CHRISTMAS

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represented Mary, the mother of Jesus. That she looked beautiful and made a fitting representation of the Madonna goes without saying. The shepherds were Ruth Farrington, Everett Brown, Roy Bush, Willard Ables and Reynold McGrew. The players were instructed by J. A. Wilder and the result was a tribute to his artistic temperament and the hard work that he has put in to make this carol the success that it was.

The orchestra, which had been especially swelled for the occasion by the addition of the best talent from the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra, was under the able direction of F. J. Vierra. This was a musical treat in itself and clearly shows that our local talent is the equal, if not the master, of any on the mainland. In all there were twenty-five pieces, and these responded to the excellent leadership of Mr. Vierra in a manner that was positively thrilling. Samuel Peck played the zither with great delicacy of touch and one could almost feel himself transported to Austria, amidst the green woods and pleasant valleys in the neighborhood of Vienna.

At St. Andrew's, in the Davies Memorial Hall, the children of the parish gave and received presents. In front of the Christmas tree stood a representation of the manger. Before the close of the evening this had been filled to overflowing with gifts for the orphans and poor children of Kakaako. There was no program but refreshments were served to all.

The entertainment by the children of the Susannah Wesley Home on King street was also much appreciated, and the way the young people drilled and went through their various exercises clearly shows with what care they had been coached by Mrs. O. H. Walker of the Palama school, Miss Saunders and Miss Edith Mack. The Christmas tree, which was the gift of Mr. Ludwigsen of the Palm restaurant, was literally loaded with presents and profusely decorated. The members of the Korean church donated the candy and oranges, so that the hearts of all were made glad and a kindly spirit prevailed throughout the whole evening.

Songs, recitations, drills, etc., were given as only children can, when they have their hearts in what they are doing. Rev. C. M. Pond, W. A. Bowen and Rev. A. Jones were present and aided in the various entertainments. Many of the children who participated at this home last evening will take part in the exercises to be given tonight at the Korean Methodist church.

It is not only in the churches and private homes that Christmas is to be celebrated, but in the prisons as well. Through the clemency of Acting Governor Mott-Smith pardons will be granted to some of the prisoners, who will thus be enabled to spend their Christmastide in the bosom of their family. Presents are being received at the goal for convicts serving a life sentence, and with an elaborate menu that is being prepared, these poor unfortunates will be made to realize that there are some warm-hearted people still left in this old world of ours, who care for the welfare of even convicts.

The big Malihini Christmas tree, of which the papers have been giving full details lately, will be seen in all its glory tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Mrs. A. E. Murphy and a corps of helpers will start to decorate the tree this afternoon. By the time tomorrow's sun is well overhead a staff of helpers under the direction of Mrs. Church will have arranged and sorted the thousands of packages and gifts of all kinds that are now awaiting distribution in the rooms of the Hawaii Promotion Committee.

The distribution of tickets was begun yesterday, and though some 1200 were issued to the poorest children of Honolulu, there are many more waiting to be made happy by having a ticket given to them. The supply of dolls has long since been exhausted but toys galore have been requisitioned and the children are at a fever heat in anticipation of the crowning event of tomorrow. The boys from the Kalihi Home will be brought into town in a most luxurious style, Mr. J. Lewis having agreed to carry the boys in his tallyho. This will be a treat in itself, as many of the boys have never been in an auto before.

The Rev. C. H. Min and his assistants have arranged a program for tonight at the Korean church. The exercises will commence at 7:30 o'clock and should prove an unusually unique and interesting entertainment. Korean customs and mannerisms will be vividly portrayed and should prove interesting to strangers who have never seen these people in their native state.

The McKenzie Mission, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie, held its exercises last Tuesday evening. The event marked the close of a successful year as typified by the large attendance in the various classes.

The Sunbeam Class of the Central Union Church, organized by Mrs. Royal D. Mead, gave its Christmas exercises last Tuesday. Many attended and spent a most enjoyable evening.

Tonight is Christmas Eve, and the one night in the year when Honolulans delight to give themselves over to riotous conduct. Past years have clearly shown that the throwing of powder, eggs and other objectionable matter (together with the setting off of bombs and firecrackers, is now no longer looked upon in the light of true carnival spirit, but an intolerable nuisance. Sheriff Jarrett has issued explicit instructions to his men that anyone found throwing things about the public streets or annoying the public in any way, will be dealt with in a very summary manner. Heedless drivers of vehicles and automobiles will be followed and arrested and the public will be protected in such a way as to insure perfect safety to pedestrians.

CHRISTMAS FOR CHINESE YOUTHS

Frank Damon looked radiantly happy last evening when seen surrounded by a surging mass of eager and excited little Chinese boys and girls at the Chinese Mission on Fort street, where Christmas was being celebrated. Helping him were A. M. Merrill and Miss Lawrence and a host of other kind-hearted people, who one and all gave themselves up to making some 800 little Oriental tots happy and contented.

