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THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

The Streets Filled With Holiday Shoppers—Remembering the Poor.

When the shadows flash and fade in the lingering gleams of the Day-King's light, who stretches his great golden arms high in the crimson heavens and with one last caress on the darkening earth sinks to rest under the imperious will of Night's swift messengers, 'tis then that baby eyes grow heavy and sweet childish lips lisp the petition, "Mamma, I'm so seepy; rock me." After baby has been undressed she often regrets bedtime and evinces a disposition to prattle the hours away, but out of the mystic land of Nowhere mother conjures the "sand" man and the "boogie" man, who weave their potent spell around the little one until she slumbers like the tired child she is.

But to-night the magic spirits will be invoked by the fond parents all over the world in vain. For there is one time in the year the imaginative demon's art loses its power.

On Christmas eve, when boys and girls who have not yet learned the emptiness of the fairest idol in childhood's happy years, that leogendary saint, Santa Claus, at whose shrine, in infantile fancy, we have bowed the reverential knee, and later in life regarded, with the cynicism born of maturity, have been tucked snugly in bed, lay awake and listen for the tinkle, tinkle, tinkle of the bells that bring from the North the dispenser of children's happiness.

But they wait and watch in vain, for soon the drowsy god woos these trusting ones to sweet dreams, to be broken on the morrow by the eager awakening and enjoyment of Kris Kringle's gift, bestowed through the agency of fond parents, who, in their pursuit of these secret pleasures, filled the city's busy streets last night and to-day.

Along Fifteenth street, down the Avenue and up Seventh a throng of men, women and children hurried with happy faces and parcel-laden arms on their missions of generosity. In the stores the purchasers blocked the entrances and lined the counters in such numbers that the clerks could hardly find time to hear the inquirers, whose persistence has scaved new lines on the shop girls' tired faces.

All day long the street has resounded to the dull rumble of numerous wagons loaded from the top to the tail-gate with mysterious packages containing tokens of the kindly feeling that possesses the heart on the day which celebrates the birth of the manger-cradled Christ. But alas! midst this happiness there comes a regret for those whose star of hope twinkles faintly on homes of cheerless comfort and grim poverty. These children of misfortune can be noticed on the busy thoroughfares watching, with gloomy eyes that stare from faces haggard and drawn with dire knowledge of a dismal Christmas, their more fortunate brothers.

But "*in miserables*" take heart; amidst the callous indifference of the world's dwellers the benevolence of some shine like dew-wet grasses in the summer sun. The Christmas clubs will gladden many hearts at their annual dinner to the poor children who are otherwise unprovided for.

December 27 the East Washington Club will be at home to the little ones at Odd-Fellows' Hall on the Navy Yard.

The same day the West End Christmas Club dine 600 children at the National Rifles' Armory.

The G. A. R. give a Christmas dinner to the widows and orphans of veterans at the Washington Light Infantry Armory.

The inmates of the Industrial Home will be looked after by the board of governors on Christmas day.

Besides these societies mentioned many persons will contribute their share to relieving the want and distress which is so noticeable at this season of the year.

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Union Soldiers' Alliance Banquet.

The twelfth annual reunion and banquet of the Union Soldiers' Alliance was held at the Riggs House last night, and was one of the most enjoyable since a dozen years ago. The arrangements were complete, and the banquet was all that the inner man could wish for. An eloquent speech was made by Commander-in-Chief Veazey, who was the guest of honor. The first toast, "The President of the United States," was responded to by Representative S. V. Holliday; "The Capital of the Nation," Major W. G. Moore; "Woman," General S. S. Burdett; "Our Gallant Dead," drunk silent and standing; "Our Comrades Living," Deputy Commissioner Charles P. Lincoln; "Twenty-nine Years Ago—First Gun at Sumter," S. H. Merrill.

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Benefit to a Pugilist.

The sport-loving fraternity had lots of fun last night at a sparring exhibition at Forrest Hall, Georgetown, it being a benefit given to Billy McMillan. The hall was crowded, and the sparring was above the average. Good order prevailed, and the exhibition was highly successful. The sparring partners were Billy McMillan, Peter Lally, James Goodwin, the O'Rourke brothers, C. C. Smith, Jesse Wharton, the "Black Pearl," McHenry Johnson, the "Black Star," Billy Nally, Dan Drill, McManus, Holcombe Taylor, George Colens, Albert Dyson, Fred Morris, Lee Damraux. At the close McMillan made a brief address.

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Run Down by a Bicycle.

Yesterday afternoon, at the intersection of Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue, J. B. White, a man 70 years of age, was run down by a bicycle rider by Henry C. James. Mr. White was quite badly bruised and also received a severe shock and had to be sent home in a carriage. Mr. James was placed under arrest but left collateral for his appearance in the Police Court.

