

SCHOOL CHILDREN MAKE MERRY FOR CHRISTMAS.

KING EDWARD SCHOOL.

The closing exercises of the kindergarten were held on Tuesday afternoon. The room was neatly decorated, and a tree Christmas tree occupied one corner. A number of mothers were present, and watched with interest the games and exercises of the children. All were pleased, and complimented Miss Small on her success in training the pupils. Each pupil received a present from the Christmas tree for his or her mother. The second and first book classes, under the direction of Miss Graham, Miss Johnson and Miss Fieck, held their exercises on Wednesday morning, and rendered the following programme: Chorus, Santa Claus, Santa Claus. Recitation, Christmas Secrets, Edith Wells. Song, My Dolly, Madge Zeve. Recitation, Christmas Eve, Lloyd Ridge. Chorus, Sweet and Low. Recitation, Santa Claus' Visit, three junior first boys. Recitation, A Christmas Problem, Gladys McConnell. Song, Santa Will Soon Be Here, Ethel Robbins. Recitation, Christmas Eve Thought, Gladys Leonard. Chorus, All the Bells. Lullaby, two junior first girls. Recitation, Santa Claus' Christmas Party, ten second book pupils. Recitation, Christmas Stockings, Jackie Wall. Recitation, A Child's Christmas Prayer, Marion Slight and Jean McGill. Chorus, Up on the House. Recitation, Christmas Stockings, ten junior first pupils. Recitation, A Tragedy in Christmas Candles, Harold Boyde. Recitation, Santa's Mistake, Sarah Kuliek. Song, Just a Peep at Santa, second book pupils. Recitation, Missing Santa Claus, Gordon Garrick. Chorus, Twinkling Stars. Dialogue, Signs of Christmas, six senior first girls. Chorus, My Shadow, second book pupils. Song, If Santa Claus Knew, Bertie Ferguson. Chorus, Lullaby, Up in the Sky. Recitation, Everywhere, Everywhere, Christmas to-night, five second book boys. Chorus, Away in a Manger. God Save the King. In the afternoon the senior classes gave their entertainment and were addressed by Rev. E. B. Lancelotti, Rev. I. L. Couch, and Trustees Lyman Lee, E. E. Linger and A. Wilkes. The programme: Chorus, O Canada. Piano solo, Jean Watson. Reading, Christmas Eve, Pearl Wilton. Violin solo, Ada Owens. Recitation, The Blind Boy, Maggie Chapman. Chorus, Little Town of Bethlehem. Dialogue, Marjorie Burrows, Fanny Leay, Eleanor McLeland, Dorothy Ferguson, Grace Hill, Madeline Westland, Hilda Spence, Selina Lewis. Piano solo, Courtney Dennis. Recitation, The First Christmas, Dorothy Perrie, Emma Mills, Ethel Bayliss. Piano solo, The Dance of the Blue Bells, Hewitt Bowman. Recitation, Home from School, Douglas Deily. Chorus, Christmas Carol. Recitation, Olive Mills. The Christmas Bells Are Ringing, Edith Haight. Christmas Play, senior third girls and boys. Recitation, Christmas Eve, Nellie Nickel. Duet, Jean Harley and Mary Petrie. Recitation, What Did Santa Claus Do, Florence Schofield. Recitation, Santa Claus and the Mouse, Doris Curtis. Chorus, Merry Old Sped the Millwheel. Dialogue, girls and boys junior third classes. Chorus, They Are Chiming. Sweetly Chiming, junior fourth class. Christmas Eve, Edith Haight. Chorus, Sweet and Low. Chorus, Reccessional. God Save the King.

WENTWORTH ST. SCHOOL.

