

## JOURNAL OF J. E. HICKMAN

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**Feb. 26, 1893** (Ann Arbor Michigan) It has been nearly a month since I wrote before. There has been hard work for me as the term was closing. As far as I have learned I have succeeded in getting through by passing the last day's examination over in Geology, for my papers were not satisfactory, not that I did not understand my subject but through failure of fountain pen to work also little carelessness on my part. I have completed General Psychology, School Supervision and Shakespearian Course in Elocution also I passed an examination in astronomy for advance credit and rec'd 2/5 credit, the amount I passed for I have completed Olney's Geometry and will pass an examination in it. My studies for this term are: Study of Comp. School (Educational) System, domestic and. foreign, Inductive Logic, Latin, Roman History, Rhetoric and Essays, Geology and listening course in astronomy.

I must not forget our fasting and praying on the 3 and 4 of this month for the recovery of my mother who was very sorely troubled with her foot and ankle that (through Erysipelas<sup>1</sup>) had been very bad for nearly a year and threatened amputation of her leg. Almost immediately during and after our fast her foot was apparently made well; and we greatly rejoice over the healing through our Father's kindness. (Time proved the heeling was complete in 24 hours.)

I attended a Campbell church this morning (Sun.) and listened to a very interesting sermon. The Pastor read from St. John, where Jesus told his apostles to love their enemies etc. He (Pastor) dwelt upon what the moralists of the world taught and that Christianity taught than any moral code of laws. He said Socrates and Buddha were considered the greatest men that ever lived out of Christianity. He said: "Plato, in his Republic summed up Socrates teachings under four heads, wisdom, courage, temperance and justice. He showed that Christ had something extra from other teachers before him and since then Christianity has taught to love your neighbor as your self and your enemy, etc. O, if I could have told him what the Gospel of Jesus taught there would have been something extra from his, for Jesus says repent, be bapt. have hands laid on you, cast out devils, heal the sick and etc.

**March 5, 1893** Week passed quietly. I passed an examination in Geometry (solid and spherical). Rec'd letter from Francis, says ma's foot is well. He is trying to live a humble life and is working very hard. Have written to Mrs. C. Daniels<sup>2</sup> also to Geological Survey for 10th Annual Report. Went to Methodist church today and listened to a typical address of that creed. This afternoon attended our meeting and bore my testimony with others upon the blessings of God etc. I listened to the Hon. Henry Watterson lecture on "Money and Morals."<sup>3</sup> His language was fine and his ideas splendid upon the two objects of consideration. Substance of lectured can

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<sup>1</sup> Erysipelas is a superficial skin infection also known as St. Anthony's Fire because of the patches and intensity of the rash. Today it is treated with antibiotics.

<sup>2</sup> She is Ella's half-sister. Hannah Caroline Rogers, (1827-1915), daughter of David White and Martha (Collins) Rogers, wife of Aaron Eugene Daniels.

<sup>3</sup> Henry Watterson (1840-1922), at this time the editor of the Louisville Courier Journal and said to be one of the "nations' most gifted orators." He went around the country giving his speech on "Money and Morals."

be found in Scrap Book. A few of the points are as follows: Money is the pivot around which every thing of Society revolves. Money is universally used and abused. I never knew what sorrow was till it came with money and large interests. Money is good to have but better to do good with. Money seldom broadens the mind or softens the heart. He spoke of how much a man should think of his wife and freckled face children. Success in life is happiness. Happiness comes from the heart and not the pocket. Spoke of crimes committed money. He spoke of the corruptness of this government from the legislative halls down. You can speak of a nation's Golden Age, etc, but show me her sin and I will show you her day. It now takes a \$1,000,000 to seat a president and \$25,000 a senator. There is more happiness extracted from a pure coin of thought than millions of money. Spoke of Switzerland and her happiness and purity of her statesmen. Read the Book of Mormon from the 30 pieces of silver to the South Sea bubble and there see what money has done. I also listened to Douglass of Chicago on Washington's birthday, subject the right man in the right place.

**March 12, 1893** Week passed quietly. Passed exam in Gram. in our Rhetoric class. Took part in the debate: "Resolved that the Hawaiian Islands be annexed to the U.S." I and R. Lyman took the affirmative side and won the day. Recd letter from Pa and Martha; also one from Francis. I heard the renowned Thos. Reed Ex-speaker of the house in University Hall — subject: "Progress and Development" Brief points were: We have but fragments of history that light up the past and they are prophecies of the future. Spoke of progress of humans family from remotest age and process of development, example, Scotland, Tarpeian Rock, etc. Life is a battle we are fighting though we no more use swords. Spoke of disfigurative nature of history for history he's made many a harsh face to smile, many a noble and pure one has been distorted, and we seldom see the true faces of the past. Henry VIII, father of protestant religion, Queen Elizabeth the savior off it, Napoleon conqueror of Europe and Alexander of the world, but Democracy takes in all these. People make great men not great people, if so Demosthenes<sup>4</sup> might have revolutionized Greece. All progress is made by people, nation effects great ones, the dying and the dead and the living; what lawyer attempts to plead a case without quoting from some dead judge or writer, we are held and directed by the dead clutches of the past. The great tendency is to level all humanity on one level, hence let any one try to climb a head and he is assailed by the rest. Men often times are greater than their day; the light of intelligence of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, shone over the heads of their people and to the hill tops beyond and today the light of their intelligence we bask in. Progression goes as people want it. Africa the rear guard of the human family. Progression goes on no matter what the difficulties may be; the wall of China could not keep back the Tartars nor the might wave of England from India, and all the power of Rome could not chain the Vandal horde in the north.

I spoke last Sunday and showed how we could prove from the Bible that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God also by his own fruits. Spoke of the necessity of our purity and of preparing ourselves in the defense of our Gospel and people. Also related to them what a Mr. Lipson said to me the day before: "that we young men had revolutionized this University in the opinion of Utah and the Mormons." I dwelt upon what the outcome would be and I predicted that there

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<sup>4</sup> Demosthenes (384 BC-322 BC), son of a wealthy Greek sword maker, orphaned at seven, defrauded by his guardians and forced to go to the courts to seek retribution. He had a speech impediment and worked through a series of self-designed exercises to overcome it. Considered the greatest of Greek orators.

were some in that room who would yet if faithful teach and instruct the learned of the world, and the spirit of the prediction was borne record of by the wet eyes in the congregation.

I was last night put up for candidate as orator for a contest between the Alpha Nu and the Adelphi; twice Brooks and I received the same number but third time I lost it by one vote.

I have rec'd letters from home stating that all is well except Ma's eye and ear. We fasted with church yesterday. I am still having my eye treated, I am having probe passed, down the lachrymal duct, once a week. Bro. Brimhall<sup>5</sup>, is here from Payson and he is the first Mormon missionary I ever met in the world.

**April 2, 1893** It is fast-day and, we observe the day and I intend to visit Catholic Church this forenoon. This last week has passed quietly. Rec'd letter from Bro. Rydalch<sup>6</sup>, he thinks of going to Oswego, N. Y. to school. I attended a debate between U. of M. and U. of Wisconsin, the U. of M. won the debate. Little Dee took down with a fever and headache and symptoms that seemed forerunners of a heavy or hard sickness, I administered to him in the evening and next morning he was well. Ella and I attended a social at a Mr. Bonienis, it was a pleasant one. Ella, is 27 years old today. Rec'd letters from Ma., Pa, Francis and Fred<sup>7</sup>; all is well at the home. I attended conference in the temple. I failed in an examination for one hour's advanced credit in Astronomy. I feel that the Prof. was too exacting for out of the 15 questions I answered 13 correct and the other two partly right. I am to try the examination again Sat. I am having a week's vacation. I spent last Sunday afternoon in talking and, explaining the principles of our faith to a young man a Mr. Reddic, from Ohio. He is favorably impressed toward our people. I attended the Catholic church, Christian Association and the Unitarian Church.

A week last Sunday I listened to a fine lecture from Mr. Wendling<sup>8</sup> from Washington D.C. on the subject, "Is Death the End?" The following is the index of what he said: "One will not believe though one rise from the dead." He said he could show 7000 volumes in writing upon the subject of the Resurrection and the question was first solved, on the Plains of Ur. Speaker emphatically believed in a here after etc. Deniers of immortality of the soul take the absurdities of men for their foundation—they have no proof of assertions. The inhabitants unaided by science and experience said the sun went out etc. It was not gone out hid for a time, so with the soul. Things are not always they soon to be. All sciences are of such a nature, they can not detect spirit and you may as well try to smell a sound or hear a color, etc, as detect spirit by these rude sciences. Science can not speak to us of spirit except it can analyze it. Some deny the existence of the spirit because they do not know it exists after death and these men then say; we will not believe that we do not see and know; then they pose as the advance thinkers of the ages. Such a stand would block the wheels of thought and progress like the mountains of ice do the adriatic regions. The greatest thinkers and reasoners are those who believe more then they know.

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<sup>5</sup> Probably George Washington Brimhall (1879-1954), son of George and Elizabeth Brimhall.

<sup>6</sup> William Edward Rydalch (1868-1941)

<sup>7</sup> Probably Fred Finlayson, Josiah's brother-in-law married to his sister Josephine.

<sup>8</sup> George Reuben Wendling (1845-1915), author and lecturer.

Among those are Columbus, Galileo, Kepler,<sup>9</sup> Moris,<sup>10</sup> etc. The discoverers of Neptune believed more than they know and all discoveries of all ages invariable believed more than they know. Faith has been the guarding angel of every genius, etc. Those that deny go back--“go back” –they are in the wrong sphere, etc. Psychologists say mind is the soul or some say it is the brain in action, but as nothing can be annihilated where is that which made the brain work? Showed how that Photography was but the form of a being and when the sitter had departed would you say his photo was the only thing that remained now and that he was no more? Just so is the body and the spirit has departed while the body remains as the photo. The spirit is the director of the engine body. The body changes many times during life but I remain. We are duce bodied: the physical body eats and feeds upon food while the spirit feeds upon intelligence, truth, purity etc. How many green graves between the cradle and the gray-haired sire? Are these graves failures? Is life a failure and death the end? What is Death? It is not supernatural event, but natural. Our spirits are organists that live after the instrument is broken. Unless man dies then life is a failure. Unless man lives again life is a failure. Justice demands another life for the poor and distressed are yet to be rewarded. Spencer’s works are beginning to wain, etc. Napoleon’s spirit rode out on the black wings of one stormy night but he will yet meet the charges against him for the misery he caused. Intelligence a failure, comet and star that man is enabled to force their secrets from them – all this no more at death? The body grows old, but the spirit always young. Age broadens, strengthens and deepens the spirit, etc. Aside from all this we have circumstantial evidence in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. How I wished I could have attended the dedication of our great Temple!

**April 30, 1893** I have tried to do right since I wrote before I have earnestly prayed my Heavenly Father to forgive me of all my sins and, that has been an unceasing prayer with me for a whole week and I now am fasting for 30 hours and still praying for forgiveness and also for more light and knowledge. I massed in Astronomy a week ago, and succeeded in getting my credit. I made no mistake in any of my answers. There wore 78 written questions and 20 oral.

I today attended the Christian Ass. and listened to a paper read upon the influence Rome had on Christianity. I also attended Christ’s Church (Campbellite Church). My heart grows sick in listening to the ideas and preachings of different creeds, to see how they have departed from the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles. I rec’d. letters from home and from Martha. I fear for her unless she is more humble. She tells me the babe is so cute.<sup>11</sup> Bro. Richard Lyman came and took supper with me last Thurs, We (Ella and I) went and visited Bro. and Sister Hinckley yesterday. I spoke a few minutes upon the reason why Cleveland did not reelect R. T. Lincoln as minister to England, (in the Utah debating club). I am to deliver an address in that society on the theory of Roman government.

**May 7, 1893** The week passed quietly by I passed an oral examination in a division in Geology. We (class and I) have completed the course in Latin (4 books in Julius Caesar) a course in Latin

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<sup>9</sup> Johannes Kepler (1571-1630), chiefly remembered for discovering the three laws of planetary motion that bear his name.

<sup>10</sup> Probably William Morris (1834-1896), a British craftsman, author and socialist.

<sup>11</sup> This would be Reginald Lawisch b. October 8, 1893.

prose and Ciceros<sup>12</sup> orations. I borrowed \$10 of Bro. Jensen as I behind in money affairs. We are fasting today as on ever 5th Sunday. We students fast and have testimony meeting as we do not have time during week days to have our fast meetings. Mr. Long of our University took the prize in the Oratorical contest of the colleges. I attended meeting today and bore my testimony. I am now reading Cicero in Latin.

**May 13, 1893** I spoke yesterday in the Utah debating club on Theory of Roman Gov. Have rec'd letters from Mrs. Daniels, Bro. Rydalch, and Martha. Sister D. is in Provo. Bro. R. desires to attend Summer Courses here this summer if a course is opened. Bros. Horn, Partridge and Jensen took dinner with us today. It was told me that Joseph F. Smith, while speaking in the Temple: said the principle of Polygamy would have never been taken from the earth if our people had been living that principle and had accepted it. He cursed those that had the chance of entering it and had rejected it; also he cursed those that had entered the principle and had abused or neglected their families. I am told the curse was something terrific to listen to, for it was given by the power of God.<sup>13</sup> I attend our meeting today.

**May 20, 1893** I spent the afternoon with a Mr. Dearbourn, explaining the principles of our gospel. I still have my eye treated, having probe passed once a week. I have passed an examination in Induction Logic, this week. Received \$75 from Francis. Received, a letter from W. Done last evening stating he could not lend me any money at present nor could he borrow any under 24%. Geo. Q. Cannon<sup>14</sup> told the Saints in the Temple that he had talked with Jesus Christ as one man talks with another. The prayer of my life is that I will be good enough to see the Savior and to do His will. I administered to Ella, last night for the toothache.

**June 11, 1893** It has been two weeks since I wrote in my Journal. My studies are very hard on me for the last two weeks. I have been somewhat worn out and nervous. It is with joy I record that Bro. Rydalch has been here for nine days before going to Lansing for his summer study. I spoke a short time last Sunday and bore me testimony to the Saints, also a week last Saturday I spoke or took part in a debate in the Utah Debating Club and last night I recited in the Alpha Nu and also was appointed treasure of the same. I wrote to Martha. We had a very nice time in the Utah Debating Club yesterday. I have been reading the Doc. and Cov. today as is custom each Sunday.

**June 25, 1893** Since writing I have passed all my examinations in the University and high School. I do not know whether I got through in all studies viz., Pedagogy, Inductive Logic, Latin, Roman History, Rhetoric and Essays and Historical Geology. I learn that I have passed in rhetoric and Essay and Latin. I have been resting for two days since school closed. We (Bros. Jensen, Anderson, Harris, McGregor and myself) had a pleasant day on the Huron River eating strawberries, fishing, swimming, boating and gathering water lilies and orating. I attended the commencement exercises of the High School on Friday. It is the most thorough school I ever attended I took second year Latin there. I received letters from Josephine and Bro. Rydalch.

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<sup>12</sup> Marcus Tullius Cicero, considered the greatest Latin orator of Ancient Rome.

<sup>13</sup> <sup>13</sup> Typical "Mormon rumor" of the day going around. Josiah tends to believe these because of his belief and practice of polygamy.

<sup>14</sup> George Q. Cannon (1827-1901), at this time first counselor to President Wilford Woodruff.

Bros. Jensen is now boarding with us. A thought that came to me as I sat in the class room. The reason one will rise sooner than another, is that purity, intelligence and the spirit of God are the necessary elements for early resurrection; heat moisture and pressure are necessary for rapid and thorough crystallization of the rocks of the earth. Hence resurrection is on natural principles and the reason Jesus Christ rose so soon his body was ready for resurrection. The corrupt will have to lie in the ground and sweat as it were untold ages before their bodies are prepared for resurrection. If I can express it such, we can by being humble and pure having the priesthood of God and the accompaniment of the Holy Ghost, prepare our terrestrial bodies while living for resurrection. Therefore in and during the millennium the saints is many instances will be so pure they will not need to sleep in the grave unless a very short time.

**July 4, 1893** I have been resting studying and enjoying myself for the last week. I have begun to study German under Prof. Roedder.<sup>15</sup> Bro Jensen and I are studying Psychology and practicing oratory or delivery. I rec'd a slip from Prof Lloid<sup>16</sup> that I passed only conditionally in Inductive Logic. I rec'd a letter from Francis and he is doing well in his studies. Mrs. King<sup>17</sup> made me a present of a fine pair of slippers for the aid I had given her in Latin. I taught her and Bro. Hinckly in school for a year. There is a day or a night for every human soul. It is day with the spirit of God and there is night without it. Learning of this earth is the light of the moon, the knowledge of the savage is a star lit night. The criminal is shrouded in a mantle of darkness, he shudders at the peals of thunder and murmurs of his darkened, deeds; while the pangs of his hell gleam like the vivid shafts of lightening.

It is the 4th today, but the inhabitants do not seem to appreciate the day as we do in Utah. In fact I have been told the day is slighted by a large number of the people. It is fearful to see the drinking and smoking by nearly all on this day.

**July 9, 1893** The week has passed quietly; have been studying German, Psyc. Logic, Geometry and Logic. I paid \$1.50 for a weeks instruction in German. Every day seems be bring a greater crisis financially throughout the U.S.<sup>18</sup> and the sliver mines of America and all quartz mills are being closed I do not know if I can get money to remain here since the scarcity of money. We decided to hold Sunday School this summer for 3 Sundays successive and then the fourth to be a testimony meeting etc. I was chosen to preside till someone was appointed to take charge of this branch or company of saints. I have spent a very pleasant evening and part of afternoon with Bro. Jos. Jensen, reading the scriptures and conversing. We went to the grove and had a humble prayer. My humble and constant prayer is that I may over be humble and pure and be a noble servant of God, working works of righteousness all the days of my life. Wrote to Pres, Hinckley.

