnic. This year for the first time in the Grange history of the county, we had the pleasure of the company and co-operation of Rutherford and Silverado Granges. The combined efforts of the three Granges easily made this year's Grange picnic the best ever held in the county. We all anticipate even a better picnic next year. It was our pleasure to have with us this year the Worthy State Master and the Worthy State Lecturer. Their presence and the well chosen remarks made by them added greatly to the success of the occasion.

The Legislative Committee of the Grange has tried to keep the membership posted and in close touch with matters along its line of work, and has, we believe, been of considerable service to the Grange.

Some little agitation has taken place relative to the formation of a Pomona Grange in Napa county, but as yet we can report no definite action along this line.

One of the policies of Napa Grange is to always lend encouragement to the boys' agricultural club in connection with the local high school. We invite them to our feasts and are always glad to have them with us.

Although we have fallen far short of what we would like to have done, we face the future with a strong determination to do more and better work.

Fraternally submitted,

F. L. HUNT, Alternate.

OAKLAND.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

As Master of Oakland Grange No. 35, I am much pleased to report our Grange in a healthy and prosperous condition. Our membership on September 30th, 1914, was: Sisters 45, Brothers 24, total 69. We initiated during the year 10. Our membership on September 30th, 1915, was: Sisters 41, Brothers 20, making a total of 61. We hold our meetings on the first Friday evening of each month at Star King Hall, 14th and Castro streets. We meet at 6:30 P. M. and sit down to a dinner at seven o'clock. At eight o'clock we repair to the hall and from eight till nine we devote to the Lecturer's hour under direction of Prof. Childs. At nine o'clock we begin our Grange session, after which the floor

is cleared and the young people enjoy an hour in dancing.

In May last it was our sad misfortune to lose by death our beloved and faithful Chaplain, Sister Ella M. Dow. We feel that no one can ever take the place of our esteemed sister.

We have been highly honored by several visits from our Worthy Master and members of the Executive Committee; especially so at the memorial exercises held for the State Chaplain, Sister Dow. We also feel highly honored by having the State Grange hold its sessions in our city of Oakland at this time. We trust this session will be pleasant and profitable to all of us.

Fraternally submitted,

J. C. STOUT, Master.

ORANGEVALE.

To the Officers and Members of the 43rd annual session of the California State Grange, Greetings:

As it is impossible for Orangevale Grange No. 354 to be represented at this session, we beg to submit the following report of our membership and efforts for the year just past:

Our membership at this time is 56, 35 Brothers and 21 Sisters.

Since January 1, 1915, we have initiated 3 and admitted 1 by card.

We succeeded in getting a much better rural mail service for Orangevale and vicinity and have raised a considerable sum of money for and started work on a fine Grange Hall. Our plans call for banquet hall, kitchen, good sized stage, with the necessary dressing rooms, etc., gallery and picture loft. This building will be a credit to the community.

Fraternally yours,

L. H. MANN, Master.

ORCHARD CITY.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Orchard City Grange No. 333, Patrons of Husbandry, holds regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall in the town of Campbell. We have not missed a meeting during the year. The attendance has been good, even through the busy season.

Our work has been along the same lines as that of the preceding years, consisting of reports of standing committees and interesting ourselves in everything for the betterment of

the community. We have a Lecturer who has furnished us with some very excellent programs during the time allotted to her.

In order to better carry out the social part of our work, we have, throughout the Fall and Winter months held social meetings on the alternate Tuesday evenings. At these meetings all bring their basket lunches and supper is served about seven o'clock. Committees are appointed to look after the tables, make coffee and prepare the program. This has served to interest some of the town people and has been the means of securing new members. In fact it has been said that ours is the best social order meeting in Campbell and it is well supplied with lodges too.

On the first meeting in April we held a charter members meeting. This meeting brought out practically our entire membership and some visitors. Our six Past Masters were all present, each one telling some of his experiences during his term of office. An interesting program and banquet followed and every one had a good time.

In May Santa Clara County Pomona Grange met with us in an all day meeting. We have taken in a few new members and some of the older ones, leaving our membership at present 115, about the same as we had last year. But we feel that with the work done at the State Grange, followed by that of the National Grange, we shall take on new life and that many outside our order will want to join with us. We stand as it were on the threshold of another year and look forward to the future with hope and courage.

Fraternally submitted,

E. K. CLENDENNING, Master.

PETALUMA.

To the Officers and Members of the State Grange:

I have the honor to submit the following report for the year 1915:

We have our regular meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Our financial condition is good, having a surplus in the treasury. The membership is composed of thirty-two (32) brothers, and thirty-nine (39) sisters.

The interest and attendance is good and has been throughout the year.

Our Worthy Lecturer deserves much praise for her meth-

ods and the interest she creates in the "Lecturer' Hour."

Fraternally submitted,

A. S. HALL, Master.

POPLAR.

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

Poplar Grange No. 359 sends greetings and wishes you a pleasant and profitable session.

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

We have at present ninety-two members in good standing and we expect shortly to take in another class.

Interest is good and attendance fair at our regular meetings, and we are always well represented at the Pomona meetings.

I am proud to report that we have been holding meetings in our own hall during the past year. Brother Holmes was present last January to take charge of the dedication services. At the same time Brother Holmes installed our officers, installation services being open to the public.

Our expenses during the past year have been heavy. The moving of the hall two miles on to our own lot; the installation of electric lights, including the price of transformers and other furniture and fixtures, have made the total expenses high.

With the aid of the fifty-dollar donation from the State Grange, which was gratefully received and highly appreciated, we have been able to meet all expenses with the exception of about thirty dollars.

We have an entertainment now under way which will more than clear the books of this amount and start us on the new year with a surplus in our treasury.

Fraternally submitted,

G. O. TAGGARD, Master.

POTTER VALLEY.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

As Master of Potter Valley Grange No. 115 I have the honor of submitting the following brief report:

We have held our regular meetings twice a month with the exception of July and August, during the harvest season, when only one meeting per month was held. Up till that time the attendance was good and the interest fine, but since

then many of our members seem to have forgotten that a Grange ever existed.

However, we do not feel discouraged, for winter is near, when roast turkey and pumpkin pies are frequently served in our Grange. Then they come from all quarters till the hall is filled and good times are the order of the day.

Our members wished to improve our Grange Hall grounds, so a day was set for the purpose of putting in a drain in front of the hall and very nearly all the brothers turned out and did the work, while the sisters brought lunch and served ice cream to the tired laborers.

Our Lecturer has prepared some very interesting programs and we feel proud of her.

We have added to our number twenty-three by initiation and two by reinstatement, making our present membership ninety-five, with three applications in waiting.

We have a ladies' drill team under way and hope to have it completed the coming winter. Our initiations are accompanied by tableaux, which are very beautiful and artistic.

Financially we are in good condition.

Fraternally submitted,

E. V. JONES, Master.

PROGRESSIVE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange: Progressive Grange No. 308 begs leave to report as follows:

We had at the beginning of the year 72 members and have gained during the year 13 members by initiation and one by demit. We initiated two new members in the first and second degrees at our last meeting and have now a class awaiting initiation in the third and fourth degrees.

Our Grange has an excellent degree staff to confer the two higher degrees. This adds much to the interest of the Grange.

We meet on the first and third Saturdays of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall at two o'clock P. M. The crops in our section were good, with prunes a big crop.

We are in good working condition. There is a fine fraternal feeling among the members, who look forward to the coming year with hope for a successful and profitable advancement in their work.

Fraternally submitted,

A. H. BRIGHAM, Alternate.

RAMONA.

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

Considering the fact that this is our first year in Grange work and that conditions are not what they might be, we feel proud of what our Grange has accomplished.

We started with a charter member list of seventy-three and have added seventeen new members, bringing our membership up to ninety.

An employment bureau has been organized in the Grange, which proved of great value to farmers during the harvest season.

Co-operative buying is being carried on to advantage by members of the Grange.

The legislative committee has been active in keeping the Grange informed of the useful bills coming up before the Legislature.

A co-operative poultrymen's association is now being formed through the efforts of the Grange.

Our literary committee has been very active in keeping up a live interest in the work of the Grange and it is to them that we owe a great measure of our success.

We were favored with a visit from Past State Master Pettit at a most opportune time. His words of encouragement and advice gave us new life and determination and will long be remembered.

On the whole we feel that we have enjoyed a good year and we hope to increase our efficiency in every way during the coming year.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES DUKES, Master.

RUTHERFORD.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

In submitting the report for Rutherford Grange, I feel that I am justified in expressing for our membership some little pride in the work done since our last report.

While we fully recognize the fact that we have fallen far short of what we might have done, we can review the year's work and note considerable progress.

While our membership roll shows only an increase of 27 members over last year's report, we feel that this only represents a part of our work.

Perhaps the one thing around which our thoughts and energies have centered more than any other, was the one that we would some day have our own hall in which to meet and call our home. With this thought in mind, we have had several special meetings and features by which we have raised a considerable sum of money for our hall fund. The most lucrative of any one of these features has been the work done by some of our members as a dramatic club. The members of this club deserve a great deal of credit for the hard and conscientious work they have done and for that which they expect to do. The one play that they have produced so far, was given in four towns of the county and netted our hall fund over \$100.00.

Acting upon the advice of our attorneys, we proceeded to incorporate our Grange. We have now bought and paid for our lot, and we expect in the very near future to begin the actual construction of our hall.

During the recent Vintage Festival held in St. Helena, Rutherford Grange participated in the parade with the production of a very nicely arranged float. We feel proud to say that this float took the first prize of \$20.00 in the face of keen competition.

Another notable occasion during the year was our joint picnic with Napa and Silverado Granges, which has already been referred to in our Worthy State Master's report. This picnic was such a success that all those who participated, heartily endorsed the idea of making it an annual event.

While making this report, I feel that I would be doing Rutherford Grange an injustice if I failed to make special mention of the excellent work done by our Worthy Lecturer. Brother Cole has arranged several special meetings, all of which have been of special benefit not only to our members, but to many outside of our ranks as well; and he has ever been on the alert for the good of our order.

In concluding my report, I wish to take occasion to make special mention of the hearty co-operation and support that has always been accorded me by the officers and members of our Grange. I feel that without this co-operation, my efforts would have amounted to but little.

Fraternally submitted,

H. C. LUTLEY, Master.

SACRAMENTO.

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

As Master of Sacramento Grange No. 12, I have the honor of being its legal representative. It is also the first time that I have attended the State Grange as a delegate. Sacramento Grange is in a healthy condition, although not being able to report a large increase in membership, this being due to the fact that everyone's time and attention seems turned toward the "Panama Pacific Exposition." Our present membership totals 132. We lost by death Sisters Reese and Williams, the latter a pioneer Granger, known by all as "Grandma Williams."

During the past year we have held 17 regular meetings, and one special meeting. Five regular meetings were dispensed with for other occasions, three turned over for Pomona meetings and two for picnics. One of these picnics was held by our own Grange in a beautiful park of the capitol city. It was one of the most enjoyable events we have attended, and was fully appreciated by all.

