

JOURNAL OF J. E. HICKMAN

Journal A

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Dec. 20 1890 In looking back on my past life with a view of writing a synopsis of it, I hesitate for want of language to clothe the acts of my early life; for from my first recollection until I was eighteen years of age, it was one that is far from joy and one, though I have committed many unmentionable follies I would not relive it were I permitted. In consequence of such a non-enjoyable life, I forbear writing any of it, only that my life until then was full of sickness, accidents, misfortune and restless sorrow, longing and looking ahead for something better, never being satisfied with my surroundings, associates or occupations. With all my wrongs I have wronged myself more than I did any other human being. From my earliest knowledge of God, I have been very prayerful, always, after doing wrong repenting as it were in sackcloth and ashes.

I was born in Salem, a twin sister to Nazareth, Aug. 3, 1862. I began my career in the B.Y.A, in 1881, whence I was 19 years old and continued my course of study two and half years and graduated; afterward teaching in Lake View, three successive terms, distinguishing my self among my fellow teachers for my power of discipline and as was said by trustees and other prominent men of that ward, "Carried the bell of government of all previous teachers" that had taught in that district.

I was married in 1885, Feb 18, to Ella Rogers,¹ a young lady of Provo, who was shown to me in a dream when I was but sixteen years of age and when I did meet her five years later it was under the same circumstance as I had dreamed.

Returned to B.Y.A. in 1885 and 6 and graduated again, afterwards teaching two successive years in Provo. I again returned to B.Y.A. to take a Post Graduating course but after attending there but seven weeks, I was called to take charge of an academy on Sandwich Island, or Idaho, or Old Mexico, but as I desired to study longer I was permitted to do so, but in a few weeks another call was made of me to the charge of Millard Stake Ac., in Fillmore and I am now here teaching, this making my third year. We did but yesterday, Dec. 19, 1890, close up the first term of the sixth year of M.S.A. The examination was an excellent success and high praise was given the Academy and teachers. Since starting my career in B.Y. Academy, until now it has been an almost unbroken stream of joy to me. God has been exceedingly merciful unto me in all ways. Here let me record some facts which I think should be recorded on paper as well as on my heart. I will never forget them but my heart cannot be read by mortal gaze as this writing; hence I record for on it (heart) is written the words that shall be read in full at the time of reckoning with my Maker. I am impressed to write here in my book that these words and pages shall be read by hundreds and thousands in years to come.

The spirit of God has rested upon me from time to time until I have spoken the words crowded upon me. In 1886, while conversing with my brother Francis², upon his belief and on being told

¹ Martha Ellen "Ella" Rogers, born 2 Apr 1866, daughter of David White Rogers and Ellen Bennett of Provo, Utah.

by him that he did not know there was a God, nor did he conceive how a person could know without seeing Him; but said my brother: “I am desirous of knowing there is a God.”

Then said I: “I prophesy that if you are earnest, in the near future, you will know it; and when you receive the testimony you will cry like a babe.”

In about two weeks after that time while in a priesthood meeting the Holy Ghost rested upon him until he arose and testified to the same and wept like a child, nor was there hardly a dry eye in the house so impressive was the scene and influence.

Again in 1889, Nov., while the students in M.S.A. were stricken down with diphtheria, until 14 students were down with it or what seemed to be the same, I called for a fast of students and teachers for 30 hours and all responded, continuing studies, but with prayerful hearts until the time came when we were to offer up the prayer on second day of fast. Some remarks were made by Bro’s (Bp.) Callister³, and Elder W. P. Payne⁴ and myself. I was the last to speak. There while speaking I promised students, that in the name of Israel’s God, not one of our students would die of that disease in that present rage if they students were faithful; although then some of our students were as it seemed at death’s door – eyes with glossy appearance and almost speechless and I record here, God kept his word with us, for not one of our students died with it; yet sorry to say in many families, where our students were, children were taken away by this disease sometime two in a family.

The third time God spoke through me was in 1890, Nov. 2. While in Conference in Fillmore I was speaking of the work and benefits of Academies and more especially of M.S.A. and upon the youth of Zion and the spirit of God rested upon me until as many say (Bp. Callister, Brother and Sister Hunter, and many others) saw a halo of light surrounding my head and shoulders and I prophesied: “In the name of Israel’s God, I prophesy that I see within the walls of these Academies prophets, seers, revelators, priests and elders statesmen of the most High God; queens and princesses of worlds to come. This prophecy does not extend or include any youth save those that avail themselves of these opportunities of attending these academies.

I have administered to 130 afflicted persons and 17 of that number died. I was taken from Fillmore to Deseret to administer to Effie Reed⁵ and she recovered, yet very low. Mrs. Turner⁶, (Bro. Giles’ daughter) brought her babe to me while I taught in Fillmore and she came from Holden: the bone had mostly rotted from the roof of the babe’s mouth, but the babe was healed from that time forth.

² George Francis Hickman (1868-1968), younger brother of Josiah.

³ Thomas C. Callister, Bishop of Fillmore Ward, Millared Stake from 1885 to 1901, son of Thomas Callister and Helen Mar Clark.

⁴ William Porter Payne, 1864-1940, son of Joseph Barnes Payne and Harriet Eliza McBride.

⁵ Effie Adele Reed, born 1 Nov 1868, daughter of Dweitt C. and Caroline A. Reed, became the wife of Joseph Moroni Moody.

⁶ This is probably Mary M. (Giles) Turner, the wife of David Turner. The babe is probably their daughter Zella Turner in 1889.

Dec. 21, 1890 Closed week with nothing of importance. Attended meeting, Joseph Hyde and Aleck Melville spoke. Francis came and has had excellent success in his school.

Dec. 25 Have received two excellent gifts, one, a gold pen from Miss Lawsich⁷ ? that cost her \$5.50 and other gift was compendium and Book of Mormon nicely bound and highly gilted, cost \$5.15, these were given by Ella.

Our babe is sick and we have administered to him several times, but I am very hopeful of his (Othello's) recovery. Have been out to dinner to Mrs. Frampton's.⁸ I must attend a party tonight as I am manager. Othello, (the baby) became very low and we almost despaired of his life; but thru a sudden power given by the Lord, to me the babe was almost instantaneously healed. From an unconscious condition and glazed eyes he was well but weak in an hour or two.

Mrs. Russell⁹ from Salt Lake is here with her seer stone which was dug out of earth in or near Nauvoo, I think. It is beautiful and clear. She could see a person's past and future history. She is a strong saint and has had the stone blessed. I blessed the stone and made it a matter of prayer before I had her look for me. In brief the following is what she saw for me.

"I see you standing on two mighty white stones with a stream of light descending from heaven passing through your head and lighting your face like the noon day sun; yet this she said was not exactly like light of sun yet no one could describe it. She saw me speaking and prophesying unto an audience and every eye fixed upon me and the audience spellbound."

"You are," she said, "to take a journey shortly to a large city and would be successful. You are successful in your labors." "I see," says she, "large and small of students standing around you and implicitly believing in you." "It can be compared," she said, "to a good shepherd with his flock gathering around him and they followed you." "You are given wisdom to read thoughts of students and can classify them in temperament and how to rule them by intuition given by God. You come up always standing on two mighty white stones. You are never a common level as a common man but seem to be always with a halo around you and never a mist between me (Mrs. Russel) and this shows you are not doing wrong at any time. God hears your prayers and you pray as you walk. You are through Ephraim and Isaac and Rebecca. You were a prophet and seer before you came here on earth and now possess the same power now, in part, it has not been given to you in full because you, she said, "are too young or on account of your extreme youth. You possess a mania for learning and knowledge, it is for a purpose – the good you can do in the kingdom of God and to the youth of Zion. I see you she said in the near future standing speaking to a large audience when you will be inspired and will know what to say and how to say it.

⁷ Martha Augusta Lawisch, 1870-1945, a teacher at the Millard Stake Academy. Josiah marries her on 7 June 1890. The Manifesto, ending polygamy in the church was presented and sustained in the October General Conference.

⁸ Lois Electa (Hinckley) Frampton (1857-1891), wife of James Frampton, daughter of Ira N. and Adelaide Hinckley.

⁹ Sophia Romriell Russell. Christian Anderson a member of the stake high council wrote in his journal in 1890 that he "...saw a Sister Russell of Salt Lake City who has a seerstone, and she told me that the future was bright for me; and the Lord loved me and that I should gain much power and influence among my brethren." [Personal Journal of Christian Anderson, Book IV, 56.] Apparently she also claimed she could see a very rich gold mine in the nearby summit which never panned out. In 1893 she was sanctioned by the church authorities for her readings.

You will be called on a mission and bring many to the light of the Gospel and you will be sought for, far and near to administer unto the sick. God will give you power to rebuke every evil, to eradicate disease and to command the sick to be healed. Your name shall go out for good all over the world of intelligence. You have a ruling spirit and you are a true ruler in Zion. I see two missions for you; one across the ocean and one in Eastern States. You are a subject what God can dictate through His mind and will to the people. You will be made president over a conference and afterwards be made president over the whole mission. I see you laboring in a temple and there receive a manifestation of the Holy Ghost, which will dictate to you what to do and how to do it and whom for. You will learn a language there and you will be spoken to in it by angels, which you do not know now, and you will be able to answer in the same language.

“I see,” said she, “the writing is not upon earth now, but spoken by angels.” Beautiful young spirits (women) are awaiting anxiously to be sealed to you. The stream of life is long for you. Use all mercy you can and you will be blessed spiritually as well as temporally and your financial enterprise will be crowned with blessings. You have bound yourself to three rules viz: to be virtuous, truthful and honest. You will be made known the mind and will of God. In your declining years, you will not be feeble or helpless, but will enjoy good health. You will be faithful and true to the end of days. Watch your step for Lucifer, seeks to injury you, break your bones, etc., but if careful he can not. If you will consecrate and dedicate yourself every day, the adversary will not have power to over-throw you. I see you blessed and set apart to go on a mission by some of the twelve. They will promise you their blessings, that you will go and bring fruits of your labors in safety. What ever you rebuke on earth shall be rebuked in heaven, so be careful what you rebuke.

I see young ladies that will be your wives, the description of some are as follows: One rather medium in size, has light blue eyes, brown hair and straight walk; one dark complexioned and slim; and one dark and heavy set and she is pure in spirit. When you return from your mission in Europe, (there you will be made president) for it will be, I think, in Germany, you will bring a beautiful girl with you and just perfection in beauty and actions and spirit. It is but a few months or at least a short time when men can live with their wives without molestation.

You will go to school in S. S. College and will be very successful make or take will with Prof., etc., and will be offered a position to remain there. I see you in an Eastern University, studying Chemistry for I see bottles and shelves and on one M.D. You will be very successful in your study and will make rapid success or progress. You will make friends with the principals and when you finish your course there you will be offered a large sum of money to remain there and teach. Your brain will grown to a size larger by the time you are through with your study east. It is very active and works on both sides at once for I can see it constantly working and you think three times to most others once. Be careful with your eyes do not let light shine in your eyes, for there is danger but with care you will preserve them.

Your little wife is kind and generous to a fault and deserves your love and attention. She will have more children and you now have three, two boys and a girl. She will live to raise them and principles she will teach them will be honored on earth and in heaven. She desires to do all the good she can and God, will help her to do it; for she has a noble and a true mission here on earth.

Your children will love and respect you for the love which your wives have for you. Who is this dark complexioned lady that comes up with the initial letter of M? Is she not your wife?

Before putting on your garments kneel down and consecrate them to God, that you may not defile them. You will make a professor that will far out strip J. E. T. and if you desire you can make a lawyer that will not be surpassed and to win cases will be but fun for you, as you have such an honest way in your talk and pleading, etc. I see no penitentiary for you, but I see a mob after you but you take a road and evade them, but if they could get to you they would imprison you.