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<sup>15</sup> Edwin Carl Lothar Clemens Roedder (1873-1945), of Niederwasser, Germany, a philologist, instructor of German at the University of Michigan.

<sup>16</sup> Alfred Henry Lloyd, (1864-1927), at this time an assistant professor at the university of Michigan.

<sup>17</sup> Probably Mrs. Julia King, wife of Abraham King who is the only Mrs. King in Ann Arbor who takes in boarders. In 1900 all her boarders are students from the University of Michigan.

<sup>18</sup> This would be the Panic of 1893, a result of the Silver Act in 1890. The U.S. government purchased 4.5 million ounces of silver each month at market rates, which ended up driving the price of silver down. There were many business failures and bankruptcies. The depression lasted most of the 1890s.

**July 17, 1893** Have been studying the whole week on German, Psyc., Logic, Geometry and also practiced speaking (oratory) in the grove also in the University hall. Paid \$1.50 for weeks German. Rec'd letter from Francis also \$50.00. I have permission to study in a private room in library, also practice oratory in the University Hall.

We held Sunday School yesterday for first time and had a real nice time. Some are afraid to sing for fear of receiving censure from the citizens; it was decided for the time being to have no singing. I for one desired to have singing. We are studying the Seven lectures on Faith in our School for the present. Bro. Jensen has gone to stay with Mrs. Harris. It has been many weeks since I heard from Martha. I fear there is trouble coming to me and in my family. I pray my heavenly father will over rule all for the best.

**July 26, 1893** Paid for weeks German, continued my studies as mentioned on previous page. I have received a letter from Martha, and she is well but says she has not heard from me for months. I am glad to know she is going to visit in Utah. It grieves me very much to know I can not see her. I have been appointed by the first Presidency to preside over the body of students that are here from Utah (church members). Rec'd letters from Sister Daniels and Mary Orser.<sup>19</sup> Went to Sunday School and partook of the sacrament. Had a short talk with our German Prof. about our people and their belief. He told me president Elliot and Pres. Hinsdale uphold the Mormons and defend them.

**July 31, 1893** Have studied hard during week. We hold Sunday School here yesterday. I made a report upon the VII lecture on Faith, also Miss Reynolds upon the VI lecture and after that each one of us gave an example of faith or what had been performed by faith either of ancient or modern times. It was pleasant to me. I wrote to Bro. Anderson. Rec'd letter from Francis and Laura. Francis is sick but I trust he will recover soon and that his dyspepsia<sup>20</sup> will not return to him.

**Aug. 6, 1893** Rec'd a letter from Martha and found she was well but her letters had not reached me. She is going to teach in the Rexburg Academy this coming year. I am still laboring at Ger., Psyc., Logic, and Geom. also practicing oratory. We held a testimony meeting today (Sun) and had an enjoyable time. Every one of us bore our testimony. Bro. Jensen was wrought upon by a great out pouring of the spirit of God and was filled to overflowing and desired we kneel in prayer and that I be mouth and we knelt in humble prayer beseeching our Father for His holy spirit to guide us at all times. All testified to the good spirit that prevailed among us in our meeting. I had two or three thoughts come to me which I will write in form of questions. What caused the darkness upon the earth at the crucifixion of Jesus Christ? Was it dust that darkened the sun and put out the light, being caused by earth quakes and upheavals? Or was it the withdrawal of the spirit of God from this earth? Were not these signs made manifest on all worlds on which the death and resurrection of Jesus had any effect?

**Aug. 15, 1893** The week passed quietly continuing my same labors. Rec'd letter from Pa telling of the hard times at home and through out the U.S. We held Sunday School and had a

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<sup>19</sup> Mary Elvira Rogers (1863-1956), Ella's sister who was married to Franklin Moses Orser.

<sup>20</sup> Dyspepsia is constant pain the stomach, including indigestion and heart burn.

synopsis given by Miss Alice Reynolds<sup>21</sup> upon the Bk. of M. She finishes the synopsis next Sun., also we read the first Sec. of the Doc. and Cov. and commented upon it. One of the reverend divines here a few Sundays ago said what over the ideas held by the ancients about devils and people possessed by them, there was one thing he know that Jesus did not put his stamp upon such a belief.

**Sept. 3, 1893** It has been some time since I have written in my journal as I lost my key and could not get in my valise. Time has passed quietly with me and have been studying hard. Have rec'd letters from Pa, Martha and Axil Nielson. Have suffered considerable with my ears during the last three weeks as they have gathered and broken several times. I have been administered to twice for then. We had an excellent fast meeting today all that wore there bore their testimonies. I am very desirous of visiting the World's Fair, this week while all the Saints there will collect to do honor to Utah and her people.<sup>22</sup> Ella and little children are well. I am contemplating letting Ella go home as times are so hard with us. Ma's foot is nearly well again and she has gone to Provo to cook for the children while they attend school. Financial distress seems to affect the whole earth. I have been fasting for 24 hours and feel benefitted. Bro. Jno. McClellan gave me an elocution.<sup>23</sup>

**Sept. 30, 1893** Have just returned from the World's Fair. It seems to me few know the world who have not seen this exhibition. The products of the world were there of every branch of learning, industry, art, etc., known to man. The Fair covered a vast track of land perhaps a mile long and half mile wide. The relics of all known nations of past ages were on exhibition. All animals of all ages were there or representations. The greatest, paintings and sculpturings of all ages could be soon. Perhaps every specie of plant and fruits on earth were in the Fair. In the transportation building were to be seen every instrument or object of navigation on land, sea or in air perhaps of all ages from prehistoric times to the present. I even saw Grace Darling's boat<sup>24</sup> arid the boat of Andrews (Sapolia) in which he crossed the Atlantic in 1893 in 30 days—boat 14 ½ long. Villages representing almost every nation under the sun could be seen and her inhabitants in the habits and customs of every day life. The governments of the earth represented their modern modes of warfare and implements, and thus I might enumerate for days the things of wonder. Aside from all this, nearly every state and territory in the Union and states from different countries of the earth tried to out rival the others in the excellencies and uniqueness of their products. The following buildings were among the many I visited: Utah building, Idaho, Montana, Wash., Oregon, S. Dakota, N. Dakota, Texas, R. I., Cal., Ill., Me., Col., Kan., Ark., Ariz., Tex., Fl., Ken., Conn., Ind., Mass., Vt., N.Y., Del., Wis., Vir., Neb., Iowa, etc. Mexico,

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<sup>21</sup> Alice Louise Reynolds (1873-1938 ), earned a Bachelor of Pedagogy from the University of Michigan in 1895 in preparation to teach at Brigham Young University. She helped form the library at B.Y.U. and the Alice Louise Reynolds Room in the Harold B. Lee Library is a memorial to her. There were "Alice Louise Reynolds Clubs" formed through out the United States by students she inspired.

<sup>22</sup> The 1893 World's Fair was held in Chicago.

<sup>23</sup> Elocution is proper speaking in grammar, style and tone. There was a great interest in the teaching of elocution in the 1800s.

<sup>24</sup> Grace Darling was the daughter of the William Darling, keeper of the lighthouse on Longstone Island in the North Sea off the coast of Northumberland. In 1838 William Darling and his daughter Grace, age 22, witnessed the shipwreck of *Forfarshire*. Grace begged her father to rescue the people. Father and daughter were able to save nine of the 63 victims.



Brazil, Guatemala, B. Columbia, B. Guama, German building, France building, Ceylon Art Gallery, Electrical building stock yards, manufacturing and liberal arts, Forestry building, administration building, Leather exhibit, Krupps Pavilion, Indian exhibition from Genoa Neb., Exposition building, Agricultural, Tunis African Café, transportation building, Fishery building, Gov., building, Anthropological and Ethnological building, Japan, Costa Rica, Horticulture Building, Steam ship building, Puck building, childrens building, Womans building. I heard the great musical contest. Utah choir took second prize. I visited the Fair 4 days and 3 nights and met several acquaintances from Utah. The information I rec'd was worth a. great deal to me. I spent \$11.55 on the trip. I talked with Pros. Jos F. Smith about our meetings here in Ann Arbor. He thought it would be well to have singing in our meetings.

I have written to Pa, Ma, Laura and Martha. Rec'd letters from Ma, and Martha, also Francis and \$30 he sent me. Bro. H. Harris administered to me for the gathering in my ears and they immediately got well. I ordained Bro. J. J. McClellen<sup>25</sup> a priest last Sun (Sept. 10). We held Sunday School Sept 17, today and partook of sacrament. Have been reading Doc. and Cov. and Faith promoting Series and the spirit of God, burns in my breast when I read of his works.

**Sept. 24, 1893** Have been studying German all week also some Inductive Logic and Geometry. Ella is not well. I have just finished the first 4 volumes of the faith promoting series of our faith. My heart burns within me as I read them. The works of God are wonderful to contemplate. It seems to me there is enough evidence in them to convince any one of the truth of this work. I think they are well named "Faith Promoting Series."<sup>26</sup> Attended Sunday School today and we had singing for the first time this summer. We read 10, 11, 12, and 13 Sec. of Doc. and Cov. and conversed upon them. Wrote to Ma, Laura and, Francis. I am happy to record Ma's foot is well again and Francis health has improved. While fasting for them and for my eyes permanent cure and when in secret prayer in the grove, the spirit of God came upon me and consoled, me and promised me that I should receive that for which I asked and so far I believe my prayer has been answered to the very letter.

**Oct. 1, 1893** Have been reading Gr. and Logic. Prof. Cluff Jr.,<sup>27</sup> has come to attend School and stayed with us two nights. Also Jed Wooley and wife<sup>28</sup> have come and remained with us over night and day. We held meeting at my house today. Bro. Hinckley and myself administered Sacrament. Bro. Cluff, Isgreen, Robinson and Wooly, from Zion addressed us and gave encouragement to us that were here. Bro. Cluff, said it was expected by the seventies that

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<sup>25</sup> John Jasper "Johnny" McClellan (1874-1925), son of John Jasper and Eliza B. (Walser) McClellan. Early on he showed a talent for music. At age ten he began taking lessons from a local teacher in Payson and at eleven became the ward organist. In 1891 he went to Saginaw, Michigan and studied under Albert W. Platte and served as his assistant at St. Paul's First Congregational Church. He then attended the Conservatory at the University of Michigan and studied piano and Organ. Alberto Jonas, the great Spanish pianist became head of the piano school and Bro. McClellan became one of his favorite pupils. During his two and a half years at Ann Arbor, Bro. McClellan was hired as the choirmaster and organist for the St. Thomas Catholic Church.

<sup>26</sup> A series of books beginning with George Q. Cannon's book, My First Mission. The books were geared to the youth of the Church. Instead of doctrinal essays and discussions, these books were primarily true and exciting stories of the lives of Latter-day Saints.

<sup>27</sup> Benjamin Cluff, Jr. at this time was the principal of the Brigham Young Academy. Later was the first president of Brigham Young University.

<sup>28</sup> Probably Jed and Agnes Woolley. In 1900 Jed was teaching school in Salt Lake City.

the gospel would, soon be preached to rich and learned instead, of the poor and ignorant. Bros. Hinckley and I also bore our testimonies. I learn S. S. Jones has been cut off from the church for bad conduct. May I never fall! Bro. Cluff, speaks very highly of my sister Laura. The University starts in the morning and, with it my labors. Father aid me in my studies may I succeed. I have finished the second reading of Inductive Logic. I am without money and many dollars in debt. Ella, was very bad flowing nearly every day and night and I administered to her and she has been apparently well over since.<sup>29</sup> Last night I dreamed of the moon of one of our planets and I was taken so close to it I saw it was barren and another one of Saturn's was covered with vegetation. This makes many times I have dreamed of moons and stars of the heavens. What does it mean?

**Oct. 8, 1893** Have spent my first week in school this year. University opens with fair prospects, but not so many students as last year. I like the school better than last year. My studies are, trigonometry, Psychology (course 9), German (3a) Chemistry (inorganic), oratory, Rhetoric (science) and Essays, Physical Geology and History of Pedagogy (listening course).

We held meeting at Bro. Hinckley's good spirit prevailed. We have good singing, choir is trained by Bros. John McLellan<sup>30</sup> and Hinckley. The following Bros. spoke, Nathan, Harris, James Brown<sup>31</sup>, Jos Page, Hyrum Harris<sup>32</sup> and myself, I felt impressed to say unless we were very careful some of us would go home, without the spirit of God and be as a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. Urged all to pray, read the scriptures and to let us be united in our meeting, etc. We decided to hold 3 meetings a month and one Sunday School. In the Sunday School we are to take up the study of the New Testament. One was to lecture on one bk each Sunday School, but all were to read it previous to the lecture delivered upon it. Bro. Cluff was to take Matthew.

I rec'd letters from Pa and all were well at time of writing. Josephine has a fine boy<sup>33</sup> and doing well. Ma and children are in Provo, children going to school. I am to move next Sat. I am out of money and \$43.00 in debt.

**Oct. 22, 1893** Have moved and Ella took down very sick with labor pains. Dr. came and said child was dead and would have to be taken from her. The next day (Sun.) he performed the surgical operation. It was a case of placenta previa.<sup>34</sup> Dr. says very few ever survive from the operation. I had six or seven of the elders come previous to the operation and we knelt in prayer circle and then anointed and administered to Ella. Then after operation was over we again administered to her and to the surprise of Dr. and all she recovered almost beyond expectation. We all acknowledge the hand of the Lord in her recovery and glorify his name. It is a week today since the surgical operation and she is progressing nicely.

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<sup>29</sup> Ella is pregnant at this time.

<sup>30</sup> John J. McClellan

<sup>31</sup> James Lehi Brown (1860-1921)

<sup>32</sup> Hyrum Smith Harris (1860- ) earned his L.L.B. (Bachelor of Laws) at the University of Michigan in 1894. Later became president of the Mexican Mission.

<sup>33</sup> Birdwell Finlayson was born September 12, 1893 in Payson, Utah.

<sup>34</sup> Placenta previa is where the placenta abnormally grows over the cervix in the uterus.

I wrote to Pa and Mary Orser of our sickness and to Bro. Rydalch for \$15 or \$20. I have since writing before rec'd \$50 from Pa but it is all gone but ten dollars and my debts not all paid nor my tuition paid. I have been out of school one week and am behind in my studies. I have rec'd letter from Francis and he is doing well and is trying with all his might to live a pure and god fearing life. Charlie, is turning away from all council and advice of parents and teachers and roams the street I am told. Bros. Cluff and Brimhall are praising Laura, as one of the nicest girls and has the promise of making a model teacher. I did not attend meeting today but stayed and read to Ella. I am to deliver an oration (Commemorative address) on Pericles<sup>35</sup> of 2000 words before the class in oratory, but I am behind in all my work. I have been keeping house all week with my little children.

**Nov. 5, 1893** Have been studying hard and doing house work. The last two nights have studied till 12 and one respectfully, on trigonometry. Had examinations in Trig, and Chemistry. I am catching up some in my studies. Rec'd. letters from Pa, Ma, Laura and Sister Daniels and Bro Rydalch and he sent me \$20. It came in the nick of time, Ella, is getting better, but her side is painful and keeps sore. The Dr. seeing I was not well fixed charged me only \$15 for services and some medicines where he usually charges \$30. Have paid for my tuition with exception of \$1.50. Went in debt for ½ ton of coal (2.50). The Lord still hears my prayers and I feel much blessed. I am practicing an oration of about 2500 words to deliver before the class in oratory.

**Nov. 12, 1893** Have passed the week in study. Had interview with Prof. Scott about my compositions he says my diction is poor and needs working up. He says my grammar is good and that my ideas and plans (way of treating subject) is excellent. I delivered my oration before the class in oratory. Though I rec'd some criticism the compliments from critics and Prof. were excellent. Different members of the class told me it was the finest oration given this year. I asked the Lord to aid me and I feel that He did.

Held meeting (presided) today we had a good meeting. Several of the brethren spoke well. After the regular meeting we held a council meeting among the Bros. to arrange about having teachers visit the saints. Some objected to it, some claimed to busy etc. I told then I felt to make a promise in the name of Jesus that those that would freely perform their duties as teachers and those that freely rec'd them would never lose a dot of an eye but on other hand would be better off.

I have rec'd letter from Martha, and she says she cares no more for me and has grown selfish and thinks it is no use of our corresponding any longer.

**Nov. 26, 1893** Since writing before my dear father has died. O what sorrow is greater than the sorrow of departed parents? I rec'd three telegrams of his sickness and death. They read: 1. "Father is past recovery". 2. "Father says tell Josiah all well, few days, pray always." 3. "Father died last night 10 o'clock (Nov. 24) funeral at 2 o'clock Sunday." No human tongue can describe my sorrow. I could not go home to see him. I do not know what the nature of his

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<sup>35</sup> Pericles (495 BC-429 BC) an important leader of Athens during the Greek Golden Golden Age. Important for fostering democracy, a radical idea for that time.

sickness as I have not had time to receive a letter. This following letter is a copy of the one I have just written to Ma and bros. and sisters:

(Nov. 26, 1893) My Dear Mother Brothers and Sisters: I received the heart-rending news last night (Sat.) O what a woeful home! Can it be possible that Pa has passed away from earth? O my father my father, how many hundred times have I looked forward, with unbounded joy when I could again meet Pa and tell him what I had accomplished here upon this mission and to tell him I had remained true and faithful. If I could have seen him once more I would have freely sacrificed any thing I possessed of this earth. I was so hopeful of his recovery after receiving that second telegram and in the evening sat down and wrote to you and Pa a letter. That night which I wrote, was the night that he died. About one o'clock or little after that time, that same night I was awakened by some influence telling me Pa was dead. My heart felt like lead and I quivered all over. I tried to pray and convince myself that the impression was false. I went to sleep and again at 5 o'clock I awoke and the impression came again that Pa was dead. I told Ella I had been impressed that Pa was dead. So counting the difference of time between this place and home I find it is about 3 hours. That would make it one o'clock here when it was then 10 there. I am convinced it was my guarding angel informing me of Pa's death.

