* Christmas and the Churches.

church members and church goers of Omaha seteristic of the occasion will be in evifeel that they have many reasons for being glad. They realize that the year that is just drawing to a close has been an unusually prosperous one hereaways, at least so far as the churches have been concerned. Churches that were without pastors last year are now supplied with preachers and the word of God is dispensed every Sunday. Last year a number of the Omaha churches were badly in debt, but during the past year many of these claims have been liquidated and with a very few exceptions the houses of worship are in good condition, both spiritually and financially. In addition to the improved condition of the local churches, the congregations have increased their membership and many a new convert has been brought to the feet of the meek and lowly

To celebrate the improved condition of religious matters, members and communicants churches of this city the Christmas festivities this year the same as in the past, though in many instance the observances will be more elaborate elaborate: Christmas trees are erected in many of the Omaha churches, while in others the girls for the Sunday school children are distributed from horns of plenty, baskets and enormous sacks. Expensive presents are not passed out to the Ittle ones this plan having become a thing of the past, teachers and Sunday school people considering it better taste to serve all of the children alike and give them noth ing but his red cheeked apples mammoth

oranges, candles and other sweetmeats. The time was, and not very long ago either when the Christmas tree was a gift-giving enterprise. Watches, jewelry, orders for seal skin eacques and pincos were hung upon in branches and the members of the churche vied with one another to see who could make the most expensive Christmas presents. In this way they got a lot of cheap advertising but later on the plan was frowned upon by the corgy and for a few years it seemed that the Christmas tree was doomed to be-come a thing of the past. At this point the ministers took the matter up and issued an edict to the effect that the Christmas tree was an institution for the children and that the church would take care of the gift giving. With one bound the Christmas tree regained all of its old time favor and now it a th'oig that has come to stay and gladden | the hearts of the little ones.

of the best church men have tabooed the Santa Claus of years ago, losisting that a Santa Claus carries a lie upon his face end that a church is no place to aid and abet lying, even if it is done to please the chil-Having relegated the Santa Claus of other days to the rear, now-a-days some superintendent of the Sunday school or some deacon of the church mounts a ladder and takes down the little presents, while a dozen boys distribute them among the children, rich and poor, who crowd the front rows one night in the year.

The Christmas tree is not the only feature of the church of today. In addition to it, a literary program of some considerable merit is enacted in about every church in the city. There are songs and carols; recitations and readines and stories incident to the birth of Christ in far away Judea. There is the tale of the manner in which the wise men of the eas' nearly 2,000 over Bethlehem.

In most instances the Christmes observances were held last night, though there are some exceptions, certain churches preferring to carry out their programs tonight.

At Kountze Memorial. At Kountze Memorial church the Christmas exercises will be held at 7:30 o'clock this evening. The program will be as Grand Chorus......Theo, Dubois Organ,

Singing-Gloria Prayer by Pastor.

Welcome by Superintendent.

Leading Prophecies;

More than sixteen hundred years before the birth of Christ Jacob made a prophecy concerning Him which we will have read.—
Genesis, xiix, 10.

Two hundred years later Balaam gave another—Numbers, xxiv, 17.

About 700 hundred years later still another and more complete prophecy was made by Isaiah—Isaiah, vii, 14; Isaiah, ix, 6; Isaiah, ix, 7.

About forty years later Micah prophesies. About forty years later Micah prophesies, -Micah, v. 2 Still 400 years later Malachi declares.—

Singing by School—Never Shone a Light
so Fair No. 162
Merry Christmas No. 162
Merry Christmas
Julia Nage, Maud Houston, Gertrude Dabe,
Recitation—Christmas Eve. Mabel Houston
Anthem and Solo—Obligato. Neidlinger
Miss Trussell and Choir,
Recitation—Santa Claus Knows.

James Kelley,
Singing by School—Sweet Peace. No. 184
Recitation—The First Christmas.

Zola Dellecker,
Glory to God in the Highest. Stebbins
Kountze Memorial Male Quartet,
Remarks by superintendent, Talk by pastor, Sailor boys, Santa Claus,
Sailor Soys—Leo Penfold, Herbert Johnson, Harry Kock, John Henderson, Willie
Gaskill, John Thompson, Ross Fleming, Arthur Thompson.
Festal March. Scatson Clark

At All Saints. At All Saints' church the order of Christmas exercises will be as follows: CHRISTMAS DAY, 10:30 A. M Processional Hymn-No. 51 Quartet-The Birthday of a King.

