

LOCALS.

A Joyful Christmas and a New Year of Happiness to all readers and friends of THE LIBERAL.

Hockey skates cheap at C. Mason's.

The next sitting of Division Court will be held here on the 11th of next month. The last day of December will be the last day for service.

We are striving industriously to hold our preference. Atkinson & Switzer.

Don't fail to attend the entertainment in the Methodist church Christmas night. The programme promises to give good satisfaction.

Holiday happiness here. Atkinson & Switzer.

The High and Public schools will close to-day, Thursday, for the Christmas holidays, and will re-open on Wednesday, the 3rd of January.

Christmas cheerfulness here. Atkinson & Switzer.

The Cantata to be presented in the Methodist church on Christmas night has never yet been given in this section of country. The music is first class, and from all accounts a rich treat is in store for those who attend.

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

If the weather is favorable the Thornhill skating rink will be opened on Saturday evening, Dec. 23rd, and also on Christmas day. Thornhill band in attendance.

A discouraged purse can cut a great stroke in our holiday goods department. Atkinson & Switzer.

At the Annual meeting of Markham township Conservatives held at Unionville on Friday Mr. Robert Ash was elected president, and Mr. W. H. Stiver, jr., Secretary. Speeches were made by Mr. W. F. Maclean, M. P., Mr. T. L. Church and Mr. W. H. Hail.

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

The Thornhill Methodist Sabbath School will hold their anniversary on Sunday and Monday, Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st. Mr. David Plews, of Toronto, will preach morning and evening at the usual hours. On Monday an oyster supper will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., after which an excellent literary and musical programme will be given. For particulars see bills.

Connoisseur cluster raisins, 15c. per lb.; Dehesa clusters, 18c. lb. Atkinson & Switzer.

Remember, you can get the Weekly Sun of Toronto and Family Herald (including premium pictures) for \$1.25; Sun and Weekly Globe, Witness, or Western Advertiser, for \$1, and Sun and this paper for \$1.40. Send to Sun Office, Toronto, for four successive sample copies of that paper. They will be sent free of charge.

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

A public meeting for the nomination of candidates for the office of reeve and four councillors will be held in the Council chamber to-morrow, Friday, at the hour of noon. During the hour between 12 and 1, nominations will also be taken for three Public school trustees for the Union School Section. All ratepayers who can do so should attend the nomination meeting.

Mixed nuts, almonds, filberts, Brazils, walnuts, peanuts, 15c. lb. Atkinson & Switzer.

The League service on Friday evening will be in keeping with the spirit of the time of the year. Passages of Scripture from the prophets and the gospels relating to the birth of our Saviour will be quoted by different members of the League, and two essays will be read, the subjects of which are, "The Babe of Bethlehem" and "Glory to God in the Highest." All are invited to come and enjoy this Christmas service.

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

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.

A pair of nice, warm blankets is a splendid present for mother. Look at the blankets Atkinson & Switzer offer.

UNDER TWO FLAGS.

The above play, which is one of the most popular on the boards, will be presented by the teachers and students of the Dramatic School of the Toronto College of Music, under the auspices of the Richmond Hill Fire Brigade, in the Masonic hall, on New Year's night. Full particulars will be given by posters in a day or two.

Ladies' fancy combs, embroidered and lace trimmed handkerchiefs, fancy purses, fine value at Atkinson & Switzer's.

BANK AT LAST.

The Standard Bank of Canada, with head office in Toronto, will open a branch here on or about the 1st of February in the Grand Central building, which has been secured for a term of years. As the Standard is one of the leading banks, we bespeak for them the hearty co-operation and endorsement by the banking public. Mr. Nicholls will at once engage in extensive alterations in the building to fit it for the reception of its new occupants.

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

DEATH OF W. E. BROWN.

Word comes to hand of the death of Mr. W. E. Brown, a former assistant in the High school. A letter from a friend states that the funeral from his father's home at St. John's West, in the Niagara District, was unusually large, and profound sorrow was felt for the loss of one who was taken away in the prime of life. While here Mr. Brown was loved by his pupils and he was highly respected as a citizen.

Best Elme figs, 15c. lb.; Golden dates, 34 lbs. for 25c.; butter scotch, 12c. lb.; Globe chocolates, 20c. lb. Atkinson & Switzer.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The joint Ladies' Aid Society of the Lutheran churches of Buttonville and Unionville met at the home of Mrs. D. Quantz, Buttonville, on Thursday, December 14, 1899. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The resignation of Miss Ella D. Eckardt as secretary was accepted, and Miss Azala Elliott was elected secretary for the balance of the year. The ladies decided to hold an open social in January at the home of Mrs. George Summerfeldt, Con. 6, Markham Township. The social will be held on the third Thursday of the month, unless otherwise ordered. The ladies adjourned to meet on Thursday, January 18, 1900. ELLA D. ECKARDT, Sec.