Jan. 4, 1891 I have taken the grandest step that God has commanded. The one I have chosen is Martha Lawisch, and we were married on the seventh of June, 1890, in El Paso Del Norte, Old Mexico, by Apostle Brigham Young. I have never to this date regretted it, but have enjoyed the Spirit of God, more since taking that step, than ever before. Dear Ella is willing and now feels over it as she says, “ahundred times better over it, than she though she would.” For more, refer to my wife’s journal.

Jan 4, 1891 Now closes first week of 1891, and all is well. I have administered to Miss Lawisch ?, little Dee¹⁰, Bro. Noble, and Bro. Mitchell. Preached the funeral sermon over Sister Holbrook.¹¹ Went to concert Monday eve and recited, “Old Jack Baldwin.” Went to a social at Mrs. Souder’s and had a nice time; recited two pieces “Dutchman’s Dog and James Russell Lowell’s production over death of his wife.” Gave fifty cents for the ward. The Academy opens in the morning and I ask God’s blessings upon it and my labors, etc.

Jan. 18, 1891 School has kept me very busy. The Academy, has never been so crowded as now; nor never so successful in order and working orderly. The Primary Dept. has been moved to the Tithing Office. Fred Finlayson¹² and Charlie¹³, my brother, came Jan. 13. Chas. is to remain and Fred, goes back. Wife M. A., will I think have to leave soon, because of approaching maternity. One child I administered to was at deaths door, but recovered. (Mrs. Reece’s).¹⁴

Jan. 26, 1891 School went well; postponed Polysophical,¹⁵ for show. Fasted and prayed for Angie Callister¹⁶, 26 hours. While alone in office in prayer, while the spirit of God was upon me I prophesied that although she was unconscious she would recover from her sickness, but so far it looks as though those words will fall to the ground unheard, but my faith is still she will recover. I have administered something like thirty times that week.

Feb 2, 1891 Tonight finds us all well and enjoying the spirit of God. Weather is breaking up. Angie Callister is better and I am very thankful for God’s blessings in her behalf. Sister

¹⁰ Edwin Dee Hickman, (1888-1858), son of Josiah, age 3.

¹¹ Eunice Dunning Holbrook, wife of Chandler Holbrook, died 30 Dec 1890 in Fillmore.

¹² This is probably Frederick Finlayson (1860-1928), Josiah’s brother-in-law married to his sister Josephine. Their son Frederick is born in 1888 and would only be 3 years old. Fred probably brought Charles to the Academy.

¹³ Charles Wesley Hickman, younger brother of Josiah, age 14 in 1891.

¹⁴ Probably Mrs. Ella Reese, wife of James Reese. The child would be her daughter, Ella E. Reese born in 1887.

¹⁵ Polysophical groups to promote the literary arts and popular in Utah at this time.

¹⁶ Helen Angie Callister (1878-1915), daughter of Thomas Clark and Alice (McBride) Callister.

Bishop's babe¹⁷ is now dead. I pity her and pray God to bless her in this hour of grief. I preached a funeral sermon last Mon., over body of Mrs. Christovensen¹⁸ and by the spirit of God, never did better in any sermon in my life for which I am truly thankful and give my Father in Heaven the praise for it, for I owe it to Him. This makes 5 funeral sermons I have preached. I am called to preach one tomorrow. Last week in our Academy seemed to be a week of testimonies for 3 or 4 received strong testimonies of this gospel. Miss Lawisch, (Later: I now dare say Martha Lawisch Hickman), is preparing to leave Academy on account of bad health? and will search out some quiet place for a time best known to me and herself. God bless and protect her from evil and harm and may the world never know her secrets until they should be known.

Feb 10, 1891 Angie is better and praise is due God. Academy is running smoothly. Academy dance went off nicely. Miss M. A. Lawisch has discontinued the Academy on account of ill health. Had news from home and from Bro. Maeser,¹⁹ stating he could send a teacher. May Reed takes Miss Lawisch's place. Some trouble but all is right now. I spoke to funeral of Sister Brunsen's child. Ella fainted away in funeral meeting.

Feb. 15, 1891 Bro. Callister was instantly healed from severest pains in head, back and shoulder so much so was the distress that he could scarcely move or be touched, but when we (Bro. Rydalch) and myself took our hands off from him, I being mouth, he was perfectly well. Angie, I believe has been healed tonight for such a manifestation was shown to Bro. Rydalch and myself, that when we were on our road home from administering to her, we went back clothed with the spirit of God, to an exceeding degree and again rebuked the disease.

Ella has been almost instantly healed this week, from swelling of her breasts. In fact God, has been exceedingly merciful to us (my family) for I have not with exception of 2 or 3 times ever administered more than once to heal any of my family from sickness and time and time again have I wept for joy on seeing almost instantaneous healings. I firmly believe the reason God has blessed us so is because we strictly keep the Word of Wisdom. Oh! I am over joyed with the goodness of God toward me and family.

Father here in silence do I offer up a solemn prayer for thy kindness unto me. May I never turn from paths of righteousness; but may I ever travel onward and upward through eternal ages. If, Father, I came here on earth for a great mission, do over rule things so I will be permitted to fulfill it to the letter. Father, there is a spirit that has been weighing down upon me for several months, yes, for years, that I am to be prophet in Israel. It is so or am I deceived? Do give me knowledge.

Miss Lawisch, (?), has discontinued her labors in the Academy on account of bad health and may God preserve her from evil and danger. She goes to Idaho. May Reed takes her place in the Academy.

¹⁷ This is probably Nelson Monroe Bishop born 8 Jun 1889 and died 31 Jan 1891, child of Mahonri M. and Jeanett (Brunson) Bishop.

¹⁸ Johannah Kristine (Peterson), born 1850 and died 22 Jan 1891 in Fillmore, wife of Lafe Christopherson.

¹⁹ Karl G. Maeser (1828-1901), president of the Brigham Young Academy.

The school is progressing nicely and students are to have a badge to wear which will be I think, an incentive for them and I hope it will have the desired effect.

Feb. 22, 1891 Week was prosperous. Students put on their badges Sat. eve and had a grand supper and program.

I went to Holden to Conference Sunday and spoke but did not feel as free as I would like to have done, but all students, rather about 75 of students and teachers attended conference on Monday and I spoke again and felt a greater flow of the spirit of God and the spirit with me and other speakers found a responding chord with congregation.

Angie Callister is better and God has heard our prayers. Bro. Maeser said (he told Bro. Andlin, he only placed two teachers, Profs. Cluff²⁰ and Talmage²¹ above me for the science of teaching and discipline. For such praise, I can not feel too humble, all I fear is that I am not worthy of the confidence.

I received letters from my dear wife Martha. My humble prayer is that I may live ever to merit the good name that has been given me by the saints of the most High God.

Feb. 29, 1891 School went well and Angie, is better. Bro. Christian Anderson²² predicted that I would be one of the 144,000 that would go forth to bind up the law and seal up the testimony and I would have power over the elements-storms and waves and mobocracy and evil while doing my work. Says he: It was shown to me while once looking at your face and has been repeated to me, so now I tell you.”

Mar. 4, 1891 O, God, how thankful, I am so over joyed. for thy spirit, today, yes the spirit of prophecy has rested upon me and I prophesied to students, in a closing speech wherein I referred to the Upas Tree²³ and compared. it to infidels and atheism and asked students to live up to instructions receive here in this institution in the past and also this morning. I began bearing my testimony to them that God lived and that He had spoken from the heavens and this was His institution and then came the prophecy: “And I tell you in the spirit of prophecy if you will take these instructions given in this Institution and given this morning and carry them out they will remain with you longer than the lasting hills, yes, I say unto you, the Spirit of prophecy it will stay with you through eternity. And I prophecy unto you in the name of Israel’s God, that though the Heavens and the earth pass away it will remain with you for ever and those who do not carry out these teachings and instructions their lives will come to naught. All that feel the spirit of God flowing in their veins and their hearts burning within them and all that believe these

²⁰ Benjamin Cluff, Jr. (1858-1948), was teaching at Brigham Young Academy at this time. Became president of BYA in 1892.

²¹ James E. Talmage (1862-1933), in 1893 was president of the Latter-day Saints College in Salt Lake City. He was ordained an apostle in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1911.

²² Christian Anderson (1840-), was prominent in Fillmore, holding city offices of councilman, recorder, attorney and justice of the peace. In the church he served as Bishop of the Fillmore ward and in several stake callings, including the stake high council. He was also the secretary and treasurer of the Millard Stake Academy.

²³ A southeast Asian tree of the mulberry family which traditionally was said to kill all who fell asleep under it.

are the words of God, arise to your feet. All arose simultaneously except two and they were infidels. "O, God, bless this Institution and all that pertains to it. My heart is overflowing with love and gratitude at such a spirit and Father do guide me aright and may I never be permitted to go astray. And oh, to see the spirit of God rest on students of this institution and to hear their testimonies for they were part voluntary and stated they had rec'd enough good to day to pay them for all their time and means here these 10 weeks. Everyone nearby felt as though it were impossible to keep his seat and tonight as I sat here in my office the spirit of God, rested upon Bro. Frank Olson and oh, such a testimony as I never saw and heard before except with my brother Francis.²⁴ He just hugged me said: I was his true brother and friend. And his whole frame was changed and he spoke with intelligence and such beautiful comparisons and truths. Then he would sorrow and weep for the wrongs of his Bro. Ed. He (Frank) was the blood of the Gentile and it had to be purged out of his veins before he became calm and his mind reached farther and grasped more truths than ever before. Kind Father, let this testimony ever be with me and the persons that have rec'd. it and help us to live to thy spirit.

Mar. 4, 1891 Today being fast day, students met from 10:40 to 12:25 o'clock in fast meeting and what an outpouring of the spirit of God, there was! The students wept and all with a few exceptions spoke and bore their testimony to the truth of this work, or that God lived, and again has spoken from the heavens. Some offered predictions, some arose and said. "Praise God." (Chas. Hickman), some said: "It is now a time for testimony." Some said. (Laura Hickman)²⁵ "Here ye, that are skeptical for this will be a testimony unto you, etc." Bro. C. F. Christianson offered a prediction also Bro. Rydalch, four that were infidelic rec'd testimonies of God and of his work. I felt to predict that this pouring out of the spirit of God, would not cease at this, but this day and yesterday was only a beginning of what was to come and would, come upon these Institutions and Youths of Zion; and that a cloud of smoke by day and a pillar of fire by night would rest upon these Institutions. That just in the near future yes, just upon the threshold of the present time, just at our doors, there are things to come to pass that you would not believe though it were told to you. You, students will find that there will come a darkening influence upon you that will attempt to convince you that you are wrong; but if you are faithful you will overcome this evil spirit. The Spirit of God is great upon many of you that you do not know how to contain it; but it will be so you can be calm under its influence.

Mar. 6, 1891 The next morning in Primary Dept., the primaries had another such a meeting and the spirit was as great as the day before. While the students and Bro. Rydalch, were praying for a spirit of testimony, the pupils in several instances saw angels come to the windows and on the inside. I questioned those pupils as to how the angels were dressed and they said they (the angels) were dressed in white like dresses which must have been temple clothing. I asked, "Did the angels have wings" and in all answers the response was "No." I could not doubt their innocent testimonies.

Bro. Maeser, is here and says the Academy, has done well this year and praises work of teachers. He was nearly overcome at the sight of such an orderly dept. and such beauty of behavior. He lectured in Polysophical Society, and also twice Sunday. He told me a dream that he had some

²⁴ George Francis Hickman (1868-1958), younger brother of Josiah.

²⁵ Laura Hickman (1874-1970), age 17, younger sister of Josiah.