Mrs. G. W. Johnston, Mrs. C. W. Morton,
I. M. Guild and G. W. Manchester,
Kyrle's Sanctus and Gloria in Excelsis Stainer in Eb
Hmyn-No. 50
Anthem-In the Beginning Was the
Word Thorne
Hymn-No. 538
Recessional Hymn-No. 60 SUNDAY, 11:00 A. M.

SUNDAY, 11:00 A. M.

Processional Hymn-No, 51.

Quartet-Bethlehem Bartlett
Mrs. G. W. Johnston, Mrs. C. W. Morton,
I. M. Treynor and G. W. Manchester,
Te Deum-Jubilate Stanford
Hymn-No, 50.
Solo and Chorus-Nazareth Gounod
G. W. Manchester and Choir, G. W. Manchester and Choir, Hymn-No. 538 Recessional Hymn-No. 60......

SUNDAY EVENING, 7:30 P. M. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis ... Mann Hymns—Nos. 58 and 59 Anthem—It Came Upon the Midnight Clear ... Warren Solos by G. W. Manchester and Mrs. G. W. Johnston, Recessional Hymn—No. 69

St. Matthias' Episcopal. At St. Mathias' Episcopal church Christ-mas services will be held as follows: Holy communion at 7:30 a. m.; morning prayer, 11 a. m.; evening prayer, 5 p. m. The program at the 11 o'clock service fol-

lows:

Processional—Angels from the Realms of Glory Smart
Te Deum Stainer
Introit—It Came Upon the Midnight
Clear Willis
Kyrle Eleison King-Hall
Gloria Tibi Hall
Credo—Plain Song
Hymn Before Sermon—Adeste Fidelos.
Reading Reading ... O Zion That Bringest Good Tidings Sursum Corda Sanctus Hall boys' \$1.5 Agnus Del Hall Boys' \$1.5 —and we Nunc Dimittis Barry presents.

St. John's Church. Christmas was ushered in at St. John's Episcopal church by a beautiful service just after midnight and it is expected that the

In welcoming in the Christmas of 1897, the lively interest and large attendance charlence again this year. Following is the program:

Kyrie Crulekshank
Goria Tibi Crulekshank
Gratias Tibi Crulekshank
Credo-Flain Song.
Hymn (Before Sermon)—Adeste Fidelis.
Dinck Offertory-The Birthday of the King. Sursum Corda-Cantus Solemnis..... Agnus Del. Crulckshank
Communion Hymn—O Salutaris Mason
Moria in Excelsis Crulckshank
Nunc Dimittis Barnby
Recessional Hymn—Hark, the Herald
Angels Sing Mendelssohn

Other services: Low celebration at 7:30 m.; matins, 9:30 a. m.; high celebration, 10 a. m.; evensong, 5 p. m. First Methodist Church Christmas gervices will be held at the First

Methodist church today, the order being as MORNING.

Lord, Messiah
First Scripture Lesson, B flat. King Hall
Te Deum Laudamus in B flat. King Hall
Second Scripture Lesson,
Sclo (tenor)—The Child Jesus,
Nells W, Gade

Offertory Solo-The Manger Cradle...... Neidlinger
Mrs. Kelly.

Doxology
Closing Hymn, No. 199—Hark, the Herald Angels Sing Mendelssohn
Benediction
Postlude—Transcription of "Tollite Hostias," from Oratorio of "Noel"
Saint-Saens EVENING

Tower Prelude-Ring Out, Wild Bells. Organ Prelude—Pastoral Symphony from "The Messiah" Handel
Opening Hymn, No. 189—Angels from the
Realms of Glory Olivers Realms of Glory.

Prayer Choral Response—It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Willis Christmas Carol—Silent Night, Holy Night Barnby In very few of the churches the old fashioned Santa Claus climbs down the chimney or enter through a window. Many Bethleam Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethleam Hopk

The Offertory
Offertory Solo-Saylor of Stinners, Cherubini
Master Elmer Umsted,

Doxology
The Sermon Jesus the Man
Solo—The Birthday of a King Neidlinger
Edmund Shank,
Closing Hymn, No. 182—As with Gladness Men of Old Monk

Benediction
Postlude-Christmas Offerfory, "Chorus of Shepherds" and "Gloria"...Lemmens Music at St. Peter's.

