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intense amusement of "all hands" it transpired that not only she but each member of the family was unable to "stand the test."

A westward pedestrian movement on Monday 14th, led to

**STAFFORD CORNER,** where the first call was on the lecturer, Bro. Smith, who was found "up to his eyes" in preparing a history of the town. On my finding W. M. Bro. C. E. Foss, he immediately "hitched up" and drove round to summon his members to a special meeting, introducing me by the way. Tuesday was spent in visiting among the members of Crown Point Grange No. 65, and the evening at its meeting. Among the noticeable features of the occasion was the presence of a sister aged 14, weight 200 pounds. After a night with Bro. Staunton, he kindly drove me towards

**DOW LAKE,** where enjoyed the company of W. Master S. W. Caverly and other members of Grange No. 80 for an afternoon and night. This is one of the best Subordinates in the eastern part of the State, is increasing its membership, and sustaining good meetings, but I was four days ahead of the regular night, and so passed on. Next day's move was southward to

**HARRINGTON,** where No. 76 "has not been meeting through the summer." After two days' effort for a gathering, receiving fair encouragement, only four presented themselves. The history of this Grange is full of lessons. On Saturday morning, 19th, took train on Nashua and Rochester R. R. to Epping, thence by Boston, Lowell and Concord R. R. to

**MANCHESTER,** the street population of which busy city gives one the impression that it is peopled by Canadian-French. While the proportions are said to be, one-third French, one-third German and Irish, and one-third American, the French are so much more prone to occupy the streets, and to talk and gesticulate that they appear to be greatly in the majority. It is the host of dwellers beside the Merrimack River, on which Manchester is built, that it turns more spindles than any other stream in the world. Manchester contains very many of them. W. M. Bro. R. Kennedy and other Patrons were soon found, and two days well passed among them, but Amoskeag Grange No. 3, which is in good working, does not meet until 1st Sept. On Monday, by North Meade Branch R. R. to Parker's Station, and then four miles to

**DUNBARTON.** On the train was recognized and escorted by two Maligonians, who had not seen me for over thirty years. Bluesoes are to be met with everywhere. Reaching Dunbarton, it was learned that Merrimack County Council, composed like our Division Granges of Masters and delegates from Subordinates, would meet there on the following morning. Was kindly entertained for the night by Bro. Chamberlin, and in the morning driven to the place of meeting. The gathering was an excellent one, showing all the features of our best Division Granges. Having here formed acquaintance with the members of Stark Grange No. 42 (the local body), it was not thought advisable to wait for its meeting, and a seat in Bro. Isaac Story's carriage was accepted together with an invitation to his hospitable board. This took me to

**DORRINGTON,** where after two days rest in his excellent company, the regular meeting of Union Grange No. 56 was attended.

The most striking feature in all these meetings was the largely increased interest from the able and active part taken by lady members, frequently as lecturers. Bro. Story's kindness was still further shown on Friday morning by his driving me to Contoocook, and there while waiting for the train introducing me to the local museum where a large collection of interesting and curious articles is displayed. Train on Concord & Claremont R. R. to

**WARNER,** where after a delightful afternoon at Bro. Patten's, attended meeting of Grange No. 90, and had the pleasure of seeing first-degree work for the first time in New Hampshire. On Saturday morning Bro. Patten shortened my walk to Sutton by several miles' drive, and much more by his intelligent interesting conversation. At

**SUTTON MILLS** found quarters with Bro. Nelson, and in his employ a young man from Wallace Bay who is acquainted with the members of Lone Star Grange No. 505. At meeting of Sutton Grange No. 91 in evening, found verification of previous conviction that a lady secretary caps the climax. After a pleasant Sunday evening and night with W. M. S. S. Felch, he drove me to Potter Place Station on the Northern New Hampshire R. R., where took place for Franklin, and a four-mile walk past "the Falls" and their busy factories over the dustiest of dusty roads leads to Tilton, a pretty town with its mills, factories, public buildings and park, all recently brought into existence by the enterprising exertions of the man whose name it bears, who returning from the "the west" with abundant means, thus enriches his native village. Oh! that some of our monied men had some of his spirit. After an hour's ramble among its sights, train again on the Boston, Concord and Montreal line to the

**WHIRLS** on the beautiful **LAKE WINNEPESSAUKER,** where on the morrow is to commence the first annual State Grange Picnic and Festival. Of this four days' celebration I need say nothing. Those of your readers whose American Grange papers will have seen full reports. With such speakers as Mrs. Augusta Cooper Bristol, C. L. Whitney, S. P. Carey, D. H. Thing and others, with such surroundings, with each train and each boat adding to the numbers until they amounted to 1500, with grove meetings all through each day, and Pavilion meetings each evening, what could it be but a grand success. So numerous were the invitations to visit Granges and to attend meetings in different parts of the State that to accept all would consume the remainder of the year. Leaving with the last group on Friday afternoon train to Tilton, walk to Franklin, train to Andover, a night with W. Master Batchelder of Highland Lake Grange No. 55, a drive with him towards Wilnot in the morning, a walk to Bro. Felch's at North Sutton, and a drive with him to Sutton Mills in the evening leads to another meeting of Sutton Grange, and the privilege to assist at first-degree work. Sunday was devoted to quiet rest with Bro. Josiah P. Nelson, and Monday to delightful rambling over the hills to, through and around North Sutton. On Tuesday visited the the and axe factories at Seythville. On Wednesday morning climbed to the 3000 feet top of Keamsarge Mountain, where met a large picnic party of Patrons and their friends from surrounding districts. Speech, recitation, song, converse, and gazing at the wide

extended view, with the inevitable eating occupied the fine early-autumn day, with which all were delighted. A novel feature, for the locality, was the singing, by request, of the British National Anthem. The return by Sutton Mills, Bradford, Contoocook and Hopkinton, with pleasant visits among the Patrons and friends at each place, and another Grange meeting at the latter place need not be described. A good day's rest with Bro. Saltmarsh at Concord, and a thorough inspection of that city, a call on Manchester Grangers, a ride to Londonderry and meeting of Grange No. 44 there,—back to Manchester and then out of the State by way of Lowell on Monday, 11th Sept. Among many former neighbors met at Lowell was a member of our Grange. The whole excursion was filled with a succession of pleasing incidents and valuable lessons. Among the former, was meeting at the Weirs with a lady, previously met at Dunbarton, (where she now resides,) a native of Claremont, Cumberland County, N. S., who is related to, or acquainted with all the members of River Philip Grange No. 790. Among the lessons was that in every successful Grange the lecturer (usually a lady) reads programme for the next meeting, allotting to each member a suitable share of the exercises. Music, speaking, original or selected reading, declamation, a leading part in the discussion of appointed subject or whatever may be suited to their talents or acquirements, or calculated to "draw them out." The elements of non-success are carelessness, neglect, indifference, jealousy, selfishness and a general disposition to slight the established laws, regulations, and usages of the Order. Charming weather, splendid scenery, agreeable acquaintance, warm friendships, every circumstance and event conspired to place the whole trip among the brightest memories of G. C.

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