

## THE ANNUAL REUNION

Of the Moore Family in Lenawee County, By One of the Family.

(From the Adrian Telegram.)

One of the most enjoyable occasions of this season or any other was the Moore reunion, held at Robert and Anna Westgate's, near the Valley seminary, on the 25th of August, 1904.

They began gathering as usual in the early morning, and ere midday the house and grounds contained between 50 and 60 happy souls, mostly relatives, with a few choice friends and neighbors. Among the guests was a cousin from Bath, N. Y., a sweet girl, whom to look at was to love, and who the writer addressed as Lucretia Mott, instead of Lucretia Moore, as she was reminded of that gentle spirit whom she met in Philadelphia nearly forty years ago. Heston Moore, wife and son, from Somerset, Kentucky, who met with us first three years ago, and say they can't stay away. Cousin Mary Elma Koukle of Ohio, thinks this will not be the last time she will enjoy our hospitality, and hopes to prevail on others of her family to be with us next year. Old Louisiana was also represented in the form of Mrs. Charles Widney, a sister of our beloved sister-in-law, Mrs. Orlando Westgate.

Of our own state we had representatives from Ionia, Battle Creek, Bellevue, Lacy, Pontiac, Ann Arbor, Bay City, Tecumseh, Raisin and Adrian.

The usual sumptuous repast was enjoyed under a canvas covering, amid flowers and flags, which, by the way, are worthy of mention. Each plate contained small flags on which were printed the following words: "Eighth annual reunion, held at Robert Westgate's, August 25, 1904;" also beside each plate smiled into our faces the pure pond lily, who all night long bathed its beauty in the lake, that it might rise more fresh and bright when its beloved sun awakes. Soon after the repast we were called into the parlors to enjoy a well arranged program. Opened by a favorite chapter out of Uncle Jacob's well-worn Bible, read by his only living daughter, Hannah Haight, of Ionia, followed by a feeling prayer by May Moore of Kentucky, and "The Sweet Bye-and-Bye," as uncle always sang it every year. A beautifully written poetic tribute to his memory by the president's stepmother, another by his own mother, etc., but we feel that all cannot be told.

One feature, however, we must mention. Last year it was voted to have a biography of some one of our grandparents' family read at each reunion, and by appointment the writer gave a short sketch of her father's life struggles (Samuel D. Moore), who passed away in the home and very room from which his biography was read, which made the occasion more impressive. He finished his life with the babe he carried in his arms from Pennsylvania to Michigan 87 years before.

For the first time in the history of the organization the sun hid his face a part of the time behind the clouds, which lent their aid in shedding tears of sympathy with those who wept over the absence of our beloved Uncle Jacob, who passed from this life to the higher last April, the only surviving member of our grandparents' family of ten children, and his memory was eulogized in prose and poetry as befits the love we bore him.

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