We have been especially fortunate during the last year in having our genial and popular Master of the California State Grange, Joseph Holmes, with us at all our meetings to guide us with his ever helpful hand and kind influence.

Our talented Lecturer, Sister Jennie Gould, always has something good at every meeting, and much educational work has been accomplished.

We have a very efficient Secretary, Sister O. H. Braughler, who has been at her post of duty every meeting since her election.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Saturdays in each month at 1:30 P. M. at Redmen's Hall. The anniversary of Sacramento Grange, which occurs on the 4th of December, is always looked forward to with keen interest by all the members. All the Granges in the county are usually invited to join with us in celebrating the birthday of our order. The banquet being the principal feature of the day.

Fraternally submitted.

MISS MAMIE L. SANFORD, Master.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY POMONA.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

I have the pleasure to report that Sacramento County Pomona Grange No. 2, has more than held its own during the past year. With a membership of 158 at the beginning of the year, we have gained 20 during the year and lost by death two, Sister M. C. Williams of Sacramento Grange No. 12 and Sister Carrie McFarland of American River Grange No. 172, leaving a present membership of 176.

The annual Granger's picnic, given under the auspices of Sacramento County Pomona Grange, was held on May 8th this year, and despite the threatening weather and at intervals light showers of rain, a large crowd attended, making the picnic as usual a grand success and \$134.21 was netted for the Grange. Besides our usual picnic attractions of baseball games, field meet and dancing, a new feature was added this year and we think this feature ought to be encouraged and made a permanent part of our picnic. We refer to our live stock exhibit, where horses, cattle and hogs competed for ribbons awarded by the Grange.

Financially our Grange is in good condition, having a balance of cash in hand of \$636.94. During the year our Grange has maintained a membership in the Chamber of Commerce of Sacramento, the Master being the representative; also our Grange paid for a membership in the Y. M. C. A. of Sacramento and presented same to a worthy young man, a member of our Pomona Grange, Herbert Clark.

Two Subordinate Granges in our county have Grange Halls in course of construction and a resolution was unanimously passed by our Pomona Grange donating to each of these Granges and any other Grange within the county building a hall, the sum of \$50.00. The regular meeting place of Pomona Grange is in Sacramento, but we have been ready and glad to meet with Subordinate Granges in other parts of the county when the invitation was given and accordingly we have held a meeting in Galt with Valley Oaks Grange, and one in Elk Grove with Elk Grove Grange; we have also held four meetings in Sacramento.

Our Grange started the campaign for permanent road improvement in our county and Brother Geo. W. Hack is chairman of the county executive committee having this work in charge.

Our Grange has a committee on co-operation and co-operative buying, which has rendered partial reports from time to time and before it submits its final report expects to have

something tangible to offer the Grange. This committee has the firm conviction that this State Grange ought without further unnecessary delay present a definite plan for co-operative buying and selling. We believe that this is necessary to the welfare of our order.

Brother Joseph Holmes, Master of California State Grange, has been a regular attendant at our meetings and we have been greatly benefitted by his example and advice.

On October 30th our Pomona Grange will hold an all-day meeting and will entertain and be entertained by our Worthy Master of the National Grange, Oliver Wilson, and we cordially invite any and all visiting Patrons to be present and enjoy the hospitality of Sacramento County Pomona Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

M. T. HUNT, Master.

SAN JOSE.

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

San Jose Grange still lives and continues to work for the good of the order, our country and mankind.

We have held 43 meetings during the past year, and have given up four of our regular meeting days to meetings of our County Pomona Grange.

Although we hold regular weekly meetings, we find it difficult to find sufficient time to properly consider the many important measures that come before us.

We have a very active and efficient Lecturer, who has his printed program made out for the year, but occasionally he gives way to other seemingly urgent business.

By many outside our gates, San Jose Grange is recognized as a safe criterion in matters of legislation. In our leading county paper of November 1, 1914, when the 48 different measures to be voted on were being discussed, we find the following advice from an influential citizen outside our order:

"The San Jose Grange is composed of intelligent, unprejudiced men, all property owners who have given deep study to these questions, and who have the welfare of the State at heart; any voter who is in doubt as to the wisest and best way to vote on these amendments can make no mistake by following the recommendations of San Jose Grange."

The past year has brought unusual sadness to our Grange

family. Some of our noblest, grandest, and most loved members have been called to "lay down their implements on earth." In November last Brother Oliver and Brother Evans were called, and in the following month Brother Sanders, and Sister Leonard were taken; and last March we paid our last sad tribute to our two oldest members, Brother Cyrus Jones, and Brother J. R. Weller; both of these had passed the four score and ten milestone of life. Well may we ask, "Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?"

But San Jose Grange looks hopefully to the future, and when the work of our State meeting here is ended, we shall take up our local Grange work with renewed energy and courage.

We have been favored with visitors from a number of other Granges, some of them from far-off States. We extend to all such a special welcome, and as this is to be a National Grange year for California, we extend a special invitation to our National Grange officers, and all members visiting our State from north, east, south or west, to come and visit, and make their homes with us.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. PETTIT, Master.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY POMONA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

As Master of Santa Clara County Pomona Grange, I wish to report that six regular and one special meetings have been held during the year. Our first meeting after the State Grange meeting at Sacramento was an all-day one in November by invitation of Mountain View Grange, our biggest and liveliest Grange, which is Brother Farrell's special care and pride.

We always have an enjoyable and profitable meeting at Mountain View and not the least among the memories of those meetings are the most excellent and bountiful feasts that the sisters of that Grange know so well how to provide.

In May our usual all-day meeting was held with Orchard City Grange at Campbell. The most important work of this yearly meeting is the crop reports, which are of so much importance to fruit growers and particularly to prune growers.

We usually have competitive exhibitions of flowers and vegetables at this May meeting. This is both interesting and instructive. Worthy State Master and Sister Holmes were

present at our September meeting. All of the other meetings were held with San Jose Grange.

Grange work has not been prosecuted in our county as the merits of the order in advancing the welfare of Grange members and the whole community demand, but indications point to better work hereafter.

Fraternally submitted,

HORACE G. KEESLING, Master.

SANTA ROSA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

We have the pleasure of submitting the report for Santa Rosa Grange No. 17, P. of H.:

We meet on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. We have had full meetings, but deferred some on account of Pomona Grange days and then did our work at special meetings. We have a total membership in good standing of 97. Our financial condition is good, and our attendance improving. The methods used by our Grange to promote the good of the order are fine. The literary programs prepared by our Worthy Past State Lecturer, who is a past master in a fine variety of such programs to suit all tastes, are helpful, instructive, intellectual and amusing and we have his hearty co-operation in putting in all the time we can have for the literary hour.

We are gaining in numbers—mostly in the class of earnest, intellectual young members who are coming in like new recruits to fill the ranks that have been thinned by the grim reaper, and they come without any fickle or false motives. Then they get others by their appeal to them to do something for the good of the cause and their country.

We endorsed one resolution sent us by a Grange from Lake county protesting against the power companies usurping the land of the farmers for corporate use. Also one urging members of our order and all others to vote for Amendment No. 17, which is to provide the Legislature with authority to enact a rural credit bill.

As to crops, we have a great variety in our county and they vary much in both quantity and quality, but on the whole the crops and the prices for them have no been up to our usual average.

Fraternally submitted,

N. A. GRIFFITH, Master.

SEBASTOPOL.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

Sebastopol Grange sends cordial greeting to the State Grange.

I have the honor to submit the following report:

In December Mr. Morris Crockett was elected Worthy Master, but in the following February he resigned on account of ill-health and Brother G. R. Harrison was elected to fill the vacancy.

The year just passed compares favorably with other years in the interest created and profit received. Early in December we had the pleasure of entertaining Pomona Grange. Live topics have received treatment in lectures and general discussion.

At an open meeting on February 13th Dr. Byron of the University gave an instructive lecture on Soil Improvement. Opportunity for questions was given at the close of the lecture. At the last meeting in February we listened to addresses by our State Senator and two Representatives. These speakers gave emphatic and concurrent testimony as to the great influence exerted by the Granges of the State when they are united on any proposition. This fact was illustrated by reference to a certain resolution that came before the Legislature with hearty endorsement by the Granges. Does not this encouragement suggest the wisdom of co-operation on the part of all the Granges of the State in educating their members on great subjects of common interest, such for example, as rural credits, and then going before the Legislature with definite and unanimous plans?

The Panama Pacific International Exposition received animated attention at the meeting of March 13th. Certain members responded to specific features that had been assigned to them and others gave expression to their general impressions.

The subject of Rural Education was considered on April 24th. Addresses were made by Professor Staton and Mrs. Neilsen. On the same evening a paper was read by Mr. E. J. Nichols on the Wilmerding School in San Francisco. The pupils at this school can take high school studies and learn a trade at the same time. Prof. Staton spoke of the plan of allowing school credits for any useful work done at home. The plan was commended as encouraging industry and as

creating a closer bond between the school and the home.

The Lecturer's hour on June 26th was given to the consideration of the Love of Country. A fine address was given by Brother Dean and short talks by others. A literary and musical program, followed by refreshments marked the social evening of July 10th.

On the evening devoted to Domestic Science a paper was read by Miss Wheeler. Discussion followed and then came a paper by Mrs. Neilsen on Jelly Making.

Three prizes of \$20, \$15 and \$10 respectively, were offered by Pomona Grange to Subordinate Granges: (1) To the Grange from which the greatest number of members should join Pomona Grange, (2) to the Grange showing the best attendance of both officers and members, (3) for the greatest activity and merit shown in the field of discussion. In this contest Sebastopol Grange received the third prize.

During the year 20 new members have been initiated, making the total membership 78.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS FRENCH, Alternate.

SILVERADO.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Silverado Grange No. 370 sends fraternal greetings and wishes you a pleasant and successful session.

It is a pleasure to me to be able to report that Silverado Grange has increased in membership during the past year and is still progressing notwithstanding the fact that we have a hard field in which to work, for there are eight other fraternal orders in our community.

We have not reached the height of our ambition yet, but we hope by our faithful efforts to present to the farmers of our community their need of the Grange and to impress upon them that the Grange needs their co-operation in the work of bettering rural life.

Our meetings are held regularly and have proven very helpful to all.

Rural Credit Systems, National Marketing, Federal Aid to Schools, Legislative Matters and many other topics of vital interest have been discussed.

After the close of the last Legislature our representative, Bismark Bruck, met with us and gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the work of the last Legislature and the

bills affecting the California farmer. Being a member of the passed and those that were defeated. Being a member of the order he work hard in the interest of those measures which would benefit the farmer. He makes a strong plea that more farmers be elected to our State Legislature to represent the farmers in making laws affecting them.

