ALL PRAISE CHRIST CHILD

Omaha Dhurches Devoutly Observe Coming of Redeemer of the World.

CHRISTMAS IN ALL HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Catholies and Protestants Hold Special Services and Large Congregations Mingle Their Hosannas to the Lord.

Unto us a Child is given; To us a Son is bern. That greatest of all festivals in the realms of time, and that day of all days to the follower of the Christ-Christman and the Sabbath, falling on the same day, served to intensify the interest and deepen the solemnity of worship yesterday in the churches of Omaha, where, from pulpit and choir, arose praises and hallelulahs to the Habe of Bethlehem, and was breathed in every prayer and sermon and song that beautiful sentiment on the advent of the

good will toward men." The day in its physical manifestations was not the ideal high day of Christianity. There was no bright, crisp winter sun and no snow to sparkle in its rays and to crunch under the feet of the city reindeer. But for all that, generally speaking, the churches were filled to capacity by the dutiful and the plous, who felt it meet

In gazing back through the vista of time, do we not see a character unique and sublime, within whose radiance all mortal grandour dwindles and all human glory-fades? Do we not hear re-echoing through the ages, a name synonimous with goodness and replete with a power which glorifies all sorrow and purifies all happiness? The Babe of Bethlehem is the grand central character in our drama of humanity. Around Him are grouped the destinies of

numan birth? Man born into life is rocked in a cradie between a nothingness past and a future uncertainty. But not so with this new-born Babe. He alone of all mortals, before His birth, lived in the world in the minds of men, and so perpetuated filmself in the lives and hopes of a family and of a nation and of the whole human race, that generation succeeded to generation and age followed age, only to think of Him, to speak of Him and to desire Him. Him. first indistinct in the minds of men.

At first indistinct in the minds of men, the Sayfor was sketched in dark outlines by the earlier prophets, and others rising century after century filled in the dark outlines, and by inspired, artistic touches brought out in bold relief His form and characteristics, His dual nature and circumstances of life, His mission and stuppendous powers. His humiliations, triumphs and establishment of a kingdom universal and eternal, until after four thousand years men read his biography complete and beheld Him existing in concrete form long before being formed in the womb of the virgin. This long delay of the Savior's advent was required in preparation for the stupendous mystery of the incarnation.

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niversal moral depravity. Man led astray om God by satan had at last been taught y his own long, sad experience to turn gain to God and seek deliverance from overlant.

again to God and seek deliverance from moral evil.

Hence, in the words of St. Paul, had come God's fullness of time, for this universal craving for good and deliverance from evil was everywhere turning men's minds heavenward. Then it was that the star long prophesied shone forth in the orient and proclaimed their new-born king to the genile nations. And He comes this day, born in Bethlehem, His infant brow adorned with the aureoin of a pre-existence of forty centuries. Heaven's portals, closed for ages, now opened wide, myriads of angels descend to earth to rejoice with men and chant in giad rhapsody, "Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, pax hominibus bonne voluntaits." Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will. To men of good will, and therefore not to Herod and his myrmidons of Jerusalem.

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Judea, long a conquered province of Rome, had been perverted by the spirit of earth, and heathendom had its altars and idols honored within her holy city. For the last 400 years no prophet of God had arisen in Israel to guide the nation's councils, and religious dissensions arose, and under the influence of pagan customs and laws and power heresy had so multiplied and destroyed the purity of the true religion that Israel's own teachers became infected. To strengthen the nation's yearning for freedom and national life, they had corrupted the teaching of the prophets concerning the person and mission of the Messiah. The Savior came in poverty, they expected Him in fabulous wealth; the Savior came in humility, they expected Him in a majesty and pomp more resplendent than Solomon's; the Savior came in weakness, they expected Him with a power mightier than Caesar's or Alexander's; the Savior came to establish a spiritual kingdom, they expected Him to form for them a material universal empire whose power would outshine all grandeur within the memory of man.

But the ways of God are not the ways Redsemer of the world, "Peace on earth;

would outshine all grandeur within the dutiful and the pieus, who felt it meet and proper they should give this time away from the Christmas trinkels or the preparation of the Christmas turkey to add their little to the services of rejoicing.

