

stand to former occupants. Not content with his local trade, he at different times bought and sold out other establishments, whose owners had died or were unsuccessful in business.

He has been an active, useful citizen of his city; two years an alderman, captain of the crack company of the Dufferin Rifles, a capable officer of his Masonic lodge, and, while giving six days to business and useful public affairs, on the seventh he officiated as warden of his church.

On the 27th of last month he entertained his late employes at a farewell supper, when he was the recipient of a very flattering address and handsome present.

We said "retirement," but we are satisfied such a restless, active man cannot long be idle.

We have received from Hart & Company, samples of the very latest London craze in note papers; the colours are very striking and peculiar. The Mahdi Red and Beaconsfield Yellow or Primrose are decidedly Persian in their appearance. The Pompeian has quite the appearance of having been lately excavated from that ancient city. The Cream Salmon and Naples Blue are more moderate in tints, and are very tasteful novelties. They all have the rough edge, and the envelopes are of the wallet-shaped pattern. These papers are deservable novelties, and can be used in many ways in printing programmes, menus, etc.

The Methodist Book and Publishing House have just opened up a number of cases of pocket Bibles from the Oxford University Press, including the favourite Oxford Teacher's Bible.

Novelties.

Music-stands, light and graceful in appearance, made of brass and copper, will please many who are looking for something out of the usual run and don't know what to buy.

Fans are now decorated with Rhine stones, which are very effective under a strong light.

"Oxidized" paper is the latest. It is blackened on the edges and has the appearance of oxidized silver. Correspondence and visiting cards are treated in the same way.

Brass goods, as usual, have some charming features. A candlestick of novel design, and very pretty for use when sealing letters, comes in what is called the "dragon pattern."

"Library sets" come in cases which contain a cut-glass inkstand, candlesticks, pen-rack and paper-knife. This is a useful combination. The metal work is Vienna gilt checkered upon a dark-bronze background.

A very pretty thing is a small sickle with nickel-plated blade and brass handle. On the blade is a small thermometer. I presume that this sickle may be used in the "dog days" to cut down the sun's record.

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