

LOCALS.

Mr. John Emeler of Woodbridge has purchased Mrs. Hogan's Hotel, King City, and purposes taking possession about the beginning of the New Year.

Hockey skates cheap at C. Mason's.

Don't fail to hear the Swiss Bell Ringers in the Masonic Hall on Saturday evening. General admission, 35 cents; reserved seats, 25 cents; children, 10 cents.

Roger's pocket knives cheap at C. Mason's.

At a meeting of the Board of Education held on Friday evening, a resolution was passed requesting the Secretary to prepare a statement for publication showing the present receipts and expenditure of the High School, and the probable extra tax on the village in case a third teacher is engaged.

A large assortment of pocket knives at C. Mason's.

As the rear of the Masonic Hall may be needed as a dressing room by the Eckardt Comedy Company during their entertainment, the Public Library will not be open for the exchange of books on Saturday evening of this week.

X-cut saws, axes and handles, all prices at C. Mason's.

The committee of management of the Board of Education are asking for tenders for about 25 cords of green hardwood, body wood, beech or maple, for the Richmond Hill schools. Tenders will be received on or before the 1st day of January next. Wood to be delivered by the end of February.

Canadian Almanacs, Pocket Diaries, Christmas cards, Picture books, and books of all kinds for sale at THE LIBRISTORE.

The annual Christmas Tree and Entertainment of the Victoria Square Sabbath School will be held in the church on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 23. Anniversary sermons will be preached on the following day at 2.15 and 7 p. m. For particulars see bills.

It is not too late to buy an Imperial range, lots of cold weather yet. C. Mason.

Between the first and second parts of the programme at the Public Library entertainment on Saturday evening, a quantity of Magazine Literature will be sold by auction. Put an extra 25 cent piece in your pocket and get some first-class reading matter at a very low cost.

If you want to buy a Christmas present, come and see Mason the Hardware man.

The annual meeting of the Markham Township Liberal Conservative Association will be held in Victoria Hall, Unionville, on Friday, the 15th inst., at 2 p. m., for the election of officers and the transaction of other business. Mr. W. F. Maclean, M. P., is expected to be present. All Conservatives invited.

White thibet fur trimming, 1 inch wide, 40c., 2 inch, 50c. per yd.; black thibet fur trimming, 75c., 90c. & \$1.05 a yard. Atkinson & Switzer.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. M. Storey next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The report of the delegates to the Provincial Convention held in Guelph will be given, and a most interesting time is expected. The members are requested to attend this meeting, and are urged to invite their friends to come with them.

Christmas—Fine selected raisins, cleaned currants, walnuts, almonds, at prices that will interest you. Cooking raisins, 5 cts. per lb. Naughton Bros., Elgin Mills.

In the sheep-killing case, Glass vs. Hulse, the decision is that the defendant pays half the amount of the claim, about \$65, and costs. By this it would seem that the magistrate found that the sheep were killed by the two St. Bernard dogs accused, but that only one of those dogs belonged to the Hulse estate.

Why not make a change and take home a pair of those heavy wool blankets for an Xmas gift. We have them at \$1.95, \$2.50, \$2.65, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50. Atkinson & Switzer.

The Weekly Sun of Toronto offers a splendid list of premiums to those who get up clubs. A watch is offered for ten subscriptions and a silver-plated tea set for forty subscriptions. Those who do not care to compete for a premium are offered liberal cash commissions. Send to the Sun Office for a full list of premiums and for all particulars as to terms.

A full range of men's and boys' neck scarves in cream with polka dot at 15c. and 25c.; silk and wool mixed at 50c.; and all silk at 75c., 95c. and \$1. Atkinson & Switzer.

The children of the Methodist Sabbath School, under the management of a competent committee, are practising almost every afternoon, and expect to present on Christmas Night a cantata, "Santa Claus Expected," which is unusually bright and interesting. The entertainment will be held in the auditorium of the church as a large crowd is expected.

The Annual Entertainment and Christmas Tree of the Presbyterian Sabbath School will be held in the School-Room on Friday evening, the 22nd inst. The entertainment, which will consist of songs, recitations and dialogues, will begin at half past seven, and the admission will be ten cents. The teachers and scholars are making every effort to make it a success, and will be pleased to see all their friends present.

Notice our large adv. on this page and in looking over the list see if there is not something that would please either yourself, your husband or your children for an Xmas gift. Atkinson & Switzer.