Among the Catholics.

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to all hating iniquity and loving justice; peace to all shunning the fatal clouds of preached.

The Christmas decorations were not quite as elaborate as usual. In the First Methodist Episcopal green wreaths and sprigs of asparagus were strewn over a white background with a base of potted green. In the First Congregational ropes of evergreen were carried around the church and over the pulpit, at the base of which was massed palms and ferns. In Trinity cathedral a great white star was hung and red flowers used on the altar, while green was banked at the sides. Other churches were similarly decked.

SERMON BY FATHER BLACKMORE

Eloquent Discourse at St. John's on Babe of Bethlehem.

Christmas service at St. John's church was of unusual order. The church was crowded at 5 a. m., when Rev. M. P. Dowling celebrated solemn high mass. The edifice was again filled at the last service at 16:50. The decorations and music were equally elaborate, an unusual feature being the chanting of the students' surpliced choir in the chancel. Rev. S. A. Blackmore, S. J.. of Creighton university, preached the sermon, the entire text of which follows:

In gazing back through the vista of time, do we not see a character unique and sublime, within whose radiance all mortal grandour dwindles and all human glory fades? Do we not hear re-ecching through

DAY WHEN WE FEEL SAME JOY Rev. George A. Beecher Discourses or

Angelie Mesage. Even the brilliantly lighted tapers upon Around Him are grouped the destinies of nations and of individuals. His cradle was the term of the old world and the beginning of the new. His star of Bethlensem by dispelling the darkness of pagantism and bringing us the light of a higher and nobler civilization, has made clear to men the meaning of His existence and of all human events. pressive among the arches overhead. The whereby are higher educating forces; but men the meaning of His existence and of all human events.

Though in the angel's words: "This day is born to us a Savior," yet we see this new-born child old as the ages, with His infant brow enveloped with the halo of a glorious past. For as the sun in the heavens illumines not only the spaces he heavens illumines not only the spaces he heavens illumined the human race in ancient as well as in modern times. Before this birth, all generations looked forward to Him, and after His birth all generations look back to Him. And what is human birth? Man born into life is rocked in a cradic between a nothingness past. all eleoquently and sublimely suggestive of the tragedy which began at Bethlehem and had its culmination upon the summit of Calvary. The elaborate music added to the effectiveness of the services.

Rev. George A. Beecher took for his tidings to the shepherds. He said in sub-

"Christmas is distinctively a Christian joyfulness. Everyone is thinking of someone elese; of some way to make the day brighter. We give to others with no thought of getting something in return. It is a day of giving, but it also is a happy and joyful day because it is the day preceded his address by a few remarks on on which Jesus was born. Even rough and unsympathetic men who are indifferent to new year, and committees were named to the Christian significance of the day do

uded to on almost every page of the writen word of God. Reject it and you must reject the word of God altogether, for this me fact is interwoven and involved with all the rest. We are compelled to accept the incarnation as the truth because the Bible

"The incarnation vitalizes our faith and raises it from a mere system of ethical philosophy-a philosophy that has been nearly equaled by the mind of man. But adding the divinity and authority of Christ and we have a system of faith to which the soul may cling and which never under any test has broken down. The incarnation is the basis for belief in immortal

TEACHER COME FROM GOD IS HE Theme of Rev. Robert Yost, Preaching

of the Christ. "A Teacher Come from God" was the theme of the sermon by Rev. Robert Yost at St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church

yesterday morning. 'Man is the feeblat branch of the univers and may be crushed by any or many of them, yet reason has exalted manhood to royalty," he said. "By his reason he is able to forecast the course of the tempest and the way of the stars; he beckens to the lightning and the thunderbolt become his cherubims. We wonder if there shall ever be found a limit to the kingdom of the mind. Yet there is a sphere beyond the limit of brain power: it is that thing that we know the least about, that death that takes us away. What is that link tha binds us to the hereafter is the question that has been asked ceaselessly for ages Man shall walk in gloom until some hand shall bring him out into the undying light. It is He for whom the ages hath waited long. Every drop of wisdom that has trickled down from the limits of time has come from the fountainhead of God. Never man spoke like this man. No man has said earthly philosophy ever breathed its philosophy into his ears. When he stepped from that Gallilean home it was to astonish the world. His school was the workshop. His mother stood in His presence like a babe, in His wisdom. He went down and kissed away the dirt and made it the diadem of manhood. When He came superstition vanished. He was at right angles with previous formalism. Who of the world's history can be placed on the platform beside Him? He did not argue; He did not plead. He announced and proclaimed. When the heart is sick with sir it is the gentle sympathy of Christ that heals. He is the one great gift of God, to whom this blessed day is consecrated. The great teacher, the comforter."

