

**PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTMAS.**

The Christmas entertainment of the Presbyterians was held Wednesday evening in the auditorium of the church. The school and its friends were out in force. They had one of the finest trees, tall, graceful and arranged with bags of candies, etc., and electric lights, that all was easily visible from all parts of the church. Major Harry S. Vail impersonated "Santa Claus" in his own inimitable manner and distributed the gifts to the satisfaction of all.

A little girl, poorly clad, and so wan and eager went up to old "Santa Claus," and told her sad story. She had no gift; could he not help her? He looked all about him and could find nothing. A bright idea struck him; he would ask some one to share his or her bounty with the poor, destitute child. And then such a flow of gifts, packages great and small, from all over the house, till every child and teacher had contributed something, just twelve, Scriptural numbers, large baskets, all filled. The general committee had assigned some needy family to each class, with a general idea of their wants, so that each pupil knew just who was to receive his gift. Then Thursday all the teachers and pupils assembled at the church and each class with its teacher, took its gifts to their homes. Superintendent Morris is entitled to highest praise for this excellent method.

**HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.**

Last Friday Rev. P. C. Wolcott visited the school.

The Harvard Observatory is in Arequipa, Peru, not Pennsylvania as the printer made us say last week.

Miss Stewart expects to spend Christmas in Northfield, Minn. She ought to find snow and sleighing there.

Rollin M. Pease spent Monday afternoon with us. He is attending the Northwestern University and is doing well.

Prof. Wilson has bought fifty pounds of candy. If the Professor and his family get outside of all of that, there will be work for the doctor, sure.

Mr. K. R. Smoot was on a tour of inspection Monday and reached the High School just as Prof. Wilson was presented with a petition signed by every scholar, asking that school close on Wednesday instead of Thursday. Prof. Wilson handed the petition to Mr. Smoot, who granted it with the remark that "the holidays are short enough anyway."

**HIGHWOOD HAPPENINGS.**

Mr. and Mrs. Lutz and children will spend Christmas with Mrs. A. J. Stensohn.

The Young Men's club gave a dance at their regular meeting Saturday night.

Harry Mckee has gone to Milwaukee to spend Christmas with his grandmother.

A daughter arrived at the home of Herbert and Ida Swanson last Sunday night. All doing well.

A quiet party attended the masquerade ball at Lake Forest last Friday night. A good time is reported.

The genial scribe of the Lake Forester, R. G. Salyards, intends to take the road and leave the aforesaid to its fate.

Mrs. Jennie Preston will attend a musicale to be given next Tuesday by the pupils of Mrs. Dr. Meyer in Chicago. Mrs. Preston is one of her best graduates.

A Christmas program will be rendered by the pupils of the grammar school Thursday afternoon at the school house. As many of the older pupils will take part, an excellent entertainment is assured. Presents to the school children will be given from the tree by Santa Claus.

The Modern Woodmen of America held their annual election Monday night and elected George W. Turner delegate. The other officers were: George A. Turner, venerable counsel; John Hill, worthy advisor; William Ward, clerk; Jesse B. Denman, banker; Benjamin Wilde, escort; John V. Garrity, watchman; John Hallstrom, sentry; W. F. Hogan and J. V. Garrity, managers.

**RAVINIA ITEMS.**

The sidewalk from W. C. McKenzie's to Roger Williams avenue is about half finished. It's a good thing; push it along!

The Christmas entertainment by the Sunday school was very successful and everyone seemed to enjoy the children. The little tots took their places and parts as vets and, thanks to the ladies having them in charge, very few mistakes occurred. A novel feature was the hoop drill, which Mrs. Kellogg taught to ten little girls, and "Little Builders" was well received. Miss Detweiler's rendition of "bye-loe" was unequalled, though she claimed to have a cold. The recitations by Helen Russell, Marion Kellogg, Margaret Tucker and several others brought forth rounds of applause. The West Side and Idlewild was well represented, and we hope they will find their way oftener to the little church.

Rev. J. G. K. McClure, D. D., of Lake Forest, has just issued through Revell of Chicago a little volume entitled "Possibilities," brief discourses to his young people, we suppose. We have not read the volume, but hope soon to have that pleasure. But Dr. McClure has a level head, a warm, true heart, literary ability and culture, and a world of consecrated common sense and hence the book must be of rare value.

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