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### CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE CHURCHES.

Large Congregations Attended the Joyful Services—the Co-Adjutor Bishop of Ohio Preached in St. George's Cathedral—Musical Services Very Fine.

Crowds of worshippers filled St. George's cathedral on Christmas day. Rev. W. E. Kidd was celebrant at the 6.30 a.m. service, the dean at 8 a.m. and the Bishop of Ontario at 11 o'clock, when the office of the Holy Communion (Eyre) was splendidly sung by the male choir, assisted by Cadet Howard Fair on the violin, in the anthem "O Holy Night," (Adam) Peter Fair sang the solo exquisitely. At the evensong the anthem was "Arise Shine" (Maker), with C. B. S. Harvey taking the solo in splendid voice. At the close of the service the choir sang carols on the chancel steps, Arnold Fair singing the solo of "In the Fields With Their Flocks Abiding," (Farmer). The recessional was "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

The preacher at the morning service was the Rt. Rev. Frank Doumoulin, co-adjutor bishop of Ohio, on whose shoulders the mantle of his eloquent father, the late Bishop of Niagara, has fallen. In a brilliant sermon he showed his hearers the unique place of Christmas 1921 in the history of the world, when after bitter conflict, the warring nations were laying aside their weapons. The face of the world is set toward peace as never before, the mystical east typified by the coming of the magi with their gifts, has brought its great contribution, to be greeted with the right hand of fellowship by the mathematical west and the promise of the peace and good will of the Holy Season seemed about to be fulfilled.

The Bishop of Ontario was the preacher at evensong. He said the day was not a day of remembrance of a dead Christ, but the keeping of the birthday of the living Christ with his personal message to each heart.

**St. Mary's Cathedral.** Christmas Day was fittingly observed at St. Mary's cathedral by special services and a pontifical high mass at which Archbishop Spratt was celebrant. The services began at 6 a.m. and were continued at 7.30, 9 and 10.30 a.m. Worshippers thronged the edifice in adoration of the Infant Jesus, to renew their faith, and carry forth into the world the spirit of peace and good-will. The music was brilliantly rendered under the leadership of Rev. Father Lacey and Prof. Nourry, organist, the choruses and solos being beautifully sung.

Rev. Father Hanley officiated at the six o'clock service and the boys' choir, under Father Lacey, rendered the Christmas Mass, "Come to the Manger." The offertory solo "Adeste Fideles" was sung by Eddie Gratton, and the "Due" by two boys, Masters Woodhouse and A. Gratton. "Angels We Have Heard on High" was sung by Master Murphy.

At 10.30 Archbishop Spratt was the celebrant at the pontifical high mass, assisted by Father Hanley, high priest, Father Keane, deacon, Father Hyland, sub-deacon and Father Lacey-master of ceremonies. The services were opened with the Festival March played by Prof. Nourry. The Christmas Carol, "The Infant Jesus" was sung by Charles Cross; "O Holy Night" by Prof. Gelly. Hymns Festival Mass was very effectively rendered. The Kyrie was sung by L. Clark, "Gloria in Excelsis" by M. Burns and Prof. Gelly; Credo, R. Marchand; Benedictus, Santus and Agnes Dei, Charles Cross; the offertory Adeste Fideles by J. Pournier, and chorus unaccompanied. After the pronouncement of the papal blessing by the archbishop, the Triumphal March (Lemmings) was played by Prof. Nourry.

At 7.30 p.m. Rev. Father Hanley, the rector, officiated, and the combined choirs of men and boys sang "The Christmas Benediction and Vespers."

**At Chalmers Church.** The spirit of Christmas was expressed in the beautiful decorations as well as in the services held in Chalmers Presbyterian church on Sunday, and the congregations were large. In the morning there was a baptismal service. Rev. Dr. R. J. Wilson announced that the congregation's workers had on Christmas Eve supplied twenty families, including ninety-five children, with hampers and clothing. His address was a most dramatic rendering of Van Dyke's story of "The other wise man who found the King." There was special Christmas music by the choir, assisted by Miss Leslie Taylor, solo violinist. Altogether the services were most impressive.

**At Bethel Church.** The Christmas Day services at Bethel Congregational church were of a most inspiring nature. The pastor, Rev. A. E. Dunan, preached appropriate sermons and there was a special programme of music. In the morning Dr. Alvan Hafner and Miss Mildred Filtz rendered solos and the choir rendered a beautiful anthem. At the evening service Dr. Alvan Hafner sang two fine solos, and the choir rendered an excellent anthem.

