CHRISTMAS SERMONS IN ST. PAUL PULPITS.

EVERY CHURCH RANG

ANTHEMS OF PRAISE A FEATURE OF YESTERDAY'S RELIGIOUS SERVICES

BABE OF BETHLEHEM'S BIRTH

It Was the Universal Theme, Although a Diversity Was Attached to the Services by the Traditions of the Sects as Well as the Individuality of the Pastors.

Christmas, 1898, was a typical Minnesota day of invigorating ozone, and the yule log that was laid on the hearthstone seems destined to burn brightly until the opening of a year with its promise of increasing happiness.

At all the churches there were large gatherings of regular worshipers, and many that go to the sanctuary but once or twice a year. The musical services were excellent from prelude to postlude. The soloists and choirs sang, in their best voices, selections suitable to the day.

Those who are not professing Christians, but who believe in gift-bearing on that day, celebrated in accordance with individual inclinations. The young found invigorating sport skating in the parks and lakes in the suburbs of the city. Older persons went visiting and hundreds of them were in the country with relatives and friends.

The streets were quiet and almost deserted, most of the day. The policemen had things easy. Few strangers were within the gates of the city. As a consequence the hotels were not thronged.

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

Large Congregations Attended the Services of the Parish.

Large congregations attended the Christmas services at St. Mary's Catholic church. The edifice was profusely decorated with flowers and evergreen, while special music was rendered by the choir. The main altar was a bower of palms, set off with the rich color of plenteous American Beauty roses, while over the tabernacle were the two burnished angels, with outstretched wings, tipped each with a golden crown, one of the church vestments brought into use only during the Christmas observance. On either side of the entrance to the altar stood a large candelabrum, with spirals of lighted candles reaching twelve feet high, while from other candelabra burned colored candles. Within the chancel rail was a reproduction of the birthplace of Christ, the crib at Bethlehem, in which rested an infant figure, effectively visible in the glow of light throughout the church.

High mass was celebrated at 5 o'clock, and at the 7 o'clock service communion was administered. Children's mass was celebrated at 9 o'clock. The principal service of the day was the celebration of solemn high mass at 10:30 o'clock, by Rev. P. R. Heffron, rector of St. Paul's seminary. Rev. Father Gibbons and Rev. Father Brennan assisted in the observance. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Gibbons. He said in part:

"Christmas is indeed a day of happiness. The angels' message of 'peace on earth, good will toward men,' given on that first Christmas night to the shepherds as they sat watching their flocks on the lonely hillsides of Galilee, finds today a most responsive chord in the hearts of Christians, and fills them with joy and gladness.

"The wild race for gains and commerce, the sharp, energetic competition in the business world, the envious ambition of professional men for self-aggrandizement, to the exclusion of others, the hard struggles for existence of the laborer and the mechanic, close the door of human sympathy, stifle pity and make men cold and hard as steel. We are placed into the arena of busy life, pushed into its fierce conflict, the blows fall thick and fast; we retire more or less wounded. Aching hearts and painful brows tell the tales of life's sad battles, and it would seem as though the noble aspirations of man were stifled; that pity, love and mercy had departed, and that this busy, tumultuous world of ours was a cruel dwelling place.

"From a certain standpoint it is true, yet this is but the outward form of life. The inner life of man is different. It is better. It is a world all his own. People with the best of intentions, strengthened with the noblest resolutions, inspired with the highest and noblest sentiments that can spring from the human breast. But on Christmas day we lay down the burden of life, with its cares and its anxieties. For the moment we are true to our better self. We relax the rein of strife, and the pent up fountain of our hearts' affection goes out in loving embrace to humanity.

"There is happiness on Christmas day. We read in the rosy cheeks of bright-eyed children; we see it in the serene contentment of old age. Civil and industrial life is arrayed in holiday attire. The city is brightened with its windows, laden with gifts and toys. Domestic hearth is gladdened; gifts are interchanged; the absent ones remembered, and the stranger in the foreign land casts his thoughts on home.

"Nineteen centuries have rolled away since Christ was born. Generation after generation has passed away, and yet each generation has stood before that crib of Bethlehem and bent in adoration to that divine child."

PERFECT HUMAN LIFE.

That of Jesus Was the Outward Expression of God.

At the First M. E. church yesterday morning special Christmas music was rendered by a quartette consisting of Messrs. Garland and J. F. Starkey and Mrs. F. E. Cobb and Miss Wicklund, who sang "Sing, Oh Sing, This Blessed Morn," and "On Christmas Morn." Miss Wicklund also sang a solo.

