# Christmas Services.

Methodist Denomination Unite at Wellington Street Church.

Five Presbyterian Congregations Gather at Park Avenue.

Individual Services at the Various Anglican Churches- Pontifical High Mass at St. Peters.

The weather yesterday was pleasant after the preceding days of rain, and Christmas church-goers were able to get out without discomfort. Union services were held by the Presbyterian body, as well as by the Methodist denomination. Special services were held at St. Peter's, and mass was also celebrated at St. Mary's Chapel. As is customary, Christmas services were held during the morning in the various Episcopalian Churches throughout the city. In the majority of cases the churches were very prettily decorated with evergreens and Scriptural mottoes. Bishop Baldwin preached at St. Paul's, and his discourse was marked by depth of thought and burning eloquence. Out in East London, St. Matthew's congregation worshiped for the last time in the old frame church, east of Egerton street, on Dundas. On Sunday they will hold services in the new brick edifice opposite the main building of the exhibition grounds. The music in all the Anglican churches yesterday was in keeping with the day. The Christmas offertory in the Church of England is generally given to the rectors. That of yesterday6666 to the rectors. Those of yesterday were unusually munificent.

THE METHODIST UNION SERVICE. The union Christmas service among the Methodist congregations was held in the Wellington Street Methodist Church, and whether from the fact things? that the church is no so centrally situated as others in which similar services have been held, or from other reasons, the attendance was not large. Neither was it representative of the entire Methodist body of the city. Methodist clergymen from all parts of the city were present, but the congregation was for the most part composed of regular attendants and members of the church. Rev. Dr. Daniels, Rev. Charles Smith, and the pastor, Rev. A. L. Russell, took part in the service, and the sermon was preached by Rev. A. G. Harris. The latter took as his text verse 11 of chapter iii. of Paul's Epistle to the Colossians: "Christ is desolate and churches draped in all and in all." "This is one of Paul's mourning, than I would see these sins most sublime statements concerning Christ," said the preacher. "He was not personally acquainted with Christ, perhaps, a little more correctly speaking, he did not have personal association with Jesus in the days of his fiesh. But no man had a cleaner, more comprehensive view of his personality, of his character, and of his work than tion to the large number of people in had the Apostle Paul. And possibly Canada waiting for the Gospel, and also in all his writings he never gave in a few words a more complete description of the Saviour of the world than in these I have just read. Let us study them this morning, this glad Christ-mas morning, and pray that God may You notice there help us in the study. are just two statements, simple. 'Christ is all' is the first of these statements. Paul did not preach pantheism, which is that God is everything and everything is God, or Christ is every-thing and everything is Christ. This false system of teaching finds no basis to the doors. Right Rev. Bishop everything is God, or Christ is everyin the word of God. But I think you will agree with me that there are great works, at least, in which it may be Rev. Fathers Tiernan, Tobin, Noonan affirmed in contradiction that Christ is and Valentine, and at its conclusion all in creation. That is true. We cannot enter into divine counsel. We do not know why God did so and so; we not understand the deep movements of the divine mind. But only that which he has revealed to us. Now, I

made with the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into the world. During his ministry he showed that he possessed all power. Nature was subject to his authority, as we see him calming the sea. We see him reading the thoughts of men before him, and even death owned his sway, for three at least were raised out from its embrace. Just before his ascension heaven after his resurrection, in talk-ing to his disciples, he said, 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in thus indicating to us that all the mind's omnipotence was his. John

think it is in the clearest way revealed

to us that Christ is the great creator.

In the first chapter of Genesis and the

first verse, we read, 'In the beginning

God created the heavens and the earth.' Now, that was true, and it was

enough for the ages immediately suc-

ceeding the creation. But there came

a time in the history of the race when

divine revelation was especially

epecifies in some of his works that all things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made. He is the image of the invisible, and the first begotten of the Crea-For by him he crated all things in heaven, and in earth, visible and in-

The choir rendered special Christmas music, and the collection was in aid of the sustentation fund.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION SERVICE. The members of the five Presbyterian churches of the city-First, St. Andrew's, King Street, Knox and St. James'—held a union service in the First Church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. W. J. Clark presided, and in the pulpit with him were Revs. Robert Johnston, J. G. Stuart, M. P. Talling and D. Robertson, each of whom assisted in the service. Rev. Messrs. Johnston and Robertson were the speakers, the latter basing his re-marks on the subjet "Peace on Earth." and giving the life of Christ from his birth in the manger at Bethlehem until his crucifixion on the cross.