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The following officers have been installed by Golden Council, American Circle: Charles L. Patten, past commander; Dr. James A. Dickinson, chancellor; Mrs. Josie A. Cox, vice chancellor; S. S. Everett, treasurer; M. P. Cauldwell, secretary; E. Q. Gunson, herald; Charles P. Freeman, sentinel; Fred. E. Woodward, J. C. Wood and J. H. Alcott, trustees.

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Glee and Banjo Clubs Concert.

The Glee and Banjo Clubs of Tuft's College gave an entertainment last night at the Church of Our Father, which was much enjoyed by the audience. Among the specialties were the "Barnum Song," "Jumbo Cantepic" and the "Happy Three." The clubs will spend their Christmas in Washington, leaving on Friday.

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Services at the Y. M. C. A.

President Gurley will lead the one-hour service from 9:30 to 10:30 to-morrow morning at the Y. M. C. A. Hall.

Grand Christmas matinee at Kernan's.

MUSIC IN THE CHURCHES.

SPECIAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN MANY OF THEM.

The Trained Choirs of the Protestant Episcopal, Lutheran, Catholic and Other Churches Will Swell the Melody in Honor of the Birth of Christ.

"There's a song in the air and a star in the sky," runs an old Christmas carol, and with a joy too deep for mere words the Christian churches will take up the burden of this song to-morrow, with a mighty sweep of melody, until it re-echoes again through church and chapel and finds a response at every hearthstone.

Christmastide, the great festal season of the Church celebrating the birth of its founder, will be appropriately celebrated in the churches, and all creeds and people will unite in singing their heartiest praise on the birthday of the Child King.

Foundry Church will celebrate the day by a prayer meeting at sunrise. Christmas morn, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Elliott, leads the service.

The Lutheran Memorial Church will hold a special Christmas morn service at 7 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Butler officiating, in the chapel adjoing the church.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Eleventh and H streets, will have very elaborate services at 11 o'clock Christmas Day. Rev. Dr. Domer, the pastor, will preach the Christmas sermon. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Richardson, will sing the following music:

Christmas anthem, arranged from Mozart; "Oh, Sing to God" (Noel), Gounod; anthem, "Sing, Oh, Heavens;" Clare, "The Holy Child," Shaw; baritone solo, Mr. Will Domer.

At St. Andrew's Church, Fourteenth and Corcoran streets, Rev. J. B. Perry, rector, the following music will be rendered:

Organ prelude, Festival Offertoire, Batiste; Processional Hymn 25, Adeste Fidelis; Venite, Gregorian; Gloria Patri (1), Holden in A (2), Buck in C (3), Danks in B♭; Te Deum, Buck in C; Jubilate, Patten in A♭; Introit, "While shepherds watched their flocks by night," Danks in A♭; Hymn 16, Rev. Dr. J. H. Hopkins; offertory, "Behold I bring," Hall in G; Recessional Hymn 22, S. A. Ward; organ postlude, Fugue, J. S. Bach. Soprani, Miss Mattie Bartlett, Mrs. F. W. Carlisle, Mrs. F. C. Herring, Miss M. L. Snowden and Miss K. S. Jones; alti, Misses Tacie A. Daniel, Anna M. Nixon and Bertha Dawson; tenori, Messrs. A. Jay Marsh, R. S. Childs and Dr. S. P. Hollingsworth; basi, Mr. Benjamin F. Keller and Colonel Cecil Clay; organist and director, Mr. James W. Cheney.

At the Church of the Epiphany, G street, a special choir, under the direction of the new choirmaster and organist, Professor Coleman, will render the following music: "Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices?" Buck; "There Were Sheperds," Buck; "Gloria patris," Greyman; "Te deum, B♭ festival," Buck; "Offertory anthem," Tours.

The choir will be composed as follows:

Soprani, Mrs. Frank A. Nute, Miss Cora E. Noyes, Miss Alice T. Jenkins, Mrs. Helene Smith, Miss Grace Jenkins, Miss Bessie Jenkins, Miss Caldwell; alti, Mrs. James F. Oyster, Miss Carrie Larner, Miss Nellie Dobbins, Miss Lucy Patterson; tenori, Mr. Douglass G. Miller, Mr. A. S. McCoy, Mr. C. H. Johnson, Mr. C. E. Lammer, Mr. Sidney Hollingsworth; bassi, J. Richard Kaiser, Henry M. Walter, G. B. Griffith, Frank A. Nute, George A. Terry.