I have received Francis' letter of the 20th and his impression of sorrow were correct. We sat here last night in deep gloom and knowing that we were perfectly powerless seemed to make it worse. I again and again relived my life and to know and realize I had no father seemed unendurable. I have for years dreaded this time knowing that I would have to face this blighted sorrow some time. How long was Pa sick? Did he realize till the last? Did he leave any word or converse with you before he died? Do write every thing connected, with his sickness and death. Oh, if I could have only been there!

Ella dreamed last night she saw Pa kneeling and praying to our Heavenly Father pleading that He would comfort his sorrowing family for he said he could not rest in peace while they were grieving so. He repeated the same prayer several times.

As I now write you are holding the last sad rite of earth. O, if I could only tell my feelings to you in this letter these words would weep tears and these pages would reach the sobs and moans that convulse my heart. Think of the noble life Pa has led! I have never known him to deceive nor to profane the name of God, his morals were above reproach, and his honesty unquestionable far and near. With all his trials and hardships he has ever remained, faithful to the Gospel and his covenants and with a prophetic eye for the future, he has passed on to the third great stage in the onward progress of perfection. We with the deepest sorrow that can convulse the human soul regret that he has been called to that advance state of progression. O, my dear Ma, Pa, has gone to do a work in the heavens for us. He was the first to come on earth to call his family from the heavens and he has now gone to prepare a home in that eternal city of the heavens, that we one by one, may be gathered there. He will plan for thirteen children and a dear companion who has battled side by side with him through nearly all the trials of his life. Will any one of us fail to fill the place he prepared for us? Forbid that any of us will turn aside or fail to reach our father's home. If I could I would go and help him prepare that home. But no, our work is not done here. We must finish our earthly labors. None of us can rest. Let us work with double interest and

earnestness till we are as well prepared to depart this life as our dear father was. Who of us would, not long for a counseling word from him? Who would not give all our income from dream lands for one touch of his hand on our cheek? Then my dear brothers and sisters just recall the recent advice of pa and appropriate it to your selves for his counsel is still the same. O cherish his memory and teachings for they will live forever. Write his sayings and counsel that they may be kept within our family to be handed down to his children's children. Let us be humble and long suffering. I ask if I have ever done or said any thing to injure any one of you to be forgiven. Let us make now covenants and ever to remain by them.

I ask that all of you write to me and tell me your feelings and resolutions and I will keep them for after years. Write soon to me for I am hungry for a letter from each one of you. Charley and Leslie, comfort Ma and aid her, for her grief and trials will be more than she can endure. Is there even not a joy mingled with our deep sorrow when we think of Pa's meeting and calling together the three little boys that have died, also Ella and Edna and caring for and telling them what we have been doing here on earth? He also can go and meet his dear father and mother whom he loved as dearly as we love him. O as I give this counsel my heart is breaking with grief. You that are at home remember me for you had the blessing of seeing Pa to the last. Accept these tear stained pages for I can write no more for my life my hopes and my aims are all crushed to earth. O, Ma, be comforted, I will do all in my power to aid and bless you. With prayer, I send this letter to all of you. Truly J.E.H.

Have rec'd. letters from Francis and Martha, Francis, sent me \$20. We have begun to take boarders 7 in number at \$2.00 per week. A week ago last Sat. I heard John Temple Graves<sup>36</sup> from Georgia speak in U of M. hall, subject: "The Demagogue." It was the grandest lecture I ever heard outside of our church. His language, attitude and gestures, etc., were near perfection.

**Dec. 17, 1893** Have rec'd letter from Francis telling of Pa's sickness and death. O how sad! Pa died of pneumonia. Francis says Pa realized from the first that his time had come and that he spoke of it several times during his sickness.

I have been struggling along with my studies and sorrow. Have completed Trigonometry and now taking up higher Algebra. Rec'd letter from Martha and Bro. Rydalch. Rec'd \$20 from Francis, on Dec. 7. Wrote to Martha today. Have been teaching and found saints (students) feeling well. Last Sun. heard the Rev. B. Fay Mill speak. Last Sat. night heard Prof. Hermann Von Hoist<sup>37</sup> lecture on Tsucon Leveture, the negro. It was a master effort. The Prof. is a teacher of Chicago Univ.

**Dec. 25, 1893** School has closed for holidays. The weather is warm and all seems pleasant. Went to meeting yesterday Sun. A splendid spirit prevailed. Bros. Cluff, Wooley and Halverson<sup>38</sup> spoke. After the close of the regular meeting we held a short informal meeting to have report of the teachers and give new appointments. The teachers gave a good report and claim that the saints are feeling well.

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<sup>36</sup> John Temple Graves, newspaper editor and well known orator .

<sup>37</sup> Hermann von Hoist authored a multi-volume Constitutional and Political history of the United States.

<sup>38</sup> George Halverson ( ) studied law and earned his LLB at the University of Michigan in 1894.

Santa Claus brought the little folks presents last night. Ella made me a present of 3 handkerchiefs, shaving mug and soap. Rec'd letter from Sister Lawisch, written in German. She is a faithful soul. She tells me Martha and the baby<sup>39</sup> are not well. Am reading for the first time the New Testament as translated by the Scholars of the day from 1870 to 1880. The wording is considerably different in many ways but the ideas are as a rule not much changed.

**Jan. 14, 1814** Holidays are over and school has been running for a week. During vacation I prepared a thesis upon the "Glacial Epoch", of about 2500 words, besides have done some other work. I gained 12 lbs. during vacation and feel well prepared to begin work. I have had fair success in my composition work this semester so far with one or two exceptions. Rec'd letters from Martha and her mother the latter being written in German. Have not heard from home for over a month. Am in debt and hope to rec' aid. I spoke in fast meeting last Sunday. Joined in the contest debate yesterday to see what and who should be chosen to enter the final contest debate but I was not one of the elect.

**Jan. 28, 1894** My studies are very hard and in one examination in Algebra I rec'd. "C" grade, not passable. Had examinations in Chemistry, and Algebra. Have finished reading Wm. Tell.<sup>40</sup> Now we will take a review of it. We had a pleasant meeting last Sunday. A lady visited meeting and the speaker dwelt upon the authenticity of the Gospel and our church. Today (Sun) had meeting. Did not enjoy the same as I would have liked. Bro. Hinckley presided. Have rec'd letters from Ma and Francis. Ma has 8 boarders in Provo. Francis sent me \$40. They are well at home. But all are sorrowful over the death of our husband and father. Rec'd letter from Jno. Swenson stating if all was well with him he could let me have \$50 in the spring. Have just written to Martha and Pres. Ricks. Bro. R. R. Lyman spoke well upon the Mormon people and their travels and history etc. and It had splendid effect upon most all present.

**Feb. 11, 1894** It has been two weeks since I wrote before. I am very much distressed in spirits today. What have I done that I should be so distressed in feelings? It has been said I was one of the slovenly persons in the University. I admit my clothes are some what old and shabby but no more. Examinations are upon me and I do not know whether I will get through or not. I have rec'd letters from Jno. Swenson and O.W. Andlin, Josephine and Martha. Bro's Andelin and Swenson have promised to aid me if possible next spring.

We (saints) held meeting today and were addressed by Bros. Cluff Jr., Horne, Halverson and Isgreen. Bros. Horne and Cluff Jr. are soon to leave the one for Lansing and the other for the East and then to Utah. O I earnestly pray for my Father's aid in my success here while studying. If I am not greatly aided while here by my Heavenly Father, I feel I will fail.

I learn from Bro. Andlin that Ma's foot is still bad. He praises Leslie<sup>41</sup> very highly as an excellent boy in all ways. My family here and myself are well at present.

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<sup>39</sup> Reginald

<sup>40</sup> A Swiss hero who stood up to the tyrant Gessler and set his country free.

<sup>41</sup> Josiah's youngest brother, Frank Leslie Hickman (1880-1948). He is 14 years old at this time.

I have the pleasure of hearing a professor Herron<sup>42</sup> from Iowa, who is preaching the common brotherhood of man and for an equality of human being as far as possible and censures the creeds of the day for not having the love of humanity in their hearts as Christ commended. He says the churches deny the present inspiration of God and have gone astray and departed from the things of God, in a great degree. He almost preaches the order of Enoch. I went to his hotel and talked with him and find that he believes in a personal God and in revelation gifts and manifestations as Jesus spoke of and he believes when the Church of Jesus is established in its purity that all those will be restored. He has heard of the Mormons and was surprised to learn that their ideas were so much like his own. He said he was going to Utah to study the people as soon as possible. I promised to send him some (one) of our church works. He believes he is called of God to preach this needed reform. B. Fay Mills thinks he (Herron) is the greatest man since Paul and thinks if the line of prophets is again to be restored to earth that Herron is the first of them.

**Feb. 18, 1894** Have been passing examinations in all my studies and as fast as I know have passed in all of them except German Prose (One hour course). The studies I have been taking this semester are: Trigonometry (finished it). Higher Algebra (complete it in two more weeks). Course 9 in Psychology. German (Wm. Tell and German Prose). Oratory (Ancient orators and modern orators of continental Europe). Physical Geology (finished it), Chemistry (inorganic Chem), science of Rhetoric and Essays (finished). It was very hard for me to pass on Trig, Algebra and Rhetoric. The Prof's, commended me on my hard labor.

I have rec'd letters from Laura, Francis and Annie.<sup>43</sup> Laura has been very sick, but is better. Ma's foot is very sore yet. Father in heaven, do heal her from her infirmities for she has suffered enough. Francis is doing well in his school. It is Sun today. I have been to meeting, rather Sun. School. Bro. Hinckley, spoke upon Bk. of John, O, Father bless us as thy children and purify us and keep us from evil; may we love each other as we love ourselves. I am trying with all my power to live and do right. Oh that I may be noble and pure keeping my Father's commandments. I was out last Sat. evening to Mrs. Jas. Brown's<sup>44</sup> to supper. I went from there to hear Max Heinrich<sup>45</sup> in his great concert. He was a sublime singer. He was aided by Zeits a violinist.

**Feb. 25, 1894** One week's work in this semester. I have elected the following studies and following hours: English, Psychology (3 hrs.) German (2 hrs) Algebra and Conics (4 hrs), Chemistry (3 hrs.), History of Middle Ages (3 hrs.), Oratory (9 hrs.), Semitic history (1 hr.), Practical Astronomy (1 hr.) (observatory work).

Had holiday Thurs (22). Heard lecture from a congressman from Iowa in Univ. Hall. He spoke well and said many good things; but he calls Utah the "GallGoth" of America, for crime. Went to St. Andrew's church today and heard a grand sermon especially from a literary point of view. Our meeting was well attended and the speakers were Bros. Hyrum and Jos. Harris, Jno.

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<sup>42</sup> George D. Herron was professor of Applied Christianity of Grinnell College in Iowa. His ideas were considered radical by the rest of the Christian world.

<sup>43</sup> Josiah's older sister, Annie Eliza Daniels (1860-1954).

<sup>44</sup> Charlotte Selena (Curtis) Brown (1862-1907)

<sup>45</sup> Famous German baritone.

McClellan and R. R. Lyman. I have neglected to write in my journal for two weeks. I am performing the same old routine in my labors. It is dig, dig from morning till night and then seem to be very poorly prepared in my studies. I spoke in the oratorical close of Chatham.

Have rec'd letters from Martha, Mrs. Caroline Daniels and Hattie Hickman.<sup>46</sup> All are well at home. I spoke in meeting last Sun. and bore my testimony. We held Sunday School today. Went to hear Senator Ingalls<sup>47</sup>, last Friday evening. He spoke on hard times, causes and remedy. Bro. R. R. X has been appointed secretary of our little branch. The folks are getting along fairly well at home. Francis is working hard and doing well in his school.

**March 18, 1894** My conic sections<sup>48</sup> are very hard for me. I hope and pray I can comprehend them better in the future. Have been to oratorical contest. Have just written an oration of nearly 3000 words. Presided in meeting today. Bros. Hinckley, Brown, Wooley, Robison, and Isgreen spoke. Have written to Bros. Jno Swansen and Jo's Page for 2 hours about our religion trying to awaken a desire in him to seek the scriptures and he tells me he knows (believes) there is a God.

Our little children are very cunning in their talk and actions. We are thinking of keeping a record of their says and doings. Francis, sent me \$10 this week and I bought me a nice suit of navy blue clothes for \$12.00. I learn that there is a greater missionary labor going on now through our elders then over before.

**Mar. 25, 1894** The week has passed in hard work. Passed examination in Conics. Went to hear Gunsaulus D.D.<sup>49</sup> from Chicago. His subject was "Puritan Eloquence". It was a grand oration. He said that was eloquence when Abraham stood on the plains of Shiner and look wistfully toward the Occident;<sup>50</sup> when Moses stood on Mt. Sinai and gathered about him the thunder bolts and lightening of Jehovah: when Isaiah stood on walls of Jerusalem, when Demosthenes when Chrysostum etc. and so on down the scale of history. He spoke of the eloquence till he reached the Puritan Eloquence of Philips Evert, Beecher, Webster, and etc. I have scarcely ever head anything so grand. He said every age had it[s] agitator, statesman and prophet. Of our day, they were Philips, Webster, Beecher. He spoke of Wendel Philips speeches and his wife Ann's note to him. Have been to meeting, I and three other brethren spoke. I spoke of the danger of our going astray while here. Spoke of my fear and the results of last year's work. Wrote long letter to Martha. I dreamed she wrote to me for a divorce for she was going to marry a young man by the name of John. It seemed strange.

**April 15, 1894** It has been some time since writing. Hard labor, blunted ambitions and actions of little importance has enticed my silence. I complain still of my dullness of comprehension, especially in German and Conic Sections, yet I begin to feel that my mind grasps the subject in conics now better than over before. My daily prayer[s] are that I will soon see the day that I can record in this book that they are easy and comprehensive to my mind. In Psychology, I have

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<sup>46</sup> Harriet Douglass Hickman (1869-1949), Josiah's sister-in-law, the wife of his brother Francis.

<sup>47</sup> John J. Ingalls (1833-1900), U.S Senator from Kansas 1873-91.

<sup>48</sup> Geometry

<sup>49</sup> Dr. Frank Wakely Gunsaulus (1856-1921), Methodist minister and educator.

<sup>50</sup> Occident is an antiquated term for the western world.



been reading considerable in Hobbe's, Socko, and Berkeley and now reading the first bk. of Humes (274 pp). We are having a week's vacation preparatory to our last march on this year's schooling. I went to the river yesterday and around the boulevard and returned at 12 o'clock. Bought Paynes lecture on "Science of Education Values".

Went to the observatory last night. We observed the moon, Jupiter and Saturn. The moon appeared as though it was only a hundred or so miles away. The great crater and mountain ranges were as plain as the pits on a small pocked face even with a small powered magnifying glass. The smooth portions of the moon looked like a smooth hard finish wall though not so white. Jupiter showed very plain and about ½ as large as the moon appears to unaided eye and the belts (two) appeared very distinct also her 4 moons. Saturn in all the grandeur that could be bestowed upon a temporal body rode through the heavens encircled with her golden ring. It is but little short of inspiration to behold it.

I rec'd a letter from Josephine, Thos Daniels,<sup>51</sup> and Clinton Roy. Josephine sent me \$5.00. May the Lord, bless her for her kindness. Thos. is going into the mountains to saw lumber this summer. Clinton Roy, writes that he is grateful for the instruction rec'd from me and the knowledge of God he gained by my teachings. May the Lord bless him and receive the praise for all the good he (Clinton) rec'd at my hands. He is teaching in Scipio. I also rec'd letter from Bro. Andelin saying he could let me have \$25 next month and a little more next fall if I desired it. I have written to Ma and Laura, Annie and Josephine. We held meeting today and a good spirit was present. We learned Pres. Woodruff had rec'd revelation stating the mother could be sealed to her husband though he had never rec'd the gospel.

**April 29, 1894** I am dilatory in recording my actions, etc. School has presented her routine of hard tasks. Wrote letters to Clinton Roy, and Mrs. Lawisch. Bro. B .H. Brimhall (missionary) has spent a week with us. He and Hyrum Harris addressed the congregation. Bro Harris spoke with great power and influence. Have read Pres. Woodruffs revelation on Law of Adoption. He said God, had made a call upon the Saints to carry out this law and it would be a step in advance of any thing we have undertaken. Have rec'd letters from Martha and her Ma.

**May 13, 1894** Hard work, small rewards. Had examination in conics of the Parabola. Attended meeting last Sun. and bore my testimony. Went with foot-ball team and had my photo taken. Rec'd letter from Josephine. She says Ma's foot is well again. I pray it shall remain so. I learn from the paper Miss May Reid is married. She was one of my former students and fellow teachers. She is an excellent student and teacher. Bro. E. S. Hinckley delivered a fine oration on Webster in the class of oratory. I wrote to Martha. I am much pleased with her last letter. Ella and some of the students are preparing to go home in 7 weeks.

