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SANTA CLAUS APPEARS IN MANY SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Sunday school Christmas entertainments were much to the fore yesterday and in many of the school rooms of the city churches there were bright assemblages of children, teachers and parents and the afternoon and evening both witnessed some pleasant things. Christmas trees and visits from Santa Claus and excellent programmes by the scholars were the chief features of the various entertainments.

Portland Methodist.
The primary department of the Portland Methodist Sunday school, taught by Miss Carolyn McIntyre, had its Christmas entertainment in the afternoon and had a merry time. A pleasing programme was presented by the children, recitations being given by Charles Wilson, Doris Holder, Ross Morrison, Arthur Thomas, Ruth Day, Frances Ellsworth, Wesley Spencer and Margaret O'Dell, a solo by Marion Holder and an exercise by seven girls. A chorus opened the programme and another chorus was sung at the close. Santa Claus made his appearance in the person of Allan Kirk, and distributed presents from a brightly trimmed tree. Refreshments were served to the children at tables which had been prettily arranged. The committee in charge consisted of Mrs. Richard Thomas, Mrs. Herbert Breen, Mrs. J. A. Ferguson, Mrs. S. A. Kirke, Miss Helen Hayes, Miss Florence Joseph, Mrs. A. J. Myles, Mrs. Frederick Jones, and Mrs. E. A. Rowley.

A pleasing and well presented cantata, "The Christmas Carol" was given in the evening by the older grades of the Portland Sunday school under the direction of Herbert Bromfield, the choir leader and the performers and those who trained them were much complimented on the high success of the cantata. Mr. Bromfield was assisted in training the children by the Misses Ella Bell, Doris Corbett, Elsie Spence, Laura Spence, Lena Chown and Ada Calhoun. Miss Lillian Bromfield was the accompanist. Samuel Kirk, superintendent of the school, was the chairman and Santa Claus was represented by A. C. Powers. Mrs. Santa Claus was Miss Laura Farnham. The other characters were as follows: Fairies, Margaret Kennedy, Isadore McBeath, Fern King, Angeline Gregory, Marie Williams, Vivian Armstrong, Josephine Murray, nymphs, assisting Santa Claus, Arthur McLaughlin, Willie Bromfield, Charlie Clarke, John Cowan, Willard McConnell, Edmund Foster, Ronald Chetty, Jack McIntosh, Jack Frost, Hugh Kennedy. A carol song-offstage was very effective. Those who sang the carol were Mr. Bromfield, Frederick Jones, Miss Elsie Spence, and Miss Doris Corbett. Miss Frances McIntyre gave a recitation between the acts.

Germantown Church.
The Christmas entertainment of the Germantown Baptist Sunday school was a conspicuous success. It started off with a fight of good things for the scholars. Mrs. George Polley was conductor and had an able committee to assist her in the tea arrangements. The younger children received candy and pop corn after supper and then sang this treat by Santa Claus, in the person of Donaldson Hunt. Then the younger children were shown motion pictures and heard stories told by C. E. Watson. When the older scholars came downstairs an elaborate and very impressive pageant was splendidly presented. T. C. Cochrane had trained the performers in the singing and he was the piano. Miss E. Heffer gave the dramatic instruction and Miss Greta Holman had supervision of the presentation. The pageant was spectacular, showing the manger illuminated and a brilliant star of Bethlehem above.

The cast of characters for the pageant was as follows: Hannah, Miss Helen Simms; Heseah, William Metz; David, Everett Phillips; Uriel, Kenneth Fisher; Shepherds, Otty Capson, Walter Archibald, Jack Macneil and Ralph Woodley; the three wise men, Kenneth Lewis, Carl Woolley and Neilson Lewis; Canada, Edwin Nelson; Africa, Reid Dowling; Mary, Miss Mary Cookson; Japan, Miss Doris Brown; France, Miss Jean Colwell; Asia, Miss Hazel Fisher. The superintendent, L. S. Simms, was the chairman for the evening, and there were about three hundred present, both scholars and parents.