A nice, round dollar will go a long way this season for holiday gifts, if you use it judiciously at Atkinson & Switzer's.

MR. JOHN LAUDER'S DEATH.

Mr. John Lauder, an old and respected resident of York, died at his home, Lawton avenue, Deer Park, on Tuesday, at 4 o'clock. Mr. Lauder, who had passed four score years, was a native of Upperward, Lanarkshire, Scotland, and came to Canada with his parents in 1838, settling in Scarborough township, his father being a successful farmer. Mr. Lauder carried on farming and was also successful. Twenty years ago he retired and took up his residence in Deer Park. Mr. Lauder had many friends and was known for his kindness and hospitality. He leaves behind him three sons and one daughter, all grown up. He was a staunch Presbyterian and in politics a Liberal.

Cheer for the cheerful at this season of good cheer. Atkinson & Switzer's grocery is fairly blooming with holiday attire.

A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the Christmas number of The Varsity, an unusually interesting journal published by the students of the University of Toronto. The number to hand contains 40 pages, and the contents embrace articles from many of the ablest writers in the province. There are also valuable contributions from Canadians who are now residing in the United States. The Varsity is always interesting to those of a literary turn of mind, and the articles will probably be read with more relish by many of our citizens when it is known that the editor-in-chief is Mr. A. H. R. Fairchild, who is well and favorably known here.

Boots and Shoes—We are showing wonderful value in foot-wear, both in rubber and leather goods. Boys' and girls' school boots a specialty. Naughton Bros., Elgin Mills.

TEACHER ENGAGED.

The Board of Education met Monday afternoon to consider applications for the position of teacher in the second department of the Public school. The Board had inserted an advertisement in the daily papers for a teacher whose qualifications were not to be lower than a second class professional, and salary not to exceed \$275. Fifty-one applications were received, and after a careful reading the choice fell on Miss Sara Dobbie, of Niagara Falls, Ont., at the salary named. The new appointee has had experience as a teacher, she has a first class professional certificate, and among her testimonials was one from the Hon. R. Harcourt, the present Minister of Education.

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a nice dinner, would it? All the delicacies of the season are to be found at Atkinson & Switzer's.

THE JANUARY NUMBER

of the Delinquent, which is called the Century number, begins the fifty-fifth volume, and it exhibits a marked advancement in many details. There is, as usual, a complete presentation of the season's fashionable modes, a varied selection of brilliant literary features, and a generous amount of general household matter. Conspicuous among the literary articles is "An Affair of Violets," by Harriet Riddle Davis, a delightful story of happy results following the tragic ending of a young woman's efforts in a business venture. In this number also is presented the first of a series of practical papers on "Children and Their Ills," by Dr. Grace Peckham Murray.

We have been very fortunate in securing the beef which took first prize at the Fat Stock Show in Guelph last week. Call and see it. We have also for sale a large stock of poultry. Come and have a look at it and you will be convinced that we have the finest display of Christmas beef and poultry ever seen in Richmond Hill! Prices right. Glass & Co.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Quite a goodly number attended the Epworth League meeting on Friday evening. Mr. W. Trench occupied the chair and read the Scripture lesson. During the evening solos were sung by Rev. Mr. Large and Miss Ethel Switzer, and a duet was given by Mr. J. H. Sanderson and Mr. W. T. Storey. Another feature of the evening was a debate on the subject, "Resolved, that the present modes of raising money for church purposes are not conducive to spiritual development." The affirmative was taken by Messrs. W. Harrison and F. J. Johnston, and the negative by Messrs. T. F. McMahon and W. T. Storey. Rev. N. Wellwood and Mr. W. A. Wright, with Mr. W. Trench as umpire, sat as a bench of judges, and after due deliberation gave the decision in favor of the affirmative.

VICTORIA SQUARE.