**May 27, 1894** – I am continuing my labors in my studies. Rec'd letters from Jno. Swenson and Martha. Have written to Sister Lawisch and Mary Orser. Three of our boarders have left. Attended the May Festival and heard excellent music and singing. Rec'd \$25.00 from Andelin, but have forgotten date. Have administered 3 times to Bro. Hyrum Harris. Have been informed

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<sup>51</sup> Thomas Daniels (1857-1826) married to Josiah's older sister Annie.

by Prof. Lyman that I will get through my work in conics. Have learned of two little children being drowned in Fillmore. Bro. Joshua Greenwood has been admitted to the bar. Sister Wooley has a girl baby<sup>52</sup>. That makes 3 babies that have been born this year in the Mormon Colony. Have bought a turtle and will send it home with Ella. I spoke in meeting today.

**June 10, 1894** The two weeks past have brought nothing very startling to my view. Have administered to Bro. Hyrum Harris 7 times and twice to Bro Jos. Brown's little girl. Spoke last Sun. also a few words today. Went to hear Rev. Coborn's lecture on skepticism. What it is and what it is not. He handled his subject well. My work is very hard for me. I was working till 11 p.m. last night at observatory and then got up about 20 to 3 A.M., went again and stayed till nearly 4 A.M. It is hard for me to keep the spirit of God while surrounded with such skeptical teachings. It takes constant prayer and reading of scriptures to keep me from becoming doubtful at certain hours. I find several of the young people here growing indifferent and skeptical. It grieves me to see it. Some begin to think the prophecies of the wicked too strong and that our people interpret wrongly the scriptures and that the destructions will not come in our days. Some think the Pearl of Great Price contains a pack of nonsense. Rec'd 35.00 dollars from Francis, Anderson and Ma. Wrote letters to Francis and Jno. Swenson. All is well at home.

**June 24, 1894** Rec'd \$25 from Jno Swenson. Rec'd letters from Ma, and Martha. School is now closed at last. All the studies are over. As far as I learn I have completed 19 hours credit. The studies that I have been taking this semester are: Conic Section, the history of England, Psys., German (Schiller's 30 yrs Work). Oratory, History of Middle Ages, Chemistry, Semitic History, and Astronomy. I passed in all.

Ella and I were to Hinckley's last night to supper. Had a nice time. Since my last writing Bro. and Sister Brown have lost their baby.<sup>53</sup> It has been a sore trial for them. May our Father, be merciful with them and give them an enduring testimony for they are noble and pure. I administered to Gertrude and their baby about 12 or 15 times. The spirit of God seemed to be present at the death of the baby and buoyed the parents up. They sent their baby's body to Utah. We have all been very sorely grieved over their misfortune. As the child died with Scarlet fever, we postponed meeting last Sunday. Our baby<sup>54</sup> took with a fever this week and we thought it was the scarlet fever and I anointed and blessed him and he was well within 6 hours, though he was somewhat peaked for a day or two.

I am trying to live better now than ever in the past. O Father, aid me in my humble effort. May I grow, purer and nobler while here upon this mission. Many of the Utah Students are going home this week and Ella and the children are going with them. I am sorrowful to contemplate it, but will be the best I can do now under the circumstances. May God bless and protect them while absent from me, that we may all meet again when I return home again. If it is God's will, Martha, will come and live with me this coming year. She has been very patient and sacrificing and I feel to bless her. I took the Pearl of Great Price to Prof. Cragg, to have him pass his opinion upon the hieroglyphics etc. He knew very little of Egyptian hieroglyphics but he hardly

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<sup>52</sup> Probably Olive Frank Woolley, b. 26 May 1894 to Jedediah F. and Agnes B. (Forsyth) Woolley.

<sup>53</sup> This would be Pauline Brown who was born November 16, 1892 and died June 20, 1894.

<sup>54</sup> This would be Josiah Eugene.

thought those characters were correctly translated, but of course nothing definite could be said of them. He asked for their history, and the history and works of Jos. Smith. I told him in brief of them. He thought it a strange story and indeed said that there were things coming from time to time that were unexplainable. He gave me the address of a noted Egyptologist of London and desired me to write to him of the matter. With his attitude of doubt my testimony and belief in the Pearl of Great Price was just as firm as ever. My object in inquiring of him was to know if there was any one on earth today who could understand and read those hieroglyphics. The address of the Egyptologist was: Dr. E. W. Budge, Keeper of Egyptian Antiquities in The British Museum, Great Russell Street, London W. C., England. Prof. Craag is some what doubtful whether Abraham, ever existed as he is written about or as we understand him. He also said not to let his word influence me in regard to my belief. As we talked, we referred to the scriptures and the conversation was very pleasant. We saints held meeting today and those that go home this spring spoke to us. I also spoke a short time.

**July 3, 1894** School is over and I have been resting several days. I attended the baccalaureate address of Pres. Angell, to graduates. His subject was character, purity, steer clear of sin, etc. Two things that struck me forcible were (among others) every sin committed was hidden away some where upon the soul to be read to some future day. "Though one may think he will be a little loose or careless at times and would not count but he that climbs Etna's ashy sides knows full well that every backward slide delays his progress though in time he may reach the summit, so our life's, career is checked and hampered according as our acts may be." Then the oration or commencement day delivered by the orator Geo. Herbert Palmer, A.M. from Harvard. It was an excellent address both in word and advice. A few of his thoughts I scribbled down were as follows: There should be three points in every speech or writing, 1. Accuracy, in words, should just fit the thought as a glove fills up the hand (neither too large nor too small.) Patrick Henry would dash into a middle of sentence and trust to God to get him out. Risk something though you may err; use some new expression that is your own, get out of beaten paths. In writing have beginning middle end. Have no sentence more than two lines long and anyone will read it. When you write think of the other man, self, and others. When you write a piece and it does not suit you write and rewrite it and it will always be bettered. Ask yourself the question, is it ambiguous, clear etc, if not write till it is and see to it that it says just what you want it to say. You must hold, to truth. Lean on your matter; make yourself servant to what you wish to say. Do not ask your self the question will I make a show or flatter others or tickle ears etc. Jesus was the pattern. Keep a notebook so you may jot down ideas as they may come no matter how broken or scattered you can then put them together when you write."

Ella and the children started home last Friday, June 29. Before they left I blessed them all and felt that I would see them all again. My little children wept to think that they were to go and leave me behind. I shall not forget little Othello, how pathetically he cried and his lips quivered trying to keep back the tears. I understand that nearly the whole R.R. system throughout the U.S. is blocked by the strike of something like 300,000 men and more are striking every day. The great leaders of the movement say if the government interfere they will call a strike in every nook and corner of the U.S. No one seems to know when nor what the outcome will be. I do not know whether Ella and the children and co., have been stopped on the road or not. I trust how ever they went through safe before the roads were stopped.

We met in prayer circle for Bro. Brown's little girl (Gertrude)<sup>55</sup> who took a backset, but she has been miraculously healed and is now apparently well. I divulged my family affairs to two of the brethren as it was necessary. Wrote to Martha. Weight 195. I am still living (studying and sleeping) in Kitsons house, pay him 50c per month for staying here. I board at Brown's. I get my board and washing for \$2.00 per week. Have been studying German and O. Pratt's astronomy this week. Am reading first reader (Ger.) on the cumulative method, entitled, Rudolph. Have written to Ma. I wrote to Pres. Woodruff and Bro. Maeser, as to the work done by the colony here.

**July 15, 1894** It has been nearly two weeks since I wrote before. Since then I have finished "Rudolph", reviewed some in the German Gram., have been reading Orson Pratt's astronomy ("The Key to the Universe"). Summer school has been going for a week and I am taking Biology, Botany and Zoology. I had no money to start with, but got the Profs., to accept me for 2 or 3 weeks till I rec'd my money. I am in very straight circumstances. I am praying for assistance. I am studying Avery's Physics this summer so I will be enabled to enter the college class in physics next fall. I have in the last 10 days read most all of Paul's Epistles. I have just rec'd a letter from Ella, stating that she had just arrived home on July 9. She had been on the road 11 ½ days. The great strike is nearly at an end and capital wins as usual.

Have clipped a piece from the paper stating that W. E. McElwell of Rockwood, Ten., had found a brass coin in an Indian mound bearing on one side an urn burning incense and on the other a fig or olive branch, with the words in Hebrew, "Shekel of Israel.

Rec'd letters from Mary Orser and Jno. Swenson, and he and Henry Tanner are organizing a ward in Park City. I learn Pres. Woodruff has said that peace has been taken from the earth and there is no safety only where the priesthood is. I am watching with deep concern the development of destruction. O, may Israel and the honest-in-heart prove faithful and escape the scourge.

Part of the class in Zoology went yesterday in search of some zoological specimens. We got some chora, hydra and turtle eggs. We are not holding meeting today but will from next Sun. on. I learn my sister Eunice<sup>56</sup> has a little girl baby. I am much taken up with my work in botany and zoology. I have fallen away 10 lbs. in the last two weeks. Wrote to Ella.

**July 22, 1894** During the last week have been studying species of animals and plants with the microscope. The handwork of God is revealed in the finest structures of nature being just as complete in the finest and most minute as in the greatest works of creation. I went with the botanical class on an excursion for specimens. Bro. Hinckley has been sick. I administered with others to him twice also once to his little boy. They both are better. Rec'd letters from Martha and she is ready to come when things can be arranged. I long to meet her and her dear child. We held meeting today (memorial services) for Bro, and Sister Brown's little children that died one

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<sup>55</sup> Gertrude Brown (1886-1967), daughter of James Lehi and Charlotte Selena (Curtis) Brown.

<sup>56</sup> Josiah's sister, Eunice Lettie Richardson (1865-1946). The baby is Genevieve Richardson born 7 July 1894.

in Utah and one here.<sup>57</sup> Speakers were Bros. Wooley, Hinckley and myself. After we were through Bro. Brown spoke and thanked all for kindness and spoke of the goodness of the Lord, etc. The spirit of the Lord was in our midst. While speaking I read from Ezekiel 37 Chap. 1-14 verses. Bro Hinckley and I administered the sacrament.

I dreamed last night I saw Francis, and he was dressed very poorly and he was barefooted and I asked him the cause; he said "he could not get any thing as it took all for me." I thought I threw my arms around him and wept bitterly saying "No other person would have done that." I was much grieved to know I had so distressed him. I thought then we prepared to teach together in one new academy just being started. I learn that the church has given commandments to stop card playing and round dancing. I hardly ever write in my journal unless I feel like breathing a prayer for safety, to be kept pure within the gospel and for protection of my family. Some perhaps in after years who read my words will have derision to offer: but let it be remembered that he who will not walk fearing and trembling and with constant prayer for light and safety, will fall in many by and forbidden paths.

I (with Brown and Wooley) have rented a house to live in this coming year. I wrote to Bro. Hyrum Brimhall, Josephine, and Annie.

**July 30, 1894** Have been working in the zoological and botanical depts. We (class) went on a tour gathering species of moss, siverworts and Ferns.

I aided in administering to Mrs. Wooley. We (Brown, Wooley and self) moved last Sat. in the mummy house. I have two rooms up stairs and one down. My suspense and anxiety was much relieved, by getting a letter from Ella. She and the children are well. I also rec'd a short note from Francis, saying that he thought he could get money in a few days for me. I am very much in need of money at present. I sold one bedstead and springs for \$1.60 to apply on milk debt. Have rec'd \$25.00 of Jno. Swensen, this makes \$50 in all that I rec'd from him. It has been a great kindness to me. Wrote to Ella.

**Aug. 6, 1894** The week has passed rapidly. The weather has suddenly changed from about 95 degrees Fah. to about 55. I had never seen such a sudden change before at this time of the year. I was 32 years old on the third of this month. It hardly seemed possible that I am so old I am but a child in learning and also in the things of the Lord. O, if the next thirty two years of my life can be passed in purity and works of righteousness my heart's desire will be complete. O, Father, direct my footsteps aright, preserve me from sin, permit me not to be tried any more than I am able to bear. Forgive and forget my past sins. Give me Thy spirit to guide me in all paths of righteousness; may I be humble, charitable, long suffering and grateful in all hours of my life.

I went with the field club Sat., for about 3 hrs., gathering specimens. Rec'd letter from Martha, this last week saying she was having trouble in getting her pay. I answered and told her to come if there was any possible chance. My love for her is very great as is the case with Ella. If we

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<sup>57</sup> The Brown's actually had three of their five children die—James Curtis Brown born February 9, 1888, died November 21, 1892; Emma, born March 8, 1891 and died 15 November 1892; and Pauline, born November 16, 1892 and died June 20, 1894.

three could be humble and united as one person our blessing should be great. I am much in debt and have no money to pay my way.

I had a dream last night of a large reptile being in a hole something like unto a grave and kept running its head out and watched a small Company of people that was near. It seemed that we had but little light, as though dusk. I and another person went to get it out and kill it as we supposed to be very dangerous. We started and tried; but the brother with me grew faint hearted and wanted to leave it. I asked him if he was going to leave me alone without getting rid of it so we tried and it seemed impossible to get it out. I awoke at that point (Sun. morn) and I believe it was fulfilled, in part this same day in meeting (will not record it now.) We had fast meeting to day and all of us spoke and all spoke with the power of God except (as I feel) one. I commented upon what had been said—evolution mostly and then turned my attention upon the scriptures and our duty as students while here. I felt to predict that all who were not prayerful in the greatest degree and did not read the scriptures and that often with a very prayerful heart—would become polluted with these theories of men and would, cast aside certain principles or beliefs of the gospel for the learning of the world. One (Wooley) that spoke after me thought it not so. I also was led to say that all of us that begin to think we were all right and had no fear of going astray were in that moment in danger.

I just completed to day the New Testament. I have been reading it for about 9 or 10 months. Today I have also been reading the Doc. and Cov. and a little in the Bk. of Mormon and the Old Testament. The U.S. seems to be smitten with pestilences of drought, failure of crops and, fires and floods. China and Japan are at war. It is the time when the fig tree is putting forth its buds. I wrote Bp. Callister a letter.

**Aug. 12, 1894** I am still in much need of means to pay my indebtedness. Rec'd letter from Ella and she is not enjoying very good health. Henry Tanner is called on another mission to Cal. He takes Bro. Maeser's place. Sumner School lasts one more week. The class in Botany took a three hour trip Sat. searching for specimens. From the papers many great fires have destroyed much property (millions) and lives this last week. The crops in some states are almost an entire failure and farmers are leaving the state to prevent starvation.

I have been very anxious about what truth that was in evolution as it is almost the universal belief among the scientist of the worlds I made it a matter of earnest prayer and while sleeping I learned that I was at my father's home; and to accommodate a great many people (not of our faith) we (people) attempted to build, on our house (my parent's). It was attempted to build the house broader but still remain on the same position or foundation. It was shown to me that it was impossible for it not only ruined our house but the one built on the foundation was built top heavy so that it would fall. It was shown that there may be towers built upon the house, but not the wall or foundation changed, from which it was. I also was shown that if a foundation was built by the side of our house and built right up along by the side of my fathers house it would be all right but not other wise. I awoke and did not know the meaning and I went to sleep and dreamed the same dream over again and when I awoke I had an interpretation of it. It was this: My father's and Mother's home was the gospel they had reared me in. The foundation of their home was the gospel and its principles. And an attempt to change the structure or the gospel if

you please it fell and ceased to be what it was. The towers that could be built without changing the building were additional truths that come within the gospel. Additional buildings or columns built by the side of my father's home (only made it stronger, I thought and did not hurt it), these wore new truths that were in keeping with the gospel and only testified of it and gave stronger proof of its erection.

We had Sunday School today. I and Bro. Brown administered the sacrament. We read from and commented upon the history of Jos. Smith. Wrote to Jno Swensen and sent my note for \$50. I also wrote a long letter to Ella and Francis.

**Aug. 20, 1894** Sumner School closed on the 17th and I paid \$15.00 toward the tuition. I received 6 hours credit for the work done in this course. My professors were Johnson in Zoology, Dr. Newcomb, Prof Peters and Miss Merrow in Botany. I received a letter from Ella and her health is not good. Eugene has his foot poisoned by wading in the water, but it is better. Great destruction by fire and other calamities are greatly destroying and distressing the human family. China and Japan are at war and there is talk of Europe joining in the war. Wrote to Ella.

Since writing last in my journal I have had the opportunity to talk with Prof. Peters (Prof. of Botany) upon the principles of the gospel and to tell him the story of the foundation of our church. It took me about 2 ½ hours. He asked questions here and there as I proceeded, but I did nearly all the talking and he took brief notes of what I said. He was much interested in that which I told him and seemed to believe most of it. At the close of our talk he said that if I had not told him that truth in whole that it was not an intent on my part to deceive. Since then I have had two short talks with him upon points of interest that were overlooked. Bro. E. S. Hinckley has had a talk with him upon the same subject. The Prof. has asked for some reading matter upon the evidences of the Bk. of M. I will take him the voice of warning and Orson and Pratt's works upon that subject. The way we came to have our talks he had asked me some questions about our people and religion while we were on a botanical tour. In a day or two after that he came to me stating he was much interested what I had told him and asked if he might come to my home (room) and have me explain more to him our gospel and how founded. I told him I would come to his place and so we agreed at meeting at his office in the Univ. It was there we had our talks. It had been an earnest desire of my heart before ever coming here that God would so bless me that I might do good while here as well as receive good. I went so far in my earnest prayers to my Father in heaven as to ask him if it were possible that I could do much good like Abraham of old, when he went into Egypt. Perhaps I was too anxious and asked too much but I felt that spirit and gave vent to it in earnest prayer.

We held Sunday School yesterday and read and commented upon the life of Joseph Smith.