Rev. F. B. Cowgill preached from Hebrews 1, 1-2: "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son." In part he said:

The sacred writer does not deny the dispensation of divine kindness which went before the Christian era. Ever since the primeval man looked abroad upon the earth and the sky God has been speaking to him in a language that becomes more and more significant, not simply by a magnificent display of things beautiful and majestic, but by the throb of power and principle of order that are perceived throughout the whole. In the succession of the seasons, in snow and shower, in the gradations of day and night, in the rhythmic pulsation of the tides, in the growth and decay of organic structures, in the systematic play of forces, in the inviolableness of law and in the kind and wise adjustments of nature, God has been declaring to man His wisdom, goodness, power and unchangeableness.

Man has learned much and has much yet to learn from this oldest and most universal utterance of the infinite to the finite. To turn away from this oldest and most universal Scripture writing of the infinite, or to reject its teachings, never was the dictate of piety and never will be. The scientific explorer who examines, classifies and finds out the truth about nature has approached by so far nearer to that God who is nature. He also is the student of divinity, and is as much entitled to be heard as the prophet who comes from the desert or the mountain where he has communed with God through prayer and fasting. It is through him that God has spoken to man, telling him how to fight plague and famine with weapons out of God's own arsenal; how to tunnel mountains and drag his thundering train along the iron rails; how to fling his bridge across the roaring flood, and with his mighty vessels navigate the seas in safety. It is through him that God has been and still is telling man the long, long story of God's ages and His methods in creation, and God has been revealing to men the things written by the divine finger ages ago in the rocks of the earth and the flaming orbs of the sky. But the infinite has had truth to reveal to man about himself and about man's self, which he could not write in cooling globe or flaming nebulae. Not all the beauty of the earth nor all the splendor of the sky, not all the power throbbing throughout the world, nor all the intelligence which its wonderful harmonies proclaim, could declare to man the verities of his moral being and the laws which condition his spiritual welfare in time and in eternity. Naught but a human soul touched by the fire of divine inspiration can understand or declare the enduring realities of the moral universe; naught but a human mind, throbbing with divine ideas, can declare to man the truth he needs to know in order to the saving and eternal progress of his soul; naught but a human heart aflame with divinely kindled love can understand or declare God's wonderful love to man.

And so God spake both through nature and the prophets. Through Moses He declared His law to the Israelites and laid the foundations of the Jewish nation. He raised up prophets from generation to generation who did not suffer the people to lose sight of God. As the moral sense of the nation was quickened through chastisement and tribulation the greater prophets sang a higher, clearer note of hope and triumph, when on the debris of a ruined commonwealth and out of the despair of a crushed people they saw rising the foundation of a universal and divine kingdom. They saw one mightier than David and more splendid than Solomon sitting upon the throne of the old theocracy, beneath whose all-subduing scepter the turbulence of the nations died away. They saw men beating their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, and they saw all this glory of a regenerated world and a divine civilization ushered in by the advent of a heaven-sent king—the Messiah. At length God uttered His supreme word through his only begotten Son, in a perfect human life.

PEACE ON EARTH.

Rev. Dr. Wright Condemns the Persecution of the Jews.

Yesterday's Christmas service at St. Paul's Episcopal church was attended by a large congregation. The service was fully in keeping with the sentiment of Christmas time, and appropriate carols by the choir and solos, together with the cheery decorations of the Christmas berry, gave the interior of the sanctuary a cordial and inviting appearance.

The offering will be devoted for missionary support.

The processional was sung by a choir of sixty, and the anthem following communion was "He Shall Reign." J. C. Collins sang a solo, "They Were Shepherds," and the recessional by the choir, "Angels' Realms of Glory."

Rev. John Wright continued his series of sermons on comparative religion. He took for his subject "Christianity and Judaism." He spoke from the text:

St. Luke ii., 32: "A Light to Lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of the People of Israel." He said in part:

Jew and Christian come from the same stock. We feel an equal interest in the patriarchs and prophets and in the worship of God's house sing the same psalms. It is a sad thought that the parting place of the Jew and Christian is at the manger of Christ. For this reason our Christmas cannot be a complete one. It is like a family gathering in which some member of the household is absent. It may be an elder brother standing for the authority and dignity of the family. In our festivities today there is wanting the presence of an elder brother, and that elder brother is the Jew. It is a sad fact that just as soon as Christianity had an official position it fell upon the Jew in persecution. The crusaders as they went up to Jerusalem left in their pathway the bodies of 12,000 Jews. Italy for years condemned them to perpetual slavery. They were driven from Spain, Germany, Poland, Portugal and Russia. England did no better, for Edward I. exiled them from the kingdom and they did not get back for 364 years. London did not have a synagogue until 1662. Christian nations accused the Jews of spreading the leprosy and the black plague. For these and other reasons they were burned alive, torn asunder, thrown into rivers and subjected to every insult. These facts constitute the darkest spots upon Christian history. We should hang our heads in abject shame, for the gentle founder of our religion taught no such spirit of hate. He wept over Jerusalem, but did not lift his hand in violence against it.

