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#### Richmond Hill and Vicinity

##### Weddings and Wakes

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL

A number of years ago there came into our village a beautiful girl of about fifteen summers, a perfect stranger to all our people. She was of a prepossessing demeanor her sedate manner and amiable way of speaking to those around her, won for her the sympathy of all who were disposed to be kind to strangers.

For reasons best known to herself she gave an assumed name, by which she was always known among us. Her real name and the place she came from we never knew. The only reason for her singular appearance in our village was that she desired to live a religious life, and that she was seeking the way.

Sufficiently communicative on any other subject, she was reticent as to her antecedents, and her first reply would always settle the inquisitive. Independent and self-reliant she had no desire to be a burden on others. She had resolved to maintain herself, and requested a position as servant in some respectable family. This was secured her by those who were interested in her welfare. A position which she filled with great satisfaction, performing her duties in a quiet unassuming manner.

Her first Sabbath out was spent in the Methodist Church—she became a scholar in the Sabbath School and was exceedingly attentive. She soon manifested that her statement in reference to her search for religion was a serious one, for she early became an anxious enquirer and a diligent seeker after an experience that would give her the peace and joy she sought. In the Sabbath School under the instruction of a kind and faithful teacher and the pious counsel of a christian lady, she was pointed to the way of salvation. With a heart full of love to the Saviour and with a countenance lit up with joy, she often testified before the members of the church in our religious services that she had found what she had long sought. The young girl remained in our village several months and her exemplary conduct was such that it left no doubt as to the sincerity of the profession she made.

From Richmond Hill she went to Toronto in search of another situation. Acting on the advice of a friend she applied at the residence of a well-known photographer who was in search of an housekeeper. The gentleman answered the ring of the door-bell himself, and was evidently startled when his eyes fell on the face of his fair applicant. Controlling himself he listened to her request for employment, invited her in and gave her the situation. It was soon seen that the gentleman was remarkably interested in his young housekeeper. She was sent to school where she studied in earnest to make up for lack of previous opportunity, and made rapid proficiency. He then sent her abroad for further accomplishments, and ultimately made her his wife.

The secret cause of all this interest in this strange and beautiful girl was that several years before in some far northern village the artist had taken her photograph when she was quite a little child. Attracted by its innocent beauty from the negative he had finished a picture for himself, hung it in his studio, admired it until his admiration had warmed into love, and his thoughts were continually going out after one whom he knew must now be approaching womanhood. When the object of his many thoughts stood at his own door and applied for a position in his own house, he recognized her, took her in, fitted her for the responsibility and made her mistress of his own home.

Our heroine became a member of one of the leading city churches—lived a life of piety and usefulness as a member of various organizations for the benefit of the church and the relief of the distressed.

Surrounded by all that wealth could procure, residing in a palatial residence, and in the midst of prosperity, she was not forgetful of the past, but when the opportunity offered visited our village, called upon and expressed her gratitude to those who had befriended her when friendless—a stranger in a strange place.

But her days were few. Not all the comforts of a luxurious home, nor all the skill that wealth could obtain, could prolong a life wrapped up in a constitution naturally frail in which, perhaps, the seeds of disease had long been sown. To the grief of all surrounding her it was found that she was early marked for the grave. Death laid its imprint on her fair brow, but her countenance still retained its loveliness, and the beauty of her face radiated as on it rested the glow of resignation to the Divine Will.

She was under the pastoral care of the late Rev. S. J. Hunter, who administered to her the consolations of the gospel in the dying hour. Some time after the rev. gentleman told the

writer that in all his experience as a minister, in death-bed scenes, as he stood in the room of that dying christian, looking upon her face radiant with peace, and listened to her happy expressions in anticipation of the joy that awaited her, he never felt so near heaven, for he fancied that he could almost hear the flutter of angel wings as they waited to bear the spirit of the dying saint from earth to the realms above.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

##### Overseers of Highways.

The following are the overseers of highways for Vaughan township appointed at the last meeting of the Council:—

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 F. Jackes        | 47 Chas Farr        |
| 2 Geo. Smith       | 48 John Kerr        |
| 3 I. Reaman        | 49 Roger Harvey     |
| 5 J. Haffey        | 50 A. McMurchie     |
| 6 J. S. McNair     | 51 J. Brown, sen.   |
| 7 J. Neill         | 52 Geo. Elliott     |
| 8 John Page        | 53 Chas. Balmer     |
| 9 Geo. Schell      | 54 C. Thompson      |
| 10 M. Boyle        | 54a Wm. Watson, jr. |
| 11 Alf. Rumble     | 55 D. Elder         |
| 12 W. J. Morton    | 56 Geo. Arnold      |
| 13 H. Wilson       | 57 S. McDonald      |
| 14 H. Casely       | 58 T. Monkman       |
| 15 M. Farrell      | 58a S. Hilliard     |
| 16 A. E. Keffer    | 59 Jas. Sloan       |
| 17 G. Reaman       | 60 W. Parr          |
| 18 A. Patterson    | 61 J. Ellerby       |
| 19 H. Rumble       | 62 J. Duck          |
| 20 J. Savage       | 63 John Beamish     |
| 21 J. Duncan       | 64 J. Kersey        |
| 22 J. Burkholder   | 65 Wm. Smith        |
| 23 J. Williams     | 66 W. McGillivray   |
| 24 D. Watson       | 67 W. H. Howland    |
| 25 Wm. Grice       | 67a W. Muller       |
| 26 J. R. Campbell  | 68 G. Hemphill      |
| 26a R. Watson      | 69 R. Selkirk       |
| 27 J. Sherman      | 70 I. Weatherill    |
| 28 D. McMillan     | 71 W. Mamprize      |
| 29 F. Clarkson     | 72 H. Creighton     |
| 30 W. Anderson     | 73 R. Kellam        |
| 31 Wm. Kinnee      | 74 A. Patterson     |
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| 34 A. Diceman      | 77 Wm. Thomas       |
| 35 A. Cameron      | 78 A. Mitchell      |
| 36 Jnc. Devins, sr | 79 T. Smyth, jr.    |
| 37 Geo. Gordon     | 80 J. Mitchell      |
| 38 Chas. McNeil    | 81 J. McLean, jr    |
| 39 D. McKinnon     | 82 N. Chapman       |
| 40 Geo. Murray     | 83 W. McCutcheon    |
| 41 W. Diceman      | 84 A. Dalziel       |
| 42 W. Harvey       | 85 John Train       |
| 43 H. Whitmore     | 86 I. Fletcher      |
| 44 R. Topper       | 86a C. Cameron      |
| 45 J. Kaiser       | 87 J. Nattress      |
| 46 Ed. Jarrett     | 88 P. Phillips      |