**Aug. 26, 1894** Studied physics this week. Rec'd letters from Ella and Martha. All well at home. Martha shows a spirit that I fear will not lead to good. I have written to Ella. I also wrote to W. Done to see if he could aid me a little as I am without money. Answered Clinton Roy's letter. Have talked a little more with Prof. Peters and I loaned him Voice of Warning to read. Talked with Duncan about our people. It looks very much as though I would have to go home

this fall for want of money. Attended S.S. today, good spirit. I aided in administering sacrament.

**Sept. 2, 1894** Prospects have changed for the better for me financially. Rec'd \$50 from Francis, enough to pay part of my debts. Have been studying Physics all the week. Except to go through that work this coming week. Am nearly through "Orson Spencer's Letters." His letters are gems of thought. Rec'd letters from Ella and Francis. The leaven sown seems to have begun to work. Prof. Peters has very earnestly related to one of the young men of the Univ. (I think he is one of the assistant teachers or is preparing to be one) his conversation we had. So this young man Brenneman asked Peters to intercede with me and arrange so that could get with me and talk upon our gospel. Peters did so and per agreement I went to Brenneman's room and we talked from about 7:30 to 11:50 P.M. The conversation was mostly upon the gifts and blessings of our church as in keeping with the church of Christ. He was much interested and asked many questions. He promised to come and visit me and learn more of our people and their faith. I learn Prof. Hinsdale of this Univ. is very much pleased with our people and their education work (advancements).

I went last Thurs. and had the probe (No. 2) passed down the tachrymal duct of my left eye. It seemed to be mostly closed up yet, I think not so much as it seemed. This was the first time since a year ago last July. Dr. Carrow<sup>58</sup> says it should be passed down at least two or three times a year to keep the tube from closing up.

We held fast meeting to day and nearly all of us spoke and bore our testimony. We knelt in prayer (I being mouth) for Sister Curtis, Sister Brown's mother who is sick at Payson. The weather is warm today and it is dry. There has been no rain with one exception for months. Wrote to Ella today.

**Sept. 9, 1894** Spent most of this week studying physics. Am nearly through it. Aided Brown and Hinckley some in Algebra and Geometry. Had probe No. 7 pass down the canaliculus of my left eye last Thurs. Have finished "O. Spencer's Letters." Read one afternoon Hinsdale's notes on His Pedagogy. Had a talk with Hinsdale about his trip to Utah; also about passing an examination in Ped. He thinks he will allow me to if I can get my credit opened.

Rec'd letters from Jos. Roy., W. Done and Wm. Rawlings. W. Done and Roy think they can let me have money. Rawlings has none to spare at present. Spent two hours Thurs. to see a 10 mile bicycle race.

We held Sunday School today. As usual we read and commented upon the life and works of Jos. Smith. Great destruction of life and property has swept the earth the last two weeks. In this state and in Wis. between one and two thousand human beings were burned in the great forest fires. More than a half billion dollars have gone up in the flames. Floods are sweeping the earth in different places, war and bloodshed is upon every continent. Truly, the destroying angel has gone forth upon the earth. But what am I doing during all these changing scenes and perilous times? I am trying to do right and live a humble and pure life. I feel to forgive all human beings

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<sup>58</sup> Dr. Fleming Carrow, ophthalmologist.



who have trespassed against me and I am trying to learn to love my neighbor as my self. It is hard to do. It is far harder than one thinks until he has tried for two or three years. I do not, believe it is within mortal power without the spirit of God to aid one. Have rec'd no letter from Ella nor Martha since my last writings.

**Sept. 17, 1894** Studied History of Pedagogy and Political Science this last week. Went to Baptist meeting. Preacher allowed, that Jesus died, for our daily sins etc. We had Sunday School yesterday. Had dinner to Sister Wooley's. Rec'd letter from Ella. All well at home except little Eugene's foot is still sore. Ella is getting along well. Am reading a story written by H. Rider Haggard, entitled "Heart of the World."<sup>59</sup> Have read sermons of Penrose and Arahm H. Cannon. This summer I am reading three newspapers (Deseret News, Herald, and Washtenaw Times.)

**Sept. 24, 1894** I have been studying political economy and Hist of Pedagogy. Rec'd letters from Ella and Clinton Ray. He is in Cal., attending Standford Univ. Ella is well, all the little children. Yesterday (Sun.) went to S. School. Read history of Jos. Smith. During the day I read from the Bk. of Job, also three chapters of the story Heart of the World. Bro. Dalley is here from Utah to attend school. I wrote to Ma, J. B. Walton, Jos. Ray, Christian Anderson, and Ella. Sister Brown is putting up some fresh fruit for me if I need it.

I find that there is a spirit growing on me of getting offended at small things--at least I notice it more perhaps because I am trying to weed out some of my evil nature. I find it almost impossible to keep from thinking of some imaginary discord between myself and others. It is very disagreeable and I hope to soon overcome it.

We had a fearful thunderstorm Sat. Night. I weigh 191 lbs. Went and had a No. 8 probe passed down the lachrymal duct of my left eye. Examinations are held this week for students entering the Univ. I desire to pass off physics and German (entrance). To do so I have to pass in Avery's physics and German Grammar. Read Wm Tell and Collateral reading.

**Sept. 30, 1894** Week gone. Have passed in Avery's physics and German. I am now a full fledged student for the degree of B.S. Rec'd letters from Ella, Laura and Bro. Andlin. Ella is not so well.<sup>60</sup> I have not heard from Martha for several weeks. I fear evil unless a change. Is it my fault? I hope not. Prof. Talmage, is to lecture on this year in S.S. Association. We held Sunday School today. School begins in the morning. Bro. Andelin has promised me money to pay my schooling.

**Oct. 7, 1894** I have been in school all the week. The Univ. opens with nearly 3000 students. Have been nearly sick all the week with a very bad cold. Am better now. Rec'd letter from Benny Walton stating it would be impossible for him to let me have any money at present. Bro. Jno. McClellan has arrived from home and he says Ella and children are well. There are now 19 members of our small colony from Utah, counting women and children. I have chosen for my

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<sup>59</sup> Heart of the World by H. Rider Haggard was published in 1895. It is a story about an inhabited ancient city hidden in 1870s Central America.

<sup>60</sup> At this time Ella is pregnant with George W. Hickman.

studies this semester: French, Physics, botany, Zoology, and Experimental Psychology. Have rec'd no letter from home except from Laura. Had meeting today. I spoke a short time. Have completed the Book of Job. Have completed Watker's work on Political Economy.

**Oct. 14, 1894** School progressed well with me. My work keeps me busy. French is new and very odd to me. I am taking 17 hours work this semester. Have prevailed upon Du Pont (Sec.) to open my credit again without petitioning the faculty. Have been to Sun. School, partook of the Sacrament. Read History of J. Smith, debated in the Alpha Nu last night got beat. The question was "Resolved that part of the U.S. revenue should be from an income tax."

Rec'd letters from Ella, Francis, and Andelin. Andelin sent me \$35.00. Wrote to Martha and Ella this week. Went in debt for books and a pair of shoes. I can not hear a word from Martha. Martha what is the matter? Have you grown tired of me? What have I done to merit this? Ella and the children are well. I learn with great sorrow that Rickie Merrill and Eva Olsen Greenwood are dead. They died of childbirth. It is too bad, too bad.

**Oct. 27. 1894** Have rec'd two letters from Martha it had made me glad. Have rec'd two letters from Ella. Rec'd letters from Ma and Jos. Harris. He tells me the young are going astray. Have read the Bk. of Job. Have been studying hard. Attended a lecture delivered by Prof. Trueblood on life of Paul. Heard Senator Thos. Reed lecture on same subject he did two years ago (Development of the human race.) Delivered a lecture on Faith in S.S. Had a little discord in the S.S. about some continually being late and also about attending meeting. Heard a divine lecture on secret vices of young man and women. He said that one city in Ill of 5000 inhabitants 90% if the young men had been under the doctors' care being treated for a disease due to intercourse with women. All well at home Martha says she will come to see me about Dec. 1. I am so pleased R. R. Lyman has been chosen President of '95 Class. Wrote to Francis and Ella.

**Nov. 4, 1894** Progressed moderately in school this week. The week has been quite stormy. Rec'd letters from Ella and Prof. Taylor. In his letter I only was sent my credit slip for 3 hours credit in Political Economy. I thank the Lord that I rec'd the credit. I spoke in the Alpha Nu, last night about 15 minutes on religion in school. The speech was impromptu. The critic hauled me over the coals for bad logic and not sticking to the subject, but rather proved the existence of a God. His criticism was in the main just but not wholly. We baptized Jed F. Wooley<sup>61</sup> in the Huron River last Thurs. Bro. Woolley baptized and I confirmed. A good spirit prevailed. Our fast meeting today was attended with an excellent spirit. All of us spoke (women and all). Bro. Wooley spoke with exceeding good spirit. I have just come from listening to a fine lecture on San Vanarolfa (?) (Not sure of spelling), by Prof. Trueblood.

Some 10 or 12 days ago I rec'd a large roll of clothing from Ella 3 pairs of garments, 3 pairs of socks and 2 silk handkerchiefs. Borrowed. \$2.50 from Bro. Dalley to pay for a pair of shoes I went in tick for.

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<sup>61</sup> Probably the Jedediah Foss Woolley born on Nov 1, 1886 and son of Jedediah Foss and Agnes (Forsyth) Woolley.

Apostle Richards<sup>62</sup> said that the sleep that came upon Adam was still upon the whole human family and the more the spirit of God we have the nearer awake we become and when we become fully awake we will see the glory of God and beyond the veil, etc. A new thought has come to me and I believe there is much truth in it. Jos. Smith, said eternity is like a ring. It came to me that when Jesus came upon Earth, that he was completing one cycle; for once he was upon a temporal world as we are; and after ages of progress he became a God and came back through mortality to redeem a mighty mankind, thus completing a cycle in the round of eternity.

Prof. Newcomb has given me for my subject in Current Botany "Geotropism of roots." Wrote to Ella, today. A Spanish proverb:

"Sow a thought and you reap a wish.  
Sow a wish and you reap an act.  
Sow an act and you reap a habit.  
Sow a habit and you reap a character."

**Nov. 11, 1894** There are three kinds of diseased minds (1) The neglected mind. (2) warped mind. (3) Perverted or defiled mind. This week has been cold and stormy. Snow is upon the ground. I rec'd 3 hrs. credit in political economy; also had 1 hr credit in Semitic History allowed to my advanced credit. My studies seem somewhat easier now than before. May they always be so. Rec'd letters from Ella, Sister Daniels, Sister Lawisch. Rec'd \$20.00 from Francis. Heard Pres. Angell speak upon China and her people from a moral and religious stand point. We had S.S. today.

**Nov. 18, 1894** This last week has been a week of moderate success for me. My studies have been quite comprehensible to me. Rec'd. letters from Ella and. Clinton Ray. I have heard nothing from W. Done nor money he promised to send by the first of this month. I do hope and trust it will come.

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<sup>62</sup> Franklin D. Richards (1821-1899), ordained an apostle in 1849.

For the first time in my life, I was called on to perform a marriage ceremony. The contracting couple was Arthar Dalley and Mrs. P. Barton, both Saints from Utah. Bro. Dalley is here attending the Univ. He sent for his intended and they were married last evening at 6 P.M. I used the following words in the ceremony: Bro. Dalley, are you willing to take this lady to be your lawful and wedded wife to love respect and cherish in sickness or in health, prosperity or adversity? Answer was "Yes". (Turning to the lady) said: "Are you willing to take this gentleman as your husband to love honor, respect and obey in all righteousness? answers was "Yes". Having them cross right hands, said: Having legal authority, I pronounce you man and wife until death do you part. Salute your bride as a token of eternal love." After congratulations etc., we went to supper prepared by Mrs. Hinckley.

At little after 7 P.M. I went to hear General J. B. Gordon (General in southern army) lecture upon the last day of the confederacy.<sup>63</sup> His speech was full of humor and pathos and startling truths that stirred one's inmost soul to listen to his words. He was a right hand man to Sec. in all the 4 years of the war. He lectured about two hours.

I am seriously contemplating entering the oratorical contest; taking for my subject the History and suffering of the Saints and their Pilgrimage. Went to hear Dr. Bigham lecture on moral religious and ethical teachings of Paul's writings to the Romans. He said in a incidental remark that a Chinese was asked, while at Harvard, what he thought of religions. He said that he would accept no religion that did not have with it or did not give him God and immortality of the soul. I thought this a good idea. I went today also to hear Prof. Caphort lecture upon the story of Creation. It was a most excellent lecture.

We held S.S. today and Bro. Hinckley spoke upon Repentance. A young Bro. Whiteman was with us, he is from Payson and has come to study music. We have now in our colony 22 souls. I am boarding now at Bigalkey.

**Nov. 25, 1894** Week passed with is usual rapidity. My work keeps me busy and I am thankful I can comprehend with as much thoroughness as I do. Rec'd letters from Ella and Sister Lawisch. Also rec'd \$50 from Willard Lane. I am very thankful for this kindness. I am to pay him interest until paid. If possible I am to pay it on July 12, 1895. I sent the money to Martha so she could come and see me. Went and heard Prof. Steer lecture on evolution. We held our S. School and read and commented upon the life of Jos. Smith.

**Dec. 2, 1894** There have been but two days of school this week. We have had a holiday since Thur. evening. Since that time I have spent my vacation in preparing for an examination in History of Pedagogy under Hinsdale. I will pass some time this coming week. I have rec'd letters from Ella, Martha and my mother and sisters; also a dunning letter from Noble and Co., for \$2.00.

On Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 29), we had a most magnificent dinner at Bigalke's (My boarding place). Then in the evening of the same I was invited to supper to Sister Brown's. We spent the

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<sup>63</sup> Major General John B. Gordon, CSA (1832-1904)

evening in singing and talking, etc. Last night we (Utah folks) were invited to Bro. and Sister Dalley's for lunch and for an evening's entertainment. We all had such a nice time.

Today we had fast meeting and 4 of us brethren spoke. All of our saints were not to meeting.

It gives me unspeakable joy to know and realize that I am to meet my wife and child. Do I love them? Yes, as dearly as a father and husband could love his own flesh and blood. I have but one great grief it is Martha has grown cold and doubts my love. What is the cause? Does it lie in my heart or hers? Father, remove the cause, line our hearts with the love that pervaded them, when we knelt with bared heads on Mexico's lonely hills. My Father may the history of the last two years of separation never be repeated in our life's history. May our love be so constant that no power on earth will separate us nor blight that eternal love which comes from Thee.

**Dec. 9, 1894** The week has passed in quite a pleasant way. I have rec'd one disappointment which makes no feel bad, that is, Martha, has delayed her coming till the 17th of this month. Rec'd letters from Ella and Martha. They are well. Little Fern and Dee are doing very well in school.<sup>64</sup> I passed an examination in History, Ped., yesterday, under Dr. Hinsdale, for 3 hrs. advance credit. I will know tomorrow whether I am successful in that examination. Wrote letters to Martha, Ma and Laura, Ella and Mrs. Daniels. Administered to Bro. Brown's little girl.

**Dec. 23, 1894** I have been a little negligent in writing. I have been very successful in my studies. Vacation has come and studies laid aside. That I am working on my oration. I have been successful in passing my last two examinations in Pedagogy (Science and art of teaching, and History of Pedagogy) under Hinsdale. I rec'd. 7 hours credit. That makes 16 hours credit I have in his department. Everything seems clear for me to get my degree in Pedagogy as well as my B.S. I acknowledge the hand of the Lord in the success I have had in my preparation and examinations. I am very thankful for the same. I try to be grateful and live worth for all kind blessings bestowed upon me. O Father forgive me of my sins, purify my heart; give no wisdom and may my life be spent in working for my fellow beings. May I be a clean shaft in thy hands in establishing righteousness upon the earth and blotting out sin. Father be my rock and salvation. Help me to subdue my passions and rise above evil. I am as humble as a child seeking wisdom in meekness. Remember my wives and children in my absence. Keep them pure and protect them from accident, sickness and death.

I have rec'd letters from Martha, Ella, Laura, Bro. Maeser and Sister Caroline Smoot (Daniels).<sup>65</sup> Ella and the children are very well. Martha is coming to see me. Bro. Maeser is writing a work of his life's teaching entitled, "School and Fireside". He said my name had been mentioned as one of the worthy students whose picture was to be placed in the book. Laura is now teaching in Woodruff, Rich Co., Utah. She likes her work very much. Sister Smoot, tells me that Bp. Johnson has been cut off from the church for adultery. O, I am very sorrowful over it. Ella has sent me for a Christmas present two nice handkerchiefs, one black silk, and a pair of mittens. I

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<sup>64</sup> Fern is now 8 and Dee is 6.

<sup>65</sup> Hannah Caroline Rogers (1827-1915) was Ella's half sister from her father's first marriage. Caroline first married Aaron Daniels but later divorced him. She then married Abraham Owen Smoot in 1886.

have written to Ella and the children tonight. We had a very nice S.S. today. We read the Hist. of Jos. Smith. I have been reading today, Orson Pratt's work (The Kingdom of God).

**Dec. 29, 1894** This week just past has been a vacation but I have been working all the week upon my oration. I have read more than half of O. Whitney's History of Utah and also most of Bancroft's history of Utah. Read Webster's oration and Pilgrim Fathers. I have only written part of the oration. It seems impossible for me to express my thoughts. I am much discouraged in my writing. I feel the want of power of the English language more keenly now than ever before. It is natural for a person to desire to excel: but I have a double cause. I would not have to entered the contest only for the purpose of presenting to the world the true history of our people—their drivings and pilgrimages for the truth's sake. Several have tried to discourage me from taking such an unpopular subject, among the number Prof. Trueblood, was one who said not to take the subject but some other. I told him that I would not have entered were it not for presenting this subject. I would rather successfully present this subject than win on any other subject not pertaining to our people. Father, strengthen me that I may accomplish that for which I have entered the contest.

