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Our Christmas Duty

THE PRINCE OF PEACE may not rule the world in spirit, thought or action today. Yet there are many blessings that we may count this Christmas Eve.

In this fair land of Canada, in this fine city of Prince Rupert, we have much to be thankful for.

We are all so well off here, so free, so well provided for that we may not realize what the people of the most of the rest of the world are going through.

"Merry Christmas" to many may seem a mockery today. There are those who live in fear and despair, in poverty and oppression. For these Christmas is just another eold and empty day.

So, as we count our blessings, may we not be ungrateful. May we not be thoughtless of those less forunate than we happy people.

While we enjoy our merriment, our happiness and our gratification, may we resolve to make our appreciation a living thing. May we be searching not on this day but every day for some means of radiating our generosity, goodwill and consideration to those both at home and abroad less blessed than we.

As we look at a still troubled world today, a world of distrust, hate, envy, may we recall that this Christmas Day is the birthday of that Personage whose final command was: "Go Ye, therefore, and teach all the nations." That is the inspiration. That is the cause of Christmas. May we not lose sight, therefore, as we celebrate and enjoy ourselves among our friends that there is an implication of duty beyond our own intimate orbits to act and serve so that our communities, our nations and our world may be the better for the observance of this great day.

A year ago we declared that never before was this world in greater need of the true spirit of Christmas. That declaration, we must admit, holds as good today as it did then.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER

THIS FAVORITE Christmas story deals with the editor who found himself working Christmas Day on the edition for the following morning. Summoning one of his reporters he said:

"Evans, get me a good story on how people spend Christmas. A real sentimental story on what the less fortunate are having for Christmas dinner. Go down to the mission and see what the poor old men are getting to eat. Then drop around to the orphanage and ask if the little tykes are getting any turkey.

After that try the Y.M.C.A. hostel. I'll bet they don't get turkey and cranberry sauce. Yeah, you might look in at the Old Peoples' Home and do a bit on their dinner

"That's all, but make it good. Make our readers glad they are fortunate enough to have Christmas turkey at home. And Evans, on your way back drop in at Mike's and get me a ham sandwich and a pot of black cof-



Christmas Sermon

Rev. E. Soiland, St. Paul's Lutheran Church

The second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke has the most complete account of the first Christmas. It tells us a little of the preparation that was made in the Roman nation in order to bring about the fullness of time when Christ should be born. It is also an account of the way in which Heaven itself was made ready for that event. So great

was the importance of this used his angels to announce the birth of Jesus Christ. Mankind. too, at a later date recognized this importance by making the birth of the Saviour the centre of history. At present it is 1948 years since the first Christmas.

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moment in history that God man's part in it. But it did not satisfy man's craving for God. Others had used idols in many forms but found themselves to be slaves of their own creatures Others who had God's Word as I close my eyes and listena guide were discouraged from what seemed unnecessary de- At home on Christmas morning; lay in fulfillment of God's pro- Once more that glad refrain! tin. History tells us of the long- mise. It was one of the dark moments in history.

Then the angels appeared right in God's sight. So many with the message that God had ways had been tried but all had remembered His promise. He proved fruitless. Some had had sent His own Son to be the tried to think their way out of one who would save a lost world a dilemma by planning a very It was He who would carry the intricate ideal of creation and burden of the moral law. He accepting every Assponsibility, and paying every debt that man had over against God. With His work, God would be reconciled to man. Sin, which had been he source of man's curse would find a complete atonement. So the angels sang, 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth. What ye do for the least of the peace and good will among

minded of this accomplished fact. God has been reconciled with man through the work of room for uncertainty because The choristers, directed by C. power of the devil.

birth! They have learned that members. Christ is meant for them. God finds a real reception in their hearts. This message is lived in the carols they sing. They live the glad expectancy of Christmas. And since God tells us to become as little children in order to enter the kingdom of Heaven we can benefit by taking a child-like attitude at Christmas time and let the ful. benefit of the Christmas message fill our lives.

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CHRISTMAS

By Adele C. Hughes Miller Bay

To busy Christmas shoppers Crowding city streets sudden strain of music Rang out so clear and sweet

Ah, "Hark! the Herald Angels

"Joy to the World" shall bring In the triumphant choir I hear my Father sing.

I am a child again

"The Lord is come, rejoice! Above the din of traffic I hear the long-stilled voice.

Down the long lane of mem'ry Roll back, relentless years Sound forth the Christmas

And start the sudden tears.

