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November 18, 1900 to March 11, 1906

**Feb. 4, 1901, Provo, Utah:** Tho I do not write until this date, I will give a brief of what I did from Nov. 17, 1900 to this date. I was busy with school work till Dec. 19. I went to Spring City, Sanpete Co. and spoke at the Co. Inst. on Oral & Written Language. I spoke in the evening to a public audience on "The Nation's Ideal of Education." I criticised it and pointed out its defects and wherein it failed. It excluded God, etc. I also addressed the Sunday School the following day (Sun.) nearly the whole session by the Sup.'s request. I talked upon and discussed with them the Word of Wisdom. I think I never was more successful in talking to a S.S. for most of the time I quizzed the children. For comments of my work in that city, refer to Journal of Clippings.

I went to Emery Co. and spoke to the teachers of that Co. upon character in the school room. The Inst. was held at Castledale. I drove from Price to Castledale in buggy. I returned the same evening and spoke to the people of Huntington upon habit and heredity. I, next morning, drove back to Price (Sun.). I spoke for a short time in the afternoon meeting and again at night. I had an excellent spirit. While making the drive from Huntington to Price (23 miles) that Sun. I spent nearly the whole time in silent and vocal prayer and from it I rec'd much benefit.

I went to Idaho and spent the holidays with Martha and the children, except two and half days I went to Salt Lake and attended the St. Teachers Assn. I heard many excellent truths and ideas. Dr. Krohn of Chicago Uni. lectured three times. While in S. L. I heard Nat. Brigham's lecture on the Grand Canyon. It was most choice in the extreme. Since Christmas holidays, I have been very busy with my work and public lectures. I have been in Sevier Co. and spoke twice before that Inst. gave two public lectures - at Richfield and Monroe. See clippings in Journal for an idea of my success. I have also spoken twice at Springville, once at Payson, several times in Provo.

The division of Utah Stake into three stakes - Utah, Nebo and Alpine. I was chosen Pres. of YMMIA with Bros. W. E. Rydalch and Jos. A. Buttle as my counsellors, Thos. Court as Sec., and W. J. Knight as Treasurer, Caleb Tanner, Moses Davis and Willis K. Johnson as aids. Since then Bro. W. E. Rydalch has been chosen second counsellor to Bp. Snow and Willis K. has been chosen counsellor in religion class work to Ed S. Hinckley.

While I was at Monroe last Jan. I blessed and named four of my cousins' children. They ranged from 2 to 7 yrs of age. Their names were Mabel Clara Taylor, LeRoy Thos. Taylor, Geo. Edgar Taylor and Win. W. Clark.

I have just returned from Oasis, Millard Co. where I went and lectured before the Inst. twice on Sat. and in the evening I went to Hinckley and spoke to that ward. The Inst. was

well attended, the house being full in afternoon and mostly so in forenoon with teachers and parents. For comments see Journal of Clippings. I took my little boy George W.<sup>1</sup> with me. last Tues. I spoke to Young Ladies of III Ward on the life of Joseph Smith. The Lord has blessed me very much in my speaking for which I am reverentially thankful. The Stake Officers of MIA visited the 1st Ward conjoint tonight and we had an excellent meeting. We all spoke for a short time. The Boshard & Pine Bros. rendered two most beautiful quartets.

I rec'd the other day a telegram from the State Sup. of Public Instruction of Idaho asking if I would come to Moscow and deliver a paper before the Teachers' Assn. of Northwest Idaho. I do not know that I will go.

**Feb. 17, 1901, Provo, Utah:** Have been busy with school work, MIA and Institute work. Since last writing I have been to Springville and spoke to young men of 1st Ward and Lake View. I just returned from Eureka. I went Fri. night and lectured there yesterday before the Co. Inst. I spoke at forenoon & afternoon session. The teachers had a very nice dinner in the school house. I stayed with Fred Finlayson while there. I also called upon George Hickman (Wm. Hickman's son) and his family; also two of his daughters who were married (Wing & Henroid). On arriving home I found my children well. (Administered 6 times.)

The teachers were very expressive at Eureka over my lectures on Oral & Written Language. For comments, see Journal of Clippings. Othello<sup>2</sup> had the croupe Thurs. night real bad. I administered to him and he got better. I am asked to lecture in Pleasant Grove and Ephriam, Sanpete Co. I go tonight to speak at Springville.

Dr. Karl G. Maeser died suddenly Thurs. night (Feb. 14 morning) about 3:20 a.m. He had been in good health up till an hr. of his death. He died without a moments warning or even a struggle. His death was ideal. We closed the Academy Fri. morning on hearing the news of Bro. Maeser's death. His funeral will be on Tues. Teachers and students intend to attend the funeral. Bros. Tanner, Brimhall, Budge, Talmage, Lund & Cannon were the speakers. His grave was perfectly lined from top to bottom with flowers so that he was laid to rest between & beneath a wilderness of flowers. The next Sun. (Feb. 24) following, Provo & the Academy held memorial services in the tabernacle. The speakers were Mrs. Tennie Taylor, Bros. Hardy, Smoot, O. F. Whitney, Brimhall, Booth, Nelson & myself. I never heard greater words spoken in anyone's favor before or since. His memory will live as long as the history of our people is perpetuated.

By request from the officers of the White & Blue (the Academy paper), I have written a eulogy of Dr. Maeser's life. For a knowledge of it, refer to journal of clippings. I feel it is fairly good. I wrote it in part of Sat. afternoon and Sun. evening. I attend the students meeting a week ago last Sun. and spoke for a short time to the students.

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<sup>1</sup> George is six years old.

<sup>2</sup> Othello is eleven years old.

Last Fri. I went to Pleasant Grove and spoke before a public assemblage of parents and students. My subject was upon Education and its uplifting forces. The next morning I left for Ephriam, Sanpete Co. where I spoke before the students of the Snow Academy Sat. evening. I attended the S. S. next morning and spoke for a short time.

I came to Springville and there attended officer's meeting of YMMIA. In the evening we officers of the Stake attended conjoint of all the wards of Springville and Mapleton. We all spoke with great power. I prophesied that the young men joining these secret lodges would eventually apostatise if they did not repent. It seemed that most all that were there bore testimony in their hearts and in words that my prophecy was true. Pine & Boshard Bros. quartet were there and sang for us. It was beautiful. But I learned (and that very forceably) that Herbert Pine belonged to one of these societies and when we were coming home, he resented very bitterly what I said, saying that what I said was untrue for he had belonged to one of those societies 8 years and was as good an LDS as most anyone. I was somewhat nonplussed over such a tirade. But Bros. Boshard & Davis severely criticised him for his attitude. I found out before we left him that he was not keeping the word of wisdom and learned since he's a non-tithe payer and I learn from his Bp. (Keeler) that he had been going down ever since he joined that lodge. That vindicates all that I said, for I said and predicted that those in those societies would fail to do their duties, pay tithes, also would tend to break the Word of Wisdom. All this he has done. I dreamed the night before that I had been speaking to my friends and had said something which offended some persons who stood off at a distance tho I had no intention to do so (i.e., to offend). I dreamed that one of that number came at me with a razor and threatened to kill me. But I succeeded in convincing him that I had done or said nothing which I had intended for him, etc. and he became somewhat pacified. This was almost literally fulfilled last night when Bro. Pine attacked me, with exception of razor, but his anger was the razor.

Today I rec'd another letter from dear Martha. She is well.

I learn from Pres. Brimhall that Mrs. Gates tried hard to convince the brethren that I should not be appointed Pres. of the young men of this Stake as I had and was treating my family in Idaho shamefully and they could hardly keep from leaving me. It makes me feel almost angry that such persons will go snooping around and telling things that are utterly false as far as I know.