Since the advent of the Messiah, Christianity and Judaism have followed distinct missions. Christianity has taught Christ everywhere, even to the ends of the earth. Judaism has at the same time taught monotheism. It has done a good service, especially in Oriental lands, in protesting against the false ideas of God as promulgated by Mohammedanism and against the superstitions of Buddhism and Hinduism. In this way it has been the friend and helper of Christianity. In other ways Judaism has not been idle, for it has given many illustrious names to the world. In scientific and religious thought it has given a Spinoza, in poetry a Heine, in theological criticism a Moses Maimonides, in philosophy a Moses Mendelssohn, and in music, that rare composer, Felix Mendelssohn, a Jew by extraction, but later a Christian. The same Judaism has produced a long line of princely merchants, and in the financial world the Rothschilds. It has also stood in the fore front of benevolence as seen in the splendid gifts of Sir Moses Montefiore and Baron Hirsch.

The words "the glory of the people of Israel" are yet to be fulfilled, when, according to prophecy, Christianity and Judaism are to be united as one family in recognition of the Messiah, whose advent we celebrate today. The Jew may object to this kind of interpretation. Very well, let us not urge it against his conscience. Nevertheless he doubtless teaches that, according to Scripture, there is to be a golden era in the future when all race prejudices shall disappear and a universal brotherhood begin. When that time comes will there not be the united conviction that the sweetest strains this wearied earth ever heard were those the angels sang centuries ago, of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

CATHEDRAL WAS CROWDED.

Large Congregations Attended the Services of Yesterday.

Services at the cathedral yesterday were more largely attended than those of any other Christmas for some years. The fact that Christmas fell on Sunday, together with the pleasant weather, undoubtedly accounted for the general gathering of worshippers. Solemn high mass was celebrated at 5 o'clock. Rev. James Reardon, of St. Paul's seminary, preached the sermon. Masses followed every half hour until 10:30 o'clock, when pontifical high mass was celebrated by Archbishop Ireland. Present in the sanctuary at this service were 100 seminarians, clad in the vestments of the church. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Father Lawler, while Rev. Father Scheffer acted as master of ceremonies and Rev. Peter Meade was assistant priest.

The decorations of the church were artistic and elaborate. Instead of the usual decorations of flowers, the altar was almost impenetrably banked with holly, while the sanctuary was thickly overhung with evergreen, forming a background which rendered particularly effective the glittering candelabra, filled with burning candles. Special music was rendered, the most impressive selection, in which Danz's orchestra accompanied the organ, being "The Messe Solenelle," by Ferdonal Dulcken. The soloists were Mrs. S. V. Harris and Miss Millie Pottgiesser, and Messrs Paul Zumbach and J. F. Gehan. Mrs. F. L. Hoffman presided at the organ.

In his sermon Rev. Father Lawler took to task the traducers of the Savior, who concede His excellence as a human being, but deny His divinity. Said he in part:

"The language of those who reject the divinity of Christ, yet who wish to praise Him, or even to pose as Christians, may seem appreciative of Him, but in reality it extols Him as a human being and nothing more. Though they speak of Him in words of tenderness, what they say of Him is not enough for true Christians. It is not enough to regard Him merely as a messenger from God; it is not enough to admit that God dwelt in Him as God dwells in the heart of every just man. It is not enough to say that in Him was a spark, an idea of divinity; it is not enough to teach that His was a divinity of genius, or of art. All Christians believe Him to be more than a philosopher, a prophet or a philanthropist. All Christians believe with St. Paul that in Him was the plenitude of divinity corporally. All true Christians believe in a divine Christ, divine with the same divinity of the Father; divine with the same divinity of the Holy Ghost.

"By their own statements of Him, unbelievers stand condemned. There is no consistency in their pictures of Him, because they have not followed the outlines drawn by St. Peter, when he said, 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.' They know not who He is because they have set aside His divinity. People must either deny Christ's moral excellence altogether, or declare His divinity. There is no middle ground. If Christ was not a divine being, He was not a truthful man—He was not an honest man—because He usurped divine honors; because He claimed to be God. If Christ was not a divine being, He was an impostor, or an enthusiast unworthy of admiration, or at least a victim of hallucination. The character of Christ is inexplicable without His divinity."

QUARTER OF A CENTURY.

Rev. W. W. Everts Celebrates His Silver Anniversary as a Minister.

Special Christmas services were held both morning and evening at the Woodland Park Baptist church yesterday. The church was prettily decorated with flags, holly and evergreen. Rev. W. W. Everts preached a Christmas sermon at the morning service.