10 years ago of his being in a strange building with his daughter and the Lord Jesus, was coming and, did come and the proceedings, etc., and. no one had been able to interpret it and the interpretation came to me and the brethren bore testimony to the truth of the interpretation of the same and it was in regard to his work and mission here that he is doing. I also related of dreaming of three moons in full in the north and one new moon; and Bro. Maeser, said: "The three moons were 3 prophets. The prophets were Brigham, John Taylor and W. Woodruff, but would not say what the fourth moon (new) meant. Bro. Anderson, spoke up and said Bro, Hickman, you will some time know the rest. I dreamed the same dream three or four times on successive years of these moons. I saw as I now remember many moons, old (waning), full and new moons. An angel stood by me the first time and when I saw them he said: Did not your mother see these when she was a maiden? Then I remembered she saw them as new moons. I only say 3 or 4 the first. Each time I was filled with the spirit of God, to over flowing and shouted: "Hosannah! Hosannah! to God, in the highest." Each time before I allowed myself to shout this I made every conceivable test to see if I was awake and when I had convinced myself that it was not a dream then I would glorify God, and every time I found it only a dream or vision. I have never been fully able to interpret what I have seen.

Angie, is better. I rec'd letters, etc...

Mar. 15, 1891 Week's work went well. Examinations very satisfactory. About half of students discontinued to work on farms, etc. Went to Meadow and Kanosh and organized the Religion Classes, spoke at public meetings. The impressions that Bros. W .E. Rydalch²⁶ and Frank Hinckley, had concerning me and my future, I dare not say what it is for it is not wise to mention, but I will keep those sayings in my heart and. see if they have over estimated me. Bro. Anderson, said. It has been shown to me several times that you (J.E.H.) are to be one of the 144,000 high priests to go to the nations of earth to bind up the law and seal up the testimony to the world and that you will have power over storms, waves and the elements and over mobocracy and. opposition. Bro. Maeser offers me a position in B.Y.A. if I desire it. Bro. Maeser, prophesied that if students neglected their studies or duties it would come back to them like coals of fire on their heads in the future. In my prediction, Mar. 5, that just over the door sill of tomorrow that there would be things that they would not believe though they were told and the next morning, Mar. 6, Angels waited upon Primary Dept., which literally fulfilled the prediction I also stated that Lucifer, would make a greater attack upon the Academy then ever before; and Last Friday evening at the Academy party, some possessed of the devil, entered the academy hall and stole many coats, wraps, hats, etc., of students and threw them into the creek, which was also a fulfillment of the prediction.

Mar. 22, 1891 The week has passed quite pleasantly, having about 72 students in Academy this week. Angie is well, thank God! I have just administered to a Bro. Fred Swallow²⁷, who has not lain down for one and a half years and he has been a invalid for five years, and in the administration I promised him that he should be restored to health and for him to record it, that he was miraculously healed by God, and for him to lie down and sleep for he could if he would

²⁶ William Edward Rydalch (1868-1941)

²⁷ Frederick Swallow, (1849-1893) son of Thomas and Caroline Swallow.

and Bro. McMahon,²⁸ bore testimony to the same. We told him that if he had faith God would heal him then and if he did not God, would take him from the earth. He was well from that night for in and out to work in 10 days. On the way home from this place mentioned, the Spirit of God, rested upon me and there in the solitude and darkness with my head uncovered, prophesied of events in the near future of this mighty work that would be made manifest in the near future and the blessings of this people and the destruction of the east and the change of the surface of the earth. It was shown me there, I had a mighty work to perform and that He would give me great power here on earth.

I have been given a share in the gold mine discovered or located by Sister Kassel and she still claims it is genuine and we are going to have it worked.

Sister Swallow²⁹ died April 1, 1891, being the only one that has died that I have aided in administering to here in Fillmore. She had been an invalid for 16 years. She was the mother of him who was healed, in one night, just mentioned.

Mar. 29, 1891 School has progressed very smoothly even more so than common while the devil raged through his mediators—men of this place and the Tribune, for a very low down article about our Academy, ridiculing things of God. It came out in the Tribune.

The invalid, that I mentioned in last weeks writing, did not attempt to lie down that evening when, we administered to him, until the next day when his bros. and folks told him to try or else he would receive no benefit; his reply for not attempting lie down before, was: “I thought it would take time.” And from this he lay down two hours the first day and so on each day and Thurs. evening he lay down and slept five hours.

I have given two lectures this week upon the following subjects: “City of Babylon” and “Infidelity” and received great praise for the same. But I return all of it to God, for he enlightened my mind to a wonderful degree, I am to start to Conference Thurs., if all is well.

Apr. 5, 1891 Attended General Conference, at Salt Lake City and a grand spirit was manifested through the whole conference. Visited home and found all well. There were 3 predictions or prophecies from Pres. Woodruff, George Q. Cannon and Apostle Thatcher.³⁰

Apr. 12, 1891 I have been called to remain here another year then I am to be released to study in the new University that is to be built in S.L. City. Spoke in Sunday school and meeting today.

Apr. 19, 1891 This week closed up five weeks of school and examination--several (about 20) are to discontinue. All is well at home. Spoke at funeral of Bro. Stoke's³¹ on Saturday. On Sunday listened to a fine sermon from Prof. Paul.

²⁸ Probably James McMahon born in 1836 in Ireland.

²⁹ Caroline (Crow) Swallow (1829-1891), wife of Thomas Swallow.

³⁰ Moses Thatcher, 1842-1909; apostle from 1879 to 1896.

³¹ William Stokes b. 1822 England.

Apr. 26, 1891 School has progressed very well, yet members keep getting thinner. We have enjoyed comparatively good health. The spirit of discontentment and war was begun to make itself felt more of late. I spoke in conjoint upon topics of times. I spoke yesterday (Sat.) in last session of County Teachers' Association. I had a very peculiar dream that seems of much worth about the last of Apr. I thought I was standing alone in an open field and while enjoying the spirit of God; all at once I was translated in a twinkling of an eye and that I had false teeth in the front top and bottom jaws and while this translation was going on which was in a few seconds, my false teeth were jerked (thrown out of my mouth) and fell upon ground by my feet and new ones were put or (grew in a few seconds) in my head that became as my own and the change of body felt like a tingling sensation and as soon as the change had taken place, my joy and feeling were almost beyond description. In my mind, this is to take place when I will be about 60 or 50 years old. I feel as though this dream would come to pass. There was an angel standing by my side and said to me: "What age will you be when this takes place? Look at yourself and the false teeth and judge." I said: "about 60 or 65." Then without a reply the angel left me.

May 21, 1891 Nothing of great importance has transpired. We have today closed, up examination with satisfaction and tomorrow is public examination. Last Sunday (17) I preached in Holden and God aided me in an able manner and I felt well paid for my trip. Seven young men and ladies from Holden have agreed to attend Normal Dept., next year, this makes 22, that we now have and, prospects bid fair to have a large dept. next year.

The Millard Investment Co. has been revised and now I pay my \$250 assessment in the Co., and at the end of the year if I choose to draw out I can withdraw with interest on my money and Bro. Callister, will take my shares. One and a half percent will be paid for all money paid in Co., and be paid semiannually. These installments must be paid by the Co., once in 3 months.

The examination and completion of studies is much more complete and satisfactory than ever before. I am going to Deseret to conference and then to Manti, to be baptized for my eyes and health and memory. Ella, Laura, and Chas., are to start tomorrow for Benjamin. Laura, and Chas., have done exceedingly well this year. Charley, is a changed boy and that for the better for which I am very much pleased. Bro. Maeser promises me for my accepting the call here for another year that I will see the day that I will thank God, for this call.

May 30, 1891 (Manti Utah) Examination of Academy on 22, passed off in an exceedingly pleasant manner. The spirit of God was upon the congregation so much so that Sister Powell arose and spoke with the power of God upon her and said: I dreamed that I saw the Academy in State House and it was hardly large enough to hold the students. The students represented the work done by the students and teachers during the year, and never did I hear such an excellent report given as given by Miss May Cooper³², of the work done and the course of instruction in Normal Class, yet one of the best, Miss. M. Reed gave, it was an excellent speech upon the course in Language that had been taken during the year.

I went to Conference in Deseret and on the way there was told that Pres. Woodruff, on hearing of so many young ladies that could not get companions suitable and knowing they could not due to

³² Probably Florence May Cooper (1873-1934), daughter of John and Mary Cooper of Fillmore.

the Manifesto did with up lifted hands exclaim with a scream, “My God, My God, what will become of the daughters of Zion?”³³ I spoke at Conference. Our Academy was praised to the highest by Pres. Hinckley³⁴, Apostle John Henry Smith³⁵ and Semour B. Young³⁶ were there also and have much valuable instruction. I was treated very kindly by friends. Prospects are that we will have a large Normal class, or Jr. Dept. if allowed by General Board. I came to Provo stayed over and came to Manti, where I have been baptized seven times for my eyes and will fast and be baptized again for opening tube of my left eye.³⁷ I have great faith that I will get my blessing.

One of my dearest companions for life and eternity is to meet me here where she will remain as long as safe. I have been praying to become a great instrument in God’s hands in establishing righteousness upon earth and if he will bless me with such power I will by the aid of his spirit, never falter.

June 14, 1891 (Wilford, Idaho) I have had a pleasant trip up here—lost my satchel but have found it) arriving on 12, and finding all veil. The family (Lawisch)³⁸ received me with kindness and I believe they are sorry for what they have said. I am studying Psychology while here.

Before leaving Manti, I fasted (not eating, now drinking) for 42 hours and was baptized for the opening of tubes of my left eye and benefit of mind and eyes in general and will say I have been benefited and I firmly believe I will receive all my heart desired in that regard. I have enjoyed my self exceedingly well with my dear wife and hope nothing will prevent us from attending meeting often in as favorable circumstances as this.

June 21, 1891 (Wilford) Attended Sunday School at Wilford and spoke to school upon finding same spirit pervading the same. No matter where I went, whether in the rude hut or palace, I found the spirit of God prevailing as do the rays of the sun which shine upon the Hottentot³⁹ as well as a king or priest, whether upon isle of ocean or America, etc. It is now Tues. eve and I leave tomorrow for the south— my home. I have enjoyed myself exceedingly and have the pain of departing from these new friends I have formed and my dear wife. It gives me pain to leave my esteemed companion; but Father bless her and preserve her from harm and may she rejoice and be joyful and contented and let us meet again in safety.

July 14, 1891 (Benjamin Utah) I have returned home in safety to Ella and children and found all well, but Lucifer, has been trying very hard to destroy my little children by drowning little Dee and Othello. I can not thank my Father in heaven too much for his protecting hand over us. Dear Father; it is my continual prayer that we may ever be worthy and protected by Thee. I have

³³ The latest “Mormon rumor” going round. It is doubtful this ever happened.

³⁴ Ira Nathaniel Hinckley, (1828-1904) stake president of Millard Stake. Grandfather of present day, Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley

³⁵ John Henry Smith (1848-1911) was sustained a member of the Twelve in 1880.

³⁶ Seymour Bicknell Young (1837-1924), member of the first Council of Seventy at this time.

³⁷ Baptism for health was a general practice from the early days of the church. It was discontinued in the temples about 1921.

³⁸ Martha’s parents were Robert and Agusta (Hushie) Lawisch.

³⁹ A term for a variety of different African peoples, especially the Khoikhoi.

attended summer school and took lectures from the Profs. Passed examination in Psychology, Physiology, Rhetoric and Latin.

On returning home I heard Sister Lois Frampton, was dead and buried and that Ella, had been to funeral; for this kind act I was pleased. I wrote Bro. James Frampton⁴⁰ a letter of consolation. I am pursuing my studies have read and completed Baldwin's Psychology,⁴¹ reviewed Astronomy and Rhetoric, and now am trying to complete Algebra and Emile (Rousseau).⁴² Ella,⁴³ still determined to press on and feels well at present. God bless her in her struggle.

