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CHRISTMAS GREETING.

THE great, universal Christian holiday is at hand. Christ's mass, or feast, in commemoration of the Savior's birth, is observed in every civilized country, and by believers and unbelievers in His divine mission alike. It is not a time merely for solemn ceremonies and church observances, though these are strictly appropriate, but it is an occasion for feasting and merriment, family reunion, good feeling, good cheer and general friendly salutation.

Christmas is anticipated with pleasure by young and old. It is particularly the children's joyful day. To make their hearts glad is a blessed though sometimes trying task. Whether the Christmas gifts are expected from Santa Claus, St. Nicholas or parents and friends they are equally welcome, and the glee of the little ones is glorious to behold. It is a season, too, when the poor are remembered and sweet charity softens hard hearts, loosens tight purse-strings and promotes the sentiment that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

How wonderful is the influence that has grown upon mankind from the personality of that meek and lowly Nazarene, whose birth in a stable of an oriental khan the nations celebrate! It increases as the centuries roll on. It enters into the soul of the world. It uplifts humanity. It affects the relations between kingdoms and empires. It is breaking down the barriers that separate the peoples of the earth. It clears the way of approach to the Deity. Whether Jesus is viewed as the Christ, the anointed Savior, or as the Great Teacher and Philosopher, He shines out through the ages as the grandest being that ever walked the earth.

It is proper therefore, to commemorate His appearance on this planet, no matter if the date accepted be right or wrong. The event is that which is of moment, and the anniversary should be enjoyed to the full, not with intemperance or excess of any kind, but with rational merrymaking, forgiveness of trespasses, settlement of feuds, benevolence and mutual good will.

To show appreciation of this glorious occasion, the Deseret News presents this handsome number to its subscribers, as a Christmas token and by way of extending the compliments of the season. A happy Christmas to all. May Christ's blessing rest upon both friend and foe. May peace brood over the world, and may the time speedily come when strife shall be no more. Hail to the day of universal love and amity! It will yet dawn upon the earth. We wish to all who read these lines a foretaste of that millennial bliss, at the Christmas of the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and one.

THE CHRISTMAS "NEWS."

THE DESERET NEWS confesses to a degree of pride in presenting to the public this Christmas edition. It is replete with matters of general interest. Its contents are varied, with something to suit every class of readers. It has been prepared for the many, not merely for a few or for any one sect, party or persuasion. There are in it articles which will specially commend themselves to the Latter-day Saints. There are others which will be attractive to non-"Mormons." Each can select that which appears most appropriate, and should at the same time consider the predilections of other people. The news it contains is up-to-date. The contributed articles are of good tone and literary quality. The prize story and prize poem, like all the original articles, are home-made. The mechanical work has all been done on the premises. This includes the press work on the illustrations, the half-tones and the illuminated cover, the printing in colors and all the artistic work displayed in the production of this holiday number. We consider this a great achievement considering the limited facilities at the disposal of the management and the workmen. The credit for this production is due to the entire staff of toilers on this newspaper. Editors, contributors, correspondents, artists, composers, pressmen, and all. To the foremen, the business management, the canvassers, and those who have superintended the labor in bringing this paper to its successful completion, great praise should be accorded, for it has been accomplished in addition to the daily duties of our regular issue. We feel assured that our friends and supporters everywhere will duly appreciate the elegant Christmas number of the Deseret News in 1901.

OUR ADVERTISERS.

IT IS a great story of prosperity that is told in the advertising columns of the "News" tonight. This paper, the largest ever issued from the presses of any Utah journal, also probably presents the largest array of business announcements ever compiled within the State; written by a corps of experts—for no first class mercantile establishment nowadays is without its trained "ad writer"—and prepared by as artistic a corps of typesetters as could be found in the West, these messages to the holiday purchaser well deserve careful perusal by the thousands into whose hands they will fall.

Advertisers in the Christmas News are assured of one thing, that the mass of information compiled within the pages of this issue is of a character that assures long preservation and frequent consultation, two valuable factors to all whose announcements are to be found within it. Our advice to the great army of holiday buyers is, that they study the advertisements in the Christmas News and make their purchases from the establishments represented therein.

