

LOCALS.

A watch-night service will be held in the School Room of the Methodist Church on Saturday next, commencing at 10.45 p. m.

Hockey and other skates cheap at C. Mason's.

A new snow-plough for the Metropolitan Railway went through on Tuesday. It looks as if it would do good work.

We wish our numerous customers a happy new year. Atkinson & Switzer.

Formal opening of the Richmond Hill Skating Rink on New Year's Day. Good music will be provided. Rink open from 2.30 to 5.

Large stock of cutlery at reasonable prices at C. Mason's.

The W. C. T. U. will hold their next meeting at the home of Mrs. P. G. Savage, on Tuesday evening, the 3rd of January.

Courage is a necessary quality in advertising. Atkinson & Switzer.

The annual meeting of the Committee of Management of the Methodist Sabbath School will be held in the Parsonage, at eight o'clock, on on Tuesday evening, Jan. 3rd, 1899.

Three Ranges, slightly over cost for cash at C. Mason's.

Mr. W. E. Wiley, secretary of the Fire Brigade, will be at the Fire Hall on Monday next from 10 to 11 a. m. to distribute tickets to members for the entertainment to be given in the evening.

Note the quotations in Atkinson & Switzer's large adv. for Friday & Saturday.

You can make no mistake by going to H. F. Hopper's new grocery for oysters, candies, canned fruit, or any article to be found in a first-class grocery store. Everything is fresh and up-to-date.

Canadian Almanacs for 1899 for sale at THE LIBERAL office.

Some of our musicians assisted by a number of the "old boys" took the band stand Saturday night and played a few very appropriate midnight airs. Band music here is not only a treat but a novelty.

Large sweet oranges 25 cts per doz. Burnt chocolate almonds 35 cts. per lb. Atkinson & Switzer.

The West York election trial came to a sudden termination last week, and Mr. W. J. Hill was confirmed in his seat as M. P. P. Mr. Hill is to be congratulated on the result.

Go to THE LIBERAL store for Christmas cards, books, pocket diaries, fancy paper and envelopes, &c., &c.

Master C. Wiley, THE LIBERAL carrier boy, will make his best bow on Monday, New Year's morning, and will be pleased to present each of his patrons with a neat calendar, which we trust they will appreciate. This is the time of year for exchange of courtesies.

Good coffee ground while you wait, 18 cts. per lb. Rich. red reliable salmon tics a tin. Atkinson & Switzer.

The teachers of the Public School were pleased to present their caretaker, Mr. J. Brownlee, with a plump turkey for Christmas as a token of appreciation for past courtesies. Mr. Brownlee has been popular with every teacher since he has been looking after the care of the school.

Friday and Saturday is the time to purchase needed goods if you wish to take advantage of low prices. See Atkinson & Switzer's adv.

The committee of management on the School Board are asking for tenders for about 25 cords of first-class green hardwood to be delivered at the Richmond Hill Public School not later than the end of February. Tenders to be in by the 12th of January.

Opaque window shades mounted on spring rollers complete for 25 cts. nice wall papers 31 cts. a roll. Atkinson & Switzer.

Frank, the 6-year old and only son of Rev. F. C. Keam of Thornhill, while sucking an orange Tuesday afternoon, got one of the orange pits into his windpipe, choking the little fellow who died in a few seconds. The parents have the sincere sympathy of the neighborhood in their sudden affliction.

If you will look through our store we will convince you that we are close buyers and satisfactory dealers. Atkinson & Switzer.

MENDELSSOHN CHORISTERS.

The above musical company contributed several numbers to a school programme on the 5th of Markham on Thursday evening last. Report says they gave the audience great pleasure and satisfaction. They will sing at the Firemen's concert on New Year's Night.

Every advertisement that goes into a newspaper ought to contain some definite information. See quotations in Atkinson & Switzer's large adv. in this issue.

The treasurer's sale of land for taxes in York County is advertised in the Aurora Banner. The sale for District No. 2, comprising Markham and Vaughan townships and Markham and Richmond Hill villages, will take place at Richmond Hill on Monday, the 27th day of March.

We offer on Friday and Saturday next the balance of our Fancy Goods at 10 per cent off. Atkinson & Switzer.

MR. KEEFLER'S DEATH.

Mr. M. H. Keebler died at his home in Weston on Thursday morning last, aged 74 years. Deceased who formerly published the York Herald here, removed to Weston in 1890, where he started the Weston Times. The interment took place in the family plot in Mount Pleasant cemetery on Saturday. Mr. Keebler was a Conservative in politics and a member of the Church of England.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY.