"It has been our custom," said Rev. Mr. Johnston, "to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, with the loud singing of anthems and the usual congratulationscongratulations upon the fact that peace has so largely been established here. So long, however, as nations are armed to the teeth, so long as millions are pauperized to keep millions in standing arms, so long as man suffers and no man raises his hand to protect him, so long as nations wait for an experimental content of the standing arms. opportunity to spring at each other's throats, so long the peace which Christ came to bring has not yet come. To-day Christendom has an eye directed two of the most powerful nations, which wait for an opportunity to seize each other's territory, and men are anxiously awaiting for the words of the leaders of these great lands to know what the outcome may be. From our pulpits and from the universal press come loud protests against war between the two Christian lands. Loud protests based upon two or three rea-sons have been made-first, the unim-

secondly on the reasonableness and the wisdom of the legislators of the land to the south of us, and the great Christian sense of the people. Yet I want to direct you to an aspect of the case which I have not seen through the press, or which I do not think has been spoken of from the pulpit. War between Great Britain and America is not only a possibility, but it may be a blessing. Christ's peace comes through struggle. We must through struggle enter into the kingdom of heaven—that is true in every realm. It is by the well-nigh death of the mother that the child comes into life. It is by the struggle of intellect that the scientist brings forth his thought and purposes and inventions of the world. It is through the conviction that the soul comes into the peace of Jesus Christ -the peace that has for its foundation purity, and charity, and unselfishness, and truth. No peace between Christian lands and others can assuredly rest on any foundation but this. I see today-and I am no pessimist-worse foes than war threatening Great Britain and America. I see more awful enemies than battle fields and rivers running blood, orippling these great countries. The first of these is the workshop of wealth. Never in the history of the world have great fortunes been piled up as today! never in any other land as in America-and the Western States especially-have huge fortunes been built up and accumulated in a little time. These fortunes are accumulated often, not by hard industry or recognition of God, but irrespective of right, and the awful danger threatens America more than Britain is that her sons are becoming worshipers at wealth's shrine. The wealth is characteristic of man, and to gain it speedily is the curse of today; and it is even whispered that the figure of justice with her blindfolded eyes sometimes manages to remove the bandage when wealth before the bar, and I say if these things come down on our land and Christendom has to be taken by the throat by this god of mammon, then it may be that God in his love

and great mercy will save us from that worse death." Mr. Johnston touched upon the evils arising from luxuriousness, by which, aided by wealth and greed, a nation would die. Was the land, the Anglo-Saxon race, to be saved from these "Let the United States and Britain learn," said the speaker, "through the horrors of the battlefield, let them learn through the tears and sorrows of war, that there are better things than wealth. I say I for one will thank God for the lesser curse. But, you say, would you send our boys to the front? Yes, ten thousand times will I send the young men of London to the front to die doing something for their land, trying to learn with their hearts some little lesson, some greatness, rather than see them at the shrine of the god of money. Rather would I see our children orphans, our wives widows, our homes -luxury and mammonism-eat the very core out of our mations, emasculating our young men. Rather would I pray God by his lesser destruction to keep from us these greater destructions that seem to threaten us." In conclusion, Mr. Johnston said that would not be salvation. He drew attento the numbers who were enjoying luxuries, but refused to send the word to the benighted.

The choir rendered special music under the direction of Mrs. Chadwick, who presided at the organ in the absence of Prof. Barron. The collection was in aid of home missions.

ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL. The special Christmas services in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Cathedral were O'Connor celebrated Pontifical High Mass at 6 o'clock, and was assisted by communion was administered to several hundreds of the parishioners. The grand high mass at 10:30 o'clock was also celebrated by Bishop O'Connor, with Rev. Fathers Tiernan, Tobin and Noonan as assistants. The 40-hour devotion ended at 12 o'clock, noon, and the event was marked by a procession through the aisles of the cathedral of those who had indulged in the devotion. The Papal benediction on all those in good standing was also read by the bishop. The special music was a feature of the services, and was furnished by a large choir under the direction of the organist, Mrs. Cruickshanks. The soloists were Miss Annie O'Keefe, Miss Mullins, Miss Dibbs and Miss Mulholland, Mr. Thomas Ranahan, Mr. J. D. Mr. J. Leitch and Mr. Coates Lockhart. The collection taken at the door was given to the priests of the parish for their support. It was a liberal one, indeed, and will probably exceed that of any previous year. The decorations of the cathedral were very artistic, and included the representation of the Savior in the manger at Bethlehem, which is placed in the church every Christmas.

Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Hill street, at 10:30 a.m. by Rev. Father McCormick, for whose support a very large offering was

CHRIST CHURCH. Christmas services were held yesterday morning in Christ Church, when visible, whether they be thrones, or the rector, Rev. J. H. Moorhouse, dominions, or principalities, or pow-preached an appropriate sermon and wished the congregation all good wishes for the season.

