

**Josiah Edwin Hickman**  
**Journal C**  
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| George Washington Hickman      | Born Mar. 10, 1825 Died Nov. 25, 189 |
| Lucy Ann Haws Hickman          | Born Oct. 3, 1839                    |
| Josephine Elizabeth Hickman    | Born Oct 28, 1859                    |
| Annie Eliza Hickman            | Born Jan 24, 1860                    |
| Josiah Edwin Hickman           | Born Aug 3, 1862                     |
| Rosella Hickman                | Born Mar 9, 1864                     |
| Eunice Lettie Hickman          | Born Aug 29, 1866                    |
| Edna Estella Hickman           | Born July 19,                        |
| George Francis (Train) Hickman | Born Mar. 27, 1869                   |
| William Wallace Hickman        | Born June 1, 18                      |
| Elijah Mordecia Hickman        | Born                                 |
| Mary Laura Hickman             | Born 9, 1874                         |
| Charles Weslie Hickman         | Born Jan 21, 1876                    |
| Thomas Jefferson Hickman       | Born                                 |
| Frank Leslie Hickman           | Born April 7, 187                    |

**Logan, Utah, Dec. 25, 1895:** Administered once. School<sup>1</sup> closed. First term's work closed Dec. 20, but I did not get through with criticising my examination papers until today. My students on a whole did well in their work. A few failed. None failed except those who were indifferent in their work.

Today is Christmas and since yesterday we have been spending our time fixing up Christmas trees here and at Martha's. We had one at Ella's last night and one at Martha's tonight (25th). Santa Claus has been very liberal with us all here and at Martha's. I rec'd 3 silk handkerchiefs and 3 ties. Martha rec'd two pair of hose, silk handkerchief and \$1.00 in money. Ella rec'd box stationery, \$3. 00 and gold ring (a present from Martha). Our children all rec'd numerous presents. Mrs. Lawisch rec'd a beautiful shell case and 40c. Ella made Thally Hawes a present of a set of plates, cups and saucers. It will take about \$45.00 to settle up with Santa Claus this Xmas.

Since finishing in Journal B, I have been to Idaho, Preston to lecture before the Literary Society of the Onieda Stake Academy. I spoke on the Banishment of the Mormon People. My lecture was about 1 ½ hours in length. The Lord was very kind to me and for all good that I did and for the free delivery, etc. that I rec'd I award all honor to Him. I also spoke in S. S. and took the time in the afternoon meeting. I do not think I ever rec'd more divine aid than on this trip. The following are the comments made by the Idaho papers: The Preston Standard (a paper run by an opposer of our people) said:

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<sup>1</sup> Brigham Young College in Logan.

### **Prof. Hickman's Lecture: A Large Audience Listened to His Eloquent Remarks**

"The lecture given by Prof. Hickman at the meeting house last Saturday evening under the auspices of the Literary Club was largely attended by the people of this place. The gentleman is a most eloquent and fluent speaker and his lecture will long be remembered by those who were so fortunate as to be present. As was advertised, he confined his remarks entirely to the expulsion of the Mormon people from the States of Missouri and Illinois and his account of the suffering and hardship of those people during that memorable time was very touchingly and pathetically recounted. He told of the suffering of the Saints at the hands of the mobs and how they were driven out into the world without sufficient food or clothing to maintain life and the destroying of their homes by the same hands. He paid a glowing tribute to the patriotism of that people at a time a call was made for volunteers to go and fight Mexico and how they responded 500 strong. He gave an account of their trials and privations while crossing the Great American Desert, and how mothers had divested themselves of proper clothing to keep their little ones from suffering from the cold. And account of their hardships after arriving in Utah was also spoken of and how they were compelled to live on roots, thistles and rawhide until crops could be planted and grown. He spoke very highly of their courage and thrift also of the trials of the mothers and daughters of Zion. The Professor handles his subject in a manner that shows many years of deep study and investigation. Prof. Hickman will always find a welcome in the hearts of the people of Preston whenever he happens this way.

The following is a comment from The New Era - a paper published in Preston:

#### **The Lecture Prof. Hickman Talks to a Large and Appreciative Audience:**

"The lecture given by Prof. Hickman on Saturday night, in the meeting house, under the auspices of the Lit. Society, was well attended, the house being filled to its utmost capacity. After the usual exercises, Prof. Hickman addressed the audience. Following is a synopsis of his remarks: (I left out synopsis as it is nearly 2 1/2 columns; will reserve the comments).

"His lecture was a masterpiece and was listened to with rapt attention by the large audience, in fact they were spellbound. During his recital of some of the most pathetic scenes, tears were seen to glisten in the eyes of many of his hearers. The people are grateful to Prof. Hickman for his excellent lecture also for his splendid sermon on Sunday afternoon. He will always receive a warm welcome in Preston and we hope he will find it convenient to come often."<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Josiah also spoke at the Tabernacle on December 28<sup>th</sup>, as recorded in the Logan Journal:

Tabernacle Service. Meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, 1895, by President Isaac Smith. After the usual opening exercises President Smith announced that hereafter the administration of the Sacrament would take place Sunday evenings in the various ward meetings, instead of in the Tabernacle in the afternoon as heretofore. Also that the afternoon meetings would hereafter be shorter duration than has been customary.

Elder J. E. Hickman was the next speaker. He desired that the Holy Spirit might dictate his remarks that those present might be fed on the spirit, and from thence disseminate it among those at home. We feed our natural bodies three times a day; and if perchance but one meal per day is secured we

### **Points of my life that I have heretofore omitted:**

I am told by my parents that before I was born they had Dan Cloward's son (a boy of 14 yrs) living with them and that he seemed to be affected mentally and would go through strange actions—hollering, etc. It greatly affected my mother and it seemed as though it would affect her child. The boy was removed from our home before a threatened wrong or injury was stamped on the unborn. It seems Lucifer tried to destroy me before my birth and a thousand times since.

Some 4 ½ yrs ago my father said to me, while we were alone, that he once earnestly besought the Lord for a son and if He would give him one, that he would consecrate him to the Lord as Samuel of old was. He said that I was the son born to him about a year after his supplications.

Ever since I was about 16 yrs old there has been a spirit of oratory working in me which (owing to my ignorance of learning) I dared not to utter to a soul until I was about 23 or 24 yrs of age, when I was walking with my father. I ventured to tell him this peculiar feeling that had been impressing itself upon me in the past. He was a man that always told his children plainly what he thought of them no matter how adverse the criticism may be if occasion required. His reply to my halting recital of my inward feeling was in brief this: "Well," he said with a smile, "you have all to gain but nothing to lose. To be an orator a person must be a deep learned man upon many subjects, excellent in language, freedom of speech, and eloquent in delivery."

I said, "I realize all that and that it looks an impossibility for me to ever reach it, but nevertheless that spirit is working on me."

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complain and tell our neighbors that we are starving. But how many tell their neighbors if they do not get more than one spiritual mea a day—I might say a week. For this purpose we are assembled here today. The Holy Spirit builds us up and makes us Saints for the Most High. When I contemplate the past and present, I am led to project the future; some of us that are here today, probably have not been fed spiritually for months—we are hibernating spiritually, just as certain animals hibernate naturally. But if we will only follow the example of the bear, etc., and come out of our hole once in a while, there maybe some chance for our souls yet.

The history of this people is the history of every other people since the world began. It has been prophesied that one half of the children of Zion would sleep at the coming of Jesus Christ. Oh! inhabitants of Zion, the words of the prophets of the coming of the Saviour are true—awake! put on thine armor and prepare for the time is at hand.

The speaker drew many striking parallels from the history of ancient and modern Israel, illustrating similarity in disposition, etc., of the people of God in all ages. History repeats itself. A mere synopsis of the apt similitudes pictured out by the eloquent speaker would not do him or his subject justice. Suffice to say, the truth was brought home to the listeners that whereas modern Israel wonders why ancient Israel could commit such breaches of faith with their Heavenly Father, offenses equally flagrant were of record of modern Saints.

Elder Hickman's remarks were listened to with intense interest during the three quarters of an hour he spoke, and all felt they had been well paid for attending.

The choir rendered an exquisite anthem and benediction was pronounced by Elder J. W. Hyde.

Again he replied, "You are poor in your own language, your pronunciation is bad and your learning is very limited. But go on and give vent to your feelings and study hard."

I went ahead and that feeling has ever been with me and gradually unfolding. At 15 yrs of age I went to Chas. Wright's school in Payson. He told my father that I had been sadly neglected in school matters. At 19 I was not a good 5th grade student.

**Logan, Utah, Jan. 12, 1896:** Administered 10 times. Have spent holidays in working upon my oration. School has begun again. Orson Whitney<sup>3</sup> has been added to our faculty. He takes my Theological class. I begin teaching Chemistry this term. My classes this term are Chemistry, Gram. Reading, Methods of Teaching, Principles & Practice of Teaching, and Philosophy of Ed. The teachers of this city form the class in Phil. of Ed.

I have been called on to speak in the Tabernacle--subject comparison of disobedience of ancient and modern Israel. Reference to it can be found in my journal of comments. I also spoke in 2nd and 4th wards. Spoke (2nd) on Word of Wisdom and (4th) Patriarchal Blessings. Was to have spoken again in 4th ward tonight but am nearly sick and got excused.

We held a grand mass meeting in Tabernacle last Mon., Jan. 6, 1896 in honor of Statehood. It is greatly appreciated by our people. As a people we have been asking for statehood since 1852. No state in the Union has been rejected as ours. We look forward now with great hope that we will now have our rights given to us in full in our worship as we have it in political freedom.

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We have measles in our family. Othello is down with them. I am proud of my wives and children. I will welcome the day when I can own them to the world. I have finished paying W. Done (\$6.00) money I owed him. I send tomorrow \$10 to Eva Rydalch for money I borrowed from Bro. W. Rydalch.

**Jan. 19, 1896:** Administered 5 times. I had no theological work this week except Mon. I have given my class to O. F. Whitney. I believe I will like my work in Chemistry better than I thought I would at first.

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<sup>3</sup> Orson F. Whitney (1855-1931). He later became an Apostle in 1906.

Othello is well of the measles but Eugene and baby seem to be coming down with them. Have been working on my oration; have it nearly finished. Apostle Jno. Taylor<sup>4</sup> spoke in the Tabernacle today with great plainness.

Week ago last night I spoke in 4th Ward. I took up all the time. The house was crowded to its utmost; persons (as Pp. said) were from all the wards of the city. The Lord blessed me with wonderful power and freedom. I spoke upon faith and her fruits. Showed that the reason men ceased or failed to pay tithing, ceased to pray, etc. etc. was lack of faith. Showed that sickness, afflictions, etc. was lack of faith. I told the audience that I expected to see the time when elders would go to insane asylums and rebuke the insanity from the unfortunates. The time will come when there will hardly be a blind or deaf person in all Zion. Our sick, cripples, blind, etc. is a criticism against our faithlessness. I prophesied that if our people would keep the commandments, Word of Wisdom, etc. and seek for faith, our sick would be healed and if necessary the dead to be raised from their couches of death. The sons and daughters of Zion should prophesy Zion's missionaries would have the power to proclaim the Gospel with mighty power prophesying and warming the earth with renewed power. That Zion should lift an ensign to the nations of the earth that should be known and recognized to the uttermost parts of the earth. I said that the audience was wrought up to that degree of faith that they had the power then to heal the direst diseases in their ward. I was told that a lady was there who had been troubled with kidney disease and went to the meeting sick but very desirous of hearing me. I am told that she claimed (by the blessing of the Lord by hearing my words) was healed and went home well and has been so ever since. I am very grateful that the Lord blessed me and the audience to such a degree. As I think of it, I cannot feel too grateful.

I delivered a lecture on Astronomy a week ago last Sat. evening in the college. It seemed to be highly appreciated. The Logan Journal commented upon it (refer to Bk. of comments). I delivered a lecture last Thurs. evening in Providence to a crowd. My subject was Banishment of Mormon People. I went to hear W. H. Palmer on Infidelity in 4th Ward Fri. evening.

Francis came Sat, to stay a month with me before starting on his mission. Bro. Isaac Hanson came with him. I was much pleased to see them.

We have had quarterly conference and have rec'd some of the most valuable instructions from Apostles Lyman,<sup>5</sup> Grant<sup>6</sup> and Teasdale.<sup>7</sup> Apostle Grant bore down upon tithing, etc.; also of humility of the Gospel and study of scriptures. He said that many went east and stopped their progress in gospel; he also said that the B.Y.A. at Provo was not paying the attention to religious teaching as the B.Y.A. once did, and it caused a great fury and Prin. wrote to have him to retract, but he then affirmed that he was then certain that he knew they did not. I hope they will make all our church institutions come up to the standard of the church duties. Bro. Lyman spoke of fasting and prayer and if we would

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<sup>4</sup> John Whittaker Taylor (1858-1916), ordained an Apostle in 1884.

<sup>5</sup> Francis Marion Lyman (1840-1916) was ordained an Apostle in 1880.

<sup>6</sup> Heber J. Grant (1856-1945), ordained an apostle in 1882.

<sup>7</sup> George Teasdale (1831-1907), ordained an apostle 1882.

do that and pay tithing, all things should be given us. All presidencies, Bps., Counsellors, high counsellors, superintendencies must keep the word of wisdom, pay honest tithing, etc. or resign. This has been a great blessing to me. I hope to be able to keep all of the instructions. In the past I have done so.

**Logan, Utah, Feb. 16, 1896:** Administered 5 times. Two weeks have passed since writing. Week before last passed with regular routine work until Thurs. (fast day) when we all, as a college, fasted 24 hrs for Apostle Thatcher;<sup>8</sup> also all the Stake did the same. We held two sessions that day and a good spirit prevailed. Apostle Thatcher is improving. I spoke in fast meeting a short time relating circumstance of power of prayer in our family. There were about 70 that spoke during the day. Some predicted that Bro. Thatcher would recover.

Last Sun. I was called on to speak in the tabernacle. I was led to speak of the sleep that came with mortality and whenever man was inspired with spirit of the Lord he had partially awakened from that sleep. I pointed out the difference of the conception of life between Darwin and apostles of evolution and the teaching of the gospel. I also spoke of the imperfections of parents being transmitted to offspring. Quoted scripture to prove the same. I believed that if we were penitent and kept the commandments of God our evils would not be transmitted to our offspring but in amelioration<sup>9</sup> of partially be eradicated from us. I also said that the purity of the daughters of Zion, due to their purity, was a great leavening effect in preventing the multiple evils of the young men from being transmitted with hurtful effect as otherwise would be the case. Yes, daughters of Zion whose lips had not profaned the name of God, bodies uncontaminated with hurtful narcotics and who were as pure as angels closed up with an appeal for the saints to awaken to this fact.

Sunday evening I was called on to speak in 7th Ward on the necessity of education. I spoke an hour and twenty minutes. I interpreted the meaning of education according to our understanding of the term.

The other evening (Fri. Feb. 14) I went to administer to an aged brother (84 yrs of age) who was suffering with some affliction in his head; he has been sick for 9 weeks and has been very bad. He had grown so bad that he could not lie down. He had been in an erect position for 7 or 8 days until his limbs seem to be almost paralyzed and his feet were swollen to twice their natural size. When I went in and saw his ignominious position and the great distress of the afflicted, the Spirit of God rested upon me and I told the lady interpreter (Mrs. Westerberg) to tell the Danish brother that if he had faith he could be healed and lie down. He began weeping and said he had I took the oil and consecrated it again as I feared it had become contaminated, then I knelt in prayer with family. Afterwards anointing him and confirmed the anointing. I had hardly completed the administration until he began saying in his own language "Thank God. Thank God. I am healed." He wept like a child. We prepared his bed and laid him down without pain and he wept again for thankfulness saying he had no pain in all his body. He slept all night

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<sup>8</sup> Moses Thatcher (1842-1909), ordained an apostle 1879.

<sup>9</sup> the act of relieving ills and changing for the better.

and next morning was still at ease. My heart overflows for such a blessing of relief. I acknowledge His hand in it all and pray that I may be blessed in the future to do good unto suffering humanity.

This week has passed in peace. I had a long talk with Bro. O. F. Whitney<sup>10</sup> last Thurs. evening and rec'd from him a copy of The Nauvoo Expositor; also his three speeches he delivered in Constitutional Convention in behalf of Women Suffrage. Have been to meeting and tabernacle today and have been called to speak in 5th Ward tonight with Francis. Martha and her ma are here for dinner this afternoon.

**Feb. 23. 1896:** Administered 4 times. Francis and I spoke in 5th Ward last Sun. evening to a crowded house. We both enjoyed a goodly portion of the spirit of God. Francis and I administered to old Brother Schroder, the sick man mentioned in last week's writing. He had gone blind though in no pain and after we administered to him he could see again. All that I have aided in administering to are getting better. I am very thankful for the favor of heaven.

I went to Hyde Park Fri. evening and spoke about 30 min. to parents and school children. Stayed the night there and returned next morning. Was called to speak in the quarterly conference of young men and ladies of this city tonight. Have just returned from meeting; the meeting was crowded and a good program. I spoke 30 min. and was considerably blessed by the spirit while speaking. I am grateful for the blessing of the Lord in many ways in the past.

Francis goes home Fri. Apostle Thatcher is getting better.

**Logan. Mar. 1. 1896:** Administered 5 times. The week has passed pleasantly. I have lectured twice to the ladies in the college this week (Duties of daughters of Zion and influence of women in history of world). I have been to Hyrum in this stake to lecture Sat, night and spoke in Sun. meeting. I spoke Sat. night on Banishment of Mormons and today (Sun.) upon the divine authority of Bk. of Mormon. The Lord did wonderfully aid me in both meetings. I acknowledge His blessings. To show that I was, different ones classed me with Whitney & Roberts.<sup>11</sup> I do not take any honor to myself. I spoke this evening in 2nd Ward. Organized the Religion Class and giving a model exercise. I must confess that the exercise was impressive to me as well as to the audience. It was through the advice of Pro. Maeser that I gave it. I then spoke the remaining time.

Last Sat, night a week ago, I administered to Sister Schroder, a lady about 68 who had for 8 yrs been suffering from the falling of the womb and was hardly able to sit down or get up when down. She had suffered unspeakably. She was compelled to wear bandages and a truss. As her husband had been miraculously healed, at least in part, she asked to be administered to by me. I did so and rebuked the disease and weakness. The next morning she threw off the truss and did all her work without pain or falling of womb and has not worn it since.

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<sup>10</sup> Orson F. Whitney (1855-1931)

<sup>11</sup> Brigham H. Roberts (1857-1933), a member of the First Council of Seventy.

Another lady with same disease asked to be administered to. I did so and I understand was healed and has not felt so well for years. I have administered to two other ladies of same complaint, but have not heard whether they are well or not. My heart swells with joy to know the God of Heaven is still with children of this church.

In speaking in meeting tonight, I said if I ever was filled with prophecy, I felt I was when I say that time will come when we will have our common schools under our control and will teach our children the gospel in them. At the close, model exercise this evening, I blessed those little ones that took part and prophesied some of them would live to see the Savior coming in their glory.

Martha was real sick last Thurs. and Fri. and suffered with much pain and I administered to her and when I took my hands off she was well and free from pain.

**Mar. 28, 1896:** Administered 12 times. Have neglected to write for four weeks due to over work and absence from home part of time. School work has continued as usual, but I was absent from my school work a week except one day. I went and spoke in the 3rd Ward of this city (Logan) two weeks ago tonight (Sun.) and gave what we term a model exercise in Religion Class. I was considerably blessed of the Lord. When the meeting was over we had all the little children come up and shake hands with Bp. and myself. A recently returned missionary came to me after meeting and said that while he was on his mission in Illinois and Indiana he saw my oration which was delivered in Univ. of Mich. and he said that he had allayed much prejudice by reading it to congregations. For, said he, "I have read it so often I nearly know it by heart. The Lord blessed me more in that speech than I could have asked for in my wildest fancies.

Dee was baptized in Logan temple March 10, 1896, by Erick L. Olsen and confirmed by Thomas Moore.

I went home, Payson, Benj. & Provo, a week last Mon. and returned Sun. I went to fulfill appointments. I lectured in Payson on Banishment of Mormon People. I was next day to farewell party for two missionaries (Francis and Eli Hawkins), I gave the farewell address. In course of my remarks, I prophesied that both of the young missionaries should go and perform honorable missions, have good success and neither should fall but return in safety.

The Benj. people had a fine picnic for the missionaries and dance in evening. The next night I spoke to Benj. and Lake Shore audience on Character. The house was crowded. The next night I lectured in B. Y. A. to a good sized audience on "Character." I came to Salt Lake with my brother the next morning and stayed until evening, then I went as far as Ogden with him. Then I parted with him with these words: "Good-bye my brother, I love you dearer than my own life."

My mother who was sick with pneumonia was instantly healed by power of faith. I had a good visit with all of our family. While in Salt Lake, Francis and I hunted up Uncle Warren Hickman;<sup>12</sup> I had not seen him before for over 30 yrs.; also saw Jno. Hickman.

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<sup>12</sup> Warren Hickman (1835-1907), youngest brother of Josiah's father, George W. Hickman.



On my return home I found all my family well. We have moved in the Preston house (Mar. 18). Let Francis have \$149 to go on mission. Paid also for my photo to be placed in "Friend and Fireside" (\$5. 00). Francis paid Christiansen \$10 interest for money he borrowed.

**Logan, Apr. 6, 1896:** Administered 4 times. Have had examinations and closed up second term's work. Have been to General Conference in Salt Lake. Excellent instructions were given by all speakers. All Israel is distressed at the startling news of Moses Thatcher's name not being presented with the Quorum of the Twelve. It was due to his refusal to sign the Manifesto concerning the right of the presidency to dictate to those in high authority in political matters. All in high authority must first (before accepting political offices) get authority or counsel from the presidency.

Bro. B. H. Roberts has retraced his steps and submitted to the authority of the church. He acknowledged to the conference that whenever he disobeyed council he was always humiliated and was brought to failure. He testified to the keys and authority being with the first presidency.

One of the memorable things said by Pres. Woodruff was that he has been led by revelation all his life. Also that had the manifesto not been issued none would have been at that conference; none would have been at their homes. This was all, said he, manifested to me at the time of issuance of the manifesto. God, said he, was responsible for it. It was also predicted by Apostle Lyman that we would never be in such bondage again. Many glorious things were said at the conference.

I saw many friends at conference that I had not seen for years. I stayed at Sister Martha Cannon's at Cannon farm two nights while I was in Salt Lake. I found Sister Caroline Smoot there also. Mrs. Martha Cannon<sup>13</sup> is Ella's niece. Pres. Cannon says I am his uncle. On my return from conference I found all well at home. I was agreeably surprised to find Pres. Cannon has all of his wives at the farm and all eat in same room at same time. Each wife with her children eat at a separate table while Geo. Q. ate at a table with first wife's children (first wife is dead). All is peace and love in their homes.

I was told by Murray King that the Profs. and leading students of B. Y. A. said my oration was considered the best oration of the year for depth of thought, while Judge Power's oration was noted for entertainment.

**April 12, 1896:** Administered 3 times. Week has passed quietly. The third term began this week. Our numbers are much reduced. I teach following subjects this term: Gram., Chemistry, Principles & Practice, and Philosophy of Education. In the course of reading that a small number of us have established, we are reading at present Byron's poems. Have written to ma. Chas. has been sent away from school but was asked to return by Pres. Cluff, but he would not. Francis started from Philadelphia on steamer for Liverpool some two weeks since. He has become nervous with sights. Attended meeting today. A returned missionary and three others spoke. The new manifesto is to be read in all the

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<sup>13</sup> Martha Telle Cannon (1846-1928) was the daughter of Josiah Lewis Telle and Amelia Ann Rogers. Amelia was a half sister to Ella.

wards tonight for approval of saints. Have administered to three afflicted persons this week.

**Logan. May 24, 1896:** Administered 5 times. It has been some time since I wrote before as I was out of ink part of time and part of time it was through neglect. I have been to Lewiston to speak and was considerably blessed. Also, have spoken in 6th, 1st and 4th Wards since then and was blessed considerably in each instance. Especially was I blessed in freedom of speech and thought in the 1st Ward.

Have attended three surprises, viz. one on Martha, one on Mrs. Westerberg<sup>14</sup> and one on Jennie Hubbard.

I have been informed by Pres. Kerr that I am not wanted in the college next year. He claims that the college cannot support two Normal teachers and for that reason only am I dropped. I believe there is another cause. It is the first time in my life that I was not sought for as a teacher where I was known. I know from dream the cause and have been shown the future.

I was urged some 5 weeks ago to take the principalship of the Agricultural College but due to my love for our church schools, I hesitated to accept it. I told Apostle Merrill<sup>15</sup> (member of board) and Pres. Orson Smith that I would take it only as a call from the Priesthood in case they could get no one else. Now I am out of any position, but I acknowledge the hand of God in it all. Have rec'd letters from Francis; he has arrived in Dresden and seems to be comfortably located. He sent me one of their tracts and to my surprise it was my oration on Banishment of Mormon People. I sent him (Francis) \$10.00 May 12, 1896.

Rec'd letter from Jos. McGregor; he is in Ala. on a mission. He asks for my oration of the Banishment of Mormon People. I have been asked to resign my position in B. Y. C. which I will do with some regret. I acknowledge it for good, yet I cannot see why only as shown in dream.

I am asked to take principalship in Preston Academy. I asked them \$1400 a year. Do not know whether they can pay it or not. I am to deliver lecture in temple on June 6. Pres. Merrill says now he will give me a chance to enter Ag. College if vacancy. Ma and all were well last time I heard from them.

Have been attending YMMIA conference and memorial services over Jno. H. Gibbs.<sup>16</sup> This stake has erected a monument to his memory. B. H. Roberts has and will tonight again speak on the Presbyterian resolutions why they cannot walk in Christian fellowship with the Mormons. I gave Jennie Hubbard and Miss Maughan a blessing as they urged it of me. It is the first I ever gave.

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<sup>14</sup> Probably Emma Westerberg, a Swedish lady living in Logan. She keep a boarding house.

<sup>15</sup> Marriner W. Merrill (1835-1906), ordained an apostle in 1889.

<sup>16</sup> John H. Gibbs on a mission to Tennessee had been murdered by a mob some twelve years earlier.

**May 31, 1896, Logan:** During week all has been quiet but stormy. I delivered lecture in the Philo Mathic Society Fri. evening on Character, though it was a stormy night, the house was filled. Aside from the lecture, there were 3 recitations. I went to Paradise yesterday (May 30) and delivered a short address in memorial services held in honor of Jno. H. Gibbs who was martyred in 1884 in Tenn. There were several other speeches from Pres. Orson Smith and Isaac Smith, also Bp. Oldam aside from musical exercises. Pres. Orson Smith dedicated the monument which stands about 13 ft. high and costs about \$350.

I went over with Bro. Peterson and we got very muddy and wet as it rains most of the time. We returned in the evening. I went to meeting this afternoon (Sun.). Two brethren spoke whom I did not know.

(Refer to page 62 for continuation of page 27 above) I have written to Bro. McGregor who is now in Ala. preaching the gospel and sent him my speech on the Banishment of the Mormon People. I do not know where I will go this coming year. I am going to 6th Ward to meeting tonight. Took dinner at Nathaniel and Thalia Haws today.<sup>17</sup>

**Logan. June 7, 1896:** Administered once. School has closed with a good commencement exercise. Twenty of our students graduated. One took B. S., 13 Normal Diploma and 6 took diplomas from academic department. Prof. Langton and myself have been asked to resign. He is an excellent teacher and drinks. I am not a very good teacher and don't drink. Moral: Drink!