Next Sunday anniversary sermons will be preached in Methodist church, Victoria Square at 2.15 and 7 p. m., by Rev. J. Vickery of Scarborough. On Monday, New Year's Day, the annual dinner will be served, and after dinner a lecture will be delivered by Rev. C. O. Johnston. Guitar solos and duets will be given by Miss Ethel Hilborn and Mr. A. P. Horner, Toronto. There will also be music by the Victoria Square choir. Tea served from 4 to 7. All will be made welcome, and all will be assured a good time.

"YE DEESTRICT SKULE"

A glance at the posters is enough to convince the most skeptical that there will be lots of fun at the Masonic Hall on New Year's Night when a local company will present "The District School," in aid of the Fire Brigade. There will be five scenes in the play as follows:

- Scene I.—Hiring of Teacher.
- Scene II.—Morning Session.
- Scene III.—Noon Work.
- Scene IV.—Afternoon Session.
- Scene V.—Examination Day.

A good musical programme will be furnished at intervals. Don't fail to be on hand in good time. Tickets, 25 and 15 cents.

S. S. ANNIVERSARY.

The friends of the Methodist Church, Thornhill, will hold their annual entertainment on January 1st and 2nd. On Sunday Rev. Peter Addison will preach at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. On Monday an oyster supper will be served from 5 to 8 p. m., after which an excellent programme will be rendered by the following popular talent:—Prof. J. H. Shepherd, elocutionist, Toronto; Miss Alice Fieldhouse, soloist, Toronto; Miss Jessie King, elocutionist, Toronto; Miss Frances Crosby, soloist, Unionville; Mrs. G. Lyons and a quartette from Weston; Rev. S. L. W. Harton and others, from Victoria University. Admission, adults, 25 cents; children, 15 cents.

A. O. U. W.

The following were on Tuesday elected officers of Ivy Lodge for the year 1899:—

- P. M. W., H. F. Hopper.
- M. W., I. Crosby.
- Foreman, W. T. Storey.
- Overseer, R. W. Glass.
- Guide, D. Hill.
- Recorder, R. E. Law.
- Treasurer, A. J. Hume.
- Receiver, F. McConaghy.
- I. W., W. H. Pugsley.
- O. W., T. F. McMahon.
- Trustees, W. A. Wright, W. H. Pugsley, T. F. McMahon.
- Auditors, Dr. Hutchison, W. H. Pugsley, W. A. Wright.
- G. L. Representative, A. J. Hume.
- Alternate, H. F. Hopper.

OYSTER SUPPER.

The Anniversary Services in connection with the Methodist Church, Hope, will be held as follows: on Sunday, Jan. 1st, Rev. G. W. Robinson, B. A. of Schomberg, will preach at 2.30 and 7 p. m. On Monday, Jan. 2nd, a grand oyster supper will be served in the school House from 4 to 7 p. m. Those not caring for oysters can have their choice of other meats including salmon and ham. A choice musical and literary entertainment, consisting of songs, glees, anthems, quartettes, recitations and short addresses will be given in the church after supper has been served. Besides local talent among others the following have been secured for the occasion: Mrs. Chas. Hudson, soprano soloist of Broadway Tabernacle, and Miss Emma Byam, elocutionist. The chair will be taken at 8 p. m. by Mr. W. J. Hill, M. P. P. Admission, adults, 30 cts; Children, 20 cts.

HIGH SCHOOL CLOSING.

The High School closed on Thursday afternoon for Christmas holidays. A short programme was given by the pupils as follows: A duet by Messrs. Johnston and Coombs; a recitation by Miss Bessie Nixon; speech by Roy Kirby; recitation by Mr. Johnston; reading by Harold Proctor; and a debate on "Resolved that a colonizing nation is justified in depriving barbarous nations of their lands." The affirmative was supported by Messrs. J. G. McDonald and C. Teasdale; and the negative was upheld by Messrs. E. Ball and J. Troyer. Capital speeches were made by all. The judges were Dr. Hutchison, Rev. Geo. McCulloch and Mr. Fred Harrison. They gave their decision in favor of the negative. Short congratulatory speeches were made by the judges and by Trustee Harrison. The chair was very creditably filled by one of the pupils, Mr. J. Atkinson. At the conclusion of the programme a collection was taken up in aid of the endowment of the School Children's Cot in the Sick Children's Hospital. The collection amounted to \$2.71.

ELECTED FOR ONE YEAR.

