

SWEET MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS

Many Elaborate Programs for Today and Wednesday.

NEW SONGS TO BE HEARD

And the Choice of the Old Ones, Selected.

Episcopal and Catholic churches have special services.

Special Services, Wesleyan.

Other Churches, Trinity.

(Written for the Sunday Times.)

MUSIC in the Richmond churches this Christmas will be beautiful. It will be as elaborate as former years, and the greatest care has been exercised by the chorists to select attractive as well as appropriate music. No one will be disappointed in all of the large churches. The Episcopalians who attend divine worship to-day or Christmas Day will hear some of the finest selections ever written upon the Saviour's birth. For weeks, and even months, the choirs have been diligently preparing for the service when the birth of the Master shall be proclaimed again, when men shall answer back the refrain: "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men."

The Episcopal and Catholic churches will have services as usual on Wednesday, Christmas Day. It will be at this time that the Christmas music prepared by their choirs will be sung. Most of the other churches, including the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian, will have their Christmas services and music to-day. Many of the churches will be beautifully decorated for the occasion. Choirs and soloists will be used to lead a sweetness to the service. The programs of the many churches are varied. Every one's taste has been apparently consulted. Some new songs which have been written for the occasion will be sung, and these have been in some cases by well-known composers. The programs of most of the churches follow:

Episcopal Churches. The choir of St. Peter's Cathedral, under the direction of Miss Nina Randolph, will render the following excellent program Christmas morning at 10 o'clock: Processional—Selected. Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis, Credo, Sanctus, Agnus Dei—Mazzes Messe Solenne in G. Benedictus—Gottard. Offertory—Christmas Hymn, Adiste Fidelis by Morelli. Recessional—Gloria to God (DeLima), Miss Randolph, organist. The members of the choir are: Sopranos—Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Griffin, Miss Kirk, Miss Coleman, Miss Taylor, Miss Sweney, Miss Dulakey. Alto—Miss Knowles, Miss Cavanaugh, Miss Murray, Miss Meagher, Miss D. Neill. Tenors—Mr. Canepa, Mr. Williams, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Powell, Dr. Hardy. Basses—Mr. A. Morrissey, Mr. F. Morrissey, Mr. Cowardin, Mr. Jones, Mr. Harbison. Organist, Miss Randolph. ST. PATRICK'S. Special services will be held in St. Patrick's, which will be decorated with evergreens. The following is the program of the music Christmas morning at 9 o'clock: Adeste Fideles (Mozart) (Mozart) Angel Praes (Sacchi) Kyrie (Gounod) Gloria (Haydn) Credo (Mozart) Agnus Dei (Mozart) Offertory—Adorate Deum (Mozart) Presentation of Alms (Doxology) Hymn 25. HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctus 25. (Taylor) Hymn 23. (Oliver) Gloria in Excelsis No. 204. (Old Chant). The chorus will number about 60 voices and will be assisted by Mrs. Walter Burke, soprano soloist, and Mrs. Dauber, mezzo soloist. This program will be repeated the following Sunday morning.

EMANUEL CHURCH, HENRICO. The following musical program will be sung at this church on Christmas morning. Opening Hymn No. 56. "Christians, Awake! Salute the Happy Morn." in G major. (Carmichael). Venite, in A flat. (Penfield). Gloria Patri, in C. (Reed). Te Deum, in E flat. (Reed). Hymn No. 53. "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." (Willis). Gloria Tibi, in E flat. Hymn No. 54. "White Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," to tune "Anchor" in E. Offertory, "Prince of Peace," in E. This program will be repeated on the Sunday after Christmas Day. The choir is composed of the following persons: Misses Roberta Lee Randolph, Mary M. Randolph, Sallie H. Randolph, Roberta Higginson, Mrs. J. Powell Dunn, Messrs. T. Crawford, Redd, John B. Mordecai, and Beverly Randolph. Mr. E. D. Redd, organist and director.

