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What Christmas Suggests to a Lafter - Day Saint.

BY THE FIRST PRESIDENCY.

HRISTMAS, to the Latter-day Saint, is both estimacent and prophotic-a reminder of

tro great and soletan events, which will yet be regarded universoly as the mightiest and most wonderful happenings in the hismy of the human race. ' These erent were predestined to take eins upon this planet before it est created. One of them was the coming of the Savior in the seridian of time, to die for the and of the world; and the other s the prospective advent of the men and glorified Redeemer, to wish upon the earth as King of

Scinething of a parallel is sugented by events leading up to the en mining epochs in question. A work of preparation was necenary bafore the Son of God came atho fiesh, to give His life as a charlous offering to stone for orminal sin,-the transgression of alam and Eve,-and to make it possible lot man to secure the re-Fillen et his own sizs, through cheffirnce to the lows and ordimites of the Gospel. Even so, a preparatory work is necessary, and is now being performed, before the accoud advent of the Lad. Otherwise the earth would economical at His coming.

Preliminary to the first advent, Prophet was related up, to herin the Sevier's approach, and to dminister ordinances of a presuctory nature-such as water soular for the remission of sins -ento all who were willing to repent, that they might be worthy to meet the Lamb of God, the mightier One" who would "bap-

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preter ministry of Christ, whose

mme forth at the beginning of the toration of the Gospel, with the consummate the work begun by crlasting exaltation. ineteenth century, to proclaim powers of the Priesthood, and the Fim when He placed Adam and As already intimated, there gram, as revealed to the Prophet joined by our blessed Redeemer, the ancient Gospel, to call men to re-establishment of the Church of Eve in the Garden of Eden. repentance to lift an ensign for the Christ on earth. The mission of Adam fell that a world of wait- of the Gospel, which was first re- storer of the religion of Jesus Saints and to all the world, a hearpublicles of Israel, and lay the Joseph the Seer, who stands at the ing spirits who had kept their first vealed to Adam out of heaven. Christ, the pre-ordained plan of ty and kindly Christmas greetsummations of a work designed to head of this dispensation, is des- estate, and were therefore worthy where it was instituted as the salvation. This also is the sig- ing! papare the world for the glorious tined to spread the fame of the of promotion, might be "added means-the only means-of man's nificance of Christmas, or it is Let no one suppose that "Mordreat of the Messiah, and the Redeemer still wider, and eventu- upon" by being given mortal bod- salvation. But the preatest dis- what Christmas suggests to the monism," so-called, is here to ubering in of the Millennial ate in the founding of a Kingdom les in this their second estate, pensations, are, without doubt, mind of any thoughtful Latter- make war upon men, or upon that shall stand forever, whose through which, if found faithful, the two immediately connected day Saint.

moner paved the way for the prepare it for celestial glory.

ume, through the preaching of what he did in preparing the way brought death into the world, also in which He will come in the birthday of the world's Redeemer. Saints are friends, not enemies, to the Apostles and their associates, of the Lord, and Joseph laid down gave opportunities for experience clouds of heaven, simultaneously Christ is God, even Jehovah, the mankind. That we have a meswas heralded throughout the then his life in the same great cause. and development, by which per- with the resurrection of the just, God of Israel, and as such we wor- sage to deliver we know; and, God nown world, and has been per- For it is all God's work-the fection might be attained, while who are to reign with Him a ship Him. And we also honor being our helper, we will deliver etasted and revered all down the things accomplished in the mer- the atonement of Christ, in burst- thousand years. This final dispen- the memory of His faithful ser- it, come life or death, come weal enturies by millions of sincere idian dispensation and in the dis- ing the bands of death, made ef- sation will witness the restitu- vants, John and Joseph, who, in or woe! But we purpose doing ind honest workhipers. And this, pensations preceding it, as well as fectual man's strivings for that in- tion of all things, the welding to- missions involving their martyr- this in the spirit of peace, in the in spite of the malign influ- the great achievements reserved finite perfection, giving the spirit, gether of all the dispensations, the dom, went before His face, open- spirit of patience and brotherly