The members and friends of the Sabbath School, Victoria Square, intend holding their Xmas entertainment on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 23rd, when the cantata "Santa Claus Entertained" will be given by the school. Instead of the old fashioned Xmas tree, the committee have decided to have a Ferris Wheel on which the presents will be placed. Rev. N. Wellwood will occupy the chair. Admission, adults, 15 cents; children, 10 cents. Doors open at 7; chair taken at 7:30. On Sunday, Dec. 24, sermons will be preached at 2:30 and 7 p. m. by Rev. N. Wellwood. At the afternoon service the school will occupy the platform and will give a special Xmas Exercise entitled "Israel's Promised Day," consisting of choruses, duets, solos, recitations and responsive readings. The committee are sparing no pains to make these services interesting and profitable to all.

VAUGHAN REFORMERS.

The annual meeting of the Vaughan Reform Association was held in the Town Hall, Vellore, on Tuesday, Dec. 19th. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Roger Harvey, Purpleville; 1st Vice-President, R. M. Hadwen, Teston; 2nd Vice-President, Wm. Dunn, Edgely; Sec'y, Wm. McDonald, Purpleville; Treas., John McKinnon, Vellore. Chairman for the several sub-divisions are as follows:—No. 1, W. H. Cluhine, Thornhill; 2, J. S. McNair, Richmond Hill; 3, Wm. Dunn, Edgely; 4, W. Thomas, Maple; 5, J. A. Stevenson, Pine Grove; 6, Jno. McGilivray, Purpleville; 7, W. Wood, Jr., Elder's Mills; 8, Wm. Thomas, Tommore. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. W. J. Hill, the Local Member for the riding; Mr. A. B. Rise of Toronto Junction; and County Councillor G. W. High. There was a good attendance from every part of the township, every sub-division being represented. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the retiring secretary, Mr. Frank Smith, for his good work during the past ten years.

THE BELL RINGERS.

The Eckardt Family gave an interesting entertainment in the Masonic Hall on Saturday evening. The hall was comfortably filled, and the proceeds amounted to \$34.65. Every one of the six members of the family is a natural musician, and the various selections which they gave on Saturday evening were well received. The violin playing by several members of the company was cleverly executed, but probably the greatest treat to a majority of those present was the Swiss bell ringing. The music produced by the bells of various sizes is delightful, and the ear is never offended by a false or harsh note. Several songs given during the evening were well rendered, and the comedy presented was harmless and enjoyable. The performers were most anxious to please their audience, and there was not an objectionable number in the programme. Between the first and second parts of the programme about 30 volumes of good magazine literature were disposed of by auction, Mr. J. T. Saigeon acting as auctioneer. The bidding was lively, and \$5.20 was netted for the Public Library from the sale of the magazines. The Public Library's share of the door receipts was \$13.86, less the rent of hall.

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.

Trying to Think What you Want for Christmas?

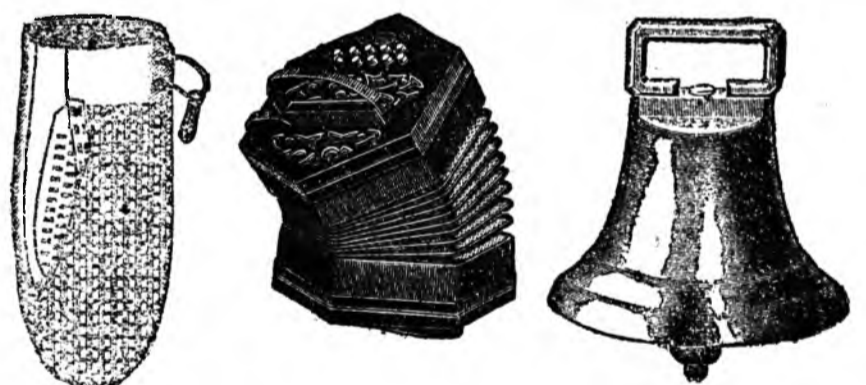
Come to our big store, Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, and let us help you think. We have everything, and its easy to think of what you want when you see it. We want to show these Christmas Goods anyway, so come along. The goods are desirable in quality and quantity and the prices are alluring.

We Want to See Everybody have a Merry Xmas

and a Christmas is not merry unless we have pretty clothes, stylish hats, etc., and can make our friends happy with gifts. You might say we are the Happiness Supply House. We have everything to make you and your friends happy. Our Christmas Goods are exceptionally fine in quality and so full of value at the little prices. Let us help you to some of our happiness.

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HORSE BLANKETS at 40c., 50c., 75c. and \$1 each.
WINTER MITTS, fully lined, at 25c., 50c. and 60c. each.
SLEIGH BELLS, 15c., 20c. and 25c. each.

CONCERTINAS, 75c., \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 each

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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