In the afternoon a special Christman musical service, "Emmanuel," was participated in by the large choir and a number of leading local vocalists, under the direction of Mr. Thomas J. Kelly, with Miss Maude Muelle as organist. Following the musical program Dr. Yost delivered a discourse with "The Golden Rule" as

DISTINCTLY DAY FOR MEMORIAL Sabbath and Christmas United in One Worship.

The morning services at the First Presusually large Christmas contribution and administered with unusual solemnity. The "What should we do this day but talk

It is seldom we have Christmas on Sunday. | church. This day is a day set apart as a memorial day, and now that it falls on the Sabhath we utilize it in speaking of the influence special Santa Claus was the genuine, allthe Christ has upon the destinies of the people of the earth. We speak of Him as the Savior of the world, and yet the world will not be saved; it cannot be, for salvation is of a personal nature. We speak of antics of the little ones. There was a the glorious character of Jesus Christ, of the perfection of His life, of the high moral precepts He taught, the noble utterances and the lofty attributes of His nature, the warnings He gave, that He alone could many redeeming qualities of life and mas eve and a nutricious and enjoyable him again to look into the faces of many altar cross, which stood out in chaste and but they are not salvation. The byway is influence out into the world, and so God's will is wrought in our persons, our bodies, our spirits brought into subservience and so the great redemption this day signifies as having been brought within our reach is a glorious heritage, made ready for all who accept Jesus in their hearts, Who is theme the angelic message of joy and glad able to give light and peace and pardon through faith in His name, the thrice blessed Redeemer of the world."

festivity. There is to the day a spirit of SAME CRY ALL OVER THE WORLD Give Us the Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus

In the First Christian church Rev. S. D. Dutcher spoke on "The Coming One." He the business situation and work for the carry on the church work.

UNFORTUNATES' CHRISTMAS

Quiet but Happy Day Given to the Ill and Erring.

NONE OVERLOOKED AT FESTAL BOARDS

Charitable Homes, Hospitals and Prisons Give Cheer and Comfort to Those Who Are at Such Pinces.

Christmas was a quiet but pleasant holiday with the old people's and the chlidren's homes, jails and the hospitals. For one reason or another those persons who reside in these institutions are not in a position to enter quite as heartily into the celebration of Christmas as are their more fortunate fellow citizens on the outside. A man with his character or his appendix under investigation is not able to throw his very soul into the glad and innocent diversion of Christmas time. He is more or less hampered by the watchful and solicitous care of the investigators. A too free and thorough entrance into the spirit of the day may fill his system with septic matter or his pockets with extraneous substances of considerable value to other persons.

The county jail was the scene of a square meal and cranberry sauce between 2 and 3 o'clock. Jailer Roach had to exercise som care in feeding his guests, because if the whole 137 there should eat all they wanted at the same moment and swell up in the manner which a good meal makes a man do, the very small and crowded county jail would be apt to burst like a bottle that had got itself full of ice. But this did not happen, perhaps because the stallfed charges of the county may have spoiled Jesus Christ was one of my pupils.' No their appetites to some extent by eating candy just before dinner.

Mrs. Dhinbrook of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, with several assistants, held services in the prison from 1 to 2 o'clock, and after the close of the religious hour, presented each man, as the authorized agent of Mr. S. Claus, with a box of bonbons. At the city jail the oc cupants entered into the spirit of the day and about two pounds of holiday food each. Kind friends and personal admirers sent flowers and there was also a little church service.

