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SAW SANTA CLAUS

Jolly Saint Failed Not to Visit Homes and Churches.

BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS TREE.

Bring Joy to the Hearts of Many Children. Appropriate Exercise Held in All Our Churches.

If Santa Claus was as busy elsewhere as he was in Denison, this must have been the very busiest year of all his busy life. Christmas coming on Monday the celebrating began on Saturday night—was enjoyed quietly on Sunday, and sprang into full bloom on Christmas day. Besides the many happy home parties, Christmas tree celebrations were held in all our churches.

AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

At the Catholic church the services were unusually interesting. They began Sunday afternoon at the school hall where a large evergreen had been erected and beautifully decorated, for the entertainment of the children of the Sunday School. The following program was highly enjoyed, not only by the children, but also by the grown up people, who crowded the hall to its utmost capacity:

- Song, "Holy City".....Josie Collins
- Christmas Hymn.....Little girls
- Violin Solo.....Genevieve Lally
- Recitation, "Just 'Fore Xmas'".....Tommie Collins
- Violin Solo.....Maggie Clarke
- St. Nicholas or Santa Claus.....Clara Conner
- Song, "The Wild Irish Rose".....Mr. P. D. McMahon
- Adeste Fideles.....Sunday School Class

During the singing of the last hymn Santa Claus made his appearance, greatly adding to the merriment of the youngsters who eagerly received his gifts, regardless of his oddities. The piano accompanists were Mrs. McMahon, Beatrice Lally and Rose Clark.

At the church Christmas morning the crowds were more than ordinarily large. Father Farrelly celebrated Masses at 7, 8:30 and 10, the latest mass being sung with full church choir

Mrs. McMahon presided at the organ. Bassos, P. H. Brannon, P. D. McMahon. Tenor, F. Lally; Sopranos, Misses Genevieve Lally, Josie Collins and Maggie Clark; Alto, Beatrice Lally. In his sermon, Father Farrelly carried his audience to Bethlehem, which was made the perspective of a picture in the ages that preceded Him as well as those that followed Him. His personality was unique; His backing revolutionized the world, infusing health and strength into every society that received Him.

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The Christmas exercises at the Lutheran Church, were the best that were rendered for years. Very early in the evening the people began to assemble, and in a very short time the auditorium and balcony of the church were so filled, that even standing room was not to be had, and many had to turn back and go home, without hearing the good program. Prof. A. Meyer had his scholars drilled nicely for this occasion, and everyone present was very much pleased with the songs and recitations, that were rendered by the children. Rev. Frese and wife and Prof. Meyer were the recipients of many nice and useful presents.

GERMAN METHODIST.

The exercises were held on Monday evening and consisted of a handsome tree and the carrying out of the following program.

- Opening Song.....by The Congregation
- Prayer
- Christmas Lecture, Jos., 9, 27.
- Song.....by The Choir
- Hallelujah.....Ella Waetje
- Christmas Eve.....Amanda Reeh
- "What Pleases me Most".....Lillie Mundt
- "What Can I do at Christmas Time".....Martha Von Dohlen
- "Jesus Loves Me".....Martha Kadach
- Song.....by the Small Children
- "Jesus Loves Us So".....Marie Heiden
- "The Little Talk".....Walter and Louis Waetje
- Song.....by The Choir
- Declamation.....Sarah Trexel
- Declamation.....Herbert Mundt
- Declamation.....Agatha Brummer
- Declamation.....Frida Fastje
- "Glad Tidings".....Children

- "The First Mission Ship".....Martha Otto
- Declamation.....Hettie and Lillie Pepper
- Declamation.....Clara and Marie Weiss, and Margaretha Aebischer
- "The Christmas Angel".....Hedwig Brodersen
- Declamation.....Amanda Schnoor
- Song.....by The Choir
- Distribution of the presents.
- Announcements by the Pastor.
- Final Song.
- Benediction.

METHODIST CHURCH

At the M. E. Church the exercises Saturday evening indicated that the old time Christmas spirit is still with us. The church was tastefully decorated with evergreens; and the illuminated Christmas tree, laden with tempting fruit, and rich with gifts for the little ones, was an inviting scene. On the platform were baskets rounded up with pop corn balls, that seemed to give encouraging response to the expectant glances of the youngsters.

The program consisted of songs, recitations, and dialogues, chiefly by the children, all of whom acquitted themselves with credit. Features worthy of special mention, however, were, a trio beautifully rendered by the Misses Gulick, Raine, and McAhren; and a "Santa Claus Song" by Dr. Gibson.

The giving of presents brought the occasion to a climax of interest, every scholar receiving a gift, and the entire audience sharing in the distribution of oranges and popcorn balls.

