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Bulletin Number 79 of the Experimental Farm is entitled "Renovation of the Neglected Orchard." It has been prepared by M. B. Davis, B.S.A., Assistant to the Dominion Horticulturist. Special attention is given to the following practices: Heading back old trees; thinning, scraping, cleaning and tree surgery; cultivation and cover crops; systems of cultivation; | fertilization; spraying and thinning fruit. The bulletin is generously illustrated. It has been prepared with a view of showing how, by a reasonable amount of labour and care, profitless old orchards, which are a menace to the local orchard industry, may be made a remunerative part of the farm and a credit to the neighbourhood. Copies of this bulletin are available A large stock of Fureral Furnishing at the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Mr. O.L. Wright's Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds have won again. Last Hon. Graduate Royal College of week at the Newmarket Poultry show Dental Surgeons, Toronto, will be at he won six prizes, capturing two

> Two rooms in the new Public School building will be ready for occupancy when school re opens on Monday, the 4th of January. The rooms are beautifully finished, and reflect much credit on the builders, decorators and the Board of Education.

Rev. J. J. Redditt, assistant steward for the past seven years at the Methodist Book Room, died at his residence in Toronto on Saturday after a long illness. He was a widely known figure in Canadian Methodism, and held charges at Whitby. Oshawa, Scarboro, Parkdale, Shelburne, Brampton, Uxbridge, Barrie and North Yonge street church, Toronto. He leaves a wife, two sisters and three brothers.

Hicks Almanac

Hicks 1915 Almanae will be mailed to any address for 35 cents. You can get the almanac and the publisher's magazine, Word and Work, one year for 75 cents by leaving your order at this office. Many people take the magazine, and watch the storm predictions.

Victoria Square

The Victoria Square Branch of the Woman's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. Geo. McCague on Wednesday, Dec. 30 at 2.30 p.m. Programme.—Piano Solo, Miss Marjorie Wright; Recitation, Miss Jean Scott; Home and Country. Mrs. T. F. McMahon; Duet, Misses Connell; Paper, Mrs. Leary. Every person welcome.

Anniversary services of the Victoria Square Methodist church will be held afternoon and evening on Sunday, Jan. 3rd.

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Jefferson Public School

Report for Nov, and Dec. : Hoskin 541, Lillie Dibb 532.

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Freddie Brown 224, John Clubine 180. PERSONAL PROPERTY AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AND

A Sheep Bulletin

Pamphlet No. 8 of the Sheep and Goat Division of the Live Stock Branch is entitled "Care of the Ram and Ewes during the Breeding Season" It has been prepared by T. Reg. Arkell, B.S.A., Chief of the Division, and Norman Stansfield. This is an illustrated pamphlet of 16 pages and deals with the subject under discussion in a comprehensive and logical manner. It embodies the instructions of a practical shepherd to those who would improve and increase their flocks. The concluding page is devoted to a number of "Donts", out lining a number of practices to be avoided in sheep raising. Copies of this pamphlet way be obtained by making application to The Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture,

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DEATH OF MR. MOODIE

Another of Richmond Hill's esteemed citizens passed away Thursday, Dec. 17, in the person of Mr. Alex. Moodie in his 85th year. His wife predeceased him about three years ago, since which time he had been in failing health, and gradually grew weaker until the end came. Mr. Moodie was born in Edinburgh, and came to this country in the year 1854. After residing in Toronto about four years he lived for a time at Elgin Mills and Patterson, and went into business as a merchant in Richmond Hill in 1872, in the place where he died, the store being known as "The British Flagstaff," retiring last year. In 1860 he married Euphemia Hislop. In religion Mr. Moodie was a Presbyterian, and a Liberal in politics. He was a church trustee, and for many years, before instrumental music was popular in churches, he was precentor in the old Presbyterian church. Deceased was formerly a member of the Town Council, and for many years was treasurer of the Masonic Lodge in this village. A large floral offering in the casket bore evidence of the esteem in which he was held by his Masonic brethren. The funeral on Sunday was largely attended, many old friends being present from a distance. Before conveying the remains to the last resting place in the family plot a short service was conducted at the house by his pastor, Rev. R. Herbison. The surviving sons and daughters are Gideon and Robert, Sarah (Mrs. Wm. Vanderburgh) Florence (Mrs. Mc-Donald) Jessie, Isabel and Margaret.

The After-Dinner Story-Teller

Many of the best stories and anecdotes that you hear repeated by ministers and other public speakers come from The Youth's Companion. A young man who wishes to make his conversation entertaining or to in-

crease the effectiveness of an argument can do no better than to study these witty and apt steries in The Com-Another feature of value is the doc-

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These are just two particulars in which The Companion excels, and they are by no means the only ones. Jr. III.-Florence Hazlehurst 656, If you do not know The Companion, let us send you one or two current Sr. II.-Ella Dibb 467, Catherine issues, with the Forecast for 1915.

Every new subscriber in Canada weekly issues of 1915 will receive free all the issues of the paper for the remaining weeks of 1914; also The Companion Home Calendar for 1915. The Youth's Companion, 144 Berkeley St., Boston, Mass. New Subscriptions received at this office.

Jefferson

The Jefferson School held a Public closing on Tuesday afternoon Dec. 22nd. An interesting programme consisting of recitations, songs, choruses and musical selections was furnished by the pupils. The attendance was good considering the stormy afternoon, and the programme was much enjoyed by all. At the close a treat was provided for the children.

Thornhill

The regular monthly meeting of the Thornbill Branch of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Francis. An excellent and instructive paper was given by Mrs. Ashcroft, and Mrs. O. Bales gave an instrumental solo. At the close a dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Francis. The home made candy and macroons entered in the Competition were much enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be held on January 15th at Mrs. A. Hall's. The speaker will be Mrs, McTurk of Lucan.

At the annual meeting of Thornhill Lodge, A. O. U. W., the officers were elected for 1915, as follows: M.W., R. Fisher; foreman, W. Stevenson; overseer, H. Fisher; recorder, J.E. Francis; financier, H. Ward; receiver, J. A. Pearson; guide, F. Farr; I. W., W. Buse; O. W., W. Chatterly; representative to grand lodge, J. E. Francis. Installations will take place on Jan.

Special services will be conducted in the Methodist church next Sunday by Mrs. Aikenhead of Richmond Hill. There will be an illustrated address at 2.30 and the regular service at 7 p, m. On New Year's night the Sunday School of the Methodist Church will present a cantata. This will consist of drills, dialogues, solos, duets and choruses.

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