Dee<sup>3</sup> had a dream: He dreamed that I did not go on a mission until he was 20 yrs. old and then he went a yr. later. We both went to Spain. He said that the people were very mean to me and other missionaries. He thought that he was appointed to preside over one district or conference; I over one; and Graf Home over another. He thought he was not called over there until he was 24 yrs. of age. But he remained there on a mission for six years. I told this dream to Apostle Teasdale and he told me to write it down.

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<sup>3</sup> Dee is thirteen years old.

While in S. Lake I met Martha and Reginald.<sup>4</sup> We had a nice time. I love her dearly. She has had a peculiar dream about two little boys that she saw in a dream. One said she is my mother but she will not know me until next Aug. I want to say a word about my little children here. They are kind and loving; they are faithful to me. I wish I were better and more constant to them, that is so I can be with them more, but my public life calls me away very much. Othello<sup>5</sup> threw his shoulder out of joint and I set it. It is nearly well.

I played ball this afternoon a while, the first time for several months. Bro. Buttle and I go tomorrow evening to Pleasant View ward to attend YMA. My counsellors are Jos. A. Buttle & Lovel Mendenhall, Sec. Thos. Court, Treas. Wm. J. Knight, Aids, Caleb Tanner & Moses Davis. They are all good young men. Dolph Boshard is our stake chorister. I helped ordain young men to the Melchizedec and Aaronic priesthoods.

**Mar. 14, 1901, Provo, Utah:** Thurs. School work the same. I understand my calculus some better, tho I do not get as much time to work it as I should. Since last writing, I have been to Benjamin to see about raising money to buy a sq. ml. of land in Canada. I succeeded in getting the money but the scheme fell thru so I did not buy. While in Benj. I spoke in the Sun. afternoon meeting. I returned to Provo that afternoon. My bro. Chas. and Mr. Thomas came with me. That evening Chas. Ellis of S. L. came and lectured in the B. Y. on Popular Christianity vs. Unpopular Mormonism. It was a very critical analysis of the two. He paid the highest tribute to the Mormons on their belief. As Pres. of the Polysophical Society, I paid him \$7. 05.

I, with the Stake Officers, went to Springville Tues. evening and visited the MIA of Springville. They were commendable in part only. The 1st and 3rd Wards are in a better condition than the others. Springville has been backward in the YMIA work. The secret societies have cast a damper over the spiritual work there. We all go again next Tues. Bro. Buttle and I went to Pleasant View Ward. We found the YMIA in pretty good order. Last Sat. I lectured on Physics and performed experiments in heat, etc. for nearly two hours before the Utah Co. Teachers' Assn. It was well rec'd.

The School as a whole is in a very good condition, but we have a few very questionable characters in school. Carl Smart of Logan is one of them. He is guilty of adultery with Miss Roberts of Provo. Tijen another, etc. Some have repented deeply and we have permitted them to return.

Have rec'd three letters from Martha since last writing. She and the babies are well. My children are doing well considering they are alone here with me.

**Mar. 17, 1901, Provo, Utah:** Since last writing I have been busy with school work. Yesterday (Sat.) I dictated my article to Fred Evans to be typewritten as I have revised it considerably, especially in construction and diction. I am preparing to have my speech on 'Character' typewritten.

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<sup>4</sup> Reginald is four years old.

<sup>5</sup> Othello is eleven years old.

I went for an hr. yesterday afternoon and watched the ballgame between Provo and the Academy teams. It was a racy game. I visited Annie Daniels<sup>6</sup> and Lestra Morrison for a few minutes. I wrote to dear Martha last night. I am very anxious to see her and the children. I took charge of the party Fri. evening. It was a successful party. I have not danced this winter.

I attended meeting in the tabernacle this afternoon. Pres. John called on me to speak. I arose and read the testimonies of the three witnesses to the Bk. of M. and then I showed the power that their testimonies have had upon this generation; and what the Bk. of M. had wrought that it had a greater influence upon this generation than any work of the 19th Century. I discussed some of the arguments against it, e.g., Spalding story and Rev. Lamb's "Golden Bible." I took occasion to explode his theories showing the absolute falsity of most of his arguments. I spoke for about 45 min.

A thought: One of my lady friends was lamenting to me some time ago about one of Utah's promising singers getting married. She said that this charming singer should not get married for that would spoil her voice. If I were a woman, I would rather be the mother of one noble child begotten in honor than a Mme. Pattii. I would rather be a mother of six noble children than Pattii, Schumann, Heink, Padorviski, Beethoven, Mendleson and Jennie Lynn combined. I would rather be a father to one noble child than wear the crown of a king. I would rather be father to a hundred noble children than to possess the kingship of the united kingdoms of this world. My fatherhood will last and be added upon thru out the endless ages of eternity. The other would last but a few yrs. at best. Would you exchange an eternal blessing for a few hrs. of scintillating splendor? The Saints should plan for eternity not alone for time. I would prefer to own a log hut than an ice palace. One glitters for a few weeks and the other endures for life. In your choosing for the future, take not that which will today guild you with honor and fame while tomorrow you retreat to the shades of obscurity if not of sorrow.

**April 20, 1901, Provo, Utah:** Nearly 5 weeks have elapsed since I last wrote. The things in brief that I have done are: Aside from the routine of school I have been in Wasatch Co., Wallsburg and Charleston, and spoke in both places Sat. & Sun. nights. Pres. Murdock (1st C. ) asked me if I would come and deliver my lecture on "The Springtime of Life" to all the wards in that Stake. I promised if the engagements could be filled Sat. or Sun. nights.

I went to annual conference. There I met Martha. We had an excellent time and enjoyed the conference very much. I will not try to record but two or three points mentioned in conference. (1) There was to be a sifting among bishops and public officers unless duty was done better, (2) Jos. F. Smith prophesied that from this on, those who did not pay their tithing in the future would not prosper; but those who would pay their honest tithings should and would be blessed and God would liberate them from debt.

I attended while there a special meeting of the stake officers of YIMMIA. Instructions were given us concerning our work this summer and coming year. Martha and I attended

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<sup>6</sup> Josiah's sister who was married to Thomas Daniels.

a theater and tabernacle concert. I went as far as Ogden with Martha on her way home. We separated there, she went to Preston and I to Evanston and from there I took the buckboard and went to Woodruff, Rich Co. where I met Francis. I spoke before his students' society-- "Der Vereind der Studenten" - Tues. evening. From there he and his teachers and myself went to Randolph where I spoke to the inst. for two days upon Oral & Written Language, Qualifications of Teacher & The Child. For comments, refer to Journal of Clippings. I spoke to a public assembly the last evening I was there. The Woodruff teachers and self returned Fri. morning to Woodruff. On the way there I killed a large sage cock. I spent the rest of the day and the night with Francis and his teachers. I left 6:30 a.m. on horseback for Evanston as the roads were so muddy that the stage could not reach Evanston for the 11:55 a.m. train. I was about 5 hrs on the road. I arrived in time but I was mud almost from head to foot.

I got home Sat. night and went early next morning to Heber, Wasatch Co. where I spoke in the afternoon and at Park City in the evening. After meeting I returned to Heber that night arriving there a little after 12 a.m. I returned to Provo Mon. morning. This trip to Park is the first time I have been there since I worked there when I was about 17 yrs. of age. I spoke to a very crowded house. What a change! Then I was green and without education. I have no boasts for the present.