The musical program at the Christmas celebration at St. Peter's will excel the music of all former occasions. There are twentyfour voices in the choir. Miss Helene Wyman, Miss Flora Kosters, Mr. Charles Mo-riarty and James Rush compose the quartet which will take the leading parts. C. A. which the wise men of the eas nearly 2,000 Jacobsen will be the soloist of the day. The years ago followed the star until it rested offertory selection, "Venite Adoremus," will require the talent of the choir, for no grander music has ever been composed. It is difficult and requires much practice to deliver it in a suitable manner. At the 5 g'clock mass Millard's mass in E flat will be sung. At the offertory 'Adeste Fidelis' will be rendered. At the 10:30 o'clock services the choir will produce Palo George's second mass.

Program at 10:30: Kyrle.....Quartet and Chorus Miss Agnes Myers, Mr. Charles Moriarty

Kountze Memorial Lutheran. Sunday morning services at the Kountze Memorial Lutheran church:

At First Congregational. The special Christmas service at the First Congregational church will be conducted at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and the following will be the musical program:

Organ—Gothic March Salor Solo, Recitative and Aria—Thus Saith the Lord" and "But Who May Abide" Hand Handel Mr. T. C. Hadley. Hallelejah Chorus Handei Mrs. F. F. Ford, Organist,

Westminster Presbyterian. Westminster Presbyterian church, morn-

westminster Presbyterian church, morning service:
Voluntary—From "Cavalleria Rusticana"
Anthem—He Shall Reign Forever
Caleb Simper
Solo—The Birthday of a King... Neidlinger
Miss Edna Williams.
Offertory—Evening Star, from Tannhauser
Wasner Trio-Lift Thine Eyes-From Elijah.

Mendelssohn
Misses Williams, Waterman, Newcomb.
Postlude-Morning Promenade
Francois Bendel
Organist De Rizdon Stambaugh

St. Mark's Lutheran Church. St. Mark Lutheran church, Twenty-first gram of some merit, a feature of which was and Burdette streets, Rev. L. Groh, pastor, I the lining up of twelve little boys who re-

Drex L. Shooman is dreaming today-

-feet that are covered with our boys'

one dollar and a half shoes-Bless them,

may they all have a merry, merry Christmas—and never forget Drex L.

and his dog—These little shoes are con-ducive to happiness—for they are made for the lively little boys—they can't kick

them out easy-good, solid substantial shoes-that are equal to the \$2.00 kind

in the ordinary shoe trade—Many a lit-tle heart will beat faster—many a little

toe will be warmer this Christmas night

-for we've sold lots and lots of these boys' \$1.50 shoes in the last two weeks

and we know they're for Christmas

Drexel Shoe Co.,

1419 FARNAM STREET

dreaming of the multitude of little feet

Sunday services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school at noon. Special must-cal program for Christmas at both morning sent. and evening services. Program for morning

Prayer
Offertory Solo-Cantique de Noel. Adams
Misa Grace E, Nichols,
Hymn-Urimot, No. 229
Sermon-The Child of Jesus.
Solo-How Brightly Dawns. Shelby
Miss Grace A, Crawford,
Announcements

Benediction Holy Family Church. At the Holy Family church there will be high mass at 5 o'clock this morning, followed by low mass at 6, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30, with olemn high mass 10:30 o'clock. dantes celebrated mass in B flat will be rendered with parts as follows:

Gloria Choir

Landamus te—Miss D. McDermott, Miss E.
Genleman and Mr. James Swift.

Dominie Deus—Messrs, Clinton Miller and
James Swift.

Qui Tolls—Mrs. Cobry, Miss G. Croft and
Mr. E. Shank.

Choir

Rosary and benediction will take place a

First Presbyterian Church. At the First Presbyterian church tomor row morning Rev. W. A. McKenzie will preach. The following music will be rendered:

Organ-Offertory in D minor......Batiste Quartet-Drop Down, Ye Heavens.Barnby Organ-Gloria in Excelsis and Adoration

Lifting a Church Debt.

A mass meeting of the members of the First Methodist church was held last Monday night to raise funds for the payment in par of a \$50,000 mortgage upon the church building. On January 20 next \$10,000 of this amount becomes due. The meeting was presided over by Rev. John McQuoid, with Charles A. Goss, John Mellen and Frank Brown as secretaries. Rev. McQuoid opened the session with a short outline of the pur-pose of the meeting and laid stress upon the fact that the time was growing shor when the amount named would mature \$6,400 of the sum had been raised and that there was still \$3,600 needed. Considerable enthusiasm was raised by the pastor's words and many subscriptions from those present followed. At the conclusion of the meeting the figures in the possession of the secre taries showed that nearly \$1,000 had been

J. H. McConnell, one of the trustees of the church, expressed himself as very sanguine that the balance would be raised by the time it became due. He stated that many of the business men of the church had made liberal donations and that the small amounts paid in had been numerous. The balance on the mortgage does not become due until five years later. A number of meetings for the of further raising money will be held at the church in the near future.