The different rooms of Wentworth School were beautifully decorated with flags, evergreens, etc., and the bookboys were adorned with artistic designs. The programmes for the closing day were rendered in different rooms and were as follows: Fourth classes in the principal's class room: Song, Little Town of Bethlehem, by class. Recitation, When Christmas Bells Ring, by Clara Paulsen. Presentation of silver medals by ladies of the Central W. C. T. U. Song, Autumn Woods, by class. Address by Rev. Dr. Smith. Recitation, In Santa Claus' Land, by Una Hayward. Presentation of gold medals by Mrs. W. H. Nichols of the Hamilton W. C. T. U. Song, Christmas Bells Are Pealing, by six boys, and the chorus by the class. Dialogue, The Story of a Peach Pie, by Gerald Goodman and Carrie Strickland. Recitation, The Boy, by Madison Waiter. Recitation, Santa Claus and the Mouse, by John Farves. Address by Trustees. Song, There's a Song in the Air, by class. Recitation, What the Three Little Stockings Said, by Norma Chagnon. Dialogue, Mr. Dickens, by six boys and four girls from Miss Park's class. God Save the King. Recitation, The Night Before Christmas, Muriel Clayton. Recitation, Our Christmas Wish, Lina Drysdale. Recitation, De Halleluia Feelin', Marjorie McNeil. Song, The Dearest and Sweetest, Mian Hamrick and Muriel Chapple. Dialogue, White as Snow, four girls. Recitation, Grandma's Surprise, Evelyn Cassidy. Song, The Quest, class. Recitation, The Song of the Snowflake, Isabel Butler. Recitation, Santa Claus and the Mouse, Hilda Lindsay. Song, Christmas Bells are Pealing, six girls. Recitation, A Song to Santa Claus, Kathryn Wilson. Recitation, Into Us, Ethel Bowman. Song, The Magic Wand, class. Recitation, Christmas Day, Annie Goodwin. Recitation, Mamma's Christmas, Olive McGillivray. Song, Santa Impertuned, Rena Love. Song, There's a Song in the Air, class. Song, Mamma's in Heaven, Vera Jackson. Recitation, The Baby's Stocking, Edna Duffy. Song, O Little Town of Bethlehem, class. God Save the King. Senior and junior third. Song, There's a Song in the Air. Recitation, What the Ship Brought, Meta Taylor. Recitation, The Little Bonnet, Hazel Yeo. Recitation, The Funny Little Girl, Daisy Wilson. Song, What Means This Glory Around? Recitation, The Man Shopper, Melisone Epps. Recitation, A Boy's Plea, Kent Waldron. Recitation, Black Birds, eight girls.

Oh Little Town of Bethlehem.