In a far better country He sings the Christmas hymn Duncan. My heart stands still with

My eyes with tears are dim. What gifts have I to offer At the world's Christmas tree'

Again at Christmas we are re- CHORUS SINGS TO ROTARY CLUB

Prince Rupert Rotary Club was Jesus Christ. The gates of Heav- entertained by the Rotary Club en are opened to all who wish male chorus Thursday afternoon to enter in. There is no more at its weekly luncheon meeting. God has sent His Son to be our Balagno, with Miss Frances Salvation Army Saviour from sin, death and the Moore, A.T.C.M., as accompaniat sang Christmas and other songs. A denotion of \$25 to the Sal-Have you noticed the eager- some of which the audience join- vation Army Christmas Cheer ness in the eyes of the children ed in singing. The chorus was fund was approved by the Prince at Christmas time? How they heartily thanked by President Rupert Rotary Club at its weekly thrill to the story of Christ's D. C. Stevenson and the lub luncheon meeting Thursday af-

SANTA VISITS

St. Peter's Hall, Seal Cove. was the scene of an enjoyable when St. Pter's Sunday School

About 60 children with parents and friends gathered sing carols and await Santa arrival.

The program: "Jesus Bids Us Shine," sung by the Sunday School.

'All For Jesus," girls. "Silent Night," Patsy Penny

First Noel," Shirley Kurdziel. The world has need of the "Climb, Climb Up Sunshine Mountain," girls.

"Away in a Manger," Betty Bowman. "Silent Night. (in Swedish)

Aina Carlson. "White Christmas," Molly Simmons and Ernestine Moore-

"It Came Upon the Midnight

Clear," Ralph Olsen and Robert

"Jingle Bells," boys.

Baby's Doll," Louise Thomas. After a short address by Archdeacon Hodson and the singing of carols, Santa Claus arrived and distributed gifts and bags of candies to each child. Arrangements were under charge of Mrs. B. Skinner, Sunday School superintendent, and the teachers, Miss Jean Smith, Mrs. Frank Baldwin, Mrs. H. Thomas and Vaughan Tatter-

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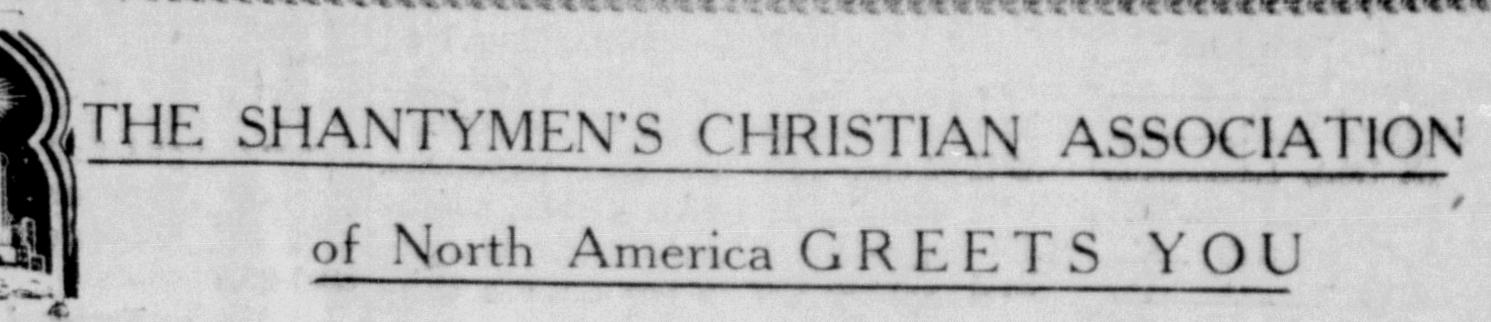
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CHRISTMAS CARDS-With the trend this year toward special Christmas cards for every person, buying greeting cards has become a complicated operation. Stores are still selling the traditional winter scenes, shown top centre but these other cards illustrate the specialization trend. Top left is for bowl-

ers and bottom centre is for your employer. It takes a card for granddaughter, bottom left, to bring Santa into the picture. They even make a card now to thank the donor of gifts, second from lef, bottom row.

(C.P. Photo)

RAILWAY CHIEF SENDS MESSAGE

Mr. Vaughan Sees Christmas As Truce to Trouble

MONTREAL-R. C. Vaughan, enabled the system, in a re C.M.G., chairman and president, of problems, to fulfill its Canadian Nat onal Railways, to- tions for the people we are day sent the Allowing Christmas message to all officers and employees of the company across Canada:

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