

LOCALS.

Quarterly meeting of Court Richmond to-morrow evening.

Mr. J. E. Rowland spent Christmas Day at his home at Newcastle.

Mr. R. Moodie is home from St. Mary's for a month or two.

Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Paul and son are visiting at Mr. C. Mason's.

Rev. J. H. More preached anniversary sermons at Whitevale last Sunday.

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Miss Beulah Brydon who spent the past season in Warton is home for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sylvester Savage have gone to Aylmer to spend Christmas week.

Mr. E. G. Savage, our esteemed Reeve, will be at home New Year's afternoon.

Mr. Peter Ellis will be returning office for the West York bye-election, January 15.

Mr. J. E. Ellis of Essex Centre is spending a few days with his cousin Mrs. Isaac Crosby.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Johnston of Orillia are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Switzer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sanderson and Miss Linford went to Wardsville Saturday for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. M. Storey is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Proctor in Barrie, and Miss Mae Storey has gone to Woodstock for a week.

Mr. Hugh McConaghy of Boston, U. S., youngest son of Mr. Francis McConaghy, was on Christmas Day married to Miss Lily Priest of the city of Hamilton.

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The Fire Brigade have decided to change the proposed concert for a carnival in the pink New Year's night of which notice will be given by posters.

Mr. S. M. Brown having sold his property at Victoria Square has taken a house here and purposes residing in our village permanently.

The following are among those who spent Christmas with relatives or friends here; Mr. F. Redditt and Mr. W. T. Storey, Barrie; Mr. and Mrs. R. Walker and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. Savage and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Duany, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McConaghy, Mr. C. McConaghy, Mr. A. Kirkland, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wiley and daughter, Miss Ethel Wiley, Mr. Thos. Hicks, Toronto.

PUBLIC MEETING.

A joint public meeting for West York election will be held in the Masonic Hall on Friday evening of this week. Mr. Arch. Campbell, Mr. T. F. Wallace and others will deliver addresses. Chair taken at 8 o'clock.

HORSES WANTED.

Mr. W. K. Harkness of 196 McCaul St., Toronto, will be at the Palmer House to purchase Army Horses from 14-3 to 15-14, age from 5 to 10 years old, sound and in good condition, Thursday, Jan'y 2.

ATTEND THE NOMINATION.

It is to be hoped our citizens generally will attend the nomination for reeve, councillors and school trustees next Monday. If there is any complaint against those whom we have previously elected let it be made known and if any citizen has any suggestions to make about future improvement Monday will be a good time to make them.

PROMOTIONS.

The following is the result of the promotion examinations in the Richmond Hill Public School. Names arranged in order of merit:

From Part II to Junior II—Wesley Palmer, Jos. Jewett, Kathleen Innes, Constance Smith, Janet McDonald, Myrtle Smith, Alice Storey, Albert Jewett, Jennie McLeod, John Teel.

From Junior III to Senior III—Alex. McConaghy, Fred Sisley, Nora McMahon, Murray Storey, Muriel Brydon, Victor Brown and Elsie Palmer, equal.

NEW YEAR'S SERVICE.

The Epworth League will hold a New Year's Service on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Programme:

Hymn 352.
Prayer.
Scripture lesson, Psalms xc.
Solo, Miss Annie Glass.
Hymn 319.
Address, "Retrospect, Introspect, Prospect of Christianity in Relation to the Nations," by Mr. Fred J. Johnston, M. A.
Solo, Miss Mary Trench.
Prayer.
Hymn 317.
Dismissal.

FISHER—WAKEFIELD.

Yesterday afternoon a pleasant company met at the residence of Mr. John Wakefield Yonge St. to witness the marriage of his daughter Margaret to Mr. John Fisher. The Rev. J. A. Grant performed the ceremony, the groom was attended by Mr. Joseph Wakefield and Miss Edith Oliver waited on the bride. After the marriage service the guests partook of the wedding dinner at which Mr. Grant proposed the health of the newly married couple, which was heartily responded to.

ANNIVERSARY.

Anniversary services in connection with Hope Methodist Church will be held on Sunday, Dec. 29. Rev. J. W. Stewart of Eglinton, will preach at 2.30 and 7 p. m. A free-will offering will be taken up at each service. On New Year's Day a concert will be held, when Rev. C. O. Johnston of Toronto, will deliver his celebrated lecture, "Seven Different People of Whom You are One." The lecture will be supplemented by selections from Mrs. (Dr.) Sisley, Miss Hazel McBride, Mr. Geo. Elder, Mrs. G. W. Nixon and Mr. J. Wilson. Rev. W. G. Back and G. W. Robinson are expected to deliver addresses. Admission 25 and 15 cents.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

On Monday evening the Lecture Room of the Presbyterian Church was crowded, it being the Christmas entertainment of the Sabbath School. Mr. Wm. Innes, the superintendent, ably discharged the duties of the chair, while the scholars pleasantly rendered an excellent programme. Great credit is due to the teachers and the ladies who in the short time at their disposal arranged such a pleasing entertainment. When the literary part of the programme was finished, Santa Claus, in the person of Mr. George Sims, who did his part well, distributed to the scholars and friends the many presents that laden the tree that had been planted on the platform. As usual the superintendent and pastor were remembered, a large turkey being presented to each of them.

AFTER 35 YEARS.