Following the baptismal service in the evening, Mr. Everts spoke on "Twenty-five Years in the Ministry." He said in part:

Tonight closes my twenty-fifth year in the ministry of the Gospel of God's dear Son. This time has been spent East and West. I have found all fields nearly equally hard and equally easy. I have formed warm and lasting friendships in every church I have served. The deacons who have worked with me have commanded my respect almost to the last man. The members of the churches have been most of them regenerated people. My labors have not been equally fruitful in different fields, but I have baptized into the churches an average of twenty-five persons each year. I have sometimes been assisted by evangelists, but additions to the church have been most numerous when the church members were all evangelists. My preaching has been evangelical all through my ministry, and my sermons have been expository rather than topical. I have been favored by having settlements near great libraries, where I could satisfy myself as to the meaning of revelation and as to the trend of modern thought. My study of the Bible has led me to question and to reject all modern theories which conflict with the plain meaning of God's word, and I have noticed that preachers who sacrifice the Bible for anything else seem to lose the favor of God. My denomination has stuck close to the Bible, and in the past twenty-five years has doubled its numbers in this country from 2,000,000 to 4,000,000. The Indiana Avenue church, in Chicago, my first charge, was merged into the old First church, by which it had been founded. The old First church in Boston was blessed by a revival under my ministry just before it united with the Shawmut Avenue church. The Fourth church, Providence, R. I., during my ministry, established two missions, one of which is, and the other soon will be, a church. While I was in Hartford, Conn., the Memorial church was organized at my initiative. I accepted a call to Haverhill, Mass., on condition that a debt of $13,000 was raised, and a debt of $8,000 was lifted at the opening of my service at Providence. In both of these cities I held meetings in different outlying sections. In Omaha a new mission was started which was merged in a child-saving institute.

I have baptized six persons since I came to St. Paul a year ago, but there will be many more if we all pray and labor for them.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL.

Three Special Services Held at the Merriam Park Church.

At St. Mary's Episcopal church, Merriam Park, there was an early celebration of the holy communion at 8:30, at which the Collect, Epistle and Gospel recently introduced into the Book of Common Prayer for use where two celebrations take place on Christmas was used. At 10:30 was held the regular morning service, consisting of morning prayer, sermon and a second celebration of the holy communion.

Rev. G. H. Ten Broeck preached on the topic, "The Word Made Flesh."

The musical programme was an elaborate one, with a soprano solo by John O'Toole and selections by the choir, which, led by Arthur Cawcutt, was as follows:

Sopranos, E. B. Northrupp Jr., John Lonegren, Ernest Cawcutt, Luther Stauffer, Howard and Guy Bell, Eddie Budy, John Cooley, Clark Barwise, Gordon Henderson, John O'Toole and Mrs. Arthur Cawcutt; altos, Carle Lonegren, Sam Mitchell, Miss Bernie Chamberlain; tenor, Arthur Cawcutt; bassos, Harry Hunnson, F. L. Stauffer and McLean; organist, Mrs. G. H. Ten Broek. In the evening at 7:30 the third of the special services was held under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the music being under the supervision of the Daughters of the King. Miss Hope Payne rendered a violin selection with organ accompaniment as an offertory. Hector Baxter, a prominent attorney of Minneapolis, a member of the National Brotherhood of St. Andrew, conducted the service and addressed the congregation.

WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?

Rev. Dr. Meldrum Confronts His Congregation With a Query.

Rev. A. B. Meldrum, of the Central Presbyterian church, discoursed last evening to a large audience, taking for his subject "What Is Your Life?" He said in part:

"There are times when our memories exercise themselves in anticipation and other times when the minds drifts into reflection. As tonight is the last Sabbath of the year, our hearts are full of self-questioning as to what the past has been.

"What is your life? Teach a man a doctrine that leads him to a low estimate of himself and it will not be long until his life is on a level with his thoughts. It is the ideas, the convictions, that determine life, lifting it up into beauty and purity or dragging it down into bitterness and darkness. Strike out of the human soul the hope of immortality and you have robbed man of every incentive to do and to dare. The greatest men the world ever knew are instances of this: That deep down in their souls was the conviction that the issues of this life overlapped the grave.

"This hope, this conviction, set their souls afire and sent them into the world to do and dare, and endure all things.

"Life is not only immortal, it is irrevocable. It is continuous and it is uncertain. Our lease of life is so certainly uncertain that we shall not all be here to see Christmas day, 1899.

"There is another life, one that cannot die, a life which linked to your life will make the past bright and the future radiant with hope."

LITTLE TOTS AS SANTAS.

Park Congregational Church Had a Pleasant Service.

A special Christmas service was held at the Park Congregational church yesterday morning. The children's annual Christmas festival was given in the church auditorium at 4 p. m. in the place of an evening service. Rev. Alex McGregor is suffering with the grip, and Charles Hunt, superintendent of the Sunday school, directed the exercises.