I (with Ella and Martha) attended A. College exercises today (Sun.). Exercises good. Should have had baccalaureate address from Jude W. King, but he was called to Col. Went to meeting this afternoon in tabernacle. Two returned missionaries spoke. I delivered a lecture in temple yesterday on "Character"; not much of an audience.<sup>18</sup> Attended monthly priesthood meeting yesterday. Rec'd letter from W. Done stating

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<sup>17</sup> First cousins to Josiah. Nathaniel or "Thaney" Haws was the son of Nathaniel Haws, brother of Lucy Haws Hickman.

<sup>18</sup> Logan Journal: Prof. Hickman's Lecture. A synopsis of a lecture given by Professor J. E. Hickman, delivered before the Philomathic Society of the Brigham Young College, May 29<sup>th</sup>. 1896:

Character. He began by saying: I find my subject is well chosen to present before this audience, especially as most of you are the children of people whose lives are the very embodiment of character.

The speaker portrayed the difference between the noble and the rejected character, and held that the rejected character was but the perversion of character in the sense he wished to use the term; for character is the product of the moral and religious side of life regardless of the intellect, for intellect may increase while character decreases, or character may increase while learning may be comparatively stationary.

He drew the sharp distinction between reputation and character, showing that reputation is what a man seems to be while character is what he is.

Character is rock; reputation is but shifting sands.

In the distinction between reputation and character he humourously said, "Reputation without character is misleading, it is like paint on a lady's face, its mission is deception."

He then portrayed that a fort taken one day may be recaptured the next; so within the human breast that which is gained today may be lost tomorrow by some ruthless act or cankered thought.

The speaker then drew the distinction between learning, genius and character: showing that character stands as high above learning and genius as Mt. Everest's snowy summit towers above the ocean's

could not hire me in college. Do not know what I will do next year. I am to teach in Summer School this summer.

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depth; and in exemplification of this fact he referred to four national characters of Greece. The three Miltiades, Pausanius and Themisocles were noted for their genius and learning while while Aristodes was noted for his noble character. The three for a time caused all Greece to glow with their brilliancy but in time sank into disgrace and died ignoble deaths. While Aristodes, pure and noble, died in his own land mourned by a grateful nation. Here the character of the one towered above the genius and learning of the three.

He emphasized the fact that ambition should not be mistaken for character, for ambition stifles character. Character rather says "sell all thour hast and give it to the poor."

In the bustle of life character through her simplicity is often overlooked by the public eye; but let once an emergency arise wehre in only men and women of character can stand and they will rise up like magc from the common walks of life; thus it was that Patrick Henry, in the hour of need, in one gigantic bound, sprang into the vanguard of the Patriot Sons of America.

It is a solemn obligation that every youth owes to himself and his country that he possesses a pure and spotless character. But let a youth deny this fact and live heedless to the teachings of right, and he will drift along until the star of his destiny reaches its zenith on the meridian of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The speaker doubted the statement that knowledge is powerfor good, it may be a power for good or for eveil, depending wholly upon the individual possessing it.

In our land there are two classes of individuals, the one class are victims of circumstances and wait for a chance to become great; these are the tramps, the idlers, or irresolute youths who expect to find character or success "marked down." To all such, he said, "Luck was a fool; pluck was the hero."

The world has not in 6,000 years succeeded in procuring a noble character in idleness.

Idleness is the burial of the living and the nurse of vice. Webster declared that he never knew how the broad of idleness tasted.

The speaker impressed upon his hearers the idea that character is not found in looks or in reputation, but grew up within the human heart. Reputation without character stands to reputation with character, as a tramp to an honest farmer. And to illustrate the work of book learning without character he referred to Sheridan of England who was one of the greatest orators who ever lived, yet in life and politics he was a failure for want of character.

But when the elements of character are embodied in men or woman they will fearlessly maintain their highest ideas in spite of all worldly interests. It was this principle that brough Luther to such a degree of eminence, and his words ring through Germany like a trumpet blast and though his body has been moudering in the tomb for 300 years he still lives in modern Germany for character never dies but like the records of the past it whispers from the dust.

Character may be found in the savage's wigwam or in the palace hall. Find it where you will, it is a light illuminating of the moral atmostphere. It is the safeguard of a nation, an anchor to the soul; and he who does not posses a pure character, is a spiritual pauper. You who are expecting to become teachers let character become the aim of your tutorage, and if you would rule look to the heart and not to the coat. For who knows but that the little ragged urchin plucking flowers in yonder field, or hollowing in your neighboring streets, may not become the scientist or the orator of his age.

He showed that whatever is true in an individual is true of a nation and when the character of a nation departs roll up the map of that nation, close its unfinished history, its requiem is sung. If there are not other nations to come in and tread upon the ruins of that self-defeated nation, nature will send that nation back into the chanel of savagery; and they like the Red Man and the Maori, will forget the pit form whence they were digged.

The speaker, in conclusion, urged the fact that learning was not character; reputation was but a mantle that invited deception; ambition stooped to gain, it caused the heavens to mourn and nations to be betrayed. Jas. H. Thomas [The Logan Journal, June 6, 1896]

**Logan, July 2, 1896:** Administered 6 times. It has been some time since writing. I have been home to Provo, Benjamin and Payson, visiting ma, brothers, and sisters. All were well. I saw Hattie Hickman<sup>19</sup> and her folks.

I bought wire (\$3. 25) to fence north side of our land. Made ma a present of my enlarged photo with frame - frame \$2. 50.

I attended State Teacher's Association in Salt Lake 8 days session. I put up most of time at St. James Hotel. Met several old friends. While in Provo, visited all Sunday Schools and spoke in 3rd Ward Sun. evening on the evidence of Bk. of M.

Am teaching in Summer School and we as teachers are having good success. Mrs. Holbrook's baby died that we administered to. I, in being mouth, blessed it to live and said I believed it would live. This is the 3rd or 4th time in my life that I was unable to tell by the spirit upon me. I pray in my heart that I may be able in the future to tell correctly.

I am much in debt and am distressed to think I can't pay debts. Father, aid me in paying obligations in due time that my name may not be brought in reproach. Father, guide me, I need thy assistance as never before.

Ella has symptoms of heart disease and has been very poorly of late; but is better now. While in Salt Lake saw Uncle Warren. He gave me some of Pa's history. He said Pa was a very good boy at home, obedient and kind to parents. Was a good worker. When he was 21 yrs. of age, he went into Mississippi and taught school 3 yrs. and then returned home and afterwards he went to medical school. Warren said their father was a quiet man, very honest and industrious and was highly respected by neighbors. He was very handy and did everything for his comfort, making shoes, cobbling, etc. etc. He was a man that could never touch one of his children when not in anger, but when he was mad whipped his children very hard. Their mother (my grandma) was very neat, ladylike and a person who never spoke evil about anyone nor permitted it in her children.

Books read last half year: 3 faith promoting series, Gram (Mackwell), Chemistry (Remsen); ½ of Rosenkraus's Phil. of Ed.; most of DeGraffe's Methods of Teaching; most of Broock's Normal M. of Teaching; most of Compayre's Lectures on Teaching; part of Hewett's Pedagogy; part of McCanby's 1st Vol. of Essays; also part of Emerson's essays; part of Byron's poems; Martyrdom of Jos. Stenley by Nickleson; part of Lait's Phil. of Ed.; part of Longfellow's poems; part of Robinson Caruso.

In preparing my lecture on Character I read Smiles Blackie, Spencer Sociology and two other authors - names I don't recall. I read those portions being upon Character. These are the principal books read, but have done much paper and journal reading besides. Had my head read by a phrenologist last week. He says I am too much for the gospel, parents, friends and not enough for self.

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<sup>19</sup> Hattie (Douglass) Hickman was the wife of Francis, Josiah's brother, who is on his mission in Germany at this time.

I went and spoke at Smithfield a week ago yesterday (Sun.) on Banishment of M. People. Attended meeting in tabernacle yesterday afternoon.

**Logan, July 12, 1896:** Administered twice. Still in Summer School. Everything seems to be moving along nicely. I seem to enjoy work. I am teaching Zoology, Algebra, Geography and Principles & Practice of Teaching.

Went to Preston yesterday and completed arrangements for taking principalship of the Oneida Stake Academy for one year. My engagement begins from the 15th of July and extends until July 15, 1897. I am to receive \$1200 for year's work. I feel somewhat sad over the fact that I am to take charge of the O. S. Academy. Time will tell whether my thoughts are inspirational or not. I trust my labors there will be of great worth to me and the people. Father, assist me in my labor as Thou didst in the M. S. Academy aiding to avoid the errors in this labor that I made in M. S. A. May I be filled with inspiration at all times to make me equal to my labors.

I went to Millville, Cache Co. today on my wheel and attended S. School and meeting, speaking at each. Spoke upon faith and the discord and strife of Saints, etc. The Spirit of the Lord was with me. Mrs. Beers visited us this afternoon. At first I am not to receive my pay in full until Jan. or Feb. when I will be paid in full from then on as fast as wages are due.

**Logan, July 26, 1896:** Administered once. Summer School has closed (July 23). We had five week's session. There were between 65 and 75 teachers. I feel, also the other teachers feel, this was one of the finest summer schools ever attended. We closed with the final session in the Agricultural College and when it closed we danced until evening. In my course, I completed geography and also suggestive plan of how it should be taught. Completed course of Principles and Practice (Reading, Orthography, Penmanship, Geography, School Organization, School Management—class discipline, how to conduct a recitation); also dealt with subject of Nature Studies their scope, how to teach them, benefits, etc. I completed a series of lectures and demonstrations covering the work of invertebrates. Course in Algebra completed to one unknown quantity.

I spoke in the 7th Ward a week ago tonight upon the Church of Jesus Christ. Bro. Lawisch was here last week and stayed two days and a half and returned to Salt Lake where he is working. He says he will never go back to his wife. Made \$89.50 in Summer School. Sent \$3. 00 to Hattie Hickman. She has a black-haired girl.<sup>20</sup> Willard Done and wife were here today; also T. Haws wife and her two sisters. Am working on O. S. Academy circular.

Rec'd letters from Jno. C. Swenson, Chloe Haws, Laura Hickman, Fred Evans in regard school. Wrote to Jno. C. Swenson, Fred Evans and Hattie Hickman. Rec'd letter from relative regarding relatives I had written concerning.

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<sup>20</sup> This would be Hattie Hickman (1896-1968).

Ella and I talked until after 2 p. m. last Fri. night upon our relationship and I had occasion to tell her that unless we kept the Lord's commandments concerning polygamy He would visit us with sore affliction. And that if she did not cast aside that spirit of rebellion and hatred He (God) would separate our family. This I gave by inspiration; I believe we will do our utmost to keep the law.

**Aug. 11, 1896, Preston, Oneida Co., Idaho:** Administered 7 times. We have moved to Preston; Ella taking the Hobbs house and Martha the Comley house. We are not fully fixed up yet but will be soon. I have been to Gentile Valley to conference; I spoke twice. In going, camped on Bear River overnight. I killed 8 ducks and a hawk on the trip. We had a nice conference; Apostles John Henry Smith<sup>21</sup> and Jonathan Golden Kimball.<sup>22</sup> They spoke well. Last week I went back to Logan and got the Annual to our Academy printed. It is very nice.

We established an Academic and Normal Course. The Academy building is the nicest except the B. Y.A. among all our Church school buildings. School opens Sep. 7. I went to Weston Sunday afternoon and spoke and to Franklin in the evening. I did not have very good liberty at Weston but at Franklin I had almost perfect freedom.

Our baby (George Washington) has been sick, but is now better. I have been asked to go to Payson and speak twice in their Institute on Aug. 19. I will go if all is well.

**Aug. 25, 1896, Preston, Idaho, Tuesday:** Administered 5 times. Have been traveling around Co. (Stake). On Sun. Aug. 16 spoke at ward conference in Garden Creek to a large audience. There were 4 speakers with myself, viz. Bp. of ward, Chas. Goosland<sup>23</sup> and father Byington and self. We held them until 4:30 p. m. We came from there that night to Preston arriving at 2 a. m. Killed two rabbits going and 2 coming back. Pres. Parkinson killed 3 sage hens and one rabbit. I was sick part of way, but when meeting commenced I felt better and was blessed with an excellent spirit. Spoke on witnesses and evidences of Bk. of M. I also predicted that time would come when those sage brush plains would become fruitful fields and that the time would come when the Lord would send rain to water those regions instead of irrigation. I also predicted that if young people would attend Academy for one year or more that if they spent all their means, they, in same length of time after they quit school, would have as much or more means as before, say nothing of their learning. This promise was to those who were honest in their labor.

I met one of Uncle William Hickman's wives who left him and married Byington.<sup>24</sup> She had two children from Uncle – boy and girl. The girl died after bearing two children.

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<sup>21</sup> John Henry Smith (1848-1911), ordained an apostle in 1880; noted for his love of life and good humor.

<sup>22</sup> J. Golden Kimball (1853-1938), became a member of the First Council of Seventy in 1892.

<sup>23</sup> Chares. D. Gosslind

<sup>24</sup> This is Josiah's uncle, the infamous "Wild Bill Hickman." The wife is

Aunt's son by Uncle was at her place. His name was Brigham. Aunt's name is Hannah.<sup>25</sup>

A week ago yesterday (Mon.) I went (started) for Payson to fulfill my engagement to lecture at Utah Co. Teacher's Institute held at Payson. I took Fern<sup>26</sup> with me. We stopped off at Provo and visited Ma, Laura and sister until Tues. evening and then went to Payson.

I met that evening with Int.; Prof. Stewart of Uni. lectured. The next day Dr. Whitely and myself lectured, each delivering two lectures. I, through the blessings of the Lord, was blessed much more and consequently did much better than I expected. I was agreeably surprised when Sup. Christenson told me my lecture was the best and most satisfactory of any of lectures given in the Institute, though there had been lectures delivered by Profs. Nelson, Stewart, Done, Wootten and Dr. Whitely. For the expressions of the papers, see Journal with comments.<sup>27</sup>

Went back to Provo Sat. morning and visited still more until afternoon and started for Id. I went to Downy Station arriving at 12:30 p.m. and on the morrow went to Marsh Center where there was a conference of 3 or 4 wards. Bp. of ward Spongberg<sup>28</sup> and self spoke and held audience until 4:30 p.m. Went from there to Woodland and spoke that evening

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<sup>25</sup> Hannah Dyantha Horr (1836-1917) married William Adams Hickman in 1853. The two children were Mary Lorinda Hickman (1857-1976) and Brigham Alvin Porthugh Hickman (1858- ).

<sup>26</sup> Fern is ten years old.

<sup>27</sup> "What Self Effort Can Accomplish. Some Excellent Talk. What Education Really Means—Prof. Keer's Lecture—Josiah Hickman's Efforts. [Editor Enquirer:] Payson, Aug 21, 1896,--Up to date the work of the Institute has been very successful. Not a visible hitch in any of the proceedings. The teachers seem to be much interested in nearly all the work. Indeed a corps of living educators of eminent ability have thundered for their doctrines (yet with silent voice) most effectually.

One more of those young men that occasionally must be heard and felt because of the high moral purpose that actuates them is Prof. Josiah Hickman. A few years ago he could be seen toiling on his father's farm with energy and good will. All this time a thirst for knowledge coupled with a supreme desire to be of use in life filled his breast. His youthful enthusiasm pushed him onward. So, after completing a common school course and a short time in the B.Y.A. he taught district school for a short period. It was not enough! There as another hill to climb. He started for Ann Arbor where he completed a high course of learning. In a short time he will stand at the head of a high institution of learning in Idaho. And thus it is, "Merit counts in life." He lectured on "Qualifications of the Teacher." As a lady would have it, it was simply grand. [The Daily Inquirer (Provo, Utah), Vol. XIV, No. 70, August 22, 1896]

"Third Day of Institute" -- "Teachers' Qualifications" Prof. J. E. Hickman of the B.Y. Academy, Logan, presented by request the subject: "Qualifications of the Teacher," and with masterly effort presented his views, some of which are as follows:

Home, teacher, society, church, these are factors of education. Does each do its duty towards the child? Is there harmony of action? These are important questions. How well are the teachers prepared in mind, matter and method? Does one of these overbalance either of the others? Is there a nicely poised balance in their weight, and worth? If not, the wheels of progress are clogged; friction overcomes advancement, and the result is a blind staggering.

The teacher, skillful in his work produces harmony in all his work as a result of an intelligent procedure based on his knowledge of child mind, child activities, and having a full sympathy with childhood leads, guides and directs its manifold forces along times of highest value to the goal of glorious manhood and womanhood. [Salt Lake Tribune, Vol. XLVL, No. 99, August 20, 1896]

<sup>28</sup> Probably Charles L. Spongberg, farmer and blacksmith.



on advance of science and potency and reality of miracles. Showed that science has, is, and always will be the servant of revelation and the priesthood. I was blessed very much in both meetings.

Came home yesterday (Mon.) not feeling well and was sick all night. Am some better today. I found all of my family well except Ella has a cold. I paid 50c on subscription for New Era. Gave ma \$5. 00 today to buy wire to finish fencing the farm. Gave Hattie \$2. 00.

Rec'd letters from American Bk. Co. stating they had sent me sample books; Clinton Ray and Albert Matheson, Cullman, Ala. He writes for information and advice on faith and how to present it to people in south.

**Aug. 31, 1896, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 9 times. Have been at home all week since Mon. afternoon. Was not well for two days. Dee,<sup>29</sup> on last Thurs. afternoon, fell about 12 ft. from end of barn (while trying to get pigeon's nest) and broke his right leg about 8 in. below the hip joint. Dr. Canfield set it. He (Dee) has suffered some with it but seems to be doing well. It is a wonder that he was not killed for his head is so easily injured.

My work this week has been in the study of Hart's J. M. Rhetoric and Paragraph writing, also reading Lucile. I spoke in meeting yesterday afternoon and lectured last night on Miracles and Progress of Science. I administered to Dee 8 times during week and once to Ella.

**Sep. 14, 1896, Cache Junction (on train):** Administered 3 times. In last two weeks have been studying and teaching. A week ago yesterday (Sun.) went to Oxford and spoke in afternoon to small audience on duties of Saints to priesthood and to feed the spirit, etc. Had considerable freedom. Spoke in Clifton in evening on education and moral development. Had excellent freedom and blessed much with spirit of Lord. Went home (Preston) that night--10 miles. School opened on following morning with about 75 or 80 pupils. They range all the way from primary department to academic department. Four of the board were present and addressed the students. We have the Academy quite well organized and in running order. There are now five of us teachers teaching and the sixth will begin as soon as students come sufficient--to warrant his beginning.

A week ago Sat. I delivered the funeral address over the remains of a child 1 ½ yrs. old. I was aided in my words of consolation by the spirit of the Lord. For a synopsis of my address, refer to scrap journal as it was published in New Era.

Have just been to Pocatello to ward conference; went instead of Pres. Parkinson.<sup>30</sup> The Lord blessed me with great freedom both in afternoon and evening. In afternoon, spoke on the gospel of Jesus Christ and its gifts, I Cor. II Chap. In the evening, spoke on the

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<sup>29</sup> Dee is eight years old here.

<sup>30</sup> George C. Parkinson ( 1857 -1920), president of the Oneida Stake

authenticity of the Bk. of M. Read from 29 Chap. of Isaiah, also from testimony of the 3 witnesses. There was a very large audience especially at night and about 1/3 of audience were outsiders and all were exceedingly attentive. The Saints were very pleased over the outpouring of the spirit of the Lord. I am now on my way back to Preston.

Last week Bros. Woolley and Nelson and I went to administer to old Bro. Swan. He thought he was near death's door and fast sinking. We administered to him, I being mouth promised him life and if he desired it rebuked the disease. He immediately rec'd faith and believed on our words and is now fast recovering. (This brother has since died.)

Dee is rapidly recovering from his accident.

Sent Francis \$6. 00; Jno. Swenson \$6. 00. Ceo. Hellewell boards with us. Bp. Cannon of Pocatello made me a present of a pair of suspenders and neck tie. I was treated royally by all while there.

**Sep. 20, 1896, Preston, Idaho:** Week passed quite pleasantly. We have about 90 students flow attending the Academy. There are now 4 departments running, Prim., Prep., Int. and Academic. There are but 7 in the Academic Dept.

I was called upon to preach the funeral sermon of Bro. Swans. After we elders left him, he got better but said he desired to die and on taking a new cold died after 4 hours. I spoke at his funeral about an hour, dwelling upon the necessity of our living in love and appreciating each other in life and not await until death to speak the good things of them. I spoke of the great necessity of our living for faith so we could stay the hand of the destroyer, etc. Read from Doc. & Cov. 42 Chap. I spoke of the resurrection. Read from Ezekiel 37 Chap. and Sec. 76 of Doc. & Cov.

There was a cyclone in Ogden and destroyed about \$100,000 of property. It even damaged northern settlements as far north as Franklin, Id.

Bro. Woolley and I went to Whitney today and spoke in Sunday School and meeting. A good spirit prevailed throughout meeting. Rec'd letter from W. Z. Hickman<sup>31</sup> in answer to my inquiry about relationship. I wrote to: Eva Rydalch and sent her \$5.00; Jno. Swenson and sent him \$30. 00; Francis and sent him \$18. 00.

**Sep. 27, 1896:** Administered once. A week in school. It is improving in discipline; students are working harder. That the students are worked very hard is causing much pro and con talk. Heretofore, they did not have to study very hard and this sudden change seems too much for some. I hope they will recognize soon the great value there is in hard, earnest study.

Rec'd letters from Ginn & Co., D. Appleton & Co. Bought Romanes Mental Rev, in Animals for \$2. 60; this is the first work I am to read in my non-resident course in the

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<sup>31</sup> William Z. Hickman, author and biographer

Westian Uni. Rec'd letter from Laura asking for \$6.00 for her schooling. I sent her \$7.00.

I begin to be more pleased with the work of the Academy. I went and lectured in Weston before Teachers Inst. Subject "The Teacher and the Pupil." It was rec'd with interest. I spoke next day (Sat.) in their Inst. on Gram. Ella is better and we all seem to have fair health.

**Oct. 4, 1896:** Administered 3 times. This week has been spent in earnest labor. Our work has improved some in the Academy this week and the students are doing well. I went to monthly priesthood meeting yesterday and spoke a short time. I am studying Romanes Evolution of Animals.

I was called upon today to speak and explain our belief and gospel as a Campbelitish preacher was there. I spoke an hour and a half and the Lord blessed me with much liberty. The preacher came after meeting and told me that my sermon was the first Mormon sermon he ever heard. Complimented me for my fortitude in fearlessly proclaiming my belief.

**Oct. 11, 1896, Preston, Idaho:** Administered once. This week I have had a little baby boy born unto me by Martha.<sup>32</sup> The birth of the baby was quick and successful. Mother and baby doing well.

We had examinations in the Academy last Fri. and in the evening had a nice dance for the students and invited friends. Last Wed, night I addressed an audience on women suffrage for 1 ½ hr's. It seemed to be highly appreciated.

Ella is getting better and her health is better. Dee's leg is nearly well, but very crooked and shorter than before. I am much grieved over it. Rec'd letters from Mrs. Eva Rydalch and Chas. Hickman. He and Evans are not coming to school. He gets married soon.<sup>33</sup> I sent him \$5.00 as he asked for it. My cousin Chloe Hawes<sup>34</sup> is married.

Went to meeting and Sunday School today.

I have been working with Wixom, a young man 32 yrs. of age, trying to get or help him overcome smoking. He has tried to quit many times but failed. He desires to attend the Academy. I promised him in the name of the Lord that if he would seek the Lord and work to that end he could quit. He has been laboring 3 days with awful temptation and it seems that is more than he can endure. I promised him last night if he would go with me to office and pray that awful hankering would be less. He went with me and we prayed and when through, it was less and the hankering all night was less and is not so bad today. I promised him if he would stand it for 3 days, his appetite would begin to

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<sup>32</sup> Reginald Lawisch Hickman born October 8, 1896.

<sup>33</sup> Charles is 19 here. He will marry Lettie Ann Mikesell on October 1896.

<sup>34</sup> Chloe married Jay W. Barr.

decrease and today, the third day, went again and prayed with him and the hankering was not so great just as I promised. I do not know what the future will be.

**Oct. 20, 1896, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 5 times. Administered to Dee 5 times for the straightening of the bone in his leg (femer) as it is very badly crooked. I was going to have his leg broken over, but was inspired to not have it done but that I could straighten it through faith.

School is progressing nicely. All the students seem to be putting in the best of study. More students enter this week. I spoke in meeting yesterday (Sun.) upon the duties of the Saints and pointed out our many failures. I exhorted them to look for the fulfilling of the prophecies and not watch for them to be unfulfilled. I was chosen to aid the Superintendency of Sunday School in order to put it upon the basis of the model basis. Ella went to Logan and had a nice visit. I am greatly in debt and do not know where to turn in order to get money to pay my debts.

**Nov. 17, 1896, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 12 times. Attended quarterly conference at Oxford. It stormed all day Mon. Bro. Nelson and I went together. Did not stay to afternoon session as it was so bad. Jno. H. Smith Teasdale, Semour B. Young and Nickelson were in attendance. The weather has been more or less stormy since then. The Academy is increasing in attendance and in good works. The teachers at present are self, J. E. Dallay, Jos. Nelson, Ezra F. Woolley, Caroline Parkinson and L. D. Edwards. The S. S. course and M.I.A. course are now in session. There are few of them in either course as yet. The people are taking more interest in the Academy.

I learn from Pres. Parkinson that delegates have been sent from Washington to the First Presidency of the Church to ask that they use their influence to help save the government from ruin. Thus, in a limited degree, fulfilling the prophecy that this people would yet be called upon to save this government from ruin.

Moses Thatcher is much improved in health and has been summoned to appear for trial, but failed to do so and the summons has been repeated.

Spoke in Sunday meeting two weeks ago last Sun. here in Preston on the duties of Saints and evils of looking for evils in our neighbors. We, Elders Woolley, Nelson and self, went to administer to Bro. Nebecker's 11 year old girl who has been suffering for more than 6 years with heart disease and has been nigh to death's door. She has been rapidly improving ever since. God be praised.

Bro. Peter Jensen, a fine young man, died here about a week aid a half ago.

The Academy gave a ball for students and it was a success. All had an excellent time. Bro. Kirkup lectured before the Literary Society Fri. night on Palestine.

I have had my head read by a young phrenologist (Priest); also my families' heads read.<sup>35</sup>

I was compelled to censure quite severely two students a short time since for wilfull disobedience.

I spoke last Sun. night by special request before the Elder's Quorum; the public was invited and the house was full. I spoke upon prophecy and its fulfillment. I scarcely ever was blessed more by the Lord than then. When I spoke upon the same subject, yet I treated it a little different, before in Logan, the Lord blessed me much. The audience was deeply impressed and sat almost breathless. To show the feeling that audience manifest, some said it was the greatest sermon ever delivered in that meeting house, etc. My Father, my heart is filled to overflowing for joy to know you did bless me. I do not take any of the honor. It is thine.

