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Kansas State Teachers College

PITTSBURG, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 13, 1938

Dear Alumnus of K. S. T. C.:

On every hand wheresoever we go, we are reminded that the Christmas Season is here.

From now until Christmas day the rising tide of "Peace on earth, good will to men" will be challenging our better selves to more noble thoughts and greater acts of kindness, toleration, and altruism.

Today in a world so filled with intolerance, hate, and selfishness, wouldn't it be a fine thing if we should, one and all, come to a deep realization of the fundamental truth that what helps our fellow man, regardless of race, color, or creed, helps us—that the things which give us pleasure or pain, happiness or sorrow, do the same to that fellow man of ours.

This sensible and practical idea is beautifully expressed by the Apostle of old. "Bear Ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." It is a great satisfaction to you and to me to be able to bear our respective burdens. But what a satisfaction, what a joy there is in lending a helping hand to a fellow man when his burden seems just a little more than he can endure!

May it not be that failure on the part of mankind at this point is one cause at least of our world-wide distressing condition. With these thoughts in mind, we pass to you this little poem, and wish for each of you a joyous Christmas, and a New Year full of happiness and worth while achievements.

*"For life is all too short,
And sorrow is all too great,
To suffer our slow compassion
That tarries until too late.
And it's not the thing you do,
It's the thing you leave undone
Which gives you the bitter heart ache
At the setting of the sun."*

Yours in service,



W. A. Brandenburg
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