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ON THE ROUNDS.

Christmas Celebrations as Caught on a Fly—Happiness Everywhere.

As a whole our Christmas season has been joyous above the ordinary.

Little shooting and exploding fire crackers proved the wisdom of the town fathers in the prohibition.

There was a confusion of hideous sounds by horns very unlike a religious celebration but it did not make it dangerous to life and limb nor irritate the nerves of the less vigorous. This folly it is to be hoped will give way too when we let go these relics of lower civilization and rise to adequate conceptions of Christmas.

The beauty of the occasion was in the happiness of the little ones. With no special duties to confine him to one place the writer took in all he could in a glance.

A pleasing sight it was indeed.

In the lecture room of St. James church he found a neat little Christmas tree with the usual treat following the exercises. Pastor Miller conducted the exercises. These were chiefly songs and recitations. An acrostic was recited by a group, the letters being J E S U S which were arranged on a cross as recited, the sixth pupil bearing a crown which over-topped the name on the cross.

At the Presbyterian church there was a massive tree highly decorated and an interesting program. The exercises consisted of song and recitations by the little folks in their own little ways of showing their gladness till it is caught up and the wave sweeps over the whole audience. The exercises were conducted by Superintendent B E Harris. The treat came in regular order. The teachers sprang a surprise on the superintendent and secretary, S J Ervin, with special mementos of regard. The occasion passed off pleasantly.

At Forest Hill M. E. church there seemed room for only one more. The house was literally packed. Superintendent, W R Odell, conducted the service. Here too the children inspired the joys as only they can do on Christmas occasions. Nothing is sweeter than to see these little tots asserting their right to do the speaking at Christmas time. There was no real tree but a beautiful star indicated the occasion as it once did the spot where the Christ child was to be adored. An acrostic was recited by a class of boys when each hung a letter beneath the star spelling C H R I S T M A S. Each letter was on a card representing a bell. After the songs and recitation Santa Claus came in with sawy garb and frosted beard and gave to each child a box of sweets and the little ones were soon dismissed to find the bottoms of the boxes. Hastening to Central M. E. church the writer found Supt. W R Harris proceeding with

the exercises introductory to the great feature of the occasion, an address by the pastor, Rev. J A B Fry. This was anticipated as a treat, but not available for the writer without a break in the fitting program. The lecture was to the large rather than to the little folks. The treat to the children was for heart and intellect rather than the appetite, being literature.

The Baptist church was reached just in time to see "Old Santa" come bounding out of a high arched chimney, the top of which was a bridge spanning the space between two well loaded and beautifully ornamented trees. A group of Brownies from the top of the bridge got into a snow ball battle with Santa Claus after which they also came down and out of the chimney and delivered the presents as they were read out by Pastor Hoge.

Having neither part nor lot in this matter and not being dashed from place to place in mythical chariot drawn by fabled reindeer the writer hied him home as a bird on weary wing to its roost, but with fresh glad memories of the great event we celebrate, with His words ringing in memory's tympanum, "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings Thou hast perfected praise."

Alexander wept for more worlds to conquer, but the writer sighed that he could not take in St. Andrews, Cannonville Presbyterian and Epworth churches.

At St. Andrews we learn that the school surprised Pastor Oney with a fine hat and Superintendent M B Stickley with a book, "Sunday School Lessons for 1900." A profusion of goodies went to the little folks.

Epworth church had a very successful entertainment and most enjoyable treat.

We learn also that Christmas exercises were held Sunday afternoon at the German Reformed chapel on West Corbin street, the children receiving a nice treat and having a good time. Dr. Trexler and Rev. J H Lipard improved the occasion with remarks of good cheer.

NOT LOCATED.

Miss Mamie Goodman Accidentally Swallows a Burr—Unable to Talk Except in a Whisper.

Monday afternoon Miss Mamie Goodman, daughter of Mr. Geo. O Goodman, of No. 3 township, swallowed a burr, commonly known as a cockle burr. A physician in that community was called but failed to locate it in her throat and she was brought here where an investigation was made.

Without avail they tried to locate it but could not. She was taken to the hospital at Salisbury that night. It is not known whether it is in her throat or windpipe. She is unable to talk except in a whisper.

Mr. Goodman has returned from there and says that the surgeons have been unable to locate it yet, though the throat is very much inflamed now from the different efforts made.

The Racket man, Mr. Bostian, has a change in his ad. today.

SIMPSON-THAYER WEDDING.

On Christmas Eve at the Central Hotel in Charlotte the Couple Took the Marriage Vows.

On Christmas eve in Charlotte in the parlor of the Central hotel, Mr. Brown Simpson, of Monroe, and Miss Dora Thayer, of Mt. Pleasant, were married. The marriage was a surprise to almost every one.

The ceremony was performed by Rev A C Barron, pastor of the First Baptist church there at about midnight. The bride arrived a few hours before the groom. Dr. L N Burleyson, of this place, accompanied Miss Thayer to Charlotte.

The groom has been studying medicine in New Orleans and came directly to Charlotte where his bride had arrived on Sunday night. Before returning to his place of business in New Orleans they will visit their folks in Monroe and Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Simpson was some years ago a student at the college at Mt. Pleasant and is well known there. The bride is one of the most beautiful and attractive ladies of our neighboring town. May every Christmas be as happy with them as was that of '99.

A Letter Received From Lieut. Hill.

As a Christmas present to Mr. W J Hill and family a good, interesting letter came from Lieut. Edward Hill. Though his letter was a pleasure it is not good news to know that he has been on the firing line and is not faring as well as do some soldiers.

His letter was dated the 14th of last month. He wrote of having been detailed with forty men to guard the hospital corps, and how the bullets would come whizzing about them. They were lying in trenches of mud and had no changes of clothing. As stated in his other letter it continues to rain. He carries nothing but a few morsels to eat, a pistol and his field glasses. He is now realizing what the life of a soldier is.

A Christmas Dance.

Some of the young people celebrated Christmas by having a nice dance at the Phifer hall Christmas night. The music was furnished by the colored orchestra.

PERSONALS.

—Mr. S J Lowe, of Charlotte, is here today.

—Dr. Eli Buchanan returned to Lexington this morning after visiting his relatives here. Mrs. Buchanan is visiting here.

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My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Sometime ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited.—Thomas C Bower, Glencoe, O. For sale by M L Mash & Co. Druggist.

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