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To the Editor of THE LIBERAL: THE LIBERAL'S label's exposure! The date again kindly you'll fix; Herein you will find an enclosure—A dollar for nineteen-and-six.

The home paper each week I have courted, As the good and the bad intermix; May the goodness of things, as reported, Make a record for nineteen-and-six.

Nor may pang of remorse ever rend you As you frown on political tricks, But good health and good cheer still attend you, And a prosperous nineteen-and-six.

Yours very truly,

MARY E. GRAHAM, Toronto, Feb., 1906.

Maple

A football match was played here on Saturday between the pupils from Maple and Hope public schools which resulted in victory for the Maple team by 1 goal to 0.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. T. Cousins on Wednesday of last week. The attendance was small on account of the severe weather.

Mr. J. A. Leese of Victoria College took Mr. Wilson's work on the circuit on Sunday.

The members of St. Stephen's Church purpose holding a pancake social in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening, 27th inst.

An oyster supper was tendered to the choir of St. Andrew's Church by Mr. and Mrs. J. McNaughton at their home last Friday evening.

Miss A. Peterbrough of Toronto is visiting with Mrs. J. and Miss Margaret McDonald.

Mr. G. W. High went to Toronto last week to have one of his eyes removed, he having suffered greatly with it for some time. We understand the operation was performed successfully.

Mr. Allan Knight returned home on Friday last after spending several months in Chicago.

Victoria Square

There seems to be but little time to sleep for either young or old in this vicinity at present.

On Tuesday evening the Victoria Square League was entertained by the Epworth League of Buttonville in a most royal manner. In spite of the muddy condition of the roads, there was a large attendance of the visitors. The entertainment was not only lengthy, but exceedingly interesting, varied and instructive. Lunch was provided by the ladies of the home League.

The League of Headford is to be with us next Tuesday evening. We understand they are preparing us a rare treat. Everybody come.

A number of both old and young met at the home of Mr. Benj. Carver on Monday evening to bid him and Mrs. Carver farewell previous to their departure on Tuesday for their new home at Markham village. After the reading of an address Mr. Carver was presented with a violin. We wish them every success in their new home.

Some from here attended the oyster supper at Mr. Wilfred McKay's, Almira, on Friday last.

A number of the married folk of the neighborhood spent a very pleasant evening at the home of R. L. Nichols on Monday evening.

Hear the bells! Mr. Wm. McKay was married last week to Miss Coon of Smithville, teacher during last term at Clayton (No. 12). We give them our heartiest good wishes. Ding dong, bell.

JEFFERSON.

A gloom o'ershadows the little village of Jefferson, at the announcement of the sudden death of John McAvoy, one of the employes of Messrs. R. and F. Elliott, who hanged himself on Sunday morning, Feb. 18, in the bank barn. He was at work on Saturday, and appeared to be in his usual health and arose Sunday morning about seven o'clock and made on the kitchen fire. He then proceeded to the barn and was preparing to pulp some turnips for the cattle when Frank Rowledge, another one of the employes was passing through to do the milking at the further end of the barn. About seventy minutes later F. Elliott going upstairs to get some hen feed found him on his knees and for a moment supposed he was at his devotions, but looking back saw the rope and sprang forward to loosen it but too late, life was extinct. He had placed the rope around a pole about six and a half feet from the floor and apparently had put his head through the noose and knelt down and strangled. He was a highly respected man and in good circumstances. No cause whatever is known for the rash deed. Wide and heart-felt sympathy is extended to his aged mother, sister and brother.

Looking Backward.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL: Mr. EDITOR,—Permit me through THE LIBERAL to express my gratification at the advance the temperance question has made in our village, culminating on Monday, Feb. 19, in the adoption by a good majority of our ratepayers of what is known as the Local Option By-law.

For more than fifty years the writer and many others have been engaged to the best of our ability in stemming the ever-spreading course of intemperance. During that time scores of our young men, many of whom are with us to-day, and many others who have gone out to do battle amid the world's difficulties and temptations, have started in life with sterling temperance principles, these principles inculcated through the instructions and by the activities of the lodges and temperance organizations sustained among us in the past half century. When the writer first knew the Village of Richmond Hill there were in it six hotels and six grocery stores within a distance of a mile and a quarter. All of them sold whiskey. To keep up the supply of poison, within the village the fires of a distillery were kept blazing night and day.

At that time no barn raising, logging bee party, birth, wedding or funeral could come off without intoxicating drink being one of its most indispensable features. In course of time the fires of the distillery went out and many of its patrons to the poor house and to untimely graves. The supply was then kept up by importation.

Meantime the sale of ardent spirits with domestic groceries became an alarming impediment to the welfare of the village. A strong agitation for a change was worked up by the friends of humanity. The great argument advanced was the utter impossibility of running a store successfully without whiskey.

