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Christmas is Coming.

She is painting, she is painting,
And her friends grow pale and thin
For fear she'll send them
Hollyhocks,
Or mullein stalks,
Or jabberwocks,
On painted plaques,
When Christmas time comes in.

—Cincinnati Times-Star.

Our Sixty-Seventh Birthday.

The Anniversary services this year were of more than ordinary interest. The sermons on Sunday, November 15th, preached by Rev. Principal Austin, of Alma College, St. Thomas, were cheering and inspiring. The words of the text in the morning were: "Rejoice evermore"; in the evening: "Say not ye, the former times were better than these."

What shall we say of the music? Was anything ever heard one-half so sweet and heavenly? The floral decorations were prettily arranged; many of our friends kindly loaned chrysanthemums, palms and foliage plants, while several bouquets of cut flowers made the platform look lovely. The choicest bouquet was reserved for Dr. Wm. Case, who is now eighty-eight years of age, and

who remembers distinctly the erection of the first old frame church, sixty-seven years ago; indeed he was present at the raising-bee and assisted to put the timbers in position.

Large congregations filled the church both morning and evening in spite of the unfavorable weather. Monday evening, notwithstanding the rain, a large number of people attended the anniversary tea provided by the ladies of the congregation. It is needless to say that there was an abundance of good things, and that the crowds who filled and refilled the tables greatly appreciated them. After tea our pastor, Rev. J. VanWyck, called on Rev. I. Tovell of Gore Street Church to offer prayer. Splendid music was provided by Miss J. Mann, the Hamilton Male Quartette, and the Orchestra and Choir. Rev. G. W. Kerby made a capital speech on "Enthusiasm." Rev. Mr. Tovell's topic was "In training for tea-meetings," Rev. Dr. Stafford's, "Incidental benefits of Christianity." The chairman introduced the Rev. Mr. Kerby as the "Sankey of Methodism," and certainly "The Model Church" was sung in good style. The very interesting service was brought to a close about ten o'clock by the singing of the National Anthem.

The after meeting was enjoyed by the members of the choir and orchestra with a few friends who now repaired to the Sunday-school room for supper. When the good things had been stowed away, Mr. Thomas Morris, Sr., on behalf of the Music committee, moved a vote of thanks to the members of the choir and orchestra, the motion was supported by Dr. Day Smith and Mr. W. H. Nichols. Before putting the motion, Rev. Mr. VanWyck made a few complimentary remarks regarding the efficiency of our choir. Mr. W. H. Robinson, choirmaster, on behalf of the choir, gracefully acknowledged the kind remarks. He wished it to be thoroughly understood that the good results were due more to the first-class material he had to work with, than to the training he had given them. He had conducted the music for three anniversaries and hoped to conduct them for three more. Mr. Robinson's remarks were received with applause and all joined in singing, "For he is a Jolly good Fellow."