**Queen Street Methodist Church.** At Queen Street Methodist church, the Christmas day was remembered with special services at which the pastor, Rev. W. S. Lennon preached, and special Christmas music was sung by the choir. In the morning solos were rendered by Mr. Gask, and in the evening the cantata "Light of Life" was repeated by the choir and was again much enjoyed. A special Christmas offering was taken up by the Sabbath school. Goodly congregations attended the services.

**Sydenham Street Methodist.** The Christmas services at Sydenham street on Sunday were bright with helpful sermons from the minister, Rev. R. H. Bell, and special Christmas music from the choir and soloists. Anthems by the choir under the leadership of the organist, Miss M. Shaw and solos by Miss Jean Chown, Miss Q. Woodman, Miss A. Pollard and Dr. H. S. Angrove were well rendered. The preacher in the course of the morning discourse commended the canvass of the Kiwanians to the members of the congregation.

**Princess Street Methodist.** The congregation of Princess street church were favored with special programme of Christmas music by the choir at both services on Sunday. In the morning an anthem by the choir and duets by Mrs. W. N. Archibald and Miss M. Quirt, and Mrs. E. Treener and Mrs. F. H. Rutherford formed the musical programme and in the evening solos were rendered by Mrs. Archibald and Mrs. Treener, an anthem by the choir and a double quartette by Mrs. W. N. Archibald, Mrs. E. Treener, Mrs. F. H. Rutherford, Miss G. Peters, and Messrs. Hull, Treener, Baker and Wiskin. The minister, Rev. A. Waddell, preached bright sermons morning and evening.

**At St. Andrews.** In St. Andrew's church on Sunday evening, Rev. John W. Stephen spoke of the great joy inspired by the coming of Christ and what it had meant to the world. Though of course there had been joy and little children in the world before this time, it was not of the same spirit. This wonderful Christmas spirit has persisted down through the centuries in spite of war, famine and disaster, and the source of this joy and comfort is that God is with us through our whole life. It had also marked the inception of the birth of brotherhood as between man and man, and nation and nation. No league of nations no disarmament conference, will ever guarantee the world against the recurrence of war, though it is undoubtedly a rift in the clouds. But the song of the angels, which rang over the hills of Bethlehem on this first Christmas morn, bringing peace on earth, goodwill to all men, is our only hope for lasting peace.

Special Christmas music was rendered by the choir, and soloists at both services, and the church was also very beautifully decorated.

**Cooke's Church.** The difference that the advent of Christ to the world has made, was pointed out by Rev. W. Taylor Dale in the morning service at Cooke's Church on Sunday. This had been the great dividing line in the history of the world, and it certainly could never have been the same if Christ had not come. We had thus received a new idea of God and of Duty and the sanctity of human life. He is the Light of the world, and light is the enemy of crime and the source of cheer and comfort. It is for us to shine for Christ so that other people may be happy and that every day may be filled with the spirit of Christmas.

There were several anthems by the choir at the services, and in the evening, two former members of the choir and now of Toronto, Mrs. J. V. Mounsey and Miss Ethel Ross, sang solos.

**Zion Church.** "Why did Christ come to this earth?" asked Rev. Edwin H. Burgess in Zion Presbyterian church on Sunday morning. The first reason was that He might show us what God was like, and to teach us how to make life a success. The popular idea is that success is only associated with money, power, pleasure, etc., but Jesus has shown us by His life and teaching that it is not what a man has that counts, but what he is. We are also told that man never dies and that the life beyond goes on forever.

The pastor also spoke at the evening service, and special Christmas music was rendered by the choir. One of the anthems by the choir was "Break Forth Into Joy," and Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Prager, Miss Mildred Irwin and Mr. Downey sang solos.

**At Calvary Church.** With appropriate sermons by the pastor, Rev. A. P. Brown, and special music in keeping with the day by the members of the choir, the Christmas Day services at Calvary Congregational church were of a bright and helpful nature. At the morning service, the pastor spoke on "The Coming of the King," and in the evening his subject was "The Last Time."

**At First Baptist Church.** At the First Baptist Church on Sunday, the pastor, Rev. J. S. LaPlair delivered special Christmas sermons, taking as his subject in the morning, "The Spirit of Christmas," and in the evening, "Why Christ Was Born," and both discourses were listened to with keen interest. The choir rendered Christmas anthems in an excellent manner, including "White Shepherds Watch," and "While the Stars Shone Down." The soloists for the day were Jas. Sanders and James Marshall.

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