EMPHANY, CH. BARTON. HIGHLIGHTS. Processional, "Christians Awake"; Venite, Nevin, in A; Gloria Patri, Winchester, in G; Te Deum, Stephens, in C; Jubilate, Corbin, in E; Hymn, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"; Gloria Tibi, in E flat; Hymn, "Glorious is Thy Name Almighty God"; Mozart; Sanctus, Parker, in C; Hymn, "And Now, O Father"; Gloria in Excelsis, "Old Chant"; Recessional, "O Come All Ye Faithful"; Adeste Fideles. The choir is composed of 20 voices. The music will be rendered at the 11 o'clock service.

MONUMENTAL. The splendid choir at Monumental Church which has been well drilled by Mr. Scrivener, will sing the following music Christmas morning and repeat part of it the next Sunday: Processional Hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," to a chant in D, in G major; Te Deum, Hopkins, in G; Jubilate, Somervell, in F; Hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful"; Kyrie, Mendelssohn, in A flat; Gloria Tibi, Woodword, in D; Hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; Offertory Anthem, "O Come All Ye Faithful"; Recessional Hymn, "Angels from the Realms of Glory." Evening Service, Sunday, Dec. 23. Processional Hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"; Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Marks, in C; Hymn, "Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices"; Offertory Anthem, "O Come All Ye Faithful"; Recessional Hymn, "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning"; Postlude, March Triumphant, in E flat, Gullman. ST. JOHN'S. This will be the Christmas program at St. John's Church: Hymn, No. 49—"O Come, All Ye Faithful"; Venite, Beethoven. Gloria Patri, in G, Danks. Gloria Patri, in F, Danks. Gloria Patri, in B flat, Danks. Te Deum Laudamus, in F, Danks-Gordon; Jubilate Deo, in C, Alzamora. Gloria Tibi, in A flat, Fitzwillson. Offertory Anthem, "Sing, O Daughter of Zion," Nevin. Hymn, No. 53, "Come Hither, Ye Faithful." These compose the choir of St. John's Church. Sopranos—Mrs. Kate Barbour Howard, Miss Lillian Gentry, Miss Pearl Gentry, Miss Margaret Poeser, Miss Essie Burnett, Miss Grace Schermerhorn, Miss Minnie King, Miss Anna C. Barbour. Altos—Mrs. Ludwell Miller, Miss Edna Barbour. Tenors—Mrs. Diggs, Mr. Harry Hartman, Mr. J. F. Jackson. Basses—Mr. Richard Dyer, Mr. Morgan Shephard, Mr. Clarence Peacock. Organist—W. H. Yalabrough. ST. JAMES CHURCH. This will be the Christmas song service at St. James: Organ Prelude (Shelley) Organ Prelude (Penfield) Gloria Patri in E flat (Penfield) Festal Te Deum, in E flat (Buck) Benedictus in E (Gounod) Introit Hymn, No. 53 (Smith) Gloria in Excelsis (Danks) Hymn No. 49 (Reading) Offertory Anthem—"The First Christmas" (Barby) Organ Postlude (Battiste) An Epiphany (Danks) The above music will be repeated, except that at the offertory, Miss Lillian R. Taylor, who has been studying for several months in New York, under Miss Emma Thursby, will sing "White Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night." At the afternoon service, 4 o'clock, December 24th, the following music will be rendered: Organ Prelude (Mozart) Hymn 25. (Taylor) Gloria Patri in G (Churchill) Festal Gloria in Excelsis in G (Wilson) Magnificat in A (Hollen) Nunc Dimittis in A (Hollen) Hymn 25. (Taylor) Offertory Anthem—"The First Christmas" (Barby) Organ Postlude (Saint Sene) James' choir is a chorus of eighteen voices. Soloists—Mrs. Ida Robinson Curtis, soprano; Mrs. Honora Slater, contralto; Mr. Walter A. Watkins, tenor; Mr. Geo. C. Woodcock, bass; Mr. Frank A. Sherman, organist. Mr. J. P. Doshell, director. W. J. Yalabrough, organist. ST. ANDREW'S. The choir of St. Andrew's church, corner Laurel and Beverly Streets, will render the following program Christmas day: Opening Anthem, Hark (The Herald) Angelus Sing (Palm) Venite No. 11 (Hutchins Hymnal) Kyrie Nos. 3 and 10 (Herman) Jubilate No. 11 (Hutchins Hymnal) Gloria Tibi, No. 89 (Common Praise) Offertory Anthem, Bethelhem Presentation of Alms (Whitney Coombs) Hymn 25. HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctus 25. (Taylor) Hymn 23. (Oliver) Gloria in Excelsis No. 204. (Old Chant). The chorus will number about 60 voices and will be assisted by Mrs. Walter Burke, soprano soloist, and Mrs. Dauber, mezzo soloist. This program will be repeated the following Sunday morning.