Aug. 4, 1891 (Fillmore) Came from Benjamin, 27, July, arrived found all well. Has been a destructive flood here in Fillmore. We have succeeded in getting State House for Academy this year. I was 29 years old yesterday. It seems impossible that I am getting that old. It is said that some are buried at one hundred who died at youth, but I am striving to live until I am a hundred and be buried in days of that time.

The elections of the Territory are very close, which seems very peculiar, when but a year ago the Territory was three fourths Democratic. It appears as though there was an unseen power ruling all these things. Yes, that divine power that rules this church and the world and they (U.S.) Say church and state must be separated but God and God's influence rules all in spite of man's will. The President (Harrison)⁴⁴ has with others of his council, promised if Territory showed a fighting chance of going Republican they would give Utah and Mormons state-hood, free our Brethren from the pen, which was 52 and give back the franchise to Polygamists. The President has freed all but 2 and now waits results of other two promises. Many of our people are becoming bewildered as to the future for such a prospect of affairs seems tangling. Yet God, will come from His hiding place and establish all and give back all that have been taken from them. I have just been told by Bro. Anderson that within 5 yrs. we would have our freedom, etc. Father, I pray for light and knowledge of this future. I have just finished reading Rousseau's Emile. I preached in Meadow last Sunday, also Pres. Hinckley, Anderson, and Stevens and Giles. I spoke upon our battle of life, different from Jaradites but just as sweeping and closed up with advice to youth and spoke of the Academy.

Aug. 22, 1891 School opened 17th of Aug., with 45 pupils, but before week was out 48 had being a continued increase from year to year. We are located in the State House and on opening morning the Executive board were present and Patriarch Jos. D. Smith,⁴⁵ dedicated the building for the Academy. The week has ended very favorably for beginning week. Sister Cooper, that has been so very sick is now improving. Our teachers of the Academy are myself, E. S.

⁴⁰ James Frampton (1855-1920) was born in England.

⁴¹ *Psychology Applied to the Art of Teaching* by James M. Baldwin

⁴² A novel that expressed Rousseau's beliefs on education.

⁴³ Ella is pregnant with their child Josiah Eugene.

⁴⁴ Benjamin Harrison, United State President (Republican) , 1889-1893; he lost to Grover Cleveland, the Democratic candidate.

⁴⁵ Joseph Daniel Smith (1846-1935).

Hinckley,⁴⁶ May Cooper, also two normals aiding for schooling, Lily Powell⁴⁷ and Rosie Robinson.

Received \$50, payment from Bro. Andeline. Dear Martha, is in very poor health at present. Have passed in Physiology, Rhetoric and Elementary Latin to apply on Academic degree also I passed in Elementary Psychology. Spoke on Sunday in Fillmore. What a bewildering time for Saints, no revelation etc., yet follow prophecies from beginning to end and in them we see our outcome. Also spoke of Academy and influence and manifestations of last year to students.

Aug. 27, 1891 We had conference Aug. 23 and. 24, had good spirit. Speakers were Pres. Hinckley, Daniel Thompson,⁴⁸ bishops and representatives presidents of Quorums, W. H. King,⁴⁹ Joshua Greenwood⁵⁰ and myself. I spoke of educating the spirit of man so we need not walk by sight or physical hearing alone, but by the spirit for the spirit had eyes ears, etc., and to educate the spiritual eye and ear so we could hear the whisperings of Holy Ghost or spirit of God. We as Saints neglected that too much. Feed the Spirit as we do the body and in the course of time it will become spiritually strong and will be able to heal the sick, etc., for it needs the spirit strong to do such feats, but neglecting spirit, starving it, we can't expect to have strong faith nor do spiritual work, etc. Asked if we had faith in Jesus Christ; and then spoke if had faith of paying tithes and offerings, etc. Read from Malachi, 3 Chap. from 5-8 verses. By the spirit of God it went home to the hearts of the people and every speaker after alluded to my sermon as touching upon valuable truths.

Sister Forti,⁵¹ died and. I was called upon to speak at her funeral with others. Also Sun. 30 I went to Holden and spoke at funeral of Jonathan Bennett, who was killed by horse falling down with him. He lived only a few hrs. after accident. Poor wife and family! In the sermon I quoted from Job 19 Chap., Rev. 20 Chap., Doc. Cov. 29 Sec and 76 Sec., words of consolation. This young man if he is as faithful as reputed will come forth at the first resurrection, which will be within the next hundred years.⁵²

School is progressing nicely.

⁴⁶ Probably Edwin Smith Hinckley (1868-1929), later was second counselor to George H. Brimhall, president of Brigham Young University, and a professor of genealogy.

⁴⁷ Lilly Powell (1870-1945), daughter of John Powell and Henrietta Seaton Blythe. Lilly was from the town of Meadow.

⁴⁸ Daniel Thompson (1824-), first counselor in the Millard Stake presidency from 1882 to 1902. Lived in Scipio.

⁴⁹ William H. King.

⁵⁰ Joshua Greenwood, (1860-1934), a lawyer in Fillmore, later was a judge on the fifth judicial district of Utah.

⁵¹ Ann Fortie, wife of Alexander Fortie.

⁵² Provo *Dispatch*: Last Saturday night a sad accident occurred in Holden, Millard county, by which Jonathan Bennett of that place lost his life. He in company with his brother and Wm. Probert, of Provo, had made a trip in the mountains to inspect sheep and a mineral prospect, and had returned to Holden. Jonathan than mounted his horse and was taking prospector's pick to A. Harmon's when his horse stumbled and, by a sudden pull, was brought over backwards. Jonathan's left temple struck the road, forcing his eye from the socket and making him unconscious. Dr. Menery was sent for to Fillmore, but his practical eye saw at a glance that the case was hopeless.. Jonathan Bennett was 29 years of age and leaves a wife and three little children. [*The Standard*, Ogden, Utah, No. 207, Vol. 5, September 5, 1891]

“A Dream” — I earnestly asked God, 3 times one night to let me know how I should know whether or not a person would be sick unto death or how to pray and to feel when going to administer and for Him to answer me in His own way, and that night I dreamed that some young men were going down in a muddy flood some were hanging on a beam but it turned end over end and they were drowning and I wanted to aid them but was afraid to jump in; and, after words I felt fearful for being such a coward and after the flood was over, it was shown that the water was not as deep as appeared; the bodies were found and to look at the creek then it looked as though they might have been saved. A few minutes later I though I was standing with young children and 2 young ladies in a dry creed bed and all at once the flood or another one was all around me and at first thought I thought all were gone or lost but I straightened up and said “No they will not go down but I will save them and no sooner did I say this than I saw the flood disappear and were all safe.” In this dream I see my answer. It was God’s revelation to me. To have power to save one can’t be a coward. One must have fearless determination no matter what be the flood or danger.

Sept. 13, 1891 Since last writing there has been quite a change. Two little babes have died and one of them was promised by me and other elders that it should live but it died. This has been a great study for me for we felt as though God dictated the words we said. When the child was very low (Sunday Eve) Bp. Callister and I went to my office and offered up a prayer for the little child and asked God to let us know by His spirit whether it was sick unto death or not; and if it was not to let us know and dictate the words of our mouth and, in our prayer we said, “O, God, thy will be done.” And oh! what a spirit rested upon us until we wept for joy, and then we went and got Bros. Frank and Edwin Hinckley to go and administer to the babe with us and while in the sick room we again promised it should live as was the day before and we assured the parents that the child would live; but we vent home and slept and Bro. Peterson,⁵³ father of child, lay down in the after part of the night and no sooner did he lay down than the child grew worse and before he could be gotten up the child died. One reason I promised the child it should live was the dream came before to me of little children around me and I thought sure that was a presentment that we could save it by power of the Priesthood. I have fasted and prayed two days and night, asking Father in Heaven why we were deceived and what that dream meant and why the child died and the answer came to me so plain and the spirit seemed to say, “You did not stay on the isle with the little child while the flood danger was around it; but left while in danger.” And I find I did leave while the child was in danger and the spirit else told me that little children could not help themselves; but were at the mercy of disease (or flood) unless helped by others. I think I now see clearly why the child died. God, being my helper, I will do better after this. I spoke at the funeral of those two little children and stated that one of those corpses was promised to live and while speaking the Lord poured out his spirit on me more than ever before at a funeral.

I delivered a lecture in Polysophical Society on Ancient Egypt and one in conjoint on Modern Christianity. I have been appointed a home missionary but will be released to go with presidency when they go or when they can get off. I have just learned Bro. Isaac J. Hayes,⁵⁴ has

⁵³ This child was probably Joseph Peterson, born on 12 March 1891 in Fillmore, Utah and died on 1 April 1891, son of James Christian Peterson and Anna Elizabeth Tonseth.

⁵⁴ Isaac John Hayes (1860-1891).

died in Old Mexico. He was a grand young man, full of the faith and true to the work and may I be as sure and noble as he has been. He had two families.

Sept. 20, 1891 Weeks's work progressed. Nicely closed with examination in all classes and had dance Friday evening for students which was a grand success. I rec'd a note which read as follows: Born a son at 4:30 A.M., 10th Sept. Mother and child doing well." I am overjoyed at the news and Father in Heaven bless them, as I have been impressed for 4 months that the child would be a son and a great man intellectually if not a prophet of the Most High God. I write this and wait for the proof thereof for this seems to be dictated by the Lord. I also later learned that he was born with veil over his face, which is claimed to be a sign of a wise man. He is named Marion Leonidas God bless the babe may he fulfill what I saw of him, a mighty man of intelligence.

I spoke at funeral of Sister Maycock's.⁵⁵ I received a telegram that my sister's child (Othello)⁵⁶ is dead. I am very, very sorry to hear the sad news and I wrote her (Eunice) and husband a long letter of condolence which I hope will make them feel better.

Sept. 27, 1891 All progressed nicely, school increased in numbers. I went hunting deer, but saw none, but had a nice out. Came home very tired and sore. No Polysophical.

Oct. 5, 1891 School went well, more students. I have had a lovely week. Went to surprise, Thurs. eve, on Sister Callister. We as Elders promised Bro. Alfred Gull,⁵⁷ he should live, yet he is still very bad. Joseph F. Smith, has been pardoned by President of the U.S.

I am in love with my school and students and teachers. As with the priest so with the people; as with teachers so with pupils. A good teacher is the grandest of musicians and plays upon the grandest of instruments—the human intellect. Yes, he is a builder, an architect, a moulder, moulding the human character. Between saying and doing is a mighty gulf in which many fall and their bones deer, down in the chasm tell the story, for but few ever span the gulf.

Oct. 12, 1891 All went well, sick are recovering gradually.

Oct. 18, 1891 I have fasted, little over two days and nights for the sick of this place and all seen better, viz: Sister Cooper, Bro. Gull and wife,⁵⁸ Sisters Ralph,⁵⁹ and Beeston. I promised in name of Jesus that Sister Gull, would yet see—Father may my words not fall to the ground unheard but may she see. (Later she got so she could see the faces of her children.) I preached funeral sermon over remains of Bro. Albert Day's child that died last Thursday morning. In course of remarks I said it would play as a child in heaven and wait for its mother to raise it, quoted from, Rev., 12th verse. The flower in its hands was suggestive of a little child's life it had been nipped by some untimely frost and passed away pure. Its book would have but few

⁵⁵ Probably Amanda Maycock, a widowed lady living in Fillmore.

⁵⁶ David Othello Richardson (1889-1891) son of Thomas and Eunice Lettie (Hickman) Richardson.

⁵⁷ Alfred Gull (1842-1891), husband of Mary Emma Henderson.

