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## Christmas at the Churches.

C. OF E. CATHEDRAL.

The Cathedral was magnificently festooned for the Christmas services which were attended by large congregations. The Altar was superbly decorated with Eucharist lilies which were presented by Governor Williams.

At 6.30 Communion was celebrated by Rev. Canon White, and at 8 o'clock by Rev. C. H. Barton. Matins were sung at 11 a.m. during which the Rector, Canon White, preached on the Angels' Song. The Anthem was the pastoral symphony from Handel's Messiah. Rev. Canon Bolt assisted by Rev. Canon White celebrated Communion at 12.15. The offerings for the day will provide coals for the poor.

ST. THOMAS'S.

The church was profusely and artistically decorated. Services began at 7.30 Tuesday evening. On Christmas Day there were celebrations of Holy Communion at 6.30, 8 and 11 o'clock. At the latter hour the special music was rendered including, "O, Son, that bringest good tidings," by Stainer. The Rector, Rev. G. Godden, delivered a sermon on "Peace on Earth."

Evensong was said at 5 o'clock to a large congregation.

ST. MICHAEL'S.

Communion was celebrated at 6.30 and 8 o'clock yesterday morning, the number of communicants exceeding that of former years. The principal service was the Missa Cantata sung by Merbecke's setting, with the Rev. J. Brinton in charge as Celebrant. The music of the choir was excellent particularly Benedictus qui Venit, Sanctus and Gloria in Excelsis. Adagio Fidelis and Now, O Father Mindful of the Love, by Dr. Bright, were rendered in splendid voice during the Communion of the faithful. Rev. C. H. Barton M.A. delivered a powerful sermon. The altar and church were neatly and artistically decorated.

R. C. CATHEDRAL.

After the bells at the R. C. Cathedral chimed a merry peal, and after the chimes had rendered the Adagio Fidelis, the music of which could be heard over the city, Tuesday night, Pontifical High Mass was celebrated at midnight. The spacious Cathedral was filled with a devout congregation and seldom at the festive season have we seen such magnificent decorations. The High Altar presented a superb appearance lit as it was with hundreds of tapers and vari-colored electric bulbs. Evergreens also bejewelled with sparkling electric lights, were draped from the Altar and the scene was at once brilliant and impressive. His Grace Archbishop Howley was the celebrant of the Mass and with the clergy and acolytes, and preceded by a squad of the C.C.C. under Lieut. Doyle as a guard of honor entered the sanctuary, after coming through the western aisle, the band of the C.C.C. stationed at the rear of the High Altar, beautifully rendering Novello's Adagio Fidelis. His Grace was assisted at the Altar by Revs. Dr. Greene and Jos. Pippy as deacon and sub-deacon, while at the Throne were attending Revs. Frs. O'Callaghan and Kelly. The singing by the choir under the direction of Prof. Hutton, was beautiful. After the Gospel, His Grace preached a very eloquent sermon on the Nativity. At the conclusion of the Mass, the C.C.C. Band, under Lieut. Bulley, rendered the Gloria from Mozart's 12th Mass.

ST. PATRICK'S.

The High Altar at St. Patrick's Church is beautifully decorated and Masses were said there at the usual hours yesterday. A Missa Cantata was sung at 10.30 a.m. yesterday by Rev. Fr. Kelly, a large congregation being present. The choir rendered a beautiful program of music including Novello's Adagio Fidelis, as an offertory. The "Coming of the King," from Dudley Buck's Oratorio, was beautifully rendered at the conclusion of the Mass by Prof. McCarthy.

GOWER STREET.

At 11 a.m. yesterday, the first service was held in this Church, consisting of two anthems and three voluntaries from the Messiah, the pastoral symphony, the chorus "For unto us a Child is Born," and the Hallelujah Chorus. The preacher was Rev. Dr. Rogers, who took as his text: "For unto us a Child is Born and His name shall be called Wonderful," and delivered an able and impressive discourse.

GEORGE ST.

The various services at George St. Church were attended by large and devout congregations. The music of the choir was such as reflected credit on the Organist Mrs. R. F. Horwood. Mr. H. Courtenay's solo "There were Shepherds" was delightful. Rev. J. W. Bartlett preached an instructive and touching sermon, taking his text from Isaiah, the 9th chap., and 6th verse: "A Child is Born." He said each of us is born for a definite purpose and the world is ready for us.

**INCORRIGIBILITY.**  
BY H. L. RANN.

INCORRIGIBILITY is a six-cylinder word which is used whenever the reform schools run short of material and desire to stock up. A boy may be accused of every crime in the category, from smoking cornstalk cigarettes behind the barn to tripping up the Sunday school superintendent on Christmas Eve, but the minute somebody says he is incorrigible he stands about as much show as a reformed horse thief.

It is generally supposed that there is no excuse for incorrigibility except cussedness. Ask the boy who is brought up in blinders, worked like a plow horse and kept inside the yard on circus day. Ask the girl who works in the mill and sees her revered parent drink up her wages in cheap booze. If incorrigibility means breaking home ties, it would be a virtue to break some of them with an elm club.

Every man has a streak of incorrigibility running through him, and sometimes it is not discovered until after the coroner's inquest. In our town a man died the other day who did everything except steal the individual communion service. He was so incorrigible that the minister used him as a sermon subject, and he couldn't borrow a dime without going into the next township. He was the toughest proposition in the community, and yet when he died everybody remembered that he was always good to his mother and somehow they couldn't think of anything else. Some people said that if there was a little more incorrigibility of that kind in circulation, it would come in handy.

The best way to make the girl incorrigible is to call her one. She may not know what it means, but she will know what it feels like when she meets the Pharisee and the Sadducee. Some people tell the neighbors that their children are incorrigible, and then try to cure them with a rum strap, when an application of old-fashioned patience, tact and affection would bring them out. No boy or girl becomes really incorrigible who has seen anything like the square deal in use around the house, and that an eternal fact.

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If we would take the other chap And size him up by us When he does so and thus, And note the selfish ways we have, We might not throw a stone; His flaws might not appear so great When measured by our own.

It's mighty easy to map out The other fellow's way. To say what virtues he should have What he should do to-day; But we should always bear in mind The pitfalls we have known, And judge his weaknesses by those Decidedly our own.

When we are on life's level path, The other chap may be Down on the rough and rugged road, And all those faults we see Are, no doubt, faults that we too had When fighting on alone. And maybe too, they're very small When measured by our own.

**Roasted to Death.**

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 1.—Following a collision between an incoming freight train and a standing freight train in the yards of the New York Central Railroad this morning, Henry A. Grover, and Patrick H. Thornton, both of Syracuse, were burned to death. The men were imprisoned in the debris and were slowly roasted to death, despite the efforts of the train hands to rescue them. A locomotive and eight cars were demolished.

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