

boys Hockey shoes and skates, and they
have been making good use of them ever
since. I was down at the lake yesterday and
was surprised at the skill they displayed
in skating. They can hold their own with
any of the young fellows. They have been
after me to go down and skate with them
and I got far enough along to fasten my
skates on an old pair of shoes; but I haven't
been down yet. I'm afraid they will put
me to blame. After Sunday School this
afternoon they went skating again and
will probably not get home till supper
time. The ice yesterday was very fine. The
snow squalls to day which are at times pretty
heavy will spoil it somewhat I fear.
But there is no doubt a big crowd on the
ice this afternoon. We thought up almost
to the last minute that we would have
a queer Christmas this year; but on the
24th we had a snow storm that left the
ground nice and white for Christmas morn-
ing and it has stayed with us with a
little more added occasionally, up to the
present. It is, rather thin as yet, however,
and there are quite as many barges
running as ever. We had a beautiful
Christmas Service - German English - in
St. John's Christmas night. The Sunday
School is very large, fully 500 children,
and it was an impressive sight to see
them all coming in. Of course only a