I have rec'd now all my pay from the B. Y. College of Logan. Have been paying some debts. I sent Mrs. Parthenia Dalley \$25. 00 to apply on notes; paid Mrs. Affleck and husband \$12. 10; drug store in Logan \$2. 50; W. Reading, Logan \$2. 80; also paid Wendsen \$16 for college and Preston \$21 for rent. Paid \$2. 00 for Logan Journal and had it stopped. I sent Dr. J. E. Talmage \$45. 00 to apply on note I owe him.

I have delivered two lectures on Astronomy before the Literary Society of the Academy. Dee's leg is gradually straightening. Our Baby<sup>36</sup> is quite sick with the croupe and swelling of the throat. Father, heal him. I have finished reading Lucile and the Unknown Christ. It is a book written purporting to give the life of Christ while he was in India from age of 13 and 29.

Have rec'd letters from Laura learning Annie and Josephine and family have been ill, but are now improving.

**Nov. 29, 1896, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 16 times. It has been a week and a half since writing before. It has been very stormy—snow, rain and wind. The weather is as cold now as it was last winter in Logan. It is about 100 below zero. All our fruit, onions, potatoes (in part) are frozen though in a cellar.

Nearly all the family have been sick since last writing. Ella, Fern, George, Martha and myself. We are nearly all well now.

Have had serious trouble in the Academy with two or three students. Thos. Carter was suspended and called before ex-board and faculty to give reasons why he should not be expelled. After the case was given a hearing, he repented of his evils and humbly asked forgiveness of all faculty and board. He comes up for tomorrow to get forgiven of the students. I pray that he will ever let this be a lesson to him and that he shall show himself a man.

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<sup>35</sup> Phrenology is the study of the skull structure to determine a person's character, personality and mental capabilities.

<sup>36</sup> Probably Reginald who is about 6 weeks old.

I took the whole of theological last Fri. to lecture the students on the suspension and lay before them what the meaning of word of honor meant. I brought up before them the honor of Fabricius,<sup>37</sup> Regulus<sup>38</sup> and Burgomaster of Lynden. I walked up and down the aisle and open space the last 10 minutes of my speech. I scarcely ever grew more vehement nor earnest than I did that Fri. morning. I told those students who would not only agree to keep the rules but uphold the arms of the teachers and frown down evil in the Academy to arise, but they could not take such an oath to remain on their seats. All arose and covenanted that they would do all asked of them.

We have had vacation since Wed, evening (Nov. 25). Have sent Mrs. Dalley \$10 more about the 22nd of Nov. I wrote to Ma, Laura, Francis and D. B. Thomas in Pocatello who wrote for information concerning the testimonies of David Whitmer and O. Cowdery.

**Dec. 6, 1896, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 12 times. Examination this week. Many of the students failed in some of their studies due in part to neglect of studies and in others to only attending part of term. We had a very nice ball Fri. night. About 150 students are now in attendance. Good reports going forth now from the Academy.

We administered to Bro. Jensen who is very sick with Lagrip and typhoid fever, and I being mouth promised him if he would keep God's commandments he should live. We have two boarders now, Bro. Keeler and Hellewell.

Attended meeting and S. School today. Read for the congregation Lorenzo Snow's statement of Moses Thatcher's case.<sup>39</sup>

**Dec. 20, 1896:** Administered twice. School is progressing fairly well. The main complaint is that of students smoking. Somehow a smoker breaks his word, give it ever so sincere, most of them break it. I am still working with Ed Parkinson and Wixom in regard to their tobacco habit. There are now in attendance between 160 and 170 students.

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<sup>37</sup> Caius Fabricius Luscinus was a Roman general and statesman known for simplicity of habit and his unimpeachable honesty.

<sup>38</sup> Marcus Atilius Regulus was a Roman general.

<sup>39</sup> Lorenzo Snow was the president of the Quorum of Twelve. The statement was: "This is to inform you that at a meeting of the Council of Apostles held this day (Thursday, November 19, 1896) there being present Lorenzo Snow, Franklin D. Richards, Brigham Young, Francis M. Lyman, John Henry Smith, George Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, John W. Taylor, Marriner W. Merrill and Anthon H. Lund, which meeting was called for the purpose of considering and taking action on the case of Elder Moses Thatcher—and of which meeting and its object he has been duly notified—after a full consideration of all the circumstances of the case and after each Apostle present had expressed himself upon the subject, it was unanimously decided that Moses Thatcher be severed from the council of the Twelve Apostles, and that he be deprived of his Apostleship and other offices in the Apostleship and other offices in the Priesthood." Lorenzo Snow, President of the Twelve Apostles.

The case against Moses Thatcher was concerning his lack of unity with the Brethren. The issue came to a head when Thatcher would not sign the "Declaration of Principles" and chose to run for political office. President Snow wrote about the case: "The question was solely as to his standing as one of the Apostles, in consequence of his lack of harmony with the Quorum of the Twelve of which he was a member."

I am this term teaching Theology 45 min. rec., Gram. 30 min. rec., Arith. 30 min. rec., Algebra & Rhetoric, 1 hr. rec., Elocution twice a week at noon hour, Sunday School Course, MIA & Normal courses, 1 hr. rec., Reading & Literature, 45 mm. rec., Psychology and Latin after school, 1 hr. rec. Read Emerson on character (pamphlet). I am reading School Journal, Teacher's Inst. Educational Foundation, Appleton's Science Monthly aside from my work in Psychology (Romanes Mental Lv. in Animals) and my daily preparation.

Have rec'd letters from Ma and Laura, Josephine McGregor and Mrs. Dalley. Through agreement, L. D. Edwards and myself went to Fairview Sunday (13) and spoke on education, and Sunday evening went and administered to Mrs. Stevens<sup>40</sup> but she died toward morning. I was requested to speak at her funeral. A brief and meager report of my speech will be found in scrap book.

I believe all of my family are well again. I am very thankful for the same. I am despondent tonight perhaps due to my irritable soul. My Father, strengthen my nerves and my mind that I can govern, direct, control and perform my duties of life without becoming cross and peevish. Father, I pray that I may be filled with Thy spirit; may I be blessed of Thee until I can control my habits and grasp with readiness all truths I attempt to learn. Aid me to grasp rapidly and retain the information I seek. Do help me to economize my time and means. Forgive me of my sins and aid me in getting means to pay my debts and obligations in due time. O, Father, strengthen my character, purify my soul. I humbly ask all in the name of Jesus. Amen.

He that conceives and worships God is drinking knowledge from the fountain of truth, but he that does not conceive and worship Him, drinks from the quagmires that are impregnated with the spirit of ty canthropy.

**Dec. 30, 1896, Preston, Idaho:** Ma once said to me that when pa was young, he was the prettiest man in the mountains.

School closed Dec. 22 for vacation. I took down with inflammatory rheumatism morning of 22, but taught till evening. I went to bed then and remained there till Mon. I was helpless most of that time, having to be turned on blankets. The rheumatism was in my hips, knees, ankles, feet and toes. I suffered a great deal, I think more than ever before in any sickness I ever had before. I was administered to many times during my sickness. It is now Wed, and I am up and around. The Dr. (Canfield) waited on me part of time. He was here 5 or 6 times, furnished all the medicines and only charged me \$2.00 for all. I paid him for setting Dee's leg also for doctoring me - \$12.00.

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<sup>40</sup> Mrs. A. W. Stevens. "... she passed away Sunday evening last. Mrs. Stevens gave birth to a pair of twins, two days later one of them died and on the following Sunday the mother followed. She leaves a husband to mourn her loss and eight children who will miss the care of a kind and loving mother. The funeral occurred Wednesday. Services were held in the meeting house." [The Journal, Logan, Utah, 12-22-1896]

I sent Hattie Hickman \$5. 00. Patriarch Liljenquist gave Ella and Martha their patriarchal blessings. Paid him 75c for Ella's. Don't know what Martha paid him. Dr. Canfield examined Ella to see if she had heart trouble. He thought that the pain was due to the thickening of the endocardium (?) and gave her some medicine for it.

Rec'd a letter from St. Sup. of Pub. Schools to attend W. Inst. but could not attend. Wrote to Francis and sent him \$19.50. I rec'd a letter from him a few days since. He was in very destitute circumstances, but is having success on his mission. He seems to speak with considerable fluency the German language.

**Jan. 17, 1897, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 4 times. School is progressing fairly well. We have not as many as we should have. Perhaps no more than 175 are attending school. But those we have are working hard. Wixom has quit tobacco nearly 4 weeks and started to smoke again. I told him he was the biggest fool and idiot I ever saw and gave him the choice between school and tobacco. So far, he is staying with school.

I have been down with the rheumatism again for 4 or 5 days but by the blessing of the Lord am up again. I was out of school 3 days with it this week. I lectured on Character Fri. night before the Literary Society. I divided the subject and will finish it next Fri. night. The expression of the audience was that they were highly pleased with the subject and the way it was handled. I lecture tonight on the Evidencies of Prophecy, a continuation of my lecture of two months ago. I pray my Father that I may be blessed of Thee as much as I was before. (Lecture over. Large house. Spoke 1 hr. 20 min. Took few prophecies of Jos. Smith and fulfillment.)

I rec'd a letter from Francis dated Dec. 26, 1896 and he was in great distress. I was deeply grieved over it. It was my fault. I hastened and sent him \$13 more. I have paid Consolidated Imp. Co. of Logan in full \$1.90 and I sent Lewis & Edwards \$4.90 to apply on a/c. I am greatly distressed to know I am so far in debt. It will take over \$1400 to clear me of debt, especially if I include debts of farm and Francis' obligations. This is proving a great trial on me. O, Father, deliver me from this by aiding me to pay all in due time. Help me to govern my temper and rule and guide my children into paths of rectitude in gentleness.

**Jan. 31, 1897, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 4 times. We have something over 188 students. I feel we are progressing in the Academy. Yet I found out 5 or 6 young men have been visiting the saloon. One student (Rob Stokes) was brought up before the faculty for drinking and other ways breaking the rules of the Academy. He was compelled to ask forgiveness of the school. Thos. Carter has broken his word of honor again and quit school in disgrace. We had a dance in the Academy a week ago last Fri. night. It was an excellent party.

Bro. Cowley<sup>41</sup> and I were called to preach the funeral sermon of Mrs. Gosland (a young lady of 32 yrs. of age) - Pres. Parkinson's sister. The funeral was held in Franklin Sat. 23.<sup>42</sup>

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<sup>41</sup> Matthias F. Cowley (1858-1940), would be called to be an Apostle in 1897.



Conference was held Sun. & Mon. (24 & 25). We had a good conference. I spoke in the Sun. School in the morning (24) and in the conference Mon. afternoon; and took an exercise before the conference--a religion class exercise--as Bro. Moser, through sickness, could not be there. I took the exercise, though without preparation. But the spirit of God was with me and audience for many wept as I concluded the exercise with the blessing of the class of small children. I first prayed that the hand of Lucifer should never have power over them and then I prophesied that some should live to see the Savior come in his glory. At this, men and women shed tears, even Apostle Merrill with the rest.

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<sup>42</sup> Sister Goasland's Funeral. On Saturday, Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>, the funeral of Sister Clara Goasland, who died at Preston of consumption and heart disease, was held at Franklin at 12 o'clock. The casket was taken from her father's house, and the funeral procession was as follows. First the casket, carried by six bearers and followed by the members of the family, in this order: Her husband, Bro. Charles D. Goasland, his little son and mother; next, her father, Bro. Samuel R. Parkinson and wife; then her brothers and sisters, with their families, in rotation, according to age; next her relatives and Bro. Goasland's relatives and friends. The procession was formed under the direction of Bishop L. L. Hatch, who had charge of the funeral. They marched from the house to the meeting house. When the large assembly was seated the services commenced by the choir singing "Beautiful Zion."

Prayer by President Solomon H. Hale.

Singing by the choir, "Nearer My God to Thee."

President M. F. Cowley spoke under the influence of the Holy Spirit of God: gave good instructions to the living and especially to the relatives of the dead sister, spoke words of comfort to her bereaved husband and child, and words of sympathy to her aged father, her brothers and sisters; encouraged them to prove faithful to the truth to the end,--and if they will do so they will rise in the morning of the first resurrection, meet again with sister Clara and her mother, who had gone before and meet to part no more; prayed God to bless and comfort them in their bereavement.

Then a beautiful quartette was sung by Elders L. B. Nash, James Herd, Thomas Durant and William Kirkup, entitled, "Shall We Meet Beyond the River."

Prof. Hickman, Principal of the Oneida Stake Academy, spoke words of comfort and consolation to the bereaved family, and also gave excellent instructions, under the influence of the Spirit of God, to the large audience; encouraged all to be diligent and faithful to the covenants that we have made with our God and his servants, and prepare ourselves to pass through the same ordeal; to meet death without fear, with the hope of a glorious resurrection and a grand reunion with those whom we love.

Singing by the choir.

Benediction by Elder Isaac B. Nash.

The funeral services were very impressive all through. The casket was covered with beautiful flowers. A very beautiful floral tribute was the "Gates Ajar" with a star on top; also the "Anchor of Hope" which was beautifully composed of handsome flowers. These were from her brother, President George C. Parkinson, and her other brothers and sisters.

She was followed to her grave by a host of friends and relatives, there being forty-eight sleigh loads.

After arriving at the grave, and the casket had been laid in the vault prepared to receive it, the grave and all pertaining to it was dedicated by Bishop W. C. Parkinson.

Thus was laid away one of Zion's fair daughters. She was a faithful wife and a loving mother. May she rest in peace until the trumpet shall sound and the dead that die in the Lord shall rise to glory and immortality and dwell with the righteous in the presence of God, forever. N. [The Journal, Logan, Utah, Vol. XVI, No. 79, January 30, 1897]

I went to Salt Lake Thurs. afternoon and had a conference with Bro. Moser that evening till 9 p. m. It was a pleasant talk. He told me that Willard Done<sup>43</sup> was going on a mission to Holland and Capt. Willard Young, Brimhall and myself were being considered as candidates for presidency of the L.D.S. College. If I am worthy and it is the Lord's will, I would be pleased to go to the college. Father, use me as you please. Help me to equip myself for all use in Zion wherever you desire to use me. Take away my evil temper and enoble my soul.

I went Thurs. evening after 9 p.m. and heard the latter part of Mme. Nordica's<sup>44</sup> concert. I heard her sing and three others of her company (two gentlemen and lady). It was wonderful singing.

I paid. Fri, 30, H. M. Bacon \$190. 00 to apply on mortgage. Yesterday afternoon (Sat.), I went to Provo to see ma and folks and came back to S.L. 11:45 p.m. and on home this morning. While in S. L. I visited the public schools and the LDS College. Paid Prof. Langton \$1.00 for Rhetoric.

**Feb. 14, 1897, Preston, Idaho:** Administered once while in Logan last time. Have had a pleasant week. On Fri. we had many parents and visitors in school all day and at 12 we had lunch for all students and visitors, also candy and nuts. There were 31 lbs. of candy and 16 lbs. of peanuts. The picnic lasted one hour. School was resumed at 1 p.m. and continued until 2 p.m. when all adjourned to large assembly hall where an excellent program was rendered in honor of Abraham's birthday. The district school joined us in the exercises. All seemed to express themselves as having a most enjoyable time. I think there were about 500 to the afternoon exercises. In the evening we had an excellent lecture from David McKenzie of S. L. Lecture entitled: Authenticity of the Bible from a Historical Viewpoint. And this morning (Sun.) he lectured on the historical evidences of Jesus' resurrection. It was an excellent address.

Paid \$20.00 on Bks. to American Bk. Co. and Ginn & Co.

Bro. & Sister Hellewell have been here since Thurs. night. Went home today. Went to Logan a week ago Fri. night and lectured in B.Y. College on the Banishment of Mormon People from a historical standpoint. Paper gave favorable comment.<sup>45</sup> See scrap journal. Rec'd most interesting letter from Jos. Harris of Monroe. If it were not egotistical, I would copy a part of his letter. I will put it in anyway!

In one letter, he said: "You are my man of all the University of Mich. men and you can feel assured that I will always hear with pride and great joy of your success and welfare. In another, he predicts the time will come when I will stand at the head of the leading

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<sup>43</sup> Willard Done (1865- ) President of the Salt Lake Academy until 1899.

<sup>44</sup> Lillian Nordica, American soprano, (1857-1914)

<sup>45</sup> From the Logan Journal: The Philomathic Society. A highly interesting lecture on the "Banishment of the Mormon People from a Historical Standpoint" was delivered by Professor Hickman before the Philomathic Society of the B.Y. College last Friday evening. These meetings are both entertaining and instructive and are thoroughly enjoyed by those who take advantage of the opportunities offered.

institutions of Utah. Again: "I am again delighted to hear from one who seems to be all that the word friend implies.... J. E. Hickman, if I could have about a half a dozen men like you with me in the community where I lived, I would say to the rest of them that they were welcome to all they could get. I would be satisfied."

**Mar. 4, 1897, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 8 times. School work has occupied my time for the last 2 ½ weeks. The students are working hard, but a few are very wayward and three have nearly lost their standing in school, but by humble acknowledgements and promises for the future, they were forgiven and permitted to remain. They were Jno. Gooch, Lester Smart and Jensen.

We had YMMIA conference last Sat. & Sun. held in Academy. The house was overflowing. An excellent spirit prevailed. I spoke Sat. forenoon and afternoon, giving instructions to officers (in forenoon) in regard to their duty and how to convert the young men to M.I. work. I spoke in the afternoon to a large audience upon our mission here, our pre-existence and the grandure of the futures of those living up to the light within them, especially when it fulfilled the object of ones mission here. Spoke in this connection on the condition of those who did not know the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. I prophesied that anyone that would seek earnestly and humbly would know the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. The spirit of the Lord was upon me and upon the audience. My words effected the most wayward.

Sun. evening, the last session of the conference, I spoke upon the external evidences of the Bk. of M. I held the audience from 8 till 10 p. m. I was gratified to find my words had touched the hearts of the skeptics. Fred Olsen was one of them. He acknowledged to me that if what I said was true, which it seemed the evidence was almost undeniable, then there must be a Christ, H. G. and a God, the Bk. of M. must be divine and the Mormons of God, i.e., their religion, and then the Bible must be divine (true) with the exception of errors that have crept in through translations. I never believed this before, said F. C. Olsen. He was once a missionary and before departing from his mission, he forgot all or lost all light and has for 2 or 3 years been groping in dense darkness. He also told me of late his heart was changing in regard to a divine Providence, etc. I am very hopeful that he will regain the knowledge lost. He, through promise, has prayed once or twice and will try to continue.

We had a most excellent entertainment in the Academy on Feb. 22 in honor of Washington. Aside from a fine impromptu program, we had a picnic, ice cream, candy and popcorn. I delivered a short address of welcome.

Ella and Othello are not well. Rec'd letter from Martha. She is in Treasureton teaching school. Have been asked by the publishers of the "American Biographical Encyclopedia Co." to send a brief account of my life that they may insert it in the encyclopedia. Rec'd letter from Francis. He is doing well. Sent him \$17. 00. Am invited to lecture (read a paper) in Blackfoot before Teacher's Association Apr. 2. Bro. Woolley and myself went to Treasureton and spoke a week ago last Sun. We spoke in the S. S., meeting in the afternoon and a short time in the evening. The Lord blessed us.

**Mar. 11, 1897, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 5 times. Since writing we have had considerable snow. Bro. E. S. Hinckley came from Provo to lecture before the Literary Society. His subject was Hints to the Youth. He did very well. The term closed today. We had 181 students attending this term. We had a public examination today and the people felt it to be fine. I read a report to the board concerning the work of the school. Dance this afternoon and this evening in the Academy.

I start tomorrow for Gentile Valley to lecture in Treasureton, Thatcher and Cleveland. Sent today Chas. Nelson of Lake Shore \$16 for interest on \$150. Paid Hinckley's expenses (\$8. 50). I learn through him that Brigham Young was paid for letting the Mormon Battalion go to California and that Brigham Young even asked the Government to call them. This was found out by Geo. Q. Cannon when he was in Washington for he found letters to that effect in Brigham's writing.

Ella is sick but better than she was. I am not feeling well tonight, rather blue.

**Mar. 21, 1897, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 5 times. Ella has been sick for a week but is better now. Have been to Gentile Valley speaking. I lectured in Treasureton a week ago Fri. night on Banishment of Mormon People. The night following in Thatcher Ward on Character. The next day (Sun.) spoke in Cleveland Ward. I did not have very good liberty, but in the evening I lectured in Treasureton and had excellent liberty. I returned home Mon. a little after 12 p. m. The weather was real cold but I had a nice time. I had a good visit with my wife (Martha) and babies at Treasureton. Her school will be through in one more week.

When I returned home, found all well. School had opened with a good attendance for the last term. I criticized and shook one of the President's Sons and a serious lie went out about it, but like all lies, it will die out. I am trying to govern my temper more at home than in the past. Lord help me that it may be as even as was once. I pray the spirit of my Father may rest on me to lead me into paths wisdom and righteousness. I am suffering in mind over the debts I am owing. My Father, deliver me from them before my name comes in reproach before men. Bless those that have been kind to me that they shall not suffer through my inability to pay them in due season.

**Apr. 11, 1897, Preston, Idaho:** Administered once. Have been to Blackfoot and lectured in the southeastern Id. Teacher's Association; also made three or four short speeches aside from my lecture. It was well rec'd. One teacher said he would give \$10 for my speech. I was made president of the southeastern Id. Teacher's Association which is to meet a year from next Thanksgiving Day (1898).

I am also asked to read a paper on the Will of the Child in State Teachers Conv. at Haley next Dec. I enjoyed my trip up there very much. I stayed most of the time at Mrs. Johnson's of Blackfoot. She gave me her picture; likewise her daughter's. I went from there to S. L. Conference. While on the train I met Pres. Goult of the Idaho Univ. I had an excellent time at conference. Bought five suit of clothes and shoes, etc. at wholesale.

Stayed at Geo. Q. Cannon's home one night. I met many dear friends while there. School has been gradually decreasing in number still more than a hundred remaining. Bro. J. B. Keeler of Blackfoot has quit school and will leave tomorrow. Bro. Clinton Ray came today to visit me. I have not seen him before nearly 5 yrs. He is progressing nicely in his line of work--Literature and Poetry. I am much pleased to meet him. I am sure he will fulfill my prophecy over his head. Paid Jno. C. Swenson in full - \$10. 00.

P.S. Since writing I have rec'd a paper from Blackfoot commenting of Teacher's Inst. of my speech it said, "Prof. Hickman, Pres. of Preston Academy, delivered a masterly address upon the subject "The Qualifications and Duties of the Teacher." This address cannot be commanded too strongly. It was brilliant and scholarly in a high degree."

**Apr. 26, 1897, Preston, Idaho:** Administered twice. Have been busy in school since I last wrote. Sent Francis \$20.00. We have just closed quarterly conference and an excellent one it was. Apostles Lyman and Merrill were here, also Roberts & Pres. Orson Smith of Logan. The main instructions were the duties of the members of priesthood, e.g., duties of teachers, priests, bishops, etc. also the indebtedness of the Saints. They pleaded with Saints to not go in debt. They promise that if the Saints would pay an honest tithing, an honest donation and attend to their duties that they would be free from debt. I here pen a humble and sincere prayer that I may be enabled to pay my debts in due time, that I and my wives may Study the principle of economy. I am much distressed in spirit tonight. O, Father, purify my soul and forgive me my sins. May I be kind to all; filled with charity and love. O, may I have Thy spirit to be with me always. I feel I am not as humble and prayerful as I should be.

I delivered a lecture a week ago last night (Sun.) on Character. The Lord blessed me with great freedom. The people seemed to be well pleased for attending. Some were heard to say "It was grand." "Chills ran all over me," said another. I acknowledge the hand of the Lord in all of my successes and blessings. I humbly and earnestly pray that I may never take the honor to myself nor seek for the plaudits of men.

Ella is in delicate health.<sup>46</sup> Father, bless her. The half term ended Fri. and several students, discontinued. I finish tomorrow a letter to Josephine. She believes I will sometime be one of the apostles.

**May 23, 1897:** Administered 11 times. Since last writing, Ella has had a nice little boy (8 lbs). She was delivered very quickly and had the easiest time ever before. The babe was born May 1 about 9 a. m. Dr. Canfield waited on her. She is up and around again, but not very strong.

I went to Richmond and lectured to the YMMIA conjoint meeting. I spoke along the lines of the noble life we all should cultivate and character. I there met Bros. Feltman and Bell; the men I worked for in 1881 in Montana.

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<sup>46</sup> She is pregnant with Lavon.

I lectured before the Literary Society of the O. S. Academy last Sun. evening on the "Origin of Man in America." We had a large audience and very appreciative; for comment refer to scrap journal. In my lecture I also located the Garden of Eden from the knowledge we get from geology agreeing with the revelation given to Joseph Smith. I also produced an argument against evolution.

We have about 90 students remaining. I have been re-engaged for the following year for \$1300 a year. Paid Dr. Tilson \$10 (in full). Paid American Bk. Co., Oregon \$17.05 (in full for books). I went yesterday (Sat.) with my class in Phys. Geog. for ½ day to the foothills to study botany, zoology, geology, work of water, delta markings of Lake Beville, etc. Had nice time.

**June 9, 1897, Preston, Idaho:** Administered twice. Last Sun. a week ago, I went to Clifton and lectured on phases of Character to the MIA and YMIA. Came home same evening. Last week was examination week. On Tues. we postponed work on account of Brigham Young's birthday. In the evening of the same day, we had a concert. Amidst other things, I had to give a character sketch of Brigham Young. I gave it in about 5 mins. The Lord blessed me for I had much liberty. Many said that it was the finest exercise on the program and would pay their 15c again to hear the Character Sketch again.

My students gave me a very pleasant surprise on May 29. They gave me an autograph album with their autographs in it. They had one on Bro. Dalley also. We closed the year's work of the Academy on last Fri. The exercises were of an excellent order. Addresses of welcome, on theology, Ac. & Normal Depts., and an oration were given by students. The prophetess of the class gave her prophecy in poetry. It was a numerous prognostication and was very commendable for an intermediate student. It was Miss Nora Bodily.<sup>47</sup>

I lectured on Christ's Second Coming last Sun. night. I had very poor freedom. I also spoke a short time in fast meeting last Sun. We have nearly got our circular completed. It will be out next week. It is a very fine Annual. In it we offer a complete Normal and Academic Course. Also, a very thorough course in vocal and instrumental music. We have established a Ladies Department as well.

Rec'd letters from Laura and Francis. He is doing well. He gave a prophecy over the heads of one of his missionary companions and a young German girl claiming (prophesying) that she would be his companion's wife.

Have been given permission to go east this summer to study. I have also been asked to go and lecture in Bingham Co. of this Co. We are getting along nicely in our family affairs, perhaps never better.

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<sup>47</sup> Nora Jane Bodily (1875-1943), daughter of James and Mary Louisa (Hyde) Bodily. In 1899 she married Charles Henry Stokes and was the mother of nine children.

**June 17, 1897, Preston, Idaho:** We are all well again. Have about completed the work concerning the Academy work for this year. Bro. Wooley has gone to summer school in Logan. I have been engaged for coming year at \$1300.