At St. John's Church, Rev. Dr. George Williams Douglass, rector, a very elaborate service will be held at 11 o'clock. The musical programme will be as follows:

Processional, Hymn 19, Adeste Fidelis, Read; Venite, Exultimus Dominus, in A♭, Danks; Gloria Patri, in B, Fields; Te Deum, Laudamus in G, Calkin; Benedictus, in B♭, Beethoven; Introit Anthem, "Raise now your song on high," Saint Saens; Kyrie Eleison, in G, Atkinson; Gloria Tibi, in C, Tallis; Hymn 18, "Old St. Michael," Gounod; Offertory anthem, "Th' Angel Gabriel was sent from God," Smart; Ascriptio, "Praise God from Whom," Gail Frane; Sanctus, Cornelius; Eucharistic Hymn, Hodges; Gloria in Excelsis, old chant; Nunc Dimittis, Anon; Recessional, Hymn 25, Aylson.

The choir will be made up as follows:

Basti—Nathaniel B. Pagitt, R. H. Atkinson, Emmet Addison and Z. Taylor Ogden; tenori—William H. Daniel, M. T. Mullody, W. G. Penney and G. S. Cooper. Alti—Louis Doyle, Harry Patsche, William Steifel and Harry Ellis. Soprani—Louis Fiske, Walton Goodwin, Max Kaufmann, Dee Fredschutz, Thomas Stewart, Horace Clifton, Karl J. Daniel, Thomas Williamson, Fred. Siebold, William Ritchie, Fred. Rhodes, John Reed, Norvell Barr, Frank Pilson and Miss Louise Moeller. William H. Birell, professor; John Johnson, A. Robinson, organist.

The children's carol service will be held on Saturday, 27th instant, St. John's Day, at 4 o'clock p. m.

At Christ Church, Georgetown, there will be a "Children's Carol" Christmas eve. The service Christmas Day, conducted by Rev. Dr. A. H. Stewart, will include the following musical programme:

Venita, Russell; Gloria Patri, Russell; Te Deum, Mendelssohn; Jubilate, Deo; Gloria Tibi, sil; offertory "Glory to God in the Highest," S. S. Cook; Sonatus, xxx; Eucharistic Hymn, 297; Gloria Excelsis, old chant; Nunc Dimittis, 266.

The quartette choir will be composed of Miss Daisey Moore, Mrs. Clifton, Mr. William Turpin and Mr. Henry Olds; organist, Miss Mary Dashiels.

In many of the Protestant churches the Christmas services will be held next Sunday, and elaborate musical programmes will be given.

All the Catholic churches will observe the day by masses, especially remarkable for the fine music. At St. Dominic's Church, Sixth and E streets southwest, the music will be as follows:

At 5 o'clock mass Haydn's mass, No. 3; at the gradual, Date Sonitum Pace, Costa; Veni Creator, Kreutzer (male quartette); offertory, Novello's Adeste Fidelis.

The choir will include the following:

Soprani, Misses Mary Hessler, May Fowler, Mollie Wright, Gertie Faunce, Maggie Kelly, Fannie Kelly, Lillie Flannery; alti, Misses Katie Lackey, Estelle Fowler, Maggie Lackey; tenori, Messrs. Al Fennell, James Hendly, Ben. Taylor; bassi, Emil Roler, Robert Lowry, Dr. Eugster; organist and director, Miss Barbara Discher.

At the early mass at St. Paul's Church the musical programme will include:

Leter's celebrated mass in D, complete; at the offertory, Adeste Fidelis, Novello. On conclusion of mass the Christmas carol, "The Snow Lay on the Ground," will be sung by the full choir of thirty-four voices. At the late mass the music will be Generale' mass in G, complete; before sermon (grand chorus), Veni Creator, Hummel; at offertory, Adeste Fidelis, Novello; at the benediction of the blessed sacrament, which will be given immediately after mass, O salutaris, trio for two sopranos and bass, by Mercadante; Tantum Ergo, in A, by Goss; duet by sixteen male voices, with chorus by the full choir of mixed voices.

The choir is composed of the following singers:

Soprani, Mrs. W. K. Carr, Misses Mary Masterton, Mary Treanor, Bertha Dove, Carter, Lizzie Doyle, Annie Cook, Jennie Lloyd, Sallie Smith, Mary Dunn, Mary Crown, Kate C. Lamb; alti, Misses Annie O'Brien, Annie Smith, Anna Treanor, Colclosier, Lillie Smith, Katie Shea; tenori, Messrs. Eberly, Bickert, John McEvoy, Thomas Fitzgerald, Duffy, E. T. Jones, John T. Coughlin, B. Locraft, Ernest Smith; basei, Messrs. Joseph R. Dean, Charles Meyers, Peter C. J. Treanor, Frank Sylvester, George Daly, Ignatius Straub, John Treanor; organist, Miss Kate C. Lamb; conductor, Mr. John Treanor.