The musical part of the service, under the able conductorship of Mr. J. T. Dalton, passed off exceedingly well, the choir rendering the anthem, "Behold I Bring" (Peel), together with Field's Morning Service, which will be repeated on Sunday next. During the offertory Mr. C. W. Davis sang "Nazareth" with great taste and expres-

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Brantford Has Opened a Soup Kitchen for the Poor.

Verdict Against a Board of Health for \$700 Damages.

Tilbury East Agricultural Society Com promises at 25 Cents on the Do lar-Exodus of French Canadians From Around Tilbury.

Mr. John A. Mackenzie, of Woodstock is in the field for mayor of that town. Paul Bisnaire, of Tilbury, has just had a sale of all his belongings preparatory to leaving for Rhode Island. Willie, son of John Graham, baker, Galt, had his leg broken at the ankle the other evening while skating on the river.

At Mooretown on Monday night, Henry Ellis died at the age of 83. He was well known throughout the township, as well as in Sarnia.

A soup kitchen was opened on King street, Brantford, on Tuesday. Free dinners will be supplied at stated times during the winter season. Cheese checks for October and No-

vember make of cheese were issued on Monday by Secretary Twiss for the Middleton and Bayham company, The Diamond Roller Mills at Ridgetown have closed down for three months. The old machinery will be taken out and replaced by the latest and

Walker Leroyd and Tarvey L. Drake, of Windsor, pleaded guilty to the charge of smuggling merchandise at Detroit. They were fined \$100 each and costs.

Mr. H. L. Berry, who has successfully taught in the Bayham school at the Tilsonburg junction for eleven years, has been engaged for the twelfth. Mr. Andrew Pattullo, of the Wood-

stock Sentinel-Review, declines the invitation extended by the owners of the Montreal Herald to assume control of that paper. The Sarnia Board of Education has

appointed Mrs. Marie Wright, of Plympton, as teacher in the public school, vacant by the resignation of Miss Mudie. Tilbury East Agricultural Society has

decided to compromise with prize-winners at 25 cents on the dollar. The show will be removed from Tilbury village to Valetta. Alex. McWilliams, 8th con., Muirkirk, who was struck with blindness

while unloading some beans in Highgate a couple of weeks ago, has partially recovered his sight. Thomas Jackson, of Seaforth, registered at the Royal Hotel, Stratford, the other day. In the evening he was

seized with on attack of insanity, and was removed to his home. Messis, O. & W. McVean, of Dresden whose wheel works were recently destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$20,-000, on which there was no insurance,

state they will not rebuild. A large number from Tilbury took in the complimentary banquet to Messrs. Law and Teal, promoters of the T. L. E. and P. R., which was held at the Ontario House, Straffordville.

R. R. McGregor's clothing store at St. Thomas was badly damaged by fire Monday morning. The stock was ruined. Loss \$14,000. Insured for \$9,-500. The building is owned ly Mr. Henry Lindop.

Joseph Martin, a Dover Frenchman, appeared before Magistrate Forhan, at Chatham, on Monday, charged with shooting without permission on the quail preserves at Mitchell's Bay. He was fined, with costs, \$14.

The exodus of French-Canadians from around Tilbury to Uncle Sam's domains still continues. The last to go was Medard Soodreau and family, of Tilbury North Peter Sauve and family leave on Monday next.

On Thursday the dead body of Jane Dillon, a widow lady, 68 years old, was found in her bedroom in her comfortable residence, Emma street, Chatham, where for sixteen years she had lived The circumstances attending the death were not such as to warrant an inquest.

Friends of Mr. T. G. Marquis, B.A., retiring English master of the Strat-ford Collegiate Institute, met recently and presented him with a well-filled purse as a token of their appreciation of his worth. The presentation was made by Hon. Thomas Ballantyne in a neat speech.

There was a stylish wedding at the residence of Mr. H. M. Greer, mer-chant, Ridgetown, on Christmas morning. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. B. Lanceley, of London, formerly of Ridgetown. The contracting were Miss Laura Lorette Green, B.A., only daughter of Mr. H. M. Green, and Mr. Wm Packenham, B.A., principal of the Broockville Collegiate Institute. The bride was assisted by Miss Fanny Packenham, sister of the bridegroom; Mr. Duncan Walker, B.A., of Brockville, assisted the bridegroom.

Miss Kirk has been with the Muirkirk school for three years, and has proved a very efficient and successful teacher. On Saturday evening about 60 friends assembled at the residence of Mr. Cook, where Miss Kirk boards, for the purpose of bidding her farewell, as she is about leaving for the Northwest. She was presented with a handsome Bible, also an address from the Sunday school and Epworth League of Christian Endeavor of the Methodist Church, and a large framed photograph of the class she taught in the Sunday school, while the scholars of the public school presented her with handsome glove and handkerchief cases.

