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PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

The Maine State Grange Reports 24,000 Members of the Order.
At the recent annual session of the Maine state grange the worthy master, Eion, Obadiah Gardner, said that 1902 had been the most prosperous year for the order in that state of any in its history. About thirty-five new granges were organized, with a total of 5,312 new members, the total state membership being 24,000, second only to New York. Nearly 200 subordinate granges own their own halls. Twenty-eight granges have a membership exceeding 200 each, the largest one being 597. Resolutions were adopted reaffirming faith in the principles of prohibition, pledging to work for reconstruction of divorce laws and for extension of rural free delivery, recommending that the next legislature shall grant the right of municipal suffrage to all taxpaying women of the state.

Winston Churchill, Granger.
The Worcester (Mass.) Telegram remarks that Winston Churchill of Cornish, N. H., and elsewhere, is to be a colonel on the staff of Governor N. J. Bacheelder of New Hampshire, the granger governor. Winston will be joining the grange next and lecturing on the respective merits of the turnip and the wild boar in a fenced game preserve. He has shot the boar for a Christmas dinner, and he may have raised a turnip to eat with the lean but luscious hog of the forest, but he has not proclaimed his success in the turnip patch. He will have to prove that before he can join the grange unless his membership in the New Hampshire house of representatives and on the gold braid staff of the governor gives him a special license. Literary fame is a wonderful fertilizer in the politics of the farther north than Massachusetts.

Death of National Secretary Trimble.
John Trimble, the veteran secretary of the national grange, died in Washington Dec. 30. He was one of the founders of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry thirty-five years ago, and he lived to see the Order a strong and flourishing organization. For many years Mr. Trimble had been the efficient



THE LATE JOHN TRIMBLE.

secretary of the national grange, and at its recent session at Lansing, Mich., he was present, enjoying usual health, but on his return to his home in Washington he was taken ill, and his advanced years made recovery doubtful from the first. The national grange has lost a most efficient and devoted officer and the Order throughout the Union one of its most exemplary members and assiduous workers.

How the Farmer is Benefited.
The grange is a benefit to the farmer because it gives him a respect for his calling and an encouragement to make something of himself; because it helps to train his mind and thoughts to usefulness; instills a patriotism and engenders a spirit of fraternity which is the greatest sweetener of human toil. It furnishes a medium through which his desire for the good of himself and others can materialize; it directs his efforts to greater usefulness. The grange benefits the farmer just in proportion as he strives through the grange to benefit his associates. When the individual member ceases to ask of the grange, "What is there in it for me?" but asks rather, "What can I put into it?" then shall the greatest usefulness of the grange be realized.—W. N. Giles, Secretary New York State Grange.

What James G. Blaine Said.
James G. Blaine once said: "The farmers of the republic will control its destiny. Against the storms of popular fury, against frenzied madness that seeks collision with established order, against the spirit of anarchy that would sweep away the landmarks and safeguards of Christian society and republican government, the farmers of the United States will stand as a shield and bulwark, themselves the willing subjects of law." To strengthen this bulwark is the work of the grange. If the quoted remarks are true, then the work of the grange appeals to the patriotism of all.

Colonel Hezekiah Bowen died recently at Medina, N. Y. He was general superintendent of the New York state fair for a quarter century. He served in the civil war and was brevet lieutenant colonel.

Twenty-six states of the Union were represented at the late meeting of the national grange at Lansing, Mich.

Religion Contagious.
Religion is contagious. Therefore walk as a child of light. Like the fire on the ground that creeps from one inflammable particle to another or in the woods from bush to bush and tree to tree, so the truth spreads from heart to heart. The mother's piety often affects the child. The son becomes a Christian partly because the father is one. The sister's unselfish, consistent life leads the brother nearer to Christ. The holy fire, thought by the worshippers to be from God himself, at the church of the holy sepulcher at Jerusalem was when handed out from person to person, from taper to taper, till the whole area is a sea of flame, and the galleries, too, are lit up with the sacred blaze. Thus should the fire of eternal life spread from man to man, from heart to heart, till all men shall truly know the Lord.—Rev. T. H. Acheson, Presbyterian, Denver.

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10 20	12 55	5 25	4 25	10 25	7 15	Pennsdale	6 50	9 45	11 30	3 55	4 45	9 35	9 35			
10 30	1 05	5 35	4 35	10 34	7 22	Hughesville	6 40	9 35	10 55	11 20	3 45	4 25	6 00	9 25		
	1 13	5 43	4 39	10 42	7 29	Picture Rocks	6 25	10 45	11 10	3 35	4 15	5 45	9 15			
	1 17	5 47	4 43	10 47	7 33	Lions Mills	6 15	10 40	11 05	3 25	4 05	5 35	9 10			
	1 19	5 49	4 45	10 49	7 35	Champlain	6 10	10 35	11 00	3 20	4 00	5 30	9 05			
	1 26	5 52	4 48	10 54	7 42	Glen Mawr	6 05	10 30	10 55	3 15	3 55	5 25	9 00			
	1 34	5 56	4 50	10 59	7 50	Strawbridge	6 00	10 25	10 50	3 10	3 50	5 20	8 55			
	1 40	5 58	4 52	11 05	7 55	Beeschtien	5 55	10 20	10 45	3 05	3 45	5 15	8 50			
	1 43	5 57	4 51	11 07	7 57	Muncy Valley	5 50	10 15	10 40	3 00	3 40	5 10	8 45			
	1 50	5 58	4 52	11 10	8 00	Sonestown	5 45	10 10	10 35	2 55	3 35	5 05	8 40			
		5 58	4 52	11 10	8 00	Nordmont	5 40	10 05	10 30	2 50	3 30	5 00	8 35			
		5 58	4 52	11 10	8 00	Mokoma	5 35	10 00	10 25	2 45	3 25	4 55	8 30			
		5 58	4 52	11 10	8 00	Laporte	5 30	9 55	10 20	2 40	3 20	4 50	8 25			
		5 58	4 52	11 10	8 00	Kingdale	5 25	9 50	10 15	2 35	3 15	4 45	8 20			
		5 58	4 52	11 10	8 00	Berwick Road	5 20	9 45	10 10	2 30	3 10	4 40	8 15			
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