Services at St. John's. At St. John's Collegiate church high mass will be celebrated at 5 o'clock this morning and every half hour thereafter until 10:30. For the 5 o'clock mass Rev. M. Brousgest will officiate as celebrant, Rev. J. B. De Schryver as deacon and Mr. Whelan S. J. Fidelis" will be chanted. At 10:30 there will at 3 p. m. in Labor Temple hall. be a second solemn high mass. Rev. J. Calvary Baptist Church, Twenty Meuffels, S. J., will perform the offices of Saward Streets. Thomas Anderson Meuffels, S. J., will perform the offices of celebrant. Rev. Father Smith, S. J., those

deacon.

The full choir will be in attendance and he full choir will be given. Novell's Haydn's second mass will be given. Novell's "Adeste Fidelis" will prove a fitting offertory for this mass, and Wiegand's "Veni Creator," which will be sung by Mrs. E. A. Cudahy, will complete the musical program Rev. A. Effinger will deliver the Christman

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of unusual attraction, it aims to be one of the most ecclesiastical renditions ever given in Omaha. The congregation is to give offerings to aged and infirm clergy, widows and orphans of former Nebraskan clergy and to the poor of the city. The chimes of the cathedral may be expected to ring out their Christmas good will this mid-night. Bishop Worthington, Desn Fair and Rector Stearns will officiate in the cathedral

St. Peter's Catholic Church. At St. Peter's church, Twenty-eighth und Leavenworth streets, Christmas services will be as follows: High mass at 5 a. m., at which will be sung Millard's mass in B; offertory, Adeste Fidelis, chorus by full choir; sermon, Rev. McNamara. Solemn bigu mass at 10:30 a. m. Piola Glorza's mass will be sung by a chorus of twenty-four voices, assisted by the Misses Helene Wyman, soprano, Flora Koster, contraito, Charles Moriarty, tenor, James Rush and H. Jacobson, bassos; offerfory, Venite Adoremus, M. A. Gilsinn; a grand chorus by the choir, assisted by the children; choir of 100 years. sisted by the children's choir of 100 voices; sermon, Rev. J. English; benediction of the blessed sacrament will follow immediately after mass; O Salutaris, trio, arranged by Prof. Provost, Charles Moriarty, James Rush Prof. Provost; Tantrum Ergo, grend chorus Rossi, Prof. Brownell, leader of the choir,

Prof. Provost, organist. Christmas at Knox Church. The Christmas exercises at the Knox Presbyterian church were held last night and the tary Willis of the Young Men's Christian as-auditorium of the church building was sociation, leader; preaching at 7:30 p. m. crowded with the members of the Sunday school and their friends. Candy, popcorn oranges and apples were distributed to all of the children. There was a literary pro-

Was Once in the Business. telligencer of Ontario, Canada, says: "It is always gratifying to know that former employer of this office mathrain kindly recolployes of this office maintain kindly recol-lections of their connection with it and speak of the paper with feelings of attachment. The latest illustration of this is a letter re-ceived by a gentleman in this city this week from Rev. F. H. Sandersen, D. D., pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, Omaha, Dr. Sanderson is the eldest son of Dr Sanderson, who was pastor of Hridge Street church somewhere in the '70s, and while living here his son learned the art preservative in this office. Dr. Sanderson is now the paster of one of the largest churches in the west, and is in the front rank of pulpit

There is a man now residing in Omaha and mployed on one of the daily papers who recombers having met Rev. Sanderson four At that time the man was een years ago. At that time imployed on the Sentinel. published LoMars to One day he was repairing an the duties required. The man had used some language that would not be tolerated in good society. He kept right on using the language, when suddenly he happened to look up and there stood the Rev. Sanderson, standing right at his elbow. The man of fered some apologies, when Rev. Sanderson replied in his usual kind way, "Never mind; I was a printer once and know that forcible words are sometimes required about a print

St. Mary's Avenue Congregational At St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church the following exercises will be held

: worrour Duet, "Cantique de Noel" (Adams), Mrs. A. G. Edwards, Will Wilbur; solo, baritone, C. F. Tucker of Glanwood, Is C. F. Tucker of Glenwood, Ia.; solo, "Story of the Christ Child," Mrs. A. G. Edwards ormon by the pastor, Dr. Butler, topic, "The Williams will sing.