Rec'd letter from Ella. She and children are very well for which I am truly thankful. I wrote to Josephine and Dr. Tilson this week. I had a very sorrowful dream the other night. It impressed its self upon me as though it were a truth. I have written it down and will lay it way for the future. I hope it never comes true.

We held S.S. today, read from Jos. S. History. I have been reading the paper today and from O. Pratt's work "Kingdom of God." I am in good health weight 197 lbs. I went in debt for 2 pairs of drawers, 2 neckties, 2 collars and a pair of pants. Total \$8.37. I in connection with Bro. Woolley administered to his little boy Cloid.<sup>66</sup>

**Jan. 6, 1895** The year 94, has gone forever and I would that our sins had done the same. I find that we are but omnibuses in which all of our ancestors ride. The new year is all peace and quiet, yet it of course finds millions of sorrowing beings. It is well with me and my heart goes out for my wives and children. May this year bring unity, happiness, comfort and safety to us all. I have spent my holidays in preparing my oration for the contest. Received letters from Ella, Mrs. Lawisch, also from W. Done. He tells me the academics are going down. We held fast meeting yesterday and I had to criticize the brethren for negligence in administering the sacrament and for speaking out and talking after our meetings have been called to order. After I spoke some of the brethren bore testimony of the necessity of carrying out my instructions.

I have written to Ella, Mrs. Lawisch, Laura and Dr. E. W. Budge of London and sent him the cuts in P. of G.P., asking him if he could, read them and if he agrees with the translation given.

**Jan. 13, 1895** School begun last Tues. Rec'd. letters from Ma, Ella, Dr. Tilson and Viele. He says I owe \$1.50 for Progress. I am not up on my work as well as I would like to be as I have been giving my attention to my oration. Prof. Scott went over it with me yesterday and said he liked the production. He will go over it again with me. My heart is made glad beyond words to

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<sup>66</sup> Cloyd Wooley, was about 3 or 4 years old here.

receive a telegram that Martha is on the road. My constancy had almost failed on that point of seeing her. I wrote to her the other evening a long letter being filled with unrest and longings. Wrote to Ella.

We held meeting today. Bro, Woolley spoke upon Baptism for the Dead. We had a good spirit prevailing in our midst. Sister Dailey took charge of the little folks in their S. School. Some three or four weeks ago we decided to have the little folks taken to themselves to be instructed. I am very healthy and I weigh 201 lbs. I am much heavier than I ever thought I would be. I borrowed \$10 of Bro. Dalley. I quit boarding with Mrs. Bigalke this evening (paid here in full). I am reading a German magazine preparatory to delivering an address (report) before the Journal Club. Prof. Schafner, is helping me with its translation.

Jan. 27, 1895 – Have given my paper in German, but did not do well and felt much embarrassed. This last two weeks work has been somewhat slighted, and I am getting behind on my work. Administered to Bro. Woolley.

My dear wife and child have come to me. They have been absent over two years and my heart had grown sick in my longing for them. I have been so overjoyed over Martha's coming that I have done but little else but talk to her. My heart has been doubly glad by the news that dear Ella has a little baby boy (Jan. 21).<sup>67</sup> She had an easy time and our hearts have been thankful for the Lord's blessings unto her. This was a promise that the Lord made to me in a dream which I recorded at the time. Ella had a dream the night before she took sick and it was for the purpose of showing her that she should recover from her sickness etc.

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<sup>67</sup> George Washington Hickman born on January 21, 1895.

I went to Prof. F. N. Scott, again yesterday with my oration and he helped me on it considerable. He told me he knew of no subject in all the range of the orations that had been given here for years that was equal to mine; but he said my language was not as good as it might be.

I have rec'd letters from Laura, Ella, Francis, Jos. Harris and Mrs. Lawisch, also a letter containing \$100, which was sent by Francis' order. He borrowed it from D. C. Christensen. I wrote to Ella, Francis and Laura. Laura, sent me \$5.00. I went to Methodist church today and heard Dawson on the temptation of McBeth. We held our meeting today Bro. Brown took the subject of the Apostasy of Primitive Church. Martha looks just as she did when I left her, but the little boy, Leon, looks like Fern.

**Feb. 3, 1895** Rec'd letters, from Francis, stating Ella, was getting along nicely. I am so pleased and thankful for such a blessing. I wrote to her during the week. Our Father has greatly blessed her. It was an answer to our prayers. Little Fern says it is just as sweet as it can be. I am behind in my studies but hope to catch up soon. I have been exceedingly happy to know I could have Martha here with me. I feel that the sorrows caused in the last two years are being welded over and misunderstandings are being arighted. Our hearts are made glad at our meeting. We held fast meeting today and Bros. Hinckley, Woolley and myself spoke; good spirit prevails. Have had a little feelings with Brown but I forgive all.

**Feb. 10, 1895** Have been passing examinations in Physics (examples in mechanics) Botany and Zoology. Have succeeded. in my work so far. Have completed my oration and have 4 copies typewritten. Lyman and Hinckley think it fine. Rec'd letters from Ella and Francis, also Prof Paul. I learn our little babe is very sick and delicate but am hopeful of its recovery. I have enjoyed myself with Martha, this week. I gave Prof. Scott, \$4.00 for criticizing and aiding me on composition (oration). Prof. Talmage<sup>68</sup> is to be here next Sat.

**Feb. 17, 1895** School closed up work yesterday. The new term begins tomorrow. I do not know whether I got through in all my studies are not. Bro. Talmage lectured here on the story of Mormonism. His lecture was sublime and was well rec'd. He is having great honors heaped upon him. I am working hard on my oration. I know it and have taken 3 lessons from Prof. Trueblood will take one more. He has made some very good comments to others about my oration. I trust they are well founded remarks.

Bro. Talmage is to-speak to us today. Have written to Ella and Mrs. Daniels. Meeting over and Bro. Talmage, delivered a sublime sermon and stirred our very souls. His advice was excellent. The comments of the papers and public were extravagant in praise of him. He is considered a great orator. His defense for our people was excellent.

**Feb. 24, 1895** Rec'd word that I failed in my final examination in sound and light. I got through all other studies. My studies for this semester are: Phys. Psyc., Zoology, Botany, Fr., Paleontology, Rhetoric and essay writing.

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<sup>68</sup> James E. Talmage (1862-1933), later became an Apostle in 1911.



The oratorical contest for the '95 students took place last Fri. night. There are 7 of us. Lautner and myself stood no. 1 and were a tie. We were both chosen to enter the final contest to be held Mar. 15. I have heard many excellent comments from students and Prof., on my oration. One thought (said), I put him in mind of Dan. Webster. Though I mention this I do it with humility as I acknowledge the hand of the Lord in my success and He shall receive the honor. Our colony is highly elated over our success. I feel it (subject presented) will be a benefit to our people. Have rec'd letter from Ella, all are well at home. Have written to Laura, Ma, and Ella.

We held Sunday School today. Bro Hinckley presided and I aided with the sacrament. O my Father, sanctify the good I have done thy service. Keep me humble. Aid me in our final contest. Thy will be done not mine.

**Mar. 3, 1895** I am getting started fairly well in my studies of this semester. I have made a few changes in my oration by aid of Profs. Scott and Trueblood, since delivering it. I have it copied again at the cost of \$1.50 for 4 copies. The judges of the final contest are: Prof Murray Princeton Univ. On thought and comp. D. Heinnann, Detroit Lawyer, Dr. H. Boon, Prin. of Ypsi College. Prof, Hilton, Ohio. On delivery, Regent Cocker Adrian, Mich. and Regent Barber, Mich.

Rec'd letters from Ella and Ma, Prof. Cluff and Kerr. Prof. Cluff Jr. said could not reach my price but would make me an offer soon. Prof. Kerr, thinks they will want me. Wrote to Ella. I am out of money and in debt. We had fast meeting. I spoke after Bro. Lyman and he desired that all unite in making Martha happy. After sitting down Bros. Woolley and Brown took up the rest of the time in telling of their grievance about my carelessness about living with my family in a way opposite to their views. I in calmness told them I did not fear there would be harm if they would aid me with their faith.

**March 10, 1895** – The week has past. I stayed out two days to prepare for examination in Physics that I failed at and of semester. I hardly think I got through this time. I have taken another lesson from Prof. Trueblood and will take another tomorrow afternoon. I am behind in my lessons. Rec'd. letters from Ella, Laura and Mrs. Caroline Daniels. She tells me that Bro. Smoot is now dead and that Caddie graduates this month from Iowa medical college with M.D. I signed a note with Bro. E. S. Hinckley today for \$50.

I have been plunged in great grief by receiving a letter from Pres. Talmage stating that the First Presidency wanted me to send Martha back home as it is too dangerous to have her here. If it is known it is liable to plunge the church in great trouble. I am willing to submit to the counsel of the authorities and to do right, but I did not take this step (to have Martha come here) until advised by Pres. Ricks. I am so very sorry that Martha's happiness is cut short so soon. O, my Father do come to her and aid and bless her, protect her from grief and despondency and endow her with faith in these decrees and keep her from skepticism. Father, thy will be done. Martha may peace be with you.

I rec'd clipping from paper speaking of Francis' success in his welcome address to U.C.T.C. Association.

**Mar. 17, 1895** I have had quite an experience this last week. In my studies have progressed moderately well. Did not go to my classes last Friday, but got excused. I took some more lessons from Prof. Trueblood. Have not paid him for last two lessons. The contest came off last Friday night. I received third place. Mays and Ingraham rec'd first and second prizes respectfully. First prize, medal and \$75. Second prize \$50. Mays beat me four points out of 530. Ingraham beat no 2 out of 530 or less than 1%. Judges in composition marked me 1, 3, and 2. Dr. Boon gave me first place, in thought and composition. On the whole I received the highest % in thought and composition. I rec'd 9% more than best of them. The judges on delivery marked me 3, 3, and 5. Prof. Fulton marked me No. 5.

It is the general cry by Prof. and students that it was a rank injustice and that he was prejudiced or went against his own judgement. Our colony is very much exercised over the injustice. I feel all right and feel that the Lord willed it so and hence am thankful over the turn of affairs. Prof. Trueblood, has come to Lyman and enquired if any one had said that he influenced Fulton so that he marked me down. He says he did not. He said though that Fulton last year when acting as judge asked him what young men he wanted to be chosen, or were best to rep. the Univ., but Trueblood, said he would say nothing about which were the most suitable. He said: Now Mr. Lyman, as the contest is over I will say that if Hickman, had got first place there would have been trouble and would have met opposition as the dean of Scientific Dept (D'Ooge) was opposed. It seemed evident to me that it was a concocted affair. He told Lyman also that it was not in any fault of my delivery for I was good but on account of unpopular subject. Prof. Fulton, said also, after the contest that I and Ingraham were the only two that got complete hold of the hearts of the audience. Though I rec'd but a faint applause when I arose I had not been speaking but about 3 minutes when I had the audience. It was warm in the building and many fans and hats were being fanned but by the time I was half through every fan and handkerchief had stopped and a death silence reigned. It was the general comment that they had never heard such a silence before in their lives, women were seen to weep. One man told me that if he knew that he could produce such a silence and deep effect as I did that he would be willing to enter though he knew he would lose, for he considered that the greatest of all honors to sway an audience as I did. General comments: I should at least have had second place in delivery was said by nearly all; some said 1st place. "That man has more oratory in him than all the other orators put together. His oratory was a new style from any they had heard before. A man of riper years said this. A lady said to Lyman, that my oration was grander and surpassed Dr. Talmages' oration. Mr. Gorr (assistant to Prof. Scott) said, that it was the grandest oration he had ever heard from a student. Prof. Scott complemented me very highly on the oration. The two that carried off the prizes were excellent orators. The one that beat me 4 points is said to be the greatest orator the Univ., had ever had among the students.

I have worked off my condition in physics.

As my oration received the highest marks in thought and composition, it is to be published among the honored ones. I feel that I have done my duty and am very thankful that the Lord has flossed me with nearly everything I asked him for. I believe that it is for the best the way that it turned out. I acknowledge His hand in it all and give Him the praise for all aid and all honor and

success rec'd. I am very grateful for the faith and prayers of my many friends. I wrote to Ella and Ma. Administered to Bro. Woolleys little boy. Rec'd letters from Ella, Cluff (he offered me \$1100 a year), Laura and she sent me \$10.00.

**Mar. 24, 1894** Rec'd letters from Ma, Ella and Francis and they are all well at home. Francis is doing very well in his school and is much pleased over my success in the contest. He sent me \$20. I have been trying to catch up in my work. French is hard for me.

I have also rec'd a letter from my dear mother. She is well. She is much worried over the mortgage of the farm.

I have rec'd this week some most gratifying compliments on my oration. Prof. Scott, told me that he was very pleased to learn that I rec'd first place in thought and composition, for I deserved it. He also said that there was not justice done me by judges in delivery in marking for the audience awarded me first place. Though the judges did not, it was almost the universal opinion that I surpassed all in delivery. He said, Mr. Hickman, I thought your delivery was sublime and could not have been bettered. Oratory is your forte and I should advise that you continue in that line, though you will have trouble with your language you will overcome that and I will expect to hear of you in 8 or 10 years being among the foremost orators of the land. You do not need any more days of elocution. I quote here what Hemmer, one of the critics on thought and comp., a lawyer from Detroit said: "All the papers were very gratifying and I think the Univ., will be splendidly represented. A good, clear, earnest, almost fervid paper was the "Banishment of the Mormon People." Unfortunately the almost historical nature of the topic cut in on originality of thought. If the author can handle all subjects as well as ought to be extremely clear cut and effective before an audience. I have his letter. It was written to Dr. Trueblood". These comments with others are double testimonies to me that the Lord aided me and inspired judges and audience with the deep and earnest thought that I had in my composition. Father I lay all at thy feet, turn it to my good and to good of others and take the honor to Thyself. May I ever be so blessed of Thee and be humble in the same. May these truths take root and grow in the hearts of the hearers I learn with satisfaction that my oration with other prize orations of the last 5 years are to be published in a bound volume. Johnny McClellan has written up our contest and sent with a glowing tribute to me. More than I deserve, to our home papers, Deseret News and Dispatch. Also the oratory which they are to publish. It was also published in eastern papers. I wrote to Prof. Kerr of Logan asking him for definite answer and offer in salary. I also wrote to Ella.

**Mar. 31, 1895** Rec'd letters from Talmage and Ella. He sent \$60 in answer to my request for \$55. I am very grateful for his favor. With great grief I must let Martha go back to Idaho for the presidency think it unwise for her to be here and with deep grief and tearful eyes I bow to their call. O, my Father, bless me and my dear Martha for our sacrifices. O, bless her for her trials are almost more than she can bear. My Father be with her comfort and bless her. My heart breaks to see her grief. She is noble and tried to bear her load but O, it is so hard for her. Father how long before I can own and claim her as my dear wife and care for her as I do for Ella? Father be merciful. I have managed to [do] my work in only a medium way this week. Help me my Father.

I am reading Orson Pratt's works. Read Hist. of Jos Smith, in S.S. today.

**April 6, 1895** This week has passed pleasantly but cannot get my lessons as well as I would like. My dear Martha went home yesterday. It nearly breaks my heart to see her leave. I feel that I have won back her heart once more. I am so very thankful she came out to see me. It has made her heart glad and also mine. She feels better in the gospel and life seems brighter than over before. She feels that I love her and that she has my confidence. God bless her and the dear little babe Leon. She is to stop off to her aunt's in St. Louis, a few days. I am so thankful every day I live that I have entered this principle and that I have two such good wives. Father, make me worthy of them. Bless me that our hearts shall be welded together and there will be no strife in our midst, but love instead. I love my wives and children very dearly.

I rec'd letters from Ella, Laura, and Kerr, this week. Ella and children are well for which I am very thankful. I long to see them. I learn that my dear mother has erysipelas in her hand I am much grieved over it. Prof. Kerr cannot as yet make me an offer. I rec'd word from Dr. Bridge of London, saying that he had not time to answer my request and he returned the money order for \$1.01.

We had fast meeting today. We all bore our testimony. There is but little unity in our midst and I am grieved at it. I will try to my part. I am very lonesome to night. The world does not know of (Martha's and mine relation), for which I am much pleased.

I talked Fri., with Loumis, on religion. The world is in great darkness. He told me he had hoped that I was a preacher. I told him no, but after a half hours talk he said he knew I was.

**Apr. 15, 1895** Week has passed with nothing particular happening. On Fri. the class in Paleontology was turned into a class in Theology. The Prof. (Russell) argued upon the Bible, Bk. of Mormon and our gospel. I feel that I had the better and of the argument.

We had a good address on restoration of the gospel in our meeting, but on asking questions and comments the talk that followed drove off the spirit of God and the meeting closed very disagreeably. I am very sorry for this is not the first time that such has occurred. I call upon Thee Father to aid me in bringing about a change for good.

Rec'd letters from Ella and Martha. O, my Father bless them. I dearly love them and my children. Martha stopped in St. Louis 4 or 5 days on her way home. I took supper with Bro. Hinckley last night. I went to Catholic church yesterday (Easter Sun). Bro. McClellan has composed a fine Mass. I read half day on the American Indians as written by Powell, Jones and others. I am preparing to lecture on the subject of the Bk. of M. I have just rec'd a letter from Laura and enclosed \$10 from Ma. She says Ma has been poisoned and has been having trouble with Chas and Prof. Nelson.

