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CHEMAWA ENJOYS HOLIDAYS

A Great Series of Entertainments—Features, Educational, Social and Athletic—Many Functions of Various Character Made the Mid-Winter Holidays Pleasing and Memorable

Again it is our pleasing privilege to chronicle the Christmas holiday events at Chemawa. Supt. Hall certainly has the "Christmas spirit" and he passes it on to all, but never more fully and freely than during the week just passed. For many of our students Christmas, 1922, meant something never before sensed by them—they were able to realize the fullness and the meaning of "Good will toward men." They felt the joy of it all—they lived it. Our Superintendent was the prime mover, the ruling spirit, in everything and he was ably supported by his employes, for on every hand there was "joy unconfined."

If we were obliged to state just when Christmas at Chemawa started our task would be rather difficult and complicated, as preparations commenced some weeks ago. For a few evenings before the actual anniversary of our Savior's birth various academic classes had "Christmas trees" in their school rooms and made each other happy in the extreme. However, it may be stated that officially our Christmas started on the evening of December 22, when the lower grade pupils put on a play—"A Joke on Santa Claus"—under the direction of Miss Judd. It proved delightful in every way, and all present were loud in their praises of the work presented.

On Sunday morning the Protestant children enjoyed special exercises of a delightful character which had been prepared for them by Miss Eakin. Special music was rendered and good speakers contributed to the enjoyment of the morning.

On Sunday evening, Christmas eve, the choir put on a most pleasing exemplification of events in the life of Christ. After all were assembled the choir entered in procession from the rear of the room, and singing a beautiful carol, marched down to the stage. This was just at the close of a beautiful Scriptural reading by Carrie Anderson—a reading which made the proper atmosphere for what was to follow. Arriving in front of the stage the choir divided and

passed onto the stage from each side and took places as directed. Then in succession we had visions of the "Star of Bethlehem," the shepherds, the Madonna and the "new born king" as he lay in the rude manger, the presentation of rare gifts by the three kings, all enacted to music of beautiful carols splendidly sung. The stage setting, the decorations, the lighting, in fact, all details which made for the success of the "Holy Night" were well-nigh perfect and the members of the choir are indebted to several capable employes for special high-class aid. At the close of the special exercises Supt. Hall took the stage and made a splendid talk in which he touched upon the real meaning of Christmas in a most able manner, after which he wished one and all "A Merry Christmas" and dismissed them.

At 3:30 the next morning, Christmas, the choir, following the custom of former years, began singing carols at the home of Supt. and Mrs. Hall. Mr. Hall showed his appreciation by complimenting the choir on their carol singing, and, indeed, he told the truth, for in the memory of the writer carols have never been more beautifully sung at Chemawa. During the hour that followed the carol-singers passed to various places about the campus and sang, to the delight of all, pupils and employes alike.

At 4:30 a.m. the choir passed to the Catholic chapel to assist Father Gall in his Christmas mass, which was impressively given to an unusually large congregation.

The dinner! Christmas dinner! Who can ever outlive the memories and anticipations of youth in the matter of Christmas dinner? Forget it? No, never; it can't be done! Ours was a dinner fit for kings, yea, gods promptly at noon the students filed into the large dining-room in step to music by the orchestra. A hush, grace was sung, more orchestra music and the feast was on. All was just right, the cooking, the serving, the decorations—not a jarring note anywhere. Well, its history now—it will not soon be forgotten.

There was a splendid dinner at the Employes' Club and there were private dinners—family dinners—at various homes, and all added to the general pleasure of the occasion.

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