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METHODIST CONFERENCE.

STIRRING ADDRESS DELIVERED BY REV. MR. LODGE.

Deaconess' Home Told Of---Delegates Appointed--Resolutions on 50 Years' Pastorate of Rev. Dr. Stewart, and on Missions-- Mount Allison Bequest.

Sackville, June 20-At the Methodist onference prayer service was held at 1.30 this morning.

W. W. Lodge delivered one of the most irring, vigorous and helpful addresses ver given before a conference. The pur ose of his address was the setting forth he importance of believing and living that we speak. The close of the address

"I was reading the other day a brief extract of a sketch of the life of Mr. Bradlaugh, the great English infidel. This sketch stated that Mr. Bradlaugh was argely made what he was by a contem largely made what he was by a contentible attempt to force upon him an experience that was not his own, to compel him to say what he did not believe, to prevent his believing what he said. Mr. Bradlaugh was at this time an active, capable and earnest Sunday school teacher. But he was told by a domineering vicar to prepare for confirmation and venturing to hint at certain difficulties in the way of accepting as they stood the

the way of accepting as they stood the 39 articles of religion he was peremptorily bidden to dismiss his doubts or give up his much loved work. The result of this awful act of religious bigotry was the alienation from God and humanity of one of the most powerful intellectual forces of the last century—a man who was driven out of the Christian society in such

an arbitrary and dogmatical way because he would say what he believed and believed what he said.

"One cannot help wondering at the difference there might have been in England if that foolish vicar had only seen that Cod did not went men to playing the code of the code that God did not want men to plagiarize from St. Paul's experience, or the ex-perience of the Westminster divines, but of find his own faith by coming in consection. Sackville, N. B., June 21—The sixth session of the conference was held this on pedagogy, child study and Sunday school organization; 9th, that this conference with the spirit of God has been but for light of God has been but for what the spirit of God has been what the spirit of God has been what the spirit of God has been with the spirit of God has been with the spirit of God has been with the spirit of God has been what the spirit of God has been with the spirit of God has been with the spirit of God has been what the spirit of God has been what the spirit of God has been with the spirit of God has been what the spirit of God has been what the spirit of God has been with the spirit of God has been what the spirit of God has been but for conference was held this session of the conference was held this session of the conference was held this school organization; 9th, that this report be pub ing these centuries to teach us, that belief that can alone help and save man is not a creed learned by rote t has existence only in memory, but ng faith in God and an actual ar priation of His strength and grace, a confiding of all one's being to Hi e and keeping? That is a saving faith

man who has had this experien
re will be little care of old forms
pression. He will be full of new life
great sublime fact that he lives an oves and has his being in God. That hat we want. God's truth incarnate in t e so that it becomes the inspiration e power of life. We live it. We believe We know it and our whole being de

Miss Scott, superintendent of the De ness' Home, Toronto, briefly addresse ie conference. She said the home oronto was the only Methodist training chool for young women in Canada. Ou oung women were attending simila hem being unaware that there was such school at home. At the Deaconess tome \$3 per month for board is the only harge for the first year while the second ear is free to those who assume the uties of deaconess and put on the anb. The deasonesses were really assist int pastors. They are appointed by the onference board. A deaconess goes into ouses that the minister cannot enter nd puts him in touch with the persons in his district. They wait on the sick when too poor to hire a nurse and have proved themselves eminently helpful.

A resolution of sympathy with the work of the Deaconess' Home was passed by the conference.

Doctor Paisley gave a report of the educational fund, stating amounts contributed by the various circuits and drawing attention to the increase and decrease. The total fund this year was \$1,100, a decrease of \$5.11

crease of \$511. E. C. Hennigar is allowed to pursue the necessary study for the degree of B. D.
H. H. Marr, W. R. Pepper and J. J.
Pinkerton were recommended to attend
Mit. Allison College.
The following were appointed treas-

urers of the various funds: Contingent J. C. Berrie; general, C. W. Hamilton; educational, Doctor Allison; secretary Doctor Paisley; misisonary, Doctor Evans Sunday school aid; E. R. Machum; Ep

orth League, J. C. Berrie.