I am unable to go to Chicago for summer work as I expected, so will remain here and study. I will do non-resident work. I have engaged to teach in Bingham and Banock Cos. from Aug. 2 to 21 for \$70.00 with expenses for transportation paid. I am to teach reading, algebra, geog. and theory and practice. Went to Oxford last Sunday with Bro. Golightly.<sup>48</sup> We spoke in Sunday School and meeting. The Lord blessed me with His spirit and the people were blessed as well. (Bro. Jos. Golightly died with heart failure the Sat. following our trip to Oxford.)

I also spoke in young people's conference here in Preston last Sat. afternoon. Went to their entertainment in evening. Apostle Brigham Young was here and spoke in evening and also Sunday.

Went to Logan last Thurs. and was present at their commencement exercises. Bros. Miller, Linford, Todd, Swenson and myself rec'd our D. B. degree. They were conferred upon us by Dr. K. G. Maeser. I went to the banquet in the evening and ate at Pres. Kerr's expense. Bro. Ezra Woolley and I went down in a buggy. I blessed our little baby and named him LeVon Rogers Hickman.

(Ordnained by Allen Russell as High Priest and as High Counsellor April 25, 1891 at Fillmore.)

**July 7, 1897, Preston, Idaho:** Went to the 3 days State Teachers Inst. held at Logan. Stayed at Pres. J. M. Tanner's place two nights. Prof. Brimhall and I slept together. While there Prof. Short, agent of Ginn & Co., gave me two sets of readers, set of histories, complete set of drawings for all grades, set of the new arithmetics, etc. Have completed and sent off outline work for my lectures in the Institutes at Soda Springs and Blackfoot. Have been preaching at Dayton and Riverdale. The Lord blessed me and for which I feel thankful.

I also spoke here in Preston three Sundays ago. I felt to prophesy at Dayton that the time would come when the rains would come ten where there is one now (they have had only one or two rains this summer and they but light) and those barren lands would become fruitful fields and gardens. The Bishop (Austin) got up to testify of the same and wept he was so full of the prophecy. He told me afterwards that he felt it (prophecy) coming before I got to it and felt like getting up and prophesying it while I was speaking. We had a very successful celebration on the fourth here in Preston. We celebrated on the 5th as the 4th was on Sun. The dust was dreadful most of the day but rain came and settled the dust. We ran races, etc. in afternoon and by running with Giddes & Nielson it made merriment for many. We had here the merry-go-round and fireworks at night.

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<sup>48</sup> Joseph Jessop Golightly (1856-1897). He was forty years old. His earlier career had been in candy and baking, but at the last chiefly doing farming. He was married to Millicent Sophia Williams. They came to Preston in 1874.

Paid \$28. 45 on mortgage. Sent Francis \$20. Paid Talmage \$4 + \$8. 50= \$12.50. Done should have paid him the rest (\$2. 50). Have been unable to go to Chicago due to money matters. Paid Campbell and Morell in full - \$15 for debt I owed for a year. Paid ZCMI all I owed them but \$218 and for that amount gave my note at 10%. I also paid \$5. 25 for a note I signed with others for Tometzo Catsisumma. This is the first time I ever had to pay other persons debts. (Dec. 1897, rec'd \$5. 25 from Tometzo Catsisumma.) Sat on a case of arbitration last Sat. afternoon. I same day attended Stake priesthood meetings. I got Bro. Comley's buggy and horses and took all my folks riding last Thursday.

**Aug. 6, 1897, Soda Springs, Idaho Hotel:** Administered twice. I have been studying some for this Institute I am now attending. It has been a half month since writing before. This summer I have read Robinson Caruso, Ben Hur, two small works on Philosophy Sex and How to Live Happy, etc. I have been to Gentile Valley (Cleveland) and Cambridge Ward to speak at their ward conferences. I was blessed at both places by the spirit of the Lord. I went with Pres. Sol Hale to Cleveland and Joe Davis to Cambridge.

I went to Logan July 22 to hear W. J. Bryan<sup>49</sup> speak on the silver question. It was best argument I ever heard on politics. I was introduced to both him and his wife.

I went from Logan to S. L. to the Jubilee. The parades on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> were magnificent. On the 24<sup>th</sup> the parade was perhaps about 5 miles in length. There were floats representing all the counties and their industries, etc., hand carts, marching of the original pioneers, Indians, cavalry, infantry, etc., etc. It was a gala day for Utah. The fireworks were superb on evening of 24<sup>th</sup>. The 16 car train was crowded to utmost till I had to stand up until we got, I believe, to American Fork. Got home about 2:30 am. Stayed till afternoon of 26<sup>th</sup>. Went back to S. L. and attended Church School Convention till Thurs. night and started home morning of 30<sup>th</sup>. While there saw many friends, some of whom had not seen before for years. Among the dear ones I saw were Wm. Rydalch and wife. He had just returned from mission S. States. O. W. Andilin and wife; he had just returned from mission to Germany. Jno. Swenson from Stanford Uni., Clinton Ray, Murray King, Collie Robison, Fred & Josephine, Arthur Dally and wife. I stayed with them two nights. I paid Andelin \$5.00; also Mrs. Dally \$5.00. I met James Hickman & his mother. I never saw her before. Also saw Uncle Warren.

I started for Soda last Sun. night arriving here about 7 a. m. Mon. Started to teach same day; was very sleepy.

Last Wed. I was called out of the Inst. to go and speak at the funeral of a Mr. Davis' 10-year old boy who had been shot accidentally by his young brother. It was very sad.

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<sup>49</sup> William Jennings Bryan (1860-1925), was the Democratic presidential candidate in 1896 and ran against William McKinley. Bryan was for a graduated income tax, regulating child labor and women's suffrage.



I have been blessed fairly well in my Institute work. There are Judge Arney (Co. Sup.), Prof. Faris and Mrs. Warner besides myself teaching in the Inst. I am teaching Geog., Principles & Practice of Teaching, Reading & Algebra

There is a dance in the hotel here tonight. I have been down and danced 3 times. Attended a lecture last evening given by State Sup. of Schools, Anderson. It was not very good. I am to speak next Thurs. I quite enjoy this place. The soda springs are phenomenal. I am expecting to go to Chesterfield to attend ward conference this coming Sun.

**Aug. 18, 1897, Blackfoot, Idaho:** Went to Chesterfield and spoke in S. S. and meeting. The spirit of the Lord was upon me. I went there in a wagon and went back to Bancroft station in wagon and from there on train to Soda Springs. (Administered once.) The work in the Institute was well liked by all. They (teachers) gave a vote of thanks to the instructors (Faris, Arney, Mrs. Warner and myself). The teachers were a very bright set of teachers.

I gave my lecture on Character last Thurs. evening and it was well rec'd to judge by the compliments. I only had to pay \$9. 05 for board while there, County paid rest (\$9. 70). I came with Faris and others to Pocatello and stayed there until Mon. morning (4 a.m.) and then came to Blackfoot. While in Pocatello I sat upon a case of arbitration Sat, afternoon (5 hrs). Sun. spoke in S. S. Pres. Parkinson spoke all time in afternoon meeting. I spoke full time in evening upon subject "Was Joseph Smith a Prophet of God?" I also attended priesthood meeting Sat. night and spoke a short time. I have been lecturing now since Mon. in the Inst. here. We have some over 20 teachers in attendance. I am teaching Reading, Geog., Algebra, Physiology and Principles & Practice.

I have seen J. B. Keeler of this place and he desires I go to his place Sun. and see his folks. He lives about 5 miles from here. I met Jno. Stephens in Pocatello and made arrangements for the rent of his house. While there I stayed two nights at Bro. Orain's place. He is engineer on the passenger that runs from there to Lima.

Have rec'd letters from Martha and Ella since coming here. Ella is in Logan on a visit. Martha and her little boys are not well. Martha has had a misfortune.<sup>50</sup>

Pres. Parkinson informs me that if possible he desires me to go into Oregon a month or two during winter months if I can leave the Academy. I just learn Mrs. Johnson's husband is dead. They live in this place. I stopped with her while here last April. I lecture here in the Inst. on Character next week. For comments, refer to scrapbook.

**Sep. 5, 1897, Preston, Idaho:** Home again. Arrived here Aug. 27 in morning. Met Martha's ma on train coming from Anaconda, Montana where she had been to visit her son. All were well at home when I arrived. I went and saw J. B. Keeler and his folks while in Blackfoot. They are at Riverside 5 miles west of Blackfoot. He intends coming back to school. While at Riverside, went to S. S. meeting and spoke at both sessions.

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School (summer) closed Aug. 26. On that evening I delivered a lecture on Character. I feel that I never was so much blessed before when speaking on that subject. An admission of 25c was charged but we had about 100 in attendance. For comments, see comment book. That same night I left for home at 2 p.m. I rec'd \$40 and all expenses paid for my work at Blackfoot.

While at Blackfoot I went to the insane asylum and ate supper with Dr. Givens and wife twice. He also took Prof. Faris and I out riding one evening. When I got home, Ella had moved in the Stephens' house. Irene Darnley, Ella's sister-in-law, was here 6 days.

Went to a fine musical concert Mon. evening in the Academy given by Edwards, Easton, Lameraw, Viola Pratt Gillett and Mrs. Lizzie Thomas Edwards. It was excellent. Apostle Teasdale was here Sun. evening and spoke to the Saints of Preston and on Mon. in Whitney. I went also to hear him at Whitney. School opens tomorrow. Aided in blessing about 9 children and about 11 children confirmed members of the church.

**Sep. 22, 1897, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 6 times. Aided in administering 6 times. School opened first day with 101 students before week was out there were 116. Now we have over 120. This is the best opening the Academy has ever seen. Where heretofore we had but from 2 to 6 academies, we now have about 40 Normals and Academies. The students are more pliable than last year and seem to get their studies much better. We begin with the full corps of teachers (7). This is the first time in the history of the Academy that we have ever been able to begin with all the teachers engaged. I feel more at home in my work this year than ever before since being here.

Sent Francis \$20 about the first of this month. Ma got seriously hurt by being dragged by a cow. My family are blessed with health. George Hellewell is now boarding with us again. We are living in Jno. Stephens house and Martha and ma are living in the Carter house. I am teaching Church History, Rhetoric, Eng. History, Methods of Teaching, Reading and Literature with composition. Met Apostle Merrill Sun.; he spoke here at funeral of a brother Earley.

One of the children on fast day died. I was impressed when I blessed it that it would not live. It was Mrs. Paton's child. I have bought 30 volumes entitled the World's Best Literature. They cost me \$78. I am to lecture in Co. Inst. Fri. night at Dayton and Sun. night here on Sin of Blasphemy.

**Oct. 4, 1897, Preston, Idaho:** A week ago last Fri. evening I lectured per agreement in Co. Inst. of Teachers at Dayton on school government. My talk was well rec'd. Spoke 1 ½ hrs. For comment see Journal of Clippings. The Sup. paid for rig I hired. Martha attended the Inst. and came back with me. As she had gone in morning without babe (Reginald) I took him over with me in the evening. Ella and children went to Marsh Valley (to Downey) for two days for a visit with Mrs. Hellewell. We are all well at present. Thanks for our blessings.

I lectured per agreement on Blasphemy before the YMMIA Conference held in the Academy a week ago last night. It was the hardest undertaking I ever remember trying. I spoke about 50 minutes. The Lord blessed me. For comments see Journal of Clippings. We have in school about 126 or 7 students at present. All seems to be going smoothly. Confirmed a little boy a member of the church. Went to Clifton yesterday to attend meeting and sit on a case of difficulty between the Building Committee of that ward; we were in session about 5 hours. Arrived home safe about 10 o'clock. Bro. McNeil and I went together.

**Oct. 27, 1897, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 10 times. Bro. McNeil and I made out our decision in writing. The brethren seem to be perfectly satisfied with our decision. Last Fri. night I went to Weston and lectured before the Co. Teacher's Assn. on "The Child." All seemed to be much interested in my lecture. I spoke about an hour and forty-five minutes. I was given \$3.00 for my trouble. Comments, see clippings in journal. I went to quarterly conference with Bro. Ezra Woolley. We had a pleasant time, though it stormed most of the way over. I spoke in the conference Sun. afternoon. When the session was over, Apostle Merrill approached me and told me that my talk had the right ring. I was called on to speak Mon. afternoon. I had unbounded liberty and spoke for an hour. I stopped at Bro. Fishers while at conference. While there I sketched over about half of a small book entitled "Joseph Smith & His Progenitors." I found new truths in that book I had never heard before. I also read a sermon preached in 1875 by Pres. Brigham Young.

New students are coming daily now that most of the farm work is done.

**Dec. 12, 1897, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 6 times. It has been about 6 weeks since I wrote before. I took my bed Nov. 2 and kept it till Nov. 28. I was down with a severe sick spell of pneumonia. I am thankful I am well again. I was out of the school about 5 ½ weeks. I lost about 30 lbs. of flesh. The people were very kind and waited upon me. The people of the town were much more excited than I by far for I had a perfect assurance in my own mind that I would get well. They didn't. One person dreamed the night before I took sick that I was to be called away and would be called to a higher position. Bro. Maeser visited the O. S. Academy while I was sick. He spoke of a change in the plan of school work. All church schools will have same studies for the same grades.

I have had to cancel my engagements at Hailey (lecture before State Association) and missionary appointments in northwestern part of Idaho. I declined a request to lecture in Richmond before the people of that ward to raise money for missionary fund.

Ella has been sick but is well again. Martha has been in ill health but is better. She passed examination and obtained 2nd grade certificate. We closed up first term a week ago last Fri. No public examination. Thorough examinations were held in all classes. The students have worked hard, yet some failed. We have a larger attendance this term than any of previous years at this time of year.

Teachers Inst. met here Fri. & Sat. I attended two sessions and spoke upon different topics that were brought up. Bro. Woolley delivered a very instructive lecture on Spear's Arith.

Leslie Hickman has come to go to school rest of year. He is 18 yrs old. We had an excellent Academy party last Fri. night. Went to S. School, High Priest's meeting and general meeting today. Have read East Lynn. Ella Dixon and brother are boarding here.

**Dec. 19, 1897; Preston, Idaho:** School work is the main feature for the present. The students are doing well and we are toning up the Institution rapidly, both in order and thoroughness of study. The Lord is the author of all progress. Pres. Sol Hale lectured before the students Fri. night on the Reminiscences of Early Utah. It was a very fine lecture. Prof. Widstoe of A. College of Logan lectured on education and spoke in behalf of the A. C. I was called upon to follow him. My remarks were upon the fact that all education was truth and that all truth was from God. We as a people didn't appreciate education in its broadest sense. The youth didn't and it was the fault, in many instances, of parents. The parents ignored its value. We are only saved as fast as we receive education and intelligence. It is a sin for parents to keep children in ignorance. The Lord withdrew His spirit from Fredrick G. Williams because he didn't educate his children. I gave to them, under the spirit of inspiration, that we, as a people, would never become the light of the word as long as we are ignorant. The Lord told Jos. Smith, also his people, to seek knowledge from all good books. He told Jos. to study history, governments, systems of men, languages, etc. Why so? Because these truths He gave to men; so has He given truth to peoples from every age. The Lord used all science in the creations. When He used the truths in forming any part or portions of this world, He left the law as a legacy with the object created and the key also that man might discover it, unlock the hidden truths. We need not be afraid of infidelity in too much study if we have the spirit of the Lord with us to show which is truth and which false. But without the spirit of God, man goes into skepticism. Education (without the spirit of God or wisdom to know how to use it wisely) is a two-edged sword and will elevate or condemn.

Have rec'd letters from Chas. Hickman, Jos. Harris and Miss Merrill. I have about decided that I shall go to Hailey to State Teacher's Association and lecture. I will go on the 26th of this month and lecture in Richmond.

**Dec. 27, 1897, Preston, Idaho:** Administered once. The Academy closed on Dec. 23 (Thurs) after a very nice program from 2 to 3:30 p.m. In the evening a dance was given to students. Up to Christmas, 191 pupils attending the Academy.

Ella and Martha had a Christmas tree in each of their homes and many nice presents hung on them. I rec'd from Ella two ties, two silk handkerchiefs and a scarf pin sent by Mary. Rec'd from Martha three ties and a silk muffler. I and Fern gave Ella a water set of china colored glass. I gave Martha and her mother a china cup, saucer and plate each. Rec'd letter from Laura. She is home for holidays. All are well.

I went to Richmond, Utah last night and lectured on The Banishment of the Mormon People. The Lord blessed me with freedom and the people were much pleased. The Lord shall have the praise and honor. I go to Hailey (start tomorrow night at 9:45 p.m.). I am to speak upon the Teacher—Ideal and Real. I pray, my Father, to be blessed by Thee in my undertaking.

**Jan. 2, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** I have been and returned and the Lord has blessed me with all I asked and more too, for I was blessed with freedom of speech, power of expression and excellent thought. As this journal is not for public gaze, I add a few expressions made by the teachers. One teacher said, "I haven't language to express my joy that I have been permitted to hear you and receive your inspiration." The vice-president (he presided) said before Association that my speech paid him for his trip (and he had come from the extreme northern part of Idaho). One lady teacher said that she was agreeably surprised to know we had such an eloquent speaker among the teachers) for said she, I did not believe there was as eloquent speaker among the teachers of Idaho." There were many flying comments amidst the teachers and visitors that my speech was the best given. Chief Justice Sullivan said it was the finest given. I was gone 3 days and 4 nights. Martha went with me. We went to the Hot Springs Hotel. Prof. Barton would not allow us to pay our bill at the hotel. He stood all expense. Our trip cost us \$30. 00.

The Association was the most brilliant ever held before in Idaho. There were about 80 teachers and many visitors present including chief justices, attorney general, judges and ministers. We were banqueted at the Hot Springs Hotel Thurs. evening. There were present 300 or 400 people. A ball was also given at the Hotel and it kept up all night. I was appointed vice-president of the State Teachers Assn. There were only 5 Mormons present. They made a favorable impression among the citizens and teachers. I am feeling rather broken up after so much travel, etc.

**Jan. 30, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 9 times. Nearly a month has passed since I wrote before. School work has been the principal topic. We didn't get but \$2,000.00 for the Academy from the church; hence we all had to donate part of our wages to keep all departments running. I donated \$100.

We have had quarterly conference at Franklin, 23 & 24. I spoke. We had Pres. Cannon, Apostle Merrill, Seventies J. G. Kimball and Geo. Reynolds.

Jan. 28 I lectured (talked) on the methods of teaching U. S. History in the district schools. Then in the evening of the same day I took State Sup. Anderson's place. He was to deliver a public lecture but failed to be there so through urgent request, without preparation, lectured upon the "Ideals of Education Held by Different Nations of the Past and Present." Showed that all their ideals were wrong, at least in part. We had a nice surprise upon our Bp. last Thurs. evening. I recited the poem "Andronica."

**Feb. 6, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 3 times. The week has been spent in quiet. The families are ailing some. Paid Stephens for this month's rent. Bro. Todd lectured

here in the Academy Fri. night. I go to lecture in Franklin tonight. I have volunteered to lecture on the Apostasy as there is considerable comment upon this subject through the visit of Dr. Reiner to Salt Lake and his attack upon the Apostasy. I pray for light upon the subject.

Word was brought to me a few days ago that an Irish lady teacher commenting upon the recent State Teachers Association (which I made mention of) said if they took the Mormons and Indians out of the State of Idaho there would be but little left. She said that Prof. Hickman delivered the finest speech ever delivered in Idaho.

I spoke at Mrs. Tibbett's funeral. It was through a request she made before her death. The students are more obedient this year than last and are working earnestly.

While in Salt Lake last July, Uncle Warren Hickman gave me the following information. My great grandmother, Uncle Warren's grandmother, was a 3<sup>rd</sup> cousin to John Q. Adams. The Hickman family came from Eng. in 1662 with Wm. Penn. There were 3 brothers of them, viz: James, William and John. One stopped in Penn. and the other two went to Vir. and N. Carolina. We are the direct descendents from the latter. (Note in border written later - "This is not wholly correct.") General Wm. Isbell (I am not certain this not correct spelling) was of Geo. Washington's staff. He was my great, great uncle. Edwin Hickman was also my great, great uncle. He too fought through the Revolution and died at the age of 97 years.

**Mar. 5, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 4 times. We have had very muddy weather and still muddy. I lectured twice in Franklin on Character a week ago last night (Fri.). I delivered my lecture on "Apostasy" before a large audience. Though I had not had as much preparation as I needed (for I had had only 5 weeks to prepare in) yet the Lord aided me. I spoke two hours and the audience was much interested and very silent. I did not mean to take up so much time but I have very little idea of time when I am speaking. For comments, refer to clippings.

We had a "mock trial" last night in the Academy. Kenner and myself prosecuted. It is to be continued this coming week. I also attended theater after court. It was an excellent play. Sent Francis \$30 about 3 weeks ago. Rec'd letters from him, Laura, and Ma. Have been asked to lecture in B. Y. C.; also in temple. I go tonight and lecture in Mink Creek. We had a young peoples' conference here last Sat. & Sun. Bros. Kimball and Cowley were here. They spoke grandly. Bro. J. G. Kimball said to me: "Keep on and some day you will be a great big giant." I replied that I believed him a prophet and he said: "Yes, and you will see it fulfilled." I am very thankful for this prediction and will try and fulfill it that I may be of use to my fellow man and my Father.

**Mar. 13, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered once. We have had nice weather all week until last night and it snowed about 6 inches. Ella and I went to a surprise on W. J. Barnes last night. He departs soon on his mission to Oregon. I went to Mink Creek last Sat. and lectured on the Banishment of the Mormon People. I spoke also in Sunday School and meeting. I enjoyed my trip very much and was treated royally by all. I

stayed at Bro. H. H. Hanson's and had the nicest meals I ever wished to eat. I returned home Sun. night. A Bro. Olsen (Pres. Ricks son-in-law) brought me home and Bro. Hanson took me there.

The 2nd term of the Ac. year closed Fri. The closing exercises were very satisfactory. Some shed tears and all were filled with admiration at the exercises. The presidency of the Stake were there. The Prep. Dept. presented me as Prin. 26 nice volumes for the library. We have already gotten about 100 volumes and have canvassed but a little. Dayton gave 25 volumes. I have given so far 3 volumes.

**Mar. 21, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered once. The 3rd term began Mar. 12. We have about 110 students this term. Last year this time we had about 150 students. The great decrease is due, I think, to the fine weather the term closed in.

Bro. Nelson has been released from school to start on his mission to the N. W. We had to give Bro. Dalley Bro. Nelson's dept. I was much offended that the board released one teacher without letting me know it. I went to Clifton a few nights ago and spoke to the people of that place on the advisability of the two wards (Clifton & Rushville) uniting to build a joint school house. Martha went with me. We stayed to Bro. Garner's all night and Bro. McDermit brought us back next morning in time for school. I sent \$20 to Francis. I rec'd \$21 from Laura. Had theater for benefit of library but came out 50c behind.

**Mar. 27, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered twice. Rec'd letters from Chas. and Bro. Maeser and \$264 I sent it to J. H. Bacon to apply on mortgage. Martha gives me \$50 to help debts. She also gave me \$26 to send to Francis. The school is going well but not many over 100 students. Two of our students (Arthur Chadwick and Willard Larsen) have gone on missions to the N. W. I prophesied in meeting that they would go and fill an honorable mission and return home pure.

My Father, I have prayed often to be a prophet but never to use it for evil nor that I should ever prophesy under any other influence but Thine. I here record my desire and my prayer that Thou shalt visit me with humility, wisdom and a burning spirit of inspiration and a clear understanding of the gospel and Thy will concerning me. Bro. Woolley lectured Fri. night on Man--His Human Nature. Rec'd letter from Bro. Maeser; he has just returned from an extended visit through Arizona and Old Mex. He feels well over my efforts in the Academy. We have rec'd many volumes for the library. Bro. Larsen (harness maker) gave Brit. Encyclopedia 25 volumes bound in leather (value \$85). We have over 200 volumes.

I learn Eli Hawkins is the best missionary in the Cal. mission. He is the young man I prophesied over while in Benj. Mar. 1896. Francis is fulfilling a most honorable mission.

**Apr. 26, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 3 times. Went to conference and had an excellent time. The speaking was characterized by the spirit of God. Pres. Woodruff said

that the Lord urged him to say to Israel that it is necessary for all Israel to get the spirit of God and keep it.

I went home and visited ma and family at Benj. I spoke while there in Sun. School and afternoon meeting. At night I lectured upon the Apostasy. The spirit of the Lord was with me. I learned that my brother C. was in sin and it grieved me much. I got my eyes tested and sent for glasses. They have come and I see a difference in my eyes. I pray that they will right the ailment of my eyes.

We held the Co. Inst. here at Preston. The State School Sup. was here. Quarterly Conference was held here Apr. 24 and 25. Apostles Cowley, Smith and Merriil were with us. Sent \$10 to Francis Apr. 23. We have 107 students remaining. It is quite doubtful whether our Academy will run next year due to finances.

War has been declared between the U. S. and Spain. If I were to give away to my natural feeling, I would shout for war, but that is not right. It looks like we are to have a bloody war and that prophesies are to be fulfilled.

Ella has been to Logan and learned the dressmaking trade. I paid \$36 for her while there. While home, paid Hattie \$5.00.

**May 10, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 3 times. Sent Francis \$10. Promised to lecture in Summer School at Malad sometime in June or July. The prospect of school in the Academy this coming year is very uncertain. Most likely the teachers will have to teach as missionaries. I desire to go east and study this coming year if I can possibly raise money. Lord, is my desire prompted by a right spirit? If so, aid me to go and bless me and my family while gone.

Have been to Dempsey and Downey and lectured at each place. Spoke on Banishment of Mormon People at Dempsey Sat. night and spoke in S. S. and meeting on Sun. That night I spoke in Downey on "The Witnesses of the Bk. of M." Ella and Leslie went with me and we returned Mon. night, having traveled about 110 miles. We had a very nice time at Mr. & Mrs. Hellewells; also in shooting on the road to Dempsey and back to Downey. I made arrangements with the Bps. of the above wards to make a canvass in behalf of the public library. Rec'd \$30 more from Laura. Jno. Rogers was here while we were gone. Our best cow died from eating lucerne.

**May 15, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 4 times. Busy in school. Wrote to Francis, Arthur Chadwick and Dr. J. Cannell. Helped Martha and her ma put in garden yesterday. They are to move in the Nuttall house. We are all well. Have been having pleasant weather. Been to S. S. Spoke in meeting 45 mm.

**May 22, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 3 times. It has rained nearly all week and everything looks beautiful. God is blessing the Saints. It looks as though the Lord was beginning to fulfill the prophesies made by the Elders that God would water this land by



rains from heaven. And that He is going to bless the Saints with abundance that they may free themselves from indebtedness before the time of famine.

The little child (Bro. Oscar Jensen's) we administered to died a fearful death of spasms after about 3 days of awful suffering. Jensen and his wife made a solemn covenant the night we elders were there that they would keep God's commandments as they had been wayward in the past.

Rec'd letter from O. W. Andelin asking for what I owed him. I sent him \$30. We are preparing for closing exercises in Academy. I am to lecture in Clifton next Sun. evening; also in the Academy a week from next Fri.

Ella's brother John<sup>51</sup> has gone to the war. I prophesied to Jos. Harris, before he went with Utah's rough riders, that if he would keep God's commandments and be humble that not a hair of his head would be hurt, for the Lord had a work for him to do of great importance. This is the substance of prophecy, but not in full.