As the vibrant strains of the church organ filled the church, fully one hundred little tots, none of them more than seven years old, came marching out of the Sunday school room in twos, followed by the children of the intermediate department. Every alternate pair of the primary department children carried a long white cross with a sprig of holly attached to the crown. Each was attired in a garment of pure white with a red paper cross hung around the neck. Taking their places around a huge white cross just back of the rostrum, they sang "Hark, the Herald Angels Come."

Mrs. Graves sang a solo, "Hark, the Angels Sing," followed by a responsive reading by the primary department. Master Morrie Jeffrey sang "Fear Not," after which "Glory to God in the Highest" was sung by the choir. The primary department then executed some pretty singing exercises, assisted by the members of the intermediate classes stationed in the choir gallery. The exercises on the part of the little folks concluded with an offering of gifts for the poor children of St. Paul. The organ played softly, and one after another of the little white clad figures passed down the pulpit steps to the table in front and deposited a bundle containing gifts for poor children.

DEAN DAVIS SPOKE.

He Officiated Yesterday at the House of Hope Services.

Rev. G. W. Davis, dean of Macalester college, preached at both services yesterday at the House of Hope church. The church was hung with long streamers of evergreens, and directly over the pulpit was suspended a large evergreen cross fringed with red winter flowers.

A special musical programme was rendered at the morning and evening service. "Homage to the Child Jesus" was the subject discussed by Mr. Davis at the morning service, and "A Little Child Shall Lead Them" was the evening subject.

The anthems sung by the choir in the morning were: "Welcome, Happy Morn," by Chadwick; "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Goodrich; "The Holy Shrine," by Newton, and "Where Is He That Is Born King of the Jews," by Combs. At the evening service: "Arise, Shine," from Foote; "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains," Stainer; "The Babe of Bethlehem," by Marston, and "A Song in the Night," by Woodman.

The Christmas festival of the church and Sunday school will be held in the parlors, at 7:30 this evening.

CHILDREN TOOK PART.

Interesting Service at Olivet Congregational Last Night.

Rev. J. H. Sammis officiated at two services at Olivet Congregational church yesterday. At the morning services the music was rendered by a double quartette, composed of Mesdames Kertson and Hodson, sopranos; Matthews and Henke, contraltos; Messrs. De Sale and M. S. Stokes, tenors, and Hunkins and T. R. Stokes, bassos. Mrs. Hunkins presided at the organ. The Sunday school took a prominent part in the evening exercises, and there were recitations by Misses Torah Fransen, Hazel Shandrew, Edith and Eleanor Eaton, and Masters Norman Stearns, Ralph Matthews, Sidney Cotman and Harry Farwell.

MEMORIAL LUTHERAN.

Both Services Had Elaborate Musical Programmes.

Two special musical services were sung at the Memorial Evangelical Lutheran church, Sixth street, near Exchange, yesterday. During the morning service the choir sang the Pastoral symphony from "The Messiah," and Mrs. T. M. Newson sang Gounod's "The Light From Heaven," accompanied by Frank Seibert, who played a violin obligato. Mr. Seibert also played an obligato to the offertory, "O Bethlehem's Babe, Immanuel."

In the evening Mrs. Newson and Miss Moody sang in duet, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." Mrs. Newson also sang "The Christ Child," accompanied by Mr. Seibert on the violin.

The Sunday school festival will be held Wednesday evening.

CHILDREN SHARED IN IT.

Christmas Service at Plymouth Church Last Evening.

The exercises at Plymouth church last evening were participated in by the children of the Sunday school. The choir of the church sang an anthem; Miss Rice, Mrs. Munson and Mrs. Harmon rendered a trio, and the pastor, Rev. G. E. Soper, made a short address. Stereopticon views illustrating the birth and infancy of Christ were shown, and the remainder of the programme, as given below, was by the pupils of the Sunday school:

Chorus—"The Key to the Christmas Land"
Recitation—"Christmas Song"...Edna Jackson
Recitation—"Christmas Eve"...Lucia Warner
Solo—"The Christ Child"...Colton Emerson
Recitation—"Christmas Wreaths"—Marian Joslin
Song—"Shine Out, Oh Blessed Star"—Members from Primary Department
Recitation—"The Two Stockings"—Isabel Hyslop
Recitation...Harold Rowell
Christmas Memory Gems—Members of the School
Chorus..."Hear the Music of the Bells"
Song...."Sunshine in the Soul"

CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS.

They Were Features of the Evening Service at Christ Church.

Appropriate services were held at Christ church last evening, in the nature of a Christmas carol service for children. The members of the Sunday school attended in large numbers and participated in the exercises. The musical programme consisted of Christmas selections, in the singing of which the choir led the children in harmonious chorus. Following the song service Bishop Gilbert addressed the children with reminiscences of other Christmas days.

Cantata at St. Mary's.