It was a wonderful sight and one never to be forgotten. Just think of it! Eight hundred Chinese children, all speaking perfect English, assembled to honor the birth of our blessed Savior. Eight hundred eager little mites with hands firmly clasped, waiting for Santa Claus to make his appearance. Yes! Christmas is celebrated in Honolulu, and in a manner that would be considered even more beautiful than in Germany or England, where that especial feast day is kept as only north country folk know how.

Most of the children are being educated at government schools. They all looked clean and healthy. The Chinese consul and his private secretary were present and sat in the seat of honor facing the immense Christmas tree. Both took much interest in all that was going on.

After an excellent program had been rendered, the great event of the evening was then ushered in. This took the form of a procession, headed by a life-size camel—"The wise men of the East had come from distant Arabia to bring gifts of incense and myrrh to the Christ Child that was born in a manger in Bethlehem." The costumes worn by these Magi were exact copies of those worn in the old biblical days, and to some extent worn by Bedouin tribes even to this day. Twice they circled around the church before proceeding to the platform, much to the delight of the immense congregation. The tiny little children had never seen a camel before, and it was indeed a revelation to them. With eyes almost popping out of their heads and with mouths wide open, they watched the procession and kept as quiet as mice during the singing of the carol that followed.

When the wise men had departed Alice Wong, Lan Yin and Yun Yuk were appointed a committee of three to wake Santa Claus up, who seemed most reluctant to leave his warm bed on such a cold night. After his attendants had tried in vain to send these three little girls away empty handed, Santa Claus was forced to appear, which he did by way of the proverbial chimney. Basket loads of toys, candy, popcorn and all manner of good things so dear to the hearts of young people were lavishly dispensed. So careful were the ushers to see that no child was overlooked that everyone was made the recipient of some gift.

The part taken by Santa Claus was worthy of the highest praise, and, considering that Ah Hen Li is but a little boy, he kept his audience in roars of laughter the whole time by his excellent acting. Self-possessed, and not in the least self-conscious, he acted his part with a vim and a naturalness that is too often lacking in some professionals of the stage. Ruth Ho was the Queen of the Fairies and looked daintily pretty in her snow white dress and gauzy wings. One of the wittiest things that Ah Hen Li said during the course of his act was that he had filled George Washington's stockings when he was a little boy and that he did not have to climb into a cherry tree to do it, either.

Special prizes were given to the following named pupils in recognition of their having been present at every Sunday school class during the past year: Ruth Ho, Lan Yin Yap, Ah Hen, Moo Jan Fong, Lu Duck Li, Ah Yu Kong, Ah Leong Kong, Ali Ho, Charlie Ho, Ah Tai Moo, Willie Ho, Chun Lum, Ng Hen Kong, Yuen Nyuk, Len San Li and Lillie Moo.

Following is a detailed copy of the program:

1. Song—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing".....School No. 67
2. Scripture .....Selection 7
   Prayer .....Ho Kwai Tuck
3. Song—"O Little Town of Bethlehem" .....School No. 75
4. Recitations .....Miss Peabody's Class
5. Song—"Little People of the Snow"....Miss Annie Goo Kim
6. Recitation—"In Santa Claus Land".....Miss Yap's Class
7. Song — Choir, Intermediate Department ..... Mrs. Furer
8. Recitations — "Tidings of Great Joy" .....Mr. Furer
9. Christmas Carol .....Misses Yap and Lee's Classes
10. Drill and Recitation .....Mrs. Dickey's Class
11. Song..Intermediate Department
12. Recitation — "Christmas"... ..... Jimmy Ho
13. Song—Girls ..... No. 81
14. Recitation and Song.....Mrs. Lee Kong Fee's Class
15. Recitation — "Why Did He Come?"....Mrs. Parsons' Class
16. Song—"Three Wise Men"... .....Mills Institute Glee Club
17. Drill and Song.....Mrs. Mackenzie's Class
18. Song—"Christmas Bells" ... .Miss Wolf's Class
19. Dialogue—Santa Claus ....Miss Goo Kim's Class

The churches will all observe Christmas Day. The services tomorrow will be as follows:

Roman Catholic.

Cathedral—First mass at 4:30 a. m. and every half hour until 9:30; 10:30, high pontifical mass and sermon; singing of the mass by the choir and orchestra; 3 p. m., confirmation; 7 p. m., sermon and benediction of the blessed sacrament.

St. Augustine, Waikiki—Friday eve, 12 midnight: Solemn mass with singing and holy communion. Cars leave for town after the hour of the service; 9 a. m., second mass.

Sacred Heart, Punahou—8:30, mass with singing and holy communion.