At St. Aloysius' Church Gounod's mass will be sung at the 5 o'clock service, and Novello's Adeste Fidelis at the offertory. At the 11 o'clock mass Haydn's imperial mass, No. 3, will be given with orchestra; Veni Creator, Le Prevost; offertory, Costo's Date Sonitum.

The choir will be as follows:

Soprani, Misses Mollie Byrne, Maude Moore, Cecelia Murphy, ——Triplett, Mrs. McFarland and Miss Gertrude Smith; alti, Mrs. Sherman, Misses Kate Mulquin, Alice Moore and M. E. Sherman; tenori, Messrs. W. D. McFarland, S. H. Witherow, F. K. Crosby, T. M. Sipe and Charles Sturtevant; basei, Messrs. J. H. Hickox, W. A. Witney, W. F. Brosnan, E. B. Fox, J. H. McElroy, M. J. Sullivan, J. C. Riedkmar and Hunter Galt; Professor R. C. Bernays will lead the orchestra; Mr. H. C. Sherman, organist and director.

At St. Peter's Church high mass will be celebrated Christmas at 5 and 9 a. m., when Marzo's mass will be sung, with the exception of the Sanctus and Agnus Dei, which will be from Weber's mass in G; Veni Creator, mixed quartette; offertorium, Tu es Petrus; soloist, Miss Hattie Ritchie. The choir will include the following:

Soprani, Miss Hattie Ritchie and A. Baptista; tenori, Messrs. C. C. Wright and J. D. B. Peters; alti, Misses Claudia E. Moore, M. Kelly, Georgia Webster and Bertha Malihone; basei, Messrs. A. Schultes, R. W. Devereaux, C. W. Moore, J. Germuller, A. R. Millers and J. C. Tappan; organist, Miss Anna R. Kearon; director, Mr. F. W. Bird.

At St. Matthews' Church high mass will be celebrated at 5 o'clock, low masses at 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30 and 9 o'clock, and solemn high mass at 11. At 5 o'clock La Hasche's mass for male voices will be rendered. At 11 o'clock Glorza's mass No. 4 will be sung for the first time in Washington, and before mass Adeste Fidelis. The choir will be composed of the following ladies and gentlemen:

Soprani, Mrs. Z. B. Smith, Miss Mary Sweeney, Mrs. H. W. Sohon, Misses A. Phillips, L. Hunt, J. Cassin and S. Chapman; alti, Misses M. Nolan, B. Yewell, L. Zeh and E. Dougherty; tenori, Messrs. W. H. Barnett and Charles McConnell; basei, Messrs. J. H. Nolan, M. A. Donelly, R. L. Barbour and E. Masi; organist, W. Waldecker; director, L. E. Gannon.

At Holy Trinity Church, Georgetown, the Christmas Day music will be as follows:

At 5 o'clock, "There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Field," Carr; Third Solemn Mass, Eduardo Marzo; Adeste Fidelis, Novello; offertory, Alma Virgo, Hummel; at 11 o'clock, Asperges Me, La Hache; Mass, Glorza; offertory, Adeste Fidelis, Novello.

The choir is composed of the following singers:

Soprani, Mrs. Maloney, Mrs. Carter, Misses Crawford, M. Sweeney, Power and Lewis; alto, Mrs. G. W. Ray; tenor, Mr. Fennel; basei, Messrs. Murray, Barbaria and Craig.

The chorus will include the following:

Soprani, Mrs. Donahue, Misses Kearney, Sargent and Lizzie Sweeney; alti, Misses Sullivan, Brandenburg, Jackson and J. Bates; tenori, Mr. Fennel, Dr. Elliot and Mr. Randolph; basei, Messrs. Cathell, Ingichart, Abbott and Mara; director, Mr. W. E. Abbott; organist, Miss V. S. Bates.

High mass will be celebrated at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at 5:30 o'clock. The choir will render the Kyrie, Gloria and Agnus Dei from Mozart's Twelfth Mass; the Credo, Sanctus and Benedictus from Gloriza's Mass. The boys' choir will sing two anthems. At the 10:30 high mass, Hayden's Second Mass will be rendered; and at the Offertory, Hummel's Alma Virgo, soprano solo and chorus; soloist, Miss Noonan. The choir is composed of the following:

Soprani, Miss Noonan, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Downing, Mrs. Bennett, Misses McGill, White and Armstrong; alti, Mrs. King, Misses Nora Noonan, Wilson, Sauter, Robinson and Mrs. Bishop; tenori, Messrs. Forsyth and Stifel; basei, Messrs. Grant, Paul, James Nolan, Myers, Jordan and DeLacy; organist, Miss Jennie Glennan.