UTAH AND COLORADO.

THIS holiday edition of the "News," is specially devoted to Utah and Colorado. In it will be found birdseye views of the capitals of the two sister states, portraits of men prominent in secular and ecclesiastical affairs, and pictures of noted buildings and landscapes.

Utah and Colorado are both situated at the very backbone of the North American continent. Their resources are practically unlimited. Their treasures of precious minerals have just commenced to come forth, enriching the nation and the world, and with enlarged facilities for irrigation, their agriculture will yield abundantly for a population vastly larger than the present. Their climate is superb, their business men are enterprising, and their people are loyal to the institutions of their country. They are true and steadfast as the eternal hills that stand guard around the verdant valleys.

According to the last census, Colorado has nearly double the population of Utah, the figures being, respectively, 412, 198, and 297,905. The increase since 1880 was respectively 112 and 44.42 per cent. This is satisfactory for both, compared with the increase in a number of states ranging from less than 1 per cent upwards. The cultivated area for Utah is given as 1,323,705 acres, divided into 10,517 farms, while for Colorado the area is 4,598,941 acres and 16,389 farms. In manufactures the two states are also well advanced, there being 531 such establishments in Utah and 1,518 in Colorado.

The mineral output of Colorado is estimated at \$41,126, 610, and that of Utah at \$11,681,019. This places the two states well at the head of the list. The total wealth of Colorado is estimated at \$1,145,712,267, and that of Utah at \$349, 411,234. In educational matters these states are second to none of an equal population.

The two states should have a prosperous future. They have every advantage of civilization, and an abundance of room for good, enterprising citizens. Their interests are joined, they should clasp hands in fraternal union!

PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH.

SINCE last Christmas day the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has made advancement and taken new steps, in accordance with its genius, and the requirements of new conditions, showing that it is a living organism, ready for every emergency and endowed with that vitality which is needful, to resist opposition and take the initiative in important movements. Notwithstanding the loss by death of two of its venerable chieftains standing at the head of its affairs, it has not been injuriously affected. It is so constituted that every place made vacant from any cause is filled as soon as necessary by qualified officials, and the work goes forward without hindrance or delay.

All the councils and quorums of the holy Priesthood are organized and in working order. There are now fifty Stakes of Zion, including those in Colorado, Oregon and Canada. They are established with their several presidencies and bishoprics and the various auxiliary societies. There are fourteen missions outside of Zion including that which has recently been opened in Japan. These with their presidencies and active missionaries, numbering about seventeen hundred, are busily engaged without pay for their services, in promulgating the principles of the everlasting Gospel for the amelioration and salvation of mankind. Their labors are not in vain. Seekers after truth are led into the waters of baptism, and the influence of the teachings of the Elders is felt, if not acknowledged, throughout Christendom. At the October conference statistics showed that the Church membership was at least three hundred and ten thousand.

The mission of the Latter-day Church is the same as that inaugurated by the birth into this world and mission work of the Redeemer. He who was the babe of Bethlehem, and then the lamb that was slain, and afterward the risen and glorified Savior, and who will be King of kings, has in person re-established His church and His Spirit gives it life and light and power. At the Christmas of 1901 the work He has begun in this age has brighter prospects, greater facilities, stronger unity and a firmer position than ever before.

There is one particular feature of its present existence which is worthy of special attention. A nephew of the Prophet Joseph Smith, in accordance with a prophecy delivered many years ago, stands at the head of the Church, occupying the position first held by the great Seer of the Nineteenth century. Another nephew is the Patriarch of the whole Church. As Joseph and Hyrum labored together as brothers before their martyrdom, so the brothers Joseph F. and John Smith are intimately associated now. There was in that early day one of the Smith family in the Council of the Twelve, and today there are two of that lineage in the same body. It is gratifying that stalwarts having the blood of the Prophets figure prominently in the Church today.