**June 5, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered once. The last two weeks have passed by with nothing startling. We are all well. A week ago today (Sun.) I lectured in our S. S. upon the Old Testament from death of Moses to time of Ruth. Then after the S. S. Bro. Dick Kershaw took me to Clifton to fill appointment. We both spoke in afternoon. In the evening I lectured on the External Evidences of the Bk. of Mormon. We came home that evening, arriving home between 1 & 2 a.m. The roads were very bad most of the way.

The committee in behalf of our library sent 16 books with me for the library and 20c in money. I lectured on the Birth and Growth of the Earth in the Academy Friday night to a large audience. Martha has been to the Young Peoples' Conference in Salt Lake. She had an excellent time. I have rec'd a letter from a Mr. Alfred Osmond, Co. Sup., asking if I can come and lecture in their 3 weeks Summer School.

I am very anxious to know what I am to do this coming year for it is very uncertain whether they can pay me wages or not. I desire very much to go east. Sent. O. W. Andelin \$30 to apply on my note.

**June 19, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** School closed with a most excellent entertainment-commencement exercises. They were about the nicest I ever saw. The public were much pleased with them. Dr. Maeser was with us and made a 20 minute speech. In brief, the exercises were America. Invocation Bp. W. C. Parkinson. Song Annie Parkinson, Class Historian. Nora Bodily (piece in poetry). Instrumental Olive Nielson. Speech Woman's Position in the Ed. World by Melinda Nielson. Song Addie Benson, Hattie Clark. Class drill by 20 primaries dressed for the occasion. Class prognosticator Geo. I. Parkinson. Song Fred Lamoreaux. Speech Dr. K. G. Maeser. Song Prof. L. D. Edwards. Speeches by Board Quartet. Mrs. Geddes & Co. Prin.'s report. Instrumental by Prof. L. D. Edwards as audience passed out. No students graduated, but some were promoted to the second year Normal and Ac. We had a picture of school taken. Grand ball in evening.

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<sup>51</sup> John David Bennett Rogers (1868-1938). This is the Spanish-American War.

Ella and I went to Weston last Sun. and I lectured on Ext. Evidences of Bk. of M. For comments see clippings in scrap journal. I had good liberty and the Lord blessed me. Worked some in the lot this week; working now on Annual. I sent \$20.25 to Francis in morning. Leslie has gone home. I love him.

Have been asked to teach in the 2 weeks summer school at Malad. I do not know who will be my teachers next year nor what will, be our prospects.

**June 26, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Week passed away quietly. Ella, Martha and myself have been ailing some this week. Dr. Jas. Connell is holding his summer school here and boards at our place. Miss Hill from Samarn is boarding with us. Rec'd letter from Leslie. All well at home. We have had a fine rain this week. The Lord is blessing this people.

The war is assuming a more grievous form. The American troops have landed on the Island Cuba. In the battle just fought, 13 Americans were killed and 50 wounded, part of which will die.

We are going to celebrate the 4th. I am on the committee. I am owing the Bp. (Parkinson) \$247, and \$120. 50 tithing. The ZCMI at Logan about \$240; Andelin \$36; Mrs. Dalley \$5; Bro. D. C. Christensen \$110 + interest for a year or over; Mr. Chas. Nielson \$100 + a little interest.

**July 10, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** The 4th of July was a success here in Preston. We had a sham battle representing contest between US and Spain. I delivered the oration. People were very profuse with compliments. My speech was not written. As a committeeman, I spent about 4 ½ or 5 days in making the occasion. I spoke in meeting today (Sun.). This day was set apart by Pres. McKinley to give thanksgiving for the success of our soldiers and sailors on the battlefield. Sampson and Schey have destroyed Cervera's fleet of ships (7), killed or drowned, etc. 5 or 600 hundred and captured about 1600 prisoners. Our land forces have lost about 2000 men in killed and wounded while storming Santiago de Cuba. The Spanish loss was very heavy. Truly, the Lord has aided our nation I predicted that Spain will in time lose her identity as a nation due to her cruelty in the past.

Have been hoeing and putting up hay here and at Martha's. Am studying Psychology. Sent J. H. Bacon \$13. 85 to pay interest from Jan. 1 to July 1. The weather is very warm. I lecture this evening before the public on Character. It is under the auspices of Summer School.

On last fast day (July 3) Bros. Merrill, Geddes and I blessed the children of the meeting and confirmed some members of the church. Reginald was blessed and named. I was mouth. He was blessed about 1 ½ yrs ago, but it was at home.

**July 17, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Spoke in Preston on Character per agreement and most excellent success. This week I have been studying Romanes' Evolution in Animals and Dewey's Psyc. of Number. Martha and I went to Treasureton last Tues. and were caught

in a very heavy rain. We let Leon stay there until yesterday. Mrs. Sant brought him home. I tried to borrow money but did not succeed.

The weather has been very warm. I am suffering from pain in my back, due to cleaning out well.

The young people are having conference today and Bro. Roberts is here. He spoke most eloquently on the object of the young men's mission and in explanation of the course the young men had been studying this past year—The Life of Christ. He brought out many new ideas. Some were (1) That idolatry was worshiping God through a mediator—the stone or wooden image. So we worship God through the mediator Jesus Christ. He is the mediator sent by the Father according to promise; (2) He said if we knew the Father & Son, we should never need to be commanded to worship God with all our mind, might, etc., but we would do so because we could not help ourselves; just as the young man worshiped the beautiful maiden, it is because he cannot help it. His sermon was grand.

I am asked by the Bp. to remain here next Sun. and speak upon the occasion of doing honor to the dead heroes of the Maine. This is a call throughout the church by the First Presidency. The national day was May 8 but our church was slighted by national committee and not invited to participate, but an apology having been made by the national committee, we will now hold memorial services and make a contribution for the erection of a monument to the heroes of the Maine. Roberts speaks again tonight. I will not go to Bear Lake & lecture in their Inst. as my price is too much, but will go to Malad and lecture from Aug. 15-24.

**July 31, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Since writing I have been studying Psyc. and reading newspapers (Herald, Deseret News, etc.) besides a little physical labor. Instead of speaking here, Apostle Cowley had me go to Gentile Valley and deliver the memorial address there before the conference. So I went and the Lord blessed me in my address. There was a large conference and Apostles Grant, Merrill and Cowley were there besides Semour B. Young and Patriarch John Smith. A branch of our Stake was made into a new stake which includes all of Gentile Valley, Lund, Chesterfield and Soda Springs. Lewis Pond is the President of the stake. It is named the Bannock Stake. Next Sun. a conference will be held at Pocatello at which time another new stake will be made including Marsh Valley as far north as Pocatello.

Bro. Joseph Geddes was appointed 2nd counsellor to Pres. Parkinson. He is an excellent man. The Pres. was telling me yesterday that there were six persons chosen as submitted to the First Presidency for them to choose one to fill the vacancy and that my name was one of them. The Presidency objected to no name, only did not approve of taking anyone out of a promising position to fill the vacancy.

The conference was an excellent one and most powerful sermons preached by Apostles Cowley and Grant, especially. Bro. Cowley (in hearing his testimony) said that we go to the scriptures to quote passages to prove there is a God and a Jesus Christ, but said he "Here are those who know Jesus Christ (referring to the apostles)." His testimony was

something to hardly be forgotten by those that heard Apostle Grant gave some of the most convincing arguments against the Josephites and that they are not the ones prophesied of by Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, John Taylor, etc. Apostie Merrill referred to different prophecies made by Pres. Brigham Young and others concerning this northern land, especially Gentile Valley. The prophecies have been all fulfilled.

Ella and Martha both went with me to conference. We with about a dozen others stayed at Bp. Earnest Hale of Cleveland Ward. We only took LeVon with us; all the other little folks stayed home.

Sent last Wed. Francis \$60. 50 to help-him on his mission. He is in need of clothes. He is performing a good mission so I am told by returned missionaries. Bro. Errickson from Tooele tells me that he is one of the very best missionaries in the European mission. I wish I were a better man, Father, urge me to a better and more useful life. Give me more energy and wisdom.

**Sep. 11, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 10 times. I have been very negligent in my writing during the last 6 weeks. It is due to neglect. Since writing I have turned 36 years of age. Ella gave me a present of a silk handkerchief and tie and Martha of \$1.50.

Confirmed one child and one man as members of the church at Cambridge Ward and aided in confirming several others. Also, I blessed a baby there. The man I confirmed is Joseph Brim of Cambridge. The baby was named Joseph Ray Johnson.

I went to Pocatello to attend conference and to witness the organization of the new stake—the Pocatello Stake. Wm. C. Parkinson was chosen president. While at conference, I was called upon to address the conference in the evening in connection with Apostle Grant. The Lord blessed us both in our speaking. While there, I with Presidents Parkinsons (George and William) and others, went out for a boat ride and picnic up the Portneuf River for one afternoon. While in Pocatello I made some collections for the Physical & Chemical Laboratory. I have made collections in Franklin, Fairview and throughout Marsh Valley.

Lectured before (or conducted) the Co. Institute at Malad during Aug. 15-25. Rec'd \$55 and expenses. Martha attended the same Inst. There were between 40 and 50 teachers in attendance. While there I lectured before the public on Duties of Trustees, Teachers, Parents and Pupils, Character, and Banishment of Mormon People. I lectured on the latter subject in Sormaria and others at Malad. For comments, see clippings. I enjoyed my work very well. I conducted all the subjects except Civ. Gov. & Sch. Law.

Since returning from there I went to Marsh Valley and got Ella and family. They had been at Sister Hellewell's visiting and to Soda Springs for about 3 weeks. I made a trip to all the towns in that valley in behalf of the Academy and Laboratory. While there I spoke Sun. afternoon at Cambridge and in the evening at Garden Creek. When it was learned that I had been called as a missionary to teach in the Academy without pay, one man gave me one dollar and Bp. Capell offered me 20 bu. of wheat for my family and Bp. Hyde told me when I was out of shoes to come and get them at his Store. There now

seems to be a possibility of my not yet teaching in the Academy as a missionary due to other arrangements made by Presidency and apostles of the church.

About 5 weeks ago I went to Franklin to speak at the funeral of Samuel S. Parkinson's son aged 14 who had died a very violent death through the inflammation of his stomach. Last Sat. I was called to speak at the funeral of a Miss Ward who died of consumption. Then on Sun. (next day) I was called to speak at the funeral of Dickerson Kershaw; a young man who died of typhoid fever last Thurs. morning at 1:14 a.m. We had exercised a great deal of faith over him, also medical skill had been exhausted. I helped to lay him out. It was the first experience of the kind I ever had. I went to the grave with the large cortege, about 65 vehicles and dedicated the grave.

I have been nominated as Co. Sup. of Schools by the Republican Party. They did this without my request or announcing myself as a partisan.

I have finished today Romanes Mental Evolution of Animals. I have been reading this off and on for nearly two years.

Leslie, my brother, has succeeded in passing his examination and got a second grade certificate. He teaches at Dempsey.

President Wilford Woodruff died Sep. 3 while at San Francisco at the home of Col. Trumbo. He was a mighty prophet of God and we as a people feel deeply his loss, but bow to the will of our Lord. He has been a man without guile and one of the greatest missionaries and converted more persons to our church than any other man in this age of the world. He brought this people through the narrows of trial and persecution and lived to see this people free again, religiously and politically. His life almost spanned the 19th Century and his life has been like a glowing comet arching through the heavens like an arc of a circle, rising in the extreme east and setting in the west. He is loved and respected by Mormon, Jew and Gentile.

**Sep. 25, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 14 times. Of the seven persons I have aided in administering to, two have died—Mrs. Carbridge and Bro. Clarkston's little boy (15 months old). The case of Mrs. Carbridge was very peculiar. She was apparently dying when we elders were called to administer. In fact, the Dr. (Canfield) declared her dying and informed all so. We administered to her again and she revived and I had what I considered a testimony that she would live and consoled the weeping family telling them that I thought she would live. She improved became conscious and lived about 3 days afterwards and then died.

I also dedicated the home of this same family. The spirit of the Lord was upon me and those present so much that the mother of the young man whose home was being dedicated that she became prostrate with joy and fell upon the floor. Some said it was the grandest prayer she ever heard. It was the first home I ever dedicated or even heard dedicated, so you can see that the spirit of the Lord was there.

Apostle Lorenzo Snow has been chosen President of the church with Geo. Q. and Jos. F. as his counsellors. Apostle Richards (Frank F.) has been chosen as the president of the twelve.

I went to Salt Lake this week with Apostle Cowley to see if I was still expected to teach as a missionary inasmuch as a way had been arranged to raise means to run the school. They (Jos. F. and Twelve) informed me that the moneys raised should go to pay the teachers and all over to apply on the Academy debt and that I was to be paid. The way the money is to be raised: Apostles Cowley and Grant came today in our Stake and visit about 20 of the best-to-do men and asked for donations from them. They expect to raise about \$8 or \$10, 000, half of which will be ours to pay the running of the school this year, and paying on Academy debt. This is very satisfactory to me and the Twelve, but Pres. Parkinson expected to pay all indebtedness first and what was left to pay teachers, which idea I felt to be wrong and for this reason I had a conference with the Twelve and Jos. F. School begins in the morning with the prospective faculty of E. Woolley, J. Nelson and Ezra Merrill and Clinton Ray. Yet, Ray and Merrill will not be with us for a few days due to lateness of engaging them. I am very hopeful that our Academy will be a success this year, though much is against us due to the uncertainty of running and late in our beginning.

While in the City, I went to the theater with Apostle Cowley and J. G. Kimball at Apostle Grant's expense. That night Bro. Cowley and myself slept at Apostle Grant's and took breakfast. We met while there his wife (Winter's girl) and his mother who is the Prophet Joseph Smith's wife, though afterwards married to Jeddiah M. Grant. I went to President's office and met Geo. Q. Cannon, Jos. F., President Snow, Apostles Richards and Young. They spoke very kindly to me and wished me well. It did my heart good to meet them in such kindness. I pray it may always be so.

Apostle Cowley told me of Apostle Grant's peculiar experience soon after he had been called to the Apostleship. It was when he was in Arizona. He got it in his head that he was not worthy and prayed much over it. He rec'd an answer that the reason he was chosen was a request of the Prophet Joseph for said he that he had not a representative on this earth in authority. The angel also said to Grant that he (angel) knew Grant was not worthy, but it was a call.

While in Salt Lake I visited the LDS College, the high school and the university. The college is in a bad shape. Bro. Done has been in trouble and will resign in the spring. I think he has been unjust to himself as he has no good word for anyone it seems that is in the educational field and he has become a cynic. I am sorry for him though I am one that he has no good word for. The Uni. and high school are doing excellent work. I wish all mankind well.

We are all well. I am thinking of taking up some land. Rec'd card from Francis, Ma and Laura. He rec'd the \$50.

**Oct. 16, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 6 times. School opened 26 Sep. with about 80 students. We have 7 teachers for this year. One, the primary teacher Mrs. Merrill, will not begin for about 3 weeks. The teachers are: myself, Clinton DeWitt Ray, Jos. G. Nelson, Ezra F. Woolley, Ezra Merrill, Mrs. Mary Merrill and L. D. Edwards.

We have an excellent Annual (just out) for this year, though a month too late. It is due to uncertainty of beginning our school that caused the lateness. I am pleased with the faculty. I trust we are going to get along well.

I was in Logan for 3 days reading manuscript of the Annual. While there I stayed with N. W. Hawes. I visited schools of the town. Took supper with Mrs. Mattie Ballard one evening while in Logan. Spoke at the funeral of Miss May Fjlstead who died of typhoid fever about the last of Sep. Bros. Nelson, Woolley and myself were the speakers. She was our former student and most amiable girl.

Money has been raised in the Stake to run our school this year through the labors of Apostles Cowley and Pres. Parkinson.

Ella went to conference and had an excellent time. The Oneida Choir took second prize in the musical contest at the competition in S. L. I rec'd a letter from Francis; he is well and has a new suit of clothes.

I am much pleased with the fact that I have Bro. Ray with me. He is a brilliant young man and gives promise of becoming our greatest poet. Bro. Ray and I addressed the Saints last Sun. He lectured in the Literary last Fri. night on student life in the Leland Standford Uni. It was an excellent one.

Martha has quit teaching school for the present. I went to Weston last week and spoke in the political meeting.

**Oct. 23, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 4 times. Another week's work over. Gave the students a reception (fruit festival); good time. Pres. Parkinson spoke very obstinately to me about school affairs in such a way as to offend.

**Nov. 6, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 12 times. Our babe, Levon has been real sick with typhoid fever; but though pronounced very sick by three different doctors, yet the Lord healed him in 36 hrs. after their words. He was very sick and I started after the Dr. and the spirit of the Lord suggested for me to return and get the elders. So I did and as a result Levon was healed in almost a miraculous time.

Went to Mink Creek and spoke on education Sat. evening (Oct. 29) and stayed and spoke to Saints in S. School and meeting. Bro. Ezra Woolley went with me. I have been to Fairview, Franklin and St. Joseph speaking on education and defects of our present system here in our Co. I go tomorrow evening and speak in Clifton. I am a candidate for School Sup. of this Co. The Rep. Party nominated me. Bro. Jno. Dalley is running on the Democratic ticket.

Went to priesthood meeting yesterday (Sat.) and after it we had Board meeting and the Board informed me that they would not give me \$1300 a year as they had done last year. So I informed them that I would resign. I am to teach one more week before leaving. I do not feel right about it. I hardly know what I can do but I do not feel to retrace my steps.

Rec'd \$100 check from Ma to pay on the mortgage. I sent immediately to Bacon. Rec'd letters from Ma, Leslie, Rep. Committee and Chas. Nelson and sent me book, my \$50 note or at least Francis'. Paid \$27.50 for Martha's cow. Paid \$25 on my note held by ZCMI. Sent Francis \$40.25.

**Nov. 15, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered twice. Week passed in some suspense. I had refused to receive offer of Board (\$1200 for 12 mo.) and I waited in some doubt whether I would remain here longer than a week or two. But they offered me \$ 1200 for 10 1/2 months and I accepted it. The knowledge of my probable departure caused the students to petition the Board to do all in their power to keep me. It was the most powerful petition I ever read. In it they overestimate my worth. If I had not accepted the Board's proposal, they intended to hire Prof. Paul.

I have been running for Co. Superintendent of Schools but have been beaten by Bro. Jno E. Dalley by—votes. It made little or no difference to me as I have very little time to look after the public schools. Nearly all the Republican candidates were elected; except myself.

Martha tripled her motherhood Nov. 7 about 7 p. m. by bringing into the world of care and temptation her first daughter.<sup>52</sup> The babe weighed 7 lbs. She and babe are getting along well.

I spoke last Fri. night on Ancient Babylon. Was much disappointed in my talk for I did not feel what I had to say. Where the burning spirit of God is not, I cannot satisfy myself nor anyone else, though some thought it grand. We are quite well at present.

**Nov. 23, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 3 times. I believe all is well in our school at present. All of our teachers are to remain. We are preparing for Lafayette Day (Nov. 25). We have invited public to be present to witness the class work of the school in the forenoon and the Lafayette exercises in the afternoon.

Martha is well again and our little babe is very good and contented. Ella is sick tonight. Eugene had a birthday party last evening.<sup>53</sup>

Judge Heward informs me that the district court has sustained the act of the commissioners in not allowing the money for paying expenses of the Inst. My bill was \$62 which, I suppose, I will not get.

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<sup>52</sup> Juanita Lawisch Hickman (1898-1989).

<sup>53</sup> Eugene is seven years old.



Bro. Ray and I are reading Romanes' Mental Evolution in Man. I am reading House of Seven Gables, Myths of Greece & Rome, Nelson's Preaching & Public Speaking, Brander Mathews' American Literature, Montgomery's Eng. Hist (am teaching it) and Tennyson. I am now studying and writing some on the life of de la Lafayette. Bro. Ray and I have some very inspiring talks on languages, etc. His presence and intelligence gives me new thoughts and energy. He promises by all appearance to fulfill my prophecy I uttered over his head several years ago (1891?) when he was helpless with inflammatory rheumatism. I felt that a mighty mission lay before him and I told him so. He bids fare to be Utah's greatest poet and writer. Some of his productions mark him as a poet of no mean order.

It is now 12:30 a. m. I am not sleepy, the care of life is upon me. I feel that I began my career about 12 years too late. O, if I had my present intelligence at the age of 24, then I could accomplish my life's mission; but as it is, I will never. It causes deep and gloomy thoughts to hover over me. I find I know but little; I have no home and my family is large. O, my God, touch my mind and endow me with genius; give me a home for my families, open the way for me to study again for a year or two. Give me a greater view of life and the mission you desire me to follow. I do earnestly pray that my mind shall be quickened with deep and solemn thought, that I may see the value of this world by truth and apply it in the gospel. May I yet be known for my intelligence throughout the world. Father, bless me with the great power of prophecy and oratory; purify my language; my mind and help me to economize all my time and means to the greatest good. O, Father, may I fulfill all that my patriarchal blessings promise. O, forgive me of all my sins and yet give to me in this life all Thou designed I should have when you sent me here. Help me to be kind and generous, thoughtful and prudent. May I be a joy and comfort to my wives and a light and a guide to my children. O, my Father, bless my mother that her life shall be happy and eventful; bless my brothers and sisters. O, quicken my life, my mind, my energies, and my visionary powers.

Thoughts: Night is the mysterious hour of day. It is mind's hour for rest. It is Lucifer's time to hold debate and persuasion with waking souls. It is the hour when sleep falls upon the heavy eyelids of care and they rest.

"One glimpse of the eternal and we grovel in the dust no more."

Tonight my soul is filled with care and my mind is filled with prayer. Sorrow and misfortune purify the soul and deepens the love for mankind.

**Dec. 11, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 6 times. Very cold weather—from 10 to 20° below zero. A person from Riverdale had his leg taken off 6 in. below knee here in Preston today. The last two weeks have been spent in hard labor. I have read "Added Upon", a very nice novel representing our three states — primeval, temporal and future states written by Anderson. Am reading Homes' Autocrat at the Breakfast Table, Myths of Greece & Rome, and House of Seven Gables, Romanes', aside from text books used in my classes.

Last Sun. Bro. Ray and I went to Dation.<sup>54</sup> We spoke in meeting in the afternoon and I lectured in the evening on Banishment of the Mormon People. The spirit of the Lord was with us in what we said. We got back home at 11:30 p.m. We (Ray and I) went to Whitney today and lectured (spoke) on education this afternoon. What was said has a deep impression upon the persons present. The house was full.

Reginald and Sister Lawisch are afflicted with eczema. I have administered to them several times but they are not well yet.

Prof. J. H. Paul called on me in the Academy last Fri. and aside from other things said that the Pres. Parkinson desired to engage him for the remaining of this yr. to take my place in case I would not come to their terms. Paul found that the Pres. had not told him the truth in the matter and he was glad that he did not come here (accept). The Pres. had not showed the letter to me that Paul desired he should.

Thoughts: There is a self-recording power in all that exists—even in the wriggling trilobite of creation's morn; in the winds that sighed over the leafless world in the far off Cambrian Age; and in the subtle thought that eludes the hand of man. If you would lead or conquer, praise others; but if you would be conquered seek the praises of others. JEH

Education is the only thing that pays 12% on the investment throughout the endless ages of eternity. JEH

Bro. Ray has gone to board with Ezra Merrill; his sister (Jose) comes tomorrow to go to school. Rec'd letter from Josephine. She informed me Ma was giving her intended trip up here. I immediately wrote to her and sent \$5 for her to make preparations to come on. Laura sent me \$30 to pay for her wheel.<sup>55</sup> We (teachers) are preparing to send for \$51 worth of books for the Academy. Have paid W. C. Parkinson \$175 to apply on my a/c. Paid house rent \$16 and \$6 to Worlds Best Lit. Co.

Quotations: "As some tall cliff that lifts its awful form, Swells from the vale and midway leaves the storm, Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread) Eternal sunshine settles on its head." Goldsmith

"I'm monarch of all I survey  
My right there is none to dispute;  
From the mountains clear down to the sea  
I am lord of the fowl and the brute."  
Selkirk

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<sup>54</sup> Probably Dayton, Idaho.

<sup>55</sup> Bicycle

"So runs my dream; but what am I?  
An infant crying in the night;  
An infant crying for light,  
And with no language but a cry."  
Tennyson

**Dec. 23, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 8 times. Have been busy in school. It has now closed for holidays. Bro. Maeser was here Wed. & Thurs. and until Fri. 2 p.m. Visited school and said that our Academy was on a par with the best church schools in Zion. I had a long talk with him the evening he stayed at our place. He informs me that he learned from Apostle Cowley that Pres. Parkinson did not tell the straight of our affairs as mentioned before. For the first time in my life I feel that I am not in full harmony with the Presidency of the Stake. I trust it will not always be so.

Have rec'd letter and postal card from Francis. He is now in Geneva studying Fr. Have written him twice within the last two weeks. Have treated myself to a new Suit of clothes, a plated gold watch & chain. My friends will hardly know me. I cannot really afford them but it seems I am forced to it.

We had a very nice ball last night in the Academy.

I was going to the dedicatory exercises of the new building of the B. Y. College in Logan, but due to lateness of the train I did not go. Today I paid \$65 debts. In our Literary Society a week ago tonight (Fri.) I recited "Regulus." The entertainment was highly appreciated.

Bro. Maeser tells me Bro. Brimhall has been awarded the Dr.'s degree as he has been chosen one of the Executive Board. He will be chosen to take charge of the Latter-Day Saint College in Salt Lake this coming year. Have been reading Nelson's Preaching & Pub. Speaking American Lit., etc.

Family Affairs: Dee<sup>56</sup> took Grace Woolley to a sociable and let her go home alone as he lost one or two of his suspender buttons off his pants. Reginald is better of his eczema.

**Dec. 31, 1898, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 4 times. Clear, cold weather. Good sleighing. New Year's Eve. All quiet. Ma has come to stay for awhile with us; she came Christmas Day. She is well and left all the folks well. Since she came we have visited nearly all the time. One day we all went to Martha's.

I have spoken at three funerals since Dec. 23, viz: Mrs. Young (old lady), Willard Fjfelstead, one of our former students. He was a very bright young man of about 18 yrs. of age. He died of typhoid fever, the same as his sister May, and I spoke yesterday at the funeral of Bro. Milton Thatcher's bright little boy of 3 ½ yrs. of age who died by accidental poisoning. He had drunk carbolic acid. I spoke about 50 minutes. The Lord blessed me as well as other speakers upon that occasion. A Presbyterian lady sent word

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<sup>56</sup> Dee is ten years old.

to me that it was the best funeral sermon she had ever heard and that I had said things there that she had never heard before and that she was brought to believe things upon that occasion which she had never believed before. I am thankful it did some good.

Leslie is here spending holidays. Is doing well in his school. I paid Mrs. Parthena Dalley in full \$9.75. Paid \$3.00 for Worlds Best Lit. Sent American Bk. Co. \$9.00 and Ginn & Co. \$5.00.

Reginald and Sister Lawisch are not well.

We have had four dances in the Academy; proceeds are to be used in fitting up the Phys. & Chemical Lab. & Library.

Rec'd letters from Leah Daniels<sup>57</sup> telling us her ma had a tumor in her breast and desires us to fast with them, all beginning this evening and continuing till tomorrow evening at sundown.