There was quite an animated discussion meerning the proceeds of the sale of e Rothesay church. Rev. George Steel. ted the consent of the conference to appropriation of the money to the ding of a parsonage at Courtena ing of a parsonage at Courtena the handling and control of th

ey to be left in the hands of the tees of the church till required for ctor Paisley contended that the cash

ld be lodged in the hands of the ter a debate Doctor Paisley's conten-

was sustained. e N. S. conference will visit Sacktomorrow, arriving here about noo returning to Amherst by the evening

he recently elected president, William

th great satisfaction.
This afternoon the order of the day was ken up. A memorial from Fredericto ad the appointment of a missionary su er ntendent was referred to the memoria referring to the appointment and constitution of a missionary committee was also

The conference makes grateful recogn

S. James moved the following resolu-

Whereas it seems that there is more mis-sionary money used for our work within the ounds of this conference than is necessary o accomplish the work we have undertaken

s well as money, Therefore resolved, that this conferen

The resolution was lost.

At 4 o'clock the conference divided into electoral divisions for electing delegates to the General Conference which will meet at Winnipeg the first Thursday in September. The following lay delegates were elected: Doctor Inch, Fredericton; Doctor Allison, J. L. Black and Professor Hunton, Sackville; Henry Smith, Charlottetown; J. D. Chipman, St. Stephen; J. Hunter White, E. R. Machum, St. John; H. T. Pickering, Summerside.

Ministerial delegates—William Harrison, Doctors Sprague, Stewart, Read, Paisley and Evans, George Steel, John Goldsmith and A. D. McCully.

An open session was held tonight at which educational interests were discussed. A duet was excellently rendered by Misses Hart and Sprague. The educational report read by Doctor Paisley was received and adouted.

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Doctor Stewart made an earnest and impressive appeal for increased interest in the theological department. More teachers and money were needed to successfully carry on the work. J. M. Palmer gave an excellent address

dealing with general educational matters making special reference to the work done at the male academy during the past year. The deficit of \$54 in the collections for the educational fund for the year was for the educational fund for the year was made up by a special collection.

Sackville, N. B., June 21—The sixth session of the conference was held this morning. After singing, Revs. J. S. Allen and E. C. Bell engaged in prayer. J. A. Clarke, M. A., delivered an impressive and forceful address on The True Christian. Sunday school matters next engaged the conference. The report was read by E. R. Machum, of St. John, and cach section after heing discussed was adouted. Those

matters were: Doctor Sprague, Doctor Pansley, S. Howard, L. J. Wason, G. M. Young, J. C. Berrie, Dr. George Steel, Robert Crisp, Doctor Wilson, W. B. Thomas, F. W. H. Pickles, James Crisp, A. Lucas, J. W. McConnell, F. A. Wightman, J. D. Chipman, G. W. Fisher, Joseph Parkin, G. C. P. Palmer and others. Section seven was added to the report on motion of Doctor Paisley, seconded by J. C. Berrie.

Doctor Wilson moved and W. W. Lodge seconded the following resolution, which was adopted by the conference:—

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Whereas the 26th inst. has been set apart as the day upon which His Majesty Edward VII. is to be crowned King of the United Kingdom of Great Britath and Ireland and of the British possessions beyond the seas, and Emperor of India, and Whereas, His Majesty has proclaimed as his wish that the proceedings of the day be opened with religious exercises throughout this conference.

Resolved, that this conference recognizing the fitness of the proposition as well as the desire to meet His Majesty's wishes in this matter would recommend that approprite religious services be held on all our circuits on the forenoon of that day.

The following is the report of the Sur-

The following is the report of the Sunday school committee as presented by E. R. Machum:-

Preaching appointments .. Preaching appointments 332 Decrease Sunday schools 218
Officers and teachers 1,713 2
Scholars enrolled 13,593 37
Studying catechism 1,296 6
Normal classes 16
Scholars uniting with the church 228 Decrease 1
Members of church 3,256 13 Monies contributed by schools:

For missions \$1,264.15 Increase \$28.9 Educational fund . . . 34.37 8.7 Educational fund ... 34.37 ... 8.77 ... 8.77 ... 8.77 ... 8.77 ... 8.77 ... 8.77 ... 9.70 ...

\$7,396.91 Increase \$536.90

Your committee rejoices in the evidence which show that there are 3,255 members of the Sunday school who are church mem bers, an increase of 139 over the number reported last year; that the financial report shows an increase in every fund but one, a total increase for the year of \$526.90.