Christmas day in 1901 comes laden with blessings to the Latter-day Saints. Peace reigns in Zion, joy dwells in their hearts and contentment in their homes. Union, faith and hope are manifested throughout the Church. The sentiment of all hearts toward both friend and foe is "good will to all men." The angelic song which gave forth the first notes of the opening of the Christian Era, is now echoed in the last dispensation as an overture to the consummation of all things spoken of by the holy Prophets. Let God be praised and the world bow to His everlasting dominion!

THE HOME OF THE DESERET NEWS.

THE present Christmas will in all probability be the last in which the Deseret News will issue from its present quarters. Over fifty years ago, or on June 15, 1850, the Church organ of the Latter-day Saints was first published in the little adobe house that had been erected immediately east of the present establishment. But that modest home soon became too small for the growing enterprise. In 1852 the "News" moved into more convenient quarters, and in 1854 it was again removed, this time to the building which is now the northern part of that occupied by the general tithing office. About two years later it was removed to the second floor of the Council House. After the return from the "move" south, during which it was printed in several towns, the plant was installed again in the Council House, where it remained till 1863, when it was brought into the building it now occupies.

The friends of the "News" look forward with much anticipation to the next removal of the establishment, which will be to the beautiful edifice that is nearing completion on the old Council House corner. This building is one of the monuments to the public spirit and foresight of the late President Lorenzo Snow and his counselors. It is six stories

in height, of brick and stone. It is fire-proof, iron, steel and cement being largely used on the interior construction. The original design was for the "News" to occupy about one-half of the entire building, but some modifications of this plan have been made, owing to a scarcity of first-class offices in the city, and the great demand for such accommodations as those offered in the new structure. The present plan is for the "News" book, stationery and counting room to occupy the first floor, and its presses will be placed in the basement, while an "annex" will be constructed on the west, adjoining the main building, to accommodate the various mechanical departments.

The work the "News" has done during its fifty years' existence, as the fearless spokesman for religious and political liberty, and as the exponent of truth from every available source, forms a record that speaks for itself. During the many changes through which it has passed its aim has been persistent and its policy has remained the same. Progress has marked its course, and the work of a first-class newspaper now demands different facilities from those that were considered sufficient half a century ago. But the principles of truth and justice remain the same, whether proclaimed from an adobe hut or from the offices of a modern palace.

RETROSPECTIVE.

CHRIST came here to bring peace. Ever since that glorious morning when shepherds of Bethlehem heard the song of the heavenly choristers, "Peace on earth" has been the refrain of men in innumerable varieties of tune and dialect. Nineteen centuries have passed, and through them all, the song of peace has sounded over fields of carnage, amidst the clash of arms.

Looking back upon the year that has almost passed, we cannot fail to notice, that wars and rumors of war have held central places in the great drama of human history.

In the Philippines many of our own soldiers have fallen. Much blood has been shed. On the result, opinions differ, and the future alone will reveal the true condition. But it is generally agreed that there will be insurgents yet to fight for years, and that perfect tranquility will come only when the present generation of native races shall have passed away.

In South Africa the bitter contest has been raging all through the year, and even the most sanguine cannot perceive the end. The close of the year finds thousands of British soldiers away from home and family; thousands of Boers roaming the mountains and living as best they can; and thousands of aged men, women and little children perishing in camps from hunger and disease.

In China, through a greater part of the year the armies of the western world marked their progress with fire and blood. And the effect, as now summed up, seems to be chiefly a decrease of commerce, which has fallen heavily upon the United States. Figures received by the treasury bureau of statistics show this. The imports of American cotton goods fell about one half during the Chinese war, and the import of other goods, such as oil, etc., showed a similar reduction. Still, the United States played with honor the role of peace-maker in that conflict, and its influence was of a benevolent character.

In Central America, too, war has been raging, but the situation is now reported tranquil, and again the influence of the United States for peace has gone on record.