Dialogue, The Hard Witness, five boys. Recitation, Dream About Christmas, Dolly Burrell. Recitation, The First Party, Elizabeth Barr. Song, Land of Our Birth, by choir. Recitation, All the Best, Ethel Thompson. Dialogue, Scene on Railroad Train, five scholars. Recitation, The Funny Boy, Bessie Fellows. Song, The Farm, Ronald Wray. Recitation, Mistress Mary, four girls. Dialogue, The Elfyn Queen, eight scholars, Vera Earl the Queen. Recitation, The Telegraph Message, Gerly Miller. Song, Santa Claus. Recitation, A Very Naughty Little Person, Leila Hunter. Recitation, The Music Stool, Connuella McMaster. Recitation, Lady of the Press, Pearl Yates. Song, O Canada. Dialogue, Receiving and Giving, scholars. Recitation, Santa Claus, George Cline. Dialogue, Teacher and Class. Recitation, The King of Heaven, Emma Luxon. Recitation, Tragedy of a Christmas Card, Agnes Stewart. Recitation, The Little Canadian Boy, James Robinson. God Save the King. Senior third and second grades, Miss M. B. Jamison, Miss Diasher and Miss A. M. Jamison's class. Chorus, There's a Song in the Air. Recitation, Alas, Poor Santa, Irene McCoy. Recitation, To Santa, Myrtle Withuhn. Recitation, Holly, Inez Stewart. Recitation, High Life at Christmas, Kenneth Richmond. Song, Mabel Martin. Recitation, Garden of Toys, Nellie McCord. Recitation, The Up-to-Date Santa, James Muir. Chorus, Santa Claus, three classes. Recitation, The Christmas Present, Stella Winder. Recitation, Hang up the Baby's Stocking, Eunice Houlding. Recitation, Christmas Eve, Dorothy Fitch. Song, Welcome, Christmas, Charlie Wray. Recitation, The Doll's Complaint, Mary McCord. Recitation, A Christmas Gift, six children. Chorus, Oh Little Town. Recitation, A Visit From St. Nicholas, Clara McKay. Recitation, Two Offerings, Isa Berry. Recitation, A Child's Christmas Prayer, Elsie Kaye. Recitation, A Christmas Acrostic, nine senior third children. Recitation, The Shiniest Dime, Florence Paulsen. Chorus, I Heard the Bells. Recitation, Christmas Day, Herbert Dale. Song, The Blackbirds, six girls. Recitation, A Stocking's Christmas, Reggie Voelker. Chorus, Tell Me What You Have. Recitation, Santa Claus' Fright, Elizabeth Henstridge. Recitation, Keeping Jesus' Birthday, Winnie Hinchliffe. Recitation, Keeping Time, Roy Kelly. God Save Our King. Senior and junior first, Misses Eastman and Booker's classes: Chorus, O Little Town of Bethlehem. Recitation, The Birdies' Breakfast, Clarice Armer. Song, Up in the Air, Uria Henwood. Dialogue, Winter Sports, eight senior first children. Song, The Cattle Are Lowing (cradle hymn), Lawrence Partridge. Recitation, Jack Frost, Victor Lewis. Chorus, Santa Claus, Santa Claus. Recitation, Jack Frost, Victor Lewis. Recitation, The Ground Was All Frozen, junior first boys. Song, Santa Claus is Coming Soon, Harold Allen. Dialogue, The Trial, three senior first boys. Recitation, The Air is Filled, Junior first class. Recitation, Christmas Bells, Bruce Stewart, Henrietta Pratt. Song, There's a Song in the Air, Marjorie Hayward, Jean Batty, Phyllis Parry. Recitation, Cora Kappheim. Chorus, Beautiful Bells of Christmas Tide, senior first class. Recitation, Christmas Day, Hilda Bonney. Song, Dear Old Santa, Nellie Bollen. Duet, O Where Are You Going? Pearl Anderson, Lyla Smith. Song, Lullaby, junior first girls. Recitation, Christmas Story, senior first class. Recitation, What I Should Do, Walter Berquist. Chorus, Christmas Bells. Why are crockeryware dealers different from other merchants? Because it won't do for them to crack up their goods. Why is a baby like wheat? Because it is first cradled, then thrashed and finally becomes the flower of the family. On what does a corn never come? The mistletoe. What is the difference between a hungry man and a glutton? One lunge to eat and the other eats too long. Where lies the path of duty? Through the Custom House. Why should turtles be pitted? Because their is a hard case. Why should young ladies set good examples? Because young men are so apt to follow them. Why should the male sex avoid the letter A? Because it makes men mean. Why should chimney-sweeping be a very agreeable business? Because it suits (soots) every one who tries it. Why is a joke less durable than a church bell? Because after it has been told (toll'd) a few times it is worn out. What would you call a boy who eats all the green melons he can eat? He is what we call a pains-taking youngster. What is an eaves-dropper? An icicle. Why is a neglected damsel like a fire that has gone out? Because she has not a spark left. Why are bells used to call people to church? Because they have an inspiring influence. What is that which goes up the hill and down the hill and yet stands still? The road. What becomes of the chocolate cake when your only son eats it? It vanishes into the empty hear (air). Hoax-The widow is entitled to her third, isn't she? Joax-Ge! One of them is chasing me around trying to make me her fourth.

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WHAT CAUSES THE BLUES

London, Eng.—Doctors have discovered that the "blues" or "mental" depression and irritability is really a disease caused by defective circulation in the cells of the brain. The "British Health Review" says "by improving the circulation, there is an immediate improvement in the mental outlook." If this is the case, we Canadians do not have to wait for the foreign scientists to pursue their investigations any further. We have the cure for the "blues" in those wonderful fruit liver tablets called "Fruit-a-tives." It is doubtful if the greatest physicians abroad will ever discover anything to equal "Fruit-a-tives" to purify and enrich the blood and improve the circulation. They go straight to the root of the trouble, stimulating the torpid liver and kidneys and regulating the bowels. Thus they cleanse the whole system and renew vitality, mental as well as physical. 50c a box, six for \$2.50, or trial size 25c. At dealers, or from Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa, Ont.