Arrangements have been made for the presentation, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, of a pretty cantata, to be given by the children of St. Mary's parish, at St. Mary's school. The production has been well rehearsed, and the production has been well rewell prepared for a creditable presentation.

Lincoln Band's Tree.

The Lincoln band held a special Christmas service last evening at Odd Fellows' hall, third floor, Fifth and Wabasha streets. There were recitations, songs, etc.

WEST SIDE SCHOOLS.

They Hold Appropriate Christmas Exercises.

Lafayette school had elaborate Christmas exercises. The kindergarten had a tree, and the first primary room sent a tree to a schoolmate who was ill. Room 6 had a tree and invited the young folks from room 5 as guests. They had some excellent work on exhibition, especially in painting and drawing. Songs and recitations were the order in room 10 and rooms 11 and 12 united in the following programme:

Piano duet...C. and E. Lavansky
Violin, Mandolin and Guitar—Louis Marmer, Teckla and R. Hegman
Recitation—"Kris Kringle"—Coleman Streckman
Piano solo...Annie Stoffer
Piano and Mandolin—Eva and Alice Davansky
Song—Quartette—...
Willie Pinkis, Bernard Fink, Rose Marmer, Esther Holsner.
Zither Quartette—
Annie Peterson, Lillie Bronstein, Eva Goldberg, Mamie Dufour.
Recitation—"Naughty Willie"—Sarah Binstok
First and Second Mandolin, Guitar—Margaret Marek, Teckla and Richard Hegman
Piano solo...Eva Lavansky
Recitation—"Aunt Tabitha"...M. Risnic
Piano duet...A. Stoffer, S. Tolstonage
Violin, Mandolin, Guitars—Louis Marmer, Teckla and Richard Hegman
Piano solo...Annie Nelson
Recitation—"'Twas the Night Before Christmas"...Adrian Guion
Song—Duet...Martha and Emma Haase
Piano solo...Simnie Tolstonage
Recitation—"Santa Claus' Agent"...Josephine Prevost
Violin, Mandolin, Guitar—Louis Marmer, Teckla and R. Hegman

Garfield school kindergarten also had a tree. The first primary room had an entertaining programme, as follows:

"There's a Song in the Air"...A. Abelitt
"The Christ Child"—H. Tichler, Walter Marks, H. Schaeffelke, W. Bann.
"The Bells"...John Fisher
"Long Ago"...Ollie Boyd
Recitation...Mildred Stoddard
"Story of the Christ Child"—Charlie Lach, Florence Gieske, Herbert Korlowski, John Meirs, Lina Grant, Richard Lawrence.
"Merry Christmas"—John Washenburger, Eddie Kanthack.
"Santa Claus"...Howard Wescott
Motion Song...Albert Robbins
"Ring a Merry Season"...Willie Utesch
"Wishing"...Stella Roney
"Grandpa's Spectacles"...Elsie Clapp
Song—"Hang Up the Baby's Stocking"—Kate Fisher
"Christ Kindchen"...Ewold Moeschter
Song—"Good Morning, Merry Sunshine"—Marie Schwartz
"Christmas Eve"...Ethel Lowe, Willie Gill
Song—"O Tannan Baum"...Lucy Brahy
"Ring the Bells"...Edna Munson
"Love of Santa Claus"...Arthur Michelson

The programme in Room 3 was:

Welcome—Stella Hall, Norma Wolff, Cecil Evans and Martha Heinemann.
Recitation—"Santa Claus and the Mouse"—Esther Oberg
Recitation—"Christmas Stockings"...J. Hayes
Chorus—"Shine Out, O Blessed Star"—
Recitation—"Jesus, the Tender Shepherd"—Margaret Casep
Marching Drill—Pupils of room, led by Miss Beulah Wright
Solo—"Christmas Bells"...Hermuth Marlow
Recitation—"The Modern Santa Claus"—Willie Olivier, Harry Hall, Tony Franzen, Walter Sullwold and Richard Stoven.
Recitation—"The Olden Time"—Clinton Dickens, Peter Franzen
Recitation...Edna Kortmann
Solo—"I'd Like to Know"...Jennie Hayes
Recitation—"A Secret"...Carrie Marks
Recitation—"A Note to Santa Claus"—Vera Moulton
Solo—"Hang Up the Baby's Stocking"—Norma Wolff

Room 10 had a gift distribution and songs and recitations, while in Room 2 there were songs by the school, recitations by Helen Stoddard, Earl Grusbeck, Oscar Baum and Walter Schaar, and a dialogue by Willie Wickert and Albert Hahn.

At the Douglas school the seventh grade had a Christmas tree, after which ice cream and cake were served to the children. At the Hendricks school all the rooms united in the hall and on the stairs and sang "The Key to Christmas Land" and "The Bells of Time."

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.

Sons of Denmark Enjoy Their Annual Celebration.