Pres. Geo. Q Cannon<sup>7</sup> died in Cal. and his funeral was held last Wed. Pres. Brimhall, Lund, Mrs. Lilian Cannon and myself went to the funeral. It was perhaps the largest funeral ever held in the church. The tabernacle was packed, aisles and doorways were crowded. The speakers were Brigham Young, John Henry Smith, Heber Grant, John W. Taylor, Pres. Brimhall and Jos. F. Smith. Pres. Snow had his speech read by his son LeRoy. Excellent things were said at the funeral.

Yesterday morning I went to Nephi and spoke to the Juab Co. teachers Inst. I spoke in the morning on government. In the afternoon I spoke on Physics and performed a great number of experiments to illustrate my talk. I was hurried in my work and did not complete my subject due to the fact that a number of the teachers were going off on train. It suited me as I wished to return on the afternoon train. I got back here in time to see most of the athletic contests between the BYA and LDS colleges. The BYA boys scored 79 points and the LDS 43 points. I rec'd from Robinson the Co. Sup. of Rich Co. \$40 for my expenses. From Bowen, the Co. Sup. of Juab Co., \$6.00 for my expenses.

Last Fri. afternoon and night Ernest Seton Thompson lectured on "Character of Animals" and "Wild Animals I Have Known." I considered it excellent; some did not. I think the society came out behind about \$50 or \$60. I was president of the lecture course. I have had to refuse three offers to lecture within the last week. They were at Maple ton, Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete Co. and Deseret Millard Co.

I am quite despondent and blue this Sabbath day. I have been to no meeting. I intended to go tonight to meeting. I went but the doors were locked. I found my watch had

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<sup>7</sup> George Q. Cannon (1827-1901) was the first counselor to President Lorenzo Snow. He was also married to Martha Telle who was the daughter of Ella's half-sister, Amelia Ann Rogers.

stopped and I was 20 min. late, so I came home. We are going to have a five-week summer school here in the Academy. It begins June 3. I am to be one of the instructors. Dr. Dewey is to be with us one week of the time. I rec'd letters from dear Martha, Jos. Conell's sister in Mich. stating Jos. was suffering from nervous prostration, Leslie and Francis.

**May 26, 1901, Provo, Utah:** I blessed 4 children. Away last Jan. 20 I blessed William W. Clark's<sup>8</sup> little boy Wm. W. and confirmed his name. I also blessed Elon Box Taylor's three children and confirmed their names. They were Mabel Clara Taylor, LeRoy Chas. Taylor and Geo. Edgar Taylor.

I have been very negligent for the last month in writing in my journal. Since last writing, I have been again to Charleston, Wasatch Co. and spoke in S. S. afternoon meeting and at night. I have been twice at Nephi - once to attend Inst. and once to speak to the conjoint of YL & YMMIA. I took dinner with Apostle Teasdale. I have just returned from Monroe, Sevier Co. where I went to address the Co. graduates of the district schools. I rec'd \$8.50 for my expenses.

School work is over and tomorrow morning commencement exercises begin. They continue until Thurs. night and on Fri. is Alumni Day. While in Monroe I stayed with Sup. Magleby and ate two meals with Wm. Clark my cousin. He was very kind and sociable. I met Ed Clark,<sup>9</sup> my cousin, also at Richfield depot. The young men and ladies of this Stake had their semi-annual conference last Sun. afternoon and night. Bros. B. F. Grant and Milton H. Hardy were with us. Pres. Snow's youngest wife (Minnie) was also present.

While I was speaking Sun. night I was urging the young to live noble and pure lives. I asked them to take their sisters as patterns of purity, etc. I was then led to prophesy as follows: "If the young men of Israel will keep themselves pure as the daughters of Zion in word, thought and action, I prophesy a hundred years shall not pass away until this people will be the light of the world--morally, intellectually, physically and religiously. Inhabitants shall come from the world to seek wisdom and blessings from this people. Write it in your journals., tell it to your children, and your children's children for they shall live to see its fulfillment." Pres. Snow's wife has asked for a copy of the prophecy. I sent it to her. \*

[\*Some months after this, Sister Snow told me she read my prediction to Pres. Snow and he said that every word would be fulfilled.]

Martha is to come tomorrow night. O, I am so sick to see her and the children. I have almost been too heartsick to write. I sent \$25 to her. I paid \$108 to Thos. Smith for his board and Martha drew it out at Smith's store in Preston.

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<sup>8</sup> William W. Clark (1864-1945) is Josiah's cousin, the son of his Aunt Lois Patton Hawes Clark.

<sup>9</sup> Jason Edward "Ed" Clark (1862-1919), son of Aunt Lois Clark.

Dr. J. M. Tanner has been appointed in Dr. Maeser's stead as Gen. Sup. of Church Schools. I slept with him last night. I have written to Leslie and will send him \$10. He is in distress in body and mind.

**June 16, 1901, Provo, Utah:** School closed in a successful manner. I gave the address to the graduating sub-freshmen. Lee Clark (Ed Clark's son) was among the number. I also gave the "eulogy" on the life of Dr. Maeser at the Alumni Annual on Fri. May 31. For comments, see Journal of Clippings as taken from Deseret News. After the meeting was over Sister Amelia Cabb Maeser (Dr. Maeser's wife) asked me if I were going to write the life of Dr. Maeser. She felt that, after hearing me give parts of the "eulogy" I wrote sometime before, I was the one who would write his life. I informed her that I was unworthy of the task and that likely Bro. N. L. Nelson would. See Journal of Clippings for a eulogy of Dr. M's life which I wrote, partly different than the one delivered here. After the meeting the reporter came to me and asked for a copy of my speech but I informed him I had not written it. He then replied that perhaps he was not a competent judge, but "It is the finest eulogy I ever heard."

I went to YMMIA conference June 2 & 3 in Salt Lake; also attended the banquet evening of June 4 in the Beehive House given by the Pres. Coun. & general aids of the YMMIA. Martha came May 27 and we have since moved in the Dan Jones' house a block east of the Academy. Summer School began June 3 and we have about 150 teachers in attendance. I am teaching Physics A & B aided by Nathaniel Baldwin. Dr. John Dewey begins his lectures here tomorrow. He lectures twice a day for 5 days. Francis has come from Rich Co. and will, I think, remain for the rest of S. S. Miss Nellie Francis is working for us at present--Martha is in fairly good humor and is now (on the Sabbath) sewing my pants.

**June 30, 1901, Provo, Utah:** (Sun.) Summer School is still in session. It closes on Wed. July 3. A week tomorrow we had a YMMIA excursion to Saltair.<sup>10</sup> I went to Lund (power plant up Provo Canyon) with 16 of the Summer School students principally for the purpose of studying the plant. Sister Dr. Harris<sup>11</sup> from Deseret and a Mrs. Bible from Georgia stopped over to our home for 3 or 4 hrs. last Sun. I paid their hack fare from and to the depot and gave them supper. I went down to Benjamin last Sat. night and returned Sun. afternoon.

Sometime in July (25th I think) I met a Mr. Knight who told of the high commendation Mrs. Bible gave me for the consideration I showed her and Mrs. Harris. She had stopped at his place out on the Nevada line some days. He said she could not say enough in my favor.

**July 28, 1901, Provo, Utah:** Summer School closed on July 3. The students (about 150) did hard work and most all of them got thru with their courses. I left the day before S. S. closed to go to Manti to deliver the Oration on the 4th. For comments and a partial quoting of my speech, refer to Journal of Clippings. While I was in Manti I took dinner

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<sup>10</sup> A resort on the Salt Lake.

<sup>11</sup> Mary Harris, a physician from Deseret, Utah. She is widowed lady and mother of 7 grown children.



with Perry Snow.<sup>12</sup> He made me a present of a beautiful walking cane made from Samoa wood “ifilele”. During our Summer School I delivered two lectures, one on “Children’s Lies” and one on ‘Astronomy.’”

