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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Its Real Mission is Great Blessing of
the Benediction of Peace

The Rev. T. A. Cheatham Emphasizes
Bigness of Life and Dignity
of Service



SINGULARLY in keeping with the modern spirit of the Holidays was Resident Minister T. A. Cheatham's Christmas sermon; emphasizing as it did the real meaning of the season and its application to life. ¶ The text: ST. LUKE, 1:79-- "To guide our feet into the way of peace." ¶ Our text today tells us why Jesus Christ came to bless us with the benediction of peace. Many of us today are becoming so engrossed with the material side of Christmas that we have no room for the spiritual, and we not only fail to find the Christmas peace, but we frequently are glad when the whole season of strain is over. ¶ We lose ourselves amid the things of Christmas and make it impossible to find the inner spirit. ¶ A brother clergyman said to me, "Well, you may have a great number of people to preach to at Pinehurst, but you never can know that you are accomplishing anything." Of course I could show him how mistaken he was by reminding him that Pinehurst is said to be the most religious of all resorts, and since I do not take the credit for it, you will pardon my saying that I have many letters and almost numberless expressions of appreciation of these Chapel Services, because of the peace and reality that reign here. These things fill my heart to overflowing.

The fact is, people come to Pinehurst because they find an atmosphere that is different from anywhere else in the world. It is not only democratic and cosmopolitan, but there is an indefinable something about it that invigorates and soothes and brings peace. It would not be the same without this Chapel, because this Chapel in all its services strives to make real that peace which the Christ came to bring—to guide our feet into the way of peace. How the world today needs to find the meaning of these words. As we generally interpret the word, His life was anything but peace; wandering about from place to place with nowhere to lay His head. The early Christians were men who turned the world upside down;

they were disturbers of the peace—no peace with iniquity, no peace with oppression, no peace with falsehood, no peace with any enemy of the world's true life. Men sometimes think that peace can come by compromise, by sacrifice of the right, by concession of the truth, and it was of this pernicious peace that our Lord spoke when he said, "I came not to bring peace but a sword." But how are we to know? If we could be sure that the way along which we grope is the way

difference nor mere absence of irritation. We are citizens of the world, and Jesus Christ does not say by precept or example that we must run away from the world's problems. The "peace at any price" policy may for the time being rid us of annoyance, but it does not bring peace. Peace does not mean mere idleness or inactivity, or uselessness or stagnation. A landscape which is peaceful is not one which has no diversity or life in it, but one in which the living trees

THE SILENT skies are full of speech
For who hath ears to hear;
The winds are whispering each to each,
The moon is calling to the beach,
And stars their sacred wisdom teach
Of faith and love and fear.

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And Christmas once is Christmas still;
The gates through which He came;
And forests wild and murmuring rill,
And fruitful field and breezy hill,
And all that else the wide world fill
Are vocal with His name.

Shall we not listen while they sing
This latest Christmas morn,
And music hear in everything,
And faithful lives in tribute bring,
To the great song which greets the King,
Who comes when Christ is born?

—CHRISTMAS BY PHILLIPS BROOKS

of peace. How can we have peace in the midst of trouble and disappointment.

There is not only the way of sorrow and the way of worry, but the way of doubt. There are many hard questions and there is much mystery and uncertainty. Amidst all the guesses, all the question marks, all the worries and perplexities, Jesus Christ comes and promises His peace. Let us this morning try to follow His guiding hand. He teaches us first of all that peace is not a lazy in-

and moving cattle and running stream blend before us into unity and harmony. In the same way a peaceful life is not a life which has no vitality or diversity or action in it, but one in which all the experiences which make up the common round are parts of a harmonious whole.

A life is not unpeaceful when it is active and busy, but when it is discordant and aimless and passive. It is not work that men need to shun, but restlessness.

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ALL PINEHURST GATHERS

Annual Christmas Observance Will
Claim Attention of Entire Village

The Invitation General and Program
One of Many Novel and
Delightful Surprises



FOR TONIGHT'S (Thursday's) Christmas observance all Pinehurst gathers at The Hotel Carolina, and a Merry Christmas, in all truth, it promises to be. Following dinner at seven, is a concert from eight to nine, with the tree from nine to ten, and dancing from ten to twelve; the general invitation conveyed in the following cards which were sent out on Monday:

Dear Old Santa writes to say
He'll be here on X-mas Day!
Thursday next is the date;
You're invited to the Fete!

Since early Wednesday morning the music hall has been closed to all, for much of the evening's program is to be a "surprise"—for what would the day be without anticipation. There will be the usual tree with souvenir favors for all and verses for some of the "notables;" all in all, an evening long to be remembered. ¶ For Wednesday evening next is the annual New Year's eve dance with the possibility of minstrelsy or vaudeville on the following night. ¶ The week has been one of many arrivals, returning friends very largely making up the list, and for the immediate future bookings are unusually large. Perfect days are speeding the old year onward to the new, and diversified recreations in The Open are claiming attention.

Guests at The Carolina

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Truesdell of Brooklyn are welcomed back for January.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Boyd of St. Louis are again here for the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Cattell, Mrs. Cattell, Miss Esther Cattell and Mr. Charles E. Cattell of Philadelphia return.

Mr. and Mrs. Cabot J. Morse, Master Jack Morse and Mrs. Duncan M. Pridie of Boston are spending January here after their annual custom.

Mr. Franklin Waterman of New York leaves after a short visit as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Redfield.

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