We have done several things for the general good of our community: We presented a two hundred foot hitching rack, which was much needed, to the town. We put the Calistoga cemetery in good shape. We gave, with the assistance of two other organizations, a big banquet at the graduation exercises of our schools. Dr. Margaret Schallenberg, State Commissioner of Elementary Schools and State Superintendent of Schools Edward Hyatt, presented the diplomas to the graduates. Other guests were Brothers Bruck and Lutley from Rutherford Grange and Brothers Baade, Fox and Hunt from Napa Grange. After dinner speeches were made by Dr. Schallenberg and Superintendent Hyatt on the work of the schools, by Representative Bruck on the work done by the last Legislature; by Farm Adviser Baade on the work of the Farm Bureau, by F. L. Hunt on the work of the Grange.

These things that I have mentioned and others that I have not time to mention, have brought the Grange to the attention of the public. Our Grange gives special attention to the social hour and finds it very profitable. We have a standing committee whose duty it is to see that it is a real social hour for all our members. The social hour must be taken care of if the Grange is to do the work it should do.

Our financial condition is good. There is always cash on hand to meet current expenses and a balance in the treasury.

Silverado Grange is not so strong in numbers, but it is strong in loyalty to Grange principles and we hope to bring a fuller and better report to the State Grange next year.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH FEREDAY, Master.

SONOMA COUNTY POMONA.

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

I beg leave to submit the report of Sonoma County Pomona Grange No. 1, which I have the honor to represent.

Sonoma County Pomona Grange is in a prosperous condition and with prospects of continued prosperity.

One year ago we had one hundred and seventy-four members. During the year we have taken in seventy-one more. We lost two by death, Brother Strong and Sister Hovel, both members of Santa Rosa Grange. On September 30, 1915, we had 236 members in good standing.

Our quarterly meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of January, April, July and October, at ten o'clock A. M. in Woodmen Hall, Santa Rosa, to which we invite all visiting Patrons.

These meetings are always well attended. The Lecturer, Sister Hill (the honored Lecturer of the California State Grange), always has a program that is both interesting and instructive. She uses the printed program and has not been disappointed during the year.

Pomona Grange has been entertained in a royal way by Progressive Grange of Healdsburg in November and also in June. We met with Sebastopol in December and with Petaluma in February. At our July meeting the State Master and Secretary and Brother Hunt were with us. In August we had a booster meeting at Cloverdale, where one of our young Granges is located. To show the interest we take in the work will say that most of us travelled from 35 to 50 miles to be present. The large hall was well filled and at a time when our people were very busy with their fruit.

September 18th we all went to Two Rock, where we had a most enjoyable and profitable meeting. An all-day meeting was held on September 25th, at which time with the assistance of the Pomona officers, I dedicated the new hall of Bellevue Grange. This Grange is the baby Grange of Sonoma county and we believe of the State. These Patrons gave us a grand reception and at noon we enjoyed a fine barbecue. We shall look for great things from this new addition to our ranks.

Our county as a whole has no reason for complaint. While some of our crops, especially cherries, were light, apples and prunes were especially heavy. With a perfect season for gathering and curing and with good prices for prunes our farmers are happy.

Our Pomona Grange has been invited to hold its October meeting with the Geyserville Grange, at which time we will have the rare pleasure of having the Master of the National

Grange with us. We are looking forward to a day of much pleasure and profit.

Sonoma county boasts of eleven Subordinate Granges with a total membership close to the thousand mark, and has a Pomona Grange of 236 members. So we feel that Sonoma county may well be called a Grange county and at the beginning of the new Grange year we are planning for a better showing next year.

Fraternally submitted,

G. R. HARRISON, Master.

TULARE.

To the Officers and Members of California State Grange:

During the past year Tulare Grange has held regular meetings and although the attendance has been small, the interest has been good, many live questions of the day being discussed during the Lecturer's hour.

The joint installation of officers of the Granges of Tulare county, including Pomona officers, was held under the auspices of Tulare Grange January 16th.

The annual joint Grange picnic held underneath the giant oaks of our beautiful county park was, as it always is, a great success.

Our finances are good, but we have met with a serious disadvantage in the continued illness of Brother John Tuohy, which has kept him from attending our meetings. We greatly miss his advice and assistance. His firm adherence to the purposes and principles of our order has ever made him the guiding star of Tulare Grange.

Tulare Grange wishes our State Grange a prosperous and successful session and hopes that measures may be enacted that will redound to the upbuilding of the Subordinate Granges throughout the State.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. HEITZEG, Master.

TULARE COUNTY POMONA.

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

On behalf of Tulare County Pomona Grange No. 5, P. of H., I beg to submit the following report: As a Grange we have been loyal and faithful, working for the benefit of all mankind and especially for those engaged in agricultural pursuits. We have held our regular quarterly meetings as is our

custom, by invitation with the several Subordinate Granges. We have met with Poplar, Visalia, Dinuba and Tulare Granges, and are to hold our next meeting with Visalia.

Plans are being made to revive interest in Grange work in our county. We are planning to have one or more of the State officers, accompanied by members from the Pomona Grange visit about in the Subordinate Granges and end with a grand rally at Visalia some time in December. This we expect will prove to be of much benefit to our members individually and to our several Granges as organizations.

In May we held our annual picnic at Money's Grove, which was enjoyed by many of our members from all parts of our county. We were favored at this time by the presence of our Worthy Lecturer, Sister Kate D. Hill, who delighted us with a splendid address on Grange subjects, that was very much appreciated by those present.

At our last meeting held in Tulare, that good, long-time member of the order of Patrons of Husbandry, Brother John Tuohy of Tulare Grange, was with us and addressed us. He presented a resolution urging our Pomona Grange to use its influence toward conserving for the benefit of future generations the Sequoia trees in the Sequoia National Park. This park is located in the high mountains of our county.

Our labors in a material way have been blest with good crops of hay, grain and fruits, and by a fair price for all save the peach, which last named has not been at all remunerative. But thanks to the teaching of the Grange—"Co-operation"—our growers are turning to the one thing needful and are attempting to organize a Peach Growers' Association, to be State-wide in its activities and to eliminate our marketing troubles. To this end we ask the hearty co-operation of every true Patron of Husbandry.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. McPHERSON, Master of Tulare
County Pomona Grange.

TWO ROCK.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I have the honor to report to you the progress of Two Rock Grange No. 152, as it is about to complete its forty-second year.

I am glad to say that we have made progress. It is not that we have added so many members, not that the percen-

tage of attendance has been so high, not that we have grappled with so many problems of the day and sent strong and urgent resolutions to the Pomona and State Granges; but we have been busy. Busy with local affairs and improvements. Busy improving our own condition that we may be a stronger and better unit in the Grange system.

To do this we have turned our attention to our young people, who have responded in a very gratifying degree. We realized the truth of a quotation our esteemed and much loved Lecturer gave us: "You can not make a man without a little boy. You can not make a woman without a little girl." So it is with the Grange, our earnest and thoughtful workers of the future must come from these young people. In order to hold these young people we must have a proper mixture of play with work. So we are endeavoring to make the Grange a sort of social center in the neighborhood. We found our hall too small for our social features and determined to make it larger. Before this session closes the painter and paper hanger will probably have put the finishing touches on our enlarged and remodeled hall at an expense of about \$700.00, besides much volunteer work, a large proportion of the work and money being provided by the young members.

We have met regularly twice a month with three exceptions, two of which have been offset by special meetings. The first omitted meeting came on New Year's when there were too many home attractions for our members to come to Grange. The second was missed in order that we might help Petaluma with her day at the P. P. I. E. Our members helped to make the 2,300 represented at the Exposition from Petaluma. We omitted the third meeting to attend the funeral of a departed brother.

One entertainment for the benefit of our building fund has been given.

We held our regular memorial services for our departed members.

The Veterans of Petaluma, their wives and friends from the surrounding community were our guests at a feast and flag raising exercises.

We entertained the Sonoma County Pomona Grange in September.

Our meetings are usually full of interest and the attendance is increasing. The Lecturer's hour is devoted to the

discussion of topics given out by her at the previous meeting. We have a membership of 100—50 brothers and 50 sisters, a net gain of six over last year. We have two candidates ready for initiation and a large class assured in the near future, the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association being responsible for many of them.

Our finances are in good shape. There is a small deficit in the building fund, but we have an entertainment scheduled for the 29th of this month which we expect will wipe out most of this.

Interest in Grange work is certainly growing. We are beginning to realize the need of a strong, organized body to enable the farmer to enjoy to the fullest the privileges of his high position.

We feel a debt of gratitude to the Grange for the privileges we already enjoy.

Fraternally submitted,

HAROLD MARTIN, Master.

VALLEY OAKS.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Valley Oaks Grange is nearly two years old. We have a membership of 97, with six applicants for initiation. Our membership is of a substantial, influential character.

We have held twenty-four meetings. I have been present at all except one. Our average attendance and interest is good.

During the past year we have forced the introduction of manual training in our public schools. Through the influence of the Grange better school trustees have been elected.

On the third of July we held a picnic and invited the public to attend. We held exercises and contests and distributed over \$50.00 in prizes.

Pomona Grange met with us once, at which time 13 of our members took the fifth degree. Slowly and carefully we are studying co-operative buying and selling with much satisfaction to our members.

During the past year we have kept in touch with all of the live subjects of the times as far as possible, but have been unable to do full justice to them on account of the large amount of degree work.

We stand for the following: A larger Grange in California, for a more aggressively, progressive Grange; for a revis-

ion of the ritualistic work by a competent committee; for bonding to build more good roads in the county; for promoting vocational training in our grade schools, as well as in our high schools; for co-operative buying and selling, carefully safe-guarded; for the rural credits amendment, for extensive campaigns to secure organization of more Subordinate Granges and for the time to come when we can point with pride not only to the quality of our Grange, but to its numerical strength.

Fraternally submitted,

A. P. SOUTHWORTH, Master.

VISALIA.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

While the season as a whole has been quiet in Grange activity I am glad to again report that Visalia Grange is still holding its own in membership and that it has held its usual regular meetings.

The attendance has been good, interest excellent and while there has not been much surplus in the treasury there has been enough to meet expenses.

The Granges of Tulare county showed their appreciation of the beautiful county park, secured through their efforts, by holding their joint annual picnic in it and all the Granges felt that they were honored by the presence of the Worthy Lecturer of the California State Grange, Sister Kate D. Hill, and specially favored by her able address.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. WEBB, Master.

The following resolutions were introduced:

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution introduced by Bellevue Grange, relating to improvement of rural schools, referred to Committee on Education.

Resolution introduced by Dinuba Grange, relating to the appointment of a State Commissioner of Markets, referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Resolution introduced by Joseph Fereday, relating to a non-partizan tariff commission, referred to the Legislative Committee.

Resolution introduced by Greenfield Grange, relating to

the endorsement of organizations working for the interests of the farmer, referred to the Committee on Co-operation.

Resolution introduced by Della B. Howell, relating to federal loans on State, county, city and town bonds, referred to the Legislative Committee.

Resolution introduced by Live Oak Grange, relating to the peace policy of President Wilson, referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Resolution introduced by Ramona Grange, relating to government manufacture of powder and munitions of war, referred to Legislative Committee.