⁵⁸ Mary E. Gull nee Henderson

⁵⁹ Emily Ralph, wife of Daniel Ralph.

leaves written upon and the rest remain a blank. Our hope of the resurrection is grand; may we prepare to meet the first resurrection. Quoted 87 Sec. of Doc. and Cov., “Word. of Wisdom.” I spoke in meeting house today and spoke of the important time in which we live. I quoted Isaiah’s sayings of our time, ensign lifted up and go up to the house of Jacob’s God, etc. Drew picture of tree that had many kinds of fruit upon, sweetest of all were fruit of faith, repentance, love truth, hope charity, forgiveness. Fruit that when eaten we have no desire to vilify our neighbors; and other fruit is the Spirit of God, the Holy Priesthood, etc., and bid all to eat for that meant life eternal. Who ever tasted of them? Awake Israel! and put on thy armor. We are living in an important time, greater than ever before. 1892 has her prophecies to fulfill and her prophecies to make and so has 1893 and so on and each moment, each hour as it whizzes past us seems to say it is nearer time of Jesus Christ to advent, awake and be servants of God, or to be a servant or handmaiden of God, is greater than to be a king or queen, for servant has riches and life eternal, but if you are not his servant though you may be as rich as Dives it will not benefit you. When the times comes that those that come up to Zion, for her loaves and fishes and those that are untrue, have passed away then those that remain in Zion, will be called holy. Last night I dreamed of eating and awoke found it but a dream. I am afraid many of us when we have been forced to bow our hoary heads to mother earth, that we will awaken and find that we have dreamed and not eaten, etc.

Oct. 20, 1891 Closed up 10 weeks of first term with week’s examinations. Students did well as a whole; also had a nice dance Friday evening. I was clothed with a grand spirit last Friday evening, even to overflowing. I am looking forward when the Saints that are faithful will be endowed with a greater spirit of God, than ever before. We are told by authorities that they do not expect plural marriage will ever be reestablished until Jesus comes to reign. Pres. Snow made this statement.

Nov. 1, 1891 I had a dream Friday, Oct. 23, that serious trouble was in our Academy with students and teachers and this week has proven the truthfulness of same for all week we have been unearthing the deception. I spoke Thurs. evening to the students portraying to them what word, of honor meant and it was terrific by spirit of God, until young men wept.

Sister Cooper,⁶⁰ died at last and. I feel, that our Father had accepted our labors and. fasting and praying. I was one of the speakers. Bro. Smith was the other. I spoke of the character of the sister, pure and mild and that she had gone to the world of the righteous and if she could be seen she would be in well ordered cities or a city where they had streets, walks etc., and that the Priesthood of this earth was subject to that one in heaven and that when anyone was taken from here as Sister Cooper, that act was well considered in heaven and our faith and prayers were also weighed and accounted unto us as righteousness. Exhorted her children to follow mother’s example—made comparison of our life and minds or souls as spotless gems to write upon and they would lie our book to write upon and they would read from either to our exaltation or condemnation. Quoted Rev. Chap. 20, Verse, 12. In closing read a hymn that was appropriate to her.

⁶⁰ Mary Ann Cooper nee Lewis (1833-1891), wife of John Cooper.

Nov. 8, 1891 I delivered a lecture last Friday evening in Polysophical Society on Babylon (Her civilization). I am now working hard on Science of Teaching Astronomy, Algebra, etc.

Some of my students have broken their word of honor and an interview with them broke them down and they preferred anything if I would only let them return in the Academy and they will be given another trial. School is closed on account of sickness for two weeks.

Nov. 15, 1891 Pres. Hinckley's little granddaughter died and I aided in preaching the funeral sermon.

Studied all week as there was no school. In a letter from Bro. Maeser he thinks I have no need to worry over such reports, as are going around but remain and all will be well. (The reports referred to are scurrilous reports from the Tribune, by some unscrupulous writer from here who is criticizing our spiritual meetings in the Academy.)⁶¹

By letter I hear my mother is better from sore eyes. I am working hard in my studies that I may some day be enable to take the titles of B.S.D.; also B. Pedagogy. Father, aid me in my weak endeavors. Make me strong and I pledge my word, by thy aid to use my learning for good, establishing truth and righteousness and putting down error.

Nov. 22, 1891 Bro. E. S. Hinckley and I are or have been preaching around county in behalf of Academy and advancement of youth of Zion. Preached at Meadows and in closing my sermon the power of God rested upon me until I prophesied that in the name of Israel's God, if youth would take hold of the opportunity and go to the Academy and even spent their all in a few years, they would be better off than when they started at the Academy; not alone in knowledge but financially. I was well pleased to see such a spirit and their manifestations. Father, I thank Thee for such a blessing. I crave Thy spirit and hunger and thirst after thy spirit to make me an orator by thy spirit. That my voice may become terrible to sinners and encouraging to the righteous. Father, make me a fit instrument in thy hands that Thou canst speak through me as never before.

Nov. 27, 1891 I have had born to me another son, Nov. 22. Ella and babe are doing well. He is a nice large babe and bids fair to be a great man. We have just closed up conference and had a fine time. I spoke the last day of Conference in afternoon on Second Coming of Jesus Christ and signs of his coming and when I closed Bro. Reid⁶² of Deseret arose and spoke in tongues and he interpreted it himself which was as follows: "Though he said first that the young man had spoken the rifles [?] of his soul." In brief he said: "I have inspired my servant to utter these words in your hearing. Oh, my people, sayeth the Lord, the witness that bath been given of my second coming is true. You are called upon to wait and seek for the gift to wait; and although the Lord does not want you to make His statement false that you would go to sleep, yet He calls upon you not to sleep. O, ye watchmen of Zion's camp, sleep not; but watch and. be ready to awaken the Saints that do sleep. O, ye people, there is one in your midst to prepare the way of His, coming. May God bless you to this end." Amen.

⁶¹ This is referring to an article, "Messiah' Craze at Fillmore," printed in the *Salt Lake Tribune*, March 23, 1891.

⁶² Possibly DeWitt C. Reed.

Dec. 4, 1891 School is progressing nicely and we have the spirit of God with us in a goodly degree. My students are drinking in with the spirit of this Academy which is the spirit of God. I went and preached at Holden last Sun. upon education and the advancement of youth, stating in course of my remarks that the Saints would yet kiss one another with the holy kiss of old.

I hear from dear Martha and she and her dear babe are getting along nicely. Ella, is nearly well and it looks so good to see her around once more.

Mable Crafts,⁶³ one of my students, while fasting and praying was visited by a heavenly messenger. It was thus: As she lay in bed in the morning about 4 o'clock, half asleep there came a rushing of wind, or like wind and she thought it a storm brewing; when out of that wind came a beautiful voice saying: God, loves those that serve Him in spirit and in truth. There is but one God, the Father of all, the Eternal Father, that dwells in the heavens; believe in Him and ye shall be saved. Even so, amen. It is grand and true for she said it in all soberness. Father, bless all those that desire it with the same blessings.

Dec. 25, 1891 It has been three weeks since I wrote in you dear Journal. School has closed for Christmas. We had a fine examination and public meeting. Bro. Hinckley and I made the Academy a present of a fine organ (\$175). We had a fine concert last evening. I took part in a scene from Caesar; also recited "Barnodo del Carpio". I feel the Academy is growing slowly. I am agreeably surprised, to learn that my former students still hold me in high esteem and farther they hold me as a better teacher than any teacher in the B.Y.A. except Prof. Benj. Cluff and they (my former students) were wondering if Benj. Cuff, was a better teacher than I. Would that I were as good as he, at present I am not able to unloose his shoes in learning. Why do they so believe? It is my Father in heaven who has clothed this weak form of mine, and has hidden my ignorance from those implicit students.

I start today for my home, also to go and pass my examination in Salt Lake, in Algebra, and Astronomy. Ella, is well again and our little children are doing well. Dear Martha and our dear little babe are far away and lonely. My heart bleeds for them and my happiness is not complete without them. Father, bless them and make them comfortable and happy.

Jan. 16, 1892 School has closed successfully, Dec. 23. We had a fine examination and presented. Academy with a fine organ (\$175) (Bro. E. S. Hinckley) and myself. Went home, Salt Lake, Provo and home for holidays. Passed examinations in Algebra and Astronomy. I was offered a chance to teach in B.Y. Academy next year. We have but only a hundred students in the Academy this term. It seems we (the teachers) are not appreciated here at present if we judge by the attendance. I spoke in meeting today and dwelt upon the momentous time we are living in and the waywardness of youth of Zion. Gave in substance of Zenos' Vision. The Lord aided me much in my sermon.

Feb. 3, 1892 Dr. Maeser, have been here and spoke with great power in different towns in the county in behalf of the Academy. He praised up the Academy here and said it was the best Stake

⁶³ Mabel Crafts (1875-1903), daughter of David King and Phebe Ann (Rodeback) Crafts

Academy we had in Zion. Said I was able to teach in the colleges if I would take a position in one. I donated (\$10) more for the Academy. I spoke in Priesthood meeting last Sat and dwelling upon how teachers of wards should present this donation for the Academy to the people; and if they would take their allotments and go in humbleness and ask God, to bless them and soften the hearts of the people and give the people an understanding and importance of the supporting of this Academy then I would prophecy in the name of Israel God, that they would get all the allotments from the Saints.”

Dear, Martha, as I write I think of you and wonder how you are getting along and if you and our dear babe are well and happy or do you pine and sorrow. It will not be always thus and God has decreed differently. Bro. Maeser says that there must soon be a change for this state of affairs is working evil in Zion. Sister Crypts⁶⁴ was so near blind that she could scarcely see--had to be lead around and we elders, I being mouth, promised her she would receive her sight and now she can see good enough to sew. We did promise Sister Gull, she could and would yet see and she has begun already to see and can see the face of her children and the headline of Deseret News.

Feb. 8, 1892 Examination closed up successfully and we gave the students a dance. We learned by letter that Mary Orser,⁶⁵ our sister has a fine boy. Sunday (Feb. 7) I addressed the Saints here and spoke upon duties of Saints in regards to keeping the Sabbath Day, holy and should attend meetings and partake of the sacrament. I did not feel free in my speaking as I sometimes feel. Have I at any time grieved the spirit of God, that He withheld his spirit from me?

“The waves that moan along the shore,
and the winds that sigh in blowing.
Are all sent as a mystic lore,
to teach man what he is wise in knowing.”

Feb. 14, 1892 Last Monday, I spoke at the funeral of Mrs. Christopherson and dwelt upon the resurrection and the hereafter. Read 37 Chap. of Ezekiel, of his prophecy of the Valley of dry bones. Spoke of a preexistence of spirits and of those having no hope of resurrection. I felt that the spirit of God blessed me and bore testimony to the hearts of all that were present. I feel thankful and Father may I ever be worthy to have thy blessings I read the hymn on page 143 which was very appropriate. The waves of misfortune pass over me like the tide floods the beach, still I acknowledge the hand of my heavenly Father for without persecution we cannot become righteous. In these misfortunes I am sowing seeds of life and they are being harrowed in by the harrow of trials and they will be watered by the flood of opposition and reaped with the sickle of time. If by evidence of writings and persons we prove San Francisco, exists, why could not by the same evidences prove God for San Francisco, is but a small fraction of his work? Many have seen God. Why not accept their testimony as we do those who saw San Francisco? The progress science is making—even making butter out of the mud of the Nile—in the misty future man will not have to depend upon the vegetable and animal kingdoms for his sustenance

⁶⁴ There are two Sister Cripps in Fillmore – Matilda (1820-1894), wife of John Cripps from England and Adeline Cripps (1861-1955) wife of Edward Cripps. It is probably the older Mrs. Matilda Cripps being spoken of here.

⁶⁵ Mary Elvira Rogers (1863-1956), sister of Ella, and wife of Franklin Moses Orser. The baby is Franklin Evert Orser (1892-1943).

for he will be enabled to make it out of the ground It seems that some day our telescope will reveal the inhabitants that are upon other worlds and hear the sound upon the sun, etc.