The increasing loyalty of our schools to the literature of our own denomination is evidenced by the fact that they sub-scribed for 14,821 of the periodicals publish ed by our own book room, an increase of 989 for the year, while the publications by others than our book room are 1,552,

decrease of 247.
Your committee regrets that it has to report a decrease in the aggregate enrolneut in our schools of 20 teachers an our attention to the fact that this is not decrease in the attendance upon the dools, but a decrease in the number of

The average enrolment in 1884 per school was 54. In 1893 it was 59, in 1902 t is 62. As compared with two year ago our schools show a decrease of 11. The present year shows a decrease of six

In this connection, your committee would call attention of the conference-first, to the large number of preachin places not reporting any Sunday school, namely 178 out of 362, and they would organize Sunday schools at all preaching places where it is possible to do so; se ond, your committee notes that with 10,-338 members enrolled in our schools who are not church members, the number uniting with the church (328) is altogether that the ministers be urged to make them selves better acquainted with the spiritua condition of the pupils in the Sunday schools; that an endeavor be made to more thoroughly arouse the teachers and officers to a sense of their personal re-sponsibility for the salvation of their scholars and that the week following the "week of prayer" be appointed as a week of intercession for our Sunday schools, and that on the following Sunday a special effort will be made to secure decisions for

Christ; 3rd, the memorizing of scripture,

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the catechism, our best hymns, and the giving to our pupils a knowledge of God's word, as a book, including its structural authorship, biography, geography and institutions is of great importance, and since we believe that these objects can be obtained by the adoption of a suitable obtained for a superpopulary because and the

series of supplementary lessons and the grading of our schools we would recom-(a)-That efforts be made to have dend: our schools systematically graded, and that the Sunday school committee be au-There was an exceedingly animated discussion of this resolution, participated in by James Crisp, A. E. Lepage, Joseph Parkin, S. H. Rice, G. M. Campbell, Doctor Stewart, Doctor Inch and others.

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year, with power to communicate with year, with power to communicate when circuits; to suggest improved methods of organization and work, and generally to assist in advancing our Sunday school interests. That this standing committee have power to elect from among its mem bers an executive committee of five pe sons, whose duty it shar be to assist in carrying out the conference and the suggestions of the standing committee above mentioned. That the general conference be memorialized to so change the discipline that the Sunday school committee be a standing committee with a sub-committee that the standing committee with a sub-committee that the standing committee with a sub-committee that the standing committee with a sub-committee tee as a workable executive; fifth, your committee would further recommend that

the observance of rally day be again brought to the attention of our schools and that a committee be appointed to preand in the Wesleyan; sixth, that greate efforts be made to establish normal classe other conferences to appoint a secretary for Sunday schools within their bound ries, to provide for his salary and to

aries, to provide for his salary and to make such regulations for the government of the office as may be necessary in the premises; eighth, that memorial be sent to general conference asking that the course of instruction for theological students be so amended as to include lectures on pedagogy, child study and Sunday school organization; 9th, that this conference publish the Sabbath school statistics in the minutes, circuit by circuit; 10th, that this report be published in an early issue of the Wesleyan and be read by the ministers to their committees of Sunday school management.

o'clock this afternoon, a large number from each conference being present. Doc tor Carman presided. Scriptures were read by Doctor Sprague, after which Doc tor Stewart and Doctor Huestis prayed. Rev. A. D. McCully was appointed secretary of the meeting.

was the educational interest. Doctor Alli son spoke of the work being done at Mount Allison, of the withdrawal of Doctor Brecken from the faculty and of the extra work which had fallen upon the remainder of the professors; the need of enapon, and reference made to the com munication from Dathousie, asking that a committee be appointed to confer with them with reference to college federation. The board of regents had declined to ap-

point such a committee.