Resolution introduced by Santa Clara County Pomona Grange, relating to federal aid to vocational schools and State aid to county technical and industrial schools, referred to the Committee on Education.

Resolution introduced by Santa Clara County Pomona Grange, relating to a standardized Grange, referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution introduced by Sonoma County Pomona Grange, relating to the creating of a National Grange Loan Fund for Grange Halls, referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution introduced by Sonoma County Pomona Grange, relating to a correspondence committee, referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

Resolution introduced by Tulare County Pomona Grange, relating to government ownership of electrical and radio means of communication, referred to the Legislative Committee.

Resolution introduced by Tulare County Pomona Grange, relating to the Sequoia National Park, referred to the Legislative Committee.

Resolution introduced by Tulare County Pomona Grange, relating to Postal Savings Deposits and School District Bonds, referred to Legislative Committee.

Resolution introduced by Valley Oaks Grange, relating to revising the ritual, referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

After a song, "Work for the Night is Coming," on motion of Brother W. V. Griffith, seconded by Sister Greer, the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of sympathy and greeting to Worthy Past Master Flint and his wife.

A recess was taken until 8 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON.

The members were tendered an excursion around the bay and a basket lunch was provided for all.

EVENING.

Grange was called to order at 8 o'clock P. M. by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes and a recess taken for the purpose of hearing an address on "The Non-partizan Tariff Commission League" by their field Secretary, Lewis K. Brown. The gentleman was introduced and gave an instructive address on the subject.

The hour for the Memorial Exercises having arrived the Worthy Chaplain presented the following program:

MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

Song	Grange
Scripture Reading	Chaplain
Eulogy	Chaplain
Placing Tribute of Flowers on the Altar for:	
John Strong, Past Master of Santa Rosa Grange..	
.....By Brother N. A. Griffith	
S. P. Sanders, Past Master of San Jose Grange....	
.....By Brother E. T. Pettit	
Cyrus Jones, Past Master San Jose Grange.....	
.....By Brother G. W. Worthen	
Mrs. Myra Reese, Past Master of Florin Grange..	
.....By Sister Carrie Holmes	
Mrs. Ella M. Dow, wife of Past Master of Oak-	
land Grange.....	
.....By Sister Nellie W. Hunt	
Prayer	Chaplain
Song, "We Rest in Thy Love".....	Grange
Grange re-opened in the fourth degree and closed in form.	

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY.

FORENOON.

Grange was opened in ample form at 9 o'clock A. M. by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes. The A. W. was taken up by Brothers Hayden and Von Kepple, and Sisters Sanford and Von Kepple.

After an opening song, "Bud and Bloom;" the roll of Granges was called, 31 Granges responding.

The Committee on Order of Business offered a patrial report, which was adopted.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Committee on Order of Business offered their several partial reports as their complete report. The report as a whole was then adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY.

FORENOON.

1. Opening of Grange in ample form in the Fifth Degree.
2. Roll call of Granges and presentation of credentials.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Appointment of Committees.

AFTERNOON.

1. Report of Committee on Order of Business.
2. Reports of State Officers.
3. Calling the roll of Subordinate Granges for the introduction of reports and resolutions without debate.
4. Motions and resolutions.

EVENING.

Public reception by City of Oakland and Patrons of Oakland Grange in the ball room of the Hotel Oakland.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY.

FORENOON.

1. Roll Call of Granges.
2. Reading and approval of minutes of previous day.
3. Report of Committee on Order of Business.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.

AFTERNOON.

1:30 o'clock P. M. excursion around the bay tendered by City of Oakland.

EVENING.

1. Address by Lewis K. Brown on "Non-partizan Tariff Reform" in open session.
2. Memorial exercises in open session.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY.

FORENOON.

1. Roll Call of Granges.
2. Reading and approval of minutes of preceding day.
3. Report of Committee on Order of Business.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Reports of Committees.

AFTERNOON.

1. Election of Officers.
2. New Business.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Motions and Resolutions.

EVENING.

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

FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY.

FORENOON.

1. Roll Call of Granges.
2. Reading and approval of minutes of preceding day.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Unfinished Business.
5. New Business.

AFTERNOON.

1. Unfinished Business.
2. Lecturer's Hour.

EVENING.

1. Installation of Officers.
2. Closing of Grange.

The hours of meeting shall be from 9 o'clock to 11:30 A. M., from 2 o'clock to 4:30 P. M. and from 8 o'clock P. M. until such time as the Worthy Master declares Grange closed.

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

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

Brother Hopkins made a supplementary verbal report for Petaluma Grange. Brother Thorp made a verbal report for Castoria Grange.

Brother F. L. Hunt moved that a letter of greeting and appreciation be sent to Ramona Grange. Seconded and carried unanimously by a rising vote.

On motion of Sister Emery, seconded by Brother Pilcher, the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of greeting and sympathy to Sister Cross of Oakland Grange.

On motion of Brother Greer, seconded by Brother N. A. Griffith, the reading of the report of the Executive Committee was made a special order of business for 1:30 o'clock, to be followed by an address by the National Master, Oliver Wilson.

Several announcements were made and Grange stood at recess until 1:30 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON.

Grange was called to order at 1:30 o'clock P. M. by the Worthy Master. After a song, "Who Will Reap?" the Executive Committee offered the minutes of all the meetings of the Executive Committee for the past year as their report. The minutes were read by the Secretary, Nellie W. Hunt. The report was accepted.

The Worthy Master of the National Grange then addressed the members, giving a very forcible and eloquent exposition of Grange work and principles.

The hour having arrived for the bi-ennial election of officers the Worthy Master appointed the following tellers: Sister Minnie Church, Brothers Abbott and Jacob.

The following officers were declared elected:

Master	Joseph Holmes
Overseer	Peter Hansen
Lecturer	Mrs. Kate D. Hill
Steward	Roy I. Church
Assistant Steward.....	Lee Dudgeon
Chaplain	C. E. Wingate
Treasurer	Michael Farrell
Secretary	Mrs. Nellie W. Hunt
Gate Keeper.....	Alexander P. Southworth
Ceres	Mrs. Nina E. Williams
Pomona	Miss Pearl Stout
Flora	Mrs. Irma Deverman
Lady Assistant Steward.....	Mrs. Ora Gould Anderson
Pianist	Mrs. Alice E. Winans

Executive Committeeman for the ensuing three yearsThos. Jacob
 Recess was then declared until 8 o'clock P. M.

EVENING.

After recess the Grange was called to order by the Worthy Master, closed in the fourth degree and opened in the fifth and the fifth degree conferred on a class of twenty-eight Patrons by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes, assisted by the State officers. Those taking this degree were:

Arthur H. Deverman, Mrs. Irma Deverman, C. W. Childs, Mrs. Ellen Childs, J. F. Cole, Wm. E. Cole, Fred W. Dorn, Joseph Fereday, Mrs. Jean Fereday, P. M. Fisher, Franklin Griffith, Mrs. Edith M. Hall, Charles O. Horton, Hayes Keesling, George Krause, Mrs. Grace N. Lincoln, T. R. Lloyd, H. C. Lutley, Miss Gertrude Maxfield, Miss Grace McCarter, Miss Mary E. More, Samuel B. Mosher, Warren H. Parker, J. B. Thorp, Miss Ada Foster Tichell, H. F. Turner, Miss Irene Willson, Meta L. Zeising.

After this degree was conferred Grange was closed in the fifth and opened in the sixth degree and Worthy Master Joseph Homes, assisted by the State officers, conferred this degree on a class of fifty-one. They were:

Miss Helen H. Babb, J. D. A. Bennett, C. W. Childs, Mrs. Ellen Childs, J. F. Cole, Wm. E. Cole, Morgan T. Davies, Alec Dean, A. H. Deverman, Fred W. Dorn, T. J. Evans, Mrs. Mary E. Evans, Joseph Fereday, Mrs. Jean Fereday, P. M. Fisher, Franklin Griffith, Mrs. Edith M. Hall, H. C. Heitzeg, Charles O. Horton, Mrs. Susie L. Hunt, Hayes Keesling, George Krause, Mrs. W. D. Lewis, Miss Vine M. Lewis, Mrs. Grace N. Lincoln, W. E. Lindley, F. R. Lloyd, H. D. Logan, H. C. Lutley, Harold H. Martin, Mrs. Ellen Martin, Miss Gertrude Maxfield, Miss Grace McCarter, George G. McChesney, Mrs. Jessie K. McChesney, J. E. Metzger Jr., Miss Mary E. More, Samuel B. Mosher, Warren H. Parker, Mrs. Ada Smiley, A. P. Southworth, Mrs. Helen M. Southworth, J. B. Thorp, Miss Ada Foster Tichell, Oscar L. Triggs, Mrs. Ada Beall Triggs, H. J. Turner, L. E. Tuttle, Mrs. Josephine Tuttle, Miss Irene Willson, Miss Meta L. Zeising.

At the close of the initiation the Feast of Pomona was served in an adjoining hall.

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

FOURTH DAY—FRIDAY.

FORENOON.

Grange was opened in ample form at 9 o'clock by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes. After an opening song, "The River of Time," the roll of Granges was called, 18 Granges responding. Minutes of preceding day read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials offered their several partial reports as their complete report. The report as adopted was:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Committee on Credentials find that the following Granges are entitled to representation:

- American River—F. W. Bush, Alternate.
- Antelope—S. S. Gladney and wife, Master and wife.
- Bellevue—Oscar Triggs and wife, Master and wife.
- Bennett Valley—Mrs. Allena Collins and husband, Master and husband.
- Capital—W. W. Greer and wife, Master and wife.
- Castoria—J. P. Thorp, Alternate.
- Cotati—M. T. Davies, Alternate.
- Danville—Mrs. Nina E. Williams, Master.
- Dinuba—W. E. Lindley and wife, Master and wife.
- Elk Grove—A. A. Krull, Master.
- Forestville—C. Von Kepple and wife, Alternate and wife.
- Fort Romie—Lee Dudgeon and wife, Master and wife.
- Geyersville—John Ellis, Master.
- Gold Hill—N. L. Labrie, Alternate.
- Greenfield—Harry Turner, Alternate.
- Guenoc—A. H. Deverman and wife, Master and wife.
- Lincoln—L. B. Husted and wife, Alternate and wife.
- Live Oak—F. W. Dorn, Alternate.
- Mountain View—M. Farrel and wife, Master and wife.
- Napa—F. L. Hunt, Alternate.
- Oakland—Dr. J. C. Stout, Master.
- Orchard City—E. K. Clendening and wife, Master and wife.
- Poplar—Della B. Howell, Alternate.
- Potter Valley—E. V. Jones and wife, Master and wife.
- Progressive—G. H. Brigham and wife, Alternate and wife.
- Rutherford—H. C. Lutley, Master.
- Sacramento—Miss Mamie Sanford, Master.