At the Regular meeting of Court Richmond, A. O. F. held on Friday evening, the following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing 12 months:—

- P. C. R., D. Hill.
- C. R., F. E. Sims.
- S. C. R., J. A. Wright.
- Treas., H. A. Nicholls.
- Secy., W. E. Wiley.
- S. W., W. C. Savage.
- J. W., R. J. Carson.
- S. B., W. Clifford.
- J. B., H. McKenzie.

Trustees, T. Newton, H. F. Hopper, T. Trench.

Auditors, R. Glass, T. Hicks, A. J. Hume.

Medical Officers, Drs. Langstaff and Hutchison. During the evening Bro. F. Sims, the Chief Ranger elect, was presented by the members with a Foresters' Pin and apron for valuable services rendered the court during the present year. Bro. Sims brought 11 new members into the court during the year. The presentation was made in behalf of the court by Bro. H. A. Nicholls.

METHODIST S. S.

Very able and appropriate anniversary sermons were preached in the Methodist church last Sunday in connection with the Sabbath School; in the morning by Rev. J. W. Stewart of Maple and in the evening by Rev. F. C. Keam of Thornhill. On the following evening a choice programme was given at the Christmas Tree entertainment in the school room of the Church. After singing Carnation Hymn and prayer by Rev. A. J. Paul the following very excellent programme was rendered to the satisfaction of the large audience which packed the hall:—

- Chorus by the children, Christmas Chimes.
 - Song, Mr. A. S. Savage, The Sailor.
 - Chorus, Sleighing Glee.
 - Address, Rev. G. McCulloch.
 - Solo, Miss Ethel Switzer, Palm Branches.
 - Chorus, Hurrah for Christmas.
 - Song, Mr. F. Redditt, After the Cross the Crown.
 - Song, Mr. E. Mason, The Cross of Gold.
 - Chorus, March Away.
 - Address, Mr. Wm. Harrison.
 - Chorus, Sing it out.
- A not uninteresting feature of the programme was a visit from Santa Claus who distributed presents by the hundred. The chair during the evening was occupied by Mr. A. J. Hume. The sum of 18.66 was taken at the door.

PRESBYTERIAN S. S.

A very enjoyable time was spent on Friday evening at the Presbyterian Sabbath School entertainment. The lecture room was well filled with the scholars, their parents and friends, some of whom came a long distance to enjoy the treat that had been prepared. Willing and diligent hands had been at work for days before, and the lecture room was tastefully decorated with evergreens. At the west end of the room a platform was erected, surrounded with a lovely arch, which did duty as a Christmas tree. Seated around the platform were the teachers and scholars who during the evening delighted the audience with songs, recitations and dialogues. Each part of the programme was admirably rendered; indeed it is seldom that one has the opportunity of listening to such an interesting and pleasing entertainment. We have no need to particularize; every one did his and her part well, but we cannot help referring to the "Good-Night Drill" performed by eight pretty maidens in a way which greatly delighted the audience. At the close of the literary part of the entertainment Santa Claus made his appearance, and in a very pleasing manner was welcomed by one of the scholars in the name of the school. He thanked the children for the kind reception, and at once began to distribute the presents that were suspended from the tree. For nearly an hour he was kept busy handling the gifts, which would have stocked a fair sized departmental store. Santa had something for old and young; dolls for the girls and jumping jacks for the boys, and last of all he pulled out from under the branches a big fat goose that had been roosting there for the parson. Mr. Wm. Innes, superintendent, made a model chairman, and Mr. Thos. Newton with his white locks and flowing beard as he trotted around with jingling bells made a lovely Santa Claus. Great praise is due to those who were instrumental in arranging such an entertainment.

MARRIAGES

CARECADDEN-NEILL.—At the Parsonage, Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, by the Rev. Geo. McCulloch, John Theophilus Carecadden of Temperanceville to Annie Louise Neill of Vaughan.