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Baptist Churches. The Christmas music at the First Baptist Church will be sung to-day. The morning programme is as follows: March, Pontificale, organ (Lemmens). "Behold, There Shall be a Day," choir (Schneecker). Offertory, F minor (to St. Cecilia), organ (Halle). "Joy to the World," choir (Blumenhath). March in B flat, organ (Slias). At the night service the organist will play the Sonata in D minor, by Dr. William Volkmann. The first movement will be given as a prelude, the second movement at the offertory and the last movement as a postlude. The choir will sing "Bethlehem," by Homer N. Bartlett, and "Angels from the Realms of Glory," by Bullard. Mr. Leslie F. Watson is organist and director of the First Church choir.

SECOND CHURCH. The following programme will be rendered at the Second Church to-day: Morning service—"The Joyful Morn is Breaking" (Schoecker). "Bethlehem" (Bartlett). "Festive, Te Deum," E flat (Buck). Evening service—"Hymn of the Nativity" (Stewart). "There Were Shepherds" (Spence). "Praise the Lord" (Randegger). The members of the choir are: Mrs. Gay Frances Pleasant, soprano; Miss Frances Diggs, contralto; Mr. Conway Gordon, tenor; Mr. Oscar Lohmann, bass; Mr. Herbert L. Rees, organist; Mr. Walter C. Mercer, director. FULTON CHURCH. An attractive programme will be sung at the Fulton Church to-day by the following choir: Soprano—Miss Emma Ford, Mrs. W. Floyd Reams, Miss Mamie Poffar, Mrs. W. Leake, Mrs. Ida Enoch, Miss Lucy Bishop. Alto—Mrs. Annie Talley, Mrs. George Booker. Tenor—W. Floyd Reams, E. A. Elliott. Bass—Charles L. Eacho, Samuel Gathright, Charles Samuels, Miss Wittick, A. T. Samuels, chorister, Miss Lucy Brown, organist.

Land Christian Church. Following is the programme of Christmas music at this church, which will be sung to-day: Morning—1. Doxology. 2. Anthem, by the choir, "Joy to the World" (Charles H. Gabriel). 3. Scripture Lessons. 4. Anthem, "There Were Shepherds" (E. L. Ashford). 5. Scripture lessons; hymn 88. 7. "Behold, Still," offertory by choir. 8. Sermon, "The Song of the Angels." 9. Hymn 10. Benediction. 10. C. Day. 11. Hymn 85. Mrs. J. C. Day, Miss Daisy Ware, Miss Viola Barker, Mrs. Pearl Wells, Miss Estelle Stewart, Miss Bettie Blake, Mrs. J. P. Davis. Alto—Mrs. E. B. Fowler, Miss Lella Hope, Mrs. J. E. Taylor. Tenor—C. Day. Basses—J. P. Davis, George Adams, Benjamin Blake, Allic Dillard, Roy Bayhorne. ST. JOHN'S GERMAN LUTHERAN. This will be the programme Christmas Day at St. John's German Evangelical Church: "Christus Anthem (Harris); "The Heavens Were Telling" (Händel); Chorale—"Praise the Lord" (Baseler); Solo and chorus—"Christ is Born" (Danks). Sopranos—Mrs. Lizzie Anderson, Miss Marka Menzel, Miss Lily Menzel, Miss Nannie Frommer, Miss Schauf, Miss Pauline Frazer. Altos—Mrs. Helen Rueger, Miss Rhea Menzel, Miss Helena Schauf, Miss Emma Schumann. Tenors—Charles H. Phillips, William Herbig, Henry Beckli. Basses—Henry C. Rueger, Fred Schauf. Organist and Director—John Baseler. First Lutheran Church. The Christmas service and communion will be held in this church to-day. The musical programme is: Opening Hymn, "Come Hither, Ye Faithful," soprano in E flat; Gloria in E flat (Battistelli); Kyrie Eleison (Dunish); Gloria in Excelsis (Gregorian); Sentence and Hallelujah (Schweizer); Offertory—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," Communion service in E flat; Sanctus (Cambridge); Agnes Dei (Cambridge); Nunc Dimittis (Dunle); Hymn, "Calm on the Listening Ear of Night."