Sacramento County Pomona—M. T. Hunt and wife, Master and wife;
 San Jose—E. T. Pettit, Master.
 Santa Clara County Pomona—H. G. Keesling and wife, Master and wife.
 Santa Rosa—N. A. Griffith, Master.
 Sebastopol—Dr. Thomas French Jr., Alternate.
 Silverado—Joseph Fereday and wife, Master and wife.
 Sonoma County Pomona Grange—G. R. Harrison and wife, Master and wife.
 Tulare—H. C. Helzies, Master.
 Tulare County Pomona, J. W. McPherson, Master.
 Two Rock—Harold L. Martin and wife, Master and wife.
 Valley Oaks—A. P. Southworth and wife, Master and wife.
 Externally submitted,
 M. T. HUNT,
 A. H. DEVERMAN,
 E. V. JONES.

The Committee on Patrons Headquarters at the P. P. I. E. offered the following report, which on motion of Brother Bush, seconded by Brother N. A. Griffith, was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PATRONS HEADQUARTERS, AT P. P. I. E.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange: Your committee begs leave to report as follows: We have collected during the past four years, up to 12 o'clock M. October 21st, 1915, \$915.92. This amount, nine hundred fifteen dollars and ninety-two cents, was donated by our members. The accrued interest, \$41.07, added to this, gives a total of \$956.99. The expenditures have been \$912.43, leaving a balance of \$44.56.

Externally submitted,
 W. V. GRIFFITH
 OLIVE E. BORRETT (Secretary).
 CARRIE R. HOLMES (Treasurer).
 THOS. JACOB.
 HORACE G. KEESLING.
 The Committee on Division of Labor offered the following report, which, on motion of Brother Greer, seconded by Brother Von Keppe, was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIVISION OF LABOR.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Committee on Division of Labor beg leave to report as follows: We recommend that the portion of the Master's report relating to organizers be referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

That portion referring to the National Grange Monthly to the same committee.

That the report of the Lecturer be referred to the Committee on Good of the Order.

That the reports of the State Officers be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. ELLIS.

H. C. LUTLEY.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following partial reports:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

We beg leave to submit the following:

(1) We recommend the adoption of the resolution introduced by Dinuba Grange relating to the appointment of a State Commissioner of Markets.

On motion of Brother M. T. Hunt, seconded by Brother Triggs, this report was adopted.

(2) We endorse the resolution from Tulare County Pomona Grange relating to Postal Savings and School District Bonds, and refer it to the Legislative Committee.

(3) We recommend the adoption of the resolution introduced by F. W. Dorn of Live Oak Grange, approving the peace policy of President Wilson. Adopted on motion of Brother Keesling duly seconded.

Fraternally submitted,

H. G. KEESLING.

N. A. GRIFFITH.

JOSEPH FEREDAY.

MAMIE L. SANFORD.

The report as a whole was then adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions recommend the adoption

of the resolution introduced by Valley Oaks Grange, relating to the shortening of the ritualistic work.

N. A. GRIFFITH.

JOSEPH FEREDAY.

MAMIE L. SANFORD.

On motion of Brother M. T. Hunt, seconded by Brother Triggs, this report was adopted.

Brother Joseph Fereday introduced by permission a resolution relating to a non-partizan tariff commission. Referred to the Legislative Committee.

A song, "Triumphs of Toil," was sung.

Sister Worthen offered a resolution extending greetings to Brother John Tuohy of Tulare Grange and moved its immediate adoption. Seconded and carried. (See resolutions in back of Journal).

The Committee on Co-operation made the following report, which, on motion of Brother Von Kepple, seconded by Brother N. A. Griffith, was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION.

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

Your Committee on Co-operation beg leave to report as follows:

The Grange Declaration of Purposes states: "We propose meeting together, talking together, working together, selling together, and in general acting together for our mutual protection and advancement."

This implies that as farmers we need to protect ourselves.

The farmers believe that they ought to receive a fair share of what the harvest yields and so have tried various schemes to do away with the middle men and to do their own buying and selling.

The parcels post has helped somewhat. In a few places the free market has been satisfactory. But we have increased our output of farm products so greatly that we can no longer dispose of them in the old way. So associations are being formed to handle the products of our fields and orchards. We are familiar with their work and rejoice in what they are doing for us. Shall we form more of these associations? Or shall we unite with the strongest and best equipped and make the strong still more strong?

If the Grange is to act independently, we see no better way than to buy and sell through our own agents. This has been done in other States, as has been pointed out in previous reports, and can be done here if we can secure the right persons to act as agents. So far we have not been able to find them.

We hope that the State Commission Market will prove to be of great assistance to us and that the Commissioner will soon be appointed and get busy, for there are many abuses now existing in our State regarding the proper distribution of food products.

The National Government is trying to assist the farmer. The following is an example: Cantaloupe shipments from Brawley are now being made under the supervision of representatives from the office of Markets of the United States Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the distributors of the Imperial Valley. Systematic distribution is being made by the government representatives, who keep in direct touch with all markets by means of daily telegraph reports, thus preventing the shipment of melons to markets already sufficiently supplied. Your committee believe that this method and the practice of our deciduous fruit growers is good as far as it goes, but needs to be extended.

The California Associated Raisin Company and the California Cured Fruit Exchange seem to be doing well as far as the marketing of dried fruit is concerned.

Other sections for the State should be included in these or similar organizations, for in union there is strength.

From the reports of delegates we learn that several Granges are co-operating in buying at a saving of money.

The clubbing of orders often enables members to buy at reduced rates.

Members of our Granges should co-operate socially, educationally, fraternally, in business and in every way that will be to their advantage. This spirit of mutual helpfulness we believe is contagious and we have reason to take courage and persevere.

Fraternally submitted,

G. W. WORTHEN.

G. R. HARRISON.

A. P. SOUTHWORTH.

The Worthy Master requested Sister Worthen to escort Sister Coulter, wife of Past Master Coulter, to the front and introduce her to the members. The Worthy Sister was so introduced and seated at the right hand of the Worthy Master.

The report of the Temporary Board of Directors of the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association was read by their President, Thos. Jacob, who moved its adoption. Seconded by Brother Pettit and carried.

REPORT OF THE GRANGE FRATERNAL FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

The Temporary Board of Directors of the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association of California make the following report:

Your Board, acting as a Committee of Arrangements, with power to act, found that the form of application gotten out about a year ago was defective in that it did not produce enough revenue to safeguard policy holders against probable assessment. To overcome this a new form of application was gotten out and we believe the foundation laid for a permanent organization.

One reason for our change was the fact that many, if not all, of the County Mutual Fire Insurance Companies of the State had found it necessary to increase their rates to avoid too frequent assessments. This usually took the form of reducing the application fee and increasing the mill fee on premium. Your committee went over the matter carefully and came to the conclusion that we could reach the desired end more directly and get better results by doing away entirely with the application fee and increasing the premium fees. The application fee worked an injustice in all cases and especially to the small policy holder, as that fee was the same for the smallest as for the largest amount applied for.

Another change made by our committee was in the time rating—the minimum rate in each class is for the longest time (five years) for which policies can be written. Classification of risks is based on the working plan of the Patrons Mutual of Kansas, Grange Mutual of Colorado and the several County Mutuals of this State.

At the last meeting of the Board plans were made for the appointment of local solicitors in each Grange county and as

far as practicable this has been done. In going before the public with this insurance we find ourselves handicapped by the terms of the bill under which we are trying to operate. Among these restrictions is one that prohibits the writing of a policy until a specified amount has been applied for and then the amount of a policy is limited. Another restriction is one prohibiting us from taking any risk inside the corporate limits of any city. As a result we find it difficult to get the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance on a working basis. As there are County Mutual Fire Insurance Companies in nearly all of the strong Grange counties and as these companies are in nearly every case the outcome of Grange action and support, we do not think it best to make an active campaign in those counties that already have Mutual Fire Insurance Companies. But as a means of building up the Grange and extending Grange influence more generally in this State we believe that it can be made of great value.

Up to the present time but few applications have come in. The uncertainty as to when we will be able to begin writing policies is keeping quite a number from making application. As our work is confined to the Grange we ask each and every one that has property that comes under our terms to give us at least one application for a policy of insurance in the Grange Fraternal Fire Insurance Association of California and in this way help build up the Grange and the Association at the same time.

With one hundred or more applicants for policies of One Thousand or more dollars we can begin business. Then in the hands of a live organizer it can be made the foundation for new Granges in many parts of the State and we suggest, if possible, that steps be taken by this Grange to secure the services of some experienced organizer to push this work.

THOS. JACOB, President.

E. T. PETTIT, Secretary.

The Committee on Legislation offered its report, which was considered seriatim.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

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

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the resolution from Ramona Grange relating to war supplies.

We recommend the adoption of the resolution from Tulare County Pomona Grange relating to the Sequoia National Park. The wording of the resolution to be slightly changed.

We recommend the adoption of the resolution from Tulare County Pomona Grange relating to Postal Savings Deposits and School District Bonds.

We recommend the endorsement of the resolution relating to Government Ownership of Electrical and Radio Means of Communication, introduced by Tulare County Pomona Grange.

We recommend the adoption of the resolution introduced by Della B. Howell relating to Government Loans on State, City, Town, County or Municipal Bonds.

We recommend the adoption of the resolution introduced by Joseph Fereday relating to a non-partizan tariff commission.

Fraternally submitted,

F. L. HUNT.
C. VON KEPPEL.
E. T. PETTIT.
THOS. JACOB.
MRS. LEE DUDGEON.

The action taken on above report was as follows:

That portion relating to war supplies adopted.

That portion relating to the Sequoia National Park amended by striking out the word California and inserting United States. Adopted as amended.

That portion relating to Postal Savings Deposits and School District Bonds adopted.

That portion relating to Government Ownership of Electrical and Radio Means of Communication adopted.

That portion relating to Government Loans on State, City, Town, County or Municipal Bonds adopted.

That portion relating to a non-partizan tariff commission adopted.

The report as a whole was then adopted.

The Committee on Legislation also introduced a resolution relating to "Rural Credit" (see list of adopted resolutions) and the Chairman of the Committee, Brother F. L. Hunt, moved its adoption. Seconded and carried.

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

During recess Col. Loveland spoke on the amendments to be voted upon next Tuesday, October 26th.

AFTERNOON.

After recess the Grange was called to order by the Worthy Master. After a song, "I Love the Dear Old Farm," the Committee on Good of the Order offered the following report, which was considered serialim:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GOOD OF THE ORDER.

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

Your Committee beg leave to make the following report: We recommend the adoption of the very excellent report of the Worthy Lecturer.

We fully endorse that portion of the Worthy Master's report relating to organizers.

We heartily endorse that portion of the Worthy Master's report referring to the "National Grange Monthly;" also the suggestions of the Worthy Master of the National Grange, Oliver Wilson, in his address before the State Grange. We recommend that our members subscribe for the Monthly.