The Sons of Denmark held their annual Christmas festival in half No. 2 of Assembly halls yesterday and evening. A feature of the afternoon's entertainment was a large Christmas tree loaded with presents, all of which were numbered.

The affair was for the members and their families only. After the party had gathered the children were all sent out of the room. As they came back each drew a number from a hat and was given the corresponding number from the tree by Peter Jurgensen, who impersonated Santa Claus.

Supper was served by the ladies at 6 p. m., and dancing followed until 11 p. m.

For State Certificates.

The examination for professional state certificates will be held in the Central high school, room 10, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. These certificates are required of all who are principals of special state high schools, like the Central, Humboldt and Cleveland, of St. Paul, and of the grammar schools which receive special state aid. Principal H. S. Baker, of St. Paul, and Supt. S. J. Race, of Redwood Falls, two members of the examining board, will have joint charge of the examination.

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NOT ALL A HOLIDAY

POLICEMEN HAD TO WORK, BUT SOME OF THE FIREMEN RESTED A LITTLE

AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

How the Day Was Observed in the Hospitals and at the County Jail, Workhouse, Almshouse and the Charitable Institutions—Christmas Trees, Turkeys and Pie Were Plentiful.

Christmas day falling on Sunday this year, was on this account more generally observed than usual.

Of course, street car conductors, motoneers, policemen and firemen did not have the time to remain home with their families that those engaged in other trades and occupations enjoyed, but they did the best they could and those who had homes to go to were allowed an extra hour for dinner.

Chief Cook, of the fire department, said Christmas day to the firemen was about the same as any other day, so far as the work was concerned. While the outdoor work depended on the number of alarms and fires, the men were obliged to remain at the several engine houses the same as on other days, with the exception that extra time was allowed the men for meals. Those who were married arranged with the single men in the various houses for half-days off and in this way managed to get more enjoyment out of the day.

Chief Goss said the members of the police department enjoyed no more leisure on Christmas day than any other day in the year. The day and night reliefs turned out at the usual hours. A number of the patrolmen said the day was a red letter one, in that they were given more than the usual number of poor cigars to smoke.

The day was fittingly observed at the city hospital. Hospitals as a rule are not the most cheering places in the world, especially at holiday times, but to the children patients at the city hospital the day was made as merry as it possibly could be.

At 10 o'clock the forty children at the hospital were gathered in the building known as the baby ward and Santa Claus and a Christmas tree viewed with delight. Presents were distributed among the children and the little ones, a majority of whom are being treated for deformities, sang songs and compared gifts. Each of the children was given a box of candy and at noon a turkey dinner with all the usual trimmings was served.

The older patients who were not on a diet were also served with a Christmas dinner.

The patients in the contagious ward, twelve in number, did not participate in the Christmas tree festivities with the other children, but had one of their own with presents and candy. Judge Stephen Mahoney, of Minneapolis, one of the commission that has charge of the two score of children who are cared for at the hospital by the state, was present at the Christmas tree, as was also Dr. Gillette, of this city, who has the deformed boys and girls in his charge professionally. The children presented the doctor and nurses with small articles of fancy work of their own manufacture.

In the afternoon a delegation from the Epworth league visited the hospital and distributed flowers among the patients.

At St. Joseph's German Catholic Orphan asylum on Ninth street, the ninety children were given a treat. There was a big Christmas tree trimmed and presented by Miss Ryan and Miss Butler, of the Jefferson school, and Santa Claus, with a fur-trimmed suit and long white whiskers, presented the orphans with candy and gifts. Each of the forty-six girls was given a doll and the boys were made happy with drums and toys, and the older ones with clothing and caps.

A turkey dinner concluded the festivities. Sister Benedict, who is in charge of the asylum, requested that those who had donated articles for the children should be thanked for their donations.

At St. Joseph's hospital the half a dozen children who are at the institution were treated to a Christmas tree, gifts and a Christmas dinner.

At the county almshouse the seventy-three inmates were given a turkey dinner and a delegation from the Y. M. C. A. presented each of the inmates with a gift of fruit and flowers.

At the workhouse a Christmas dinner was served to the seventy-six prisoners at 2:30 o'clock. The bill of fare included soup, turkey, vegetables, two kinds of pie and coffee.

Sheriff Wagener did the best he could in the way of a Christmas dinner for the thirty-three prisoners confined at the jail. Each had turkey, mince pie and other good things, topped off with coffee and cigars. In addition to the dinner religious services were held in the afternoon by a band of workers from the gospel mission.

SADDENED HIS CHRISTMAS.

Harry Dietz's Arrest for Stealing From the Stores.