Exmouth Street.
The entertainment for the scholars of the Exmouth street Sunday school in the evening was attended by about three hundred parents and scholars and was thoroughly enjoyed. A fine programme was given by the children under the direction of Miss R. M. Hopkins, Miss Mabel Sandall and Miss Laura Myles and the children acquitted themselves well. E. E. Thomas, the superintendent, presided. Those taking part in the programme included: Isabelle Carr, Constance Sharp, Dorothy Belyea, Catherine MacFarlane, Ralph Lawton, Betty San-

dall, Jean Young, Dorothy MacFarlane, Jean Cosman, Lillian Belyea, Grace Hugheson, Dorothy Fowle, Doris Jones, Grace McKee, Ronald Thomas, John Hopkins and Frances Withers. Santa Claus made a dramatic entrance after the programme and distributed presents to the beginners and primary departments. There was a big box of candy for each member. Rev. H. E. Thomas, the pastor, gave a talk to the children at the close of the programme.

Tabernacle Church.
The Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school of the Tabernacle church was a pronounced success. The school room was crowded as, besides the 200 or more children, many of the parents were present. Peter Murray was the chairman for the evening and in turn each class contributed a pleasing number to the opening programme. Then Santa Claus appeared and George Fry gave a happy impersonation of the familiar friend. Santa Claus stripped a gayly trimmed tree and gave to each child a special present and a treat of candy and fruit. The teachers had provided the presents for the children in their classes.

The teachers are as follows: Miss Lillian Young, Miss Florence Allan, Thomas Owens, Peter Murray, Miss Vera O'Neill, Miss Mary Owens, Miss Addy Armstrong, Mrs. A. L. Tedford, Mrs. H. Titus, R. Howard, Mrs. William Hare, Arthur Kierstead, Mrs. Globe, Mrs. G. Cuthbertson, Mrs. Joseph McKenna, Mrs. J. K. Lawson and Mrs. Thomas Owens.

Trinity Church.
The entertainment for the older grades of Trinity church Sunday school took the form of a Christmas party commencing with group games and much good fun. The prizes won during the year were presented to the winners by the teachers. Refreshments were served after the presentation of prizes and each scholar received a gift of a bag of candy. The Sunday school teachers were in charge of the entertainment and there was a large representation of parents as well as a good attendance of scholars.

Trinity Primary Department.
The afternoon entertainment for the primary grade and cradle roll of Trinity Sunday school was a wonderful time for the 200 and more children and their mothers. First there were games of all kinds; then the children sang carols to their hearts' content; next Santa Claus came to see them and he found a present for everyone on a grandly decorated Christmas tree. Last of all came supper, served at two long tables brightly decorated with red and ornamented with small Christmas trees and many tiny Santa Clauses. There were all sorts of good things to eat with cream to top off with. Those in charge were Miss Ethel Hansen Jarvis, convener, assisted by Mrs. Cavell Jones, Mrs. J. W. K. Southouse, Miss Caroline Littlefield, Miss I. Nelson, Miss Sarah Hare and Miss Elsie Spence. Norman Skinner officiated as Santa Claus.

St. Luke's Primary Department.
The primary department of St. Luke's Sunday school had a happy Christmas party yesterday afternoon. A pleasing programme was given under the direction of Mrs. Lester Mowry and Mrs. H. Usher Miller, who were assisted by the teachers of the department. The programme opened with a chorus "Away in a Manger" by Mrs. Mowry's class. Recitations were given by Otty Brown, Ruel Parks, Ronald Andrews, Ruth Smith, Isabelle Price, Marie Charleston, Marion Harrison and Betty Bray and solos by Marion Munro and Jean Fitzgerald. Devotions were sung by Beatrice Griffin and Pearl Hutchings and the programme closed with the chorus "We sing a song of Christmas" by Mrs. Miller's class. After the programme the children marched to the primary room where supper was served and about 110 children sat down. The table was beautiful with its ornaments of a silver basket filled with poinsettias and silver candlesticks with red candles. Those who assisted in the serving of the supper were Mrs. C. E. Harrison, Mrs. W. Gaskin, Mrs. George Gray, the Misses Stella Ferris, F. Cronk, Phyllis Andrews and Roberta Craft. Many parcels of groceries and presents were brought by the children as gifts for the King. Each class gave \$10 to the rector, Rev. R. P. McKim, for his parish work among the needy and Mrs. Miller's class also gave \$10 to the Provincial Memorial Home for Children for their Christmas treat. Both these sums of money were raised by purely voluntary giving.

