

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

Bro. Beal presented the following paper, which was ordered spread upon the minutes:

With reference to the recent action of the State Grange in appointing a Standing Committee on the Agricultural College, I beg leave to make the following brief remarks:

I have spoken to the President of the College and some of the Faculty. They all heartily approve of the resolution referred to, and cannot see that anything but good can grow out of this action. It will bring the Patrons of Husbandry and the College into more intimate relationship. The members of the Committee can visit the College at least once a year in the most favorable season when the students are in attendance. They can see the students and professors busy in the class-room, laboratory, field, and garden, and become more intimately acquainted with the aims and work of the institution. To a great extent, the College and the Grange are engaged in a common cause—the intellectual improvement of the farmers. No doubt each helps the other. If one suffers or is neglected, the other must suffer also; if one prospers, it must help the other. In behalf of the Faculty, I can assure you that we are striving to the best of our ability with the means at our command to make the Agricultural College the pet of every Patron of Husbandry in Michigan.

W. J. BEAL.

Bro. Burrington made the following report from the Committee on Resolutions:

*Worthy Master and Patrons:*

The Committee on Resolutions, to whom was referred the resolution of L. P. Charles in regard to Drain Laws, would report that they have considered the same, and would recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, The Drain Laws, now standing upon our Statute books, are intricate and incomprehensible, thereby being a fruitful source of litigation and taxation; therefore,

*Resolved by the State Grange,* That we will use all laudable means through our Legislature to have the Drain Laws of this State so amended as to be within the comprehension of common people.

J. Q. A. BURRINGTON, *Chairman.*

The Worthy Chaplain offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the members of the Michigan State Grange, appreciating the kind treatment extended to them while in this city by the citizens of Lansing, desire in their collective capacity to express their thanks for such courtesies.

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this State Grange be and are hereby tendered to the choir who have so ably entertained us with their sweet songs during the session of this State Grange.

Bro. Bailey offered as follows:

WHEREAS, The courtesies of the Michigan Central: Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee; Detroit, Lansing & Northern; Chicago & Lake Huron; Chicago & North Eastern; and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroads have been extended to the Michigan State Grange in