On Wednesday, 18th Dec., a very interesting event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sheardown, it being the occasion of the thirty-fifth anniversary of their wedding day. The dining-room was decorated with Chinese lanterns, where a good spread had been provided. The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Sheardown and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Miss Minnie Sheardown and Mr. Jas. Chamberlin, of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wellman, Victoria Square; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Sheardown, Mrs. Breedon and family and Miss Beamish, of Bolton; Mr. and Mrs. Mapes, Headford; Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coombs and Master Verrill Coombs, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Chamberlin, Misses Maud and Ollie Chamberlin, Lily and Carl Chamberlin, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Mapes and Mrs. Tiffin, of Richmond Hill; Mr. John Chamberlin, Newton Brook. The company retired early in the evening, after having spent a pleasant time.

LESLIE'S POPULAR MONTHLY.

This January number is unusually fortunate in its fiction. Ian MacLaren breaks his long silence by contributing one of his exquisite little sketches, "The Vision of the Soul," while Hamlin Garland tells an Indian tale in his best vein, a story which has been elaborately illustrated in colors. In several other stories, notably those by Ralph Henry Barbour, and E. S. Chamberlayne, the humorous predominates, while Miss Marion Hill's story, "In Honor of the Infant," combines a delicious sense of the ludicrous with a half unconscious pathos that comes from a perfect understanding of childhood. Among the more serious articles in this number is a striking character sketch of Chief Arthur, of the Locomotive Engineers, the single permanent leader of labor in this country, and Senator Tilman's successful defence of his plan for the solution of the liquor problem. Readers who are looking for less serious entertainment will be much diverted by the autobiography of David Watfield, an actor who has the rare credit of contributing a new character to the American drama.

DEATH OF MR. PARKER CROSBY.

On Tuesday at noon there passed away one of our oldest and most highly esteemed citizens in the person of Mr. Parker Crosby J. P., for many years a resident of this place. Deceased was for many years in business in which by industry and fair dealing he won the confidence of the public and was most successful. He was born in Cumberland, England, on the 2nd of February, 1816, and came to this country 57 years ago. He lived for a short time in Toronto and then moved to Eglinton where he resided for about three years. He then moved to Machell's Corners (Aurora) where he kept a general store for three or four years. Next he removed to Thornhill where he did business in the hollow. In the Spring of 1855 he came to Richmond Hill and purchased the McPherson store which he occupied until burned out in 1863 when he built the substantial brick store known as The Fire Proof. A couple of years afterwards he retired from active business pursuits in favor of his son Mr. Issac Crosby, and lived a quiet and easy life for the remainder of his days. The funeral will take place from his late residence to-morrow (Friday) afternoon, at 2.30 to the village cemetery, where he will be laid to rest beside the partner of his life who preceded her husband about twelve years ago.

XMAS TREE.

The Christmas Tree and Entertainment given in the School Room of the Methodist Church last evening was most enjoyable from beginning to end. The excellent programme consisted of twenty numbers, and the solos, recitations, choruses, patriotic drills, and motion songs were all given by members of the Sabbath School. The room was packed to the doors when Mr. Switzer, the chairman and superintendent, announced the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." This was followed by prayer by Rev. A. J. Paul, after which the superintendent in a few appropriate remarks thanked the large audience for their patronage, and referred to the good work done in the School, the nursery of the church. This school has given many enjoyable entertainments, but it is safe to say the last surpassed any of its predecessors. The audience was so delighted with a number of the selections that the scholars were forced to respond to encores. The following is the programme given:

Chorus, Merrily, Merrily.
Recitation, A Grievous Complaint, by Clarkson McDonald.
Solo, by Starr McMahon.
Recitation, Bread Crusts, by Myrtle Smith.
Exercise song, by seven little girls.
Chorus, The Bells are Ringing.
Recitation, Our Flag, by five boys; solo, Under the Flag of Old England, by Mr. A. J. Hume.
Exercise, Christmas Stockings.
Chorus, With Sleds and Bells.
Recitation, Four Little Sunbeams, by Nora McMahon.
Sailor song, by six boys.
Recitation, A Boy's Belief, by Alvin Stevenson.
Solo, by Fred Sisley.
The March of the Months.
Chorus, Bright Star of Glory.
Patriotic Exercises, Canada our Homeland.
Mother Goose Reception.
Chorus, We Hail the Christmas Time.
The organ accompaniments were played by Mrs. Johnston and Miss Wiley.
Santa Claus then made his appearance down a chimney of imitation brick, to the delight of all the children present. Gifts were distributed with a lavish hand, and before closing every Sabbath School scholar received a bag of candy. Near the end of the programme Rev. J. H. More was called upon and gave a neat address. He also spoke of the good work done in the Sunday School, which was worthy of the church's best support, and highly complimented Miss Wiley and Miss Switzer on the excellent programme presented by the children. The entertainment closed with "God Save the King." The receipts were \$31.50.

MARRIAGES.

CLARK—MONKMAN—At the residence of the bride's father, Headford, on the 11th inst., by Rev. James A. Grant, Mr. Frederick Clark to Mary, youngest daughter of Mr. George Monkman.

FISHER—WAKEFIELD—At the residence of the bride's father, Yonge Street, on the 18th inst., by Rev. James A. Grant, Mr. John Fisher, to Maggie, youngest daughter of Mr. John Wakefield.

DEATHS.

BRICKNELL—At 45 St. Clarendon Ave., Toronto, on Sunday, Dec. 22, Wm. Bricknell, in his 78th year.
Interment in Richmond Hill Cemetery, Tuesday, Dec. 24.

CROSBY—At Richmond Hill, on Tuesday, Dec. 24, Parker Crosby, aged 85 years 10 months. Interment in Richmond Hill Cemetery, Friday, 27th inst., at 2.30 p. m.

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