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CHRISTMAS SERVICES HELD IN THE CHURCHES

Bishop Bidwell Preaches in St. George's About the Birth of Christ.

"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, (the glory of as of the only-begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth."
"In this verse," said the Bishop of Ontario, preaching in St. George's Cathedral on Sunday morning, "St. John sums up for the meaning of the story of the birth of Christ so beautifully told by St. Matthew and St. Luke, the annunciation to the Virgin Mary, the proclamation of the angels, and the manger at Bethlehem." The world had become corrupt and content to be so and God took this way to redeem it. We hear much today of the impossibility of the learned believing in the Virgin Birth and the resurrection of the body. In the days of the apostles, the learned Greeks counted the story they told of the Messiah who had come as "foolishness." But it is a story of the love of God that can only be understood by love. Peter said in a moment of inspiration, "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God" and Jesus told him that God had revealed the truth to him. God became man, there was no thought in the mind of the disciples of a man good, wise, so great that he was almost God, as some would have us believe today. No, in his great love for us. His children, the Father sent his only Son to us.
"You know how a little child will believe one he loves. It is only as we become converted and as little children that our eyes will be opened to see God's only Son in the manger at Bethlehem. This is the Catholic faith in which millions have lived and died and found comfort and hope. It was God's way and what are we but little children beside the Maker of the universe? It is futile and even pathetic to question his wisdom and to say we can't believe in what we, with our finite minds cannot understand. Let us this holy season 'go even unto Bethlehem' resting in the love of our God. 'The same yesterday, today and forever.'"

At St. Paul's Church.
Special Christmas music was rendered by the choir at St. Paul's church on Sunday evening and the programme delighted a very large congregation. In addition to the Christmas carols, solos were sung by J. E. Harte, tenor, Mrs. McBride, soprano, and Harry Secker. Mr. Filgrim, gave a cornet solo. The anthems were "Arise, Shine," Mr. Filgrim taking the solo; "The Birthday of the King," soloists, Mrs. FitzGerald, and Miss Secker; "We Have Seen His Star," soloist, Miss E. Sutherland, soprano. The offertory anthem was "Sing, O Heavens," soloists Miss V. Saunders and Mr. H. Secker. Hearty congratulations were received by Canon FitzGerald, the rector, and J. E. Harte choir leader, upon the exceptional performance of the choir.

Sydenham Street Methodist.
Special Christmas services were held in Sydenham street Methodist church on Sunday. At the morning and evening services, the pastor, Rev. R. H. Bell, D.D., gave appropriate Christmas messages. The edifice was handsomely decorated with flowers, the gift of the Woman's Association of the church. The choir under the able leadership of Miss Minnie Shaw, gave a special musical service in the evening which was very much appreciated. Those taking the solos parts were Miss Olive Woodman, Mrs. Douglas Pound, Mrs. S. H. Simpson, Jack Alexander and Dr. Harold Angrove. The solo given by Mrs. Simpson, who was accompanied on the violin by her son Donald, was very fine. Miss Wright, contralto soloist, Toronto, who is visiting in the city, gave an excellent solo.
A white gift service was held in the Sunday school hall during the afternoon. The special programme was given by the children. The hall was decorated appropriately. The collection, amounting to \$30, will be expended on Christmas cheer for some families who are not as fortunate as some others. A large box of gifts, which had been brought by the children, will be distributed on Tuesday.

Queen Street Methodist.
Christmas services were held at Queen street Methodist church on Sunday, Rev. W. S. Lennon officiating. Special music was rendered by the choir under the direction of Miss Pearl Nesbitt, organist and choir director. The programme included solos by Judge Lavell, baritone, "The Beckoning Star"; Mrs. J. Evans, soprano, "The First Christmas Morn." and Mrs. J. Crawford, soprano. The anthems were, "Christians Awake" (Simper), and "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings" (Churchill). In the morning Dr. Lennon's subject was "The Spirit of Christmas," in which he emphasized the spirit of joy and ministry. In evening his subject was "The Measureless Meaning of The Christmas Gift," and he showed in the significance of Christ in the thought of man. This would always grow, he said, as men advanced in spiritual insight.

At Cooke's Church.
At Cooke's church on Sunday, the sermons and music were appropriate for Christmas. In the morning, the pastor, Rev. T. J. S. Ferguson, preached on "The Story of the Wise Men," and in the evening, "The Shepherd's Story." The Sunday school and the bible classes united for this service, and the members of the choir and the Sunday school, sang Christmas carols. At the morning service, the choir rendered the anthem, "O Holy Night," and Mrs. Trener sang a solo, "Bethlehem." The musical part of the service was exceptionally good and the

discourses of the pastor were most inspiring.

