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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Clarke,

I do hope that you did not - like me - catch a very unpleasant cold at the rehearsal last Friday. I have had to stay at home for a couple of days nursing it - & wallowing in morbid post mortems. However as the cold waned my morale improved & I think I am reasonably happy about our joint effort.

I say joint - very sincerely - for I do not think I have done any show in A. B. C. - more happy surroundings. You were both so very very helpful & I do thank you.

As for the result of my post mortems - I have decided that any shortcomings in the show were my own fault.

My original idea was just a finale for the Fair - & something that would not need more than two rehearsals. Then I saw it advertised as a major attraction - in fact THE attraction. & I pursued a bit & made it

more elaborate - but too late to get more rehearsals.

However. I do think it was extremely satisfactory as the 'Finals of the Fair' & as such it was so very right & proper that it should be at the Manor - where the village as we know it began. & I do hope the village appreciates this & all you did to promote it.

Although this Final thing took up more of my time than I anticipated. I blame myself for not giving it more attention earlier. but I had been working on the bigger Papers we had planned.

I think this Fair Papers has been very very useful but I do feel that ^{is more} there is not enough time to do anything bigger ^{this year} & really well. However. I do not think this is really for me to say & I feel that the correct thing would be to discuss it in a Committee as soon as possible & to announce formally that (a) the Papers is held this year as originally intended. (b) postponed till next year & on a definite date. (c) or the idea abandoned I hope it will not be (c) for I feel more than ever that we could make it really something.

If we can get 500 people to the jenny business (and playing) we ought to be able to get 5,000 of something properly organised & advertised. I hope we can discuss it but meanwhile - I do think you must ^{be} ^{sure} ^{to} ^{do} ^{it} ^{well}.