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The Premier was entertained while in Athens, in company, with Mr. A. E. Donovan and Mr. Derbyshire, at the home of Mr. W. G. Parish. Mr. Parish's home is unique. It is almost an exact counterpart of some of the grand old intercolonial planta-

tion mansions in the Southern States which were projected down through the slave period till the civil war, when the destruction of many of them occurred-a form of home that pleases French and Spanish taste. They were ruled by a purple blooded aristocracy, one that would not deign to recognize, that of Europe or even encourage

scions of royalty. As a Dr. of Divinity expressed it to me: "There is a hundred mile belt in the U, S... along the Gulf of Merico, that has an aristocracy with a vengeance." The incident of the quartette dining

at the Parish residence will long re main on memory's tablet a bright spot, but, as I view it, the Premier by his presence paid as fine a tribute of respect to the humblest citizen of Athens as he did to the splendid hospitality prepared for him—an ex-pression which I am sure Mr. Parkh and the above named gentlemen will be delighted to reiterate with mphasis

The hall was filled almost as soon as

opened. True, there were vacant chairs, but they were paid for by parties at a distance who, by the fore cast for inclement weather were deterred from attending. Just here we may note that an absurd, a thoughtless rumor was set afloat----

"foundations were giving way, walls would fall, a most calamitous catastro-phe would be precipitated." Whoever you are, no matter how emphonious

you are, no matter now emphonious your name, your evil report stamps you as inimical to Athens. Dea't ever try that again. The hall was full, in spite of jealousy's green-eyed flings, and the vibrations of the crowd did no harm. in June or December. This is a rule that will be found to work both ways.

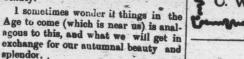
saw our heroes, statesmen, poets, liter-ateurs, historians, scientists, high pro-fessionals, artists and sculptors— I saw the vast rainbow of promise resting on St. John's (Nfid.) in the far east, on Victoria in the distant west, its zenith centred over our fair Onzario. centred over our fair Ontario, its arch spanning 60,000,000 men and women. I looked toward heaven and saw a brillant assembly of our illustrious dead forming a glorious starry constellation in the galaxy of nations. in an undertone Sir Wilfrid once

eferred to his own demise. I faucy such thoughts as these may sometime flash across his view When my eyes shall be turned for the last time to behold the sun in the heavens, may I not see him shining on provinces due vered, on the fragments of a once glorious union, our flag torn aud trailing in the dust; but rather may I see him shining on our banner, known and honored everywhere, as it floats over the sea and the land, bearing this motto

"Union now and Union forever." Why, Mr. Editor, on that evening

the parting sun flung back congratula. tions to all Ontario under the arching branches of the trees in a rich flood of tinted light, and the faries painted the leaves with untold beauty. and all unseen the winds wove wreaths for the fair brow of 1905. We will see them. again when we get over where the columned years in or ler stand. We will see them again in the grandest floral

beauty.



You will notice, Mr. Editor, that

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