At the Carroll Memorial Church the first mass on Christmas morning will be at 6 o'clock. At 11 o'clock high mass will be sung. The choir will render Bordesa's mass and Adeste Fidelis at the offertory. The choir is composed of the following singers:

Soprani, Miss Corene McFarland, Mrs. Joseph Aman and Miss Rose Gallant; alto, Miss Lou Riley; tenori, Messrs. J. C. Wideman, William Hickey and Joseph Aman; basei, Messrs. George Riley, Fred Riley, James McFarland and Mellon; organist, Miss Gallant; director, Mr. George Riley.

At the 5 o'clock mass Christmas morning, in St. Patrick's Church, the choir will render the following programme:

"Glory to God," Dielman, soprano solo and chorus; third solemn mass, by Marzo (dedicated to the Rt. Rev. Monsignor T. S. Preston), sung for the first time in this city; Adeste Fidelis, Novello. The same music will be rendered at 11 o'clock. At Benediction, O Salutaris (duet), Barila; soprano, Miss E. Vandoren; contralto, Mrs. M. Maina; Tantum Ergo (chorus), A. J. Davis.

The soloists are: Soprano, Miss Florence Devlin; contralto, Mrs. M. Maina; tenor, Mr. James Collins; basso, Mr. R. A. Ryan; baritone, Signor M. Maina. Chorus: Soprani, Miss K. N. Vandoren, Mrs. W. H. Coombs, Misses B. Hickey, J. Mudd, M. C. Dyer, B. Bingham and M. E. O'Rourke; alti, Mrs. M. W. Pierce, Misses S. Batell, C. Garrish, G. Borbeck, M. Herlihy and Miss Lewis; tenori, Messrs. John Davies, E. C. Rogers and Dr. H. B. Heath; basei, Messrs. F. Maloney, J. J. Fisher, Edward Joyce and J. A. Epping; organist, Miss Lulie Boone; director, Signor Mariana Maina.

The music at St. Joseph's at the 5 o'clock mass will be as follows:

Before mass Adeste Fidelis, Novello; Marzo's Third Mass; at the offertory, Laudate, Gounod. The same music will be sung at 10:30 o'clock. The choir is composed as follows: Soprani, Mesdames Parrell, Mehler, Allen, Misses Frech, Joyce, Koch and Milligan; alti, Mrs. Joyce, Misses Tarr, Kelly, Seibert, Frech, O'Donahue, Kubel; tenori, Messrs. Mellies, Neff, Allen; basei, Messrs. Rebstock, O'Hare, Mehler, Kummer; organist, Mr. S. J. Kubel.

At St. Augustine's the order of music at the services on Christmas Day will be as follows:

First high mass, 5 a. m.—Adeste Fidelis Novello; Kyrie and Gloria, Glorza; Credo, Mese Solennelle, Gounod; offertory, cantet, Cano, Io Novello; Sanctus, Gounod; Benedictus, Gounod; Agnus Dei, Gounod; Finale Noel, Adam, sermon by Rev. P. Forhen, S. J. Solemn high mass at 11 a. m.—Organ voluntary, Solo of Trumpets, Vivani; Kyrie and Gloria, Rossini; offertory, Adeste Fidelis, Novello; Sanctus and Benedictus, Rossini; Agnus Dei, Rossini; finale, "The Word is Flesh Become," Gounod; organ voluntary, Der Freischutz, Weber. Evening service, 3:30 p. m.: Gloria in Excelsis, old chant; Nunc Dimittis, Anon.; Postludium, "March of the Priests," from Athalia, Mendelssohn.

The choir will be composed of:

Mrs. J. Will Cross, soprano; Mrs. Voss, contralto; Mr. J. W. Schofield, tenor; Mr. J. Will Cross, basso; Mr. J. Milton Buchanan, tenor soloist, and Dr. C. M. Buchanan, organist and director.

The congregation of the Universalist Church of Our Father, corner of L and Thirteenth streets, will hold their Christmas service Sunday. The music will be as follows:

Opening hymn, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," Gilchrist; "Te Deum Laudamus," Barrett, "Gloria Excelsis," Leipsic; mass E♭, anthem, "Christ is Born," Cranmer. Choir—Soprani, Misses Gertrude Becker, Grace Wise, and M. J. Veazie; alti, Misses Katie Lewis and Bertie Bailey; tenori, Messrs. Melville D. Heasey and F. H. Oliver; basei, Messrs. George Terry and R. H. McKee; organist, Miss Birdie Hayden.