**Jan. 15, 1899, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 6 times. We completed our fast and we learn through letter that the tumor in Annie's breast is rapidly disappearing. The ladies that blessed her spoke in tongues; that is, one of them spoke in tongues and one of the others interpreted it. It was a very nice blessing.

Ma is still here. School is progressing favorably. We have about 200 students, not so many as last year at this time. I am dissatisfied with my work this year; the Pres. of this stake has not been truthful with me and when he says a thing, then he denies it.

Nearly all of our family have been sick this last week, but we are about all well again. Ma is not well tonight.

I went to Chas. C. West's farewell party last night. We (faculty) sent off for \$36 in books for the library.

I spoke on the Divinity of the Bk. of M. this forenoon in Sunday School; I continue the same subject next Sun. I spoke in fast meeting a week ago last Sun. and bore my testimony last Sun. I was called on to speak in meeting and had an excellent spirit. Pres. Jos. Geddes said that he had never seen me look so beautiful before; it, he said, was due to the spirit of the Lord on me. Am I worthy of such a beautifying influence?

**Jan. 22, 1899, Preston, Idaho:** Administered twice. Snow is melting. Ella and Ma went to Logan last Wed. Ella has just returned. Ma will go from there home. We are all well again.

We had no literary this week. Ray and myself read Romanes yesterday (Sat.) for about 3 ½ hrs. We are nearly through his Ev. of Man. We are to begin German in about a week; also the study of Wundt's Psyc.

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<sup>57</sup> Leah Nora Daniels (1882-1952), daughter of Thomas and Annie Daniels (Josiah's sister).

I spoke again today (Sun.) on the Evidences of the Bk. of M. before the Theological class in Sunday School. Discussed the objections to it, pro and con. Internal evidences, etc.

Rec'd letters from Laura, Bp. Callister, Elder Taylor and Francis. Francis is studying Fr. He was released from his mission Oct. 22. He will remain in Switzerland-Geneva about 6 mo. He is out of money. Told of miraculous power of healing of a German lady. I just heard through Elder Hart today that he visited Francis in Mannheim not long since. He says Francis speaks the German beautifully.

I hear that J. S. Giles has gotten money under false pretenses and has left to parts unknown. James Smith, Jonnies Jensen, Frank Pratt and Peter Hanson are going on missions soon. Have handed over moneys from dances, Phys. & Chemical Laboratories to W. C. Parkinson, treasurer--about \$170. We (teachers) sent for about \$15 more of books for the Academy.

**Jan. 29, 1899, Preston, Idaho:** Administered once. School week passed quietly with the exception of a writing on the blackboard in the hallway which was done Mon. night. I was nearly the whole week tracing it to the owner. It proved to be a shepherd who came in there Mon. night.

We had no literary nor dance Fri. night. We gave away for a missionary party held in the meeting house. The books for the library came. We now have about 400 volumes which we have collected and bought within the last year. Pres. Parkinson is having a library put in at his own expense.

Jos. Ray from Fillmore came up yesterday to see his son and daughter (Clinton & Jose). We (Ella & I) spent evening with them last night and they took dinner with us today. He just left on the train. He is a pleasant man. I learn from J. Ray that Gile's departure was not due to forgeries that they know of except he through some accommodation had not done quite right, but it was for no evil intent. It is hard to tell why he left.

I lectured again before the Sunday School today, on the External Evidences of the Bk. of M. Went to the missionary last Mon. night for a short time.

I have just received W. Wundt's "Human & Animal Psychology," a very profound and valuable work. Bro. C. D. Ray and I have begun to devour it. We finished Romanes' "Mental Evolution in Man" last Tues. night. I also finished Hawthorn's "House of Seven Gables." It is pre-eminent in description. Good in delineation of his characters. I can't say that I like it for much else. Aside from two points mentioned, I care little for the novel. Hawthorn excels in description.

I here also state what I think of Romanes two volumes in Animal and Human Psyc. He is one of the most profound and shrewd writers I ever read. Whatever truth there is in the evolution of the mind of man and animals, he has discussed, and that ably. In his discussion of the similarity and kinship of brute and human mind, he shows that animals because they cannot talk is the reason their mind cannot develop more than it does. He

also, in discussing the origin of languages, showed that there are three classes of languages; viz: isolated, agglutinated and polysynthetic. He proves by the aid of other philologists that there is no kin between the classic (Chinese, etc. languages) and polysynthetic (our Indian languages). Hence, the Indians could not have sprung from those nations nor any nations akin to them. Thus proving what the Bk. of M. says that they are from the Jews and not of the Mongolian origin.

A Thought: If you have neglected the past, wasted opportunity, wronged humanity, or buried your talents, the load shall lie upon you like the dead body of a giant. The future shall be veiled with mists and uninviting. You will be crowded into the future as an unwelcome guest. The sting of the past will benumb your happiness, the dead giant shall lengthen his body upon your supine form making the past a prophecy of the future.

**Feb. 6, 1899, Preston, Idaho:** The week just passed was examination week. As usual some students failed. We had a party Fri. night for students. One of our students, Leslie Wright, had a fight with Jno. Williams. Leslie it seemed was somewhat obliged to protect the girls with him. Williams' father had Leslie arrested for an assault with a deadly weapon. It was quite evident that he used none. I took his (Leslie's) case for him. When we came to trial, the complaint was changed from assault with a deadly weapon to an assault and battery. Leslie was fined \$5. 00 and Williams \$1.00; yet Williams' expenses were about \$10, while Leslie had no expenses.

Bore my testimony yesterday in fast meeting. We are all fairly well. Rec'd letters from Leslie Hickman and K. G. Maeser.

**Mar. 9, 1899, Preston, Idaho:** I have neglected my journal for more than a month. Since writing, the old people of this Stake have been given a grand party in the Academy (Feb. 17); also two parties for the younger class in the Academy. We gave the students a character ball Feb. 22. A few of the students have left. I have had trouble with several students for attending parties without permission. It nearly cost some their standing in school. But fortunate for them, they repented. The Franklin students are the worst. Robert Stokes was asked to withdraw from the school or make a firm promise that he would keep all the rules. He left.

I have rec'd letters from Francis and Ma. Sent today \$30 to Francis. He is going to enter the Uni. of Geneva. Leslie let me have \$20, Mar. 4.

I have been up in Marsh Valley (35 to 50 miles north) and lectured at Downey, Marsh Center and Garden Creek. Since then I went again and lectured in Co. Int. at Downey. I went to Gentile Valley last Sat. with Leslie and Ella. Ella and I returned same day making our trip about 65 miles. Leslie remained there to take Cleveland school. We had Bp. Larsen's team and sleigh. I have been lecturing on the External Evidences of the Bk. of M. in our Sunday School. I am asked to go to Baker City, Oregon and lecture.

Ella has met with a misfortune when she was 10 weeks along. She is well again. We are all now. I am paying debts each month.

I have been appointed one of the Board of Regents of the Uni. of Idaho. My term of office is for two years. Bro. Jas. McMurrin, State Senator of this Co., secured my appointment. It was a great surprise to me for such a thought never ever entered my mind before in my life that I recall and I thought I had conceived myself in almost every other position in the church or government.

I have finished reading John Halifax. It exemplifies stern unrelenting, unfeeling character as exemplified in Phineas Fletcher. It also exemplified the sterling, self-reliant character of Jno. Halifax and what constant application can do. The tragic love scene between Jno.'s two sons with their lady tutor was something out of the ordinary, but it is not unpsychological for if anyone more than another that has almost unbounded influence over another, it is the teacher loved by pupils. The whole book has for its object the lesson of virtue, constancy and character. The latter part of the book I appreciated more than the forepart.

Have written to Bro. Maeser telling him that if he desired I would take the Bear Lake Stake Academy. James Haskell stayed overnight with us this week. He was hunting a horse.

Laura has just written me stating she has sent Francis \$15. 00.

Last Sunday I, with Bros. Gosland and Wilcox, blessed the children in fast meeting. I was mouth in blessing my little baby, Juanita, and Mrs. Hailingworth's little baby Maria. The other children were Mrs. Nielson's twins, Mrs. Spongsberg's baby, another Mrs. Hollingsworth's baby. We also confirmed Fredrick George Burnham a member of the church. He is late from the east I believe.

**Mar. 19, 1899, Preston, Idaho:** We have completed the courses in Zoology and Eng. Hist. A class in Physiology has been started. I have been showing the class in Zoology how to skin and stuff birds and will show them how to mount them.

I am to go to Boise City next Sun. to meet with the regents of the Uni. and perhaps onto Baker City, Oregon. I will know more about it tomorrow. Bro. C. D. Ray lectured before our Literary Society last evening (Sat.) on Shakespeare's World. It was excellent. We had a good audience considering the terrible state of the roads. Martha's school children had a nice surprise on her last Fri.

Recd letters from the Govenor (Steunenber) and secretary of state (Pottie) concerning my appointment.

We had a surprise and a great entertainment for ex-Bp. W. C. Parkinson. We gave him a memorial gotten up by Pres. Jos. Geddes, C. Ray and myself. The ward made the Bp. a present of a gold watch charm and chain. The cost was \$142. It was a right royal farewell and W. C. felt that he was unworthy of such a gift. The program lasted from 8:30 p.m. to nearly 1 a. m. I was announced on the program for a "What not." It was a

talk made up of jokes, witicisms and conundrums, etc. The house nearly collapsed at one of them.

**April 2, 1899, Baker City, Oregon:** Administered 4 times. I have been away from home a week today (Sun.). Bro. Thos. Smith (Oneida Co.'s assessor) and myself went across to Cord Station with his buggy. We arrived in Boise O. K. Mon. morning. I met, for the first time, the regents of the Uni. I found them very pleasant men and some of them I believe to be very honorable men. Two of them (editor of the Daily Tribune and Prosecuting Attorney) were out all night (Mon.) on a drunk and I suppose in lewd society. I was disgusted with them. The names of the Board of Regents are: Robethan (Pres.), Gilbert (Vice Pres.), Cornwall (Sec.), Harris, Goode, Albert, Mrs. Williams and self. It took us most of two days to get through with our business. I left there Tues. night at 11:10 p.m. for Baker, arriving here at 4:20 a. m. I took a sleeper to Baker. Went to hotel after arriving here and had a sleep.

I find there is considerable discord among the Saints here. It seems they were not all agreed on my coming due to the discord. But I am here by appointment and have spoken in priesthood meeting Wed, evening and in a special meeting Fri. evening and last night (Sat.) I lectured down in the city proper in the Armory Hall on Astronomy to a large and attentive audience. I meet with the Saints here in their Sun. S. and meeting today and lecture tonight again in Armory Hall.

**Apr 13, 1899, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 5 times. I delivered my other two lectures—Banishment of Mormon People and External Evidences of Bk. of M. in Armory Hall in Baker City. I learn my lectures were much appreciated by the Saints there and also by outsiders. For comments on what I said, refer to journal A of clippings. I spoke in South Baker twice more. Grant Geddes made me a present of a silk handkerchief. I went from Baker to Salt Lake and attended conference.

**Apr. 23, 1899, Preston, Idaho:** Administered once. Uncle Nathaniel Haws died Apr. 15 and Ella and I went to the funeral last Wed. I was one of the speakers at the funeral. It was held in the 6th Ward meeting house. Uncle Jos. Tanner was the only relative, outside of the family, except Ella and I that came any distance to the funeral. There was a large funeral—20 vehicles formed the cortege. Uncle was 68 yrs. of age. His family feels very bad.

I understand Eunice has another baby—the kingdom rolls on.<sup>58</sup>

Our school has decreased to 90 pupils and one or two of our teachers will have to discontinue. The students had a debate last Fri. evening. I learn from Bp. Lewis of Lewiston that there is a book published containing the genealogies of the Lewis' and it contains many of the Hickmans. It can be bought for \$2.00 from the Courier Journal, Job Printing Co., Lewisville, Ky.

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<sup>58</sup> George Wesley Richardson, b. 14 April 1899.



**May 7, 1899, Preston, Idaho:** Our school has decreased considerable as only 80 some odd remain. Pro. C. D. Ray has discontinued his labors due to fewness of students. Aside from my own classes, I am teaching the following classes which Pro. Ray had: Phys. Geog., Ac. Cram., Rhetoric and Literature. I have classes from 9 a.m. to about 5 p.m. nearly every day in the week except Saturdays. Though I have worked very hard this year and tried to do right and though the pupils have done likewise, I have not been satisfied with this year's work. There has been a feeling and a prejudice against it. Let the Lord judge whose fault it is?

I have rec'd a letter from Francis. He desires about \$80 more. He starts home about July 1. He has been sick for two weeks but was suddenly healed through administration. He is now attending the University of Geneva, Switzerland. I sent him \$20.20 this last week. I also sent Amasa Clayton \$25.00 to apply on my debt to the ZCMI. I have been trying to borrow money and go in with Bp. Larsen, et al. on a cattle deal, but failed.

I went to Treasureton a week ago last Friday evening and lectured on Character and Conduct of Life. I was considerably blessed of the Lord. Leslie came from Cleveland to hear me and I had him speak 15 or 20 minutes. He did real well. I came back home next day horse back. While there I stayed at Bro. Williams. He is an old pioneer. I spoke at two funerals the same day—Mrs. Clayton and Mrs. Winn.

**May 15, 1899, Preston, Idaho:** Administered twice. My work is very confining as I teach 8 hours a day and it takes about that much more time to prepare my subjects. The students are doing good work. We had Arbor Day last Fri. and the teachers and students planted a grove of about 80 trees on the Academy square. That same evening C. C. Goodwin of Logan came and lectured in the Academy on the Social question. The stake choir furnished the music. All in all, it was a very enjoyable occasion.

Athalia Haws and children came to visit us last Tues. and will leave tomorrow with Ella; for Ella and children start to Benjamin to visit this summer. Leslie has come; his school is out at Cleveland. The people think considerable of him and voted him a vote of thanks for the good he had done. I spoke in meeting yesterday (Sun.). The Lord blessed me.

**May 24, 1899, Preston, Idaho:** Administered once. Blessed this evening Mrs. Brandenburg's baby and gave it the name of Karl Edward. It is very sick. The family is not in the church.

Ella went home to Benj., Utah last Tues. They arrived all right.

I lectured here in the Academy last Sun. on the Banishment of the Mormon People. The audience was large and attentive. I was much blessed of the Lord and felt good over the influence for two or three days afterwards. This is something unusual for me. I generally, no matter how much the Lord blesses me, feel very despondent soon after the speech is over.

Have rec'd another letter from Francis; he starts for home June 19 and leaves Glasgow July 1.

I have of late been studying the brief lives and works of Francis Parkman, Geo. Bancroft, Prescott, Harriet Beecher Stow and Daniel Webster. I finish this evening "Quo Vadis." Though it represents and life and sufferings of the Christians during the days of Nero, yet I do not think very highly of the book for two reasons: (1) It gives too much in detail the lasciviousness of Rome; and (2) it has too much of the insipid and polluted teachings of the Catholics. Otherwise, the novel is quite commendable.

**June 11, 1899, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 3 times; aided in blessing 5 babes; confirmed 4 members of the church. Since last writing we have been to quarterly conference here. Apostles Teasdale, Merrill and Lund were here. They all spoke with spirit of God. They dwelt upon the subjects of tithing, authority of priesthood, the parable of the lower, etc. The spirit of God bore new life into all the subjects. I was filled to overflowing with the spirit of God. It was a testimony to me that I had been doing about right or I would not have been endowed with such abundance of the Spirit. There is a great revival in the Subject of tithing being preached by Pres. Also they are talking of calling many of the Saints to go back to Jackson Co., Mo. It seems that the hour is upon us when we will be called to fulfill the prophecy that has been so long upon the pages of our prophetic books. God speed the work. May I be enabled to aid it as promised on my head by the Patriarch.

Our conference was Sun. and Mon. and on Sun. Pres. Parkinson asked me if I would repeat that evening the lecture (Banishment of M. P.) that I had given the Sun. before. After some hesitation, I consented and the people tell me that it was different than the previous Sun. There was an audience of about 5 or 600. Then during the middle of this week (Wed.) I went to Whitney Ward by special request and delivered the same lecture. I feel grateful that the Lord has blessed me with the spirit of speech. May I never abuse it nor take the honor to myself. Thy Father in heaven strengthen the gift within me. Endow me with great wisdom, power for good, language and power with pure motives. Purify and strengthen my voice and heighten my desire for good. Give me the gift of loving my fellowman as I love myself. I here thank Thee for the blessings Thou hast blessed me with. Others may not see it to the extent that I do, but I keenly realize what Thou hast done for me.

Bros. Hollingsworth and Jensen and myself blessed and named the following children: Ben Erickson, son of Ed. Swan; Lionel Mouris, son of Peter Hanson; Arlando F., son of Loren Peterson (I mouth); Pratt, son of Parley Carver; Chas. Lundengreen, son of Chas. Larsen (I mouth). We confirmed the following: Raynold Andrew Hanson; Alvin Jos. Sharp (I mouth); Arvilla Clayton, Ettie Snow.

**June 22, 1899, Preston, Idaho:** Administered 4 times. We had our closing exercises a week ago yesterday (June 14). Dr. Maeser was with us. He spoke highly of our school, work done and excellency of our closing exercises. We had intended to have the closing

day on Fri. (June 16), but he informed me that he could not be with us that day; hence, the change. It caused me to work all night Tues. night to be prepared for the next day. Students from all grades were promoted from their respective grades to next higher. Some were graduated into the high school dept., some from the 1<sup>st</sup> yr. high school course were graduated to the second, and two (Elsie Hawkes and Melinda Nielson) were graduated from the second year course to the third. This is the first time in the history of this school that we had students of so high an order. We closed up with about 75 or 80 students. As our closing exercises came on the 14th, I could not attend the meeting of the Regents in Moscow June 13 and 14.

Bro. Woolley and I went to the Church School Convention at Logan last Mon. and we returned last night. The convention was very good. It lasted from Mon. 2 p. m. till Wed. 12 noon. I gave a lecture on the Teachers--Real and Ideal. Bro. Ezra Woolley and I took dinner twice with Pres. Kerr. We stopped at Thalie Haws. Bros. Maeser and Tanner lectured in the evening Mon. & Tues., respectively. They were excellent.

I sent for and read "The Prophet" written by Lily Dougall of Montreal. I find that she has gotten her information from the Josephites and from others of the outside world. She has been fairer than almost any other writer, but she has been much misled by the Josephite idea and scurrilous stories told by the enemies of the Mormon people. In her preface she claims that the followers of the prophet have been misunderstood. She describes Joseph's mother as an unbalanced woman on religious matters, especially concerning her son being a prophet. Describes her as an extremely ignorant woman and would sit for hours talking into space looking in the sky, etc. etc. which, of course, was entirely false. Her characters in part were not true to life. She describes Heber C. Kimball as a "Danite." She has Joseph introducing polygamy without the sanction of God due to his infatuation with a very beautiful woman. Though she credits Joseph with honesty in nearly all things but this one, she believes him to be deceived; and it was due to his imaginations and genius that caused him to think he had visions, etc. The novel treats the Mormons (Brighamites, so called) as an offshoot and apostates from the Prophet's teachings. The novel is a book of about 427 pages.

**July 10, 1899, Benjamin, Utah:** Administered 4 times. It is raining some today. Have helped Charlie a little with his hay. I arrived home here June 30 at 2:15 a.m. on the D&RY. I left Preston, Idaho June 28. I left Martha and her little children there. Before leaving there I sold her black cow to Parkinson to pay on my Academy debt. I owed \$99.25 on tuition for my children and others that had gotten admits for. I got \$35.00 for the cow, leaving me owing \$64.25. Besides this, I owe \$20 donation on the Academy which I promised to pay last fall. I have paid all I owed Parkinson store.

After coming home, I rec'd a letter from Pres. Lorenzo Snow asking me to attend the fast meeting in the temple which was for the authorities of the church, also presidents of stakes, bishops of wards, patriarchs and principals and presidents of our church schools. The object of the meeting was tithing. It was a grand meeting and the spirit of the Lord was there. Pres. Snow said that the Lord had revealed that it was His will that all Israel should be tithing and if His people should fail to obey it, He should permit their enemies

to scatter them even worse than they were in Mo. All the presidency and twelve apostles spoke upon the subject. They all testified of its being God's will. It was said there that there were in that building descendents of the ancient apostles and also of Jesus Christ. When Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon said it, my soul fairly burned in me. I asked myself the question if I was one of them and a wonderful spirit seemed to clothe me. The meeting was from 10:30 a.m. till 7:10 p.m. During that time we were taken into the upper room of the temple and had lunch (it held about 3000 persons); then we returned to the celestial room of the temple and finished the meeting. We all solemnly covenanted there to henceforth obey that principle and we shouted "Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to God and the Lamb, Amen, amen and amen," three times and at the same time waved our handkerchiefs. I returned the next day. But before returning I went to see Bro. Maeser. He gave me a letter of strong recommendation to Pres. Angus M. Cannon which was in substance: Prof. Hickman is a profound scholar, an excellent teacher and a perfect gentleman and above all a faithful Latter-Day Saint. I took it to Pres. C. and he referred me to the committee appointed to hire the teachers. I am anxiously awaiting to learn their decision.

I went with our folks up to Payson on the 4th of July. We had a nice time. Leslie won the bicycle race and got two pair of shoes. Since then I have remained in Benjamin with exception of one day Ella and I went up to Payson and visited Hattie Hickman. We all went to the lake Sat. last and had a swim. Yesterday (Sun.) we went out to Eunice's. I lectured last evening here in Benj. on "Miracles and True Science."

**Aug. 13, 1899, Benjamin, Utah:** Administered once. I have been too negligent to write in my journal and have done little to record. On the 24th of July I delivered the oration of this place. My remarks elicited much (some) comment both pro and con. I spoke in S. S. two weeks ago. Lectured on miracles and science one Sun. evening here.

I am very undecided what I shall do this year. It seems that I am not wanted. Perhaps I am not worthy of the positions I desire. Prof. Paul was chosen Pres. of the College. I thought for a time that I would be chosen as one of his teachers but, hearing nothing from Paul, I suppose not. I am in correspondence with Board of Coalville Academy concerning their Academy. If I could raise money and it was the Lord's will, I would go east this year. I pray it may so turn that way yet.

I have been reading some this summer on church doctrine, news and science of the world and psychology. I have finished Thoreau's "Walden." I very much appreciate his writing. Some of his passages are inspiring in the extreme.

Francis has arrived home (July 18). Our meeting was most emotional; tears ran for joy. He succeeded well on his mission. He did well in the Fr. and German languages. He is the first Hickman that ever went and preached the Gospel to the nations of the earth. Leslie is now called and will be, most likely, the next to go on a mission. He has gone to Mammoth to get work so he can go on his mission next April. Francis was given a warm welcome home by Benj. Ward. They had a supper and entertainment for him. I spoke at

this reception and also to Peter Bett's farewell party for he went to the war in Philippine Isles. I speak tonight in Lake Shore Ward.

**Aug. 21, 1899, Benjamin, Utah:** Administered once. Spoke per agreement in Lake Shore on the importance of early training and the formation of Character in early man and womanhood. The house was full and very attentive. Ella went with me.

During the week I have been studying and choring around. One day this last week I went hunting down to the point of the mountain with Francis and Wm. Jno. Douglass. Dee went with us. We killed 2 rabbits, a hell diver and another webfooted fowl.

I finished reading Baker's Psychology; Priesthood and Presidency by Penrose. I like Baker's Psyc. very much. He is a very careful reasoner and one strong feature in his Psyc. was his treatment of inductive and deductive logic under the head of Reason. Penrose's argument against Josephitism and in favor of our authority was strong and convincing. I have read the papers and the Literary Digest. In my estimation, the Digest is the best review paper published.

My main work this last week was on Wundt's Animal and Human Psychology. It is a very profound work. So deep and technical that it is hard to comprehend in some parts.

Ella, Ma and I went to Payson yesterday (Sun.). I spoke there last night before the people of both wards on "The External Evidences of the Bk. of Mormon." The Lord blessed me very much in my delivery. It was much appreciated from comments made.

The Utah boys returned from the Philippine Isles and were given a most glorious celebration last Sat, in Salt Lake. Very few of Utah's Sons were killed. Only two Mormon boys, I believe, were killed. I have got Francis a job for \$100 per month teaching in Woodruff. He may not take it. Will know last of week.

**Sep. 10, 1899, Benjamin, Utah:** Administered twice. Francis has accepted the Woodruff school. I have been offered the Woodruff schools, Fillmore High School, and last Fri. I was offered the Professorship of Physics in the BYA of Provo. I have declined each offer as I have borrowed money and am going east (Chicago) to study this year. I am made very happy at the thoughts of going. I borrowed \$300 of Spanish Fork bank for about 15 months. Ma, Francis and Isaac Hanson signed with me. I start for Preston, Idaho Tues. morning and from there to Chicago. I have been asked to take the Physics in the BYA but I refused as I have prepared to go east.

I lectured last Sun. night in Lake Shore Ward. Benjamin Ward joined with Lake Shore. The house was well filled. Laura went down with me. I spoke in fast meeting in this ward last Sun. Ella and 4 of the children went with me to the Canyon (Loafer) last Tues. and got a double wagon box full of wood.

Have been reading The Literary Digests, Institutes, Holmes' Autocrat at the Breakfast Table, and Wundt's Psyc.

Helped Chas. stack wheat. Yesterday helped fix the cellar. Owe David Hone \$32. Rec'd letter from Martha. She tells me to write no more as I offended her in my last letter. She does not know me or she would do different. I love her.

I learn Hyrum Hickman,<sup>59</sup> my cousin, has been suffocated in a mine at Stockton. He and his brother James lived at our home when they were small boys. Hy and I are about same age.

We are all well at present and I pray that the Lord will preserve them all while I am away. I paid Chas. W. Nielson \$125 to cancel the note against Francis. This amount paid interest and principal. I gave him a check for the amount. I had previous to this paid the \$50 note and \$28 interest to him.

**Sep. 24, 1899, Provo City, Utah:** Administered 5 times. "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." I started for Chicago Sep. 12. When I arrived in Salt Lake, I went to see Pres. Cannon about a letter he wrote me asking if I could not possibly stop and teach this year as the Academy was much in need of a Physics teacher. I had a conference with him. Then again with him and Pres. Jos. F. Smith. They both strongly urged that I return and, said Pres. Snow, "Tell Bro. Hickman if he will return and teach Physics in the BYA that God will bless him for so doing." With these strong urgings, I told Pres. Cannon and Smith that I would return. I returned to Provo that night at about 9:30 p.m. Bro. Brimhall. met me at the depot with his buggy and took me to his place. I stayed with him until Mon. morning. I am now boarding with Mrs. Thadius Cluff in 4th Ward; came here Tues. evening Sep. 19.

I now teach all the Physics in the Academy. The courses are Course A (High School course) and Course 1 (University course). It requires all my knowledge in Algebra, Trigonometry and Conic Sections to teach the Uni. Physics. My classes recite from 8:45 to 9:45; 11 to 12; and 12 to 1. Experimental laboratory work will begin in about 2 weeks.

I am unable to get a house to rent. Ella and children are still at Benjamin. I did not go to Preston as I expected but expect to go during conference week. I learn our little Juanita is not well. I fasted today for her and Ethel Rogers who is sick of female weakness. I sent Martha \$5.00, Jno. Greaves \$25 on store a/c. I send tomorrow \$1.00 to E. Kellogg & Co. for Inst. & Ed. F.; \$6.00 to pay on World's Best Lit.