At the Epworth League next Friday evening a debate will be given on the subject, "Resolved that the present modes of raising money for church purposes are not conducive to spiritual development." The affirmative will be taken by Mr. Harrison and Mr. Johnston and the negative by Mr. McMahon and Mr. Storey. Also a choice programme of vocal and instrumental music is being prepared. Everybody is welcome to come and enjoy the programme.

Just to hand, another shipment of ladies' and gents' ties in all the new colorings in broche silks, &c., including all the latest shapes in flowing ends, English square, Windsorottes, four-in-hands, lombards and puffs, all made expressly for Xmas trade. Atkinson & Switzer.

VAUGHAN REFORMERS.

The annual meeting of the Vaughan Reform Association will be held in the Town Hall, Vellore, on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 2 p. m., for the election of officers and the transaction of other business. A full attendance is requested. Mr. W. J. Hill, M. P. P., is expected to be present.

For this week: 3 lbs. best selected raisins, 25c.; new cleaned currants, 8c.; imported peel, mixed, 20c. a lb.; new dates, 7c.; table figs, 15c.; connoisseur cluster raisins, 2 lbs. for 25c.; extra dessert clusters, 17c.; shelled almonds, 35c. lb.; mince meat, 9c. Atkinson & Switzer.

READING CIRCLE.

The Epworth League Reading Circle will hold their third meeting next Monday evening, Dec. 18, in the vestry of the Methodist church at 8.35 sharp. Mr. Fred Harrison and Miss Switzer will take up the subjects of study. The former fifty pages of "Marvels of Our Bodily Dwelling" commencing at page 122 and the latter "Among the Forces," from page 87 to 121. The meeting will close as before, promptly at 9.35. Members are urged to be present, but anyone taking an interest in the circle will be welcome. The two previous meetings have been very profitable and the meeting of December 4 had even a larger attendance than that of Nov. 20.

PRESENTATION.

A recent number of the Brandon Daily Sun gives an interesting account of a banquet tendered Mr. John McCague on the eve of his departure from Brandon to Vancouver, B. C. The recipient who appears to be a young man of sterling qualities, is a brother of Mr. Geo. A. McCague, Victoria Square, and Mr. Jas. McCague, Elgin Mills. During the evening Mr. McCague was presented with a handsome bible, and a number of the gentlemen who spoke referred to his good work as a citizen, in the Epworth League, and other departments of church work. His old friends here will be pleased to hear of Mr. McCague's well-merited popularity.

CHRISTMAS POUND OFFERING.

A committee from the W. M. S. will be in the school-room of the Methodist church next Wednesday afternoon, the 20th inst., from three to eight o'clock to receive the annual pound offerings which will be distributed among the needy of the village. Last year seventeen baskets were distributed thus carrying a little Christmas cheer to as many families. As the offerings are divided irrespective of denominations the committee hope that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to help those on whom this world's goods are not so plentifully bestowed. The year has been one of many blessings both temporal and spiritual and "What shall we render unto the Lord for all His goodness to us?" "Freely ye have received, freely give."

CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

The Methodist Sunday school of Richmond Hill intend celebrating their anniversary as follows:—On Sunday, Dec. 24, anniversary sermons will be preached to the children, at 10.30 a. m. by Rev. N. Wellwood, and at 7 p. m. by Rev. R. S. E. Large. On the evening of Christmas Day (Dec. 25) the school will give an entertainment in the church. The Brilliant Cantata, Santa Claus Expected, will be presented. This Operetta abounds in catchy music, sparkling dialogue and fancy costuming, and it is safe to say that for some years an entertainment of equal excellence has not been presented to the public. Special features are introduced, including the Boys' Drill, Parade of the Brownies, and a realistic production of "The Soldiers of the Queen," the whole to conclude with a visit from Santa Claus. A Committee will be at the church from 2 p. m. to receive articles for placing on the Christmas Tree. The church will be brilliantly illuminated and decorated for the occasion, and the committee of management assure every visitor of a pleasant evening. Come and be young with the children. Admission, 25 cents; Children 15 cents. Doors open at 7.30. Entertainment to commence at 8. Proceeds to be devoted to the Sabbath School Fund.