I delivered a lecture last Friday evening in Polysophical on Astronomy and those present said it was grand I thank my heavenly Father,

Feb. 22, 1892 School successful during week. Bro. Wm,⁶⁶ was brought here dead from Skull Valley. Bp. Callister's⁶⁷ baby died. We had a very nice—excellent conference at Holden. Apostle Lyman and Semour B. Young were there and gave excellent instructions. Spoke of donations, offerings, tithing, etc. Duties of Saints to children—keeping minutes of ward meetings and reasons for same spoke of divinity of Book of Mormon and the fallacy of some in reasoning against same. Quoted from Daniel 5th Chap., etc.—of grand missions of great men besides Mormons, Washington, Columbus, Prof. Morse, Fulton, etc.

Miss M. paid me a most pleasant call this eve.

“The heights of great men, gained and kept were not attained in a single flight. But they, while their companions slept were climbing upward in the night.”

Feb. 29, 1892 It is with regret that I record the death of Sister Martha Ashby Powell⁶⁸. We supplicated our Father in heaven in her behalf for her recovery, but our faith seemed to weak too heal her, or she was to go. I was called upon to speak at her funeral. I spoke that it would be almost impossible to find a human being so depraved that something good could not be said of them and then there were others who were you to praise them for every noble deed or that you should laud them sky high, you would not speak all their virtues; so is it with Sister Powell. I compared this life to a mighty drama in which we were all actors and when we stepped off we never returned until after this scene had closed and a new one opened and that would be in the life beyond. And then when this scene closed we would hear the greatest encoring or applauding that ever was heard for the perfectness of the scene; also the grandness of the play. That our foot steps were but records of the coming grave. I quoted:

“Art is long and time is fleeting.
Our hearts though strong and brave;
Like muffled drums were beating,
Funeral marches to the grave.”

Our sister's heart has beaten hers and it has been for over silenced by the angel of death; and when her heart plays its role again it will be for joy and onward progress never again to cease. I spoke of the tendencies of the human family to speak good of a person after death, but in life of their evils. The bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid and deeds left undone.” Closed praying God's blessings upon children and family. There has been a thought

⁶⁶ William King (1834-1892), served a mission in Hawaii.

⁶⁷ This would be Mabel Venita Callister, born 26 July 1891 and died 21 Feb 1892, daughter of Thomas C. and Alice M. (McBride) Callister.

⁶⁸ Martha Truman Ashby (1850-1892), wife of Nathaniel Ashby, and third wife of John Powell of Fillmore.

and that is we will sometime after the resurrection look with pride upon the spot where we once lay and paid the debt of earth even after the earth was purified for it will be a spot of long remembrance, yes, it would be fine for families to be buried together. When I spoke to the funeral my Father blessed me with a wonderful degree of His spirit so much so that Sister Dortha Dorta Anderson a woman of wonderful gifts even of seeing the Holy Ghost, when it rests in a wonderful degree upon anyone—saw the Holy Ghost descend upon me until the whole stand and rostrum was enveloped. O my Father in Heaven, do not let me go astray or fall or grieve. Thy spirit in anyway, but let me live within thy grace and ever let Thy spirit be a constant companion to me. The Savior feared and trembled lest he should fall. May I not also fear?

Mar. 6, 1892 This week, I have kept the faith and tried to do my duty and do it well. I am sorely troubled to learn of my dear Father's sickness and of my sister Josephine and Bro-in-law leaving and going into Wyoming to live. Nothing of importance has happened this week. I have heard from my dear wife and child that are far away in Idaho. Father, protect and bless them.

Mar. 13, 1892 This week has been examination and nearly all of the students have done well, but some few have failed. My brother, Chas., and David Prows⁶⁹ have failed and by their evil acts have left the Academy in disgrace. Both have been breaking the rules of the Academy in different ways. Chas. has sworn, taking God's name in vain in the hearing of students and teachers. He has promised time and time again to do different; but has failed in every instance. I could not trust him to his work and leave him and have it done as I directed for he would deceive at the first opportunity. He has written home and deceived the folks. I have counseled him, persuaded him, shown him of the many ways he has disobeyed; have promised to pray for him, asked him to pray and be humble, showed (tried to) him what he had at stake, anxiety of parents, etc., but to all of no avail. I told him I would go to the ends of the earth, yes lay my life down for him if he would try and be a man. I told him he could not go home without an honorable release and that one could not be granted before he had completed his examination which he had failed in. He said that he was not going to school but was going home and I told him then to pile up his things and go for I would try no more with him for I owed not another word of advice nor kindness, nor did the Academy owe him any more favors. I am grief stricken over this, but he will not know it. But may God, open the way so he will drink the sorrow of his actions and in such a degree that he will be glad to come back and repent of all his wrongs.

Last Friday evening the Academy Students had a grand party. It causes me grief to have our students leave the Academy before it closes. The Academy is struggling for an existence and unless aid comes she will fall. God, forbid; for she has done more in the elevation of the youth of Zion in this part of God's vineyard, than any other factor. My Father, in heaven, give aid to this institution and cause the Saints to aid and sustain it.

I have written to Ann Arbor for advice as to how to proceed in entering and for circular. May God, aid me on that mammoth undertaking and over rule things for the best.

⁶⁹ David Alvin Prows (1875-1928), so of William C. and Louisa (James) Prows.

Mar. 20, 1892 Our Babe Eugene, has been real sick but through the mercy of our Heavenly Father he has been healed. My brother Chas., has come back, repented of all and asked forgiveness of teachers and board and is now back in the Academy working hard trying to redeem himself. I am most happy. We worry over our charges when it is not as bad as it seems.

Mar. 27, 1892 The Academy was favored by a lecture from Mina Greenhalgh in Polysophical Society on Catacombs of Rome. Attended monthly priesthood meeting Sat. and today attended meeting. My brother Francis, went to get married Sat, to Hattie Douglas.⁷⁰ God, bless them in their life's journey. I am preparing to attend conference in Salt Lake. Our people are to receive amnesty.

Apr. 10, 1892 It has been two weeks since I wrote in you my journal. I have been to general conference in Salt Lake. The teachers of this Academy went. We traveled all night to get to station (Juab) and took the train to Salt Lake. The instruction of the conference was fine. The presidency and all the twelve except two were there and spoke to us; gave good advice, etc. It was stated the missionary fields throughout the world, were opening up to our elders as never before. This was being done before the great destruction was to be poured out upon all the world Israel was warned not to be led astray and that this was God's work and He would bring it out. Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon, rebuked all Israel for not accepting the work of Gods prophets. He even criticized the Twelve and said it was none of their business what the Presidency did. There were some who desired to council the first presidency and tell them where they had missed it. God, was with Pres. Woodruff as much as he was with the others prophets and leaders.

On the 6th of April, the cap-stone of the Salt Lake Temple was laid and the statue of Moroni, raised. The scene was most impressive especially when that vast multitude—40,000 or 50,000--shouted, "Hosannah—hosannah—hosannah, to God and the Lamb, Amen, Amen and Amen" and waved their handkerchiefs. Under the cap-stone were placed a gold plate, with inscriptions upon it also there were placed a bible, Book of Mormon, Doc., and Cov., Pearl of Great Price, Compendium etc, under cap-stone. Pres. Woodruff, when the word was given for him to lay the cap-stone, stepped forward and with up lifted hands said: "Harken all ye house of Israel and all ye nations of the earth! We will now lay the cap-stone of the temple of our God, the foundation of which was laid and dedicated by the Prophet, Seer and Revelator, Brigham Young."

I met my wife⁷¹ and child in Salt Lake. It had been nearly a year since I had met her! The little babe is very bright and healthy. It was settled that I could go east and study for four years. The Gen. Board and Presidency, sanctioning it. I will be set apart to go as a missionary to bring back knowledge to Zion. May my God bless me. We the teachers traveled all night and until eight A.M., next morning to get back to Fillmore.

April 16, 1892 This week has passed by with nothing startling. There was examination and reviews part of the week in the Academy, closing up with a dance Friday evening. I have withdrawn from the North American Insurance Co., and sent for my money. Ella, has not been well the whole week and last night was taken with a severe cramping but is now better. Alonzo

⁷⁰ Harriet "Hattie" Douglass (1869-1949), daughter of William John and Harriett (Fairbanks) Douglass.

⁷¹ Martha and baby Leonidas.

Robison,⁷² has returned home from his long absence (which was in hiding). I received my photos which were very good of me. The Academy had its picture taken Thursday. It is said: “Man’s life is a trial and all of his neighbors are on the jury.”

April 23, 1892 The week passed smoothly with exception of one of my young students stealing and then trying to run away. He got 10 miles on the road and I had him brought back. A Democratic rally was held in the Academy Saturday evening May 1st.

April 30, 1892 I am farther in Algebra and Latin than ever before and Callie Robison, one of my brightest students, is now finishing Algebra and Latin. He has the promise of making a grand man if he will be humble. I have witnessed a martyr. It was a young lady Mrs. Mariah Swallow,⁷³ in giving birth to her first child. O it was heartsickening beyond description. She and her babe lost their lives in battling with nature. I spoke a few minutes at her funeral.

May 15, 1892 School has progressed nicely and students are working hard I am to lecture tomorrow evening on the Birth and growth of the Earth. I learn that my students idolize me for which my Father in Heaven shall have the praise. I am told that my students hold me up as perfection both far and near and that the people have the greatest confidence in me, for which I am a thousand times paid for all my kindness and labor. Would that I were as good as they think me. I trust they will never change their opinion of me as to nobility—not perfection. There has been a young man by the name of Ben Stewart,⁷⁴ who has been very low and doctor said he could not live; the young man there upon sent for some of us elders and we administered to him four different times and he is now within a weeks time able to sit up which he had not done for weeks. I consider it a miracle and the family—non-Mormons are in wonderment. The young man says he will look into Mormonism as soon as he is recovered and do differently.

I received a nice present from Miss May Cooper, a book of gems and readings. She is a noble girl. We received, the sad news that Mary Orser’s babe⁷⁵ has died and it has caused a gloom to come over her and her husband. It was their only child.

May 26, 1892 May 16, I delivered lecture on “Birth and Growth of Earth”, and did very well. I addressed the Saints in Fillmore for the last time on Sunday.

On Wed. all my students and great many of the citizens surprised me and on entering the Academy hall about 10 o’clock in eve, found the hall crowded with friends. We had a most enjoyable time for the evening was spent in songs, recitations, speeches, instrumental pieces and dancing, etc. The next morning on taking my place on the rostrum there were two presents, one for me and one for Bro. E. S. Hinckley (teacher). My present was a fine album (\$7.50) and his a (\$3.50) album. God, bless those noble students, may they never want for friends and blessings. In my speech, one of the things I said was I will call to my aid a poet and an artist. The poet is to

⁷² Alonzo Franklin Robison (1873-1949).

⁷³ Maria Wegener Beeston (1867-1892), wife of William Swallow.

⁷⁴ This may be the Bennett Stewart (1865-1892), son of Philander and Julia Stewart who is on the 1880 census for Fillmore, Utah.

⁷⁵ Is Josiah mistaken here? Franklin Evert Orser was born 21 Jan 1892 in Jensen Utah, but lived until 1943.

write a poem entitled “Human Kindness” and in it portray the love and, kindness of my students and lay bare the sentiment of my heart and feelings for such gratitude. To the artist, paint me upon a canvass dip his brush in the milk of human kindness and paint a galaxy of bright faces for they are to be my students and at their feet portray gratitude in the fort of a man bowing at their feet upon one knee and tears streaming down his face for that kneeling figure is myself. Friday morning was public examination and the Academy hail was decorated for the occasion and drawings and Sadie’s work formed a great display for they were specimens of fine work.