At the Church of the Ascension at 7:30 a. m., Christmas Day, there will be holy communion, with music by the chapter of praise. At 11 o'clock there will be morning prayer, sermon and holy communion. The church choir will render the following music:

Organ prelude, Christmas hymn, Gallmant; Processional hymn, 19, Adeste Fidelis; Venite in B flat, A. G. Robyn; Gloria Patria, Joseph Poynonski; Te Deum, from the Elijah, by Dudley Buck; Jubilate Deo, A. W. Newcomb; Introit, "Arise, Shine for Thy Light is Come," Dudley Buck; Kyrie, Tours in F; Gloria Tibi, arranged from Batiste, hymn 17, Mendelssohn; offertory, "There were Shepherds," E. C. Winchester; Offertory Ascriptim, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow;" Sanctus, old hymnal; Communion hymn, 209; Gloria in Excelsis, W. W. Gilchrist.

The choir consists of the following persons:

Soprano, Miss Marie Macnichol; contralto, Miss Virginia Evans; tenor, Mr. L. G. Traylor; basso, Mr. William Hoover; soprani, Mrs. R. Stone, Mrs. L. J. Meurs, Mrs. L. P. Arundel, Miss Davis, Miss Hirst, Miss Knapp, Miss Lockwood, Miss Calvert, Miss Russell; alti, Miss MacLeod, Miss Hanson, Mrs. Guerry; tenori, Mr. J. Davis, Dr. U. S. Elliott; basei, Mr. Charles Moore, Mr. R. Sheffield; organist, Miss McFarland; director, Miss Virginia Evans.

At the Church of the Holy City, Dupont Circle, Rev. Frank Sewall, pastor.

Festival Service of Song at 10:30 a. m.; Processional Carol, "Hark the skies;" Carol with Solo, "So sweet and clear," Strachauer; Hosanna and Benedictus, Sunday-school Chorus; Offertory, "Come unto Him," from the *Messiah*, Mrs. S. Oldberg; Sermon and the Holy Communion, with the usual music; a double chancel choir, the responding choir consisting of the following quartette: Miss Mary Busted, Miss Bessie Smith, Mr. H. C. Spencer, jr. and Mr. Albert N. Prentiss.

At St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, the following is the programme:

Early Celebration, 7:30 a. m.; Matins and Holy Communion, 11 a. m.; Processional, Hymn 19, Adeste Fidelis, Reading; Venite, in E, No. 31, Havergal; Te Deum in G, Smart; Jubilate in G, Smart; Introit, "Hallelujah Chorus," Handel; Communion Service in B♭, Nicl ed; Offertory Anthem, Steiner; Nunc Dimittis, No. 263; Recessional, Carol, "The snow lay on the Ground," Warren.

At Trinity P. E. Church:

Opening Hymn, "Christmas Morn," Gounod; Venite, Loretz; Gloria Patri, No. 1, Danks; Gloria Patri, No. 2, Loretz; Gloria Patri, No. 3, in D, Danks; Te Deum Laudamus, Stevens; Jubilate Deo, Daniels; Hymn No. 25, Adeste Fidelis; Kyrie, Tours; Gloria Tibi, arranged by Stevens; Hymn No. 23, Aylson; offertory, "With Joyful Hearts," Glorza; Sanctus, old chant; Hymn No. 210, Lambert; Gloria in Excelsis, old chant. Soprani, Mesdames Myers and Jecko, Misses Westhorpe, Miller, Wise, Metz, Small; alti, Mrs. Rose, Misses Case, Ballman, Miller; tenori, Messrs. Atkinson, Thompson, Ross; basei, Drs. Skillman and Keenan, Messrs. Watson, Howell, Moore; organist, S. H. Jecko; director, D. W. Middleton.

At the Church of the Reformation, Capitol Hill, Pennsylvania avenue and Second street southeast, the following music will be sung on Christmas Day at 11 o'clock:

Gloria Patri, Norris; Kyrie, La Hache; Gloria In Excelsis, Gregorian chant, "Thou Art My Strength, Farmer's mass in B♭; O, Sing to God, Gounod; Te Deum in B, Shelley; And There were Shepherds, Dudley Buck; Brightest and Best, Adeste Fidelis.

