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TO OUR BISHOPS AND OFFICERS OF THE PRIESTHOOD QUORUMS

The reports for the nine months ending September 30, have been received, compiled and sent up to the general authorities.

It has been our pleasure to study these reports and reflect upon their meaning. In some respects they are complete and accurately tell what has been accomplished. In other respects they do not measure the efforts. If we compare this report with that same period last year we find progress but if we consider the percent of our people who are more or less inactive we are astounded.

Our tithing shows substantial increase, notwithstanding the extreme drouth which has engulfed us during the entire period. We are at once filled with admiration toward the faithful Saints who never fail the Lord. We also sit in contemplation over the financial conditions surrounding us. The drought and high beef prices have combined to almost close the cattle industry in some sections of our Stake. We fear that some of our people are selling themselves out of employment. Livestock has been Dixie's most important industry and must be guarded now with a sacred trust. Brethren in the Priesthood should be vitally interested in this problem.

According to the reports our Priesthood is about 11 to 15% active. Attendance at Sacrament meetings run around 20% or 1/3 higher. Priesthood Quorum activities are probably the least efficient of the organized efforts of the Church. The problem is brought vividly before us in our new Priesthood M.I.A. work. Where shall we begin? The answer is, no doubt, with Quorum Leadership. Let us adopt the scientific method-- Study the problem, gather many facts, list these facts in orderly sequence and importance then our conclusions and methods for improvement will be evident. Quorum presidencies must meet together regularly in consultation upon the matter.

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At this season we are in the midst of political struggle. Every Latter-Day-Saint is vitally interested. But, our interest as leaders, carries certain precautions. The Church is not interested in party supremacy but in the election of free, clean, wholesome, moral men who sense the responsibility of good government. It would be best for those who campaign to create their own opportunities to meet the people and not use our sacrament and M.I.A. meetings.

St. George Stake Presidency

A MESSAGE TO THE HIGH PRIESTS

The high priests are endowed with the Melchizedek Priesthood, the greatest of all priesthood; which priesthood holds the right of presidency, and has power and authority over all officers in the church, and to administer in spiritual things. From the high priest quorum are taken the general authorities of the church, except the first quorum of Seventies, the stake presidency, high counselors and the bishops of wards and their counselors, in fact the high priests are and should be the leaders in church activities.

In the past we have been teaching and learning the duties of our office and calling, and in some instances it appears that our whole aim has been limited to learning what is required of us, to the almost exclusion of our activities as high priests, but from now on it is proposed that we will be more active in the priesthood, so that our meetings will be conducted along different lines, and instead of having lessons outlined for us, our studies in the quorum sessions, as in the past, it is proposed that we take up the activities of the priesthood under quorum leadership.

Within the near future we will be able to instruct you more definitely in quorum duties. A suggestive pamphlet has been prepared by the General Authorities. Copies may be secured through the Deseret Book Store.

St. George Stake High Priest
Quorum Presidency

FROM THE COUNCIL OF THE 29TH QUORUM OF SEVENTY TO GROUP LEADERS,
SECRETARIES, AND MEMBERS.

We hope that by this time you are all familiar with the new plan and are earnestly trying to carry it out.

We take this opportunity through the Stake Bulletin of suggesting several problems for your consideration:

1st: In as much as the entire amount of the 50% annual fund as now collected all goes to the First Council of Seventy and there is no fund with which to carry on Quorum activities it has been proposed that we increase the annual fee from 50% to \$1.00 and Group Leaders and Secretaries are requested to make collections and report at the November Union Meeting.

2nd: All Quorum members are reminded that the responsibility of the Winter Mission is upon us and we must prepare ourselves for this work.

Group Leaders by and with the consent of the Bishop of your Ward will kindly prepare a list of Seventies, Elders and High Priests in your Ward that are available for this service, and report at the November Union Meeting or earlier.

3rd: Group Leaders and Secretaries will be called upon at the Union Meeting to report in writing Group Priesthood Meeting Activities as follows:

Average percent of Quorum Members at

- a. Sunday Schools
- b. Group Meetings and M.I.A.
- c. Sacrament Meetings.

Also percent of Quorum Members engaged in following activities:

- a. Ward Teachers
- b. Foreign Missions
- c. Auxiliary Workers
- d. Other Church Activities, such as Presidencies, Secretaries, Class Leaders, Teachers etc. etc.

There seems to be some misunderstanding and questions as to what are proper activities for the Priesthood M.I.A. Meetings. At the November Union Meeting we would be pleased to hear of your successes and experience.