Services on Sunday. German Lutheran, St. Paul's Church, J. F. Her, Pastor-Services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m.

Cherry Hill Congregational Church, Rev LoRoy S. Hand, Postor-Preaching at 11 a n.; subject, "Strangers and Sojourners." Southwest Methodist Episcopal Church Rev. R. M. Henderson, Pastor-Morning subect, "The Wise Men;" evening, "A Patriotic Voman.

Saratoga Congregational Church, Amevenue and North Twenty-fifth Street-The easter will speak at 7:45 p. m., from the

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Corne Macon and Virginia Avenue-Preaching by Rev. Dr. Sample of New York. Morning at 10:30; evening at 7:30. Come and hear him. First Congregational Church, Nineteenth and Davenport, Rev. F. A. Warfield, Pastor-Morning service, 10:30; theme, "Christ, the World's Servant:" vesper service of song at p. m.; no evening service.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 2653 St. Mary's Avenue—Service at 11:a. m. The sermon will be reading of selections from the Bible and the text book, "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures." People's Church, Eighteenth and California

Streets, Rev. Charles W. Savidge, Pastor-Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. In he morning, Christmas sermon; evening, "The Companion of the Lord." Second Presbyterian Church, Twenty-fourth and Nicholas Streets, Rev. S. M. Ware, D. D.,

Pastor—Services both morning and evening morning topic, "Emmanuel—God with Us; evening, "Jesus a Savior from Sin." Grace Lutheran Church, Twenty-sixth Street, Between Poppleton and Woolworth Avenues, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, Pastor-At

11 a. m. Christmas sermon, "The Angels' Cradle Song," and at 7:30 p. m. "Forward, a Christmas Thought." St. Baruabas' Church, Nineteenth and Cellfornia Streets; Christmas services, Christmas day-Early celebration at 7:30 a. m.; matins and choral celebration at 11 a. m. Sunday services at the usual hours. Children's carol services at 3:30 p. m. Sunday.

Omaha Philosophical Society-Election of officers for 1898. Open day—outsiders are in-vited to attend and talk upon whatever they

> Calvary Baptist Church, Twenty-sixth and ermon, "The fullness of the time." The First Christian Church, Corner of

> ing Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by J. M. Vawter. The morning subject will be J. M. Vawter. The morning subject will be "The Pre-Eminence of Christ:" the evening ubject, "The Lessons of the Closing Year." Park Avenue United Presbyterian, Corner Park Avenue and Jackson Street, Rev. Edgar MacDill, Pastor—Services at 10:45 a. m. and

7:30 p. m.; Sabbath school, 12 m.; Y. P. C. U. meeting at 6:45 p. m. Subject of sermons, "The Gracious Gift," and "The Jews and Samaritans." Pilgrim Congregational Church, Corner Forty-first and Dodge Streets, Frank D. Jack

sou, Pastor—Morning service, 11 o'clock, Home Missionary sermon; Sunday school at noon. Evening service, 7:30; subject, "There Was no Room for Them in the Inn." A welcome for all. Hillside Congregational Church, Thirtleth

e sung by Misa Schreiber.

H. Sanderson, D. D., Pastor-Services at and solos were given by Mrs. L. T. Sunder-10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Christmas sermon land and W. B. Wilkins. Dr. Franklin spoke the closing year in the eyening. Sunday school at 12 noon. Epworth league at 6:30 p. m. Men's "clan" Monday evenlog in lec-

ture room. Saint Matthias' Church, South Tenth Street and Worthington Place, Rev. L. F. Potter, Priest in Charge-Sunday services: At 7:30 a. m. Holy communion; 11 a. m. Holy com-munion and sermon; 7:20 p. m. evensong. At the 11 o'clock service the Christmaa music will be repeated and at 7:30 p. m. evensong will be a cheral, followed by a service of sacred song—"The Child Jesus." Walnut Hill Methodist Spiscopal Church Southeast Corner Forty-first and Charles Streets, Rev. C. N. Dawson, Pastor—Preach-ing at 10:30 a.m.; subject, "A Great Name;" Mrs. Maud Newton will be beard in a solo; Sunday school at rood! J. M. Gillan, super-intendent; Epworth league 6:30 p. m., Secre-

Prosperity comes quickes, to the man whose liver is in good sondition. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are famous little pills for constipation, biliousness, indigestion and all stomach and liver troubles.