We have duly considered the resolution introduced by Bellevue Grange and endorsed by Sonoma County Pomona Grange, relating to loans to Grange halls and recommend the adoption of that part of the resolution referring to the creation by the National Grange of a loan fund for the purpose of financing the building of Grange halls and recommend that the Master of the California State Grange introduce such a resolution to the National Grange.

We have duly considered the resolution introduced by Sonoma County Pomona Grange relating to appointing a committee to correspond with home-seekers and recommend the adoption of the resolution. We recommend that a committee be appointed and that said committee have their necessary stationary and postage allowed.

We endorse the sentiments contained in the resolution introduced by Santa Clara County Pomona Grange, relating to a standardized Grange and recommend that the matter be referred to the Worthy Master.

Your Committee has not presented the usual general report, believing that the ground has been well covered. We have noticed from the reading of the Subordinate Grange reports that co-operative buying and selling has been

practiced by several of the Granges—therefore we recommend that definite data be given in future reports from such Granges in order that it may encourage and stimulate more co-operative work.

We also recommend that the organizing force be materially increased.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. W. GREER,
W. V. GRIFFITH,
MRS. R. E. GRIFFITH.
MRS. M. J. WORTHEN.

Each section of the above report was adopted and the report as a whole was, on motion of Brother Greer, seconded by Brother Dorn, adopted.

Committee on Dormant Granges made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DORMANT GRANGES.

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

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

Realizing that this is one of the greatest problems our organization has to deal with and that the two principal reasons why Granges go dormant are:

1st. The lack of interest on the part of the members, especially the officers.

2nd. That the minority is not willing to yield to the majority, and in the majority not respecting the opinion of the minority.

Your committee realizes that no fixed method can be applied in all cases, but would recommend that when a Grange first shows signs of weakness that the Master appoint some enthusiastic Patron, who should be furnished with a list of the names of the members of such Grange, and instruct him him to make a canvas of the same with a view of determining, if possible, the cause of the weakness and report to the Master, who with the Executive Committee, should apply such methods as they think best.

The Worthy Secretary should acknowledge the receipt of all correspondence from the Master and Secretary and add a few lines of encouragement.

The Worthy Lecturer also should acknowledge receipts of all reports from Subordinate Lecturers, and include an encouraging word.

As to the second reason we believe it impossible for it to exist where the ritualistic work and Grange principles are kept in view, therefore we recommend that all means possible be used to keep them constantly in the minds and hearts of our Brothers and Sisters. Furthermore, we urge true Patrons to endeavor to assist those less fortunate and to raise them up to a level with the best.

Praternally submitted,

LEE DUDGEON,

MRS. CHAS. J. WOOD,

MRS. A. VAN MAREN.

A recess was taken for the purpose of hearing a talk on the Rural Credits by Dr. Edwood Meade.

Grange was called to order after recess and the Committee on Education presented their report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

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

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report as follows:

To advance the cause of education among ourselves and for our children by all just means within our power is one of the great objects the Grange proclaimed to the world in its Declaration of Purposes.

In education, as in religion, our greatest anxiety should be for those outside the fold. Our Lord tells us that a good shepherd will not rest content if only one lamb is missing. Therefore, let us work diligently for the day when a complete education shall be the inalienable right of all.

Chief among the reasons why the great majority of children never receive a better education, is because the shadow of the dollar sign falls across their way at every turn. Your committee believes that the gloomy shadow would vanish if the school day did not exceed the half of an industrial day.

The industrial world can not and will not employ workers for less than a half day, neither are the wages for less than half a day sufficient. By dividing the time equally between work and instruction the student of suitable age would

be able to earn a living and in the meanwhile educate his brain and hand harmoniously, all in accord with the demands of nature.

The all day school or the all day labor for the growing child belongs to the yesterdays and should have no encouragement whatever in this enlightened age.

We should bear in mind that a child has but twenty years in which to grow physically, while it is possible to grow mentally as long as life lasts.

This year our State was the threshing floor for educational matters. The ablest educators throughout the world came with their sheaves of knowledge and experience and nobly set to work to separate the wheat from the chaff. Here are some golden grains of wisdom from this harvest which we consider splendid arguments in favor of dividing the day between instruction and labor.

This statement was made at the National Educational Association convention by Arthur A. Chamberlain: "While we have the best system of education that we have ever had, we haven't yet an educational system which adjusts the individual to the work of life."

Dr. Montessori, one of the world's greatest educators, said: "Independence and self-reliance rather than passivity are necessary factors of efficiency, character and power. From the moment a child is weaned it has a natural instinct for independence. To serve the child slavishly, is the greatest fault of our educational system."

John M. Mills, Superintendent of Schools of Ogden, contributed this: "Long hours devoted to any one line are detrimental. Therefore, the day should be apportioned properly among various activities."

No one thing in all the experience of youth does more to develop common sense than work. Work scattered in all the years of the student's life will make him more reliable, his reason more logical, his judgment more sound, his aspirations more lofty and his ambitions more enduring.

That home or school which fails to teach a boy or girl to work robs the community of a useful citizen and bequeaths a nuisance.

It is with pleasure that we call to your attention the fact that the Massachusetts plan providing for the creation of an Educational Aid Fund, which was recommended by our Worthy State Master and adopted by the California State-

Grange in last year's session, was endorsed by the Executive Committee.

We urge that the State, Pomona and Subordinate Granges do all in their power to aid in the establishment of this plan.

We heartily endorse the following resolutions and recommend their adoption:

(1) Resolution introduced by Santa Clara County Pomona Grange, relating to Federal Aid to elementary industrial and vocational schools and State aid to county technical and industrial schools.

2. Resolution introduced by Bellevue Grange, relating to improvement of rural schools.

Fraternally submitted,

MRS. NINA E. WILLIAMS.

MRS. ELIZA J. FARRELL.

MRS. DELLA B. HOWELL.

WM. E. COLE.

OSCAR TRIGGS.

On motion of Brother Pettit, seconded by Brother Farrell, the general report was adopted.

The action on the recommendations was as follows:

(1) Resolution introduced by Santa Clara County Grange adopted.

(2) Resolution introduced by Bellevue Grange adopted.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows: We have examined the books of the Secretary and have carefully gone over all the bills and receipts and find the accounts correct and well kept, also the books of the Treasurer, which we find correct.

Respectfully submitted,

G. R. HARRISON.

HARRIET L. PETTIT.

ALLENA COLLINS.

J. W. McPHERSON.

W. E. LINDLEY.

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Worthy Master, Officers and Members of California State Grange:

We, your Woman's Work Committee, beg leave to report that there is a marked advance in work accomplished and the field is ever broadening.

Two Granges in their reports spoke of special work accomplished for community betterment by the Sisters; in the past your committees have felt the lack of such reports from the Subordinate Granges and hope the future will bring many reports of good work done.

We recommend that efforts be united to secure consolidated rural schools where agriculture and kindred pursuits may be the better taught. That all work for a cleaner newspaper without questionable advertisements and less detail of crimes.

We trust that all sister Grangers will remember that every woman is a sister, every man a brother, in the true sense and it may only need the smile and word of encouragement you can give to start or keep them on the right path. So let's begin a new Grange year with a firm resolve to work for the best interest of our communities and help humanity wherever the opportunity offers.

Respectfully submitted,

MINNIE CHURCH.

MRS. E. V. JONES. ..

HELEN M. SOUTHWORTH.

The Committee on Press offered a report, which was accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESS.

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

Your Committee on Press report that by a division of labor one member of this committee has furnished the daily papers with reports of the sessions of the State Grange. Unfortunately much of the information has been distorted, but without any particular harm being done.

A GRANGE ORGAN—This matter should be kept in mind by the Executive Committee of this State Grange, as well as the Committee on Good of the Order.

GRANGE PUBLICITY—We wish to recommend most earnestly that every Subordinate Grange appoint a press committee, whose duty it shall be to furnish its local newspapers with such information concerning their proceedings as may interest readers in their community in the work of the Grange, to the end that the Grange may gain the confidence of the people both in and out of the order in their attitude toward all matters pertaining to community welfare.

We also recommend that all Granges direct their press committees to furnish in the absence of a State Grange paper, information regarding their work to the National Grange Monthly.

WORTH WHILE PUBLICITY—We recommend further that if in the opinion of any Grange the proceedings are of no value to anyone outside its gates, that they should wake up and ascertain if it is not possible to discuss community problems and work for their solution so diligently that it will become an important factor in community prosperity and then its proceedings will become of lively interest to every one in the community.

Fraternally submitted,

C. W. CHILDS.

E. D. SWEETSER.

H. G. KEESLING.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem made their report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

To the Officers and Members of the California State Grange:

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

Name of Grange.	No. days and amount allowed.	R. R. Fare.
O. L. Triggs and wife,	Bellevue, 4.. \$12.00	\$ 4.00
A. H. Deverman and wife,	Guenoc, 4.. 12.00	11.80
Name of Office.		
Peter Hanson, Overseer.....		1.80
Geo. Sehlmeier, Steward.....		3.35
Roy T. Church, Assistant Steward.....		1.60
C. E. Wingate, Chaplain.....		1.75

Susie E. Stover, Flora.....	1.75
Ora G. Anderson, Lady Assistant Steward.....	3.35

Fraternally submitted,

E. K. CLENDENING,
F. W. DORN.
F. W. BUSH.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws offered the following report, which, on motion of Brother Sweetzer, seconded by Brother French, was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

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

We recommend that Section 8 of the regulations governing district or Pomona Granges be amended to read as follows:

Each Pomona Grange not in arrears for dues for more than one quarter, may be represented in the State Grange by a delegate and his wife, if a Matron, when the Master and his wife are unable to attend, or when the Master of the Pomona Grange is also Master of a Subordinate Grange. The delegate may be any fifth degree member, who is in good standing in his Subordinate and Pomona Granges, and shall be elected at the regular annual meeting, or if not chosen at such annual meeting, may be elected at some subsequent quarterly meeting. Such delegate shall be a voting member and enjoy all the privileges and be entitled to the same compensation as other voting members of the State Grange.

E. T. PETTIT,
F. H. DORN,
M. FARRELL,
H. L. MARTIN,

Committee.

The Secretary read the resolution, introduced by Greenfield Grange, relating to the endorsement of organizations working for the farmer and which had been referred to the Committee on Co-operation. No action had been taken on the resolution and on motion of Brother Keesling, duly seconded, it was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Committee on Resolutions offered a resolution of thanks to those who had contributed to the success of this session of the California State Grange. Adopted and ordered printed in the back of the Journal of Proceedings.

Grange stood at recess till 8 o'clock P. M.

EVENING.

Grange was called to order after recess by Worthy Master Joseph Holmes. An opening song was sung and a recess declared for the installation of officers.

Worthy Past Master Pettit, assisted by Sister Susie E. Stover, installed the newly elected officers. The Worthy Lecturer and Worthy Chaplain not being present to be installed were, on motion of Brother Pettit, seconded by Brother Griffith, requested to be present at the next regular meeting of Sonoma County Pomona Grange and be installed.