It was a gloomy Christmas for Harry Dietz. He spent the day in a cell at the central police station. He is only 12 years old, and with his diminutive figure looks several years younger. The lad was dragged out of a cheap lodging early yesterday morning and locked up for stealing from Banton's and the Golden Rule. He admitted his guilt. Two pairs of gloves and three pocketknives were found in his possession. He wept when telling Officer Tschida he had stolen the articles, and bemoaned his fate to spend Christmas day in jail. Officer Tschida tried to console the youngster by telling him that his father would get him out and take him home.

"He don't care what becomes of me," faltered the lad; "my father won't take me out of jail."

GROSSE WEIHNACHTSFEIER.

Annual Christmas Entertainment of the Mozart Club Tonight.

The annual Grosse Weihnachtsfeier Christmas entertainment and ball of the Mozart club will take place at Mozart hall tonight. A programme made up of tableaux and choral numbers will be presented. The tableaux are first.

"Das Merchen," the fairy tale, by Miss Olga Hilbert.

Columbia presenting Uncle Sam with his new possessions. Uncle Sam, Geo. J. Rank; Columbia, Miss Hulda Voedisch.

Christmas presents from St. Paul being delivered to the Tairteenth at Manila, by Adama Heck and several little darkies.

"Weihnachts Traum," a Christmas dream, by Miss Lena Kerst and little Miss Esther Borscht.

"Winona as He Remembers It" is to be a tableau, at which the audience will have to guess.

Between the tableaux the male chorus will render several numbers and the full mixed chorus one.

Miss Grace Danz will sing a soprano solo and Charles Bloeser will sing a selected tenor solo. Every child in the audience will receive a present from the large Christmas tree, which will stand in the center of the hall. Fritz Eue is chairman of the arrangements committee, and will be assisted by six of the gentlemen and five of the lady members of the club.

OTHER BOOKS ALL RIGHT.

Mrs. L. E. Brown, Alias May Smith, Makes a Statement.

The woman arrested Saturday on the charge of stealing books at the St. Paul Book and Stationery company's store, whose correct name is said to be Mrs. L. E. Brown, but who gave the alias of May Smith, denies that any of the property found in her rooms in Minneapolis was stolen. She admits taking the books found in her possession when Detective Werrick arrested her, but says she has never stolen anything else. She says the books found in her room were either gifts or were purchased. A costly five-volume edition of Shakespeare, found in the room, the woman says was given her a year ago by a lawyer of this city. She declined to give the attorney's name, declaring she would go to jail rather than mix him up in her disgrace. The prisoner says the statements of the authorities to the effect that $150 worth of silks and bric-a-brac was found in her room is false. She says she had nothing in the way of cloth or clothing, except one pattern of cheap silk.

The prisoner will be arraigned in the municipal court today.

PROPOSED GAME LAW.

What the New Interstate Measure Provides.

Sportsmen will be interested in the proposed game law, which is to be presented to the new legislature as a result of the work of the state commissioners of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin and South Dakata, and which contains the following provisions:

Trout and whitefish prohibited in the great lakes from Oct. 15 to Dec. 1.

Prohibiting the capture of any fish with hook or line, or any other device or means, within 400 feet of a dam, between April 1 and July 1 for the next five years.

Prohibiting the sale of fish in markets of less than the following sizes: Black bass, 11 inches; black or striped bass and rock bass, 6 inches; black or river croppie and white croppie, 8 inches; yellow or ring perch, 7 inches; wall-eyed pike, 15 inches; pike, pickerel, 18 inches; buffalo fish, 5 inches; German carp, 12 inches; sunfish, 6 inches; red-eyed perch, 6 inches; catfish, 13 inches; white perch, 10 inches.

Provides for license tax of $25 on non-resident deer hunters and a $1 tax upon resident deer hunters.

Declaring all game before and after killing the property of the state where the game is found; and that no one shall acquire property rights in game.

Provisions looking toward the final prohibition of the sale of all game protected by law.

Requiring specific and correct labeling of game packages and providing penalties for falsely labeling the same, making even the recipients of the packages liable to penalty.

Making game wardens of one state the agents of the game wardens of other states.

Prohibiting of cold storage of all game under heavy penalties.

Prohibiting the shooting of aquatic fowl, including snipe, from Jan. 1 to Sept. 1.

Making the open season for deer from Nov. 1 to Nov. 20 with five days to dispose of the deer on hand.

Providing a $5 fine for possession or killing of any wild bird, and designating what a game bird is; also, prohibiting under penalty the destruction of wild birds' nests, except in cases where certificates for pursuit of birds for scientific purposes are held. The English or house sparrow is especially exempted from this act.

Do Not Want Stevens.

Sheriff Wagener has been notified that the authorities at Lake Crystal will not secure the return of M. W. Stevens to that place for trial, under indictment for selling liquor without a license. They are content not to push the case against Stevens if he will remain away from Lake Crystal.

Stevens' case is pending in the municipal court, where he was recently tried on the charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He fought the case bitterly,