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GRANGE NOTES

Successful Grange Tea

Apple Grove Grange is one of the institutions that has made Elgin county famous, the Dominion over. It has made the county a fixture on the map, easy of location as the home of one of the strongest and most widely-known organizations of farmers in the country. The meetings of the Grange, held every two weeks, without regard to weather or season, are always extensively reported in the leading agricultural journals. No meeting has ever been a failure or lacked in interest. All the entertainments given by Grange have been crowned with success and the fourth annual lawn festival held Wednesday evening Aug. 20, on the spacious lawn of W. E. Wardell, the master of the Grange, caps the record, both for attendance and in every other particular.

THE GROUNDS A BLAZE OF LIGHT furnished by Chinese lanterns suspended from the trees. The national flag was everywhere in evidence and the booths were gay with bunting and other decorations. In a brightly decorated nook the London harpers musical selections. Signs of the prosperity of the agricultural district which the Grange represents, were not lacking but were woven into the decorations. There were stalks of corn 14 feet long by actual measurement, thus throwing into the shade anything that has been heard from other parts of the county.

NO PROGRAM—NO SET SPEECHES. It was a social gathering pure and simple, as much unlike a regular meeting of the Grange as possible. There was no set program. No orator was given a chance to discuss the farmers' organizations, politics and kindred subjects while no one listened. No vocalists wasted musical pearls on the atmosphere while the audience enjoyed themselves otherwise and paid no heed. There were no recitations or other attempts at intellectual entertainment and the hour precluded the possibility of holding athletic games. The evening was spent in one long visit and renewal of old acquaintances. Formerly the Grange's annual entertainment took the form of an oyster

supper but this the fourth and last lawn party, has convinced the entertainment committee that they are now on the right track and have touched the popular chord.

THE DAUGHTER OF A WORTHY FATHER. The success of the entertainment Wednesday night was to a large extent due to the untiring efforts of Miss Hattie Robinson, the treasurer of the Grange, who has always retained her membership although she has been a resident of St. Thomas since the death of her father, the late Jabel Robinson, M.P., who was owner of the celebrated Linsdale farm. To Miss Robinson belongs the distinction of selecting the name of the village of Middlemarch where the Grange is located adopting the title of one of George Eliot's most famous novels. Miss Robinson pervaded the entire arrangements for the function, being on the grounds all day

AFTER a hard day's work instead of throwing yourself down on a couch and asserting your helplessness, and saying that you are tired and weary, hold the opposite thought, and you will be surprised to see how quickly you will become refreshed.—Marden.

with other officials of the Grange and members of the committee, giving the final touches to the preparations.

THOSE WHO ENGINEERED. The bery of young ladies who had charge of the tables were Miss Jessie Tufford, Jessie Fletcher, Miss Gooding and Cora Gilbert, each with a corps of assistants.

The decoration committee was responsible for the tasteful display was composed of Edgar Weber, Harry Palmer, George Parrell, and Norval Tufford. P. Curtis and Joseph Fletcher guarded one portal while Job Traver and Arthur Carroll looked after the other.

BOOTH LOOKED LIKE FAIRYLAND. The booths in which everything that the inner man could possibly desire in the way of legitimate refreshment was bright with light and bunting and was presided over by Misses Clara Humphries and Margaret Lyle with a large corps of helpers. The ladies who had charge of the refreshments were Mesdames Stinchcombe, J. Fletcher and G. Campbell, while those who cared for the receipts from the sales at the booths and refreshment stands were Mesdames C. T. Welton, J. Traver, M. McEwen and J. Fletcher.

The treasury of the Grange will be increased by upwards of \$500 from the receipts of the entertainment.

Everybody in the district belongs to Apple Grove Grange. From there, and all the children, who are old enough. Ask a juvenile out Midlemarch what he intends to be when he or she grows up and he or she will answer will be a member of Apple Grove Grange. It has created the animosity of the merchants who first regarded the idea of cooperative buying as a danger threatening the business.—St. Thomas Journal.

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