A. O. F. OFFICERS.

At the last meeting of Court Richmond, No. 7046, A. O. F., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

P. C. R., F. E. Sims.
C. R., Jas. A. Wright.
S. C. R., F. Grainger.
Treas., H. A. Nicholls.
Sec'y., W. E. Wiley.
S. W., Robt. Carson.
J. W., Thos. Trench.
S. B., Geo. Grainger.
J. B., Jno. Glass.
Trustees, Thos. Newton, H. F. Hopper and D. Hill.
Auditors, A. J. Hume, R. W. Glass, and Thos. Ludford.

TORONTO WESTERN HOSPITAL.

Invitations have been issued for the opening of the new Toronto Western Hospital, on the evening of Dec. 15th. The appearance of the building as shown on the lithographed invitation shows a very large and imposing institution, surrounded by trees and walks that suggest an ideal home for the invalid. The necessity of such an institution is well-known to all who have given the matter attention, and the names of the Board of Governors is sufficient guarantee that the Toronto Western Hospital will be kept up to a high standard of efficiency.

See the range of ladies' skirts in black crepon, well lined throughout, at \$2.75; better line, \$4.35; colored serge skirts at \$2.65, all cut in the latest pattern and extra well made. Atkinson & Switzer.

THE SWISS BELL-RINGERS.

If the above company who are to give an entertainment in the Masonic Hall on Saturday evening of this week, are as good as they are represented by the press wherever they have been, the Public Library, under whose auspices they are coming, will have reason to be proud of the company. The Leader and Recorder last week, referring to the entertainment at Schomberg, said: "Those of our citizens who availed themselves of listening to the Eckardt Family Swiss Bell-Ringers, in the Music Hall, Tuesday evening last, went away more than pleased with the evening's entertainment, which surpassed their most sanguine expectations. Considering the short announcement and cold weather, a large crowd greeted those famous and popular entertainers, who opened their programme with a band selection, following with a bell solo. 'Sweet Bunch of Daisies' was heartily encored. They also played 'Blue Bells of Scotland,' with violin accompaniment. The bell solos, 'Break the News to Mother' and 'Just Tell Them that you Saw Me,' were alone worth the price of admission to the lover of sweet music. The clever handling of the violin by Clifford and Miss Ethel, who played the instrument in 22 different positions, and changing from one to another without missing a note, is well worth seeing. Master Gordon and Bernard are also clever performers and beautiful singers. Justice can best be served by stating that every member of the family fills their position in a manner which ranks them as the best high-class entertainers."

H. S. ENTERTAINMENT.

The teachers and pupils of the High School are to be congratulated on the success of their modest and enjoyable entertainment given in the High School building on Friday evening. The programme as given in last week's LIBERAL was carried out to the letter, and, as advertised, the entertainment commenced at 8 o'clock sharp. The choruses by the school were well sung, and Miss Clubine, Miss Stevenson, and Miss Lynett were applauded after their vocal solos. Interesting papers were read by Miss Clark on "Birds," Mr. C. Wiley on "British Liberties," and Mr. F. Storey on "Canada," and these were all the more enjoyable when it was known that they had been prepared solely by themselves. The opening address was given by Mr. Roy Kirby, and later in the programme Mr. D. Derry and Mr. E. Newton contributed recitations. An essay containing much information on "Old Greek Life," was read by Mr. F. Harrison. That ever popular selection, Loch Lomond, was well rendered by Messrs. R. Farquharson, F. Johnston and J. H. Sanderson, and it is needless to say the "Three Old Boys" were forced to respond to an encore. The presentation of diplomas at the end of the first part of the programme gave variety to the entertainment, particularly as the four clergymen—Messrs. J. A. Grant, N. Wellwood, J. W. Stewart and F. C. Keam—who were called upon to perform this pleasant task, were in their happiest vein, and made the presentations, accompanied by bright and witty speeches. The room was packed to the doors, and many were forced to stand in the halls. The place was neatly decorated with flags and evergreens and looked well. The chair was ably filled by Mr. J. A. E. Switzer, and Miss Maud Clark acted as piano accompanist for the musicians. Much credit is due to all who assisted in the entertainment, but a very large share is merited by Mr. J. H. Sanderson who had charge of the musical part of the programme.

Vinegar Hill

Miss Gertrude Nelson is improving slowly after an operation last week. Miss Lizzie McCague has been away visiting for the last few weeks. Mrs. Geo. Baker has just returned from a visit to Toronto. Miss Carscadden of Temperanceville, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Neill. Mr. Geo. Forester has disposed of a valuable span of horses. Mr. and Mrs. Ground held a gathering of their many friends on Friday last.