I spoke in the tabernacle here last Sun. afternoon and in the Academy, 2nd Ward in the evening. Annie Daniels has been real ill but is better again.

I am very humble and prayerful that God will magnify me before my pupils and the teachers. Many of my fellow teachers expressed great joy in having me enter the Institution here. I spoke before the gentlemen students last Friday morning. Have been to Academy Sun. School today and meeting in tabernacle. Took supper at Bro. Miller's (teacher) and spent part of this evening at his place.

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<sup>59</sup> Hyrum Smith Hickman (1861-1899), son of William Adams and Mary Jane Hetherinton. He was 37 years old.

Wrote to Ella and Martha today.

Bro. Geo. Thatcher died this last week.

**Oct. 1, 1899, Provo, Utah:** Administered 3 times. This last week found me very busy. I am liking my work better. We teachers had a party and made up a purse (\$16) for Bro. McHendrick who is going on a mission to southern states.

Ella came down yesterday to see me and to try and find a place to rent. She brought Levon, Georgia and Dee with her. They returned today. We called to Jessie Knight's place to see Henry Rogers, Ella's brother from Arizona. He is one of the Stake Presidency of Mariacopa Stake. Much of his life is spent among the Indians.

I did not fast today as I got down to the breakfast table before I knew it was fast day. I am contemplating buying a place here in Provo. Jessie Knight has been so kind to offer me a place, pay what I could and then let the rest run at 6% till paid.

I went to meeting in the Academy this evening. It was conference of all the wards (the Ac. students are divided off in 4 wards). They have their evening meetings & S. School in the Academy. I loaned Ed Hinckley \$130 for a short time. We have between 5 and 600 students attending school at present.

Rec'd letters from Francis, Josephine, Ella and Martha. Francis and Laura are both teaching in Woodruff teaching school.

**Oct. 16, 1899, Provo, Utah:** Since Oct. 1, I have been to Idaho to see my dear family. I went Oct. 4 and returned Oct. 9. I found them all well. I love them dearly. It made me very sorrowful to leave them so sad. May the Lord bless them in their loneliness and sacrifice. While there I went and visited Prof. Jas. Connell at Clifton. He has since sent me some of Ingersoll's speeches.

Today is Founders Day in the Academy. We had an excellent lecture from Bro. McKenzie.

Ella and children have moved down and we have moved in Earnest Dixon's house for the present.

**Oct. 22, 1899, Provo, Utah:** Much work; slow progress; and much worryment. My work in Physics keeps me very busy. I have High School & University Physics and three sections in Experimental Physics. I also teach Church History. I am trying to write an article for the Academy paper (White & Blue) on Physics–Energy, but I am too busy to do it justice.

I paid my tithing for last two months \$12 as I have only drawn \$60 per month so far which is half salary. I paid Andelin \$10 on what I am owing him. So far I owe no bills

in this town and I will try to run none. I just sent off \$9.00 to Harper's Weekly Club to finish paying for the World's Best Literature. I have finished Wundt's Human and Animal Psychology.

Rec'd a letter yesterday from Martha stating that Juanita was very sick with a fever. I have prayed several times for her.

**Oct. 31, 1899, Provo, Utah:** Administered once. Have written article on "Energy." I feel it is a real good article considering I wrote it during one evening. This is about the 3rd or 4th article I ever wrote for publication.

Juanita is well again. I learn that my little man Reginald<sup>60</sup> longs for me, signs and says. "My papa will never come again." I long to see my children and Martha.

I went home (Benj.) last Fri. afternoon and stayed till Sun. 2 p. m. Found all the people well. Chas. Hone, Albert Micksell and myself went hunting start in with, but we left fewer when we came away from the hunting grounds.

I am reading with Prof. Miller E. D. Babbitt's work on Human Culture and Cure. He is Pres. of Colleges of Fine Forces in Los Angeles, Cal. His reasoning is the most unique reasoning I ever read along those lines.

Have written to Martha, Francis and Josephine within last week. Rec'd letters from Martha and Amasa Clayton. Clayton says the ZCMI company urges him to take forceable steps to collect what I owe them. I owe them about \$220 from 1896. I keep the int. paid up and a little more.

Ella is not well; she is in delicate health.<sup>61</sup> Haven't yet bought a house.

**Nov. 15, 1899, Provo, Utah:** Administered twice. This week passed with her routine of work. I have been too busy preparing a lecture on Astronomy to deliver before the Pedagogium to prepare my work in Physics; hence, somewhat neglected. I delivered my lecture Fri. night. The Lord aided me from start to finish. The audience encored me on entering the building and twice when I was through my lecture. Prof. Don. C. Young said, "I have heard Profs. Orson Pratt, Proctor and others but I never enjoyed them so well as this." I suppose it is vain in me to record this but I am human and being so I appreciate the fact in learning that I have pleased and satisfied others. Tho I occasionally mention such words of Comment yet I only record a very few received. If this book was for the public eye, I would not mention them. But as this is for self and perhaps children and generations yet unborn, I feel that I should record occasionally some of my weaknesses so they will know me such as I am.

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<sup>60</sup> Reginald is three years old.

<sup>61</sup> Ella is pregnant with Lorea.



I have often said I hardly knew which did me the more good, a compliment or a criticism, yet a word of appreciation buoys a "feller" up. My subject was well illustrated by a number of drawings on five blackboards. For comments, read clippings.

I read Joseph Rodes Buchanan (he was 1st Dean of Elective College An. O.) on anthropology at least the subject on Sarcognomy. This work was written in 1854. He has some beautiful and far-reaching thoughts. I have been reading from the following Astronomies this week, viz: Newcomb & Holden, Steel, Warren and Loomis.

**Nov. 12, 1899, Provo, Utah:** Spoke last Sun. evening in Second Ward on "College Experiences." I spoke Thurs. afternoon and Fri. afternoon before the college classes 104 and 103. I attended party Fri. night for awhile. I am appointed teacher of the Normal S. S. class in the Academy.

Josephine came today, goes back this evening as far as Benjamin.

I went with many of the students and a few of the teachers to visit the sugar factory at Lehi. That was the first time I ever visited a sugar factory. It is a monument of man's greatness. Who does not love intelligence with its applications?!

I took dinner with Brother Austin's family in Lehi. We arrived home at 6:30 p.m. Ella is feeling very badly today. Bro. Hinckley paid me the \$100 he owed me.

Rec'd letters from Jas. Connall, Martha and Francis. I read my first letter from Leon this week. He states that he has been baptized and as he says "performed." He means "confirmed."

**Nov. 19, 1899, Provo, Utah:** Administered 5 times. I have been very busy this week with my studies. Also, I have been continuing Babbatt's Human Culture and Culture. I am also reading Life of Horace Mann written by Burk A. Hinsdale, my old Prof. of Pedagogy in Uni. of Mich.

I attended the musical entertainment given to Miss Ramsey who goes to Germany to pursue her study of music. She gives promise of great success in that line. Utah is producing great musical talent.

I attended a lecture Fri. night given by Prof. Antony Lund on Beethoven. To me it was one of the saddest of lives. His father a confirmed drunkard, cruel and unfeeling, forced young Ludwig von Beethoven to practice six to 8 hours a day on the piano fort when only 5 and 6 yrs. of age. If the child were to neglect any part of his daily task, his father would cruelly punish him and force the child to get up at night and finish the work. No matter what cruelty awaited the child, he would never deceive his father even though he lacked by 5 minutes. Many a parent has made liars of their children by such cruel treatment. What must have been the veracity of the child Ludwig? From his early confinement and assiduous labor, he was a hunchback to a certain degree. He was never married though a lover of the most passionate character. He became almost totally deaf in his later years.

He was a lover of liberty and had deep sympathy for the Americans and Washington was his hero.

I attended last evening the concert given by the YMMIA of this stake and I spoke 3 or 4 minutes as a change from the musical program. I rec'd \$126 yesterday in tithing and factory scrip for part pay. I rec'd Wed. \$60 check for my share of money salary. If I get full pay, \$60 is still due me. Bro. Jessie Knight has kindly consented to let me have \$200 @6% to pay off mortgage on the farm. I will send off about \$100 to pay ZCMI. I attended YMMIA conference today. Go to meeting tonight in Academy.

Wrote to Martha and Pres. J. P. Blanton of the Idaho University concerning Prof. Henderson's petition to get funds for purpose of study in east.

I learn Angeline Richardson Loasy is dead. She was a playmate of my boyhood.

Brothers Isaac Hanson and Willie Richardson were to our place today for dinner and supper. Paid Earnest Dixon house rent \$7.00 for last month and this till 13th.

**Nov. 26, 1899, Provo, Utah:** Administered 3 times. I sent to Clayton to apply on my ZCMI a/c \$100.

I spoke for a short time in the 3rd Ward of the Academy last Sun. night. I spoke a short time Fri. morning to all of the young men holding the priesthood upon what the priesthood was.

I wrote to Martha and Jas. Connell. Rec'd letters from Francis Tunnictiff and D. C. Heath. Heath acknowledges my payment (\$6.00).

Bro. Miller and I have finished E. D. Babbitt's Human Culture and Cure. His treatment is mostly a spiritual or magnetic cure. He shows the great effect the ethers of the soul have upon disease, etc. He explains the virtuous effects the rays of the sun have upon the human system. Even blue and green bottles filled with water and exposed to the sun have medicinal properties. The author discusses, clairvoyance and avoidance, telepathy and hypnotism. He believes those sciences a God gift and are the manifestations of the higher activity of the mind. Bro. Miller and I are now reading Geo. Comb's work entitled "The Constitution of Man."

I was asked by Pres. Cluff to go to Deseret and lecture before the Teachers Inst. on Sat. I went without a day's notice. I went Fri. evening and returned this morning (Sun.). I spoke at three sessions on How to Teach Reading, etc.; Discipline and Government and How Obtained; Character, the End of Education, etc. My expenses were paid and about 50c over. The people treated me very nicely. I have lost so much sleep the last two nights I am not feeling well. We have moved (Fri.) into Jesse Knight's house here in 4th Ward. We are to pay \$7 per month.

**Dec. 10, 1899, Provo, Utah:** Administered 10 times. We spent Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 30) at home and had Bro. Andelin and wife and their children; also Annie and Thomas<sup>62</sup> and Family, besides Sister Vestner and a German brother and Joseph? I think 23 in all.

I was asked Wed. by Pres. Cluff if I would go to Beaver and lecture there before the Academy, then come back by team through Millard Co. I started Thurs. evening, Thanksgiving Eve. Took train to Milford; took sleeper and had a good rest till 6:30 a. m. Went from there to Beaver by stage. It was a cold day. A poor Methodist preacher, as he styled himself, was on the stage with me. As he did not know who I was, I asked for the tenets of his religion. I quizzed him for over an hour and how he did twist scripture and reason to defend his points!

On the road to Beaver we went through Minersville, Greenville and Adamsville. I spoke in the evening before the Students Society and left next morning for Kanosh. It was a 45 mile ride in a very cold wind. We arrived at Kanosh 7 p. m. We took dinner at Cove Creek that day. I spoke in Kanosh that night on Banishment of Mormon People. The audience was enraptured over the story. Geo. Crane arose when I was thru and said that he thanked God he was a member of this church and then moved a vote of thanks to me for the "eloquent lecture" as he styled it.

The next morning myself and Bro. Webb (the driver, a young man of the Beaver Branch Ac.) started at 7 a. m. for Fillmore. We arrived at 9:20 a. m. I went to S. S. with Bp. Callister and Anderson. Spoke a few moments to 3 departments. I spoke in the afternoon at meeting on our testimonies and gave reason for mine. I spoke in the evening on the same subject as at Kanosh. For comment of an outsider and editor of Clear Lake Review, see Journal of Clippings. My joy was almost complete when I met my many true friends in Fillmore. I visited, thru request, several of the sick and administered to them. They were Mrs. Robinson North (Jensen), Mace Gull, Bro. Turner, Day, and Mrs. Owen. (I attended Mrs. Stetson's lectures; three lectures (Our Brains and What Ails Them; Work and Woman; and the Child). She is a relative of Henry W. Beecher and Mrs. H. B. Stowe. She is a great lecturer and is original in thought and treatment.)

I left for Scipio at 1:45 p.m. Pres. Hinckley took me over. We arrived at 5:30 p.m. At night I spoke on Character. Pres. Hinckley said it was excellent. Bro. Hatch's son took me to Nephi next day. I spoke before the YMMIA Societies of 1st and 2nd Wards that night. They asked me to come and deliver a lecture on "Character" before the Conjoints of the City Jan. 7, 1900. So if God wills, I will go. I arrived home Wed, morning. Found all well.

Fri. night I took train for Eureka where I lectured before the Teachers Inst. of Juab Co. on Correlation of Reading, Literature and Geog. and History. I did not feel satisfied with my lecture as I was not free in thought and speech. I stayed with Fred Finlayson and Leslie. The teachers had an excellent New England dinner for all teachers. I met there Geo. Hickman and most all of his family. John, his son and once the pride of his family, has

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<sup>62</sup> Annie and Thomas Daniels – Josiah's sister and her husband.

gone astray thru too much popularity and money thrust upon him. He broke the heart of a faithful wife and disgraced his family by his conduct. He's now in Butte City, Montana.

I returned home this morning. I found all the family well. Went to S. S. and spoke a few minutes on the object and aim of the Normal S. S. Class and a short time in evening meeting.

I rec'd letters from Chas. Hickman and Martha. I sent Dec. 7 to Damon G. Tunnicliff \$208. 65 to pay in full the mortgage on the farm.

**Dec. 23, 1899, Provo, Utah:** Administered 3 times. Rec'd the mortgage on the farm from D. G. Tunnicliff but have not yet rec'd the water certificates from him.

During the last 13 days I have been busy in trying to finish the courses I am teaching. This semester closed Thurs. evening. Most of my students got thru in their work in Physics and Theology. Bro. Frank Day is one of the best thinkers in my classes if not in school. He attended the Millard Stake Academy as a small boy, but left disgusted with himself and school.

I find that most of my students in Physics think I am too exacting of them in their work. In the higher Physics (Univ. course) I have two young men (Wm. Adams and Nathaniel Baldwin). They are excellent students in their work. Bro. Baldwin has made an invention to produce harmonic motions. It is an excellent invention.

Last Sun. Bro. Jos. Jensen and myself went to Pleasant Grove to speak, but we were somewhat foiled due to notifications not being sent as supposed. We are to go again a week from tomorrow (Sun.) back to P. G. I spoke a short time before the student body last Sun. night.

Pres. Cluff and two or three teachers with about 15 young men are to take a trip (starting next spring and be gone 12 to 14 months) thru Mexico, Central and So. Americas. It will be a famous trip for them and of worth to the Academy.

I have been making all arrangements to go to Preston and see Martha and children, but it is all frustrated. Martha has been chosen to go to Boise as one of the 3 representatives from Oneida Co. She has arranged that her mother take the little children to Treasureton for holidays. So I will get to see none of them. I am much disappointed and hurt to think she has made such arrangements.

There is quite a small pox scare thru Utah at present as cases are in this county, Sanpete, Emery, Sevier and Salt Lake Cos.

I have just finished a work by David Sinclair entitled Vera Vita, The Philosophy of Sympathy. He has a most ingenious theory, claiming that all action, intelligence, will, sympathy, etc. tho' due to God yet it comes from Him thru ether waves. Ether waves of different quality and quantity produce our different states and feelings. He claims sympathy to be the greatest of ruling forces. He tries to show that there is a sixth sense.

It is a birthright to all of us but very few ever attain to it due to ignorance in failing to abide the laws that govern it. He claims that if we have sufficient willpower to set in motion these waves, we can grasp all we desire. He gives too much credit to Ether waves and not enough to God. I believe, tho he may be wrong in his theory, there is a great eternal truth thru which God works and it needs willpower and faith for man to call down blessings, etc.

I have read over half of Life of Horace Mann. Have rec'd letters from May Reed Webb, one of my former students; Martha and Connell Tunnicliff. I sent \$2. 00 to get Christmas presents for Leon, Reginald and Juanita.

**Jan. 6, 1900, Preston, Idaho:** I went from Provo to Benjamin on Christmas Day, visited with Ma and brothers and sisters (two of each), returned next day. I left Dec. 27 for S. Lake where I attended the three days convention of State Teachers Association. Pres. David Start Jordan of Leland Stanford Uni. was present and delivered three lectures - Higher Education, Agassiz, and The Man with a Hoe. They were rich with thought and inspiration. He is not an eloquent speaker but "talks right on" yet what he says is inspiring. While there I attended part of the lectures of the Speer Arith. by Miss Jordan of Chicago.

Francis was there. We had a nice time. The rooming house we were at was visited by a fallen woman. She came in our room and came to our bed. We had to shove her off and send her out of the room. It was sickening to see such depravity.

Dec. 30 I came here. I have had a nice visit with my family here. I find them well. I love them and wish I could take them with me.

I have spent this week in reading and visiting. I have been reading the Literary Digest, Physics and Dante's Inferno. It is the first time I ever read it. It is a horrible, imagination of Dante induced, I take it, from the Hell preaching of Catholicism. He claims that Virgil was his guide thru the Infernal regions. The victims of that region were those that did not receive baptism, liars, seducers, money extorters, harlots, traitors, murderers, betrayers, gluttons, etc. There were nine circles or divisions of hell, the first of which was Limbo. It (Inferno) is an incongruous scene of unjust punishment of a more unjust gradation of sin. His description was vivid and powerful. The following is a specimen of his description.

"His face the semblance of a just man's wore,  
So kind and gracious was its outward cheer;  
The rest was serpent all."

"Thy soul is by vile fear assailed, which oft  
So overcasts a man, that he recoils  
From noblest resolutions, like a beast  
At some false semblance in the twilight gloom."

**Jan. 7, 1900, Preston, Idaho:** Bp. Lewis of Lewiston brought the Bk. containing the genealogy of the Lewis family and in it are a great many Hickmans who have intermarried with the Lewises. Both families were traced back to the Washington and the Adams family. Both the Lewis and Hickman families played important parts in the Colonial, Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

Attended meeting and S. S. today and spoke in meeting by the request of Bp-rick. I spoke on the result of disobedience to gospel and fate of individual or nation that raised a hand against this people. I followed the history of a few nations and persons who have oppressed this people.

Martha and I were invited out to Bro. Daynes for supper. We had a pleasant time. At 10 p.m. the same evening we were come after to go and spend an hr. or two at the Thomas girls.

**Jan. 14, 1900, Provo, Utah:** I arrived home here Jan. 8 about 10:30 p.m. All folks were well. Lisle Finlayson<sup>63</sup> is boarding with us. She began Jan. 8.

I have rec'd a tithing order for \$120. I belong to the Academic Council and attended it Thurs. evening. I wrote to Jno. W. Ord, Pres. of YMMIA of Juab Stake, why I could not fulfill my appointment with him.

My classes in the Academy are larger than ever before and one or two additional classes. My class in Theology numbers 48 students. My classes in Physics are A, A1 and 2. The first two are high school courses and the latter is the second college course (electricity, etc.). We have had two days conference here. An excellent spirit prevailed. I feel like I can live to all of God's laws.

Ella's health is very poor.

**Jan. 24, 1900, Provo, Utah:** Last Thurs. I was asked by Pres. Cluff if I would go and fill an appointment made for Pro. Brimhall in Sevier Co. as he was called to Salt Lake. I went starting Fri. morning. I arrived at Glenwood, place of Inst. about 5:30 p.m. I got off train at Richfield and was taken by a brother to Glenwood. While in Richfield I saw for a few minutes Ed Clark<sup>64</sup> my cousin. He is tending bar in a saloon. I learned from him Will<sup>65</sup> was tending bar in Monroe. I was sorry to learn this. Their lives are being wasted. Neither knows the gospel. Ed says he would like to know the gospel was true. If he could know he would live it.

When I got to Glenwood, I met Prof. Cummings of the Uni. of Glenwood. He lectured on Nature Study. I spoke to a large audience Fri. night on the "Ends of Education and How Attained." Sat. I spoke twice before the Inst. on "Rules of Catechization" and "The

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<sup>63</sup> Lisle Finlayson (1883-1980), oldest daughter of Josiah's sister, Josephine Hickman Finlayson.

<sup>64</sup> Jason Edward "Ed" Clark (1862-1919), son of Samuel Harvey Clark and Lois Patton Hawes, sister of Lucy Ann Hawes Hickman, Josiah's mother.

<sup>65</sup> William Wesley Clark (1864-1945).

Mission of the Teacher." I was treated excellent by the people. I went from there in buggy with a Mr. Carter (teacher) to Salina, 20 miles and lectured before a large audience on "The Teacher and the Child." Was given a vote of thanks at each place I spoke.

I returned home Sun. Prof. Cummings and I stopped off in Manti for 1 ½ hrs.; went to Sup. A. C. Nelson's and had dinner. While there he permitted me to read a vision he had—a visit from his dead father who told him many things of the hereafter and how things were behind the veil. I had a very pleasant time with Prof. Cummings. I arrived in Provo at 4:30 p.m. and at 6:20 p.m. I started for Benj. where I lectured before a full house on the External Evidences of the Bk. of M. I returned home here Mon. morning. My absence from here has put me somewhat behind in my work. For comments on my work in Sevier Co., refer to Journal of Clippings.

I rec'd \$125 scrip and \$30 cash on my wages last week. I bought 70 bu. of wheat at Benj. from the tithing office. I sent \$5 to Martha to pay for shipping of my bks., cupboard, etc.

**Jan. 28, 1900, Provo, Utah:** Administered once. My work this week has kept me very busy. My higher course in Physics has just started on Part II of Carhart's Physics. Besides my work in physics, I am reading and discussing Fitch's Cosmos of Philosophy and I am reading psychology with Miller. We have just finished Thos. A. Hyde's "Science of Mind" a work of about 200 pages.

I have also finished Homes Autocrat of the Breakfast Table. I agree with Lowell that it is the book that we never get thru with. I have been a year reading it. Some parts I reread several times. It is unique within itself. It deals with the whims, feelings, characters and subtleties of the human. The author intersperses his prose with poems of his own. Some passages are the models of literature abounding with the loftiest thoughts of pathos and grandeur.

I have just written an article for the White and Blue. The title is "Space Ideas in Lower Animals." (Some original experiments.) It is the results of my experiments last summer on two pigs.

Ree'd letter from Martha; she and children are well.

**Feb. 4, 1900, Provo, Utah:** Have been busy with my classes in Physics this week. My class in electricity takes most of my time. I spoke in the Academy wards (1st & 4th) last Sun. night on the value of patriarchal blessings and having high aims and ideals. The Lord was with me to a wonderful degree. I also spoke to the 1905 class. Their motto is "The World is Our Client." I gave them their motto. I went to S. School today and taught my class "S. Normal."

Josephine came last night and we have had a nice visit. She goes home this afternoon.

I am looking after Ray L. Davis' house and lot here in Provo. I spoke for a short time in this evening's meeting (conference of Ac. wards).

**Feb. 10, 1900, Provo, Utah:** (Sat.) Administered about 12 times. School work the same. Have been out of school one day (Fri.) on account of Annie's sickness. She has been real sick since last Mon. I have been there three nights in succession all night. We administered many times to alleviate her distress which was terrific at times. She is better today but very weak. Ma came night before last (12:20 a.m.) with buggy.

The young ladies of the second ward of this city have arranged for a lecture course to be given to the young ladies as well as for the married women. They have engaged me to lecture to them once a week (Mondays) beginning last Mon. evening. The lectures will be upon Church History. At the last meeting there were present about 50.

**Mar. 4, 1900, Provo, Utah:** Administered 7 times. The meetings with the young ladies in the Second Ward have increased considerably for the Elder's Quorum has joined with them and all quorums and all classes meet; the house is nearly full each evening. Those that attend are very expressive in their appreciation of the subject matter and the spirit manifest.

Annie is well again. Ma was here with her for several days. Josephine has been sick but is better. Have rec'd letters from Fred, Francis, Martha & Ma.

I went south Feb. 21 (evening). Left Juab Thurs. morning at 5:30. Went to Holden and spoke there on the aims of life. I went from there to Fillmore Fri. and attended the dedicatory exercises of the new school building there. While in Holden I stayed with Sup. H. P. Brown and Sidney Teeple. When I got to the dedicatory exercises, I met Pres. Kingsbury and Prof. Roylance of the Uni. They and I spoke at the dedication and at the Inst. on Sat. I appreciated very much what they said. I learn today from Richard Lyman that they appreciated very much what I said, so it was somewhat reciprocal.

My lecture before the Inst. was the ten principles of education as given by Brooks. I attended S. School in Fillmore in forenoon and went from there to Holden and spoke in the afternoon to a full house. I there showed that the raid now made upon our people by the ministers is only a repetition of the work of priests in Ancient Egypt and Rome when God's people were so terribly tortured. The Lord blessed me in my speech.

Bp. Stephensen of Holden took me from there to Scipio that evening where I lectured to a crowded house of the External Evidences of the Bk. of M. After meeting I had supper at Pres. Daniel Thompson's after which his son James took me to Juab that night. We arrived there between 3 & 4 o'clock in the morning and sat up until the train pulled out. In my classes that day I was very dull and noncommunicative.

While in Fillmore, I blessed and named Mrs. Nellie Hinckley Robinson's baby. I named it Juanita.



I like my work in Physics. I find it somewhat difficult to handle some of the apparatus. Some of us teachers went up to the power plant yesterday and visited their works. The Sup., a Mr. Nunn, treated us royally. At noon he had dinner prepared for the crowd. We teachers had a contest in shooting and I rather took the lead. Among other things, I shot a chippy's head off and a hole thru salmon as it was thrown thru the air.

Last night I had the double distinct of being judge in a debating society and one of the toasters in the banquet given by the Commercial College in honor of E. S. Hinckley who leaves to take charge of the Business College in LDS College. The banquet was a glowing success in every respect.

Today (Sun.) I attended S. School and fast meeting in the BYA. I was called on to open meeting and pray for five very sick persons. Both meeting and S. S. were excellent.

**Mar. 18, 1900, Provo, Utah:** Administered 4 times. Since writing last time, I have been in Sevier Co. and spoke in Monroe, Elsinore and Richfield. I was gone three days (Mar. 10, 11 & 12). I went to those places to fulfill appointments thru the invitation of Bros. Frank Segmiller and Jacob Magalby. While there I met Ed and Will. Ed met me at the depot in Richfield and we went to Elsinore on train. There we found Will and wife waiting for us with buggy. We all went to Monroe where I spoke upon certain lines of Character. That night I spoke two hrs. but all seemed enveloped and different ones said they could have listened two more hrs. The next morning (Sun.) Ed, Will and I went up to the mineral springs just above Monroe and had a bath in the mineral springs. Then Ed and I went to S. S. with Jacob Magalby. I spoke about 25 minutes on predestination and foreordination showing that we are not predestined. Sat. night after meeting, Ed, Will and his wife and I went to Mrs. Mary Anderson Magalby and had root beer and supper. Then Ed and I stayed all night. In afternoon (Sun.) Ed, Will and wife went with me to Elsinore and also to Richfield at night. Different persons followed me from Monroe to Elsinore and then to Richfield. The Lord blessed me on my trip for which I am exceedingly thankful. I take no honor to myself. I was nearly exhausted when thru my lectures for I had been clothed upon of the Lord with mighty power and I spoke with power and magnetic influence until I was weak and empty.