Small Fire. A house occupied by George Lynch, a colored man, at Shook's Alley and Duval Street, was badly burned yesterday morning about 2 o'clock. The fire was caused by an over-heated stove, and damaged the house to the extent of about \$300 and the furniture about \$25. The party was frozen when the apartment arrived, and some delay was experienced before the steamers could play. They were thawed out with steam jets. The Williams Road. President Williams of the Seaboard Air Line Road, said yesterday his company had no interest in the charter of the Mount Rogers and Eastern Railroad. He would not deny, however, that his company contemplated trying to reach the coal-fields of Virginia and West Virginia. To Save Horses. City Sergeant J. C. Smith has offered to supply the city with sand enough to sprinkle on the streets at points where the horses are likely to slip down. The sand will probably be looked into at the meeting of the Street Committee tomorrow night. Millions in Dividends. The banks, trust companies, insurance companies, building and loan organizations and other corporations in Richmond will pay out and after the 1st of January dividends aggregating \$1,600,000.

Freight Week. (By Associated Press.) HELENA, MONT., Dec. 21.—A freight week occurred on the Northern Pacific last night two miles west of Garrison, and twenty cars of merchandise tumbled down the mountain side, and are lying at the bottom of the Missouia River. The train is suspended, three overland passenger trains being held at Portland. The accident is supposed to have been caused by the breaking of a rail or a wheel flange by the cold weather. No one was injured. ROME, Dec. 21.—Two trains were wrecked in a collision near Megliana, ten miles south of Milan. Six persons were killed and fifteen were seriously injured. MURRAY GIVEN ONE YEAR. The Longer Term Would Not Stand—The Prairie Sails. (Special Dispatch to the Times.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 21.—Tom Murray, the negro who was found guilty of indecent behavior yesterday by Justice Brown, was given one year in jail and fined \$500 to-day. The cruiser Prairie, which has been at anchor off the shipyard for several days, weighed anchor early this morning and started on her voyage to the West Indies. Yesterday morning the cruiser took aboard two hundred naval apprentices, and she will be used as a training ship for some time. CATTLE THIEF SENTENCED. Believed to Be One of a Regular Band in the Southwest. (Special Dispatch to the Times.) TAZEWELL, VA., Dec. 21.—J. T. Cook, thought to be one of a band of cattle thieves who have been doing a wholesale business in stealing stock in this county for some time, was sentenced in the County Court of Tazewell Thursday for stealing three cattle belonging to W. G. Mustard. He admitted having sold the cattle to a butcher at Graham on October 10, but said that he had been hired by another to do so, but failed to make a satisfactory explanation of the transaction. The court convened Tuesday, Judge H. Stuart presiding, but owing to second day of term being devoted to civil matters no felony cases were taken up until Wednesday afternoon. E. B. Garretson, a young white man who was brought to jail here from Graham five or six days ago, charged with forgery, was yesterday indicted by a special grand jury. He is a man of good appearance and disclaims being guilty of the crime with which he is charged. American Girl Weds Title. (By Associated Press.) LONDON, December 21.—Miss Elena Grace, daughter of Michael P. Grace, formerly of New York, was married to the Earl of Donoughmore at St. Michael's Church, Chester Square, to-day. The service was fully choral. The bridesmaids were Margarita and Gladys Grace. Commissioners Discharged. (By Associated Press.) UTICA, N. Y., December 21.—Mayor Sherman of this city, has removed Police and Fire Commissioner John Morgan on the charge of exceeding his authority. Tuesday he removed Commissioner Frank L. Jones, on the same charge. The commissioners voted to expend money in the police and fire fund to enlarge some engine-houses and police station, without waiting for the expenditure to be authorized by the people. There was no charge of dishonesty. The commissioners serve without pay. Alaskan Boundary. (By Associated Press.) TORONTO, ONT., Dec. 21.—A special to the Globe from its Ottawa correspondent says: It is rumored that negotiations in relation to the Alaska boundary question, pending during the settlement of the Nicaragua Canal question and the ratification of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, are about to be resumed. Diplomatic overtures have again been made to the United States to refer the question to arbitration. This, it is thought, is an opportune time to again bring up the subject, as the opinion is held that in view of Britain's generous behavior touching the Nicaraguan Canal, the United States might consent to arbitration on conditions honorable to both parties. Edward's Coronation. (By Associated Press.) LONDON, December 21.—The King and Queen, surrounded by many members of the Royal Family will spend Christmas at Sandringham, where a shooting party will gather Monday. London is emptying fast of fashionable people, who are hurrying to the country to hold their festivities, and large parties are gathering at nearly all the great homes in the United Kingdom. The South African war and the Court's partial mourning seem in no way to have affected the nation's determination to celebrate the season with more than usual zest.

