

MANY LISTEN TO SINGING OF CAROLS

Community Christmas Trees Set up in King Square and at Rothersey

The community Christmas trees in King square and at the squares in Rothersey proved very great attractions on Christmas Eve when there was carol singing in both places and the trees were gaily decorated and bright with lights. The St. John High School Alumnae, under the convener-ship of Miss Marjorie Manning, the president, had arranged for the King Square tree and the carol singing on Christmas Eve was led by the High School girls of Grade IX, who gave the three-part numbers which they had given at the High School closing. The singing was doubly pleasing in the out of doors and the people gathered around in large numbers. It was an ideal night for the carols, being warm and still.

While it was not as large as had been hoped for, the Christmas tree was an attractive sight with its colored electric lights and tinsel and red trimmings. There will be community singing around the tree on other nights during the week. This evening the choir of St. David's and the Queen Square churches will lead. At Rothersey the Community Club was responsible for the placing and decorating of the tree and the singing was led by Douglas Baker, organist of St. Paul's church. A great crowd of people gathered for the carol singing, some coming from as far as Gouda Point. The large number of automobiles with their headlights helped to make the scene still more colorful and the tree itself was very brightly lighted. Among the carols which were sung were "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Carol Sweetly Carol," "Good Christian Men Rejoice," "Holy Night," "Stars All Brightly Gleaming," and "The First Noel." The tree is to remain in the square with its lights and decorations for the rest of the week.

On West Side. The young ladies' class of the Ludlow street Baptist church, of which Miss Marjorie Robbins is the teacher, after spending the day before Christmas in trimming Christmas trees, devoted the evening to carol singing. They serenaded shut-ins and elderly people, officers and teachers of the Sunday school and went as far afield as Fairville. Their carols were very sweetly sung and greatly pleased the people serenaded. There were 12 to 15 of the members of the class with some of the young men from the Sunday school in the company. They received a very pleasing English custom with success, the mild weather favoring their enterprise.

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REPORT \$2333 MORE IN ORPHANS' DRIVE

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Recent additions to the New Brunswick Protestant Orphanage building fund have amounted to \$2,333.63 of which \$1,122.13 was given in St. John and \$1,211.50 came from outside the city. The total amount raised in St. John to date, exclusive of the \$10,000 given by the Grand Orange Lodge, has reached \$147,606 which leaves less than \$2,500 to be raised if the city is to come up to the figure pledged by the local canvassers, namely, \$150,000.

The latest contributions received from St. John were from the various wards as follows: Dufferin, \$60.13; Dukes, \$206; Kings, \$190; Lansdowne, \$170; Lorne, \$220; Prince, \$10; St. Andrew, \$20; Sydney, \$35; Victoria, \$82; Wellington, \$69.

MAKES FAST TRIP. The schooner Frederick P. Elkin arrived in Barbados on Dec. 24 with a cargo of oats and lumber shipped from St. John by the Crosby Moaissee Co. The schooner had made a remarkably fast trip, completing the distance in 14 days. Her captain is George A. Haughin.

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MANY MOTORISTS DRIVING CHRISTMAS

Roads Reported Excellent and Weather Enjoyable For Trips

J. Charlton Berrie, secretary of the New Brunswick Automobile Association, reports that he enjoyed a drive with Mrs. Berrie and several friends yesterday afternoon, when they motored to Gouda Point. The air was quite as warm as many days earlier in the season. In addition to the usual beautiful scenery, Mr. Berrie said that the Christmas atmosphere was greatly in evidence, as they motored to the city in the early twilight. Houses were brightly lighted all along the roads and merry sounds of children's voices floated through the open doors of houses, too close to have doors shut in such warm weather. Twinkling decorated trees were seen through windows, generously left unshaded for all who passed to share in the Christmas joy. The roads were excellent for the time of year and many motorists took advantage of the unusual warmth to enjoy a motor drive on Christmas Day.