There was considerable discussion touch ing the interests of Mount Allison, par-ticipated in by Doctors Wilson and Mor-ton, of the Nova Scotia conference, and Rev. F. A. Wightman, of the New Bruns wick and P. E. Island conference. The publishing interest next received at

tention, and in this connection, Doctor Huestis, of Hakifax, gave his report. In the book room last year there was a net profit of \$350. Subscriptions to the Wesleyan amounted to \$3,708 and for advertising \$833, net profit, \$113. The surplus for the last four years is \$2,146.
G. J. Bond, editor of the Wesleyan, addressed the joint conference with reference to the Wesleyan. Most other de

nominational papers were run at a los while the Wesleyan had a balance on th ight side. Its circulation is now 4,000. Doctor Wilson, of the New Brunswich and P. E. Island conference, made some suggestions. He thought that other book rooms should be established at St. John and Charlottetown, the form of the Wes eyan should be changed so as to make i

more attractive in appearance. Rev. W. M. Harrison, in behalf of the New Brunswick and P. E. Island conference, extended a welcome to the visiting brethren, and Rev. Arthur Hockin, president of the Nova Scotia conference, made

a fitting response.
Under the head of transfer matters Doctor Heartz, of the Nova Scotia conference, moved that the following propositions be referred to the consideration P. E. Island conferences:-

transfers between the conferences of Nov. Scotia and New Brunswick and P. F Second, that in the realization of the object we are prepared to recommend to the general conference that a certain num ber of men should be transferred each

Third, that the composition of the trans fer committee should provide for a perm ament board during the coming year.

It was moved by Judge Chesley, second ed by Rev. S. H. Rice, that in the opinior of this joint conference the transfer committee of the Methodist church, in dealing with applications for transfer from one the other of the maritime conference while carefully regarding the numerical r

quirements of each conference concerne should not regard at all the relative stars ing of the men proposed to be transferre After some discussion, both resolution were referred to the conferences. After the session the members of both

where luncheon was served. The visiting combers returned to Amherst by the evening train. Tonight a very profitable consecration meeting, led by Rev. S. Howard, was largely attended.

Sunday at Conference Sackville, June 22-(Special)-Because ain, the attendance at the services today was not very large. A prayer service, le m., and a conference love feast, conducte by Rev. S. H. Rice, at 9.30. Rev. G. W. Fisher preached an able sermon at 11 This afternoon Rev. W. J. Kirby and Rev. A. Lucas and J. Junter White, of St. John, addressed the Sunday school and

Tonight Rev. G. M. Campbell preached

an exceedingly powerful sermon from the After the sermon, an evangelistic ser ice, led by Rev. James Crisp, was held

Sackville, N. B., June 23-(Special)-The rainy weather still continues, making it very unpleasant for those at the con erence. After devotional exercises this norming, Rev. E. C. Turner delivered a orceful address in which he showed the necessity of the entire consecration of the ninisters to the cause of God.

The report of the sustentation fund was given by Rev. John Goldsmith as follows, and adopted:

Total income was \$2,484.78; expenditure, \$2,476.21; balance, \$8.49. The missions in St. John district received \$379; Fredericton, \$436; Woodstock, \$299; Chatham, \$205; Sackville, \$432; St. Stephen, \$263; Charlottetown, \$269; Summerside, \$153.

Report of board of trustees, as given Rev. G. W. Fisher, was received an adopted:

Amount received, \$144.04; amount disbursed, \$107.74; balance on hand, \$26.30. The securities in the custody of the board remain the same as last year. Neither the Scott Fairley bequest on the Derby circuit nor the Manzer bequest on the Andover circuit has been transferred to the custody of the board. The report of the board of examiner

ead by Dr. Paisley, was adopted: The board of examiners met on Frilaz evening; present, Doctor Evans, J. Parkin, W. W. Lodge, W. B. Thomas, H. S. Young C. H. Paisley. Rev. Dr. Read was appointed chairman. While it was permitted to a probationer to pass in all the subjects pertaining to the years during which he has actually traveled, it is not permitted him to take subjects in advance of such years. It is not permitted to a probationer to omit the Green subjects from year to year till he goes to college. The examination of probationers and of candidates for the ministry will be held in Fredericton, Sackville and Charlottetown on the second Tuesday in April, 1903.

Rev. J. C. Berrie gave the report of th general epworth league fund; \$5,065 had been raised by all the districts. Dr. Paisley gave the report of the committee for the relief of St. James' church Montreal: It was adopted.

A communication from Doctor Williams was received and placed on file. Certain circulars received from Doctor Williams were ordered to be forwarded to the chairman of the districts. The list of subscribers was received and ordered to be placed on file for information.