The choir is composed as follows:

Mrs. Annie Parson, Miss Tjalda Eichholtz, Miss Annie Hinkel, soprani; Miss Maggie Meigs, Mrs. T. A. Sutherland, Miss G. Poggenee, alti; Mr. Harry Simons, Mr. H. K. W. Patterson, Mr. W. C. Sounder, tenori; Mr. W. W. Rich, Mr. Wm. Hamilton Bayly, Mr. Edwin Hesse, basei; Mrs. Wm. Hamilton Bayly, organist; Mr. Harry Simons, choir master. The music will be repeated on next Sunday morning.

St. Mark's Church, corner Third and A streets southeast; there will be an early celebration of holy communion at 7:45. Matins and second celebration at 11 o'clock. The music will be as follows:

Processional, 19; Venite, chant; Psalms, 19, 45, 85; Te Deum, Barrett; Benedictus, 13; Chant, 59; Hymnal. Holy communion. Introit, hymn 17; Gloria Tibi, 407; Hymn 18, tune St. Martin; Gloria Patri, 29; Offertory, Arise, Shine; Presentation Sentence, All Things; Sanctus, 441; Hymn of Communion, 203; Gloria in Excelsis, 451; Nunc Dimittis, 231; Recessional, 223. The names of the chorister boys are Masters Hay, Meade, Earnshaw, Howe, Hillyer, Dalton, Barnah Johannas, Godwin Everett, Tolson, Wallace Le Bradford, M. A. Bradford, Samuel, Shomo, Hamilton, Hellen. Men—Messrs. Shaw, Hodges, Gemmill, Perkins, Dr. Harris, White, Dr. Billings, Cheston Bock. Organist, Miss Mildred Johnston. Choirmaster, Mr. John E. Parker. The music will be repeated the Sunday following.

E-Street Baptist Church, Rev. J. J. Muir, pastor:

Miss Grace Dufour, organist; soprani, Madame Annie Roemer Kaspar, Miss Louie Cook, Miss Mamie Lochart, Mrs. Beasley and Miss Julia Singleton; contralti, Miss Claudia Moore, Mrs. Dr. Gunnell, Miss Bertha Malihonse; tenori, Mr. Ch. F. Crosby, Dr. Brown; basi, Mr. Thomas Riley, Mr. R. Sheriff, Mr. A. Ferris.

Christmas music will be rendered on Sunday, the 28th of December.

Morning service, 11 a. m.: We Praise Thee, O, God; Festival Te Deum, by Dudley Buck, chorus by full choir; Bethlehem, by W. Coombs; solo by Madame Kaspar; Sing, O, Heavens, by Tours, chorus; Praise Ye the Father, by Gounod, chorus. Evening service, 3:30 p. m.: Glorious is Thy Name, Almighty Lord, from Mozart, chorus by full choir; O, Sing to God Your Hymns of Gladness, by Gounod, solos and chorus; benedictus, He is Blessed Who Cometh in the Name of the Lord, from Hayden, chorus.

Associated Charities.

The second subdivision of Associated Charities held its regular meeting last night at the Western Presbyterian Church. Judge Hagner presided. The report of the treasurer showed receipts and expenditures from October 4, 1889, to December 11, 1890, including contributions of fuel, clothing, etc., amounted to $347.33, of which $221.08 was in cash. The disbursements were $290.75, leaving a balance in the treasury of $56.58.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Hon. Alexander B. Hagner; vice-presidents, Revs. T. S. Wynkoop and Alfred Harding; secretary, J. W. Easby; treasurer, J. W. Duckett. The board of directors are J. L. Edwards, W. J. Wilson, F. J. Schneider, H. C. Whiting, J. H. Voorhees, L. A. Littlefield, Alexander Ashley, A. M. Gangewer and T. J. Luttrell. Among the contributors to this branch of the association are the President, Judge Davis and others. A contribution was received from the Riggs Bank and the Washington Gaslight Company will give 1,000 bushels of coke.

The office of the second subdivision is at the northeast corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Nineteenth street. Contributions may be sent to the secretary, Mr. J. W. Easby, at 2027 G street northwest, or to the treasurer, Mr. J. W. Duckett, Pennsylvania avenue and Twenty-second street.

Excursions to Boston.

Until further notice the B. & O. R. R. Co. will sell round trip tickets from Washington to Boston and return via the Poughkeepsie Bridge route, at rate of $20.10. Tickets good for ten days.

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Christmas Football.