On July 6 I started for Castledale, Emery Co. where I conducted a two weeks Summer Inst. which was under the direction of Sup. D. C. Woodward. Mrs. Home of the Art Inst. of Salt Lake taught drawing and primary methods. I taught Psychology, Pedagogy, Gram. Arith., Nature Study. For comments of my success in the Inst. refer to Journal of Clippings. I was ill the first week and could scarcely do my work. I went to the Dr. for advice and said that my liver was inactive. After two or three days of taking calomel tablets, quinine, strychnine and iron, I was over the trouble. I lectured in Orangeville, Ferron and Huntington the last week I was in Emery Co. I rec’d \$75 for my expenses, etc. I cleared about \$55. My earnings since a yr. ago last June have been \$1506. 00.

I went to S. L. last Tues. with Francis and stayed there three days. We are all well and are fixed up more comfortably than ever before, but O, I am in debt “head over heels.” I went to S. S. this morning. I am to speak in the 3rd Ward tonight (Sun.). While in Salt Lake I met again Uncle Warren Hickman (Pa’s bro.). He is almost a pauper without family, home or means. I got a little more of our family history from him. It is as follows:

Family History: My grandmother, Elizabeth Adams Hickman, was a cousin to John Adams, Pres. of U.S.<sup>13</sup> Edwin Hickman’s eldest brother Wm. Hickman fought thru the Revolutionary War from start to finish and was wounded three times and lost 3 inches of his thigh bone and died at age of 97.<sup>14</sup> Edwin Hickman is my grandfather.

Gen. Wm. Isabell, oldest brother of my great grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Hickman, was on Gen. Washington’s staff.<sup>15</sup> He returned three times to his home during war, but last time went to the war which was 6 mo. before peace he was never heard of after.

Jos., Wm. and Jno. Hickman came from England with Wm. Penn’s company.<sup>16</sup> Four of Uncle Warren’s brothers studied medicine. They all attended the Electric Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio. Pa practiced one or two yrs. in Memphis, Scotland Co., Mo.

**Aug. 14, 1901, Provo, Utah:** Since last writing I have been home most of my time. I went to Wasatch Co. with Francis Kirkham<sup>17</sup> on Sat. Aug. 3 and we spoke that evening in Wallsburg to a large audience and the following day (Sun.) we went to Charleston. He remained there and spoke in the afternoon. I went to Byeville and spoke in Sun. School

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<sup>12</sup> Perry G. Snow (1878-1963), a student at the Academy, son of Gardner Snow.

<sup>13</sup> A family tradition which has proved to be incorrect.

<sup>14</sup> This information is also incorrect. Edwin Hickman did not have an older brother William, nor one who fought in the Revolutionary War. Edwin’s father William was born too late, in 1770, to fight in the war.

<sup>15</sup> Lettice Isbell, wife of William Hickman, did not have a brother William. Lettice Isbell and William Hickman were first cousins.

<sup>16</sup> Another incorrect family tradition. The immigrant ancestor for the Hickman line was Nathaniel Hickman born in 1643 in England.

<sup>17</sup> Francis Kirkham, age 23, was a student from Lehi, Utah, son of James Kirkham.

and afternoon meeting. At night we had a very crowded house. Pres. Murdock was with us both here and at Wallsburg. The spirit of the Lord was upon us. We talked on the Advantages of Education, especially church school ed. I left Mon. morning and came home. The OSL RR has granted me a pass until Dec. 31.

On the morning of the 6th at 5 minutes to 6 a. in. we had the cutest little black headed 10 lb. boy come to our house. He was homeless, shoeless and hatless. He seemed as tho he had come to stay, so we took him in. We have asked him from whence he came and what his name is, but to all our questions he yawns, blinks his eyes and says nothing. Unless he reveals that celestial name we shall choose one of our own and christen him. His innocent look and angelic ways tell us that he has come from a brighter world than this mundane sphere.<sup>18</sup> Martha got along excellent.

I went to Benj. & Payson last Fri. and came back Sun. morning. Sister Lawisch is with us, she has returned from St. Louis. I have rec'd \$30. 00 in scrip on my back wages of two yrs. ago. I confirmed a little girl a member of the church at Byesville, Aug. 4 in Wasatch Stake.

The morning of my birthday at the breakfast table Martha and the children had a surprise on me for there beside my plate were a bottle of perfume, a handkerchief and tie, and in my plate covered over was 90c in nickels and dimes of the children's earnings. Dee<sup>19</sup> and I were talking this morning and I said I wished him to teach school, but he said that he did not wish to teach but he wanted to be a farmer. He said "A teacher takes what he can get, but a farmer gets all he wants."

**Aug. 27, 1901, Provo, Utah:** Things are well at home. School began yesterday. Bro. Kirkham and I spent a day in Lehi a week ago last Fri. visiting students and urging young men to attend BYA. A week ago last Sat. I went to Spanish Fork and spent two days attending conference of Nebo Stake. I spoke Sat. evening to a fairly large audience on education. Sun. evening I went to Payson and spoke in the 2nd Ward on education. I came home Mon. morning and after spending 3 or 4 hrs. at home I started for Price, Carbon Co. where I attended 3 days Inst., but as train was late we only held 2 days Inst. I talked on Oral & Written Language, School Gov. and Nat. Study. At night (Tues.) I lectured on "Character Building." I rec'd \$30 for my work. I cleared \$24.

Last Sun. (day before yesterday) I went to American Fork and spoke in S. School and afternoon meeting. In the evening Prof. G. H. Brimhall and I spoke at Lehi to a crowded house and an excellent spirit prevailed. I went to Castella Springs today and witnessed Nebo Stake S. S. excursion. Benj. & Sp. Fork boys played a match game of baseball. Chas. is captain of Benj. team. I am trying to get Chas. in the sugar factory service. If so, he will get \$1200 or more a yr. and expenses to go to Arizona and look after their beet industry there.

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<sup>18</sup> Radino Lawisch Hickman born August 6, 1901.

<sup>19</sup> Dee is age thirteen and a half.

**Sep. 14, 1901, Provo, Utah:** (Sat.) My work is quite pleasant this year. My subjects (which I teach) are Theology (Church History), Physics I (college work), Carhart's Physics, Physics Course 4 (college work) Austin & Thwing's experimental works, Physiology, text Bk. Blaisdell's Practical Phys, Hist. of Pedagogy, text Bk. Compayre's. Advance Psyc. text Bk. James' Advance Works Vol. I. with Romain's and Wundt as reference bks. For the present I am teaching Prof. Wolf's beginning Latin class.

I went to Payson last Sun. and spoke by request on "Prophecy and Its Fulfillment". The spirit of the Lord was with me and the audience, tho many small boys and girls, sat with enrapt attention.

Pres. Win. McKinley has been shot by a nihilist (anarchist) Leon Czolgoz. He (President) was at point of death last night. I have just now learned that he died last night at 2:15 a. in.

Bro. Buttle and I went to Springville last Tues. night to try and organize the YMMIA of 4th Ward. The Bp.-rick think they have few or no men worthy for the Presidency of the Mutual. Pres. Brimhall and I went to Clinton & Thistle a week ago last Sun. We visited the associations there and spoke at both places. Our audience at Thistle was perhaps more than half outsiders. Our tongues were unloosed and our minds illuminated and the spirit of God was upon us. Our remarks were in part a reply to the attack of the Presbyterians made upon Mormons in S. L. a few weeks ago.