We hope that each Group is keeping a complete roll and record of its activities, in which to collect data asked for above.

THE PRESIDENTS OF THE 29TH QUORUM OF SEVENTY

SPECIAL NOTICE TO THE ELDERS' QUORUM

All the elders of the stake are required to take part in the Sunday Morning session of the December Conference.

They will preside at and conduct the full morning session.

Four Elders are required to give talks, and others to give Demonstration of Ward Teaching in Three Episodes, or Classes.

They are also required to furnish all or part of the music required of the program that morning.

To accomplish all this and to have each quorum properly considered in matter of assignments and to carry out the program with becoming dignity to our quorums, it will be seen that it is very necessary that you all be represented at the Union Meeting, of which we will have but one between now and the conference, when our work must be done, and done creditably to all of the Elders. Your reputation as earnest workers, and worthy elders rests in your own hands, and must be brought out to your entire satisfaction.

As to the regular quorum work it seems to be the desire of the church authorities that we do not take up Lesson work as formerly, but that we use our time in priesthood meetings in consideration of Community Problems, such as might come before the people of any community Ecclesiastically or Socially, and you would arrange for instance--Enrollment, Fraternal Relations, Finances, Moral, Educational, and Spiritual Betterment. You could also take over such problems from your Ward as : Visiting the sick, Ward Teaching, Meeting Attendance, Welfare of Missionaries, and also welfare of their Families at Home.

Let us consider these very important matters and make our Quorums active and vital Instruments for Good such as they have never been before, and especially let us make thorough preparation for the successful carrying out of our part of the December Conference. We want the entire quorums at the Union Meetings.

Your fellow worker,

Arthur F. Miles

Member High Council

Assigned to the Elders' Quorums.

TO THE BISHOPS AND AARONIC PRIESTHOOD LEADERS OF ST. GEORGE STAKE

Dear Brethren:

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation of your very helpful cooperation with the Stake committee in our endeavor to promote Aaronic Priesthood activity.

At the beginning of the present year we were advised to suspend the card report system pending the completion of the Sunday School--M.I.A.--Priesthood program. Now that the new plan is in operation we are instructed to resume the Monthly report and you will receive the self addressed cards in the near future.

The Stake Committee is in full sympathy with the new program and feel that the Church has taken a great step forward in adopting it. You are doubtless familiar with the subject matter contained in the various letters and bulletins sent you from the presiding Bishop's Office recently--also the little booklet entitled "Instructions relative to Weekly Ward Meetings" which contains lesson topics for the Lesser Priesthood Quorums to the end of this year.

In line with these instructions we feel that some definite work should be assigned to the boys as quorums as well as individuals--that they be permitted to feel that they are a vital part of this great organization--of the Church. Young people crave activity and the key to success is Aaronic Priesthood Quorum work lies in the assignment of labor and responsibility. Let them exercise initiative as far as practicable. Few boys respond to preaching and instructing but gladly join the council table where their suggestions are welcome--though sometimes impossible of adoption. Every boy has ideas of his own. Let us plan to use some of them in fraternal and project activity if not in Ward administration.

Present adult leadership is limited in efficiency by our previous training and experience. The new program provides thorough training for the young men upon whom will shortly fall the responsibility of church leadership. The future of our Stake, Spiritually and Temporally, depends entirely on the development and training of our young men who at present compose the Aaronic Priesthood Quorums.

We appeal to you on behalf of the rights of these boys to the privileges of their ordinations in the Priesthood. Their preparation for the ministry might be your greatest contribution to your Church.

Let us adopt as our slogan for this winter,

"Every Aaronic Priesthood member active every week."

Your brethren and fellow workers,

Stake High Council Aaronic Priesthood Committee.

TO OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ST. GEORGE STAKE RELIEF SOCIETIES

Dear Sisters:

We offer sincere greetings to you at the beginning of another season's work. We are appreciative of your faithful labors during the past year, and hope that by prayerful and energetic work, you may be even more successful in your particular fields during this season.

We especially commend the teachers for their faithful efforts in reaching every home in the Stake, taking comfort and encouragement, and the message from the General Board each month. Among the qualifications for a successful teacher, a testimony of the gospel is most necessary. Then follow, naturally, an exemplary life; a desire to be of service; willingness to be directed; loyalty; competency, through prayerful preparation; dependability; an optimistic spirit; discretion and tact.