The general conference fund report was presented by Rev. C. W. Hamilton: The cash received was \$8,141.75; disbursed \$8,127.71; cash on hand, \$14; amount received from all the circuits, \$303.98. On motions the thanks of the cor

ence were conveyed to Revs. A. D. Mc-Cully and G. M. Young, secretaries G. F. Damson, statistical secretary, and to Revs. J. S. Gregg and J. W. McConnell, for their efficient services to the conferpare a book of selections from the scrip

tures and suitable responsive reading There was considerable discussion of this motion, Revs. Dr. Paisley, Dr. Allison, Dr. Stewart and G. C. P. Palmer, and Mr. Sampson, of Fredericton, taking On motion, it was laid on the

The order of the day was called at H The order of the day was called at 11 for electing three laymen and three ministers to be members of the board of regents of the University of Mount Allison. The laymen elected were L. L. Beer, Charlottetown; Joseph Allison, St. John, and J. D. Chipman, St. Stephen. The ministers elected were: Dr. Sprague, S.
H. Rice and George M. Campbell.
On motion Rev. S. Howard was appointed treasurer of the parsonage aid

Rev. George F. Dawson began his sta tistical report, giving figures which have already appeared in The Telegraph. The ninth session was held this after-

G. M. Young called attention to the pres ence of the journals of the conference of Eastern British America which had been for some years in the parsonage at Char

Dr. Paisley and Rev. G. W. Fisher were instructed to deposit the journals with other conference documents in the College building.
The report of the Epworth League con

mittee was read by Rev. J. B. Young. Attention was called to the fact during the year there had been a decrease of six in the number of Young Peoples' Societies and of 231 in the membership. The committee felt every effort should be made to organize and sustain leagues wherever possible and that while only really activ members should be reported every effort uld be made to have a large associate nembership. The increase in contribution was \$70.

After discussion this report was adopt-

Rev. A. C. Bell gave the report of the parsonage aid committee. The recommenda-tion from the Chatham district for \$350 for a parsonage at Campbellton was conidered and a grant recommended. The eport was adopted.

The report of the state of work comnittee was read by Rev. Joseph Harkins. It deplored the decease of 51 in the mem bership. Attention was called to the nee for a more systematic reading of the rules of the Methodist church. It was particularly requested that members of the Lord's Supper. Reference was made to the need of greater concentration of effort in the interests of the youth of the church. Wherever possible Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues should be establish

The report with some amendments was

J. B. Gough read the report of the en ollment committee, 91 ministers and 49 aymen were in attendance. There were 11 aymen from St. John district, six from Fredericton, two from Woodstock, four rom Chatham, 14 from Sackville, one from St. Stephen, five from Charlottetown, six

W. E. Johnson submitted the report of the temperance committee, it strongly re commended the members of the church to endeavor to obtain a provincial prohibi tion act for New Brunswick similar to that now in existence in P. E. Island. At 4 o'clock a short ministerial session

The 10th session convened at 4.25, the president in the chair. The report of the standing committee was read by Rev. James Crisp. The changes and additions to the first draft which appeared in Thursday's Telegraph

St. John District.

Centenary, supernumerary Chas, Comben.
Carleton, supernumerary John A. Clark
Henry A. Clark, F. W. H. Pickles.
Hampton, supernumerary Wm. Tweedie Hampton, supernumerary Wm. 7 as. Duke, Doctor Evans. Jerusalem, W. E. Johnson. Sussex, A. Lucas, leave of absense.

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Fredericton District. Fredericton supernumeraries, Geo. B. Payson, J. J. Colter, J. J. Teasdale.

Marysville, W. W. Brewer, left without a circuit at his own reconst. ircuit at his own request.
Boiestown, Edmund Ramsay.
Keswick, M. R. Knight.
Florenceville, J. B. Young.

Chatham District. Newcastle, W. E. Thompson; supernory, Geo. Harrison. Harcourt, Jacob Heaney. Tabusintac, Hemmond Johnson.