At 10:20 A.M. the examination began with Choir singing, prayer, etc. The program was as follows: A speech in behalf of the Scientific dept. by Frank Hinckley. Representation of Language Dept., Callie Robison. Normal Dept., Emma Harmon, An essay, May Cooper, entitled “M. S. Academy.” A farewell address by Rufus Day. All these speeches were excellent beyond my expectations. I then gave my report (which was in writing) of the work of the year, showing a grand success and great improvement from previous years, that nearly all the plans had been completed and nearly every student that left the Academy, left with a testimony of the gospel even to Callie Robison and Clinton Ray.⁷⁶ There were songs instrumental pieces etc., interspersed with the addresses of students and addresses by the board. In the last Theological exercise, I was inspired to utter a prophecy about my students that remained then in Academy. I said “You now have received enough knowledge of God and this work of Jesus Christ to either save or condemn you for God has inspired you and do what you will or go where you will you can not get out from under this light (knowledge) or testimony. If you cleave to this knowledge and light you will become noble and great lights upon the earth, but if you reject it and turn aside you will be accursed and go back instead ahead. This is a revelation and prophecy for this occasion, so write it upon the tablets of your hearts and boot tho warning for it is true. This was given in power and I hardly knew that I was prophesying until I was part through, but it had such an effect upon the students that tears streamed down their faces and they said “Amen” to the same. I went to my office and wept like a child for joy and for sorrow feeling perhaps some would fall and some would be faithful and for such knowledge the fountain of my soul over flowed.

“My Farewell Address to Academy and Board and Students”

My mind, reverts back to about three and half years ago when I entered this city and the morning the Academy opened with but nine students, and the peculiar impression that came over me—not of despair—but of hope and determinations that have borne fruit. The memories of the past are filled with sorrows and joys. The joys are occasioned by the progress of the students, kindness of many dear friends; and the respect and love of my students have lavished upon me, far more than I deserved. The spirit ever present in this Academy, has that effect of generating love in the presents of all and it needs not a logic to see that we must have had the spirit of God in our midst for God is Love. How often have I seen the out-pouring of the Spirit till students have wept for Joy; also comforting predictions have been given them through their faithfulness. The worth of the Academy has gone out to towns of this county and many of the afflicted, have sent their names here to be remembered in prayer. In these three and half years I have beheld this Academy (using the words of Bro. Maeser) “tower high above any other Stake Academy in

⁷⁶ Clinton Dewitt Ray (1876-1953)

Zion.” There will come teachers whose shoes I am not able to unloosen, but few who will work harder and have the welfare of the youth of Zion more at heart than I. The Lord has blessed me with inspiration morning I took the principalship till the present, without I would not have been here today, for I would have ignominiously failed. My heart is full of gratitude for His blessings, one of many ways, has been in dreams--(Were they dreams?)--for never have there been any going wrong--which I was not aware of--but what I have been warned of while slumbering on my pillow and on awakening found it true. I have never witnessed such outpourage of the Spirit of God, till I saw it in this Academy. How oft have I beheld students young men and ladies weep when leaving this Academy, saying that it is a home an oasis in your lives, the happiest days we have ever spent; and no one will ever know what it means until he or she comes and tastes the sublime influence of this temple of learning. I am reminded, dear board, this will be the last report I will ever make to you in this capacity; therefore accept my thanks and blessings for your able support for in the darkest hours of this Academy, your knees have never shaken nor your interest for the advancement of the Millard Stake Academy lessened. This noble effort of yours will not be without great worth. What I may say at this time will neither add to nor take from for it is at a time when my labors should speak for themselves. But I would ask that when I am gone and grim time has unveiled my errors for your criticism, remember I too am mortal, therefore let your sentiments be uttered with kindness. To my fellow teachers whom I have been so fortunate to work with these years I bid them Gods speed, for they have ever been with me laboring early and late; they have never said: “No to any task put upon them. And, you my, dear students, I bid farewell. Never turn from the paths of purity you have been nurtured in, nor the truths you have been taught for you are the strength of the hills and the pride of the valleys. I will never forget you, my students for I love you as dearly as my own brothers and sisters. I humbly tender my resignation as principal of this Academy, saying farewell to this Institution, board, teachers, and students, breathing one more prayer to the thousands I have offered for it never to sink but to progress, for the Millennium is depending upon our Academies to purify the youths of Zion. God, bless the Millard Stake Academy.”

Before closing my address, there were many wet eyes in the audience from visitors as well as students. The speakers commended me very highly for my untiring labors and released me and tendered me their vote of thanks. At the closing of the examination the visitors inspected the work produced by the ladies also the drawings from the drawing class for it was all excellent. I can not say that I have ever seen nicer work any place than I saw there. The conclusion of my last report in M.S.A., 1892, May 20--Ere I close permit me to say I have by the help of my Maker led this Academy for four years and hundreds have cane and received of my tuition and I recall that but 4 have been suspended during that time and that the Academy has grown from the first day till the last; and this Academy has won a name and place in the hearts of the young that have attended here, that will never be forgotten. I recall that four of our former students are now in foreign missions. Although the Academy has beheld much sickness in these four years and many of the students have been visited by the same, yet only one of our students has died, I venture to say to the board, that the Academy would not go down and that those that had contributed so freely would be blessed above those that had not contributed for this institution.

We (my family and I) moved, from Fillmore, Ella, going with stage and I went to Conference to Deseret and then home.

We had a grand conference, Apostle F. M. Lyman and president Jos. F. Smith, were there. I never heard grander speaking than I heard from Jos. F. Smith. I spoke about 20 minutes and closing bore my testimony of this work. I resigned my place in High Council and as Religion Class Superintendent. I found my family and folks well when I arrived in Benjamin. I then in a few days came to Wilford, Idaho, to visit my dear wife and babe (Martha) and (Marion Leonidas) and found them well. I am studying German preparing for my examination in Ann Arbor, this fall, I do not make very much headway. The weather is stormy. Before leaving Deseret, May 24, Patriarch J. D. Smith, gave me a blessing to go on my mission to Ann Arbor. It was this:

“A Patriarchal Blessing given upon the head of J. E. Hickman, born Aug. 3, 1862. “Bro. J. E. Hickman in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the virtue and power of the priesthood of God, I confer upon you a patriarchal blessing that it may be a comfort and a stimulus to you during your future life for you are of Israel and an heir to the blessings of the sons of God and for the integrity of your heart and the self sacrifices of your nature that you have made. God, has blessed and qualified you above many of your fellows and you shall go forth in your labors and researches for knowledge with the power of God, to assist you and the vision of your mind shall open and expand and you shall have power to grasp every truth that is put to your understanding and in the near future you shall become more prominent in the education of the youth than you have been in the past. You shall never be confounded in any of your studies if you trust God, but even in the visions of the night those knotty problems that will perplex your instructors shall be made plain unto you, and that ere long no principle within the power of God in this and if you are prudent with your body it shall last until you shall have reached those heights of knowledge and intelligence where your equals in companions will be but few, and in this you shall give God the Glory, the honor and praise, for you were chosen before you were born, as an educator in Zion. Skepticism shall yet flee before the comparisons that you shall have power to raise your children in the fear of God that not one shall be lost and I bless you with peace and with health and with strength to body and mind to perform every work that your heart desires I righteousness, with the promise that if you are humble, not one word of these shall fail and when your labors are good in the earth and you shall pass by the angels and Gods to your exaltation and be crowned with immortality and eternal life; and I seal these blessings upon you in the name of Jesus, Amen.”

June 20, 1892 (Wilford, Idaho) I have remained housed up for the last ten days studying German, except yesterday I went to meeting and Sunday School and spoke in both and by the Spirit of God they (the people) were highly edified, in both meeting and Sunday School. I spoke upon the honor of gray hair and mother’s wrinkled, brow etc., and the honor the children should show to them also commented upon the words of the Scriptures where it says and the Spirit of God, shall be poured out upon all flesh and drew attention that it had been done. Spoke of intelligence of human family of last 50 years, the development of science, such as the churning of butter out of the mud of the Nile river, boxing the human voice and reproduce in again, whispering across the continent, the rapidity of manufacturing cloth, etc., and attempting to get communication with distant planets and hear the sounds upon the sun etc. I met President Ricks⁷⁷ and Elder Watkins at the meeting. I had a letter from Horne stating all is well.

⁷⁷ Thomas E. Ricks, president of the Bannock Stake in Rexburg.

July 13, 1892 (Benjamin) I returned, home of the first and found all well and we were mutually pleased to see each other. I have preached one discourse in Benj., on Sunday, July 3. I have been busy studying Geometry and in taking some recreation. I rec'd a letter from Martha, or rather found a letter she had slipped, in my pocket before leaving and that she portrayed her feelings. The following is a poem she had composed over a word censure:

“Penitence”

Life is too short dear love, for unkind feelings
Too short for harsh reproach, or bitter tone
For us should be but gentle words alone.
If I have wronged you, dear, here let me kneeling
Low at your feet in penitence appealing—
Seek pardon for a fault I had not known.
Save that my love for you so strong hath grown
It passed the bounds of reason's wise concealing.
Dear love, by all our past of untold gladness,
By every loving word and fond caress
Which filled our lives with such sweet happiness
Forgive, forget that one brief hour of madness
Then may you know the highest joy of living—
The God—like peace, the sweetness of forgiving.

June 28, 1892

I am chosen to deliver the oration of this place (Benj. and Lake Shore) on the 24 of July. I have completed one years course in German.

Aug. 18, 1892 (Benj.) All has been progressing well with me since I wrote last. I delivered the oration on the 24th and am told did exceedingly well. Comments were: “He did fine.” “It was grand.” “That was a grand oration.” “Well sir, isn't he an orator.” etc, etc. I think it was the master piece of my life, yet how weak it is compared to what might be done by some. Truly I thank my Heavenly Father for His aid. I attended 2 days Summer School, it was fine and Col. F. W. Parker, is a great educator and is inspired of the Lord. Bro. Maeser, the more he is compared with great men the higher he seems to tower. I have been asked for my opinion as to the education of the Academy and influence of Bro. Maeser. It is this: He has laid the foundation of the grandest educational system the world has ever seen and as the author is greater than his work, Bro. Maeser must have no equal as an educator for he teaches under the inspiration of the Gospel. I am speaking of the system not the amount of learning.

Reinhard Lawisch⁷⁸ a very tiny boy, was thrown from a load of poles and killed. It is a most grievous affair and is almost more than the family can bear. I wrote them a letter of consolation. I do earnestly pray my Father to bless and console them. I have completed an Elementary Geometry, Dicken's “Tale of Two Cities” and Shakespear's “Hamlet”. I have sold two horses for \$200, which were worth \$300 or \$400, but had to sell to get money to go east on.

⁷⁸ Reinhard Lawisch (1881-1892), buried in the Provo Cemetery.

Sept. 10, 1892 I have been studying nearly all the time preparing to go east. Have been sick several days with cholera fell away about 15 lbs. Have completed German and Roman History, according to Barnes, also Jones' Latin Reader supplementary part—Stories of Early Roman History. I attended Fast meeting and spoke a time bearing my testimony. Visited Provo Academy, and returned home Friday found the yard and lawn all lit up with Chinese lanterns and four tables on lawn loaded with fine food It was a grand surprise on me and we enjoyed ourselves hugely, many of my dear friends being present. I greatly appreciate their kindness. Ma's foot is much better. I spoke today (Sun) in meeting taking up most all the time of the meeting. The spirit of the Lord rested heavenly upon me. I spoke of this day being spoken of by all ancient prophets, it is a day of great importance, quoted from Pearl of Great Price Enoch's vision of all time, quoted from Isaiah, 4, 5, and, 29 Chap. and other prophets, showing our day and what would transpire. I prophesied it to be true and that sons and daughters were going astray and falling into forbidden paths and that they would be smitten with a curse unless they repented and that one third of the sons and daughter's were becoming defiled, etc. Asked where are youths of Zion if all were smitten save those in church, not more than one tenth would see tomorrow's sun. (I feel I was over earnest In my words. God is not as prone to curse his children as we think.) I start for my studying mission next Tues.