The naval expedition of France to Turkey ended without bloodshed, but it still marks an event of the greatest importance, because it disproved the traditional theory of diplomats that Turkey cannot be interfered with, except at the cost of a general war. Turkey can be held accountable, and that is the lesson of the year, that may yet bring important consequences.

But not only has the year been rife with wars and rumors of wars; it has witnessed gigantic struggles between capital and labor, and between rival business interests. It has had its lessons in this respect which should not be lost.

From the scenes of strife, external and internal, the eye turns with satisfaction to peaceful pursuits. Cuba has prepared to take her place among the independent nations of the earth, with the strong support of the United States. Australia, too, has launched out as a self-governing colony, and bids fair to become, in due time, a great factor in the development of mankind. Russia has officially announced the opening of the trans-Siberian railroad, which means to that part of the world, what the trans-continental lines, on their completion, meant to this country.

At Buffalo a pan-American exhibition has illustrated the marvelous possibilities of the Western hemisphere, while at the City of Mexico a pan-American congress is even now discussing the interests common to the nations of the two Americas. Among these are arbitration, a pan-American bank, an all-American railroad, and common standards of value, weight and measure.

Among the achievements of inventors, none perhaps is of greater importance than the successful transmission of messages across the Atlantic, without wires, as announced by Signor Marconi. The recent successful experiments with the Holland submarine boat also suggest future possibilities of an epoch-making nature.

Looking again at the scenes passing before our view, we notice that the year has been marked by numerous accidents. The fire loss exceeds by several millions that of either of the two preceding years. By one fire in Jacksonville, Fla., 10,000 people were rendered homeless. Disastrous floods were reported in East Tennessee in the month of May, and what is marvelous in the present month—owing to warm weather and rain, deluges occurred in Pennsylvania and New York. Terrible railroad accidents have happened, among which that on the Wabash road, Michigan, is in fresh memory. Utah has been visited by an earthquake, which did some damage, although nothing of the magnitude the reports would indicate. The recent earthquakes in the Philippines and in New Zealand seem to have been more serious.

Among the chief secular events of the year, the one overshadowing all the others was the cruel assassination by a moral pervers, of President William McKinley, and the consequent assumption of the highest office in the Republic, by President Theodore Roosevelt. The former was universally respected and loved, and all realized that the ship of state was safe under his direction. The latter was less known as a statesman, but if there were any doubts as to his ability, they were dispelled by his declaration of policy and his masterly message to Congress. The nation was stricken with grief, when its chosen leader fell; but it feels with him, that God's way is best, and that the destiny of nations rests in secure hands.

In Great Britain the accession to the throne of King Edward in January at the demise of his august mother, Queen

Victoria, marks an epoch in the history of that great and wonderful empire.

In the ecclesiastical world there were several important events. As such we characterize the greeting of President Lorenzo Snow to the world, at the beginning of the new century; the visit of Apostle John Henry Smith and others to President Diaz of Mexico; the appointment of Apostle Heber J. Grant and co-laborers, to open up the mission in Japan, and the dedication of that country for the proclamation of the Gospel; the departure of President Snow from this sphere of action, and the subsequent reorganization of the First Presidency, with the unanimous vote of the Church at conferences that will ever be memorable in Church history.

The lesson of all this is, that the world is progressing, under divine superintendence. Wars there have always been, but even these horrors are now being modified by the demands of civilization. Past generations had no labor troubles, for there were no laborers—only serfs and masters. City questions existed, but they were not noticed as they are now. The very problems of the hour are witnesses of the progress of the world.

Peace is slowly evolving from the universal struggle. For the Lord Omnipotent reigns over all, and leads His children onward, notwithstanding all apparent obstacles, toward their complete submission to the rule of Him, whose first advent was heralded by heavenly harmonies.

THE DEPARTED ONES.

THERE have been many deaths of notable personages since the bells rang out in merry chimes to bring in Christmas a year ago. These will be found recorded in the necrological report given in another part of this edition of the "News." A few of them deserve our especial mention.