**Sep. 29, 1901, Provo, Utah:** (Sun.) Two weeks ago this evening, I spoke in Heber, Wasatch Co. to a full house on the External Evidences of the Bk. of M. by special request of the Elder's Quorum. Last Sun. I was in session from 10 a.m. to 12 and from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 9:30. It was the annual convention of the YMMIA of this stake. Much valuable instruction was given. Dr. Hardy and Apostle Smoot were with us. We are preparing to do excellent work this year in this work. Yesterday I baptized Eugene in the Union. Today he was confirmed in fast meeting by \_\_\_\_\_. I assisted in the confirmation.

**Oct. 20, 1901, Provo, Utah:** (Sun. evening) School work is doing fine. I have turned over to Bro. W. M. Wolfe Latin 9 & Physiology. I have taken Psychology B and School Government from Pres. Brimhall. Typhoid is raging in quite a number of homes here in Provo. Our little babe has a swelling on his neck and it is very painful. Lorea is not well tonight.<sup>20</sup> Annie took supper with us.

I have been to conference and heard Pres. Snow's last sermon. He warned the Pres. of Stakes and High Councillors to do their duty for great responsibility was to be rolled off on their shoulders for they would not have the apostles with them as in the past.

Pres. Snow died after a brief sickness of pneumonia Thurs. at 3:30 p. m. I went to his funeral. It was a mammoth affair. The tabernacle was crowded to its utmost and many could not get admittance. Four of us Academy teachers went up. We (as a faculty) had a

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<sup>20</sup> Lorea is one and a half years old.

beautiful floral tribute--a great scroll of flowers on a standard and on it inscribed "As God is, man may be." I suggested this motto and it was adopted by the faculty. Pres. Snow at our last conference (Oct. 6) had chosen Jos. F. Smith as his first and Rudger Clawson as his second counsellor. Joseph F. Smith<sup>21</sup> has now been chosen President of the church with John H. Winder<sup>22</sup> as his first and Anthon H. Lund<sup>23</sup> as his second counsellor. This choice seems to satisfy the people very well. Thus is fulfilled other prophecies. For it had been prophesied many years ago by Pres. Woodruff and others that Jos. F. would be president of this church. Apostle Brigham Young is now chosen Pres. of the Twelve.

I attended meeting in the tabernacle this afternoon. Bros. Partridge and Wolfe spoke. Bro. Wolfe related some of his experiences on his trip in Mexico and Yucton. They were wonderful. I attended this evening our domestic meeting. There was a large turnout. Bros. Reeve, Brimhall and myself spoke. An excellent spirit prevailed. Since meeting Bros. Brimhall and Lund and I have been administering to the sick.

**Nov. 2, 1901, Beaver (Fort Cameron) Utah:** It is night and I have just returned from administering to Bro. Robert Stoney in Beaver. He is suffering from heart trouble. Since last writing, I have been to Brigham City (Oct. 27). I left home 8 a.m. Sun. and returned 9 p.m. same day. I spoke upon "The Six Days of Creation as Recorded in Genesis and Pearl of Great Price vs. the Discoveries of Science." I was blessed of the Lord in my speaking. I showed that the researches of science (astronomy & geology) revealed that the earth was created as recorded thru revelation.

The previous Wed. I spoke 1 ½ hrs. upon the "Utah Pioneer" before the Parents' Class. I was exceedingly blessed. Many have been heard to say that it was the best lecture they had heard before that class. I do not write this to boast to my Journal, but merely to give a brief idea of its influence upon those that heard (about 200 persons).

I left for this place Thurs. night. I took a sleeper to Milford. I got here yesterday (Fri.) about 1:30 p.m. I lectured here last night before the Polysophical<sup>24</sup> Society on the subject of "Science and Miracle." With gratitude I thank my heavenly Father for the great outpouring of His spirit upon me and the audience. I felt good for hours after the lecture over the excellent spirit that prevailed there. Today I have been watching the contests between the Beaver schools and the Academy (Beaver Branch) and partook of their supper which the students here prepared for the occasion. The Academy here won the day by 12 or 13 points.

I am reminded tonight that a yr. ago tonight I lost my dear wife Ella. Oh, how my heart was breaking. I was grief-stricken. O, my Father, you have comforted me much. Thou

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<sup>21</sup> President Joseph F. Smith (1838-1918), president of the church 1901-1918.

<sup>22</sup> John R. Winder (1821-1910), was previously the second counselor to the presiding bishop, when he became Pres. Smith's first counselor.

<sup>23</sup> Anthony Lund (1844-1921), became an Apostle in 1889, was called to be second counselor to Joseph F. Smith in 1901.

<sup>24</sup> Literary clubs that were popular all over Utah.

hast sent me messages of consolation from my dear one. Thou hast veiled my grief with peace and resignation which at times almost turned into joy--a joy that looked thru tears and smiles between sighs. My Father, purify my life that I shall be worthy of meeting dear Ella when Thou wilt call me home. O, protect my little ones and temper the ones that guide them.

I now close for the night. O, I am sad! O, if I could only be consoled with the voice that is silent and the lips that are being shaken into dust! O, lift this weight from off my heart and let these tears turn to joy, let night be gilded with day, and let the morning of a brighter day light my path while Time hurries me on with a rapid, yet tireless, speed down to the gate thru whose portals I can behold my loved ones gone before.

**Nov. 9, 1901, Scipio, Millard Co., Utah:** I returned from Beaver Tues. morning. I left there Mon. noon. Sunday morning I attended S.S. at the fort. I spoke before Bro. Maeser's class. Sun. afternoon I spoke in conference at Beaver. Sun. night I spoke at the fort on Mormonism vs. Josephitism.<sup>25</sup>

I found the Academy in a very good condition. I did not get caught up with my work this week. I attended Parent's Class Wed, night and listened to Judge Botkin's lecture on "Peter's Mistake." It was a moral lecture and teamed with character building. I came as far as Juab last night and on this morning I have spoken about 3 ½ hrs. today in Inst. on "Government" and "Language." I rec'd \$6.00 for my expenses. I go to the party tonight and then on to Juab to take the morning train for home. For comments see Journal of Clippings.

I named and blessed our baby last night before I left home. I named him Radino Lawisch. I was led to ask for many and great blessings for him. I was impressed that he would live until he was 50 or 60 yrs. of age or more.

Ella's picture was returned yesterday enlarged. It was so natural and beautiful her I became a child again.

**Nov. 24, 1901, Provo, Utah:** (Sun.) Since my trip to Scipio I have spoken in Springville twice (once on Sun. before the conjoint wards of the city and once before their bazaar). I spoke in Pleasant View ward a week ago tonight. The spirit of the Lord was with the meeting and the worshipers.

Last Sat. a week ago, Martha, baby and I went to Benjamin. We walked from the switch and carried the baby. I swung him in the shawl. We returned Sun. afternoon. I went to Lake Shore Thurs. night and before (or to) a crowded house. The meeting was under the Students' Society ("Der Verein der Studentent") organized by Francis Hickman their teacher. Last night I spoke before the Literary Society of the Academy on "The Development of Science of the 19th Century." For comments, see Journal of Clippings.

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<sup>25</sup> An apostate group that claimed that Joseph Smith's son should have succeeded him as the leader of the Church.