You can hang up your stocking now-

topic, "Our Mediator."

sponded with quotational appropriate to the IT COMES BUT ONCE, A YEAR

In speaking of former employes, the In- Christmas is Here and All Omaha is in fo Enjoyment.

SANTA CLAUS GOES OUT SHOPPING

Visits All the Big Stores and Buys Lots of Nice Presents for the Dear Ones at Home.

Wonder if people jostled and elbowed each other in their hunt for Christmas presents and took it all so good-naturedly in those good old days in the misty past as the folks of this city of Omaha did last night! Wender if Santa Ciaus of a couple of hundred or a thousand years ago had so much fun as thousands of men and women appeared to have last night, as they trudged around through the slushy snow from store to store on their hunt for pretty things for their husbands and wives, their children, their brothers and sisters, their lovers and sweetnearts and for everybody else for whom they had the least spark of affection or regard!

Santa Claus and Kris Kringle was out in thousand forms. Sometimes he was iressed in broadcloth and sometime in homespun. Sometimes he had on his back silk and other costly feminine goods. Sometimes he wore a shabby skirt and a well-worn shawl. But he was the selfsame Santa Claus and Kris Kringle in one respect and that you had to find in his face and eyes. His mouth was wreathed in a smile; his eyes were al-ways merry and glad. If you accidentally punched him in the ribs he did not frown; he beamed upon you and said. "Merry Christ-mas!" If he was a man he sometimes also said, "Let's go get a drink." A pretty good Santa Claus and Kris Kringle we've got here

As has been hinted at before, thousands were out last night, as thousands had been out for several nights before. They simply took the stores by siege. There was not one in the downtown section which was not crowded. If the calamity howler was out last -night he must have felt very small pumpkins, and maybe today he won't much fun to poke at the "return of pros-perity." Merchants were of the unanimous opinion that not for years past have they done such a Christmas business as this year, and last night furnished a very ellinax. Santa Claus had money this year,

and he spent it. It may be that Weather Clerk Welsh had Christmas. Green Christmases have been so numerous around these parts that people have fallen into the custom of telling what Christmases were like in their youth, with the snow over the fencetops. Thus, as he or he plodded along or slipped on the ice, he or she did not say or even think some bad word, but cried out, "Merry Christmas!" EVERYBODY GOES SHOPPING.

The streets were filled with men, women nd children all the evening, long up to the hour that the gaily-lighted stores turned down their lights and the tired-out clerks left for their homes to enjoy a Christmas of occur at the Metropolitan hall, and the oper-their own today. A "Merry Christmas" was etta, "Rescue of Red Ridinghood," will be to be heard every minute and everybody took to himself even if it was not meant for him. There were smiles on every hand; that glorious anthem, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," was ringing in every heart.

The interior of the bigger stores of the city were a revelation. The aisles were simply packed with a squeezing mass of humanity, every individual of which was pos-sessed with the desire to get to the counter. Toes were cramped, ribs were crushed. clothes were rumpled, but there was not the slightest indication of ill-humor on anybody's ment that reminded them of days when they part. There was too much of the spirit of Santa Claus about to permit anything of

It was a great night for the street car company, too. The cars were crowded both coming and going during all the hours of the early evening. In fact, very few people walked. They did not want to coming down because they desired to get to the stores ing there cigars were distributed to the men amount they awarded Herman R. Vandecar "before the rush." They could not walk back home in most cases because they were Musical program for Sunday morning: back home in most cases because they were Anthem, "Peace on Earth," H. A. Lewis; soprano solo, "Jerusalem," Parker. Topic of at the homeward cavalcade would have store in the city had been stripped of its

All this was on the surface and everybody could see it. As happy a tale could be told could one have peeped into the residences and the homes about the city. Amongst the high and the low, with the virtuous and the sinful, there was none other than the Christmas spirit. In some places carols, in others rollicking songs, but everywhere good cheer and merriment. There was but one burthen o the sentiment: "A Merry Christmas to

TWO HOLIDAYS SIDE BY SIDE. Jewish Chanucha and Christmastide Come at Same Time.

