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∴ Christmas Greetings From The Alpine Stake Presidency ∴

To the Patriarchs, High Counsellors, Bishops, Bishops' Counsellors, Officers and Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the Alpine Stake of Zion:

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—The year 1906 is nearing the end and in looking over the work that has been done and considering the efforts put forth among the people of the Alpine Stake, we take consolation and feel that our Officers and Members as a rule have done exceptionally well, and the people generally seem to be receiving blessings on every hand. We regret, however, that more of our people do not seek for special blessings at the hands of our Patriarchs whose special calling is to bless the Saints. Our brethren who hold this high calling, we know to be good, honest and faithful men,—men of integrity and men who live close to the Lord, who are in a position to receive His favor. We recommend to the Saints to help them magnify their calling, by obtaining blessings from them.

The High Counsellors have been at their post of duty, and have acted as Special Missionaries among the people; in some instances leaving their homes for a week or more at a time, to encourage the Saints, to convert the unbeliever and to do mankind good generally. We have seen the fruits of their labors and have rejoiced in their faithful administrations. We believe our Bishops and Counsellors have kept a close watch over their flocks this year, having been ever ready to lend a helping hand,—by giving good counsel and bringing good cheer into the homes of the Saints. We appreciate very much their labors, their respect, their brotherly kindness and their untiring efforts to do good.

We rejoice in the work that is being done by the Relief Societies of the Stake. We know they are doing a vast amount of good in visiting the sick and afflicted. They are collecting annually hundreds of dollars and wisely distributing it among the poor of the Stake. We thank God for inspiring the Prophet Joseph Smith to organize such a benevolent society. We thank Him for such noble women, who are willing to leave their work, their homes and go either day or night to bless the poor and make happy homes by their presence and with their gifts. Surely the Lord will abundantly bless and reward our faithful Sisters, and they can feel assured that we appreciate their labors most thoroughly.

The Sunday Schools of the Stake were never in a better condition, and as we visit from Ward

to Ward we rejoice exceedingly in beholding the faces of the sweet, innocent children. We know the responsibility that rests upon the Superintendent and Officers, instructing the children in the Principles of the Gospel, and teaching them to sing the songs of Zion. We consider it a pleasant labor, however, and they should realize that they are molding the minds of the little ones and feeding them with the "Bread of Life,"—putting into their hearts a love for Christ and a love for His Prophets. Much depends upon the officers and teachers as to what the future of the children will be; therefore, how exemplary, how honest in every word and act they should be. May God bless them in this important work and crown their labors with success.

The Mutual Improvement Associations are a power for good and furnish an evening each week of profitable enjoyment, where the matured youth can search more deeply for the great truths of the Gospel. We do not feel with such good organizations there is any necessity of literary clubs being arranged outside of the Associations. If perchance there are any young people who feel they are in advance of the Association members, we invite them to come and join us in making them stronger, and if possible, better. Let it be a mutual work as its name indicates.

The authorities of the Church were inspired to organize in our midst the Primary Association and the Religious Classes which should meet each week. Our Brethren and Sisters are asked to spend a little of their time in training the children in the principles of the Gospel,—teaching them good, moral stories, and creating in their little breasts a love for the beautiful, a reverence for things sacred, and getting them as far as possible to be "Doers as well as hearers."

We exhort the Bishops and parents to do all they can to help these organizations and, lighten the burdens of the officers and the teachers in their work.

The Quorums of the Priesthood are being carefully looked after by the Bishops and Counsellors and while some may be lagging a little, in the main they are doing a good work. The boys of the Lesser Priesthood are being schooled in their Quorum work. Keep them busy, give them something to do. The more you work them in reason the more efficient they become.

Many of our people have been called upon the last year to sympathize with them and mourn

with them in their sad bereavements, but let us not mourn as those without hope, for the Lord is displeased with none, only those who will not acknowledge Him, in all things. We have much to be thankful for. The people seem to be prospering on every hand. Those who want employment can get it and usually at a fair compensation. During this time of plenty we should remember the poor, and see to it that we make full settlement with the Lord in our tithes and offerings,—not forgetting to settle our just

in the establishment of High Schools in most all the large cities of the State, thereby making it possible for our children to get an High School education at a less expense, and at the same time keeping them under the immediate jurisdiction of their parents, while they are still in their young and tender years.

