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Maple

A most pleasant evening was spent by the officers, members and friends of Vaughan Lodge, No. 54, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., last Friday evening, December 21. After the lodge was closed, the brethren repaired to the dining hall where all partook of an excellent banquet which had been provided by the wives of the members. The spread was one of the best, and the ladies received well merited praise for this part of the programme. Altogether about 90 ladies and gentlemen sat down to tea. The hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion and looked well.

After refreshment a most interesting programme of toasts, songs, recitations and instrumental music was successfully rendered. The present Master, Wor. Bro. J. B. McLean, presided with grace and dignity, and near him sat the D. D. G. M., R. Wor. Bro. A. J. Anderson, and a number of Grand Lodge officers. In a neat speech Mr. McLean extended a warm welcome to the visiting brethren and other friends, and expressed a hope that all would thoroughly enjoy themselves at this gathering, the semi-centennial of the lodge.

The first toast proposed by the chairman was "The King and the Craft." This was heartily responded to by all singing the National Anthem. The D. D. G. M. then proposed "Vaughan Lodge" in an able speech in which he congratulated Mr. McLean and his officers on the present prosperous condition of the lodge.

Wor. Bro. L. Richardson, in responding, gave some interesting information relative to the lodge since organization. The lodge was instituted September, 1854, under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and numbered 236. Kivas Tully presided, and the late Wor. Bro. James Woods was elected and installed its first master. The lodge withdrew from the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1856 and received its warrant from the Grand Lodge of Canada. The late Peter Patterson was Master in 1862, and W. C. Patterson in 1866 when the Masonic Hall was erected.

The next toast was the "Grand Master and Grand Lodge." This brought forth able speeches from R. W. Bro. Anderson, and from R. W. Bro. H. A. Taylor, Grand S. W., Toronto.

"Visiting Brethren" was responded to by R. Wor. Bro. E. J. B. Duncan, Toronto; R. W. Bro. E. M. Carleton, Toronto; R. Wor. Bro. J. B. Nixon, W. Bro. Arch. Campbell, M. P.; Wor. Bro. W. H. Grant, Toronto; R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis, Thornhill; and W. Bro. W. Wilby, District Secretary.

Wor. Bro. Rev. A. P. Brace and Rev. J. E. Wilson responded for "The Clergy," and Mayor Smith of Toronto Junction, and V. Wor. Bro. T. F. McMahon for "The Ladies."

The speeches were interspersed with humorous songs by Bro. Edwards of St. George's Lodge, Toronto; vocal solos by Miss Keffer, Toronto; recitations by Bro. John Alexander of Wilson Lodge, Toronto; and piano solos by Mr. C. Brown of McKeesport. Mrs. J. B. McLean presided at the piano for the vocalists.

One of the most pleasing social events ever held here was brought to a close by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The proceeds of the concert on Christmas night amounted to \$47. Every number on the programme was well rendered and the drills and marches were particularly interesting.

The annual Christmas Tree and concert in connection with St. Andrew's Sabbath School will be held on Friday evening. A good time is expected.

While singing a fowl last Saturday, Mrs. W. Matthewson's dress caught fire. Fortunately, her husband who was at the barn heard her screams, and came and extinguished the flames, but not before her arm and side were badly burned.

Mr. Chas. Urquhart manager of the Sterling Bank here left on Saturday to take charge of the branch at Uxbridge. Mr. C. F. Millar, manager at Thornhill, has been appointed manager here.

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EDGELY SCHOOL REPORT

The following is the report for December:

V.—Gertie Locke.
Senior IV.—Rolly Keffer.
Junior IV.—Cora Jackson, Cora Locke, Ross Keffer, Edna Reed, Lawrence Keffer, Russel Robb, Elwood Robb, Albert Williams, Clara Williams.

Senior III.—Frank Morton.
Junior III.—Warren Whitmore, Sid Smith, Milly Winger, Laura Morton, Grace Porter, Frank Locke, Reub Whitmore, Jim Anning.
Senior II.—Edgar Williams.

Junior II.—Ross Anderson, Gordon Anderson, Alvin Robb, Carl Winger, Norman Williams, Edar Anning.
Part II.—Ada Robb, Roy Keffer, Elsworth Keffer, Lilly Lyon.
Part I A.—Joe Keffer, Annie Winger.

Part I B.—Allan Smith, Max Smith, Max Smith, Harold Williams, Laura Anning, Winnie Robb, Hazel Morton, John Snider, Albert Gibbons.