Christmastide, in its relation to the Jewish Chanucha and the attitude of the modern Hebrew toward it, were considered by Dr Leo M. Franklin last night in a discourse and Ohio Streets, Rev. Jacob Flook, Pastor Leo M. Franklin last night in a discourse —Services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p. m. At at Temple Israel. Dr. Franklin was liberal he morning service Miss Winspear will sing in his views of the Christian festival and The Birthday of the King." In the evening expressed the belief that the Jew did no The Star of Bethlehem." by Adams, will wrong in partaking of the rejoicing of the e sung by Miss Schreiber.

First Presbyterian Church, Seventeenth and which is now being observed, began on Deodge Streets- Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 cember 20 and is continued for eight days. Dodge Streets—Scriber and Sermon p. m. on Sunday. Special music and sermon in the morning by Rev. W. A. McKenzie of Canada. In the evening story of the life of Christ, illustrated by stereopticon; a service under the auspices of the Sunday school.

The whole person and is in observance of the regaining of the temple at Jerusalem when the altar, previously desecrated, was purified and the holy lamp was found still burning and fresh with oil. During the service the usual excellent music was rendered to the usual excellent music was rendered.

of happiness. Even though the Jewish Feast of Light is not exactly coincident with the great Christian season of rejoicing it is just as impossible for the Jew to shut his heart against the universal joyfulness as for the sunlight which transform it into a temple of light. Under the wrappings of these two religious festivals may be found a common origin and a common significance. They are both expressive in a general way of reloicing at the approach of the winter solstice There are pagan festivals also which origin ated in the same thought. The Romans celebrated their Saturnalia for seven days from December 19 and passed the time in interchanging gifts and merrymaking. The similarity of these seasons seems more than a

"Nor should the pagan origin of those holidays take away in any degree the sacred-ness read into them by the Christian sma Jewish religious. The real truth and value of them lies not so much in the historical surroundings as in the underlying principles and teachings of them. The fact that Juda-ism, the mother, and Christianity, the child



have gained most of their holidays as the outgrowth of ancient oriental nature feasts does not affect the beauty of the thought behind them. And although Christians may care but little for the valor of a Jewish Maccabee in reclaiming the temple or the ment of the Christmas story, there should be no prejudice between them, but the heart mean that Christmas and Chanucha should that the ethical significance of each should In my opinion both Christmas and Cha-

nucha are fast outgrowing their histories and religious significance. Christmas is be ing transformed from a religious holy day into an American holiday. It is the same with our own Feast of Light. However much we may admire the courage of the Macca-bean it is foolish to think, in the face of the opposition to the present ephemera Zionistic agitation, that the Jews want to celebrate the freedom of a land which they would not return to if they could. It does not matter if the regard for the mere his orical and religious setting passes away in the evolution of the human race. If the fundamental ideas of Christmas and Chanucha have but worked themselves into human hearts they may change their form without loss to humanity. The Christmas sentiment of earthly peace is not exclusively of that religion but has come to us through the ages, and the fact that the Jew does not accept the Christian story does not in capacitate him to feel the Christian thought 'Ch earth, peace, to men, good will.' And although Christmas, historically and religi something to do with it. Omaha people ously, may be forgotten this thought will go have fallen out of the habit of having such a on forever growing and enlarging. The millenium is not yet here and ignorance and queer and on the whole quite enjoyable to wade around in snow on the night before Christmas. Green Christmas a baye been see are being given sight. So I believe that the Chanucha also will no longer be the celebra tion of the redemption of an ancient edifice but a recognition of light as the prince of peace. The Jew will not renounce his Chanucha nor the Christian his Christmas, but one day they will find themselves around a mmon altar to receive the benediction of

light and peace." The Feast of Light and Dedication will be closed on Monday night by a program in charge of the children. It will

Unfortunates Made to Forget Hard

Fate for One Night. The Christmas festivities commenced out | continue a greater portion of today. There are nearly 200 inmates at the institution. were less unfortunate than now.

Yesterday afternoon a large evergreen tree was erected in the broad corridor of the solved. north wing of the county hospital and upon it was hung candy in bags, popcorn and fruit. During the evening the lights were turned out and all of the inmates of the place invited into the room. After reachclock. Superintendent Wright responded and thanked his associates assuring them that they were held in high esteem and that they had the best wishes of

himself and his wife. Today there will be a concert at the place and at 2 o'clock this afternoon a dinner will be served that will be fit to set before a king. It will consist of turkey and cranberry sauce, roast pig and baked apples, mince pie and all of the other good things that go with the typical Christmas dinner.