The Columbia Athletic Club, having a prior claim to Capitol Park, the football game between the Athletics of Capitol Hill and the High School will not be played until 2:30 in the afternoon. The Columbia All-Washington game will be played at 11:30 to-morrow morning, and promises to be an exciting game. The teams are:

C. A. C.	POSITION.	ALL-WASHINGTON.
Butterworth	Full-back	Enrich (Cadet
Veazey	Half-back	Ordway (Lehigh)
Harban	Half-back	Taylor (Kendalls)
Emery	Quarterback	P King (Princeton)
Welsh	Right end	Wirt (Washington)
Wells	Right tackle	Cash (Princeton)
Lewis	Right guard	O'Donnell (Gu'l'n)
Wade	Centre	Lewis (Yale)
Ranier	Left guard	Dickinson (Wash'n)
Byrnes	Left tackle	Porter (Lehigh)
Barnard	Left end	Brainard (Wash'n)

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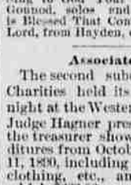

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Eggnog in Virginia.

From the Richmond Dispatch, December 21.

One of the epicurean members of the Westmoreland Club gave the following formula: "To make eggnog in the genuine Old Virginia style you must take dry cut loaf sugar well-ground and mix with the yolks of the eggs for at least half an hour, then stir in your pure cream and best brandy, with just enough rum to give a good flavor. It is better not to use the white of the eggs. When finished the mixture will be quite thick and will keep for weeks. A little nutmeg should be sprinkled on the top of each glassful."

The owner of this recipe had it handed down to him as one of the family secrets. It is said that many years ago he spent Christmas in the West Indies and initiated the natives into the delights of nogg. It nearly set them wild with ecstacy, and added much to their already high opinion of the great American Republic.

Mr. William Snellings, who is an acknowledged connoisseur in such matters, suggested the following: "In making eggnog everything depends upon having the proper quantity of each ingredient. The right proportions are a tablespoonful of sugar and a drink of brandy to each egg. Break your eggs, putting the whites and yolks in separate dishes. Beat the yolks and the sugar together for a good while, and then slowly stir in the brandy and add just enough rum to give a nice flavor. When this is done pour in the cream until the mixture is of the proper sweetness. Beat up the whites and put on top. Eggnog made this way costs about twenty-two cents a glass—more than the ordinary customer is willing to pay; so, in order to sell over the bar, I have to make it of whisky and milk."

The *chef* of the Commercial Club described the process simply: "We take pure cream, beat the yolks of the eggs up by themselves. Next we stir the sugar into the beaten eggs, and then we put in the whisky or brandy, as the case may be. The beaten whites are put on top, a little nutmeg added, and your nog is complete.

Turkey—How to Serve With Variety.

Mrs. E. R. Parker in the Courier-Journal.

Very few housekeepers prepare turkey with variety, roasting being the usual way of serving, yet there are a number of other modes of preparing the delicious bird that makes it even more acceptable.

Roast turkey—Select a fat young turkey, stuff with bread stuffing made of a pint of stale bread crumbs, two tablespoonsful of melted butter, a teaspoonful of salt, half a teaspoonful of black pepper, a tablespoonful of chopped parsley and a teaspoonful of sweet marjoram powdered; put in a dripping pan, sprinkle with salt and pepper, cover with greased paper and set in the oven, baste frequently until brown and crisp, garnish with fried oysters and serve with cranberry sauce.

Larded turkey with truffles—Lard a plump, young turkey with narrow strips of fat bacon, chop and put in a pound of truffles, then pound in a mortar, scrape fine a pound of fat bacon, mix with the truffles and stuff the turkey, let stand in a cold place over night; when ready to cook cover with greased paper, set in the oven, bake slowly and baste frequently; when nearly done remove the paper and let brown.

Steamed turkey—Rub well with butter, pepper and salt, fill with oyster dressing, put in a steamer over boiling water. And let steam three hours. Take up, serve with oyster sauce, garnish with sliced lemon.

Boiled turkey—Prepare as for roasting. Put in a large kettle, cover with boiling water, and let boil three hours. Take up, fill with stewed oysters. Serve with egg sauce and currant jelly.

Turkey scallop—Pick the meat from the bones of a cold turkey and chop fine. Put a layer of bread crumbs on the bottom of a buttered dish, moisten with milk, then put in a layer of turkey with seasoning and continue until the dish is filled. Pour over turkey gravy. Break two eggs, with two ounces of melted butter, half a teacup of cream thickened with grated crackers and spread with a knife over the top. Bake half an hour.

Devilled turkey—Cut the wings and legs of a cold turkey from the body, lay on a gridiron and broil until brown. Make a sauce of one tablespoon each of pepper sauce, French mustard, vinegar, currant jelly and celery sauce. Pour over the turkey.

Xmas Holiday Rates on the B. & O.

The B. & O. R. R. Company will this year follow its annual custom of selling excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates on all of its lines during the Christmas holidays. The sale of excursion tickets will begin at all B. & O. stations east of the Ohio River, December 24, and will continue until January 1, inclusive.