In 1874 the writer, as Reeve, affixed his signature to the two last shop licenses issued by the village. For thirty years since then there has been no intoxicating liquor sold in any of our mercantile business places.

One after another of our hotels have for various reasons dropped out of existence and those that are left have been admonished by our citizens that they would add to their popularity if they equipped themselves in what is rapidly getting to be the prevailing fashion.

One hundred years ago the first hotel was erected in our village. For a hundred years the traffic in intoxicating beverages has had full sway with all its baneful results. It is time that the temperance party, the friends of humanity, should have their innings, and if at the end of the present century it is found that their efforts for the welfare of our citizens are a failure—well we can repeal the by-law.

Now that there is a prospect of the downfall of the absurd custom of "treating" there is gladness in many a humble home in our village.

WM. HARRISON.

HELP THE LIBRARIAN

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL: DEAR SIR,—May I ask, through the columns of your valuable paper, a favor of the patrons of the Library and Reading Room. It is that they handle the papers and magazines on the shelves and table carefully. I presume they know the rule that all magazines have to lie on the table for one month, or until the succeeding number comes to take its place; and by the end of the month sometimes they are in a very dilapidated condition and almost unfit to be issued. Another favor I would ask is that they be allowed to stay on the table until the next number arrives. I am sorry to say this is not always done. The "Young Ladies' Journal" for February disappeared from the table last Saturday evening, and it is very annoying, to say the least of it, when some one tells me that such and such a paper is not on the table, and no one knows where it is.

I hope then that all who patronize the Library and Reading Room—and I am pleased to say there are quite a number—will assist me by their co-operation to make our library and reading room what it ought to be—a credit to the village of Richmond Hill.

Thanking you for your space, Mr. Editor,

I remain yours truly,

GEO. COWIE, Librarian.

Richmond Hill, Feb. 20, 1906.

GRANTS FROM YORK COUNTY At the recent session of York County Council grants were made to Agricultural Associations as follows:—East, West and North York Agricultural Societies, \$25 each; Markham, King, Scarborough, East and North Gwillimbury, York, Etobicoke, Vaughan, Richmond Hill and Yonge Street, \$25 each; Newmarket Horticultural Society, \$25; Farmers' Institute, East, West and North York, \$25 each; Women's Institute, East and West York, \$10.

PLOWMEN'S SUPPER

The annual supper and entertainment of King and Vaughan Plowmen's Association held at Phillips' Hotel, King City, was a most pleasing event. Almost every part of the two neighboring townships had its representatives, including a fair sprinkling of the fair sex. There was an excellent spread, and the host and hostess showed good taste in the decoration and arrangement of the tables. An interesting programme followed the supper, presided over by Mr. J. T. Saigeon, the energetic secretary. The following took part in the entertainment:—Misses McBride, Winter and Kennedy, King City; Miss Myrtle Saigeon, Maple; Miss Jeffrey and Messrs. Allan and Dixon, Toronto. Short and appropriate speeches were given by Mr. Arch. McCallum, King; Mr. Roche, Toronto; W. Reive, Churchill; Rev. Mr. Dean, Mr. James McLean, Mr. John Watson and others. The happy affair closed with the National Anthem.

NO MAN IS STRONGER THAN HIS STOMACH.

Let the greatest athletes have dyspepsia and his muscles would soon fail. Physical strength is derived from food. If a man has insufficient food he loses strength. If he has no food he dies. Food is converted into nutrition through the stomach and bowels. It depends on the strength of the stomach to what extent food eaten is digested and assimilated. People can die of starvation who have abundant food to eat, when the stomach and its associate organs of digestion and nutrition do not perform their duty. Thus the stomach is really the vital organ of the body. If the stomach is "weak" the body will be weak also, because it is upon the stomach the body relies for its strength. And as the body, considered as a whole, is made up of its several members and organs, so the weakness of the body as a consequence of "weak" stomach will be distributed among the organs which compose the body. If the body is weak because it is ill-nourished that physical weakness will be found in all the organs—heart, liver, kidneys, etc. The liver will be torpid and inactive, giving rise to biliousness, loss of appetite, weak nerves, feeble or irregular action of heart, palpitation, dizziness, headache, backache and kindred disturbances and weaknesses.

Mr. Louis Para, of Quebec, writes: "For years after my health began to fail, my head grew dizzy, eyes pained me, and my stomach was sore all the time, while everything I would eat would seem to lie heavy like lead on my stomach. The doctors claimed that it was sympathetic trouble due to dyspepsia, and prescribed for me, and although I took their powders regularly yet I felt no better. My wife advised me to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery—and stop taking the doctor's medicine. She bought me a bottle and we soon found that I began to improve, so I kept up the treatment. I took on flesh, my stomach became normal, the digestive organs worked perfectly and I soon began to look like a different person. I can never cease to be grateful for what your medicine has done for me and I certainly give it highest praise."

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