**April 21, 1895** This week has been a vacation and I have studied a little French. Reviewed about 100 pp of physics and read about 4 days upon Ethnological Repts of U.S. survey by

Powell, on the origin, customs, legends, language, ate also the discoveries of the Mound builders. Nearly all their late discoveries tend to prove the Bk. of M. I have gleaned much valuable evidence from those bks. In the mounds searched were found skeletons, some implements copper and brass ornaments also plates of copper with figures and hieroglyphics, iron tools, chisel, sword, and awl or punch with bone handle, silver handled sword and scabbard, copper head and head gear, also wristlets, etc. Hieroglyphics with characters like the one Jos. S. gave to the world. The Indians have legend of ancestors being white and coming across great waters. They also have a legend of the Great Spirit breathing upon a maiden and she bore the son of the great spirit. This last legend is especially found among the Modocs. The Indians believe in dreams, visions, prophecies, a hereafter (hell and heaven), sacrifice, administration, etc. I have been preparing this subject to speak upon in our meeting for next Sun.

Rec'd letters from Ella, Bro. Andetin and Martha. They were all good letters. I love the sweet letters I receive from them. Martha has arrived home but had a hard trip. She is in very good spirits. My Father, bless her and Ella, unite their hearts and bind us all together in eternal love and friendship.

The teachers went around and visited, us this week and taught us our duty. Bro. Brown came to me and asked my forgiveness for all that he had said or done. I told him I would forgive him and could love him as a brother. There seems greater peace in our colony now than for a long time. Administered to Gerald, Bro. Woolley's boy.

Wrote to Ma and Laura, Ella, Jos. Harris, Francis and Martha. Francis sent me \$15. School begins Tues.

Went and exercised in the gym yesterday afternoon boxed, jumped, run and etc, and bathed. Took 2 ½ mile walk on Thurs. Bro. Andelin is going on a mission to Germany.

**Apr. 28, 1895** Week gone. Behind in my work. Prof. of Zoology has made me do my work again in the earthworm. I feel that is unjust. It is not yet decided whether I will be allowed my degree due to some studies not accepted as required work.

Rec'd letters from Ella, Martha, Fred Finlayson, and Caroline Smoot, Ella and children are well but Ma's hand is still sore. Martha has written me an excellent letter and part of it was on polygamy. It was inspiring to read. She sent me \$10. Fred is working in Eureka. Lectured on Evidence of Bk. of M. today in meeting. Am to write a thesis on origin of men in America for class in Palenotology. Two months from today. I think I will be preparing for home. Have got my cap and gown. Wrote tonight to Ella and Martha. Apostle Lyman is to come and see us for commencement exercises. Wrote to Cluff, Talmage and Lexia Harris. Sent my note of \$60 to Talmage. Lexia Harris one of Ex. Comm. has written to me desiring to get me to lecture in their summer school in Sevier Co., this summer, but had to refuse as will not reach home in time.

**May 5, 1895** The week has passed quietly. I learn from Prof. Carhart that I will have to pass another examination in Physics (sound and light). I feel very miserable over it. I have worked hard on the subject and feel that I should know it. Things seem to be working against me to

prevent me from getting my degree. Time will explain the matter. I feel I am doing better in my French. Passed examination in Zool. but did not do well.

Rec'd letters from Talmage inquiring after money he sent, etc. Prof. Kerr, asked after me to state my price and studies I desired to teach, Also rec'd letter from Ella, Martha and Francis. Ella and Martha both bowed down with grief. Poor Martha is almost to despair in the prospects for the future and the condition she is in. I have been fasting and praying for 25 hrs for her and Ella. Francis wrote me a very nice letter. I wrote to Kerr and wrote to Martha and Ella tonight. I told him (Kerr) I would teach for \$1200 a year.

Had a double tooth (molar) filled last Fri. for \$1.60. We had fast meeting today. All of us spoke even three of the little children bore their testimony. I was greatly impressed with their testimonies and felt to predict that they would never depart from the truth. We all enjoyed the spirit of the Lord. The teachers made their report and new teachers were appointed. Administered to Mrs. Dalley's boy who has the measles. The three children that I predicted would never depart from the gospel were Sitha Brown,<sup>69</sup> Gertrude Brown<sup>70</sup> and Penn Barton (Dalley). I learn with regret that Bro. Talmage's baby is dead. I learn our young people are falling away and much idolatry is carried on in Zion among many of the young. It is truly sorrowful to hear. "When lovely women stoops to folly and finds too late that man betray, what charm can soothe her melancholy, what art can wash her guilt away?" Goldsmith.

**May 12, 1895** The week has passed with hard work and poor examination in Zoology. I had to pass it over again. I have worked hard upon that subject but do not understand it as well as I should now. Have been very gloomy this week due mostly to being behind in my work. I wrote to Ella, Fri. evening a good long letter to pay for the very poor and dissatisfied one I wrote last Sun.

I rec'd letters from Ella and Martha. They were both excellent letters. My little girl Fern has been baptized she will be 9 years old in June. It seems but yesterday since she was born. My children are so cute and are all so dear to me. My daily prayers are for their protection and welfare. I write my dear Martha today. She sent me a nice poem that she had written. It is entitled "My Precious Yesterday."

**May 26, 1894** I have neglected writing for two weeks due to over work. Last Sun. I was out of town. A week last Sat. (May 17) I was offered, by the Reverend Zeidler a friend of mine to take his pulpit last Sun, and speak to his people. I objected for a time but by the persuasion of my friends I went. I spoke Sun. morning and in the evening. My subjects were "Faith and its fruits" and "The literal resurrection of our bodies." The people treated me exceedingly kind and listened with wrapped attention to my words for they were different from the teachings of the day. There was a good turn out excellent for that place (Sylvan) a village about 18 to 22 miles from here. The Lord aided me very much in both of my speeches and I felt to rejoice and give

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<sup>69</sup> Sytha Brown (1884-1969)

<sup>70</sup> Gertrude Brown (1886-1967)

Him praise for such aid I have been asked, to go to Webster a place about 6 miles north of here and speak.

These last two weeks have passed quickly and I am still crowded with my work. I have dropped my work in English, in order to catch up with my other work. I regretted to drop it. Prof. Scott, is an excellent teacher. One of the best I ever met.

Administered to Penn Dally who had the measles. He recovered in a day or two. Administered to Hyde D. for sore on face.

I have rec'd letters from Martha, Ella, Laura and Harris. The letters from Ella and Martha were sweet letters filled with love and hope. Laura sent \$10 which I was to credit to Ma. God bless the gift and the giver. I rec'd \$20 from Jos. Harris, for which I sent him back an I.O.U. and a letter of thanks. I sent him 40c worth of pens. I rec'd a telegram from Prof. Kerr, of Logan College asking if I would accept a position for \$1200 with a promise of a raise next year. I answered "Yes". I wrote two letters to Ella and to Martha since I wrote in my journal last time. I have also written to Zeidler. Wrote tonight Martha and Ella.

We had good meeting today. Bro, Lyman spoke on Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Read Pearl of Great Price. Have worked, hard this week an catching up a little with my work. Rec'd two lovely letters from Martha and Ella. O, but I love my dear wives and children!

Rec'd letters from Francis with \$25, also a letter from Zeidler the young minister from Sylavan. He said in brief "Your words were rec'd so well. The people all spoke very highly of your addresses and seemed much pleased by the sentiments you expressed, as well as captivated by your eloquence."

Rec'd letter from Prof. Kerr desiring me to take Profship in Physics and Chemistry or assistant Prof. ship in Pedagogy. Wrote letters to Francis Ella, Martha and Kerr.

We had fast meeting today. Several of us bore our testimonies. Have not read any today from the scriptures which is about the second time since I left home three years ago. Went on a geological trip yesterday with the Prof. Russel and some boys of the class,

**June 9, 1895** This week has passed with better success than weeks past. I am almost caught up with my back work. I am more hopeful of getting through. Father, aid me. I am writing my thesis on "Origin of Man in America". The evidence seems to show that man inhabited this continent before any other. The Prof. seems to think that I will be biased due to my religious scruples.

I rec'd letters from Ella, Martha, Laura and Chloe Haws<sup>71</sup>, my cousin in Lomonia, Iowa. Ella is in Provo visiting Ma. She and children are well. Martha is filled with hope and love and is trying to live better than in the past. God bless her. Laura wrote me a very cute ironical letter

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<sup>71</sup> Chloe Haws, daughter of William Wesley and Martha Rebecca (Moore) Haws. William was Lucy Hickman's youngest brother.

about Annie's kitchen. I had written last Mon. to Uncle Will Haws, of Lamoni, Iowa, Ma's brother. He has been there for about 27 years. I rec'd a letter from his daughter, Chloe. They are very anxious that I should come and see them. Am having my pictures taken in cap and gown and without.

Went to hear Prof. Hinsdale read a paper on problems of education. He is to read it in Denver, Col., this summer before national Teacher's association. I wrote today to Ella, Martha and Chloe Haws. Van Warren told me Fri. that he heard my oration of some months ago and thought that it was finest oration delivered and that was the sentiment of teachers and students. He thought oratory was a gift to me and I should follow it.

**June 22, 1895** I have neglected writing in my journal for two weeks. I was so busy I put it off until my examinations were over. Last Sun. we held meeting (S.S.) and finished up the life of Jos. Smith. This year we have read through the History of Jos. Smith and every other Sun. we have had one of the brethren lecture upon some principle of the gospel. The first Sun. in each month was set apart as fast day and testimony meeting. We all have tried to do right, yet there has been some contention in our midst. I am very much pleased to know that the responsibility of this Colony is about to be lifted from my shoulders.

Examinations are over and it grieves me to say that I am not able to get my degree. I had been living in hopes that all would work in my favor, but at the last moment everything turned against me and I refused a degree. Wooster, Prof. in Zoology, is the main person, I had been told by Prof Newcomb, that I would be permitted to offer Historical Geology as a Biological study; but I found out yesterday that Wooster would not grant it and further more I learned that I was conditioned in Gen. Biology at part of the work. I feel that I worked faithfully and completed all the work required. Though I had not been conditioned Wooster said he would not recommend me to receive a degree in Biology as the studies in Psy, were not really biological studies and that reason he would object to my taking the degree. I am very much depressed in spirits and am very, very sorrowful over it. O Father, turn one more misfortune to my credit and may I be blessed through it. My life seems to be made up of misfortunes and failures. Father, cause my heart to rejoice. I removed my condition in Physics.

During the last two weeks I have received two letters each from Martha and Ella. Have also rec'd letters from Francis, Skeleton and Co., asking that I send my picture to have it inserted in Bro. Maeser's new work on Pedagogy. Francis says it is the sense of the people that I deliver the oration on the 4th of July as two or three of the settlements are to join together in the celebration. Bro. F. M. Lyman and Amy Brown are to be here tonight.

**June 28, 1895** Telegraphed to Francis, cancel oration, will not be home till Aug. Will explain by letter. Have written to Ella and Martha, also wrote to Francis, and Bp. Callister and Chloe Haws. My letter to Callister was in answer to request for me to come and take charge of public schools of Fillmore and establish high school for county. My wages would be from \$120 to \$125 per mo. I could not take it. Have had several long talks with Apostle Lyman. He was here last evening until after 2 A.M. We administered to Sister Brown for the safe delivery of her



child and rest of mind.<sup>72</sup> Our conversation was upon the dead, living, disease and Rev. on Word of Wisdom, etc. Last Sun. Apostle Lyman spoke to us upon carefulness in receiving statements for truth and that we should live pure, etc. Aided apostle Lyman in administering to Hyde Dalley and Mrs. Henry. I administered the oil. Aided in confirming Gertrude Brown and Penn Barton—Apostle Lyman was mouth Bro. Brown baptized his little girl and Bro. Dalley and Penn Barton his stepson save had my pictures taken have given Mrs. Dalley my note for \$50. I sent Ella \$10.

Commencement exercises were yesterday. Had a fine oration from Pres. of Nebraska Univ. Mo. Hinckley and Lyman rec'd their degrees LB. and B.S. respectfully. It makes me feel small for Bro. Hinckley was once my pupil and now gets his degree before I, but I feel I am a better scholar in many branches than he, but I had an unprincipled man to deal with and he did not. I wish him well. I will remain to Summer School. Mrs. Dalley will let me have the money to pay my expenses. Rec'd letter from Ella and Chloe Haws.

Learned from Bro. Lyman that Adam and Eve came here as mortal beings and by eating temporal food they became mortal. This was vindication of what God had shown me some weeks before. When I revealed this to Apostle Lyman he said, God did reveal that to you.

**June 30, 1895** Sunday meeting over and all well. Only a few of us here. We took up the reading of the Key of Theology and read, preface and first chapters. Bro Dalley and I administered sacrament. Sent letters to Martha and mother. Wrote also to Bro. Done. Sent my photo to Ella, Martha and Chloe Haws. I have been reading a little French.

**July 7, 1895** Have spent the week in reading French and resting, sleeping, fishing and hunting birds for mounting. I worked a half day learning how to skin birds and animals and mount them. I skinned 3 birds and prepared them for mounting. I am taking lessons from the curator of the museum. Bro. and Sister Dalley have gone east. I rec'd letters from Laura, Francis, Martha and Ella, they all express deep sympathy for my having to remain to Sumner school.

I wrote to Martha, Mrs. Smoot and Skeleton and Co. and will write to Ella and Francis today. I Sent Skeleton and Co., my photo to have put in Bro. M's "Home and Fireside".

I let Mrs. Dalley have the \$50 July 5, which I borrowed of her. I have read this week ½ of the Fr. novel, *Le Cure de Tours* by Balzac. Dalley and I dug out a wood chuck and killed it. It was large one, the first I ever saw. The whole country is very dry and the crops are dying for want of water and distress seems to be threatening. It will come sooner or later for it has been prophesied of.

We had an excellent meeting. Bros. Brown and Wooley administered sacrament. I opened and Frank Wightman closed. We read Key to Theology. I have been reading Bk of M. today.

**July 14, 1895** Summer school has been running a week. I'm taking two course in Fr. (modern Prose and Dramatic readings) and course in Old English. I am kept busy early and late and have

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<sup>72</sup> This would be Hugh Crosby Brown born Aug 13 1895.

been studying today on Fr. I do not like to work on Sun., but it seemed could not avoid it. Rec'd letters from Ella and Martha, the one filled with sorrow and other hope and joy; also rec'd letter from Skeleton and Co., saying would insert my photo in Friend and Fireside and, wait for \$5.00, also rec'd letter from Mrs. Smoot. I wrote to Martha and Ella today good long letters filled with love and hope. Rec'd long letters filled with love and hope. Rec'd letter from Apostle Lyman with accompanying articles on geology by Gibbs of Deseret.

We held meeting today again continuing reading of Key to Theology. I have been reading the Ready References on Baptism. Rev. Zeitler (young minister) has been after me to take his place two more Sundays as he goes home for visit. Rec'd money \$50 loaned to Mrs. D. Martha sent me \$5 but I will send it back to her. God bless her kindness and love.

**July 21, 1895** – Have worked hard on Fr. and Old Eng. In the French Dramatic reading we are assigned from 30 to 35 pages a day in the other course we are assigned from 7 to 13 pages a day. It is quite hard for me to read.

Have had some trouble with Bro. and Sister Brown. She called me hard names and after so long I gave way to my temper and got loud not at her but him. I am sorry for it and didn't partake of sacrament today on that account. I desire to fix it with them before another Sun.

I have moved to Begalkins and got rooms for 50c a week. Rec'd letters from Ella and a card from Chloe Haws. I wrote to Chloe and Ella today. Studied Fr. some today. I trust it will not be counted as a sin for I am forced to or be unprepared on Mon. I have not had very good health this week and have had a very little appetite.

**Aug. 4, 1895** It has been two weeks since I wrote in my journal. Nothing of interest has transpired. I have been busy studying Fr. and Old Eng. Have rec'd letters from Ella, Martha, Laura, Chloe, Zeidler and Prof. Kerr. I asked Bro. Brown's forgiveness for speaking harshly to him. We had fast meeting today and Brown, Dalley, the little children and myself spoke. Brown and I administered sacrament. I go next Sun. to take a pulpit for a divine in Sylvan. I have written to Ma, Ella, Martha, Kerr, Chloe and Zeidler. I am anxious to return home. My heart grows weary I have been away so long. Tho I completed 4 years course in 3 years.

**St. Joe Missouri, Aug. 23, 1895** Have completed my Sumner School work and am on my way home. School closed Aug. 16 and I left Ann Arbor on the evening of the 18th. I rec'd my credit in French (4 hrs) and Old Eng. (2 hrs), also wrote the essays lacking in rhetoric in order to rec. the two hrs. credit now all arranged so that I get my degree in Oct. Before leaving I paid \$1.00 for my diploma in Pedagogy. Borrowed \$53.55 of Mrs. Dalley at 15% interest which is to be paid back in two months from date of receiving it. I sold my remaining furniture for \$3.00. Paid 45c more than my rent amounted to in order to keep peace. After leaving Ann Arbor, had to lie over in Milan from 12 at night until 10:45 next day. Lay over in Chicago about 16 hrs. Went to theater opera Robinson Caruso. Came through Iowa and stopped at Lamoni see my uncle and aunt and family. I stayed two days and nights with them. I had an excellent visit. They treated so kindly and were so glad to see me and I was just as pleased to see them. It was sorrowful, to

leave them. Aunt Tobecca<sup>73</sup> and girls cried they were so deeply grieved to see me leave. I was very sorrowful to leave them and could have wept like a child. Uncle Will Haws desired to come with me. He says he will come in course of two years. I visited other friends, of Ma's and relatives of theirs. Had a nice visit and supper at Mr. Youngs and spent the evening at Mrs. Gillens.

