

LOCALS.

The gross receipts of the High school concert were \$87.

The Canadian Pictorial clubbed with THE LIBERAL for 75 cents.

The High and Public schools will re-open Monday, the 4th of January.

Miss Nora McMahon has gone to Chatham to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. W. A. Glass of Midland, and Mr. W. Trench of Port Hope, are home for their Christmas holidays.

Remember "The Festival of the Nations" in the school room of the Methodist church Christmas night.

Heap on more wood, the wind is chill; But let it whistle as it will, We'll keep our Christmas merry still.

There was a good crowd and an enjoyable time at the Christmas concert of Patterson school held Monday evening, 21st inst.

This evening will be held the annual Christmas Tree and Entertainment in connection with the Victoria Square Sunday School.

We have been requested to warn people against emptying their ashes on the street. The custom is against both law and order.

For particulars of Christmas Tree and Concert, Masonic Hall, Maple, next Tuesday evening, in aid of St. Stephen's S. S., see bills.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our readers and friends. May prosperity and happiness be your lot during the year 1909.

Next Sunday morning Rev. A. P. Brace will preach on "What will the New Year bring us?" Rev. E. H. Toye will preach in the evening.

On Sunday, the 3rd of January, Rev. H. S. Magee, Field Secretary of the Temperance Prohibition and Moral Reform Department, will spend the day in our midst.

Every preparation is being made for the annual entertainment of the Methodist S. S. to be given in Victoria Hall, Thornhill, New Year's night. Special sermons Sunday, Jan. 3. See bills.

Mr. John T. Anderson, piano tuner, West Toronto, desires through THE LIBERAL to tender his many patrons here his best wishes for a happy Christmas and a Bright New Year.

The Gospel Temperance meeting in the Temperance Hall next Sunday at 4 o'clock will be addressed by Rev. E. H. Toye. Mr. Allan will be in the chair, and Miss Ida Glass will sing a solo.

Rev. E. T. Douglas of Thornhill and Mr. J. M. Walton of Aurora gave eloquent and convincing addresses at a meeting at Headford Tuesday evening in favor of Local Option. Good music was interspersed during the evening.

The Epworth League Service Monday evening of this week was helpful to those present. Mr. Wm. Harrison gave a well arranged study of the origin, import and widespread influence of Christmas in all parts of the world.

A Past Masters' Association has recently been organized, embracing the two Toronto Masonic Districts. V. W. Bro. T. Newton of this village, and R. W. Bro. J. E. Francis of Thornhill were appointed members of the Executive Committee.

A public meeting for the nomination of reeve, councillors, and school trustees will be held in the Council Chamber next Monday evening. If there are complaints against the present governing bodies let us hear all about it next Monday night.

On Monday evening next, 28th inst., there will be a specially interesting Local Option meeting at Patterson Methodist Church. Addresses will be given by Rev. Wm. Kettlewell, Field Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, and Rev. P. N. Jones of Maple. Special music will also be given.

On Thursday evening, 31st inst., the place of the usual prayer meeting in the Methodist Church will be taken by a watch-night service, commencing at 10.45 p.m. The program of the service is in charge of the Epworth League. A large number have in past years expressed the happiness of this service.

THE ETERNAL CITY.

The auditorium of the Methodist church was well filled last Sunday evening, and more than one hundred people took seats in the gallery. The Oratorio-Cantata, The Eternal City, was rendered by the choir without a hitch, and every one of the 17 numbers was thoroughly enjoyed. The choir is to be congratulated on the excellent programme presented.

The Presbyterian S.S. entertainment and Christmas Tree Tuesday evening was a pleasing affair. The programme of dialogues, choruses, etc. presented by the young people of the school was most satisfactory, and particularly the drill which reflected much credit on the 16 young ladies who executed the various difficult movements. The Christmas Tree was laden with presents and Father Santa Claus generously distributed them among his many friends.

Next Tuesday evening, 29th inst., in the Masonic Hall, Rev. Dr. J. H. Hazelwood of West Toronto, far famed as a powerful orator on the Local Option question, will speak. Rev. D. M. Martin, Presbyterian minister of Bolton, will tell how he was converted from being an opponent of Local Option. Rev. H. A. Fish of Kleinburg, Secretary of the Vaughan Local Option Association, will sing and speak. Special musical features. Everybody should be present.

IN TEMPERANCE HALL.