Sept. 24, 1892—(Ann Arbor) After being on the road five days and nights I landed here in Ann Arbor, where I am come to pursue a course of study. We laid off in Manitou Col. about 18 hours and we visited the Grand Caverns, also the Garden of the Gods. Nature had as it were carved many animals and different objects out of the boulders among many of the objects were: crocodile, lizard, toad, frog, toad's head, elephant, duck, hen and chickens, turtle, eagle, bear, deer's head and horns, lion's head, kissing camels, dromedary, the washer woman at her tub, Ben Butler, etc. and others I cannot recall. As we passed through Kansas and Ill. we found large farms and rolling hills and considerable timber. In these two states and Michigan the crops were not good for the want of rains and in Wisconsin, not good for want of too much rain and, hail. We (companions I came with) stopped off about 27 hrs. in Chicago and visited city Exposition Grounds, though not near finished they were magnificent to behold. I have begun the study of Latin (Caesar) in the Ann Arbor High School; began on the 22nd I am located in a little upstairs room 14 Maynard St. This atop leaving all behind, is the sorrow of my life and I am pleading day and night for my Father to aid me, for without I will fail. The University will not begin until the 1st of Oct. There are many magnificent buildings for the different departments. My heavenly Father, strengthen me for this mission for which I have been set apart for by Jos. J. Smith and brethren and by Thy aid Father, I will pledge myself to use the knowledge to the best of my ability in establishing truth and righteousness on this earth and the upbuilding of Zion. "Thy will be done not mine." When I left my home, I left weeping and my dear Ella, heartbroken yes and my dear Mother. O, God, bless them. I have received a letter from Martha and she is weighed down with grief. O, that she may be lifted up from despondency to joy and contentment.

Oct. 2, 1892 (Ann Arbor) Have been passing entrance examinations of Univ. I have entered in English, Algebra, Phys. Geog. Astronomy, U.S. and Gov. History, also Botany. Rec'd letter

from dear Ella, all are getting along nicely. I have been rec'd, very kindly by all the Profs. University begins in the morning.

Oct. 8, 1892 The week has passed smoothly with me and also with the University. I am now studying Geology, Psychology, Pedagogy, Latin (Caesar), Elocution 3rd years course in Univ. Shakespeare, etc., also privately, I am studying Geometry, Theory and Physiology. I have passed off 1st year and received advanced credit in it (four fifths course). I rec'd a letter from home stating all was well. I attended the meeting this morning in New Berry Hall where President Angell⁷⁹ gave the opening address and he advised students and all to study the things of God (Theology) for said he there are the grandest principles in and truths in Religion. He spoke of Faith, the Redemption of Human Family and love of fellow being. It was excellent and very touching. He was much affected and spoke from the bottom of his heart. I trust and pray my Heavenly Father will aid me mightily in my study and may I never lose sight of the object I came here for. That is to receive know ledge and take back to Zion and do good in the midst of her and may my career here be that of honor and nobility, doing good as well as receiving good and that I may ever have His spirit with me to enlighten me in my studies and may I never slack or neglect a known duty.

Oct. 16, 1892 The week has passed quietly with considerable hard labor. I am enjoying the spirit of God to a considerable degree and living up to every duty I can while here and am very prayerful and humble. I am treated kindly by the students and professors. We that are from Utah (Saints) met today and decided, to have meetings Sundays in Bro. Ed. S. Hinckley's house at 2 P.M. A good spirit was manifest there being about 20 in numbers.

Nov. 6, 1892 I have been very busy early and late--rising about 5:30 A.M. and studying till 10 P.M. Have attended Sunday School and meetings. I have passed for advance credit in Physiology under Prof Lombard.⁸⁰ He questioned me nearly an hour on the subject and gave me four fifths credit. I have also passed the advanced credit in Science and Practice of Teaching under Prof. Hinsdale, Ph D. I am not impressed so much with our professors as I thought I would for several reasons, first they are not as a rule impressive in their teaching. Second, there is not that spirit of discipline and government that I would love to see. They are thorough in their teachings as far as the subject is concerned but neglect some principles of Pedagogy.

I with Jos. and Hyrum Harris, joined in a big rush with about 1500 students on the Campus one night. The 93's and 5's were against the 94's and 96's. We were drawn up in lines 8 abreast and about 70 or 80 deep and rushed together to see which could push the others off the grounds. Our side 94's and 6's came off victorious. I listened to a master production on Columbus and his co-equals by Prof. Hinsdale. On 29 of Oct. I listened to Col. Robert Ingersoll in a lecture on the life and work of Shakespeare. It was the grandest effort I ever heard. His language was grand and his metaphors and climaxes were most elegant and in the closing of the lecture he built up pyramids upon pyramids, system upon system, mountain upon mountain of sublime metaphors, illusions and climaxes till it l it seemed the mind could hold no more sublimity. I understand

⁷⁹ James Burrill Angell, (1829-1916, president of the University of Michigan.

⁸⁰ Warren P. Lombard, professor of physiology

Col. Ingersall, though an infidel has some noble virtues commendable of any Christian. What will be his reward?

I am looking for Ella and, children in course of a week to be here to remain with me. I have joined the Alpha Nu Society of the University and was chosen to take part in the debate "Resolved that women should exercise the right of franchise." I was on the affirmative side and was the main speaker. We won the day easily. I rec'd a great many compliments from strangers and friends for my speeches.

Nov. 20, 1892 I have been very busy with my work and have passed some examinations but have not done well in all. Ella and children have come to live with me while I study. I have been quite unwell for a few days. I attended the Teachers' Club yesterday (Sat.) and heard some very able arguments on educational subjects.

Nov. 27, 1892 I have attended meeting today held in Sister Ship's house (rented) and I was on the speakers list. We had a splendid spirit during the meeting. Ella and children are well. I have not heard from Martha, for about 3 weeks. I attended a Thanksgiving social and had a very enjoyable time in singing, reciting and eating candy, nuts, apples, bananas, etc. I have been called upon to write an essay or give it in speech on Utah and the Mormons, in the Alpha Nu Society.

Dec. 4, 1892 Week passed quietly, baby Eugene has been sick but well again. Martha's babe,⁸¹ has been very sick but was miraculously healed by administration. Received a \$50 check from home. We are now fixed up very comfortably here in Ann Arbor, having 3 rooms, 2 stoves, 2 lamps and everything to make us comfortable. Bros. Horn, Partridge, Jensen, and others have been here and spent the evening with music and songs.

Dec. 10, 1892 Have passed another examination in Psychology. I read an article somewhat of a mixture between an essay and an oration in the Alpha Nu Society. It took me 25 minutes to deliver it and was received by the audience with wrapped attention. The critic that offered, a criticism on the evenings entertainment said, "It (my essay) was a meritorious production, the speaker gained perfect attention from all the audience, from beginning to end: the production was praiseworthy, full of new truths well told; the speaker gave his production in pure Anglo Saxon language he had not looked, the dictionary through for big words, nor reached into Latin, German, Greek, nor French to express himself. The style of writing was good, and it was more like an oration than an essay for it was not narrative and prosy as too often find them. It had the merits of an oration in thought language and in delivery; but it was persuasive and inspiring, the speaker delivered it in an attractive manner and needs complimenting on his clear and distinct articulation and fine delivery. The production was a Line article, He has made a decided success this evening and, also when ho appeared in a debate once before; and we feel to say go ahead." I rec'd many compliments from those present on the excellency on my production. For this blessing and all others, I give my heavenly Father the praise. I had earnestly prayed for Him to bless me in this endeavor, that all who heard would believe and be enwrapped in the subject and that it would be interesting and instructive. I feel my prayers have been entirely answered.

⁸¹ Leonidas

I rec'd letters from Mary, Francis and Hattie. All are well at home.

Jan. 1, 1893 Our babe⁸² has been much afflicted with a mashed thumb and running ear. He was so bad he could not raise his little hand nor even move his fingers. I anointed him and administered to him in the evening before retiring to bed and next morning his arm was apparently well and his ear had quit running and is still well. I am spending holidays in a quiet way. Ella and I with many others spent the New Years' Eve at Sister Dr. Shipps and had an enjoyable time singing, playing and eating candy and nuts. Twenty minutes before 12 o'clock I suggested that all take a thought of the future and toil when called upon what they thought would transpire of great importance in 1893. There were varied opinions and some seemed, to be very prophetic, some of hope and joy while some were of the darker hue. In brief, I said that 1893, would see the greatest migration of the world's inhabitants from all civilized nations to America. That the opening of the World's Fair would mark the climatic epoch of the U.S. and from 1893 she would begin to decline and that Utah and her people would begin to shine and her (their) light would never again be dimmed till the coming of Jesus Christ. Some thought that a plague would break out next year and would be carried to all nations and finally all nations would be involved in warfare. Some thought the dedication of Salt Lake Temple would have the greatest bearing. Some thought U.S. would take the greatest impetus from then on and her principles would be carried to all the world Some thought that the most converts and greatest exposition of our Gospel would be made next year than ever before.

I have rec'd a letter from my Father, stating Ma's foot and hand were very much worse. I am grieved to know Charlie, is going astray. I am studying Cap. Duttson's report on the Geographical and Geological features of Southern part of Utah and Grand Canyon. I am having my eyes operated upon, the tear duct is being opened by passing probes down it.

Jan. 8, 1893 I have been spending the week studying Geology, Psychology, Latin, also resting some. Little Dee, has been threatened with a very bad cold and cough and some entertained some fears of it running into pneumonia. I administered to him and he never coughed once afterwards. The weather is very cold here and considerable snow. I attended a Baptist meeting today and heard a very fine sermon read, treating upon four passages of the Scriptures (sayings of Job, 2,3, Chap. Romans and John) explaining difference between Theology and religion and ideas of world upon both. I am surprising impressed to find them so earnest and sincere in their belief. Oh, how the belief of the world is changing in their belief and taking the Bible as it reads more than before. I have rec'd letter from Francis, also \$50.00 from him. I attended our own meeting. Bro's Horn, Partidge and Jensen spent evening with us also took supper. I wrote to Bros. Rydalch and Turner.

Jan. 29, 1893 It is some time since I wrote, but nothing of interest has transpired save I am some what blue of late over my inability to accomplish my lessons as well as I desire; also I learn Ma, is very bad with the erysipelas in her foot. I have written home for all of us to fast from next Sat. noon till Sun. eve and pray for her. I humbly trust and pray that our faith will be rewarded by her speedy recovery. I am very close run for money to meet the necessities of life and also to aid me in University. I attended the Alpha Nu, last evening and Bros, Horn and Partridge played in and rec'd many compliments for the

⁸² Josiah Eugene

excellency of their music. I have of late rec'd letters from Pa, Josephine, Mrs. Caroline Daniel, Mrs. Lawisch, Kimball Pomeroy and Martha. I learn with sorrow that the Academy at Fillmore was closed up. O, I trust it would continue its good work in the future as in the past. Dear Father, aid that institution that it will not close for good; but reopen in the near future. As I close this volume of my life, I am reminded that I t have been over two years in filling it and oh, what joys I have experienced more than I can explain to any human being, but it has not been all sunshine but enough clouds to reverses and sorrow to make me appreciate the joys. I have worked hard for which I feel I am blessed. I hope my good deeds have more than counterbalanced my wrongs. It is a deep and humble prayer that I have within my heart, that somewhat may, that I will be as humble and prayerful as in the past two years and that I can and will be as satisfied with my labors. Here in silence and in writing, I pledge to my Heavenly Father, if he will bless, aid and protect me in this mission I will. with all my might, mind, and strength and by His aid use the knowledge here rec'd in doing good in Zion, educating the youth, instructing all Israel wherein He or His servants call no and will give my knowledge freely and I will use my knowledge in purifying Israel and in warning them to my latest breath, or Father wherever I am called. Now, Father, strengthen me unto this end, that my life will be one of great worth.

Unto this promise and prayer I, sign my name

Josiah E. Hickman

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