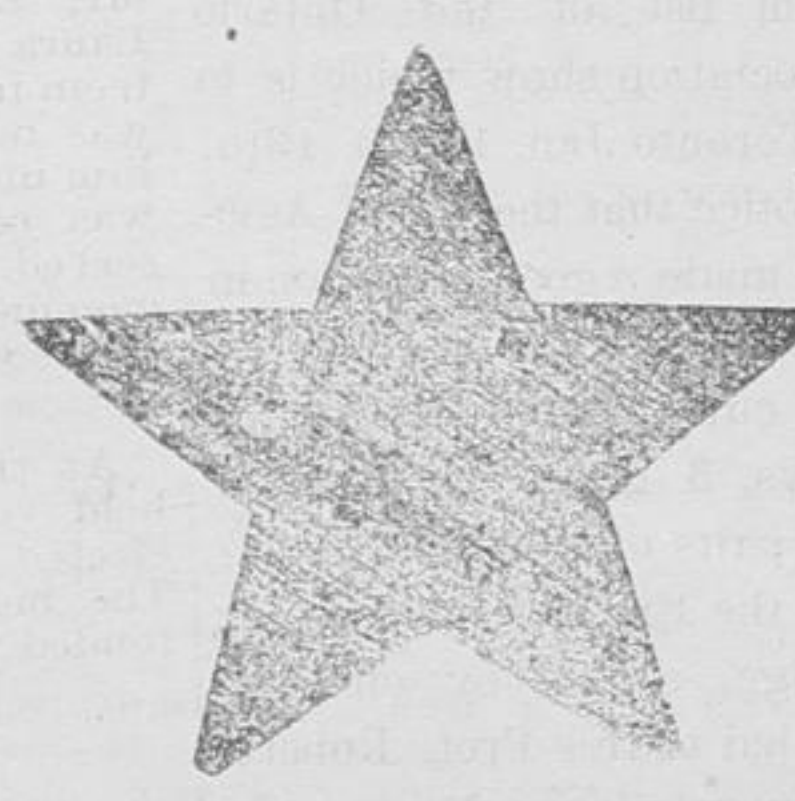
WANTED—SEVERAL TRUSTWORTHY persons in this state to manage our business in their own and nearby counties. It is mainly office work conducted at home. Salary straight \$300 a year, and expenses—debts, bonds, no more, no less salary. Monthly \$75. References. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. Herbert E. Hess, Pres., Dept. M. Chicago. 11-26

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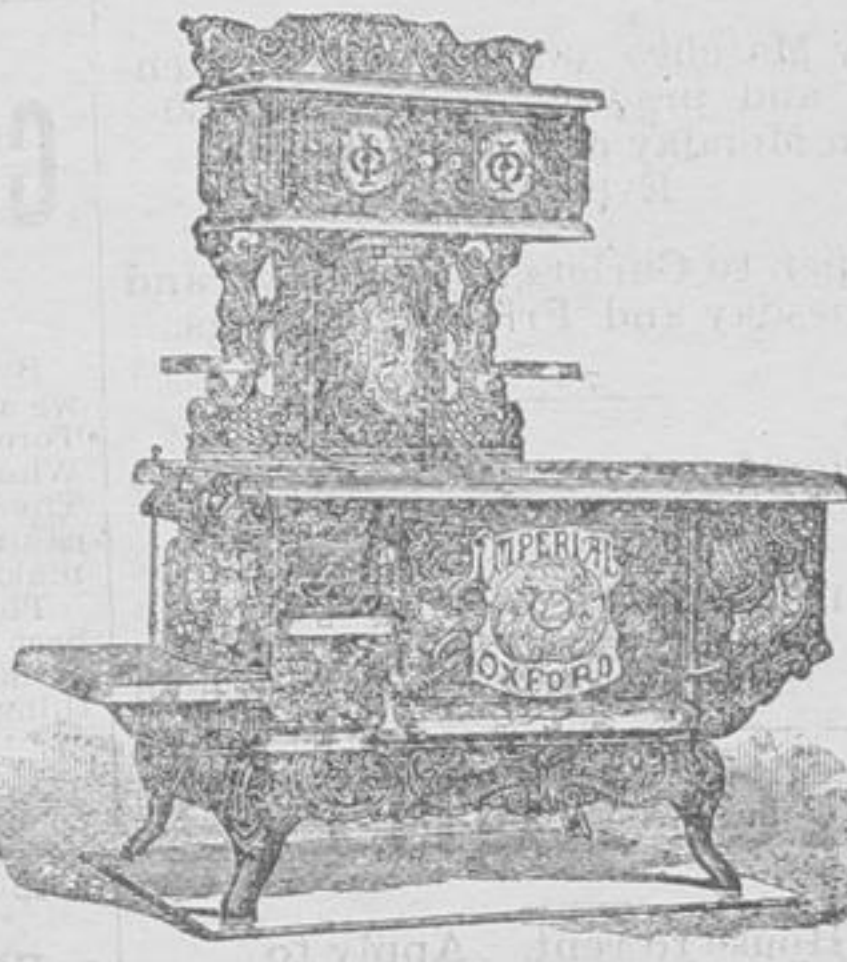
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