**Patriarchal Blessing and Prophecy:** Sometime ago Patriarch Martin of this stake (Provo) came to me and said he had another blessing for me for it had been shown to him while he was awake. He laid his hands upon my head and gave me in brief the following blessing: “You shall have a knowledge of the heavenly bodies as was given to Abraham and with the same instrument—the Urim and Thummin—and you shall know and study the bodies of them (Urim & Th.). You shall know more about the heavenly bodies than anyone outside of this church. This blessing is your birthright and you are entitled to it, for you are a literal descendant of flesh and blood of Jesus Christ.” This he said had been shown to him in part when he gave me my former blessing, but he dared not give it and he broke down (when giving me my former blessing) and wept for the revelation was so great to him. During our conversation after the brief blessing above, he said that he did not believe that I would ever taste death but would be given mighty power and live thru the millennium.

**A Thought:** To the Christians I will say: “Disinherit your unborn offspring for they will yet disgrace your name and shatter your highest ideals for they will yet accept Mormonism as the only true religion on earth.”

**Dec. 15, 1901, Provo, Utah:** (Sun.) I spoke in Alpine three weeks ago this evening. I answered, or replied to, the Josephites. Two of them had been there a week or two before. Some of the reasons I gave why the Josephites could not be the church of God are (1) They did not fulfill the prophecy made by Joseph the Prophet Aug. 6, 1842 concerning the driving of the Saints to the Rocky Mts., etc. (2) The prophecy made to Stephen A. Douglass was fulfilled when he turned against the Mormons and not against the Josephites, (3) The prophecy against Governor Ford, (4) The Lord promised Joseph his friends should not turn against Joseph. The Josephites say that he met his just dues at the hand of the mob at Carthage, (5) Joseph said that the Lord’s people (this people) should be known as a temple building people - the Josephites are not, etc.

Two weeks ago last night I went to Payson and attended Mary Nebeker’s funeral.<sup>26</sup> She is my cousin. I, with others, spoke at funeral. I visited my father’s grave for the first time in my life. He has a beautiful monument erected over his grave by my mother. The grave stands for mortality, sorrow and death—where God’s immutable laws sift from the immortal the dross of mortality making ready for the resurrection.

A week ago last Fri. evening I went to Oasis and on Sat. spoke in Deseret at the Inst. In the forenoon I spoke on Reading & Literature; in the afternoon I spoke on ”Memory”; in the evening I lectured a full house on “Children’s Lies.” It was much appreciated. One man said that it was worth \$50 to him. I returned from there at 3:30 a.m. Sunday morning. I reached Provo at 8 p.m. and went to Springville and attended young men’s conference. We had officers meeting in the forenoon; General conference in the

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<sup>26</sup> Mary E. Nebeker Dead. Payson, Nov. 29—Mrs. Mary E. Nebeker died very suddenly last night about 7 o’clock, aged 41 years. She was the daughter of Joseph S. Tanner, and is the tenth of his thirteen children who have passed away in death. Judge H. S. Tanner, Nathaniel and Mrs. Minnie Fairbanks are the only survivors of his first family. [The Standard, Ogden Utah, Nov. 30, 1901]

Mary’s mother was Elizabeth Clark Hawes, sister of Lucy Ann Hawes Hickman, Josiah’s mother.

afternoon and evening. Henry S. Tanner was with us of the general board. He spoke with great power and influence. I seldom ever enjoyed myself more at any conference.

I have been plodding along in my school work. I do not do my work as well as I should, but I hope I will do better next semester. For a synopsis and comment of my speech “The Pioneer” refer to the Journal of Clippings. I attended meeting in the tabernacle this afternoon. I opened meeting and Bros. Smoot and Apostle Taylor<sup>27</sup> spoke. Apostle Taylor said that Pres. Jos. F. Smith’s rule would be long and more eventful than any other period of the church. Apostle Taylor spoke in the Academy tonight. He is truly a prophet of God. He related one of his prophecies delivered in Canada over the harvesting of the crops. It was then raining and the grain was green as lucerne. It was then the last of Sep. and always after that fall rain snow fell and winter came on. But he prophesied that if the Saints would do as he asked (raise 300 teams to complete canal), the grain would ripen which it did tho it took 6 weeks to do so.

**Dec. 29, 1901, Provo, Utah:** (Sun.) School closed Dec. 20. I left for Orderville to institute Dec. 19 and left examination ques. for my classes. I returned last night. When I was on the train coming home yesterday afternoon and picked up a daily Herald and read that my four boys—Dee, Othello, Leon and Eugene, were lost; that they were last seen skating on the lake late in afternoon. At 2 o’clock at night (Dec. 27) searching parties were out but the boys had not been found. My grief was terrible until I arrived home and found that the boys had been found at Benjamin. They had skated until about 4 p. m. when they skated across the Lake and then walked to Benj. The alarm was given that night—the firebell was rung, guns fired and bugles blown. Searching parties were out all night. Fires were built along the shore. Prof. E. S. Hinckley, after searching in vain on the lake, returned and got a livery outfit and went to Benj. There he found them. He did not get back until 6:30 a.m. All searching continued till then. I have no language to express my joy for the boys’ safety nor have I language to express my gratitude for (to) the faithful searchers that bitter cold night. When I knelt down to pray last night, I offered up a prayer that had no characteristic save deep humility and unspeakable gratitude.

I left here for the south Thurs. at 9:30 a.m. arrived traveled day and night without rest until about 11 p.m. Fri. night. The last 15 miles of my ride was on horseback. I carried my satchel and rode the distance in little over two hrs. I spoke in the Kane Co Teachers’ Inst. next day—forenoon on Oral & Written Language; in afternoon I spoke on “Government” (in school & at home); in the evening spoke to a crowded house on “Children’s Lies.” The house went into convulsions with laughter at times and were melted to tears at others. I suppose I never made a happier hit than I did in Orderville. I spoke in Mt. Caramel Sun. afternoon and evening. As it was the day the church was celebrating or holding in remembrance the birth of the Prophet Joseph, I spoke on his life. The spirit of the Lord was with me and with the audience in a great measure. Thru strong persuasion I went on to Kanab. I spoke there two evenings on “Education and Science & Miracle.” I am full of gratitude for the deep impression my words had upon old and

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<sup>27</sup> John W. Taylor (1858-1916) was ordained an Apostle in 1884. He was the son of the prophet, John Taylor.

young. I thank my Father in heaven for this blessing upon me and them. I went with Prof. Horne & Pres. Woolley over into Fredonia, Arizona Ter. and spoke.

*[The following note was in the border of the page and the typist does not know to what lecture he was referring: "This lecture took me a yr. to gather data and work it out so I felt I was a master of the thesis."]*

I remained in Kanab for Christmas. I left for home the morning of Dec. 26. For comments refer to Journal of Clippings. While there I stayed with Prof. Horn and I took dinner at Pres. Woolley's Xmas.

While in Kane Co. I got statistics for my Psyc. research work. I got detailed information at Kanab, Orderville and Glendale. I found in brief that nearly all of the leading men (officers) of the Co.—Ecclesiastical and civil—were polygamists and that on the average the death rate of the monogamist offspring was about 1/3 more than the death rate of the polygamists' offspring which was about 1/8, etc. up to adult age. All of my other information was just as startling. I can see that my field of work is broadening in this subject.

**Jan. 12, 1902, Provo, Utah:** (Sun.) Since writing I have been to Salt Lake. I attended the Church School Teachers' Convention Mon. (Dec. 30). Since then I have been busy in school or criticising papers. This semester I am teaching Bk. of M., Psyc. (second course), Advanced Psyc. (college course), School Government, Hist. of Pedagogy, Physics (2) and Physiology in training school.

We have had conference here yesterday and today. I seldom ever attended a better one. Pres. Jos. F. Smith and his counsellors John R. Winder & Anthony H. Lund, also Apostles Cowley, John Henry Smith and Reed Smoot and Patriarch John Smith. The apostles especially Cowley and Smoot spoke with mighty power.