Holiday News

Never before have we had such an excellent display of Holiday Goods. We have visited the markets and picked up the most chic and novel lines in foreign and domestic wares for the Xmas Trade, from cheap nic-nacs to the most expensive lines in Stippled Glassware, French China, &c. Do not leave your shopping until the last few days, as you have a better choice now than you will have then. Here are a few lines:

China

Heavy Stippled Cabrets, \$1.50.
Heavy Stippled Pudding Set, 3 pieces, \$1.75.
Heavy Stippled Celery Dishes, 70 cents.
Salad Bowls, 30c., 50c., and 75c.
Cups and Saucers, Fancy Plates, Bon-Bon Dishes, Cream and Sugar Sets, and hundreds of other small articles suitable for Xmas Gifts.

Children's Toys

This will be one of the special features in our Christmas display this year, as we have selected a large and well assorted stock of Toys for Children, such as Tops, Horns, Trumpets, Rattles, Boys' Tool Sets, Guns, Banks, Banjos, Tambourines, Hand-Organs, Jumping Jacks, Whistles, Games, Building Blocks, Noah's Arks, Child's Knife and Fork Sets, Girls' Tea Sets in powder and delf, and a large stock of Jointed Dolls, Kid Body Dolls, Cloth Body Dolls, Doll's Heads, &c.

Glassware

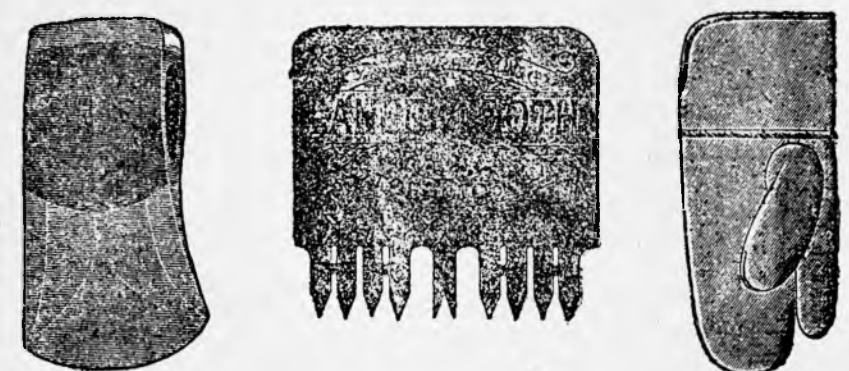
We have a choice line of new Glassware in Heavy Burnt Gold Patterns in Berry Sets, Ice Water Sets, Oil Bottles, Salt and Pepper Shakers, Ash Trays, and 4 piece sets. These goods are all imported lines, and are very choice.

Sterling Silver Goods

This week we have an excellent stock of Manicure pieces coming in, and will be prepared to give a guarantee with every piece. Nail Files with ebony handles and sterling silver mountings, Tooth Brushes, Letter Seals, Curling Tongs, &c. Remember these are only a few lines of the immense stock of goods suitable for Xmas Gifts that we are showing in connection with our holiday display this week. Watch our adv. next week for a special announcement for Xmas.

Atkinson & Switzer

WILKINS & CO.



SOLID STEEL AXES, best quality, only 65 cents.
HEAD LIGHT CROSS SAW, fully guaranteed the best saw in the market, only 50c. per foot.
RAZORS, first-class, hollow ground, only 50c. each.
ACCORDEONS, according to style and finish, \$1, \$1.50 and \$2 each.
WINTER MITTS, fully lined only 25 cts. pair.

WILKINS & CO.,

166 and 168 King St. East, 3 doors west of George Street, Toronto.

RICHMOND HILL Boot and Shoe Store.

ROBERT SIVERS

Takes this opportunity of thanking his friends and customers for their liberal patronage during the last year, and to the firm for the last forty-five years. Time has made its customary changes, and as the Credit System is amongst them, I have decided from the 17th of November, 1899 doing

A Strictly Cash Business.

I hope to see my old customers and to make the acquaintance of many new ones and if reliable goods, and close prices, honest dealings, and courteous treatment will do it, it will be done. So give us a call. No trouble to show goods.

Men's custom work a specialty. Repairs neatly and promptly done. Wishing you all happiness and hoping to share in your general prosperity.

I Remain Faithfully Yours

ROBERT SIVERS,