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**THE PINEHURST CHAPEL**

**Bids You a Hearty Welcome to  
All Its Services**

**SUNDAYS.**

Holy Communion 9.15 A. M.

Children's Service 10.00 A. M.

Morning Prayer and Sermon 11.00 A.  
M.

Among the first arrivals in the village  
this year as every year were the Rev. and  
Mrs. T. A. Cheatham. Under his charge  
not only has the chapel become the centre  
of the useful and purposeful life of our  
little community, but the Juniper cottage  
is the headquarters whence radiates a  
helpful spirit felt over the whole Sand-  
hill region. In the face of the resound-  
ing alarms of war, and the hectic and  
dramatic activities on links and track,  
among dances and rides and tournaments,  
it is well to remember that heart to win  
the war, and the only permanent basis of  
our teeming community both centre be-  
fore the altar. And that our minister  
and the old residents of the community—  
the substantial men and women that have  
given the village its character, are at  
present planning to make Christmas a  
day of plenty and of good hope., and  
simple faith to the neighborhood, white  
and black. The chapel doors stand open  
to all—its welcome is as broad as the  
Christian religion, without dogma and  
without limit. Its support is your duty  
as well as your privilege.

**Where Democracy Has Failed**

War, bloody and cruel as it is, has one  
obvious compensation. It reveals the  
weak points in the nation. It is the final  
acid test which brings out the sore spots  
and lays bare the flabby flesh.

The critics of our National Life and  
the calamity howlers have been astonished  
and rebuked by the unexpected vitality  
and energy exhibited by our caseful and  
supposedly soft population. There isn't  
a community in the land that has failed  
to respond to the call to battle with vigor  
and almost spartan hardihood. For this  
we rejoice.

Nevertheless the great test has devel-

oped some appalling defects in our civil-  
ization and in our ways of living. The  
most alarming is the discovery that our  
philosophy and the administration of de-  
mocracy has signally failed to produce  
MEN. Wealth beyond the dreams of  
misers we have obtained. And with  
it manifest a spirit of sacrifice and  
service, born of the will to be independent  
and a love of justice, which gives the lie  
direct to those critics who have assumed  
that our soul was lost in a wilderness of  
profits.

But our system has given little con-  
sideration to the welfare and training of  
children—has totally neglected the sci-  
ence of the making of men. The conse-  
quence is the discovery that less than one-  
third of young Americans coming of age  
are physically and mentally fit for any-  
thing. The examinations for the army  
demonstrates in cold figures that less  
than this proportion can qualify for the  
very least definition of a man—or even a  
normal animal. The majority are thrown  
out as unable to walk any required dis-  
tance, or unable to see, or unable to hear,  
or unable to understand a few elementary  
orders. That is to say, they do not meas-  
ure up to the breeding tests of ordinary  
Missouri mules.

Contrary to the popular idea, this con-  
dition of incompetence has been found in  
the recent examinations for the army to  
be from 7 to 20 per cent worse in the  
country than in the cities.

Dr. J. A. Nydegger, in charge of the  
Public Health service of the United  
States has plainly stated the cause of this  
waste of manhood and vital National  
energy.

It is that the health of country chil-  
dren is not only neglected—but positively  
injured by the prevailing conditions in  
the public schools. He says

"Defective eyes, ears, teeth and  
throats among the youth of the rural  
communities have been found to be due  
largely to conditions in the rural schools.  
Improper desks and seats also have  
caused much spinal curvature, leading to  
other faulty conditions. These conditions  
ought to be corrected at once, and school  
children all over the country should be  
examined because defects arising at their  
period of life as a rule cannot be over-  
come later.

**The Remedy**

Obviously the coming of prosperity and  
the building of a great government and  
the progress of arts and sciences and  
even the dawn of "social and industrial  
justice" and international civility are of  
no avail if meantime we ourselves degen-  
erate. It is a waste of time to organize  
business and breed pigs and potatoes and  
build libraries and universities and  
dreadnoughts to defend them, if mean-  
time the children of the land are to grow  
up without eyes to see or ears to hear or  
the brains and spirit to use and appre-  
ciate them.

It is abundantly clear that the Federal  
government will eventually have to as-  
sume this most essential of all duties,  
and provide a vocational education for  
every urchin in the land—and even more  
to the point, medical attention and cor-  
rection to every scholar. A careful sur-  
vey of the problem in this district has

conclusively shown that two public in-  
stitutions are indispensable. One is a  
big public boarding school confined to  
the boys and girls of the district, in  
which not only elementary "book-learn-  
ing" is thoroughly taught, but farm  
work, military drill and household econ-  
omy are actually practiced. Such an  
institution of itself goes just half way  
towards the solution. A public commu-  
nity hospital and clinic is not only a nec-  
essary adjunct, but the most important  
of the two.

**What Are We Doing About It**

Under existing circumstances the es-  
tablishment of such institutions where  
they are most needed is a very difficult  
matter. There is no governmental agency  
for such a purpose. And the country dis-  
tricts where our men are made, and where  
the demand is greatest there is of course  
no private capital sufficient for the pur-  
pose. The coming generation of the  
greatest value to the republic lives along  
the rivers and valleys, on the plains and  
on the tide waters of the Atlantic—while  
the money of the country is concentrated  
along the asphalt pavements of the  
metropolis.

This Pinehurst neighborhood, one of  
the poorest in worldly goods of the South,  
has recognized this primary duty that it  
owes the nation, and has undertaken to  
establish such a school and such a hos-  
pital. The school—The Sandhill Farm  
Life School—is training a hundred and  
fifty country children in right living.  
The hospital adjunct, named the James  
Rogers McConnell hospital after the  
famous aviator, is the headquarters for  
the examination of every child in the  
Sandhills. As a simple mathematical  
demonstration of its life-saving func-  
tions we note the fact that one-third of  
the defective children found in the sur-  
vey have been treated and their troubles  
corrected there already.

**What You Can Do About It**

These two absolutely essential plants  
for the making of men are established.  
They should be the very first concern of  
an efficient government. But they are  
not. The country people here simply can-  
not pay either for the proper buildings  
and equipment, or maintain them at full  
efficiency without an endowment fund.

If you are concerned with the future  
of our race with the demonstration of the  
only final answer to our rural problems,  
or with the welfare of your neighbors in  
this immediate vicinity, take the occa-  
sion to ride to Eureka and ascertain that  
we have understated rather than exag-  
gerated the facts, and then give your  
check to J. R. McQueen, treasurer for  
the rebuilding of country life in the  
Sandhills, the South, and the United  
States of America. That is unless you  
prefer some better cause. When you dis-  
cover that, you are invited to call our  
attention to it.

**Cold In Florida**

Stuyvesant LeRoy who is off on a short  
visit to Clear Water, Florida, reports  
that if anyone is looking for warm  
weather this week he will have to go on  
to the Tropic of Cancer or join forces  
with his majesty below.

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