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Thornhill.

On Christmas eve the annual Sabbath School entertainment and Christmas tree was held in the Presbyterian church. The church was well filled and a very enjoyable time was spent. After tea an excellent programme, consisting of songs, dialogues, and recitations, was rendered by the choir and scholars. At the close of the programme, Miss Ida Kirby read an address to the pastor from the congregation and Mr. Wm. Brunwell presented him with a well-filled purse. Mr. Grant, who was taken completely by surprise, thanked the congregation for this and other kind expressions of the love and good will which this and the Richmond Hill congregation were continually showing to him and his family. After the presentation of the beautiful gifts from the tree a most enjoyable meeting was brought to a close by singing the doxology "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow." The following is the address: "Mr. Grant, Dear Pastor—We, the members of the Thornhill Presbyterian church, wish to extend to you and Mrs. Grant this Christmas eve, our heartiest Christmas greetings. We consider this a most fitting occasion to show in a small measure our high esteem for you. We have ever found you faithful and constant, and by your cheerful and pleasing manner it has been a great delight to us to have you going in and out amongst us. We ask you to accept of this token of our deep regard for you, with our prayer that you may be long spared to continue to break to us the bread of life. We also hope that our future associations may be equally as happy as the past. Signed on behalf of the congregation.

SHOPPING

Shopping is a form of cruelty indulged by married ladies toward their husbands. It is incipient in young girls, reaches an active condition in brides, and arrives at its most virulent stage between the tenth and the twenty-five year of married life. A small, delicate, slight, nervous, sensitive woman, who would faint away at an empty mouse-trap, will go through the shopping district in from two to seven hours, and come out refreshed and sustained by an unflinching trust, if her husband's credit is good, while that gentleman at the end of forty-five minutes has to be carried home on a stretcher. Some women are born shoppers, others achieve it, but not one of them has it thrust upon her. Shopping is extensively practised on week days, beginning on Monday with a rush and ending on Saturday in time for the opera. It promotes industry. Without it married men would have time to rest.—The January Delineator.

RICHMOND LODGE MAKE MERRY

The members of Richmond Lodge, A. F. & A. M., had a very pleasant time at their lodge meeting on Christmas Eve. After routine business and an initiation the lodge "closed down" and refreshments were served. After refreshments, with W. Bro. Lamont in the chair, speeches followed from nearly all present. Bro. McKechnie gave some excellent selections on the violin. Songs were well rendered by V. W. Bro. Newton and Bros. Wright, Legg, Thomson, Moodie and Cowie. The brethren dispersed shortly after midnight by all joining in singing Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

Verdict for Dr. Pierce

AGAINST THE
Ladies' Home Journal.

Sending truth after a lie. It is an old maxim that "a lie will travel seven leagues while truth is getting its boots on," and no doubt hundreds of thousands of good people read the unwarranted and malicious attack upon Dr. R. V. Pierce and his "Favorite Prescription" published in the May (1904) number of the Ladies' Home Journal, with its great black display headings, who never saw the humble, groveling retraction, published two months later. It was boldly charged in the stand-euro and libelous article that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, for the cure of woman's weaknesses and ailments, contained alcohol and other harmful ingredients. Dr. Pierce promptly brought suit against the publishers of the Ladies' Home Journal, for \$200,000.00 damages.

Dr. Pierce alleged that Mr. Bok, the editor, maliciously published the article containing such false and defamatory matter with the intent of injuring his business; furthermore, that no alcohol, or other injurious, or habit-forming, drugs are, or ever were, contained in his "Favorite Prescription"; that said medicine is made from native medicinal roots and contains no harmful ingredients whatever and that Mr. Bok's malicious statements were wholly and absolutely false.

In the retraction printed by said Journal they were forced to acknowledge that they had obtained analyses of "Favorite Prescription," from eminent chemists, all of whom certified that it did not contain alcohol or any of the alleged harmful drugs! These facts were also proven in the trial of the action in the Supreme Court. But the business of Dr. Pierce was greatly injured by the publication of the libelous article with its great display headings, while hundreds of thousands who read the wickedly defamatory article never saw the humble groveling retraction, set in small type and made as inconspicuous as possible. The matter was, however brought before a jury in the Supreme Court of New York State which promptly rendered a verdict in the Doctor's favor. Thus his traducers came to grief and their base slanders were refuted.

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