Main Street Sunday School.
The annual Sunday school banquet of the Main street Baptist church was held last evening in the school rooms of the church under the direction of W. J. McAlary, superintendent of the school. Supper was served from 6:30 to 8 with nearly 300 Sunday school scholars and teachers participating. Following this repeat Santa Claus made his appearance on the scene and distributed nuts, candy and fruit to all present. Santa Claus also announced that during the coming year a new Sunday school building was to be erected. His message was received with hearty cheers from the scholars. After Santa Claus had made his rounds all left for their homes feeling that they had spent a very enjoyable evening.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stokolsky, 86 Rockland road, tendered them a surprise party on Thursday evening and presented to them a beautiful reading lamp.

TRAVELERS MEET FOR REUNION AND SMOKING CONCERT

One of the most enjoyable get-together smokers ever held in the Knights of Pythias castle was given by the Commercial Travelers' Association last night with nearly 250 members and out-of-town guests in attendance. A short discussion took place at the close and a resolution was unanimously adopted that hotel rates must come down.

Proceedings began at about 8:30 o'clock with the president, George D. Ellis, in the chair. He opened the programme by welcoming the outside guests. A quartette, composed of W. S. Charlton, E. C. Girvan, J. D. Woods and St. J. Holder, delighted the large audience with a selection. W. Slives Fisher, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, then addressed the members. In the course of his remarks he said that Canada's exports per capita were two and one-half times greater than the per capita exports of the United States. He spoke of this country's great natural resources and urged his hearers to work hard for the good of the country. Jack Rossley followed in several comic songs, which were well received and he was forced to respond to several encores.

E. C. Girvan then delighted those present with a solo and he, too, was recalled, and Alexander Cameron gave several selections on the bagpipes. Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong delivered an eloquent and many appeal for cleanliness and loyalty. Armstrong's remarks were direct and to the point and were interspersed with several humorous anecdotes. He denoted a clean business as that which helps everybody and hurts nobody. This was the business, he said, that counted. A city's reputation was her citizens and he appealed for all to be clean in their business. Loyalty to home, to one's firm, and to one's city was stressed by the speaker as well. "There are far too many knocking old St. John these tough days. We do not want them. Out west they give that man his ticket and tell him to move on to a place that suits him and I'm in favor of doing that to the man that knocks St. John," declared Canon Armstrong amid hearty applause.

Finally, he said that one gets out of anything just what one puts into it. Canon Armstrong developed this theme on a high plane of eloquence and when he sat down the applause was deafening.

DeWitt Cairns came next with two fine solos. Mayor Schofield, in a rattling good speech, gave an interesting address in connection with the woodcutting camp at Musquash. He backed up his remarks with statistics about the St. John and concluded by wishing the travelers a prosperous New Year.

Refreshments were served and when the motion pictures were shown by the Pathé firm. The gathering concluded at the singing of the national anthem.

A TON OF FOOD FOR THE NEEDY
Twenty-four needy families will receive 2,400 pounds of food on Saturday as a result of the generosity of the 400 employees of the New Brunswick Telephone Company in this city.

The whole store of provisions including potatoes, beef, flour, cereals, canned goods, fish, fruit and so forth was attractively arranged to resemble a grocery store display, in the centre of which was a Christmas tree, at the Telephone company's building last evening where an entertainment and dance was held by the employees.

The provisions which were contributed by the employees will be portioned out in allotments of 100 pounds each and in each box there will be five pounds of beef, a bushel of potatoes, a bag of flour and a dollar bill, besides other things. The wives of the employees are to contribute doughnuts and cookies today.

O. J. Fraser is chairman of the committee which arranged the relief measure and the other members of the committee are Misses F. Cameron, P. Vincent, R. Bushy, B. Dunlop, K. Murphy, G. Holmes, A. Nixon, M. Morrison and Messrs. L. Mercereau and D. B. McAllister.