As I heard Pres. Smith speaking, I imagined I could hear the voice of Paul and see him at Ephesus thundering forth his message like thunderbolts or balls of fire. Yes, I saw in my mind the Prophet Joseph in the bowery at Nauvoo delivering his last speech and I could see the fixed faces of his vast audience - white with interest and amazement - as they were lifted into the higher realms of thought while Joseph—with face like amber—flooded that vast audience with truths from the—celestial kingdom. Tears expressed, in part, my soul's emotion as Pres. Jos. F. told of the power and progress of this work and the destiny of this church.

We had young peoples conference here tonight and Brother Brimhall, Sister Gates,<sup>28</sup> Patriarch Smith and Apostles Smith & Smoot. All the speeches were very good. Fred & Josephine<sup>29</sup> stayed with us last night. Ma came down but stayed with Annie. I rec'd a letter from Sec. Hull stating that our whole stake took only 70 Eras. That is a fearful

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<sup>28</sup> Susa Young Gates (1856-1933), daughter of Brigham Young and wife of Jacob Gates.

<sup>29</sup> Josiah's sister and brother-in-law.



showing but it is not due to lack of labor on our part. I have paid \$145.00 in tithing this last yr.

**Feb. 9, 1902, Provo, Utah:** Since last writing I have been to Pleasant Grove (Lindin Ward) & spoke. Also to Mapleton & Springville on MIA work. I went to Salina Jan. 17 and was gone three days. I spoke in Inst. twice and delivered one public lecture, also one in Redmond of the same county (Sevier); for comments, refer to Journal of Clippings. We had a special lecture by B. H. Roberts under the direction of the MIA and the BYA. His subject was the Secondary Mission of Jesus Christ. He brought out many beautiful points.

We have just finished James, Vol. I in Psychology. This is the first time that advance work has ever been taught in this Academy. We now start on the II Vol. I am doing more work on my Psyc. research. It broadens as I work on it. It will take me about 2 or 3 yrs. more. Pines, Cluff & party have returned.

We had an opening ball in the "Jim." The children are all well except Lorea and Radino have eczema.

**Feb. 21, 1902, Provo, Utah:** School work is crowding me rather than my crowding it. I do too much outside work to do the very best work in school. Eight of my children attend school—two are in the kindergarten. Everything is now pleasant at home. Francis & Miss Chloe Parmer(?)<sup>30</sup> were here last Sat. to Co. Institute.

Last Mon. morning the Academy celebrated Fund Day in a very gorgeous way. The students about 1300 marched thru the town. Then all, visitors included, assembled in the new Gymnasium hail and held services. The "Jim" and training school were dedicated by Pres. Jos. F. Smith. Several of the apostles and presidency were here; also many other leading men and women. I was chosen as the orator upon the occasion. I read my speech. It was the first time I ever did the like but I did not have time to learn it. I feel quite well satisfied over my effort and thank the Lord for it. I received several very flattering comments. Apostle Jno. Henry Smith said he would give a great deal if he could write his thoughts as I did. For comments refer to Journal of Clippings. After exercises we were banquetted.

A week last Thurs. I went to Lake Shore by special request and delivered my first lecture upon the Life of Christ. The spirit of the occasion was upon me and it was also upon the audience for many said it was the best they ever heard. Francis said it was the greatest effort of my life. Truly the Lord was with me and I felt good for several days after the lecture. This is a very uncommon thing for me for I generally feel downcast almost immediately after the speech is over. I speak Sun. evening in Manila Ward on the subject "Mission of Jesus." I pray it shall influence the people as much as it did in Lake Shore.

I have rec'd letters from Leslie & Jos. Connell. I sent Leslie \$5.00. Jos. Connell is very bad with nervous prostration and blood clot on brain. Two of our elders visited him in

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<sup>30</sup> Chloe Palmer (1878-1916) is a young lady teacher.

his hospital, the Sanitarium of Battle Creek, Mich. They administered to him and he was made better. I have prayed for his recovery and also our family and the BYA. I understand from the elders an excellent spirit prevailed there. Since they were there the Sanitarium was burned down.

We had YMMIA conference here last Sun. Apostle Smoot, Bryant Hinckley & Henry S. Tanner were with us, also Prof. Brimhall. We had three meetings and large attendanees. We, the stake officers, are starting a new campaign thru the stake for the Era. We are way behind on the Era.

**Mar. 9, 1902, Provo, Utah:** Since last writing, sorrow unspeakable has come to my home. O, God, obliterate it from the eternal records. Martha went with me to Manilla Ward. We had a pleasant time. Martha has gone to S. Lake to visit her mother a few weeks. She took Juanita and Reginald with her. She is feeling very poorly and sorrowful. I regret it deeply. I pray for the return of her happiness.<sup>31</sup>

I spoke yesterday at the funeral of Hugh Conover.<sup>32</sup> He is a brother of Alta Conover Strong. He was one of our academy students and an excellent boy. He was 23 yrs. of age. This is the third student that has died this year of our school.

I am taking Gymnasium work. Bro. Brimhall is in very poor health. The letter I wrote to Jas. Connell has been returned from the dead letter office.

**Apr. 12, 1902, Provo, Utah:** As is too often the case, I have been neglecting my journal. I went to Salt Lake and went thru the temple Fri. Mar. 14; and Martha and I went thru for the dead. Martha went thru for Judith Hinderer, a German lady. I did the work for Wm. Cutter Rogers who is dead (Sister Caroline Smoot's relative).<sup>33</sup>

Mar. 23 I went to Ephriam and spoke to the Lit. Society of the Snow Academy on the Secondary Mission of Jesus Christ. I never was blessed more in discussing that subject. The brethren (professors) said they had heard many lectures on the life of Christ but never heard one to equal it. I record this to show how the Lord blessed me. The 25 of Mar. (Sun. ) I lectured before the public of Santaquin on Science & Miracle. See clippings.

The next Sat. I went to Schofield and Winter Quarters. I spoke 4 times holding two meetings in each place. I found the associations doing good work. I returned home Mon.

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<sup>31</sup> On January 15, 1902, Josiah took another wife, Helen Josephine Hansen (1881-1964). She was a young lady 20 years old. She was the daughter of Peter M. and Helen J. (Hammond) Hansen. There is a Josephine Hansen on the 1900 Census who's occupation is servant in a "Lodging House" in the town of Helper in Carbon County. There is no clue to where Josiah met her. It is possible that the "sorrow" is that Martha is upset over this marriage and goes to her mother.

<sup>32</sup> Provo, March 6—Hugh Conover, student of the B.Y. academy, died this morning. He was born in Provo twenty-three years ago, and is the son of A. G. Conover, an old pioneer of this place. [The Standard, Ogden, Utah, No. 57, March 7, 1902]

<sup>33</sup> Caroline Smoot is Hannah Caroline Rogers Daniels Smoot, Ella's half-sister. She is married to Abraham O. Smoot.

at 11 a.m. I went to conference in S. Lake Apr. 4, 5 & 6. I visited Uni. Fri. forenoon. We had biggest conference in the history of the church.

The tabernacle and assembly hail could not hold only about 3/4 of the people there. We are having conference here yesterday and today. Apostles Grant, Clawson, Smoot and Hyrum N. Smith are here. I reported the work of the young men this forenoon. I presided at YMMIA conference in evening. Aside from stake officers, Brother J. G. Kimball addressed the audience. He stayed with us all night.

**Apr. 20, 1902, Provo, Utah:** Sun. night and all is well. My school work has crowded me thru the week. Yesterday was Co. Inst. and Dr. Talmage lectured on "The Everlasting Hills." It was very choice. Francis and Miss Parmer Hickman<sup>34</sup> were here and stayed all night. Helen, my wife,<sup>35</sup> was here and stayed till this evening.