Chalmers Presbyterian.
With the spirit of Christmas in the hymns sung by the congregation, and the special musical selections by the choir, the services at Chalmers church on Sunday were of a very bright and interesting nature.

Two good-sized congregations were in attendance. Rev. Dr. Macgillivray preached at both services.

A special committee was in charge of the pulpit decorations. Plants and ferns were used to good advantage in the decorations as well as holly wreaths, and the pulpit presented a very attractive appearance.

Mrs. J. R. C. Dobbs presided at the organ and had charge of the musical part of the service, which was an exceptionally good one. At the morning service the programme consisted of the anthem, "Christmas Morn," with Miss Fitz, as soloist; solo, "The Newborn King," by Miss Kathleen Elliott.

In the evening the musical programme included these numbers: Violin solo, Miss Teigmann; (Cavatina); anthem, "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings," soloist, Miss Anna Mitchell; solo, "The Wonderful Night," Miss Florence Mitchell.

CHILD WELFARE EVENT.

Graduate Nurses Association Entertains Mothers and Children.
"Why what is going on at the 'Y'?" said one Christmas shopper to another as they passed the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday afternoon and saw rows of baby carriages along both sides of the building. If they had followed us inside they would have seen that the halls were also filled with carriages and go-carts, and further that the occupants and their mothers were filling the big hall upstairs, for the annual tea given by the Graduate Nurses Association and the Y.O.N. to the mothers who are in the habit of taking their babies to the Welfare Station to the free clinic held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday by Dr. A. E. Day. Christmas decorations were about the room and a splendid programme was arranged. Miss Lovick, the school nurse presided. Miss Nora Williamson played a piano number which was followed by a song "Angus Macdonald," by Mrs. J. Kettle, who has a voice of remarkably good tone and a dramatic sense that showed it to advantage in both her songs. She was recalled to sing again. Her accompanist was Mrs. A. R. B. Williamson. Peggy Miller, whose dear little face brimming over with fun makes her charming recitations even more charming, kept her audience amused for a few minutes, and then Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Betts with a violin and piano delighted everyone. Mr. Betts not only played well on his fiddle but did all sorts of amusing tricks with it. Mrs. J. L. Jerome sang delightfully, and Miss Rita and Stewart Macmillan played a piano duet. Tea was served from a table covered with a red cyclamen by the members of the two societies and meanwhile Mr. and Mrs. Betts kept the music going on. Dr. Day came in to speak to the mothers of the little ones which he, with the assistance of the Y.O.N., has done so much for, and indeed a happier, healthier lot of children it would be hard to find. The doctor and the nurses believe that "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure" and the doctor invited the mothers present to come to the clinic now and then whether there was anything the matter or not so that the well children could be kept well. Whistling their hostesses a "Merry Christmas" the mothers and the babies left about 5.30 o'clock.

GETS FRENCH SCHOLARSHIP.

Honors for Native of Both and Graduate of Queen's.
Announcement has been made at Edmonton of the appointment of Arthur Robinson Morgan, B.A., University of Alberta, as first holder of a scholarship of 7,000 francs given by the French government to the provincial university for the encouragement of study in France.
Arthur Morgan is the son of Joseph Morgan, B.A., graduate of Queen's and Helen E. Davy, Bath. He was born in the old village and his father taught in the public school there. A number of relatives still live in the district.

Civil Service Exams.

In the recent competitive Civil Service examinations for permanent appointment, held throughout the Dominion, all of the successful candidates who wrote in Kingston, except one, are students of the Kingston Business College. Among the number are:
For senior clerk-bookkeeper and statistical clerk—Arthur J. Watts, Clement S. Gibbs. Mr. Gibbs was first in a class of 151.
For senior file clerk and audit clerk—Clement S. Gibbs.
For junior clerk-typist—Clement S. Gibbs, Anna B. Paul. Miss Paul passed 37th in a class of 156.
For junior clerk-bookkeeper and junior audit clerk—Clement S. Gibbs, taking 2nd place; Charles G. Gates.
Some of the candidates have already been notified of their appointment to government positions.

Three drunks were fined \$10 and costs each, in police court Monday morning. Ald. R. E. Kent was on the bench in the absence of Magistrate Farrell. The case of one of the drunks charged with having appeared in a place other than a private dwelling was enlarged till Thursday. Everything ready for Christmas, Canada Radio Stores.