Sackville District. Point de Bute, supernumerary, Doctor hapman. Wesley memorial, supernumerary, S. T Feed. Alma, Newton Wilkinson. Petitcodiac, supernumerary, Joseph Pascoe

St. Stephen District. St. David, W. H. Spargo. Deer Island, L. J. Leard. Charlottetown, supernumerary Elias Slack

The chairman and financial secretaries the districts were elected as follows:-St. John-Chairman, Doctor Sprague; finan St. John—Chairman, Doctor Spiages, mal secretary, T. J. Deinstadt.
Fredericton—James Crisp, I. N. Parker.
Woodstock—J. C. Berrie, J. A. Ives.
Sackville—Wm. Harrison, Geo. Steel.
Chatham—John Goldsmith H. H. Baker.
St. Stephen—Doctor Read, D. R. Chowen.
Summerside—G. F. Dawson, W. J. Howard.
Charlottetown—S. H. Rice, J. W. McCon-

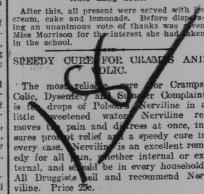
The ordination service was held tonight the president in the chair. After singing Rev. W. W. Lodge offered prayer. Hammond Johnson and Jabez M. Rice were ordained and Doctor Read delivered an

npressive charge. The conference next considered the minsters who have died. The Rev. George Steel read from the ninutes of the St. John district a short iography of the life and work of Rev Job Shenton. It was decided to make this the minute of conference. Touching refer ences to the memory of Mr. Shenton made by Rev. G. W. Fisher, W. J. Kirby and Doctor Allison.

Belyea's Point Entertainment.

A very enjoyable entertainment was held at Belyea's Point, Westfield, on Saturday evening, by the Union Sanday school. Great credit is due Miss K. C. Morrison, for the time and patience spent with the children, preparing them for their parts in the entertainment. Miss Morrison was assisted by Mrs. D. Appt, Mrs. E. Belyea and Miss Sharp. The following programme was excellently rendered by the scholars:—

Matrimonial Advertis Auld Lang Syne.



MARRIAGES.

CARSON-SAUNDERS—At 51 Exmouth St. ander Carson, of Nauwigewauk, to Isal May Saunders, of St. John, N. B.

DEATHS.

WHITE-In this city, on the 20th inst. Mary A., relict of the late William White, it the 74th year of her age, leaving one son and two daughters to mourn their sad loss.

BRADEN-On the 20th of June, after a line of the control of th

Bradeen and Fredericton papers please copy.

Boston and Fredericton papers please copy. GRAY—In this city, on June 19, George H fray, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Alexande C. Gray, aged six mouths and 10 days. (Boston and Providence papers please

BARNES-In this city, on June 19, Dan Carnes, in the 87th year of his age. SNAMMELL—At Lancaster Heights, of une 20, Joseph H. Scammell, aged 65 years Globe please copy). Globe please copy).

TAPLEY—At Marysville, N. B., June 23, 902, David K., eldest son of Margery and the late John Tapley, in the fist year of his

BLAKSLEE—In this arah J. Blakslee, aged y, on June 23rd



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THE FIRST MUSICALE IN JIMTOWN.

By Eugene Kingsford.

which have had a sort of doubtful existence for years, seeming to hesitate between dying out altogether, and taking a start toward trying to "mount to somethin'." Such a fiture of Mrs. Dusenberry, who "hadn't start, for various reasons, Jimtown had not taken till quite recently, as if it had but just made up its mind what to do. It is several miles from a railroad, consequently nodern enterprises and ways of life have not secured a foothold in it, but the building of a large mill, and the influx of new families I ecause of the opportunity for employment thus afforded, had infused new blood into its veins, and, to use a local phrase, "it's a beginnin' to pick up." A development of business brings the town and the outside world in closer contact, and its residents are beginning to catch the infection of "the way they do things out among folks," as Mrs. Dusenberry expresses it. Mrs. Dusenberry is the wife of one of the "well-fixed" men of Jimtown, and though she was born in the country and has never been away from it a week at a time in her life, she aspires to be a leader in the new "society" which is developing thera, largely on account of her husband's financial mportance, and the fact that she has a sister living in the city, whose knowledge of polite society Mrs. Dusenberry is suppored to have imbibed through the medium of freq ent visits from her aristocratic relative. Indeed, she assumes that politeness "comes real natural to her, because it's in the family." "Ketchin' like the measles," her riends say, sarcastically, behind her back. But she hears of it, and asserts that she "jest turns up her nose at such insiniwa-

tions," and says some very sarcastic and cutting things about "sour grapes," and the It was currently rumored, along about the holidays, that Mrs. Dusenberry was going to give a "reception:" Such a thing had never been heard of in Jimtown, and of course it caused great excit-m nt among the

"I know what it's for," said Mrs Ward to her neighbor, Mrs. Jones. "It's to show off the new peanner." Mrs. Jones, who was accused by some of trying to be very genteel in her speech, called it a "peannah," while some who had nover enjoyed her "ad vantages," pronounced it "pe-anny," or 'pi-anny," as inclination prompted, but Mrs. Ward, who had heard it called a "pe an ner," held to the original pronu iation is spite of her friend's example. "My! but won't the Dusenberrys feel grand when Rosy gets so she can play tunes on a thousan lollar instrewmunt? Dear me! It seems wicked to put so much money into a pean ner when it could be put to better use."