St. John the Baptist, Kalihi—Friday eve, 12 midnight: Solemn high mass; 8:30 a. m., second mass and sermon.

Our Lady of the Mount, Kalihiuka—Midnight mass and sermon; 9 a. m., second mass.

St. Joseph, Moanalua — Solemn mass at 6 a. m., with holy communion and sermon.

Methodist Church.

The First Methodist Episcopal church, corner Beretania avenue and Miller street. John T. Jones, pastor; F. L. Lee, assistant.

Sunday school, 10 a. m.—Mr. R. Arthur Robbins, superintendent.

Morning worship, 11 o'clock. — Christmas sermon by the pastor; subject, "The Birth and Mission of Christ." Galatians 4:4-5. A special program of Christmas music will be rendered by the choir, under the direction of Mr. Lee. A solo will be sung by Miss Ethel Moyer.

Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. — Subject, "The Coming of the Redeemer." Mrs. M. S. Mack, leader.

Evening worship, 7:30.—Sermon by the pastor; subject, "The Value of a Good Name." Mr. Lee will sing.

Tourists, strangers, soldiers and sailors, are most cordially invited to attend the services of this church.

Christmas Services.

At St. Andrew's Cathedral the following Christmas-Day Services have been arranged.

6 a. m.—Holy Communion. Celebrant: Rev. Canon Simpson.

7 a. m.—Holy Communion. Celebrant: Rev. A. L. Hall.

8 a. m.—Holy Communion. Celebrant: Rev. F. S. Saylor.

9 a. m.— Choral Communion in Hawaiian. Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Canon Simpson.

11 a. m.—Choral Matins and Communion. Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. W. H. Bliss.

The music at the 11 a. m. service will be:

Te Deum—Tours in F.

Anthem—There were Shpherds.. .....Dudley Buck

Communion Service—Eyres in E flat.

Christian Church—A. C. McKeever minister. 9:45, Bible School; 6:30, Y. P. S. C. E.; 11 a. m., sermon, subject "Now When Jesus Was Born."; 7:30 p. m., sermon, subject "Christ Our Example." All are welcome.

German Lutheran Church.

German Lutheran Church, pastor Felmy. Sonnabend, den 25ten Dezember, 11 Uhr: Festgottesdienst. Sonntag, den 26sten Dezember, 11 Uhr: Gottesdienst, 5 Uhr: Bescherung der Sonntagsschueler. Freitag, den 31sten Dezember, 7½ Uhr: Sylvestergottesdienst; 8½ Uhr: Beichte u. Abendmahl. Sonntag, den 3ten Januar, 9:45 Uhr: Sonntagschule; 11 Uhr: Neujahrs Festgottesdienst; 12 Uhr: Beichte u. Abendmahl; 3 Uhr: Jugendbund. Mittwoch, den 19ten Januar, 7½ Uhr: Gemeindeversammlung.

The following Christmas services will be held Sunday at Central Union: The usual order of services will be followed: Bible school at 9:50; books will be handed out to the scholars for the New Year's work. It is important that all be present. Men's League Bible Class at 9:50; a part of the hour will be given to last Sunday's subject and then the class will take up "Man's Supreme Duty." At the morning service at 11 o'clock the chorus choir will render recitatives and chorus from the Messiah and Mrs. Weight will sing "The Virgin's Lullaby." The sermon topic will be "My Response."

At the evening service at 7:30 there will be more special music by the choir. Selections from Dudley Buck's Cantata "The Coming of the King," and a solo by Miss Helen Lathrop, "My Redeemer Liveth." The minister will give a short address on "Lovers All."

Japanese and Santa.

The Nuuanu street Japanese Sunday school gave an entertainment at the Japanese Independence Church on Kukui street last evening which was a huge success. Long before the time came to open the doors dense crowds surged around the entrances, so eager were they to procure sitting accommodation. The chairman for the evening was I. Izimura, the chief address being delivered by the Rev. T. Hori. There were songs in Japanese, recitations in English by members of the Japanese Sunday school classes, a tableau in which girls and boys participated, a dialogue by two Japanese boys, which was exceedingly pleasing, a solo by Miss McCormick and a speech by S. Saruhashi.

The most noticeable feature of the evening was the large attendance of Japanese mothers, who one and all had their arms full of plump little pieces of humanity. When Santa Claus was ushered in there was a murmer of excitement from all present, and as the handsome gifts were being dispensed exclamations of approval could be heard on all sides. It takes a Christian of the Anglo-Saxon or Caucasian races to see with what sincere enjoyment converted Orientals have accepted the custom of Christmastide and the good old fashioned Santa Claus.

STEAMING in fine weather and smooth seas, the American oil steamer Rosecrans was reported by wireless last night as 23[illegible] miles off the port.

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