Grange reopened and a rising vote of thanks was tendered the installing officer, Brother Pettit, and his assistant, Sister Stover.

Communications were read from the Secretary of the Industrial Peace Conference, Travelers' Aid Society and American Manufacturers' Association of Products from Corn and ordered referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion of Brother Pettit, duly seconded, the selection of a place of meeting for the next session of the State Grange was left to the Executive Committee.

Under Good of the Order remarks were made by Brothers Southworth, Triggs, H. G. Keesling, Sweetser, Dr. Thomas French Jr., Dart, F. L. Hunt and E. V. Jones.

Officers absent during the entire session were Worthy Pomona, Sister Edna Hartley; Worthy Flora, Sister Jennie Sanders.

All joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne," as a parting hymn and Grange was closed in form until the third Tuesday in October, 1916.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

(Introduced by the Committee on Resolutions.)

Your Committee on Resolutions feel that this State Grange is under obligations to various persons and organizations for

their good will and help in making our stay in the city of Oakland pleasant, and we therefore recommend that the thanks of the California State Grange be extended to the following:

To the Mayor and City Council of Oakland for the use of the Auditorium and for financing the delightful and profitable excursion around the Bay.

To the Hotel Oakland for special rates granted our members, for excellent service rendered, for use of the ball room for the reception and other courtesies tendered.

To Mr. Lloyd Childs for giving the Grange the excellent service of the Hawaiian band from the Horticultural Palace at the Panama Pacific International Exposition on the evening of the reception at the Hotel Oakland.

To the various committees of Oakland Grange for the preparation and serving of the Pomona Feast.

RELATING TO ENDORSEMENT OF PEACE POLICY OF PRESIDENT WILSON.

(Introduced by F. W. Dorn of Live Oak Grange.)

Whereas, the administration of President Wilson has succeeded in maintaining the neutrality of this country toward the belligerent nations of Europe; and

Whereas, controversies which have arisen have been successfully adjusted by diplomatic negotiations without loss of national honor; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the California State Grange does hereby commend and approve the policy of President Wilson in so preserving the peace of our country. We express the earnest hope that such a policy may prevail in the future and that an attitude of strict neutrality may be maintained toward all the warring nations of Europe.

RELATING TO COMMISSIONER OF STATE COMMISSION MARKET.

(Introduced by Dinuba Grange.)

Whereas, His Excellency, Governor Hiram W. Johnson, has seen fit by his action to give to the people of this State the right to create a State Commission Market, which will, when operative, bring the producer and consumer together and be of inestimable value to both; and

Whereas, this law cannot become operative until a Commissioner of Markets is appointed; therefore, be it

Resolved; that we, the members of Dinuba Grange No. 342, in regular session assembled, do earnestly appeal to His Excellency to give this matter his earliest possible attention.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO REVISION OF THE RITUAL.

(Introduced by A. P. Southworth of Valley Oaks Grange.)

Whereas, the number and lengths of our degrees preclude the Grange from keeping in as close touch with the times as they would be able to do if the ritualistic work was shorter; and

Whereas, a large percentage of the officers do not commit the work to memory and the effect of ritualistic work read from a book is of a negative character to the candidate; and

Whereas, often candidates are obliged to wait several months after applying for membership to become full-fledged members; and

Whereas, candidates having labored long and diligently on a farm are obliged to spend several hours on their feet listening to work that is only partially impressively communicated to them, the discomfort of the body deflects from the impressiveness of the degree work; therefore, be it

Resolved, that short work, well learned and impressively rendered, is more effective than long work, poorly read from rituals; and be it further

Resolved, that the Master of our California State Grange be instructed to use his best endeavors at the National Grange to be held here next month to have a committee appointed for the purpose of revising and shortening our ritualistic work.

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A STANDING CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE.

(Introduced by Sonoma County Pomona Grange.)

Whereas, there are constantly arriving in our State, those who are members of our order, and many other desirable people, who are seeking a place to make for themselves a new home, under entirely different conditions from those that they have been accustomed to; therefore, be it

Resolved, by Sonoma County Pomona Grange, that our State Grange should render all such home-seekers valuable

information as to soil and climatic conditions through a standing correspondence committee; be it further.

Resolved, that our delegates to the State Grange present this resolution and work for the appointment of a committee composed of members from different parts of the State, who are not interested in the sale of personal holdings, or the exploiting of large tracts.

RELATING TO LOANS ON GRANGE HALLS.

(Introduced by Bellevue Grange; endorsed by Sonoma County Pomona Grange.)

Whereas, a Grange Hall is invariably essential to the success of any Grange, and as there are many Subordinate Granges in this county and elsewhere that would build such halls were the means available; therefore, be it

Resolved, that we suggest to the National Grange the creation of a Loan Fund for the purpose of financing the building and equipment of Grange Halls on such terms and guarantees as the National Grange may direct.

RELATING TO STANDARDIZED GRANGES.

(Introduced by Santa Clara County Pomona Grange.)

Whereas, Santa Clara County Pomona Grange believes that standardized Granges would be for the good of the order and of material benefit in building up and improving the Granges of California; be it

Resolved, that we request the State Grange to take necessary steps to establish a system of standardized Granges.

RELATING TO MANUFACTURING POWDER AND MUNITIONS OF WAR BY THE GOVERNMENT.

(Introduced by Ramona Grange.)

Whereas, one of the primary objects of the Grange is to bring the greatest good to the greatest number; and

Whereas, present financial and other conditions in Wall Street, caused by manufacturers of armament and munitions of war, indicate that the United States Government is continuously kept on the verge of war with either one or the other of the warring factions of Europe; and

Whereas, it has been proven beyond a shadow of doubt that the War Trust (behind which are the same syndicates that control the great public utilities of the country) have

charged and are still charging the American Government unwarranted prices for munitions of war and armament; and

Whereas, in the manufacture, and sale of said armament and munitions of war to the American people said Trusts are annually robbing the American people of millions of dollars; now be it

Resolved, by Ramona Grange No. 372, Patrons of Husbandry, in regular session assembled, that every Congressman and Senator in California be asked to vote and work for the passage of a bill at the coming session of Congress wherein and whereby the United States Government shall manufacture its own powder and munitions of war; and build and operate its own Merchant Marine vessels; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to each Grange in California, to the California State Grange, and to the National Grange; and that said Granges be asked to cooperate in securing the passage of such bill for said purpose.

RELATING TO SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK.

(Introduced by Tulare County Pomona Grange.)

The members of Tulare County Pomona Grange No. 5, P. of H., wish to call your attention to the beauties of the Sequoia National Park, the grandeur of its world renowned trees, and also desire to express our admiration of it as a National Park while asking you to adopt and assist in having carried out the resolutions adopted by Tulare County Grange at its last meeting.

The Sequoia Gigantea is a tree that grows only in California, and only in favorable locations there, the most favorable of which is in Tulare county. This tree existed in European, Asiatic and African countries before the glacial period, but since that time the world has no knowledge of it, excepting from its growth in California. It is the largest, most symmetrical and of the oldest growth of any tree which the present inhabitants of the world have any knowledge.

In the years 1889 and 1890 attempts were made by lumbermen to acquire all of these groves from the Federal government and would have succeeded if it had not been for a few individuals who took steps to prevent it and were successful, partly through the aid of Tulare Grange No. 198, Patrons of Husbandry, of California, who in 1890 made special efforts through their representative in Congress, to have a bill formulated and passed creating a Sequoia National

Park. At this time there was but one township containing any suitable Sequoia Gigantea groves unclaimed by timbermen. This township, together with the one to the east of it, which was included because of suitable sites for camping, was set aside by Congress for a National Park. To the north of this Park was a grove known as the "Giant Forest." This grove was being taken up and claimed by the Kaweah Colony, but the Secretary of the Interior did not approve of its claims to the grove, and one week after the President had signed the bill passed by Congress creating the Sequoia National Park, another bill was introduced into Congress, passed, signed by the President, adding five townships to the north of the original two townships and including the Giant Forest, which is probably the most wonderful of all the Sequoia groves.

The Sequoia Gigantea grows at an elevation of from 5,500 to 7,000 feet above sea level and is in the most desirable location as to temperature for summer residence in California during June, July, August and September. Roads and trails are now being built by the government, water piped and there are many suitable sites for summer residences along these roads and trails, and the members of Tulare County Pomona Grange believe it right and reasonable, that a permit be granted by the government for the erection of summer homes at locations agreed upon by the representatives of the government and those desiring to build such homes; therefore, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the California State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, ask that the Secretary of the Interior through the proper acts have the rules of the Park changed so that citizens of the United States may have the privilege of locating and building summer homes for themselves on such roads and meadows as they may select with the permission of the Superintendent of the Park or proper government official; be it further

Resolved, that we recommend that the boundaries of the Park be extended as suggested by R. B. Marshall, Chief Topographer of the Geological Survey, and as very highly recommended by Major James B. Hughes, Major of First Cavalry, in charge of the Park in 1911, and we ask the Secretary of the Interior to have this addition to the Park made by act of Congress.

RELATING TO POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITS AND
SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDS.

(Introduced by Tulare County Pomona Grange.)

Whereas, the present Federal law makes mandatory the loaning of Postal Savings Deposits at ($2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent) two and one-half per cent to National banks, local banks, or insurance companies doing a banking business, upon bonds backed by the taxing power, that is, State, county, city, or district bonds; and

Whereas, John F. Murray, well-known educational investigator, has prepared and is laboring to secure an amendment to the Federal law, whereby school districts may be enabled to borrow this money on their bonds at ($2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent) two and one-half per cent, direct from the Postal Department; therefore

Resolved, by Tulare Pomona Grange in regular session assembled, September 9, 1915, that we hereby record our belief in the justice of such an amendment and pledge our influence toward securing the same; also

Resolved, that this resolution be presented to the State Grange by our delegates thereto with request that our State Legislative Committee be authorized to take immediate action to interest all Subordinate Granges in this amendment so that wide publicity may be given the subject and members be induced to use their influence with their various Congressional representatives in support of this amendment.

RELATING TO RURAL CREDITS.

(Introduced by the Legislative Committee.)

Whereas, we believe that a properly arranged system of rural credits would aid greatly in the proper development of the State; and

Whereas, we believe that the farmer is the man of all men that must be looked to for this development; and

Whereas, we believe that the farmer should be able to borrow money and credit from the State and government on equal terms with the banking and other interests; and

Whereas, an enabling act known as Constitutional Amendment No. 17, which is designed to enable the Legislature of California to enact such laws along this line as may be deemed for the best interests of the State, will be submitted

to the voters of California on October 26th; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the California State Grange in 43rd annual session assembled, that we favor the passage of said Constitutional Amendment No. 17.

Resolved, that we ask all Granges in California through their representatives to this State Grange, and urge upon the voters generally to use all legitimate means toward the passage of said Constitutional Amendment No. 17.

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF ELECTRICAL MEANS OF COMMUNICATION.