As officers in this organization, may we sense our responsibility in setting proper examples in attendance at sacrament meetings; in keeping the word of wisdom; in the payment of our tithing, and in decorous conduct in places of worship. This is a requirement of officers, by the Stake Presidency.

Let us all appreciate our membership in this Society, which, from a small beginning, has developed its charitable and benevolent functions into great proportions. Through broader vision, the women have found time and opportunity to mother the community without neglecting precious home duties. What opportunity for development came to the women of our church through this Society! There is a compelling necessity for all to study and learn.

We must go onward and cherish the ideals and standards of our Church, with faith that the Lord will direct and help us in the needs of our communities.

Through this column, the Stake Board hopes to be of some service to you in your work during the coming season.

Relief Society Stake Presidency

ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

We would like to urge at this time of the year the value of the Juvenile Instructor. Since schools have started and things in general settled down for a period of a number of months we expect increased enrollement in Sunday Schools, increased Church activity in general and if our Sunday Schools are to meet the needs the officers and teachers must be prepared with every possible means at their command.

The Juvenile Instructor has added value this year. The new features recently added to the magazine increase its usefulness and value many fold. The teacher equipped with the "Leaflets" alone has no advantage over the children, but the teacher equipped with "Leaflets", Juvenile and some reference books has a wealth of material to lead and guide the children to greater things.

Below is the number of copies of the Juvenile Instructor subscribed for by each Sunday School in our Stake. Washington 16, Veyo 2, Cane Beds, Ariz. 3, Pine Valley 2, Hurricane 15, St. George East 9, St. George West 5, St. George South 11, Springdale 7, Santa Clara 17, Rockville 12, Toquerville 4, Enterprise 10, Gunlock 5, Leeds 2, LaVerkin 6, Virgin 2. No record was obtained from Ivins, Mt. Trumbull and Central.

Superintendents make it your duty and objective to see that every teacher has access to the Juvenile Instructor.

Sunday, Oct. 21, has been set as the 1928 Dime Fund collection day. It is urged that every superintendent will make the collection of this fund as promptly and as orderly as possible. You have no doubt all ready received the envelopes. If you have not let us know and we will see that you are supplied. Forward the money as soon as gathered to Clara Graff, Hurricane, Utah, and she will see that you are properly receipted for same.

Recently Bros. Karl E. Fordham and A. H. Schlappy of the Stake Sunday School Board perfected the organization at Washington. They set apart Wallace Iverson as Superintendent with Ernest Tobler and Antone Nisson as assistants. This new organization is setting about their duties with a zeal and determination that will surely bring them satisfaction and success.

Superintendents be prompt. If you are at your post before time for Sunday School, that promptness is contagious. Teachers and pupils will follow your lead. Start at ten o'clock even if only a small audience is present at the beginning and next Sunday you will have more.

May success attend your endeavors

Stake Sunday School Superintendency

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG MEN'S MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Executives should check up on their organization and see that each of the departments are cared for. Have each supervisor study the Hand Book and put over the activity best suited for their needs at this time. Have the secretary study carefully the monthly report blank in order that a complete report may be made for October. Check on the spirit of the organizations: Are your members satisfied? Do they come again? Do they make constructive suggestions? Are your meetings full of vim and spirit?

Era and Fund: Have you caught the missionary spirit of the Improvement Era? Are you distributing entertainment and culture or merely selling a magazine? Have you caught the vision of the Life Membership? A permanent endowment to the youth of Zion. The General Board ask one new life member from each ward.

Have you swung into line with your Friday Evening programs? This is part of your special responsibility. The Hand Book is full of good suggestions on this activity.

By this time contest material should be making its appearance. These young men and women will solve for you the Conjoint Program problem. For the first part of the year the objective is: Every member participating in some activity. If this is put over the second part will take care of itself.

Announcements will be made in the near future of our district conventions to be held in Toquerville, Enterprise and St. George. In anticipation of these meetings tabulate your problems that they may be systematically discussed by the supervisors in charge of the various departments.

Stake Board Y.M.M.I.A.

MESSAGE OF STAKE Y.L.M.I.A.

SLOGAN: "WE STAND FOR LAW; FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IT; AND THE OFFICERS WHO ENFORCE IT."