Prominent in the list is the name of our beloved President William McKinley, who fell by the hands of a cruel assassin. His name will ever be held in pleasant memory, and that of his murderer should sink into deserved oblivion. While this nation mourns the loss of its Chief Executive during the year now passing, Great Britain was deprived, by death, of its revered Queen. In the death of Victoria, that great nation experienced a sad bereavement. The Chinese Empire received a severe blow in the departure of that shrewd statesman, Li Hung Chang, whose life was cut short, while still endeavoring to prosecute peace negotiations with the powers that have been at war with his nation. The Dowager Empress Frederick of Germany, ex-King Milan of Serbia, and the Ameer of Afghanistan were among the deaths in royal circles. Signor Crispi, the celebrated Italian statesman, also passed away, with other celebrities among the nations.

Utah experienced the loss of President Lorenzo Snow, whose name and services and influence had been identified almost from the beginning with the Church of which he was the head. He has left marks upon the pages of history which will ever shine and never be obliterated. President George Q. Cannon also was numbered with the departed of the year. His noble character and splendid work are viewed with the greatest admiration, and the impress of his works for the spread of truth, the building up of this State and the advancement of the cause of humanity, is indelibly stamped upon the minds of men and will be felt in coming ages. Dr. Karl G. Maeser, a great leader in the cause of education, is another of the departed ones who will be lovingly remembered while time shall last, and whose work in that great interest will bear fruit and add luster to his crown in the world to come.

Among other well known worthies who passed away during the year are these: Mrs. Merrill Hardy, William Buttle, Judge Blair, Arza Erastus Hinckley, William H. Folsom, Peter Hansen, Mrs. Harriet P. Parry, Robert C. Chambers, Bishop Raleigh, Mrs. Mary E. Crowther, Samuel P. Teasdale, Zina Diantha Huntington Young, Bishop John W. Irons, Joseph Shipley, Gideon H. C. Gibbs, a member of the body guard of the Prophet Joseph; Mrs. Hannah Van Smith, William Grout, Sarah Carmichael Williamson, John Squires, Caroline Van Cott, Platt D. Lyman, President of the San Juan Stake; Martha Kimball, a widow of the Prophet Joseph; Andrew Poulsen, and many others. Honor to them all!

VICTORY IS SURE.

ONE great lesson of the day we celebrate is that the purposes of the Almighty cannot fail. When the Redeemer entered this sphere, every agency of the Evil One was set in motion to destroy Him. From Bethlehem to Calvary, the road was beset by enemies. His life, apparently, was a failure, but the divine hand placed the crown of victory upon the cross, and from the realms of death and the grave He came forth triumphant.

Again the forces of evil rallied against His few and scattered followers. Century after century they were hunted, captured, slain. Their organization was broken up, and they were dispersed. But the great work of redemption was continued. Christ lived, and in time, idols fell, pagan temples became ruins, pagan systems were supplanted.

The work of redemption has never ceased. Today mankind has a better understanding of life and death than ever before. It has higher ideals of duty and morality. It knows more about the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. It has improved physically, as well as mentally. True, there is still much selfishness, corruption, cruelty, brutality and error. But there is more general appreciation of the fact that these conditions are abnormal, and sinful. Christ was rejected by the generation to which He came, but a few gave themselves to His cause and fought the seemingly unequal battle. They fell, but others joined the ranks, and thus it has ever been. His name today is revered by millions in all climes and lands.

The great truth of which we are reminded by Christmas is applicable to all the works of God, and not least to the Church in this age. The foundations were laid seemingly in weakness, and amid the opposition of the world, including those who professed to be worshippers of the crucified One. The Prophet and Patriarch were slain, and their friends thrust out upon the desert. But the work continued in ever growing proportions.

This progress is due to no other cause than the presence of the Divine Spirit in the Church. The Lord has set His seal upon the work commenced in this age for the salvation of the race, as He did in former ages.

Christmas speaks to the Saints of the Most High, of the final victory of the work to which they have been called—the work of redemption. It cannot be brought to naught. It is destined to continue, until the kingdoms of this world shall have become the kingdoms of God and His Anointed One.