The mission of John the Fore- King will sanctify the earth and they were to have "glory added with the resurrection, namely,

ise them with fire and with the corrupted the Christian Church, | of times, when the Lord will com- | fied body, as a means of endless | Christ, things In heaven as well | In the light of these solemn Holy Ghost." A Prophet also and rendered necessary the res- plete the salvation of man, and increase, eternal progress, and ev- as upon the earth-

have been various dispensations Joseph Smith, the latter-day re- we send forth to the Latter-day

upon their heads forever and the one in which Christ Himself we observe this day, one celebrated law, order, liberty and truth, the John suffered martyrdom for ever." The fall of Adam, while it rose from the dead, and the one throughout Christendom as the world over. The Latter-day

facts, and in the spirit of charity Such in brief is the divine pro- and good-will exemplified and en-

creeds, governments, and institu-It is in honor of our Lord that | tions that men revere. It sustains

turning good for evil: oppressing no man for refusing to listen to our testimony, nor ridiculing what he holds sacred, however false or foolish it may appear to us. The liberty of conscience is inviolable. and we stand ready to defend all men in the exercise of this sacred. God-given right. We may be abused and alandered for exercising this right ourselves, but heaven forbid that we should ever deny it to othera! Despite the human weakness that all men possess, and which prompts them to retaliate when they feel themselves wronged, we will endeavor, with the halp of the Lord, to follow His divine injunction : "When men revile you, revile not again." Our plain and simple duty is the preaching of the Gospel, the gathering of scattered Israel, the redemption of Zion, and the salvation of the living and the dead. We have no warfare to wage against our fellowmen, no wrongs that we wish to avenge. We leave that to Him who has said, "Vengeance is Mine: I will repay." May He be merciful to those who misrepresent and bring trouble upon His people.

This Gospel of the Kingdom was preached aforetime as a witness unto all nations; and it is now being preached again, for the last time, and for a similar purpose. The "end" foreseen and predicted by the Savior, that was to follow its promulgation in ancient times, came in the downfall of wickedness, represented by the Jewish Commonwealth, which had rejected the Son of God, and the message of salvation. The greater "end," also foreseen and predicted by Him, that will inevitably follow the rejection of the Gospel in modern times, will come in the destruction of wickedness throughout the world.

But these issues are all in the hands of the Lord. He will do His own work in His own time and way. Our mission is not to curse, but to bless; not to punish or threaten, but to persuade men to do right. We preach salvation, not damnation; and in this spirit we send forth this greeting, echoing and if possible emphasizing the salutation of the angels to the shepherds, on the first great Christmas night: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,



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good will toward men."

JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN R. WINDER. ANTHON H. LUND. First Presidency.

L. W. SHURTLIFF.

Prest. L. W. Shurtliff of Weber stake

#### FIRST MADE DRUM Martyred Prophet Joseph

Veteran Who Helped to Build Up a Number of Early Towns Tells of Pioneer Experiences.

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route and prayed a feeling came over the net of gained but of hore, and I felt an assurance that I would go west in the fail I told toy father so next more-ing, and and I was happy although i was not ming then broadne I was sur-to she where the left, but seen alter-wards father reserved a good offer to sell bis tharm and we moved weat to Missionri. I next the prophet at a conference in Goiney, his held in the old harracts. Evolution of his rise of his rarm and we moved weat to Missionri. I next the prophet at a conference in Goiney, his held in the old harracts. Evolution floring was with in a rule as a shoul from the of-facts of his menorized in mertilier of the prophet's family, and its Narvon infrared to know him vary well. He was a man always genthe rearly always full of his manner carried instant considering with it. The barting mered is an able in our instance is bala work in the manner carried instant work that bis manner carried instant works in the form one instance in the works in the the test he bala work in the manner carried instant works in the to watch the way his works in failts in which is when and it has been also works the way his works in failts have grown and prosperad into when we grown and prosperad into when an how move and he works in failts have grown and prosperad into when an how move and he works in failts how a provide and prosperad into when an how move and he charted.