### BLENHEIM.

Blenheim, Dec. 26.-Noble Burk, son of Solomon Burk, of South Harwich, is here on a visit to his parents and friends after an absence of several

years in Michigan. Garnet Thompson, of Communication road south, has returned from Ireland, where he has been on a visit for the past six weeks. He reports the scenery around the Lakes of Killarney to be all that is claimed for it.

It is rumored, and we believe it is true, that there will be no less than five candidates in the field for the reeveship of Harwich, namely: Messrs. Caughell, Cameron, Leslie, Hutchin-son and Vester. Whoever is chosen, he should aim to get the business done with less than 41 meetings, which is the exact number of meetings held

this year. Quite a number of our citizens went out of town for Christmas, and on the other hand a goodly number from other points are here to spend a day or so with their friends.

Our merchants report that Tuesday was as busy a day with them as any previous Christmas Eve, notwith-standing the rain which fell all day long. It certainly looks as if good times are with us,

# The War in Cuba.

Ten Thousand Troops Marching Against the Insurgents.

Prospects of a Great Conflict-Gloomy Christmas in Madrid.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 26.-Passengers by the steamship Olivette report that Martinez Campos left Havana Tuesday night for Matanzas with 10,000 troops to meet the insurgents under Gomez and Maceo, who are reported to be marching on Havana. It is said that a big battle will take place within the next fifteen hours which will decide the fate of the Cubans. All communication with Cardenas has been cut off, and no railroad tickets are sold beyond the city of Cardenas, as all the track beyond that point has been blown up.

On the 23rd Gomez captured the town of Roque, between Colon and Matanzas, and hoisted Cuban flags on the public buildings. The officials of town came in and offered their congratulations. Gomez took all the city funds. During the past two days the insurgents have destroyed twelve

sugar plantations. The Diario de la Marino published subjects to come to the rescue of Spain. A supplement to La Lucha, 23rd in the Province of Matanzas, in which the insurgents were defeated, a position in front of Gomez's com-

Madrid, Dec. 26.-The war in Cuba has made a gloomy Christmas in Spain. Besides the absence of 116,000 soldiers sent to the island, many families have ben crippled financially by redeeming their sons from service in Cuba. Eighteen thousand out of 85,000 conscripts have paid \$300 each since

A Great Gathering in His Late Home to Bid Him God-Speed.

He Says He Will Make No Radical Changes in the System.

Prominent citizens and railway officials from far and near united last night in a testimonial to Mr. Chas. M. Hays, who recently resigned the vice-presidency of the Wabash in order to become general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada. The gathering was a very unusual one, partly because of its spontaneity and partly because there was an extraordinary wide representation of the mercantile, financial and railway interests. President Ashley and Director Lawrence came from New York especially to at-

cent watch and chain was made by General Solicitor Blodgette, of the Waeash, who spoke on behalf of the Wa bash people and of the citizens of St. Louis. He referrel in most feeling terms to the friendly feeling which had existed for many years between Mr. Hays and those for whom he spoke.

When Mr. Hays rose to reply he was visibly affected, and as he proceeded with his remarks his emotion compelled him to halt more than once. spoke of the pleasure which he had derived from his association with the him and of the grief with which he parted from them. He created a sensation among the railway people when he said that the relations between the Wabash and the Grand Trunk Railway ever before.

The St. Louis Republic, which first announced Mr. Hays' appointment, says editorially: "From all over the country there came to St. Louis yesterday officials representative of the Wabash, president, directors, and traffic and transportation men-all anxious to testify to their affectionate regard for Mr. Hays, and to meet him in a friendly social way before his departure for the scene of his future labors They gathered at the Mercantile Club early yesterday in the afternoon, and no general manager ever received a more sincere or heartfelt tribute than did Mr. Hays. It did not lie so much in what was said publicly, although that was pleasant enough to suit anybody, or in what was given; the notable thing was the personal affection and esteem unquestionably sincere manifest towards the guest of honor by every one of his old associates and subordinates. Those who knew Mr. Hays will not be surprised at this." Mr. Hays will leave for Montreal on Thursday and will be prepared to take

first day of the new year. He has been in bad health for several days, but is now recovering. In an interview today Mr. Hays said that he did not propose to make any radical changes in the Grand Trunk Railway. He was unfamiliar with the property, and would have to go slawly. If changes were made they would be the result of an investigation which revealed incompetency. Nobody would be dismissed without cause and nobody would be brought to the

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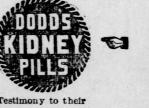
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