DUTIES OF EXECUTIVES

Upon the executive Rest the Following Duties:

1. To study and correlate the leisure-time program of the church.
 2. To conduct, under the direction of the bishopric, a meeting of the M.I.A. each Tuesday evening during the months of September to May, inclusive.
 3. To hold an executive meeting (joint) once each week to consider administrative problems.
 4. To assume general responsibility for the work of all departments, including housing etc.
 5. To see that the association is fully organized, and to promote membership and attendance. All girls who are not enrolled should be personally visited by the right person and won for membership and active work.
 6. To secure the annual fund and other necessary funds and promote the circulation and use of the Journal, books, outlines, etc., for carrying on the work.
 7. To hold a meeting at least once each month with all committee members and class leaders. This is known as the Administrative Committee.
 8. To secure a full attendance of officers at monthly Union Meetings.
 9. To prepare the monthly Efficiency Report.
 10. To promote the slogan, by its repetition at Sunday evening joint sessions, with proper atmosphere, using patriotic quotations, etc., by placards, by cooperation with civic authorities and by using it for subject of public addresses.
 11. To conduct a joint meeting on the first Sunday evening of each month with program appropriate to the Sabbath.
 12. To give general management to contests.
 13. To give general supervision to as many of the following mass activities as may be thought advisable:
 - a. Ward reunion.
 - b. Mother's and Daughters Day.
 - c. M.I.A. Opening Social.
 - d. Ward fair or carnival.
 - e. Leadership social (cooperate with Bishopric and heads of other auxiliaries).
 - f. Christmas Cheer week.
 - g. Gold and Green Ball.
 - h. M.I.A. Day.
 - i. Road show.
- Also to give direct supervision to other general mass activities which the bishop may desire for the entire ward.
14. To give general supervision to the activity program. (Friday evening.)
 15. To promote the reading program. (The Pearl of Great Price is one of the Reading-Course books for 1928-29, and is to be especially promoted by the executives.)
 16. To assist in the preparation and conduct of conference and conventions.

PROJECT: "A FAMILY REUNION IN EVERY FAMILY IN ST. GEORGE STAKE."

TO OUR PRIMARY WORKERS

The Primary Slogan or assignment which has been given us by the Authorities of the Church is: "Every child in every ward in our Primary recreational activities which are to take care of their leisure time and help them to do something profitable."

We suppose that the wards are through with all promotions and graduations for the year and have been settled down to earnest work for sometime. The first week of the month should be used to "put over" a spiritual truth. The second to illustrate that truth with or by stories. The third week is the handwork period which will emphasize the same truth. The fourth is the play hour during which time we will further prove or emphasize the truth we are desirous of "putting over."

Every month each group has a special objective to teach. November work brings out the following in their order, which we earnestly hope all teachers will try to keep in mind. The first group, "Thankfulness." Helps the children to express thanks, for through expression appreciation is increased. Second group, "Thanksgiving and Interdependence." "Thanksgiving to God is best expressed in one's duty to his fellowmen". Third group, "Our neighbors in the land of Windmills." "To teach the children that to make the most and best use of what one has is the foundation of a generous and a worthy life. Blue Bird group, "Happiness". "True happiness comes through willing service" Trail Builders group, stimulate an interest in proper leisure time activities at home. The Sea Gulls, through the Saviors teachings, are taught that the pure and humble are the best mediums for the Spirit of the Lord.

We hope to that every ward is hard at work on the Christmas program which is a means to the end of reaching our assignment and also of creating a proper Christmas spirit. It will give all of the children in our wards a chance to mingle and develop socially.

We earnestly hope that every Primary Association will take up our assignment and feel that the responsibility of the leisure time activities of the children rest on them.

We sincerely wish you success in your labors.

Stake Primary Board.

TO WARD OFFICERS AND TEACHERS OF RELIGION CLASSES

We sincerely hope the Religion Class work is thoroughly organized and well under way in each ward now. We shall send to the ward principal each month two report blanks, one for the ward files, the other for the stake records. Principals should see to it that a complete report is sent every month. Let us have 100% returns.

We were very highly pleased with the work in the stake as a whole last year. Every ward but one conducted Religion Classes. This helped to place our stake in the very lead in the Church. We sincerely hope we can maintain a high rating again this year.

Reports to Parents:

A supply of these forms will be mailed to the principal. We feel such reports will stimulate cooperation and appreciation on the part of the parents. Such reports have been made in other stakes in the past and the practice has proved to be very helpful.

Aids to Teachers:

Helpful information may be obtained from the Saturday editions of the Deseret News as well as from the Juvenile Instructor. It is to be hoped that all teachers will make use of this supplementary material.