In contemplating the social and moral phase of our condition, we feel that sufficient care is not being taken. There is too much freedom and promiscuous association. Parents in too many in-

stances are over indignant with their children and we think greater care should be used in providing proper kinds of amusement. We do not think it right to mix up with strangers in our social gatherings when it can possibly be prevented, unless such individuals come properly recommended. We denounce the visiting of saloons, intemperate gatherings, and all other places of ill repute, and plead with the people,—the aged as well as the young to keep away from these

places and live lives as Saints of God. We believe it perfectly right that our young people should associate together, that every man is entitled to a wife, and every woman in like condition is entitled to a husband, and we recommend to our young people when they arrive at the proper age to marry for "Marriage is honorable." We think it would be a good thing if individuals of more matured minds, who are still single, to select congenial companions and enter upon the responsibilities of matrimony.

Having just completed our annual visit to each Ward of the Stake, we take this opportunity of congratulating the Saints on their excellent places of worship and the cleanly condition in which we found them, also for the fine shape in which we found the records and minutes of the Wards. The Secretaries and Clerks are to be commended for the faithful service given. The Deacons and Janitors are also worthy of much credit for their regular and important work. We want to show our appreciation also to the Choiristers and Choir leaders of the various Wards of the Stake, and all the faithful Choir Members for the good service they have given, for we feel that good singing, and appropriate hymns are pleasing to the people and are as a prayer to God.

We want to thank the Old Folks Committee in the different Wards, of the Stake for the service they have rendered in making it so pleasant for the aged and infirm. This is a custom that should ever be perpetuated, and we hope they will take pleasure in making the declining years of the aged happy and comfortable.

We suggest and recommend to the Latter-Day Saints to live exemplary lives in keeping with what they profess; to attend night and morning to their family and secret prayers, and have, if possible, every member of the family take his or her part, and do what they can consistent with their circumstances in keeping their homes and premises cleanly, and see that their fences, houses, sidewalks, culverts, etc., are kept in good repair. These are items of small concern and yet they are important in making our homes attractive, in building up the city or settlement in which we live.

We think it an opportune time to straighten up our obligations that are due, and all difficulties that may exist between us and exercise a spirit of forgiveness,—make right any past or present wrongs as far as possible and commence the New Year with a clean sheet. We are commanded

"to forgive all men and the Lord will forgive whomsoever He will."

We regret that many of our people have neglected their Sacrament Meetings in the past, and have formed habits of remaining away, which is a great injustice to themselves and shows a lack of respect to the Bishopric and the authorities of the Church. We plead with all such and urge them to make an extra effort to improve the coming year. They will feel better. They will have more of the Spirit of the Lord and their example will help others to do likewise.

In conclusion we extend to you, one and all, our Greetings, our good will, the peace of Heaven, and every blessing that your Faith and Works demand. While extending our Greetings to the Latter-Day Saints, we desire also to extend them to those who are not of our Faith and wish them success in every righteous endeavor and extend to them an invitation to attend our services, investigate the Doctrines of the Church as taught by the Latter-Day Saints, for we testify to you and to all the people of the Stake that this work called "Mormonism" is surely and truly the work of God; and we and our Elders stand ready and willing to explain to any honest inquirer this Gospel, the everlasting Gospel,—the one taught by Jesus, Paul, Peter and revealed anew to the Prophet Joseph Smith in this last dispensation.

Again extending our Greetings and wishing you all a pleasant Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, we remain, Your friends and brethren,

S. L. CHIPMAN,
J. H. CLARKE,
A. J. EVANS,

Presidency of the Alpine Stake of Zion.

Born to Mrs. F. Roberts, a son, last Monday.

The babe of Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Lott is quite sick.

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James H. Clarke S. L. Chipman Abel John Evans
Alpine Stake Presidency.

debts and liabilities. It is not wisdom to use the means that comes into our hands in dissipating, reveling and such like. It should be judiciously used in providing the necessities of life for our families, in beautifying our homes and in the education of our children. We should appreciate the high standard of perfection that our district schools have reached and be willing to support them with our means, and with the regular attendance of the children. We should all rejoice

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