Dinner for the Poor.

Following the usual custom, the Salvation Army will give a free dinner to the poor on Christmas day. The dinner will be served at the barracks on Divenport street, where taciated Charities, fifty to the county poor agent, fifty to the captains of the police force and 250 among the homes of the poor in the city. The army has a fair supply of pro-visions, but is still in need of apples, pickles, butter and jellies.

Unity Church Services. Unity Church, Seventeenth and Cass Streets, Rev. Newton M. Mann, Minister-Morning service at 10:45; subject of sermon, take, safe to use and sure to cure.

"Christmas as Church Festival;" critical study of New Testament in the evening at 7:30; papers will be read on "Paul's Doctrine of Atonement" by Miss Wallace, and on "The Conflict Between Jewish and Gentile Christianity" by W. F. Nelson; each paper will be followed by as full a discussion of its topic as time will allow.

First Presbyterian Church. First Presbyterian Sabbath school will have charge of the service Sunday evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Hoffman's pleures, Illustrating the life of Christ, twentyeight in number, will be presented on a series by stereoptican. These will be ac-companied by special music by organist and quartet, and the reading of appropriate Scripture. This is intended to bee devotional service, not a mere exhibition, and being continuous abould be free from interruptions by late comers.

The Lending Malt Extract.

Malt-Nutrine is the only really great ex-tract of malt offered on the market, other so-called extracts being nothing better so-called extracts being nothing better than strong black beer with a large percentage of alcohol and a very small one of extractive matter. Such extracts should not be given or recommended to convalescents or strength-seeking people, since their or strength-seeking people, since their merits are on the label and not in the buttle.

RECEIVER FOR HUGHES PHARMACY. Store at Twenty-Fourth and Farnam

in Trouble. A receiver has been appointed for Hughes' pharmacy at Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets. His name is Philip Potter and he has already filed a \$5,000 bond in the federal This is the direct result of a suit that was

brought in the federal court yesterday afternoon by Elinor A. Hughes of Dayton, O., against W. J. Hughes. According to the bill the complainant and Hughes entered into a partnership in 1888 to run a charmacy in this city under the firm name of W. J. Hughes & Co. The firm was in business first at 624 North Sixteenth street and later removed to the present location. The plaintiff sets forth that she put \$3,000 into the business under a contract that this money should be paid back to her at the rate of \$100 a month. Some \$2,000 was in this manner reout at the county hospital. who is of unsound mind at the present time and is confined in an asylum at Wauwatosa

Since Hughes has been unable to attend to the business, which has been the case since last July, it is alleged that the store has at the county hospital last night and will been run by a clerk who has not given it proper attention. As a consequence of this the complainant says that the liabilities of Because of this she had a receiver appointed. who will run the store until its affairs are straightened out. Then an accounting will straightened out. be had and the partnership will be dis-

Gets \$500 for a Hand.

A jury in the federal court has fixed the value of a hand at \$500. At least that is the women, after which the tree was dismaniled was returned at a late hour last night. The and the fruit that it bore was given to the jury was out since late on Thursday afterwards of the county. Later on Captain Davis | noon. Vandecar sued the Omaha & Repubof the Department of the Platte entertained lican Valley railroad for \$30,000 damages for the inmates of the hospital with a number of the loss of his hand. He was a victim of an selections upon the gramaphone. Upon the accident on that road several years ago, conclusion of the exercises Dr. Strong the While preparing to alight from a train he was house physician, on behalf of the employes thrown from the steps by a sudden starting of the institution, presented Superintendent of the engine and was thrown beneath the and Mrs. Wright with a very beautiful wheels in such a manner that his hand was the ground that Vandecar was carelessly negligent in not waiting for the train to stop before trying to get off. The trial of the case has lasted more than a week.

Slaughter Files His Report. Bred Slaughter, late receiver of the Lincoln Street Railway company, the property of which was recently sold at public sale under foreclosure proceedings, has filed a report in the federal court showing the conlition of the preperty when he turned it over to the purchasers. According to this there were no debts on hand on December 15. Since that time there has been incurred liabilities of about \$600 for supplies and coal and there is owing in wages to employes bles will be spread. Captain Ensign of the \$133 a day. To offset this indebtedness there army has delivered fifty tickets to the Asso- is in the company's treasury \$5,519.87. The receiver also reports that since he assumed his position four suits for personal damages have been begun, three in the district court and one in the federal court.

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