Arthur K. Hafen
Superintendent of Religion Classes

WARD TEACHERS' MESSAGE FOR NOVEMBER, 1928
ST. GEORGE STAKE OF ZION

Thanksgiving and Gratitude

TEXT: Psalms 100: 3-5

3. Know ye that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

5. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth to all generations.

Emerson: "Father, We Thank Thee"

For flowers that bloom about our feet,
For tender grass so fresh and sweet,
For song of birds and hum of bees,
For all things fair we hear or see,
For blue of stream and blue of sky,
For pleasant shade of branches high,
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
For beauty of the blossoming trees,
For mother-love and father-care
For brothers strong and sisters fair,
For love at home and here each day,
For guidance lest we get astray,
For this new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything thy goodness sends,
Father in Heaven, we thank thee.

The spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving is one of the most desirable that can possess the soul. It is beautiful in the young, in the middle aged and in the old. On the other hand, the spirit of ingratitude is one of the most despicable, and brings misery and unhappiness to its possessor and to those around him.

The harvest time is one most fitting to express our thanksgiving when the crops have been gathered. The first Thanksgiving in America, at least in modern times, was held by the Pilgrims, in celebration of the first harvest after their arrival in America. There the white man and the red man joined in feasting and thanksgiving. Later it became a national custom, and is now one of the most popular of our holidays.

Thanksgiving Day is a most desirable day for family reunions. Children return to the parental roof, and there they rejoice in family associations. Parents and children and grandchildren all join in a loving re-union. And this practice should be encouraged.

But in the midst of our merry-making, the true spirit of the occasion should not be forgotten. Our hearts should be filled with the true spirit of gratitude for the many blessings with which we are surrounded. And in the midst of our rejoicing and happiness, we should not forget that there are others less fortunate; and these should not be forgotten. While we rejoice, let us also see that the widows and the fatherless, the sick and the unfortunate should also have cause for thanksgiving at this the happiest season of the year.

Attendance at the St. George Temple from the various Stakes and Wards in
this Temple District for the Month of September 1928.

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St. George Stake

St. George East	197
St. George West	152
St. George South	306
Central	---
Enterprise	4
Gunlock	---
Hurricane	26
LaVerkin	10
Leeds	---
Pine Valley	32
Rockville	7
Santa Clara	44
Springdale	1
Toquerville	9
Veyo	---
Virgin	---
Washington	6
	<u>794</u>

Kanab Stake

Alton	1
Fredonia	---
Glendale	---
Kanab	---
Mt. Carmel	---
Orderville	33
	<u>34</u>

Panguitch Stake

Cannonville	13
Henrieville	84
Hatch	30
Panguitch North	2
Panguitch South	---
Tropic	6
	<u>135</u>

Moapa Stake

Alamo	---
Bunkerville	22
Las Vegas	---
Littlefield	---
Logandale	3
Mesquite	43
Overton	4
Panaca	2
St. Thomas	1
	<u>75</u>

Parowan Stake

Cedar First	38
Cedar Second	---
Cedar Third	---
Enoch	10
Harmony	---
Kanarra	33
New Castle	---
Paragonah	35
Parowan East	---
Parowan West	---
Summit	---
	<u>116</u>

Beaver Stake

Adamsville	3
Beaver East	17
Beaver West	157
Greenville	---
Minnersville	---
Milford	36
	<u>213</u>

Garfield Stake

Antimony	---
Circleville	---
Escalante North	80
Escalante South	55
Junction	---
Kingston	---
Widtsoe	---
	<u>165</u>

Other stakes----- 79

Grand Total----- 1581

Total for June----- 2244

Dear Brethren:

Please help us to increase the work in the Temple. Kindly
try and have your ward represented each week if possible.

St. George Temple

By Geo. F. Whitehead

D I X I E C O L L E G E L E A D E R S H I P W E E K

IS ANNOUNCED FOR THE SECOND WEEK IN JANUARY,

WED., THURS., FRI., AND SAT

JANUARY, 9TH TO 12TH

THE MAJOR DIVISIONS ARE:

1. Religious Leadership
2. Agricultural Leadership
3. Home Making Leadership
4. Leisure Time Leadership

There will be in attendance besides the Dixie College
Faculty and Washington County Agent--

Two of the General Authorities

M.I.A. Field Secretaries

Two Professors from:

Brigham Young University,

University of Utah,

Utah Agricultural College.

Each evening there will be especially prepared entertainment.

Detailed announcements will be made shortly.