Walter Gilbert lost his automobile and garage at Robesay by fire yesterday. Soon after noon Mr. Gilbert went out to Robesay to collect some articles from his automobile. His car, which is a five-passenger McLaughlin, was acting badly, as there seemed to be some trouble with the spark plugs. He placed the car in the garage and closed the door. About fifteen minutes later, when he came out of the house, he found flames bursting out of the door of the garage. In a short time both car and building were a mass of smoking ruins. There was some insurance on both garage and car, but the loss is not entirely covered.

ST. JOHN MAN TELLS OF MISSION WORK IN WEST

Lewis Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Porter of Queen street, is home from his theological studies at the Gordon School, Boston, spending the Yuletide. The young citizen relates very interestingly his vacation activities in the western Canadian field where he preached as circuit in four districts lying between Calgary and Saskatoon, a considerable distance back of the railway. This territory is very near the sensational gold strike at Helmer mine where a large town has sprung up composed of workmen representing various nationalities, verily a mining town of the western novel type.

CONFERENCE ON CONSTRUCTION
Scheduled for January 17 to 20 at Hamilton—Exhibit of Products.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—A conference which should be of interest not only to the members of the construction fraternity of Canada, but also to the general public, will be held at the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton, on January 17 to 20 next. In the various investigations which have been made into conditions relating to unemployment and financial conditions generally in the United States, one outstanding result contained in the reports is that the key to the way out of unemployment is more construction work, and the key to the way out of the depression is more employment.

MERRY REUNION OF C. G. I. T. CAMP GIRLS
Reading even the highest expectations of those who planned the event, the reunion of the members of the C. G. I. T. camp in New Brunswick, held yesterday in St. John, was a real letter occasion for the girls and for their leaders, and augured well for the continuation of C. G. I. T. summer camps and for their extension to other parts of the province.

They were fifty-five present at the reunion banquet in the Y. W. C. A. recreational centre in the evening. Twenty-six came from Moncton, three from Campbellton, three from Woodstock, two each from Norton and Hillsboro, one from Sussex, Fredericton and Hampton. The remainder were city residents.

The programme commenced with the escorting of the out-of-town girls and leaders to the recreation centre for lunch and then all of the fifty-five headed the afternoon performance at the Imperial, where they formed a box party and electrified the audience by giving the camp yell during the changing of a reel. The party trooped back to the recreation centre for social intercourse and subsequently sat down to a lavishly served banquet provided by the St. John Campers' League. Miss Florence Brown, vice-president of the league, presided.

The leaders present were, Mrs. J. D. Hunter, Miss Mary Allison, Miss Phyllis Woods, Mrs. Sample, Mrs. Bedford, Miss Ruth Wyse, Miss Flora Beck, Miss Dorothy Lowe and Miss Jean Somerville. Each person at the banquet was given a pleasing card as a souvenir of the event. Impromptu toasts were given and responded to happily. Then there were games of all kinds, story telling and the singing of camp songs. Miss Allison asked for suggestions for next camp and all the suggestions given showed how great was the enthusiasm for the next camp. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the St. John

Campers' League and the camp taps were given before members who were to catch the midnight train were escorted to the railway station. Some of the out-of-town members remained in St. John over night and will leave for their homes today.

MINNEBOSA CONCERT.
The Minnebosa jazz band under the leadership of Billy Rodgers, were the entertainers at the Seamen's Institute last night. They proved themselves on this occasion, as on many others, to be very versatile entertainers. Jack Zenn and soon found he had not been forgotten by the audience during his two years' absence, part of which he has spent with a pantomime company touring the halls of England. His dancing is certainly the finest ever seen here. Harry Collins, Hogan, Jack Walker and Jones are like the real, old-time favorites, and easily proved they had not lost their hold on the audience, who received their witty sallies and jokes with another former favor much appreciation. J. Shearman was in last evening's program.

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YES!

WELL, I HELP HIM LISTEN!

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By "BUD" FISH