Hospitals and Homes. Beds of pain and suffering are not the best places in the world from which to enjoy the gifts of Christmas. The Presbyterian introduced a very novel featureat least the patients enjoyed it very muchby discharging as convalescents nearly at the afflicted. In Clarkson there was a nice Christmas dinner, consisting of seven courses of turkey gruel, or something harmless of that sort. The Trinity Junior auxiliary was responsible for the tree and Deacon Beecher of the Cathedral and his theme. The services were largely at- some members of the choir were present and the boys' sang on each floor and the dean made a Christmas address. St. Johospitals observed the day in like man-

Among the children's homes, the Child Saving institute had a plasant celebrabyterian church were prefixed by the tion. Friends of the institution had been more generous than usual and the tree, then the ordinance of infant baptism was which was lighted at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon for the little children, was well text by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Edwin Hart hung with presents. Miss Chambers and Jenks, was taken from John xit, 15: "Fear her little class from Trinity Methodist not, daughter of Zion, for behold, thy King Episcopal church furnished an Informal program and there was some songs and prayers. In the evening the children went of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world? to the exercises at Knox Presbyterian

wool-and-whicken affair. The tree was lighted early Saturday and was sure enough joy for the thirty members of the home. Parents were present to enjoy the fine dinner at noon Christmas.

The St. James orphanage has a large family to feed and the job of carving for the bunch is something fierce. A tough joint will throw out the whole schedule. But the mother church was equal to the occasion and provided a gaudy tree Christrepast for Sunday noon. The Good Shepherd was the scene of another celebration Among the Old Folks.

The Old Folks' home was largely under obligations to the women of Westminster Presbyterian church for a good old time. Saturday at 1:30 o'clock a turkey and cranberry sauce dinner was begun. The old people ate the turkey until after 3 o'clock. Then they had a big Christmas tree with presents and candles and other joys of the times. For the dinner baked turkey was used and thirty-six covers were laid. The Salvation army is not a cook, but it

is a general family store at Christmas time. Saturday the local forces were busy in dealing out baskets for the penniless who could borrow a stove for themselves or knew someone who owned one and someone who could operate it. Statistics had been prepared for the number of mouths in each family and over 200 baskets packed with an average of five dinners were given out. It was busy business while it lasted and happy faces and tired backs were the result as small children bore away in loaded baskets to where mother waited with a

sizzling stove. Christmas in the big transient hotels did not amount to much beyond a fine dinner and a few lonely boys who had grown tired of being told not to beat their drums so loud, but the family hotels and large boarding houses were the scenes of many homelike Christmas celebrations. At the Madison a considerable number of promising juveniles were greatly entertained by a soaring tree, prepared by Mrs. Axtell, on which a half ton of hotel presents were

The Omaha Hungarian society had jolly meeting Christmas afternoon at Twenty-fifth avenue and Cuming street. with a large part of the seventy-five members present. The officers for the year 1905 were elected and are as follows: President, A. Brown; vice president, A. Schlank; treasurer, Jacob Rosenblum; financial seeretary, Charles Singer. Messrs. Brown and Singer have served the society as officers now for eight years.

NEWSBOYS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

of Little Merchants Eat Big Christmas Dinner, "How much yer made, Shanty? "Let's see. Fifty, sixty, a dollar and five

"I'm goin' to chew. Come on. Let's doude poipers till we get some of dat eatin'." "I'll go you one, Blonde, if I lose." "It's a cinch yer can't lose."

And they went down to the newsboys neadquarters in the basement of 1416 Farnam street and ate until their little gar ments became taut. The annual newsboys' Christmas dinner

given yesterday afternoon through the ourtesy of Mr. E. A. Dixon of the Orchard & Wilhelm company, and under the direc-tion of Mogy Bernstein, dean of the newsjes, was a great success in every way. Miss Roberts, matron of the newsboys' home, was assisted at the tables by Mesdames M. E. Lynch, Alfred Fuller and W. J. Broatch.

Nearly 300 of the street merchants were given a gastronomic treat which they relished in a manner that would have caused a dyspeptic millioniare to have envied the little fellows their happy ex-

stence. As soon as one table was through another plateon of candidates with paper inder their arms would file down stairs in the best of order and stand at attention while Mogy assigned the places. After giving three cheers and a tiger for those who were giving the dinner the crowd would be seated and look wistfully at the

side tables laden with chicken, ple, cake, candy, nuts, oranges, coffee, cranberry sauce and other things for the inner man. third table. Wisht I had another piece." "Ast Mogy," said Butts, who sat next to Kline.