"A thousan' dollars!" exclaimed Mrs. ones, with a turn of her nose upward. "I ope you don't think that peannah cost any uch a price? Of course Mrs. Dusenberry, he tells it was a thousan' dollar one, be ause it had that price printed in the cata logue, but my hilander, he heard the played by Theodore Thompson's Band, when teacher say it didn't cost ha'f that, an' she she was in the city to her cousin's funeral, knows, 'cause she writ the l tter orderin' it. I s'pose the teacher can play splendid. She "Some folks can't tell tunes apart," rean make our organ talk right out. I s'pose Mrs. Dusenberry's goin' to have her recepion 'fore she goes home for vacation, to how the peannah off. My! but ain't Mrs. Spooner hoppin' mad, though? You know Mrs. Spooner, loftily. he's afraid Mrs Dusenberry'll get the start o' her, an' now their organ she's bragged so

nuch about ain't nowhere." The Dusenberry piano had provoked a great deal of comment in Jimtown. It was the only one in town. Not a dozen persons n the place had ever heard one before. It folks from dancing a break-down, was an object of much curiority. Some criticised Mr. Dusenberry severely for Jones. "Li, la, la-la-la-la! I say, Rosy, throwin' away his money so;" some said it I'd like to swap my fiddle fer your peanwas bought for the sola purpose of "show- nah-if you'd throw in a few of them tunes ing off" and "puttia' on style," and a few with it. said if Mr. Dusenberry wanted it and felt as if he could afford it; it was no business of claimed Mrs. Spooner, "None of us hain't theirs. It was unloaded at the Dusenberry asked Rosy to play. Come, Rosy, do play residence with much tugging, lifting and suthin', won't yon, now?"

sweating. "My, but it's an awful bix box!" said Philander Jones, who was "always on hand." 'It's come a long ways, hain't it? Says Boston, Mass., on it. That's where they make 'em, an' it's more'n two thousan'

miles from here." "Sho, now! You don't say so?" said Sile Pratt, who had come over to help unload the piano, pretending to be astonished. "You must have a heap o' knowledge in that head o' yourn, Philander I s'pose you can tell purty nigh how much it weighs by an organ." Rosy finally "tackled" the Ocean ookin' at the box can't ve?"

at and made no r ply. Two weeks after the arrival of the piano,

got up a purpose to make a splurge over the social enjoyments of the afternoon.

If the Dasenberrys are bound to make anutmeg grater." night as well enjoy seein' 'em do it."

of oldinats had never taken place there be- for our M'lindy." nusual hour of two o'clock in the after-

Mrs. Dusenberry. Jimtown society had ever attended, every- time."

Jimtown is not au old town by any means, body felt a little uncertain as to what was neither is it a new town. It is "betwixt required, but they made up their minds to an' between," as some of its residents would be on hand early enough to see what was be likely to say, if asked about it. It is done, so that on future occasions of the sort simply one of these little country places they would be "better posted" on points of etiquette, and the result was that the Dasenberry home was filled with guests before half-past one, greatly to the discom-

> Boards had been placed about the "front room," on chairs, for seats, and old men and ladies were sandwiched in along with younger persons in a free-and-easy manner that showed that Jimtown society was not inclined to be conventional. The "girls" and the "fellows" "stood aroun" grinning and tee-hee-ing to each other, and casting admiring looks at the new piano, which occupied the position of honor across a corner

in the front-room. "Ain't it a dandyj" whispered Lemuel Jones to the young lady he was "sweet on." "A feller wouldn't need a looking glass ef he had one of them things in his room.