##### Maple

Last Sunday morning in the Methodist Church Miss Cason, of the Deaconess Home, Toronto, gave an address on the work of that Society, and in the evening she spoke in the interest of the Woman's Missionary Society.

The closing concert of the Literary Society will be held on Wednesday evening. An interesting feature of the meetings during the winter has been the reading of the "Spectator," a paper edited by several of the members. The poems and other articles indicate considerable latent talent, which, if developed, might be used to great advantage. The local hits have been also quite amusing.

The teachers of the Public School are attending the convention in Toronto.

Mrs. A. Killough and family and Mrs. D. Cameron left here on Tuesday for the North West.

Mrs. W. Richardson and Mrs. J. Parry of Toronto, were visiting friends in the village last week.

Among those who spent Good Friday here were Mr. F. Rumble, Mr. Harry Matthews and Mr. D. McCutcheon of Toronto.

Miss Black of Orillia, who has been visiting her friend, Miss Byam, returned home on Tuesday.

##### Thornhill.

At the last regular meeting of Patterson Lodge, No. 265, A. F. & A. M., held on the 12th inst., the officers and brethren presented W. Bro. J. E. Francis with a Past Master's Jewel as an acknowledgement of his valuable services to Patterson Lodge. The presentation was made by Bro. John Drury in a neat address, of which the following is a part:

WORSHIPFUL BRO. FRANCIS,—I see by the register that it is just ten years since you were admitted into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry and became a member of this lodge. From that time by your enthusiasm and work in the lodge you advanced step by step, till in 1895-96 you held the responsible and honorable office of W. M., which position you filled with credit to the lodge and honor to the Master.

It is evident to the older brethren, to each new member as he enters our portals, and to visiting brethren who assemble with us from time to time, that you have always had the welfare of your mother lodge nearest and dearest your heart. You were one of

the lights who kept the fires burning on that altar when otherwise they would have died out, and Patterson Lodge would long since have dropped from the annals of Freemasonry. Not so. Thanks to you and your brethren we find to-day that our lodge—yes, Patterson Lodge—is one of the most energetic and flourishing lodges in the jurisdiction.

Nor have your efforts been restricted to this lodge in particular, but extended to the whole craft. On several occasions you have represented us at Grand Lodge, and each time you worked for the preservation of our ancient traditions and the advancement of Freemasonry.

As a brother you have never forgotten to practise the fundamental principles of our order. Though I am a young member and not far advanced in the science, I feel that I am supported in my remarks by every brother among us. Knowing this and in obedience to the command of the W. M., with the good wishes of the officers and brethren, present you with this Jewel, as a slight token of our high admiration we have for you as a man and a Mason, and I am sure you will always wear and consider it as such. May you live for many years to wear this significant emblem on your breast and to see further fruits of your labor in the future progress which we all feel is in store for Patterson Lodge.

W. Bro. Francis, in a few remarks filled with emotion, expressed his surprise at the manifestation of appreciation of his feeble efforts, and his best wishes for the success of the lodge.

##### Victoria Square

A special collection was taken up at the Sabbath school on Sunday for the India Famine Fund. The proceeds amounted to about \$15.00.

Lorne Perkins is laid up with a sore foot. We hope he will soon recover.

Roy Nelson is spending his Easter holidays with his brother Melville, at Valentyne.

Mr. Leonard Klink of the Agricultural College, Guelph, and Mr. John Tran of Altona are spending their Easter holidays at home.

The rifle club had a very exciting shoot on Saturday. The following prizes were given for the shooting. First Class—W. Scott, one box of primers; J. Lever, one pound of powder. Consolation of first class—G. Brown, one-half pound of powder. Second Class—A. Quantz, one box of primers; C. McKenzie, one pound of powder. Consolation of second class—W. Capel, one-half pound of powder. The scores of the shoot are as follows:

	Score	Tl
W. Scott	90	100
J. Lever	76	106
G. Forester, jr.	74	100
C. P. Read	72	100
R. Agar	68	100

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**25th day of April, 1900.**

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