SAID ON THE SIDE

The Fortmouth Philosopher says there are a lot of girls who need not bother hanging up their stockings tonight. He states that they are well filled at present.

No, Maud, the hockey fans do not tend to keep the hockey players cool.

The "kiddies" now have that "grand and glorious feeling." Santa Claus is about to appear and school is off for ten days.

It is a safe bet that no alarm clock will be needed to get the "kiddies" out of bed to-morrow morning.

Santa Claus will be the busiest man in the world to-night. Tonight's the night he makes his raid on the chimneys.

Has the "kiss dance" hit Kingston yet? It is very popular in Detroit just now.

"Tommy" Church is running for mayor in Toronto—again. It is a safe bet that the voters will stand by this Church.

The lady who was robbed of her Christmas cake in the local post office, does not wish the thief any harm, but she hopes that he will choke himself eating it.

The gift shops will have the last call to-night. Don't overlook the person who did you a good turn during the year.

It will be quite in order for the men to sport their Christmas ties to-morrow.

Funny the bulk of these liquor raids around Kingston should be pulled off just at Christmas time, when there is such a great demand for the precious stuff.

"Red" Ryan says he does not want to come back to the penitentiary because the food there is not good. Many a man has left his otherwise good home for the same reason.

All that dope "Red" Ryan has been giving to the newspapers in Minneapolis might be put in book form under the title, "How a Prison Should Not Be Run."

But it is no wonder that "Red" is complaining about prison fare, after being at large for three months, with thousands of dollars to spend on all kinds of luxuries.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE.

Held at St. James' Church by the Bishop of Ontario.
The annual confirmation service was held at St. James' church on Sunday evening, the Bishop of Ontario officiating. He was assisted by Rev. T. W. Savary, the rector, Archdeacon O. G. Dobbs, and Rural Dean J. O. Crisp. Twenty-two candidates fourteen girls and eight boys, were presented by Rev. Mr. Savary, and at the conclusion of the rite of confirmation, Bishop Bidwell gave an inspiring sermon upon its spiritual meaning to all members of the Church of England, and counselled the young members to be firm in the faith, pointing out the duties and obligations that rested upon them as servants of Jesus Christ.
There was a very large congregation and special music was rendered by the choir under the direction of Harry Hill, organist and choir director.

Presentation at St. Paul's.
A pleasing feature of the Christmas musical service at St. Paul's church on Sunday evening was a presentation to Miss Lilly Kelly on the eve of her wedding. She was a valued member of the choir, and the members of the choir and the Sunday school teachers presented her with a pair of ebony china candle sticks and a large bowl.

Princess Street Sunday School.
Princess street Sunday school classes tied with one another on Sunday in being the most generous with their "white gifts" at the Christmas season, the whole offering totalling \$150. The usual offering to the school besides was about \$10. Hearty applause greeted the reports of the various contributions.

Or Ought To Be.
Life is a mirror in which many a man is ashamed to look himself in the face.
"Who is the laziest boy in your class, Johnny?" asked father.
Johnny—"I don't know."
"I should think you would know. When all the other children are industriously writing or studying their lessons, who is it that sits idly in his seat and watches the rest, instead of working himself?"
"Teacher."

Great is the might of Truth, against whom shall be arrayed the intelligence, the cunning, the ingenuity of man, the well-laid plots of the whole world, yet she will with ease defend herself.
Nature without education has oftener raised men to glory and virtue than education without natural abilities.
Some require to be seen near to be judged well of while others are never so well judged of as at a distance.



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Oak Flats, Dec. 17.—After an absence of eighteen years, John Knox and family have returned from Manitoba and have taken up residence on the Snider Road. The children are looking forward to their annual Christmas entertainment to be held in the school-house on Friday afternoon. Mrs. S. Salsbury continues very poorly. George Smith, Parham, spent Sunday at Rufus Botting's.

Mrs. A. C. Reynolds accompanied by Master Harold and Miss Sinclair spent Saturday in Kingston. Frank Haddock is home on a visit from New Ontario. Mrs. Daniel Bush is visiting her sister in Watertown, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Botting visited friends in Verona on Sunday. The Hawleigh man made his trip through here last week.

Miss Valenta Lellis has returned from Kingston where she spent the past two weeks. A. C. Reynolds and Mrs. Salsbury are expected to return to Parham recently. Burton George visited in Verona over the week-end. The residents of our community are anxiously awaiting the musical

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