"It's jest grand!" responded the young lady, "I wish I had one." "Mebbe you will have, sometime," whispered Lemuel, meaningly. "I calculate to be able to afford a piannah some o' these

"I'd like to know what good that'd do me?" giggled the girl, trying to app ar very

"Oh. come off!' responded Lemuel. "You ain't so green as you might be!" 'I s'pose, now," remarked Mrs. Jones to Mr. Dusenberry, "this peanner is reckoned about as good as they make 'em, ain't it?"

"I s'pose 'tis," answered Mr. Dusenberry. 'I told 'em I wanted as good as there was goin', an' the man I got it of said there wasn't nothin' that could git away with it." "I wonder ef Miss Porter ain't purty nigh reddy to show the critter off?" said Mr.

Dusenberry. "Hey, Miss Porter, tone up, won't ye? Start off with my fav'rit. That's Little Anny Rooney,' suthin' new 'n nice." Miss Porter sat down to the piano and began to play. As soon as the time of the tune became marked, every masculine foot in the room began to beat time. Mrs. Jones who was chewing gum, kept good time with

"Ain't that splendid?" exclaimed Mrs. dones, as the piece ended. "Now, Miss Porter, jest play that piece you played me 'tother day-I forgit the name of it, but you went lickety-larrup from one end o' the thing to the other, an' then kind o' twiddled in the high part an' rumbled 'way down low." "Oh, that Operatic Melody," laughed

"Yes, that's it," said Mrs. Joney. "New folks, you jest hold your breath of you want to hear suthin' scrumptious."

The "Prophetic Melody" was received with considerable applause, but it failed to "take" like "Annie Rooney." "Listen to the Mocking Bird" was played and rapturously applauded by everybody

except Mrs. Speoner. She remarked to Mrs. Spratt that she'd heard that tune and she'd never have dreamed this was that

sponded Mrs. Spratt. "They hain't no ear

"I guess I've got as good an ear for music as some of my neighbors have," retorted "She has, ef size is what ye jedge by," hispered Mr. Jones to Mr. Dusenberry,

whereupon the worthy host "haw-hawed."

'Play a po'ky," suggested a young man. Miss Porter complied with such telling effect that it was hard to keep the young "That's the stuff!" declared Lemuel

"Lan' sakes, what air we thinkin' of!" ex-

"Oh, the idee!" exclaimed Rosy, who had been expecting a request of this kind all along "You know I can't play, Mrs. Spaoner. We hain't had it a month yet." "But you could play a little on the organ 'fore you got the pianno," said Mrs Spooner. "Try one o' them tunes on it"

"I hain't got the hang of it yet you see, I pu h on the keys when I ought to thump, an' I keep the pedals goin' all the time, like Telegraph March. The piano, as well as

After much coaxing Rosy consented to

Philander suspected he was being laughed | the audience bore up well under it. They had some siegin', and it was 'chore. time" before Mrs. Dusenberry's reception avitations were sent out for Mrs. Dusen | came to an end. "I don't see why you need be in a hurry," said the hostess; "the "Sakes alive! Ain't we gittin' high | chores can wait." But Jimtown society inoned?" said Mrs. Spooner, as she read over sisted on getting home in time to do the her "invite," as Mr. Spooner termed it | chores at the usual time, so Mrs. Dusenber-Reception! Don't that sound grand? It's 1 y urged in vain for a prolongation of the

"You're goin', ain't you?" asked Spooner. Mrs. Spratt, asishe took leave of her host-"I lay out to," answered Mrs. Spooner. ess. "I've sung till my throat's rougher'n ols of themselves I can't help it, an' I "I'm just dead stuck on your pianner,"

"We've had a dreadful good time," said

said Mr Jones to Mr. Du enberry. Mr. Great was the flutter of excitement that Jones had, unconsciously, adopted the prorevailed among the fair sex in Jimtown in nunciation of a rival faction, much to Mrs anticipation of the reception. Such a re- Jones' disgust. "If my hawgs turn out ramping of old dresses, and the re trimming wellf I'vo a kind o' sneakin' idee I ll'get one

Since that time recentions have become quite common in Jimtown. The Jimtown "upper crust" is getting so much like those oon. "That'll give 'em time enough to "out among folks" that these social funcgit home an' do the chores fore dark," said tions do not begin at such an early hour as Mrs Dusenberry's musicale did, but they This being the first thing of its kind that always come to an end 'before chore-