Some of the older ones expressed alarm because the pastor, in his address to the boys and girls, solicited, and won, their cooperation in starting a scheme to have three or four Christmas' in the year instead of one. But perhaps the scheme wont succeed.

The morning theme, "The Best Christmas Gift," was based on the text, "Thanks be Unto God for His Unspeakable Gift," and dealt with God's best gift to men, and man's best gift to God.

The custom of making gifts is as old as history, but it has a peculiar significance at Christmas time, when done in recognition of God's unspeakable gift. All good gifts come from God, and are for human welfare. What men call gifts of nature, such as

the atmosphere, the sunlight, and the fruits of the soil, are the gifts of God that come through natural channels.

But God has gifts that are supernatural, and that come through supernatural channels. Among them the greatest and best is Jesus, the world's Redeemer.

This is God's best gift, because it is the gift of "His Only Begotten Son." It is a gift of a life that is divine, prompted by a love that is infinite. The gift always carries with it the law of reciprocity. If we receive a gift we feel under obligation to reciprocate. We at least make return of our gratitude to the giver, and respond with such gifts as we may spare from our store. In the relation of man to God, this is a law too often ignored. Shall we be the recipients of an unspeakable gift from God and make no adequate return for His loving interest?

We may give to God our gold, and this is well, for the widening of His kingdom depends on the consecrated offerings of His people. But the best gift we can bring to God this Christmas time, is the gift of self. We can offer Him our thought, our affections, our talents, and the strength of our life, thus enhancing our own soul with the image of His divine Son, and extending His philanthropic purpose to save and ennoble the race.

In the evening, the sermon theme was, "The Wonderful Christ." The greatness of Christ was reflected in His Achievements; His Unique Twofold nature; and His Sufficiency as Savior.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Christmas entertainment at the Presbyterian church, last Saturday night was one of the best and most successful in the history of the Sunday School. The tree was a large pine that almost completely filled the choir loft. It was beautifully lighted with various colored incandescent lamps, and decorated with candy boxes in the shape of stars, and ornaments. The program was an exceptionally good one, and was rendered with spirit by all taking part. A large pie was drawn in on a sled by a number of Brownies, and presented to Santa Claus, who opened the pie and out jumped a little girl who gave a pretty recitation. The

children were greatly pleased, and went home with their arms full of presents, and hearts full of Christmas joy. Much of the success of the evening was due to the untiring faithfulness of Mrs. J. F. Glenn, chairman of the committee.

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- Scripture reading, Miss Bryce's Class
- Prayer.....Rev. W. E. Bryce
- Choir.....Response
- Greeting.....Harriet Gebert
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- Recitation, "The Journey of the Wise Men,".....Sylvia Cochran
- Song.....Infant Class
- Recitation, "Greedy Jim,".....Paul Caswell
- Duet, Addie Luney and Hazel Nash
- Song, "Christmas Wishes".....Wm. McHenry H. Cushman H. Laub
- Christmas Fairie.....Mary Luney's Class
- Solo.....Hazel Nash
- The Star Queen.....Mrs. Gee's and Mrs. Hope's Class
- Song.....Mrs. Glenn's Class
- Exercise with Santa Claus.....Florence Wearmouth's and Mary Luney's Class

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

We have been unable to obtain the program of the Christmas tree exercises. The tree was beautiful, and the little ones performed their parts of the program with great credit. On Sunday, Rev. Charles Henry Stull, the Baptist pastor, chose for his text Matt. 2, 2, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen His star in the East and are come to worship him." Among the other things said, or points made he emphasized the fact that the Christ had always been in the world, even before His incarnation and His life had remained here after his death. In answer to the question: "Where is He?" the speaker held first, that He was in the thought of the world. The best in literature and art and philosophy had been copied or inspired as out of His life. Next Christ was in the political history of the world. Third, He was in the world's humanitarianism. Philanthropy is from Him. Fourth, Christ was in the world's sorrow. Fifth, Christ was in the world's future. The sermon was heard by a large congregation and was spoken

of as being eloquent and broad in scope. It was wholly adapted to the Christmas season. The music was of special quality and added greatly to the service and worship of the hour.

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New York City—West Side Y. M. C. A.—His satire is sweetened with humor—his fun is of the healthy sort. In his line, I know of no one who approaches him.—Chas. F. Powlison, Special Secretary. Allston Packard, at the Opera House, Wednesday, Jan. 3rd. Seats on sale Saturday Dec. 30th.

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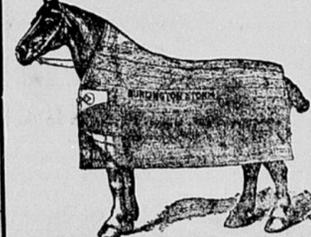


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