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love, forgiving our enemies, and re-

"We lived three mlies from the pro-nuet a hume and my step-father, Edu ward Johnson, and I were on the wey to Carthage a few days before the marterhom when we were arrested by a wook. We were put in rooms at a hotel in Carthage and held prisumers for the night on suspicion of being past of a such the real mob thought was grathering to rescue the prophet. Finally they let us po on the promise that my father-in-law would take a latter to the prophet They wrote ff and the outside of the mob signed it. If notified him that he would be given a certain muchan of the mob signed it. If notified him that he would be given a certain muchan of haurs in which to have a the didn't, he'd he shot. The hitter was given to him wife Emma to be delivered to him. It did not reach him and no trace of it could ever be found. "After the wurder Taylor we phote is home and my step-fielder, Ed-trard Johnson, and I wars on the way to Casthage a new days before the hartyrion when we wars arrested by a note is Casthage and held prisoners for the night on simplified of being part of a norb the real mob though that is a fasthart-field by sound take a phate to the prophet joseph well and mit is presentily. He loved him, and respective line as he devoted by belowed in the measure and his work. Tradident is the would take a every in the northest of the mob signed it is notified him that he would take a every in the northest of the mob signed it is notified him that he would be given a every in the held it, be'd he shot. The hit is wan given to bia wife Emma to be addivered to him. It did not reach is add no trace of it could ever be the addivered to him. It did not reach in and no trace of it could ever be that the wife and this the would the given be addivered to him. It did not reach is add no trace of it could ever be the difference in the marker. Tarlor, my high state held he be bound if the and the source is marker in the marker is the same in the same visit Nauroo he rame to Nauroo is the faster bound he wife to the balance of the short you had the fast her bails with the marker is the short with the source with the hear the balance is and in the same visit Nauroo he arms to heard the fast her bails with the marker is the short with and they here is and the way much the short you bails and was so terrified they she rame out

### Memories of Aged Colored Servants.

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that it want wash off, no matter how hard they try back there. It never will

"Finn "Windle" Isano resumed; "Brother Juseph was always hapmy and full of fun like a boy though when he was serious in anything he had where judgment than many a man twice as did as he was," and there was a reminizer glaam in the old men's age. "When 4 was a drammer in the old Nauvos legion I had a big base fram. Once I sat it all the ground and Brother Joseph humped clean over it. That based drum of mine was a wonderfai thing. When I hit it propie sold they could hear it in Burtington, 20 miles away. I was in Nauvoo when Brother Joseph was killed in Carthage, glater Jane came to thah in Capt. Eldredge's company of ploneurs in 1847 and I camp only 15 years ago. I have invested all over the ecunity and as one time I was driving tenois for the people to Winthe Quarters. I went to Winter Quarters in 1807, but I went back to Naucon and from these I have been in many states. Both Jane and I knew President Brighten Young well.

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Middleboy comes of a faintly of piccours. Ells failler was been in Tilinois in 1818, and its was been in Hilman is 1611. The inflowed the solute to Pay Wash with his people, and in 160 went to Nauczos, at the time of the expelsion from PRF West.

Mr. Middleton with his fattor came to Unit in 1956, (agelfur with the father of his wife, Charles Batter, Bath families headed in Orden. Mr. Middlebon building near the Breven fort, and when in 1851 Mr. Butler died, he was thy first settler to be buried in the Orden settletery. Mr. Middleton was married Diction in 1853, and took up a place of land on Washington avenue, between The out-static and Twentz-serventh strains. He consisted in the Nasivao legion is the track of a capitale, afterwaren served as inferiously in the Salador is the strain where the first entitioning in that states were made, and finally became a counselor to State President U. R. Poerry of the