(Introduced by Tulare County Pomona Grange.)

Whereas, statistics from seventy-five (75) leading countries of the world show that the government owns and operates the telegraph in all except Bolivia, Cuba, Cyprus, Hawaii, and the United States, and that economy, good service and general satisfaction have characterized the national service abroad, while in this country the people are annually taxed vast sums, for which they receive no adequate return; and

Whereas, a recent Postal Department Committee under direction of Postmaster General Burleson, in line with former Postmaster Generals, declared "that the only way to afford to the people the complete and modern postal facilities that the Constitution makes it the duty of the government to provide is for Congress to declare a government monopoly over all telegraph, telephone and radio communication and such other means for the transmission of intelligence as may hereafter develop;" and

Whereas, Article I, Sec. 8, of the Constitution of the United States gives to Congress the exclusive power to coin money and the Federal Supreme Court in its last decision in regard to Legal Tender Paper Money, in the case of Julliard vs. Greenman, in 1884 held that a tender of Treasury notes issued under the law of May 31, 1878, which is still on our statute books, was a tender of lawful money in payment of debts; and

Whereas, under the Eank Act, National Banks are privileged to draw interest on government bonds and to receive upon them from the government Eank notes equal in amount to the par value of the bonds, by paying a tax of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1 per cent semi-annually if the bonds bear 2 per cent, or $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 per cent semi-annually if the bonds bear interest above 2 per cent; and

Whereas, under this law the people are compelled to pay to the banks interest on the bonds, also interest for the use of the bank notes, beside a considerable share of the banks' just taxes; and

Whereas, William J. Harris of the Census Bureau, reports the present indebtedness of the United States to be nearly \$3,000,000,000.00 and the per capita indebtedness of some of the States above \$10.00, to which is added county, town, municipal, and district debts; therefore

Resolved, by the California State Grange in regular session assembled, that we affirm our belief that constitutional prerogative, justice to our people, the progress and honor of our nation demand that Congress take action in accordance with the recommendations of the Postal Department and acquire all electrical and radio means of communication, but we most earnestly protest against an issue of bonds for this purpose, but pray that Congress will use the power vested in it and pay for the same with full legal tender U. S. Treasury notes; also

Resolved, that these resolutions be presented to the National Grange by our State delegates thereto.

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT LOANS ON STATE, CITY,
TOWN, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL.

(Introduced by Della B. Howell of Poplar Grange)

Whereas, under the bank act approved May 30, 1908, National Banks are privileged to use State, county, city, town or municipal bonds as security, and receive thereon from the Secretary of the United States Treasury loans equal in amount to 90 per cent of the market value of said bonds, provided the same does not exceed their par value; and

Whereas, under this system the people are heavily taxed for all needed public improvements and a favored few granted paternalistic privileges to the detriment of the great deserving majority; therefore

Resolved, that the California State Grange in regular session assembled, October, 1915, favor and pledge our efforts to secure an amendment to the National Bank Act whereby States, counties, cities and towns may receive direct from the Federal treasury loans upon their bonds in the same manner and on the same favorable terms as now granted by the law of the National Banks on these bonds; and be it further

Resolved, that these resolutions be presented to the National Grange by our delegates thereto and if approved, that our National Grange Legislative Committee be authorized to bring the matter before Congress, and also that measures be taken to submit the same to Subordinate Granges as worthy of earnest, sustained and concerted action.

RELATING TO A NON-PARTIZAN TARIFF COMMISSION.

(Introduced by Joseph Fereday of Silverado Grange.)

Whereas, the National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, has already expressed the belief that the tariff revision of the United States should be removed from party politics and placed in the hands of a non-partizan commisison; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the California State Grange in annual session assembled, that we are in full accord with this action and we urge the National Grange to reiterate and reinforce its position on this subject at the session to be held in California in November, 1915; be it further

Resolved, that we urge all members of our order in the United States to use all legitimate influence possible with their respective Congressmen towards the ends sought in above resolutions.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Secretary of the National Grange; also a copy to each Subordinate Grange in California.

RELATING TO FEDERAL AID TO ELEMENTARY VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND STATE AID TO COUNTY TECHNICAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

(Introduced by Santa Clara County Pomona Grange.)

Whereas, under the educational system now prevailing in this State less than ten per cent of the pupils in the elementary schools pass into the high school, leaving the ninety per cent but poorly equipped mentally, and with no training to fit them for industrial pursuits; be it

Resolved, that this Grange proposes the following relief measures:

FIRST—that the State Grange urge upon Congress to pass the Act devised by the Congressional Committee appointed in 1914 and introduced at the 1914-15 session, authorizing the apportionment of certain funds to be distrib-

uted among the States to provide Federal aid in the elementary industrial and vocational schools.

SECOND—an appropriation by the State of California to assist in establishing in each county a technical and industrial school. By these means we believe a majority of the ninety per cent of boys and girls who now drop out of the seventh and eighth grades may gain sufficient practical training to enable them to secure positions for earning a livelihood, or to start them on the way to become skilled workmen and useful citizens.

RELATING TO RURAL SCHOOLS.

(Introduced by Bellevue Grange.)

Whereas, the essential rural problem is how to keep a desirable class of people in the country; and

Whereas, the greatest problem in country life today is the country school; and

Whereas, the failure of the country school to train for country life and to give vocational guidance to country youth in what is perhaps the most exacting and difficult of all occupations contributes to the discontent and dissatisfaction of the farmer in his own field; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the State Grange of California attack the rural problem at its most vital point and work for the improvement of the rural school:

First, by making a survey or investigation of or taking, as it were, an inventory of country schools in typical districts and counties.

Second, on the basis of such information, to take such steps as may seem advisable to bring country education and country life in right relation.

Resolved, that such survey should cover the following points:

First—Building and Grounds. Is the school well located? Is the house attractive, well built, properly furnished, lighted and sanitary? Are the outbuildings properly constructed and sanitary? Is any attention given to the grounds to make them attractive? Is there a work shop, a kitchen, a laboratory or other structure in connection which is used in the study of agriculture, carpentry or home economics? Is there a garden or field?

Second—Are the teachers trained in country life subjects?

Do they have an understanding of and sympathy with rural life and a willingness to live in the midst of the country community? Are they leaders in the community?

Third—School Studies. Is the course of study grounded in country life? Is there any use made of rural arithmetics, farm life readers, or any text books on agriculture? Is there any work done in agriculture, manual training or home economics?

Fourth—School Administration. Is the general school administration favorable or unfavorable to the building up of the country community? Does the county system of administration react favorably upon the country school? What is the effect of the attendance of country children at the town high school?

Fifth—Miscellaneous. Is there an effort made to organize play, to hold school fairs, field days or interest the children in corn, pig or canning clubs? Is there utilization made educationally of the work of the children at home or the farm? How much is the school house used as a social center for neighborhood? What use is made in the community of the Agricultural extension work of the State University? What is the sentiment in the community towards consolidation of school districts, establishing graded schools or agricultural high schools? What instruction in rural sociology and in agriculture is given to teachers in the Normal schools of the district?

TO JOHN TUOHY OF TULARE GRANGE.

(Introduced by Mrs. M. J. Worthen of San Jose Grange.)

Resolved, that we, the Officers and Members of the State Grange of California, send to Brother John Tuohy a fraternal greeting.

We regret that he could not meet with us during this session and we take this means of expressing our love for our dear brother, whose wise counsels have ever been of great value in our deliberations.

May Time deal gently with him is the wish of his brothers and sisters in the Grange.

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GEYSERVILLE.

(This report received too late to classify.)

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

Geyserville Grange No. 312, P. of H., is located at Geyserville, Sonoma county, and meets on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 2 P. M.

On January 9th Progressive Grange of Healdsburg met with us by invitation for joint installation of officers, Worthy State Master Holmes acting as installing officer.

We did not invite the Sonoma County Pomona Grange to meet with us in May of this year, as has been our custom for the last few years, by reason of the fact that we expect to have with us in October the Master of the National Grange, at which time we will entertain our County Pomona Grange.

We endorsed the resolution sent to the various Granges of the State by Live Oak Grange relative to the condemning of certain lands in Lake county.

In the Sonoma County Pomona contest, referred to in the reports of the Sonoma County Pomona and the Sebastopol Granges, our Grange was awarded first place with a prize of \$20.00.

Our Grange was largely instrumental in securing for our little town a high school, which was opened on the 27th of September of the present year.

We had at last report 93 members, at present 97, a gain of 4.

Our financial condition is good, there being more than \$100.00 in our treasury.

In conclusion will say that we feel that we have done some good during the year just past, and that we are in good shape for better work for the year to come.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. ELLIS, Master.

Lincoln	35	34	3	2	1				2	1	4	4	34	3
Live Oak	48	36	14	6					1		14	4	48	37
Mountain View	116	123	5	3	4	4	2		7	5	2	1	23	95
Napa	50	33	3	2	1				4	2	1	1	3	103
Oakland	24	45	2	8	2	1								
Orangevale	33	26	4	1	1				2	1	1	5	35	21
Orchard City	61	62	3	2					2	4	7	2	2	58
Petaluma	35	35	4	5	1				1	1		6	1	32
Poplar	55	45	11	8	1				1	4	4	1	2	33
Potter Valley	32	38	11	12					2					43
Progressive	26	47	5	6	1				1	2	2			52
Ramona	50	24	3	7										51
Rutherford	73	49	18	18					1			15	6	38
Sacramento	62	65	8	6								5	3	25
San Jose	58	59	2	2	4	4			1	2	2	3	1	86
Santa Rosa	43	38	10	12	1				7	8	5	1	4	66
Sebastopol	35	41	9	9	1				1	2	3			66
Silverado	24	14	10	8					3	1				45
Soquel	9	4	4	2	1				1					2
Tulare	23	11												11
Two Rock	42	46	11	8								1	1	32
Valley Oaks	46	45	17	13					10	4	2	3	50	39
Visalia	19	19							2	6	7	13	46	50
Totals	1560	1436	249	231	22	19	14	12	69	74	25	17	205	1578
Sacramento Co. Pom.	61	82	15	20					2					1479
Santa Clara Co. Pom.	70	68		1	1				2	1	3	2	65	100
Sonoma Co. Pom.	87	87	30	41	1				1	1	5	2	112	67
Tulare Co. Pom.	36	41	3	4					2	1	1	1	38	124
Total	254	278	48	66	1	1			3	3	4	5	291	42

In Memoriam

Sister Ella M. Dow

Wife of Past Master A. R. Dow

Oakland Grange, No. 35

Also Chaplain California State Grange

In Memoriam

Brother Cyrus Jones

Past Master San Jose Grange, No. 10

and

Former Member of Executive Committee

In Memoriam

Brother S. P. Sanders

Past Master

San Jose Grange, No. 10

In Memoriam

Sister Myra Reese

Past Master

Florin Grange, No. 130

In Memoriam

Brother John Strong

Past Master

Santa Rosa Grange, No. 17

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