Cheapside

Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, Nanticoke, visited their daughter, Miss Leo Metcalf, on Wednesday. Among the guests who attended the wedding on Dec. 15, at the residence of Mr. Joseph Weiderich, Nanticoke, were Rev. H. Monsinger and wife, Mr. Orrin Weiderich and Miss Pauline Weiderich. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kohler, of Kohlerville, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. John Silverthorn. Little Miss Vera Walker, daughter of Mr. Will Walker, of Hagersville, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Merit Atkinson. Mr. James Armstrong, who spent the latter part of last week in Port Dover, returned to his home on Saturday. Mrs. Wilbert Wilson returned to her home in St. Thomas on Tuesday of last week, after spending a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Buckley. Mrs. Starnaman, of Sandusky, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Dennis taking care of Mrs. Scholey for a couple of days, on Tuesday on Tuesday of last week. A number of the neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. Joseph Steel on Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, to celebrate his birthday. A very pleasant evening was spent. The Cheapside Baptist Sunday School intends holding its Christmas entertainment on New Year's night. A good programme is being prepared for the occasion. Mr. David Doughty, from the North-west, spent last week in visiting friends around the town.

Brant

Mr. Ira Fie left this week for a two-months' visit with relatives at Grand Rapids, Mich. Misses Beatrice Shaver and Rhoda Vansickle, Trinity, spent last Sunday at Mr. Wm. Rispien's. Mr. Rispien's sale of farm stock, implements, etc., was held on Dec. 21; he having previously sold his farm to B. Shaver. The Baptists at Cainsville held their Christmas tea on Monday evening, the 9th. Miss Rena Shaver is spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. Taggart, Norwich. Many were disappointed last week, owing to the power being off on the electric road.

Fisherville

Roads are in fine condition for either sleighing or wheeling. Mr. Joseph Shurr has put the sawmill in condition for active operation during the winter season. Rev. S. B. Eix united on Monday evening in his Paul Bacher and Carrie Cecilia Schwyer, at the parsonage. Fisherville hockey team played a return match with the team from Nelles Corners on Saturday afternoon, on the new skating rink, here. The visitors, however, again failed to score, the local boys winning by 5-0. The meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Chris. Held. Mrs. Adam Gerber, aged 81 years, passed away on Saturday morning. She had been ailing for several months, and the best medical care was given to her, but her useful life could no longer be preserved to her aged husband and children. The interment took place on Monday afternoon.

FOR THE FARM.

Agricultural Specialist Wanted to Live at Port Hope. (Special Wire to the Times.) Toronto, Dec. 22.—Twenty representatives of the Board of Trade, High and Public school boards and agricultural interests of Northumberland and Durham interviewed Hon. J. S. Duff this morning and asked that the Government appoint an agricultural specialist to reside in Port Hope, to serve the two counties of Northumberland and Durham. Mr. J. J. Preston, M.P.P., introduced the deputation. It was pointed out that the specialists at Lindsay, Norwood, Whitby and Picton were doing excellent work and the deputation was of the opinion that equally good work could be done in Port Hope. Hon. Mr. Duff promised to carefully consider the request. WAS MURDERED. Paris, Dec. 22.—The police have decided that Mme. Gouin, widow of the late Jules Gouinard, governor of the Bank of France, whose body was found under a train near this city last Thursday, was murdered while she was occupying an apartment of the train. The family has offered a reward of \$3,000 for the apprehension of the murderer. Useful Gifts For Men. Razor straps and shaving brushes are very suitable for Christmas presents. Probably the finest stock in Ontario of these lines is kept at Gerrie's drug store, 32 James street north. Beautiful razor straps, varying in price from 25c to \$2.50 each, and shaving brushes from 15c to \$3 each are shown. Do not buy without seeing this stock.

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