

CHRISTMAS

EXERCISES

OF THE

West Presbyterian Sunday School,

1884.

RESPONSIVE EXERCISES,

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—

Savior, blessed Savior,
Listen whilst we sing,
Hearts and voices raising
Praises to our King,
All we have we offer,
All we hope to be,
Body, soul and spirit,
All we yield to thee.

Nearer, ever nearer,
Christ, we draw to thee,
Deep in adoration,
Bending low the knee:
Thou for our redemption
Camest on earth to die,
Thou, that we might follow
Hast gone up on high.

Great and ever greater
Are thy mercies here;
True and everlasting
Are thy glories there;
Where no pain, or sorrow,
Toll, or care, is known,
Where the angel legions,
Circle round thy throne.

READING OF SCRIPTURE.

PRAYER.

HYMN—

We, three Kings of orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain,
Moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

CHO.—Oh Star of wonder, Star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever,

Ceasing never
Over us all to reign.—CHO.

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising
All men raising,
Worship Him God on high.—CHO.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gath'ring gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing,
Bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.—CHO.

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Heaven singing
Hallelujah,
Joyous the earth replies.—CHO.

RESPONSIVE EXERCISES—

Q. What do we mean when we speak of "1884?"

A. The year of our Lord 1884.

Q. What does that mean?

A. That there have been 1884 years since Jesus Christ our Lord, was born.

Q. What day do we celebrate every year for Him?

A. Christ mas Day.

Q. What does the word "Christ" mean?

A. It is the same as the Hebrew "Messiah," and means "Anointed."

Q. Who was "anointed?"

A. Jesus, born in Bethlehem, and brought up in Nazareth, more than eighteen hundred years ago.

Q. Who "anointed" him?

A. God.
Q. How do we know that God "anointed" Jesus?"

A. Because the prophecies in the Old Testament tell us so.

Q. What is a prophecy?

A. A description of some event, told before the event occurs.

Q. What are prophecies of Christ?

A. Descriptions in the Old Testament, of events which long afterward occurred in His life.

Q. Tell the first prophecy of Christ.

A. God said to the serpent: "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Q. Show how this prophecy was fulfilled.

A. "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, Jesus also Himself took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil."

Q. Mention the second prophecy of Christ in the Bible.

A. God said to Abram: "In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

Q. How is this a prophecy of Christ?

A. It was in the nation of Abram that Jesus was born, after that nation had long preserved the true worship of God

Q. Was this promise repeated?

A. Yes, to Isaac, Abraham's son, and to Jacob his son.

Q. To which one of the twelve patriarchs did their father Jacob prophecy of Jesus?

A. Jacob said of Judah: "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a law giver from between his feet until Shiloh come."

Q. How was this fulfilled in Christ Jesus?

A. Judah was still the chief tribe of Israel when Jesus came, and afterward ceased to be so.

Q. Did Moses prophecy of Jesus?

A. Yes. He said: "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me."

Q. How was Jesus like Moses?

A. He was born of the same nation, He was meek. He was a mediator between the people and God.

Q. What was the most wonderful event in the life of Jesus?

A. His becoming alive again after He had died and been buried three days.

Q. What prophecy had there been of this?

A. Jesus said before He died that He would give men "the sign of the prophet Jonah."

Q. What was the sign of Jonah?

A. He was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish and came forth alive.

Q. What is the most wonderful,

chapter of prophecies of Jesus?

A. The fifty-third chapter of Isaiah.

Q. Repeat one verse.

A. Surely he hath born our griefs,
and carried our sorrows; yet we did
esteem Him stricken, smitten of God,
and afflicted.

Q. Are there other prophecies of
Jesus in the Old Testament?

A. There are many others.

RECITATION.

PRIMARY HYMN.

HYMN—

What child is this, who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing,
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding.
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
The Silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,
The cross be borne, for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king, to own Him,
The King of Kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

PRIMARY RECITATION.

ADDRESS.

HYMN—

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thy aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on His cradle the dew drops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him, in slumber reclining,
Maker, and Monarch, and Savior of all.

Say, shall we yield Him in costly devotion,
Odors of Eden, and offerings divine;
Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
Richer by far is our heart's adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

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CLOSING HYMN—

Joy to the world, the Lord is come,
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing.
Joy to the world, the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love.

BENEDICTION.