I had a few minutes (30) private talk alone with Will and he is going to quit saloon keeping in a yr. or such a matter. He will read any religious works I may send him. I had a private conversation with Ed and he will quit saloon keeping in the near future. He will try to live better in future than in the past. I saw his oldest girl and boy. I was so pleased to see and converse with them. I feel my trip was not in vain. They had a good father but dying young, the boys were lead astray. They appreciate the misfortune of their early life and course since.

Last Fri. evening (Mar. 15) I was asked to go to Payson and speak on education the eve before the people voted a special tax to build a central school house. I went and spoke per appointment on Education of the Child. I stayed by special request and spoke in their mass meeting the next day (Sat.). I then went down and visited Ma at Benjamin. While there I went and administered to James Hawkins who has returned from his mission (after

an absence of about 8 months) very sick. One of his lungs is completely closed up. Drs. told him he could not live but he is still better. Fred Evans was released to bring James home. I learn with deep regret that several elders have died on their missions during the last yr. and a half and more have come home very sick.

I figured up with Ma yesterday that I had paid over \$606 interest and all on the farm. I have rec'd three letters from Martha since I last wrote and she is disheartened and sorrowful. It grieves me to know I cannot have her and the little children with me. I feel that I am not living this principle and I should and would be pleased to. O, Lord, bless my absent wife and little children. Bless me with means that I can care for them and give them homes as I should.

Ella has been sick with heart trouble but she is well again.

I rec'd Fri. \$90 (cash \$30 and script \$60). I am in distress due to my indebtedness. My lectures in the Second Ward seem to give satisfaction for the audience increases each meeting so far. The house was full last Mon. evening. My heart leaps for joy when I know I have done well and done good to my fellow beings.

I rec'd a letter from Clinton Ray of Scipio today and aside from the pleasant things he said, these words were in his letter: "I have been under the contagious fire of thine eloquence (he has reference to my lectures in Holden and Scipio) until I am half consumed. I sowed a word on the wind concerning you that I think shall not perish from the earth. I told the people they had heard veritably 'a new voice in the wilderness' and moreover, they say I am right."

I rec'd a letter from Prof. Connell in Mich. He tells me that he is half in notion of joining the Mormon church and return to Utah.

**Mar. 25, 1900, Provo, Utah:** Administered twice. Rec'd letters from Jas. Connell, Martha and Francis. I believe Prof. Connell will yet join the church.

The routine of school work, the same as usual. Yet I learn daily and rapidly, too. I feel the Lord helped me in my work. I worked until 11:45 p.m. last night in the laboratory with Thos. Daniels. He has given me considerable aid in electricity.

I played baseball three times this week. Pres. Cluff telegraphed me Fri. to go to Millard Co., Scipio to attend Inst. but it came too late for me to go on train. I leave on this afternoon train for Lehi to speak this evening. Josephine, Annie and Fred are here today. I spoke in 2nd Ward last Mon. night to larger audience than ever.

**Apr. 10, 1900, Provo, Utah:** School work as usual. I went to Nephi a week ago last Sat, and next day (Apr. 1). I spoke to the Nephi people in S. School a short time in one of the wards. In the evening I spoke to a full house in the tabernacle on Life, Habit and Character. The Lord was with me and the people much appreciated the truths brought forth. Apostle Teasdale was there and the next morning I rode from Nephi to Provo with

him. We had a nice talk together the whole distance. He is full of the Lord's spirit. I love the apostles. I hope and pray that I may be as good as they by and thru my constant labor and the spirit of the Lord.

I went to conference and there met Martha and had an excellent visit with her. I was very homesick to see my little children, but she could not bring them. I love her dearly for her sacrificing spirit. I hope that the near future will bring us nearer together. We had an excellent conference. I attended the entire three days (Apr. 6, 7 & 8). Among the excellent things said were (1) Tithing is as much a saving principle as baptism or confirmation, etc., (2) People will apostatise if they do not pay their tithes, (3) Tho snows have not come in our mts. this yr., God will send the rains to water the earth, (4) None but pure Latter D. Saints will be called to build up Jackson Co., (5) The gift of tongues often proves to be a dangerous gift, (6) This irreverence of the people towards the leaders of the church will result in apostacy by those who are guilty of it unless they repent.

Brigham Young was named as the first apostle but was not sustained as president of the apostle's quorum. I don't know why. Reed Smoot was chosen an apostle. It was a great surprise to himself as well as the audience. He must have been God's choice and I am thankful that God chooses and rules in Israel. I feel to make a renewed effort to live his laws and purify my life.

I returned home Sun. night at 11 p.m. and the dark shadows of approaching motherhood were beginning to lower over our home and at 3 a.m. was born into this world a pretty little black-eyed, dark haired girl which we own and bless as ours. Ella is getting along nicely. The babe was born over a half hr. before the doctor (Taylor) came and I did my first surgical work in severing child from mother.<sup>66</sup>

**Apr. 21, 1900, Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete Co., Utah:** Administered 4 times. School work the same. Pres. Cluff and party started on their South American trip last Tues. (17) with fluttering flag and shouts and tears of many. I hope the trip will be successful but I find much prejudice concerning the trip, especially by those not of our school.

I was sent yesterday morning to Moroni, Sanpete Co. to attend this Co. Inst. I took Miss Young's place. I met Prof. Stewart of the Uni. here. He and I occupied the time. I came to this place this evening with Mt. Pleasant teachers. I speak here this evening (meeting over). It was not a glowing success. There came up a heavy snowstorm and the house was not more than 1/3 full. I did not feel well but spoke for an hr. on "Heredity and Character." The people seemed interested and one old gentleman came to my hotel next morning to talk to me on my lecture stating I had touched some valuable thoughts which he had thought upon for yrs. I came home next day (Sun.) on afternoon train. I spoke a short time in Mt. P. S. School.

I had the company of Co. Sup. Nelson on the train. He asked me to teach in Sanpete Co. Inst. for 5 wks. for which service he would give me \$140 but unless he can put his Inst. at a later date, I cannot accept the offer.

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<sup>66</sup> Lorea Lee Hickman (1900-1982)

**Apr. 29, 1900, Provo, Utah:** Administered 8 times. I still struggle along in Physics. The subject is becoming clearer to me every day. I confess here (but Journal, don't divulge the secret) I have been teaching subjects I never taught before and what is more, I never studied before. One of the university courses (Course 2) I never took under any man, and I believe it is as clear to me as most any of the other three courses I have been teaching.

I am to take the Physics courses again next yr. aside from that I am to teach Physiology, Higher Psychology, Deductive and Inductive Logic, History of Education aside from this I am to teach the S. School course to be given next yr. I will have Bro. Nathaniel Baldwin to help me in Physics. He is a brilliant young man of great promise in the scientific and in the world of invention.

Our little baby has been ill this week. Today I blessed her and give her a name - Lorea Lee. I feel my three little girls have beautiful names.

I have rec'd two letters from Martha this week, one from Leslie. He is going now on his mission sometime in May. I wish him God's speed.

I spoke again in the Second Ward last Mon. to not so large an audience due to small pox scare, but with almost an unbounded liberty. I pray for as great a spirit tomorrow night (Mon.). I have been to S. S., taught my Normal S. School class; to meeting in afternoon. Bros. J. G. Kimball and S. B. Young spoke. Their discourses were excellent. I went to Academy ward meetings tonight. I spoke upon the covenant of the sacrament and what it meant. The Lord blessed me abundantly even as I asked Him. I feel a good spirit tonight and pray it may be my constant companion and an influence of my home.

I rec'd \$90 (\$60 scrip and \$30 cash) for last month's pay. Annie has been very sick again but is now better again. Two brethren died in our town this week - Bros. War and Amos Holdaway.

**May 13, 1900, Provo, Utah:** Administered 10 times. Since last writing a coal mine had an explosion at Scofield May 1 wherein 208 men were killed; one of the most terrific accidents ever known for any mine explosion. It cast a gloom over all Utah and elicited words of sympathy from the rulers of other nations (France & England). Over \$108,000 have been raised for the widows and orphans, say nothing of provisions, cancelling of debts, etc. There were 9 brothers from one family (Luma).

I have been home (Benj.) twice within last 8 days. Last Sun. I went to Spanish Fork and lectured on "The Spring of Life." The house (tabernacle) was crowded to its utmost. The occasion was the combining of the 4 wards in conjoint session. I spoke two hrs. which was too long a time I felt, but I was overflowing with the subject. For comment, see clippings.

I went to Benj. last Thurs. evening to Leslie's farewell. A good crowd was out and the people had a very nice program. I spoke for a short time. I returned next morning on 8 a.m. train.

Leslie left on train for S. L. I went to S. L. yesterday to see the athletic contest between BYA and Uni. but only one game came off (basketball game) and our girls won. It was the honor that the Uni. had held for several yrs. before. The reason other contests did not take place was that the Uni. tried to bring in two men from the Branch Normal at Cedar City, and the Academy boys would not agree to such a turn of affairs as that was not in the agreement. At the announcement, a rush began and some little fighting was indulged in between the Academy and Uni. students. I arrived home about 9 p. m.

I have sent Will Clark Rich's "Durant" "that Mormon" with my compliments. I also have the Voice of Warning to send to Ed Clark. I have done this that if possible I can get them to return to the faith of their father who died when they were very small boys.

I have been to Young People's Annual Conference today. It continues this evening. I, with three others, spoke this afternoon. LeRoy Snow related how it was that his father went to St. George last spring. His father did not know only the spirit of God urged him to and when he got there it was made known. That country was, and had been for 6 or 7 yrs., under the terrible draught until the people were destitute and cattle dying. Pres. Snow told them if they would pay their tithes and offerings that God would send the rains and redeem the land. It did not come and this spring on Apr. 1 Pres. Snow went before the Lord and plead with all his soul telling the Lord what he had promised the people and the rains had not come and for Him to send the rains. It was not 24 hrs. from that time until the rains began in that southern country and have continued with interruptions until at present. Pres. Snow went before the Lord and thanked Him and wept like a child for the gratitude in his soul.

While at Benj. a week ago today, I attended fast meeting and was called upon to aid in blessing children. I blessed Lettie Hickman's baby. It was named Thelma A.<sup>67</sup> I also blessed Mrs. Rose Bird Gardner's baby. I also last Thurs. night (May 10) thru the request of Bp. Stewart, ordained Leslie Hickman an elder.

**May 20, 1900, Provo, Utah:** Leslie did not go on his mission until last Thurs. He came back from S. L. and visited until Wed, and then went to S. L. a brought him from Benj. and she remained until Thurs. Administered once.

I played ball one night (afternoon) this week. I have played 10 or 12 times this spring—the first for about 13 or 14 yrs. I went to Springville this afternoon and spoke there per appointment. Apostle John Henry Smith was there and I divided time with him, tho he would hardly consent to take any of the time. The officers of the town are very urgent I return again and I promised that I would but could set no date. I delivered a lecture last night before the Literary Society entitled "The Origin of Man in America." It is the

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<sup>67</sup> Thelma Ann Hickman (1900-1968), daughter of Josiah's brother, Charles Wesley Hickman and Lettie Ann Mikesell.

second time in my life that I ever spoke upon that subject. I also spoke last Wed, before the Sorosis Club of Provo on "Child Culture." As the name implies, it was a meeting of women.

I learn that Bp. Andrew Stewart of Benjamin has resigned and Isaac Hanson has been appointed in his stead.

I sold Dr. Davis' house and lot for him and got \$75 for it. I rec'd a letter from Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon stating that due to lack of funds they could not pay my expenses to go east this summer. I rec'd letter from Apostle Smoot asking me if I could let him have my notes or speech (if I had one written) on my speech delivered in Spanish Fork entitled "The Springtime of Life."

I have not heard from Martha for ten days.

**June 11, 1900, Fort Cameron, Beaver Co., Utah:** Administered once. Some time has elapsed since I wrote and much has transpired during the time. School closed in an excellent manner and the commencement week was very entertaining and instructive. Most of my students got thru with their courses.

During the last week before commencement, I went to Millard Co. per appointment and delivered the commencement or graduating address before the graduates of Millard Co. (35 in all I believe). The exercises were excellent and I had a nice time. The next day (May 26) I went to Deseret and delivered a lecture on the External Evidences of Bk. of M. I left at two that night for Provo. I arrived home at 8:30 a. m. That afternoon I went to Alpine and spoke Sun. evening on the fulfilment of modern prophecy. I came home early next morning. That evening I delivered my last lecture in the Second Ward. At the close of my lecture, the audience (at least many of them) arose and threw bouquets at me until I picked up two arms full of bouquets. Speeches were made by representatives of the young ladies and then by a representative of the elders teachers and priests quorums. Afterwards Bp. Eggertson arose and made a nice presenting speech and presented me with a beautiful picture of our present leaders. It was nicely framed. The picture was 3 ½ by 2 ½ ft. After this a very nice picnic of ice cream, lemonade and cake was served. In my speech or reply to all of these kindnesses, I told them I was not deserving of such an outburst of emotion of appreciation. Should I live to a hundred years, I would not be wholly worthy of the remarks and words of unstinted praise given me.

The next day I acted as master of ceremonies for the commencement exercises of the graduates of the Commercial College.

On Wed., Decoration Day, I went to Spanish Fork and delivered an address at their memorial exercises. I met Ma and Mary Stewart there; they had come to hear me. I was taken back to Provo in a delivery outfit in time for the Academy field sports. We (9 Academy teachers) played Provo lawyers and Drs. We beat 43 to 23. I left that night for Payson. The next night I spoke before the graduates of that place Thurs. evening. I was much blessed in my speech. The next day I went to Pleasant Grove and delivered the

graduation address to the graduates of Utah Co. (112 in all). I was blessed with much power and influence. That ended my rush for a few days.

Sat. June 2, I started for Beaver. We (Bro. Home, Cluff, Miss Reynolds & self) arrived in Milford Sun. morning. As we had an hour to stop, I hunted up Joseph Hickman, Uncle William's son. He and his wife were very pleased to see me. This is the second time I ever saw him. We all arrived here at the fort Sun. evening. We stopped about 1 ½ hrs. at Minersville. I rode the bicycle about 10 miles. Our team gave out on us before we got to the fort.

Summer School began here Mon. June 4. Last week passed off very pleasantly. There are about 25 teachers taking the work. I am teaching Botany, Geology, Nature Study and Physics. I hold my classes 6 days in the week as I will only be here 4 weeks.

I have rec'd letters from Ella and Martha. All are well. Martha is asked to enter as a candidate for Co. Sup. of Schools on the Republican ticket.

Last Wed. I spoke in Beaver on Astronomy. Thurs. evening I, with Rheinard Maeser and Jos. L. Home, went to Greenville. Bro. Home and myself spoke. The house was not large and only partly enough benches to fill the house and only partly enough people to fill the benches, but had a good meeting. I spoke on "Our Country Life and How to Rise Above our Surroundings, etc." Last night I spoke to a crowded house in Beaver upon Habits and Character forming period.

Last week I sent \$7.00 to Martha to pay for necessary expenses.

**June 24, 1900, Fort Cameron, Beaver Co., Utah:** Administered 3 times. It is Sun. morning—clear, beautiful and serene. A week ago today I spoke in Minersville both at S. S. and afternoon meeting. I was in company with Rheinard Maeser, Foster Cluff and a Bro. Bert and a young lady by name of Morgan; she was a half Hindu. We returned that evening (19 miles). This last week our work went well. Each teacher is advised to take but two studies and we expect to complete a term's work in each branch.

Last Tues. night Alice Reynolds gave a very nice paper on Louisa Alcott. Fri. night we had a mock trial. Bro. Day and I prosecuted while Bros. Home and Cluff defended. I never feel good after being connected with one. I went to conference yesterday afternoon. Bros. Lyman and McMurrin are here (Beaver). I will attend again today. I have had two baths in Beaver Creek this week. Joined in the sports of the Summer School teachers part of the time.

A great war is on between China and six other nations (Eng., Gem., Fr., Russ. & America & Japan). The papers feel that it is a very serious complication. If all these rumors are true, this war includes more nations and covers more of the world than any war in the history of nations. At the present there is war between U. S. America and Filipinos, Eng. & Boers, Mexico and a strong nation of her Indians, all these with the rumors and

threatening disruptions makes one feel that the 24 Ch. of Matt. was about to be fulfilled. I leave next Fri. or Sat, for Paragonah Parowan, Panguitch, Circleville and on to Manti. I met Jos. Harris this last week. I borrowed \$10 to pay him in full for money I borrowed of him when I was in Ann Arbor. I feel him a genuine friend.

Conference is over I attended this afternoon and evening. I feel better for attending. I was invited to Bro. Murdock's for supper. He was a missionary partner of Bro. Osrold Crockett. He said that he had heard such good reports about me from Bro. Crockett. They are too flattering to write down.

**July 8, 1900, Manti, Utah:** Administered 8 times. On the evening of the 27 of June, I lectured to the Beaver people on the Banishment of the Mormon People. Many came and said it was the greatest speech they ever heard. The following evening I spoke at Adamsville 10 miles west of Beaver. Tues. night, June 26, I spoke again in Greenville. In the evening of June 29, I spoke to the teachers and visitors at Fort Cameron. My subject was Government of Children.

June 30 I started for Provo arriving July 1. On arrival home I found Ella and three of the children sick. I administered to them and all got well but Ella, and she was very ill when I left this place with heart and lung trouble. I hope she is better.

On the 4th of July, I delivered the Oration in Payson. For comments see clippings. Francis came here with me to the Summer School. On our way here, our train ran into a wagon and horses and four persons—father, son and two daughters – (about 8, 12 & 17 yrs. old). The son was killed in a frightful manner. The father and 12 yr. old girl were cut and bruised but will recover, but the little girl had her leg lacerated and broken in two places and also her arm. It is thought doubtful whether she recovers. It was the most horrible sight that I ever beheld.

School bids fare for a successful session. I am teaching Physics, Trigonometry, Algebra and General Pedagogy. Pines. Paul and Mrs. Home are teaching here.

**July 23, 1900, Manti, Utah:** Administered about 20 times. I was called home a week ago last Sat, due to the severe illness of Ella. The telegram was handed to me too late to go on that day, so I could not go until Sun. When I got home, was a little better but it was thought she would die Sat. night. Her condition was very critical. She had two bad spells with her heart Sun. evening after I returned home. But from then on she has been improving slowly. As she was so much better, I returned here yesterday. Laura is staying there with Ella. Mary came from Vernal to see Ella and was there two or 3 days before I got there. I was home just a week. While home Bro. Nathaniel Baldwin took my place in Summer School. He did well with his work.

I rec'd a letter from Martha; she and the children are sick. Especially Juanita. The children have the whooping cough. I feel deeply over our being separated. O, Lord, bless them in their loneliness; hasten the day when it shall be otherwise.



I am to deliver the oration tomorrow and have given it no thought but will put in most of this day in preparing it. Francis is sick today.

**July 27, 1900, Manti, Utah:** It is Fri. evening and I have been kicking and jumping with Francis and have ripped my pants from crotch to stern. We jumped about 10 ft. Pretty good for a man just turning 38. Unless he (Francis) looks well to his athletics he will hardly be able to be so limber when he is as old as I.

Well, the 24th came and went. I delivered the oration which I tried to think out on the 23 of July. The Lord blessed me with all the power and influence I asked Him to give me. I asked Him to bless me with the power of speech and burning thoughts; that those who came should think more earnestly of the great sacrifice of the Pioneers and feel to thank God for hearing the truth; that they that heard should feel to live better lives in the future. If I can rely upon the testimonies of many, my prayer and desire was answered. Some said it was the grandest they ever heard; others told me they could go home and live better lives than in the past. Francis said it was far better than I delivered in Payson on the 4<sup>th</sup>. For comments of papers, see Journal of Clippings.

I rec'd two postal cards today from Laura stating that Ella was much better and had walked to the door twice. I rec'd letter from Martha stating Juanita and boys were improving. I long to see those little cast-off orphans.

I met and shook hands with the following persons: Horace Thornton, early pioneer; Daniel Henry, one of the Mormon Battalion; Ezariah Smith, M. Battalion; Wm. J. Johnson, M. Battalion. He also was working at Sutter's Mill. at time of the discovery of gold.

**July 31, 1900, Manti, Utah:** Administered once. It is Wed, evening (11:45 p.m.). I delivered a lecture here tonight on the External Evidences of the Bk. of Mormon. The Lord was with me and the people seemed much pleased. Mrs. Home (the artist) said it was a master effort.

Ella is still improving. I thank the Lord from the bottom of my heart for His blessings in Ella's behalf. I am to speak tomorrow evening on Character and Banishment of M. People next evening if it is God's will.

**Oct. 6, 1900, Provo, Utah:** Administered about 35 times. As recorded in my last writing I delivered the other two lectures in Manti. Each time the house was a little fuller than the time before. The last night (The Banishment of the Mormon People) was the master effort of my life. I spoke 1 hr. 50 min. The audience was (if I can depend on what different ones said) enraptured and some said they could have heard with deep interest another hr. One gentleman (a Bro. Jorgensen, a teacher) said he would give \$10 for the speech. The Lord I feel clothed me with his spirit in a marked degree.

The Summer School closed in a very creditable manner. While in Sanpete Co. I also lectured at Gunnison and Ephriam. The school closed Aug. 16. From there I went

straight to Preston, Idaho. I stayed there until Aug. 28 visiting and loving my wife and children. While there I spoke twice, once in the Academy at a special meeting called for the purpose of hearing my reply to the arguments of the Josephites who had a week or so before been there for two weeks lecturing against the Mormons and defending their cause. I went with Martha and the children up Cub River Canyon for three days. We had an excellent time. I killed three chickens, but one hid so it could not be found. We also went one evening to the river and killed three ducks, but only got two.

I arrived home in Provo in the evening of Aug. 28. I found Ella much improved. She continued so for 2 or 3 weeks when she took a relapse. Her heart is very bad and she has been growing gradually worse with occasional improvement for a few days. She was much better the last few days until about 9 a.m. this morning when she took with vomiting and great distress in her stomach. It looked as tho her time had come. I administered to her 3 or 4 times and she is now easier, but quite bad. I hardly know what the Lord has in store for me. The Drs. say she can't get well, but I have strong faith and hopes she will. The Lord has been kind to me whatever may be in store for me.

Since I returned from Idaho I have been in school. I am teaching this yr. Physics, Theology (Bk. M), Logic, Physiology, History of Pedagogy and am studying Calculus (Differential). Since school began I have been to Salt Lake to convention of MIA officers. Spoke three times in Provo in meetings and at one funeral--the death of Mrs. Potter's little girl. Mrs. Potter is sister of Bro. O. W. Andelin. I have spoken once in Timpanogus Ward, once in Fairview, Sanpete Co. Aside from this work I lectured once before the Parent's Club in place of B. H. Roberts, subject "Culture of Children."

I rec'd letter from Leslie. He is doing well on his mission. Martha and Juanita have been sick. The Oneida Stake Academy is in session with a new corps of teachers. Pres. Parkinson told Martha that if they could get the money, they would pay me \$1500 or \$1600 a yr. if they could get me.

**Oct. 28, 1900, Provo, Utah:** Administered about 30 times. Ella is no better than when I last wrote. She has been some better but is worse again. Her bloating is very great due to the enlargement of her liver. It is several times its natural size.

Since last writing I have spoken in Springville before the conjoint societies of the city. It was highly praised by all. The next Sun. following I spoke in Mapleton to a large audience. The meeting was under the auspices of the Academy Society. These societies are being organized in a great many towns where there are a number of Academy students living. My speech was a success if can rely upon the extravagant comments made by those present.

**Nov. 17, 1900, Provo, Utah:** Administered about 12 times. I now record the saddest hour of my life. My dear wife, Ella, died Fri. Nov. 2 at 7:15 p.m. How terrible was and is my grief. No one can tell what the grief is until the sacrifice is made at his own home. The night before she died, she asked me to dedicate her to the Lord for she wanted to be relieved from her sufferings. She had suffered so much and bore it so patiently without

murmur or complaint. It was the merit of Drs. and visitors that they never saw anyone before so patient as she. So when she begged to be dedicated, I knelt down, heartbroken and with choking voice and face bathed in tears. I told the Lord I would bow to his decree, tho it took my heart's blood. Whatever He had in store for me and what may come, tho it desolated my home, He had been kind to me, had heard my prayers in times past and had given me power over death when it seemed to stand at my door. Ella was not afraid to die and made arrangements for it. The Tues. evening before she died, I came home from school and found her burning the last of our love letters which we had written to each other from our earliest acquaintance to the present. I said, "Ella, what are you doing?" She replied that she was burning our letters. I asked why she was doing that. She replied that she did not want any human eye to read what we had said to each other. My heart was broken and nearly all night tears flowed down my cheeks. I tried to smother my grief from her. Great faith was exercised in her behalf. Night after night I have worked and prayed over her and nearly every time she received relief from her pain. Aside from perhaps hundreds of administrations of own, many faithful elders administered to her amidst others. Apostle Reed Smoot and Pres. Jos. F. Smith also. My class in Theology also fasted and prayed for her. It must have been the Lord's will for her to go or our faith could have withstood the disease.

Ella was conscious almost to the last. When I saw her moments were but few here, I took her hand and, weeping, said: "Good-bye my Ella, Good-bye," but she did not hear me. I became a child and wept bitterly; I could not bear up any longer. Before she died, she asked that I get Apostle Cowley to speak at her funeral. I did get him. He, Apostle Reed Smoot, C. H. Brimhall and Bp. Keeler spoke at the funeral. I, with all my grief, never heard such grand remarks before. He (Cowley) vindicated plural marriage and said that all men and women that held offices in this church in S. S., MIA, primaries, etc. who disposed or disbelieved that principle should be expelled from their offices, etc. His sermon changed the sentiment of Mary Orser and Will Darnley towards me. Bro. Brimhall felt to predict that it was God's will Ella went and predicted that she could do more in heaven for her children than she could on earth. Since the funeral I have been much comforted. Ella was buried in a beautiful casket and in a most beautiful brick and stone vault.

While dear Ella laid in her casket, Fern, Dee, Othello, Eugene and myself laid our hands upon her silent breast and there covenanted that by God's help we would remain pure and faithful to the end that we might meet our wife and mother again.

I now close this, my 3rd journal with sorrow and my hopes shattered. But my faith is unshaken. I know my God and my faith is anchored in Him. O, Father, lift this load from off my soul. Comfort me. I am weak and filled with imperfection. Strengthen me that I may be a light to my living wife and all my children. May my life give them much joy. May my children never go astray nor be darkened--no, not one. Endow me with power from on high; may I never forsake Thee nor abuse any blessing or privilege or power Thou will place upon me. Grant that any and all gifts that were once mine by promise and foreordination may be meted out to me in Thine own due time. I desire my body may be a clean tabernacle that Thy spirit may dwell in me until I fulfill all

patriarchal blessings and predictions pronounced upon my head. O, Father, I am much distressed over my indebtedness. Lift me from this condition that my honor shall not be dimmed by failure. Make it possible that I may get homes for my dear ones in the near future. Give me means to accomplish all my heart desires in righteousness. Hear, O hear my prayer; may I be filled with mercy, charity, gratitude and love unfeigned. I need these gifts to do Thy will. For this purpose did I come forth. All I have is a gift from Thee, to Thee I bow and submit to Thy decree, turn me not away. Amen. *JEH*