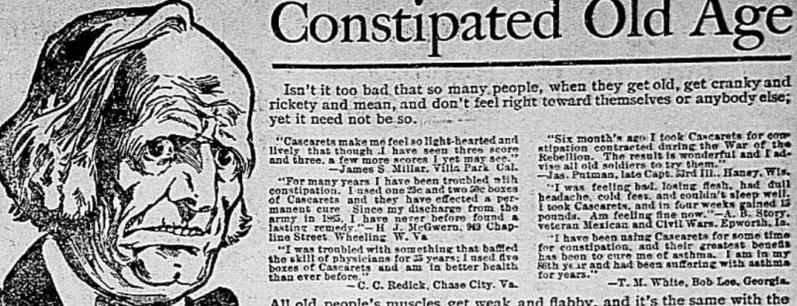
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BODY SPIRITED AWAY. Found in the River and Tied, but Disappeared Before Identification. (Special Dispatch to the Times.) NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 21.—The body of the unknown white man found in the river at Lambert's Point yesterday, which was towed ashore and tied to a boat, mysteriously disappeared before the authorities went to endeavor to identify it secured it. Henry Southend, an employe of the Portsmouth Sewerage Department, is missing, and the body is believed to be his. Southend was 35 and unmarried. The disappearance of the body is being investigated and there appears reason to believe that friends of Southend identified it as his and took it away. The Portsmouth police report to-night that they have no knowledge of the body having been taken away by Southend's friends, and consider that explanation of the disappearance of the body as probably not well based. Friends' Memorial Services. The Mystic Shriners of Acca Temple will hold memorial service in the Masonic Temple at 7 o'clock Thursday night. Invitations will not be taken, and the illustrious Potentate John R. Charlton and Recorder C. A. Nesbitt. The members of the order who died during the year are the following: E. L. Ke. Thomas A. Davis, John K. Williams, W. G. Burgess, A. Langstaff, Johnston, Charles Sydney, H. C. Johnston, William Spotts, J. M. Sherwood, William Hall, Crew, Philip Trasher, Wood, Sidney Beale, Rosenbaum, James D. Craig, W. H. Winston, and J. Mason Miller, Jr. (By Associated Press.) HELENA, MONT., Dec. 21.—Frank and Edna, a young couple, were arrested by the State Game Warden, were placed under arrest yesterday on a charge of assault in the second degree, upon the person of Edward Booth on the morning of December 19th. Both men were released on \$200 bonds.



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