Kline asked Mogy and was given another segment of ple.

"Gee, I'm glad I didn't stay down on that old chicken ranch at Havelock," remarked Kline after he had disposed of the ast section of ple.

Even Jack, the newsboys' dog, attended the dinner and seemed to appreciate the occasion with true canine instinct. About the time the fourth table was being served he went over to a corner, curled up, laid down and took no further cognizance of the dinner.

So far as Mogy could determine from his coster only one boy failed to attend the function. His name is Willie Grapheiser, 10 years of age, and lives on South Thirteenth street. He just came out of the pospital, where he had an attack of appendicitis and is now convalencing. He was remembered by a number of his fellow workers, who sent an assortment of good things to his home.

PATIENTS GO HOME FOR PRESENT All but Nine Leave the Presbyterian

Hospital. Figuratively speaking, the words of the Great Physician, "Take up thy bed and walk," were applied to the patients of Presbyterian hospital as a Christmas gift and by evening all but nine patients had gone to their homes, if not entirely well, at least able to mingle their joys of the Yuletide festival with those of the home folks. Not for many months has the hos pital been so nearly vacated,

Major D. H. Wheeler was one of thos who returned to his home Christman day He had been in the hospital for a period of thirteen weeks. His trouble was broken hip bone. At his advanced age, of course, complete recovery is despaired of, but he is able to walk with the aid of

Mrs. Brad D. Slaughter, wife of the pay master of the Department of the Missouri was another of the patients to leave yesterday. Mrs. Slaughter had been at the hospital for some weeks.

LITTLE WORK TODAY IN OMAHA General Suspension of Public and

Private Business. Very little business will be done in Omaha today. Christmas being Sunday it was generally agreed by the various commercial interests to close for Monday, so as to give their employes a chance for some seph's and the Methodist and Emanuel thing more than a special church service. The jobbing houses all will be closed for the entire day as they will lose nothing by it the first of this week. The manu facturers generally will follow this course The commission houses will close for a part of the day, but because of the perish able character of their goods will have to work for a few hours. The retailing establishments will be closed for the greater part. The Boston store and Hayden Bros. among the big houses and some of the

smaller dealers will remain open.

Sunday.

A pleasing feature of the mprning services yesterday at the First Baptist church was a brief address by Rev. Dr. Helling, formerly pastor of the old First Bantist church of Omaha. Dr. Helling's talk came at the end of the service, after the pastor, Rev. J. W. Conley, had delivered his ser

The former pastor, venerable but vigorous, spoke feelingly of the joy it gave of his old congregation. He rejoiced exceedingly, he said, in the evidence of the prosperity and progress of the church he beheld on all sides, and recalled with pleasure the days of his ministry in Omaha. Dr. Helling, who is now pastor of the First Baptist church in Buffalo, N. Y., was the recipient of warm greetings from the congregation at the close of the ser-

vices. In his sermon, a comprehensive review of the Christmas season, its meaning and its traditions, Dr. Conley emphasized the thought that the highest sounding and most satisfying note of the Christmas time is the note of joy.

"Sadness of spirit is out of touch altogether with the day; songs of praise are its attending and proper manifestation," he said. "Pessimists as to the promise and the realization of the natal day of the Son of God may go through the singing, but the singing will not go through the heart that has not a warm and living appreciation of the Redeemer's bounty

He dwelt on the exaltation of childhood mbodied in the Christian celebration of Christmas, and pointed out that as the coming of the Babe of Bethlehem meant new dawn for mankind, so the coming of a babe in many a home has meant a new life and a quickened fellowship with God. Every tendency of the season is away from the fast-growing spirit of materialism and toward that uplifting altruism which forgets mere self in the pleasurable planning for others.

"Loving and giving brings rejoicing and broadens life with a sweetness that partakes of the divine; the giving to the needy and destitute brings joy and happiness in double measure; it is the lighting of the morning star of hope again in darkened lives and the cause of soul growth and Christian ambition in the giver.

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