

CHRISTMAS SERMON.

At St. Peter's Episcopal Church This Morning.

At St. Peter's Episcopal church this morning at 11 o'clock a large congregation assembled to attend the Christmas day services, the sermon being delivered by Rev. G. M. Tolson. The text was taken from Rev. 21, chapter and third verse. Behold the tabernacle of God is with all men and He will dwell with them and they shall be his people and God himself shall be with them and be their God.

The speaker said in part: "This verse announces to us God's fellowship with humanity. Our Christmas thoughts naturally cluster about the cradle of the Christ-child at Bethlehem. Jesus Christ by the value of his birth of the Virgin Mary has fellowship first with motherhood. There should come unto motherhood a purity and virtue that motherhood never knew before. Every time a mother bends over the cradle she feels by virtue of the link between her child and the Christ-child that she has been blessed above women. Another thought is that Jesus Christ by his birth has fellowship with all of us. As it pleased God that a smile of infancy should play over the features of the consecrated child. So all Christ life is consecrated and blessed of God. Again the fellowship of Christ is with all who are born and live in object poverty in this world. Jesus Christ being God could choose the environment of his birth and he chose to be born a peasant and as his birth place he chose a manger, thus announcing his fellowship for all time with the poor and lowly. Jesus Christ would be known always as the poor man's friend and in Christ the poor man can always find a brother. Yet on the divine side Jesus Christ was one of the purest aristocrats. As he lived his life of lowly poverty he announces this fact that the king with his crown and the Noble with his nobility are not to be compared in greatness to the aristocracy of heaven. Naturally on this day our hearts go out to the poor. The feeling should abide with us however, all through the Christian year.

May God give to each of us this sympathy that is found in the heart of Christ.

Lastly I would emphasize the fellowship of Jesus Christ by virtue of his life and death with every sinner in the world. That which makes every man's condition here so pitiable is that he is a sinner. Let us realize the fellowship of Christ with us as sinners, but let us also remember that Jesus Christ has no fellowship with sin. The essence of sin is disrespect to God and his law. There is no fellowship with your sins in the heart of Jesus Christ. Jesus lived a sinless man. There was no spot of sin upon his white soul and he therefore can have no fellowship with sin.

It is a shame that on the day which makes the anniversary of God's gift to the world that those who have given themselves to God will put their hands to shame. My God, help us each and every one to keep our hands from sin. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and holly and a beautiful illuminated star appeared through the evergreens in the rear of the church, behind the altar. The regular services preceding the sermon were most impressive, being the beautiful Christmas service of the church, and were taken part in by the entire congregation.

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LOST—Gold Necklace with P. M. A. on heart. Finder please return to this office. 25-1t.

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IF YOU DID NOT get your Shoes Thursday, get them Saturday at Thompson's. 25-1t.

SEND YOUR ORDERS at once for Christmas Oysters, Spanish Mackerel, Trout, Celery and Honey; Oysters on the half shell. B. J. phone 4872. Hinchshaw, 23 East Trade street. 24-1t.

38 PAIR Ladies' \$2.00 Shoes at \$1.50 tomorrow. Thompson's. 25-1t.

THE STREET CARS will run later tonight, the last car leaving the Park at 12 o'clock. The time is extended for the benefit of holiday shoppers. 24-1t.

PRICE CUT on all Christmas Slippers tomorrow at Thompson's. 25-1t.

LADIES AND CHILDREN especially invited to the Laughing Parlor. 24-1t.

GET YOUR SHOES tomorrow at Thompson's. 25-1t.

HANDSOME STOCK of either Single or Double-Barreled Guns. Weddington Hardware Co. 23-2t.

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DESIRABLE BOARD centrally located, 413 N. Church street. 24-6t.

EVERYBODY have a Merry Christmas. Moore, the Milk Man. 24-1t.

LOST—Dec. 23rd, between the Trust Building and corner Pine and Tenth street, a pair of rimless nose glasses. Reward if left at News Office. 24-2t.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS should see our magnificent stock of fine Kitchen Utensils, such as Saucepans, Kettles, Boilers, etc. They are indispensable articles. Weddington Hardware Co. 23-2t.

IF YOU are printing for Christmas purchases to be at are worth while pay us a visit. Weddington Hardware Co. 23-2t.

AT THE December Term of the Guilford Court just ended Mrs. Dora Timmons was granted a decree of divorce from her husband, Harry Timmons, jury found all issues in her favor. 24-1t.

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ON ACCOUNT of the annual Xmas dinner to the Street Railway Motor men and Conductors the cars will not run between one and half past two o'clock tomorrow afternoon. 24-1t.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS in Brass and Iron Fire Sets and Fire Screens. We have a beautiful line of these goods. Weddington Hardware Co., 29 East Trade street. 23-2t.

FOR CHRISTMAS—Every description of 5, 10 and 25c. articles. Mullen's. 19-1t.

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FOR SALE—The property at corner of College and Second street; lot 99x156, lately used by R. W. Smith & Son as a sash, door and blind factory. Also all the machinery, engine and boiler, shafting, etc. Lot is valuable for business purposes, only one square from Southern freight depot. Good buildings on the lot now. Also if desired my dwelling adjoining. F. W. Ahrens. 30-1t.

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