There was another good meeting in the Temperance Hall last Sunday afternoon in the interest of maintaining Local Option. Mr. Switzer was chairman and Miss Winifred Hume gave a solo. Mr. W. J. Conron, City Clerk of West Toronto, where that law has been in force for several years, gave a forceful address. He stated that before they got Local Option in that place it was prophesied by some people that the population would grow less, their assessment would be lowered, and business would be injured. He was pleased to say that in the last six years the population had doubled, the assessment had risen proportionally, and all kinds of business was excellent. Good accommodation was given in the hotels and restaurants, and drunkenness was very much reduced.

Maple.

On Tuesday evening of last week, the consecration of St. Stephen's church took place. The sermon was preached by Bishop Sweatman of Toronto, and there were several other clergymen present. At the close of the service the mortgage was burned, the congregation having paid off the debt on the church.

On Monday evening the annual Christmas Tree and entertainment of St. Andrew's Sabbath School was held in the Masonic Hall.

There was a fairly good audience at the meeting in the hall on Friday evening. The speakers were Rev. H. A. Fish, of Kleinburg, and Mr. J. Joyce of West Toronto, formerly Mayor of Owen Sound. The latter gave a great many interesting facts, relating to Local Option in that Northern town, and being in a position to know, he emphasized the fact of the success of the act, and the prosperous condition of the people since it was passed. Rev. J. W. Gordon acted as chairman.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Garrow was celebrated at their home last Friday evening. About sixty guests were present, and after a magnificent repast, speeches were given by a number of the gentlemen, Mr. J. T. Saigeon acting as toastmaster. After the speeches the evening was spent in games and music, and a delightful time was spent by all. Mrs. Garrow was the recipient of many beautiful presents. After singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King," the guests dispersed, all wishing Mr. and Mrs. Garrow a happy and prosperous life.

DR. PIDGEON'S MEETING.

Rev. A. P. Brace was chairman at the temperance meeting in the Masonic Hall last evening. During the evening trios were sung by Mr. Hume, Mr. Sanderson and the chairman. The speaker of the evening, Dr. Pidgeon, pastor of Victoria Presbyterian church West Toronto, gave an address that was beyond criticism. The Dr. told in plain words the story of local option in various districts, but dealt principally with that measure in his own city, formerly Toronto Junction. Without any attempt to thrill, or to excite his audience, he made it very clear that Local Option had been a good thing for the new city, and that after a trial of four years the people have no desire to again have the bar-rooms opened. The large manufacturers all favor Local Option, many families and individuals are greatly benefitted, and the new city is showing all signs of prosperity. In conclusion he urged upon the voters of Richmond Hill the importance of standing by the measure.

EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL.

As Shown by Statistics.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL:

The following items, relating to the effects of alcohol, are taken from the December number of McClure's Magazine:

- (1) $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ poverty and pauperism, in England and America results from bodily and mental inefficiency due to alcoholic indulgence.
- (2) Causes mental overthrow of $\frac{1}{4}$ of inmates of asylums.
- (3) $\frac{1}{3}$ of neglected or abandoned children.
- (4) Moral delinquencies of $\frac{1}{4}$ convicts in prison.
- (5) 4-5 inmates of jails and work-houses.
- (6) Adds to death roll through alliance with all manner of physical maladies.
- (7) Responsible for a great number of suicides and sudden deaths in many lands.
- (8) Cause of a large number of the divorce cases.
- (9) Last but not least, how about the misery caused by alcoholic indulgences.

C. E. PALMER.
Richmond Hill, Dec. 21, 1908.

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Druggist - Richmond Hill

A. J. HUME

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Richmond Hill

Tickets for the West

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Lax-ets 5 C Sweet to Eat
A Candy Bowel Laxative

A Holiday Crowd

will be here every business day, till after Christmas. We'll try to wait on everybody promptly—expect to, even in the afternoon

Gift Buying

Yes; the crowds have a holiday air. Gift buying has begun in earnest—seems to begin earlier every year. We're ready. Store bright, clean, and attractive, Goods the latest styles, better than last Christmas, Stock well assorted, and very desirable. Business will be a good deal bigger

There is Growth,

Mutual confidence between a store and its buying public means growth. This store has grown and is growing on just these lines—no ambition higher than possessing your confidence. We want every Trade Transaction to be satisfying. We have provided a "Feast of Bargains" for the Xmas season which you will undoubtedly appreciate.

Atkinson & Switzer

Dec. 17th, 1908.

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