

CHILDREN WILL GIVE AT SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS TO HAVE NEW FEATURE.

Santa Claus Will Be a Visitor at Nearly All the Gatherings, But He Will Come to Collect Toys, Nuts and Candy for Children Who Might Be Overlooked.

Good St. Nicholas is planning numerous and brilliant fetes for the small people of Minneapolis, working thru his agents, the Sunday schools, instead of the Sunday schools, as has been his custom. There will be few Sunday school celebrations he will not visit in person, accompanied by the most elfish of elves or miniature counterparts of himself; the object of his visits will be to gather up a wealth of presents for children who are less fortunate than those in the Sunday schools, and the children will thus learn the sweetness of giving.

Refreshing departures have been taken this year from the time-honored custom of tree and treat. Believing that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," Plymouth Sunday school will have no tree, no tinsel, no toys, no candy, fruit or nuts. Instead, Santa Claus will be present, having arrived tired from a long journey, and disheartened because the wee ones of Bethel Settlement have no Christmas. But lo! the children of Plymouth church come to his aid, marching up with their little hands filled with goodies and toys to cram his pack, eyes brimful of happiness to gladden his heart. It is extremely probable that there will be much whispering between the directors of Bethel Settlement and teachers, and then more between teachers and pupils, over the choice of gifts for Santa Claus, and that everything will not be as casual as it appears. But at any rate the hearts of the members of Plymouth Sunday school will glow with the blessedness of giving and down around Bethel other little hearts will be warm, too.

The Day's Significance.

The Christmas observance of the Hennepin Avenue Sunday school will be to emphasize the spiritual significance of the day. The Sunday school room will be elaborately decorated with evergreens and flaming poinsettia blossoms, and the platform will be banked with fir trees dressed in tinsel and electric lights. But among the trees will be a manger, wide and roomy and deep, for the reception of the children's gifts for others less fortunate than themselves. A deaconess will preside at the manger, and next day the gifts of food and fruit and toys will be distributed. There will be a program by the children, of which the most interesting feature will be the story of the nativity, told by the infant class of fifty "wee uns."

An old English carol service will be part of the Christmas celebration planned by St. Mark's. Christmas Eve the full vested choir will sing old Christmas carols, and Thursday evening the children will hold a festival in the parish house. First there will be a brief, formal service in the church, then the children's saint will drop down the chimney and leave fairy stockings full of candy and oranges. But the really important feature of the evening will be the gathering of the children's gifts to be distributed next day, and songs and recitations by the children will make the time pass pleasantly.

The Wesley Program.

Neither will there be gifts of candy or anything else for the little people of Wesley Sunday school. The whole celebration will be a program of songs and recitations and a grand gathering of presents for the poor. Each class will give some special article of food, either a necessity or a luxury—in the way of fruit or nuts, and at the same time contribute a number of the program. This will take place Friday evening before Christmas, and will result in a delightful program and at least \$75 worth of food for the poor. The bits of children who can understand the philosophy of a Christmas without a Christmas tree, will contribute as their share little trees prettily rimmed to aid in the decorations and later to gladden the lives of other children; but that, too, will be giving.

The trimming of trees with gifts for the needy will be a feature of the Christmas festivities of the Church of the Redeemer. Trees innocent of tinsel or holiday fruit will extend waiting branches on Saturday before Christmas, and on them will be placed anything and everything edible that is at all appropriate for Christmas dinners, so that the trees will literally blossom with Christmas dinners. The children will have their own particular treat of candy and oranges, just plucked from the children's trees in the center of the Sunday school room, and big Santa Claus and little Santa Claus will be on and to assist.

Secrecy at Westminster.

Westminster Sunday school will celebrate, too, but everybody who knows anything about the Christmas parties, goes around on tiptoes and says "sh!" whenever the subject is broached. However, Riverside chapel is preparing a cantata of forty voices for the Friday after Christmas. It will be given by the young women and men of the chapel, but there will be choruses of children.

Central Baptist Sunday school will give a vesper song service on Sunday, and Thursday following there will be a Christmas drama called "Christmas in the Land." But here also there will be a giving, each class having its own secrets and plans to make some one happy.

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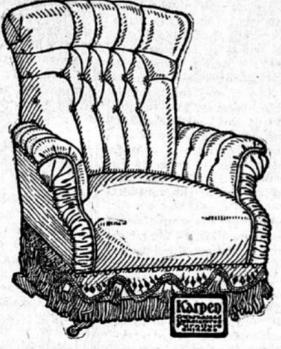
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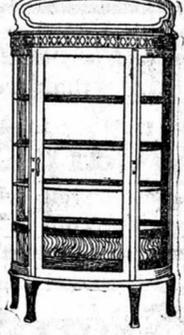
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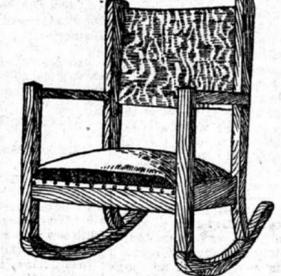
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