I left Lamoni today at noon and reached this place (St. Joe Mo.) about 3 P.M. and have to lay over here now till tomorrow at 1 P.M. It seems I am very unfortunate in my trip home having to lie over so much on the way as there are not connections. I have been spending my time the remainder of this afternoon trying to find some of Pa's relatives, but have failed so far. There have been a few Hickmans here but seem to be all gone except two and they seem to be no relatives of mine. I have taken quarters in hotel near the depot. It is here I am writing up my journal for the last three weeks. I have written to Ella, Martha and Brunson. Have written two or three times to Ella and Martha since I wrote in this journal before.

I have forgotten to say that I went to Sylvan and spoke twice more to the good people of that place. I spoke in the morning on baptism by immersion and laying on of hands for gift of Holy Ghost" and in the evening on the Church of Jesus Christ". I was warmly rec'd and my words were listened to with rapt attention. One family told me they saw that baptism was necessary for the first time in their lives. One brother cried when I left. I was urged to come again but could not.

**Benjamin, Utah, Sept. 3. 1895** Home again after three years absence. I arrived here Aug. 28. Reached Provo night of 27 and visited with ma. Found all of the folks well except little Dee who had fallen out of a tree the night before and was nearly killed. Being nearly dead for about 5 minutes. He is nearly well again.

I was exceedingly pleased to met my dear ones and reach my home. It has been three years lacking a week since I was preparing to leave for the east. I have spent the week in visiting and resting. I earned a degree in 3 yrs. which takes others 4 yrs. to finish. Spoke Sun. to the people of this ward. Dwelt upon infidelic spirit of the age also the influences that led our young away when at the eastern universities and colleges. Sun evening I with Francis and Isaac Hansen, were called in to administer to his baby.

I learned with gratitude, from Bro. Able Hanson, who has recently returned from Scandinavian mission that my oration on the Banishment of the Mormon people is now published in the Norwegian and Danish languages and is doing a greater missionary work that the elders can do. I acknowledge the hand of the Lord in it all. I am grateful for the privilege of doing good and pray that this is but the beginning of my usefulness.

I found some of my relations in Denver and elsewhere in Col.

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<sup>73</sup> Martha Rebecca Moore Haws, wife of William Wesley Hawes.

**Logan, Sept 22, 1895** Arrived here O.K. Stopped two days with Thanie Haws<sup>74</sup>. We have moved in the 6th ward and rented of Mrs. Jacobson a 4 room house for \$5.00 per month. We moved on the 11th of Sept. School commenced on 16th of Sept. with a good attendance. I have classes in Bible History, Methods of Teaching, Science and Principle of Teaching, Grant and Reading. Will teach Chemistry in winter and spring terms. I have large classes in all my subjects. I like the faculty, they seem to be nice men.

Last Sun. dismissed the meeting in Tabernacle (had been called to the stand to speak but time all taken before turn came). Have taught, a week. I am suffering from boils and sore on leg. I had a carbuncle or enlarged pile cut off from my anus. Have been hardly able to get around for several days. Our children have met with several severe accidents lately. Aside from Othello's many sore toes, Eugene had his middle finger smashed by Dee hitting it with a hammer, it was accidental. The first joint from all appearance bone and all were mashed. It is very bad indeed. Tonight he got scalded on the side of his head and neck and shoulder by hot water. I administered to him twice to ease the pain and it did. I administered to him 5 times for his sore finger. Othello was stung by a bee and came nearly sending him into a spasm and his body became very blotched in a few minutes. I am much concerned, over the sickness of our family and the misfortune we are meeting with. I told Ella I felt Lucifer had greater power over us the last week then ever before. I was administered today by Bros. Kerr and Miller for my ill health.

I went to meeting today and listened to Bro. J. M. Tanner, and Apostle Thatcher speak. Bro. J. Z. Stewart and Widtsoe paid us a visit tonight. Bro Widstoe<sup>75</sup> has excelled in chemistry at Harvard carrying off first prize in that branch of work. He is Prof. of Chemistry now at the Agricultural college. Wrote two letters to Martha and one to Ma and one to registrar of U. of Michigan and sent \$10.15 for graduation fee.

I dreamed again of moons the other night. I thought they were in the west and only the two new moons were visible and were half full and as I looked I saw more of them turned into the all seeing eye or eye of God. If I interpret the meaning rightly the two moons are two new prophets to yet arise and the one that turned into the all seeing eye is that prophet that is to arise who judges without sight of the eye or hearing of an ear. A few nights after I dreamed seeing a constellation of stars in the north and they took the form of the ward education and passed around the heaven toward the west till they reached the south and then disappeared in bright scintillations.

**Sept. 29, 1895** Week has passed pleasantly. I am much better of my boils and sore. except the one on my shin, which is nearly two inches in diameter. My-work seems to move along smoother. We have made two changes in the college in regard to Theological work. The students meetings have been made Theological instead of promiscuous as before. The Bible history has been cut down to half yrs. course instead of year, and the principles of the Gospel with the performing of the ordinances of the Gospel etc are to be taught last half of yr. I have been chosen by faculty to lecture once this year in Thatcher Opera house.

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<sup>74</sup> Proabably Josiah's cousin "Thanie" Haws (1861-1930), son of Nathaniel and Lucinda (Crockett) Haws.

<sup>75</sup> John A. Widtsoe, prominent educator in Utah and elder in the Church. Became an Apostle in 1921.

Our little children are better now. I am studying principally along line, of Pedagogy. I have written to Ma, Francis, E. S. Hinckley, Zeidler, and Martha. Attended meeting today. Bros. Farrer and Cord spoke. Bro. Aaron Farrer spoke on baptism etc. He said that Jos. Smith told him that the spirit enters the body about the time the child utters its first cry. He quoted what Jesus said the night before he was born saying, tonight I will be born into the world. This was the first time I ever heard this quoted as being said by Jos. Smith. He said that Jesus was first counselor and Holy<sup>7</sup> Ghost was the second. He said God married the beautiful virgin Mary and begot his only son in the flesh.

Thaney and Thaley Haws<sup>76</sup> were here for supper this evening. Rec'd letters from Martha.

**Logan, Oct. 10, 1895** Week and half have passed since last writing. School dismissed last Thurs. at 3 P.M. and I went to Idaho, St. Anthony and saw my dear wife from whom I have been separated for six months. I had an enjoyable time and left there Mon. afternoon with Martha and drove to Market Lake in buggy from there took train home and Martha returned home. I love her dearly and long for the time when she will come to live with me. While at St. Anthony went and spoke in Wilford twice (in afternoon and evening). I was urged to stay and speak in the evening. The people seemed well pleased at what I said and the Lord aided me.

Sent \$55. to Mrs. Dalley to pay in full for money borrowed on Aug. 10. Borrowed. \$100 at bank for 2 weeks till pay day. I am nearly well of sores and my little children are nearly well. Jos. F. Smith censured B. H. Roberts and Moses Thatcher in priesthood for accepting nominations without permission from the presidency. Wrote to Registrar of U. of M. sending my credit for work done in Sumner School. I should have had my diploma before now but it seems they did not keep or at least did not hunt up credits that they had hence this delay in receiving my degree. I hardly know what the outcome will be but I would not be surprised, if some difficulty arose that would prevent my getting my degree. This is just an impression which I hope is not true. Wrote to Martha.

**Logan Oct. 20, 1895** Week has passed pleasantly. Work progressed nicely in College. I am teaching Bible History, Gram, reading and two courses in Pedagogy. I have large classes in nearly all my work. My classes in Bible History are very active and inquisitive. I told the class that the second death was having their resurrected bodies taken from them and they were banished from the presence of God. Am I right? A young man arose and said that Jos. S. Smith said that Second death was only the banishment from the kingdom of God and not the robbing of their resurrected bodies. This is little different from what I had been informed. I learn Pres. Young said 2nd death was as I explained. Will look up the matter. I am asked to lecture in the students society on the prophetic utterances of the Bk. of M. and Bible etc. I have about decided to choose the subject Character, for my lecture in the Thatcher Opera house and in B.Y.A. at Provo. O, Father in heaven, aid me in these lectures may my mind be enlightened by they spirit that I can grasp the richest truths pertaining to these subjects and. clothe then in pure and comprehensive language. Then O, Father, inspire me while I utter those truths that my words and thoughts may carry conviction home to the hearts of all those who may hear that they may grasp a deeper meaning of life and of the subject I treat and I will give to Thee all praise honor

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<sup>76</sup> Josiah's cousins, Nathaniel Wilford and Athalia Rose (Clayton) Haws.

and glory for such blessings. I acknowledge thy hand in the past and thank thee for the same. Ever guide me to thy praise is a constant desire of my heart.

Administered once to Fern for sores upon her face and leg. I am putting most of my time studying Pedagogical work. I am reading Taites Phil of Ed. Compayne's lectures on teaching. Brooks, Normal method of teaching, White's elements of Teaching; also I am reviewing Hinsdale lectures on Teaching.

Rec'd. letters from Martha. It was a beautiful letter. Rec'd letter from Arthur Dalley. He returned my note with thanks. Rec'd letter from Carl Zeidler the young minister. I was anxious to learn how he felt about what I said as I spoke upon baptism, Res. of body, gift of Holy Ghost and the Church of Jesus Christ. In his letter among other things he said "Permit me to thank you most sincerely for the favor you did me in speaking to my people during my absence. I appreciated your kindness and am happy to inform you that your words were heartily received and that our people have a warm place in their hearts for the earnest, eloquent, yet jovial Westerner. I heard only praiseworthy remarks about you, both as a man and as a preacher. I only wish you could be with us often."

I went with Bro. Linford on a short geological tour a week last Sat, over in the mountains west of Wellsville. We found several specimens. I have analyzed them and have concluded that the stratum of the mountain was principally Cambrian and Silurian formations. The stratum that contained the most fossils was line stone. In rough I estimated the limestone stratum to be about 2 to 2000 ft. thick. Above the limestone was a reddish sandstone. The fossils were bryzoa of Cambrian and Lower Silurian, worm borings and worm markings by their crawling.

**Oct. 27, 1895** Delivered lecture last Fri. evening before students, subject was a companion of Bible and Bk of M. prophecies pertaining to our day. Spoke 55 minutes, Bro. Maeser came and took supper with me last Monday evening and told, me many things. He said if we knew how near the time was when Christ should come to his temple and converse with many of us living and assign special missions to certain elders to warn whole nations etc, we could hardly wait for impatience. He tells me that when a few of the select were in the temple in their temple robes it was prophesied that polygamy would be again restored again on earth in our day but only the worthy could enter it. I felt to say amen, to it all. My heart was greatly rejoiced at the knowledge. Spoke in the tabernacle today, taking nearly an hour of the time I had a free flow of the spirit of God, after I had spoken a short time I spoke upon the great crises we were passing through and those to come and the recent uprisings of Saints against the leader of our church. I spoke upon the great mission that we as youths had taken upon us. Objects and missions of our church schools.

In the evening I spoke in the ward meeting. I dwelt upon the spiritual senses of man and how God had lead our parents here to teach us spiritually and pleaded with us face to face as He did ancient Israel. I spoke of lack of faith, etc. I enjoyed a free flow of the Holy Spirit. I find that the divine spirit rested upon all of the people in the meetings.

**Nov. 3, 1895** Have been to two Democratic rallies this week. The democrats are for bidding the Presidency to utter a word to members of the church in regard to political matters. Some have gone half crazy over the craze. I feel that it is and will try the faith of many of our people. I told the people in Tabernacle that a severe trial would come upon our people and they would be tested to the very core. We have had two days conference here (Sat, and Sun.) which closed to day and we had 5 of the Apostles. They all spoke on political matters more or less and scared the people for their uprising and for their profaning and criticizing the leaders. I think they have poured oil on the troubled waters. I think this conference is the grandest conference I ever witnessed. The brethren even predicted against such courses as some had taken. I rejoice in the Gospel and hope I will always remain faithful to my covenants. I wished Martha were here to hear it. I wrote to her yesterday. I look for her here in about 2 weeks.

I rec'd letters from Martha she is very blue and in poor health. I am chosen as second counselor to president of the religion classes. Administered to baby<sup>77</sup> twice and Fern once. School is progressing nicely.

**Nov. 24, 1895** It has been some time since I wrote in my journal. We are all well with exception of sores. My leg is still sore but healing. It has been sore 3 months. My little boys Dee and Ethel and Eugene knelt around my leg laid their hands on my leg and asked God, to bless it. It began to heal immediately is and now nearly well. This is the first time I ever saw a child exercise faith in this line. It was effectual. I have spoken in S. School, twice today. I spoke on the Resurrection.

I have rec'd my Diploma in Science and Art of Teaching and Psychology. It is from the U. of M. I have now two diplomas from B.Y.A.; two special certificates from B.Y.A. Physiology and Bookkeeping and one from the Church Board of Ed. Also I have rec'd a life certificate from State of Mich. With all of this how little I know.

I have rec'd letters from Ma, Laura, Francis, Martha, Armumd A. Wood (curatory of Museum of the U. of M.). Martha will be here on the 30th of this month. I have long looked for the time when I could have her with me and care for her as my wife. My heart is glad.

School is progressing very nicely. There has been an excitement in our college the last 2 or 3 days. It was due to Bro. Apperly. He has been in Denver and there met a man who has power of healing to a wonderful degree and he is called the New Mexico Messiah. Bro. Apperly went to him to get some of his healing power. He speaks of this man as greatest on earth and thinks he favors the Messiah in looks. The students felt there was something wrong, some believed that this healer (Schlatter) was Christ, while others

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<sup>77</sup> George Washington Hickman

thought him an imposter and that Bro. A. was misled. The result was my class in Theology poured questions in upon me and as I did not have time to answer only a few of them, they crowded around me after class plying questions. They desired as I then had no more time to talk to meet me and have me answer their questions. So I told 5 or 6 of them around me I would answer were their questions at 4 p.m. Hearing nothing more until that hour of the agreement I was much surprised to see the students come flocking in until the room was overflowing, perhaps with a 100 students and some strangers. I also learned the hall way was crowded and many could not get admitted to the room. To my surprise Pres. Kerr and Prof. Langton, came in. I answered the questions from general principles and mentioned no names. Pres. Kerr was irritated somewhat at this gathering and my remarks but what he said I could not in whole endorse and told him so. He has now agreed to what I said. When the meeting was dismissed which was nearly 6 p.m. the students gathered around me and Pres. Kerr for a half hour after ward and plied questions and asked for another session but I would not agree. It is not yet settled and will be brought up in faculty meeting.

**Dec. 1, 1895** The week has passed off in quiet, revealing nothing startling save the settling of the question referred, to in last writing. The faculty had the question up two evenings and the second evening we called in Pres. Orson Smith to settle this ques. He settled, it just as I had explained it to the pupils, the Fri. evening previous. So Wed. morning all this matter was dwelt upon by Pres. Kerr, for nearly 2 hours speaking in a masterly way but rather emphasized the idea that man could get spiritual blessings to great extent out of the church. Three of us teachers spoke a short time after Pres. sat down. I am very desirous of doing right and I pray I will never work for the plaudits of men but for truth, virtue and all that is praiseworthy.

Have agreed to speak in Preston, Idaho, Dec. 14 on Banishment and History of Mormons. I spoke last Sun evening in 1st ward, by the request of Bp. Lewis. I spoke of duties of saints, warned, youth against infidelity, etc. I was called to read a chapter from Alma Bk. of M. last Sun. while sacrament was being passed around. I with two others administered to Bro. Archibal for neuralgia and threatened fever.

Martha has come and I am so pleased over it. I have been helping her move. I pray my Father, that I may be enabled to care for and bless her as my wife without the knowledge of the outside world. I started to meeting today and found I was nearly hr. late due to our clock being slow to that amt. so I did not attend meeting.

**Dec. 8. 1895** School work went off pleasantly. I organized a class in Philosophy of Education for teachers of Logan. I am much pleased with my class in Theology. A few of them have considerable experience in the gospel and one is a returned. missionary and all the class seem to be full of the gospel and are full of questions of the profoundest nature, Bro. Orson Whitney delivered a lecture here last evening in B.Y.C. lecture course which was held, in Opera house, entitled, Oratory, Poetry, and Prophecy. He claims all these are related and that poetry is much greater than oratory as prophecy is greater than poetry and are a trinity as faith hope and charity are. The lecture was sublime. He is a



true orator. He delivered, the sermon today in tabernacle on the gospel and 3 witnesses of B. of M. It was excellent.

We are organizing religion classes in this Stake. I am to organize them in 1st and 2nd and 6th wards of Logan also of Greenville. I now complete this the second volume of my life. I have been nearly three years in contemplating it. I have experienced one of the greatest sorrows of my life during this time and have achieved some of my greatest results during this period. I closed up my other journal with a humble prayer for the future and that my Father should aid me. I feel that He has. I have done but few things during this time that I feel to regret. Not that I walked perfectly in the sight of God, but have lived humbler and prayerful. My dear Father guard me from evil, purify my thoughts and, acts before Thee that Thou canst own and bless me as thy servant, one that is willing to do thy bidding at all times. O Father loosen my tongue, cloth me with truth and righteousness, mercy and kindness that my voice can and will be lifted up with mighty power in establishing righteousness on earth and putting down error. May I, by thy grace live so pure and holy that I can fulfill my patriarchal blessing. Bless and protect my wives and children that disease and death shall have no power over them until their work is finished on earth and that they may not go astray. Bless me in my life's mission and may it be clearly brought to my vision. Forgive me of my sins and strengthen my heart and mind for the future which I ask in the name of Jesus Amen.

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