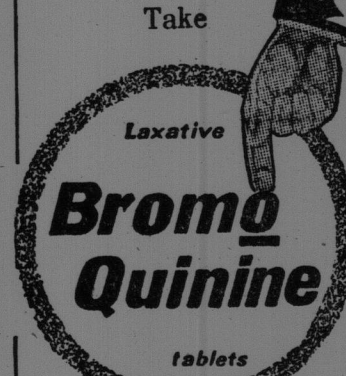
CITY METHODISTS ATTEND SERVICE

Christmas Observance Held Yesterday—42 Baskets From Centenary

Many Methodists of the city assembled yesterday morning at the Marsh Bridge Mission. The concert party of the intended 35 baskets, Centenary sent out 42, with abundant supplies, made possible the generous giving of the Sunday school. Private donations had made possible special cheer for particular cases. Rev. Mr. Fulton expressed appreciation for the generosity of his people.

SERGEANTS' CELEBRATE. The concert party of the stamper Montclairer gave an enjoyable entertainment at the Sergeants' Mess in the armory on Christmas Eve, when there was a very large attendance of members and friends. On Christmas Day bags of fruit and candy were sent to each of the soldier patients in the Lancaster and East St. John hospitals by the members of the Mess and, as a further participation in the seasonal festivity, the rooms of the Mess were nicely decorated.

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SERVICES ARE HELD ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Collections Taken in Many Cases For Special Purposes

The Christmas services held in all the Anglican churches yesterday were attended by very large congregations and, as is customary, there were several services in each church in order that each member might attend the celebration of Holy Communion. The churches were decorated in green and with flowers and the music was remarkably beautiful. In practically every case a special collection was taken for some appropriate cause and in many instances the collection was for the poor. The clergymen in their pulpit references to the importance of the festival and the significance of the day, spoke with eloquence and feeling. In Trinity church there were four services, at 6, 7, 8 and 11 o'clock and Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong, the rector, was assisted by Rev. C. J. Marham, the curate, and Rev. LeTouch Thompson, Anglican port chaplain. The white flowers upon the altar were given in memory of members of the congregation who had passed to rest and, in his sermon, Canon Armstrong spoke of those who were in sorrow at this season. His text was "For unto you is born this day a Saviour."

Among the decorations in Trinity church were two silver banners which were hung upon the north and south walls of the sanctuary. In letters of gold on a white background these banners bore the motto, "Glory to God in the highest, on the earth peace, goodwill towards men." "We bless Thee, we praise Thee, we worship Thee, we magnify Thee." These banners have been among the church possessions for several years but had recently been relettered and had new carefully done by the members of the Chancel Guild. Another unusual feature of the decorations was the displaying of the shields bearing the emblems of the Apostles. These shields have also been part of the church possessions for many years. The shields were placed in the Apostles windows but had not been used for some time in the church.

In St. John's (Stone) church, Rev. A. L. Fleming, the rector, was assisted by Rev. Eldon Merritt a former member of the congregation who has recently returned from his mission station in the far northwest. The Presbyterian congregations in the city united to attend the Christmas service in David's church at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The service was full of inspiration. The full choir of St. David's church was present and rendered an anthem effectively. The service was conducted by the minister, Rev. Hugh Miller, and the preacher was Rev. Dr. D. J. Fraser, principal of the Presbyterian college in Montreal. Dr. Fraser gave a memorable address upon the theme, "The divinity of the human" and dwelt upon the life of Christ. The collection taken was for the Armenian relief appeal.

A splendid offering of music was given by the choir of St. John Baptist Mission church, Paradise Row, yesterday, in its celebration of Christmas Day. Rev. John V. Young, priest in charge, preached and celebrated communion. The organist and choir master, A. Victor Lee, arranged a pre-enthusiastic programme of music. The hymns were sung heartily by the congregation and special note was made of the singing by the choir of the Gloria in Excelsis in F. major by Berthold Toure. The mass from Tours was used. Throughout the service and was beautiful in harmony and rendition. The Adagio Fides was sung as a consecration hymn. Among many other fine selections on the organ was the Pastoral Symphony from Handel's Messiah.

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