

flowers of paper and cambric, and the candles stuck in apples, which adorned the representation of the crib of Bethlehem, as appropriate as choice hot-house exotics and costle lamps ; the boughs from the primeval forest which adorned the walls as artistic as the clustered columns of a Gothic abbey, the procession of men, women and children, some in full dress, others in their shirt-sleeves, as decorous and as pleasing in the eyes of God as any of the millions of groups of the faithful worshipping him in the centres of religious civilization and refinement.

The solemn High Mass which followed this preliminary exercise was celebrated by Rev. Father Richards. The school-girls forming the first choir, and the school-boys the second, chanted the *Kyrie* and *Gloria* in the Gregorian style, with melodeon accompaniment. At the offertory the *Adeste Fideles*, and at the communion an english Christmas hymn, were sung. During the service the girls also sung the French hymn, *Nouvelle agreable*. The singing was really good. Six Indian boys served the Mass. A very large number of the congregation had the happiness of receiving the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, some for the first time, thus crowning the festive ceremonies with the holy of holies.

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