I am thinking some of buying 9375 shares of mining stock. If I am impressed strong enough I will try and raise the money.

I am so pleased that Martha and Helen get along so nicely. I pray it will always be so. Martha acts nobly.

Provo was divided today into 6 wards. The Bp. of 1st Ward was O. H. Berg, 2nd W. Lars L. Nelson, 3rd W. Thos Taylor (he was retained, others except Snow were new), 4th W. Earnest Partridge, 5th W. Moroni L. Snow; 6th W. Clayton.

We had domestic conference of the students of the Academy tonight. Some new officers were voted in. I spoke for a short time. Amidst other things I ventured to say that the time would come when men would invent some instrument to test the presence of the spirit of man and God. I had payday but could not meet all my obligations that were due.

**May 11, 1902, Provo, Utah:** Helen has gone to St. George to live for a few months. She is very homesick but she is very brave and self sacrificing. I pray our Father will comfort her and help hide her up from the eyes of our enemies. I love her and sympathize with her for her sacrifice.<sup>36</sup> I gave her \$20 when she left.

I went to Mapleton and spoke before the conjoint associations of that ward last Sun. evening. An excellent spirit prevailed. I am chairman of the invitation committee for the Academic Jubilee to be held May 28, 29 & 30. This Jubilee is for the purpose of getting all or as many as possible of Dr. Maeser's old students to meet here in a great reunion. I was chosen by Pres. Smith and the board of education to sit as one of a committee of three (W. H. Dusenberry & Holbrook) to hear the case of the expedition vs. B. Cluff, Jr.<sup>37</sup>

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<sup>34</sup> Miss Parmer Hickman may be Chloe Palmer. At this time Francis has charge of the Emery Stake Academy and Chloe Palmer is a teacher at the Academy. It is not clear when Francis marries Chloe.

<sup>35</sup> This is the first time that Josiah mentions Helen in his Journal.

<sup>36</sup> By this time, Helen is pregnant.

<sup>37</sup> State News. Cluff was Autocratic. Provo, May 21.—Since the Brigham Young South American expedition arrived from South America and even before the members returned, it has been known that the party was not always a happy family, and rumors of an autocratic disposition on the part of President B.

We have written out our findings and have them to submit to Gen. Board. I am sorry so many of the charges seem to be true.

Bro. Albert Passy, one of our students of the Sub. freshman Dept., died of typhoid fever. His home was in Arizona. I spoke for a short time at his funeral. We also had memorial services for him in the Academy.

I went home (Mother's home) the other evening and stayed all night. Bro. Arthur Dalley went with me. We went to Francis' closing exercises—a cantata.

Laura had a narrow escape from drowning the other night as she stepped off from the train at Benj. switch. She fell in a deep ditch of water and went in the flume and was pulled out by Bro. LeRoy Stevens.

I am seriously thinking of buying 9375 shares in a mine near Swan.

The BYA students contested with LDSU students here yesterday and defeated them in nearly all the sports except the basketball game. I took Willard Bean & Bro. Arthur Dalley to restaurant last night to supper. Bro. Dailey is staying with me a day or two.

I have been asked if I will accept the professorship of Psyc. & Ped. in the Normal School of Arizona Ter. at a salary of \$2500 a yr. for 8 months work. The Gov. of that Ter. asked Emil Maeser if he could recommend a Mormon for that position and he came to me to see if I would go. If all is agreeable, I may go.

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Cluff, Jr., (who was the leader of the expedition) in the treatment of the members of the party were frequently heard. Since the return of President Cluff, Professor Wolfe and others, who came back a few months ago, formal charges against President Cluff have been presented by Professor Wolfe, who is an instructor in the academy, and Gordon Beckstead of Gale, Salt Lake county. Me. Beckstead left with the expedition with the office of captain. He, however, came back a few months after, on account of the illness of one of his children, and did not again join the expedition.

The charges were presented to the academy board of trustees, who turned the matter over to a committee composed of W. H. Dusenberry, L. Holbrook and J. E. Hickman. The committee wrestled with the matter, examined witnesses, etc., and reported its findings to the board of trustees.

This morning at the devotional exercises in the academy Apostle Reed Smoot and other members of the board of trustees were in attendance. Apostle Smoot stated to the students that twenty-four charges had been presented and passed upon. Simmered down they amounted to a charge of the exercise of undue authority, and a charge of improper manipulation of the finances of the expedition. On the first count the committee had found that the charge was sustained; and the evidence did not sustain the second charge.

Apostle Smoot stated that the board of trustees had considered the report had matters connected with the case and decided to retain President Cluff in charge of the school. Action favorable to President Cluff had also been taken in a meeting of the faculty a few days ago.

President Cluff spoke in regard to the charges against him, speaking very highly of the young men generally, who had gone with him on the expedition. He had not intended to use any undue authority and did not think at the time that he had done so. He admitted having made mistakes, and called attention to the fact that it was easier to say, here, how such an expedition should be conducted than to do it on the ground. President Cluff alluded to the great progress the academy had made under his administration and expressed his appreciation of the efforts of the board of trustees, the faculty and students for the advancement of the school. [The Standard, Ogden, Utah, No. 122, May 22, 1902]

All is not the most agreeable at home at present. Perhaps it is mostly my fault.

I had a strange yet gladdening dream a few nights ago. I thought I had been traveling over a desolate road leading south. The road seemed to have been traveled but little if any, for 2 or 3 years. I was desolate and alone. Some of my family had left me which helped the desolation. I felt I had been rather pushed out by the leaders of the church because I was not fully reconciled to the stand on the plural marriage question, tho I felt I had smothered my feelings it seemed for years. My mouth was closed and it seemed also years since I had said anything on this question. The road led along the east side of a sloping mountain. I was sad and dreary not complaining to anyone or lamenting over my loneliness. At last I came to a divide in the mountain and a sluggish stream of water only a foot or so deep, lazily flowing through the gap. As I reached the edge of the creek, about the width of a wide street, I saw that there was ice on either edge of the stream of water about a foot wide, but the rest of the stream was not. The water was clear tho being shallow I could see black mud underneath the clear water. At seeing this stream to cross, I was completely disheartened. Before, in crossing other streams I had pulled off my socks and waded barefooted so I would have clean, dry socks to put on after crossing. At this point I was fully conscious that I only had on these heavy woolen socks and my garments. I was so desolate I thought I would wade the stream with my socks on. In other words, I didn't have any pride or care left. As I was about to step in, a messenger appeared at my side and said: "Why lose all hope? Pull off your socks so when you are over the stream you will have dry socks to put on." Without replying, I sat down on a rock to pull off my socks thinking that they would be mostly worn out and but little good. But as I pulled them off, I noticed there was not a hole in them and only the slightest dust on the bottom of them. I was astonished and then I looked at my garments, which before I was ashamed of thinking that they must be full of rents and holes, but there was not a rent or blemish upon them, but they were perfectly white with a faint glow emanating from them and that my garments covered me as completely and modestly as a complete Suit of clothes would. I was so astonished I arose and said to the visitant who had stood by, "What does all this mean?" He answered: "It means that with all your trials and pushing aside, there is no blot or blemish or wrong in your life. Your garments have never been stained." I was full of joy over this revelation.

Just then, what I first thought were two small white clouds coming near, I recognized that they were two beings—one was the Savior and the other was one of his ancient apostles. I was impressed that he was Peter. The Savior had a rather short pointed beard but the apostle's was heavier and longer, also was his hair. The Savior was the longest from the orifice of the ear to the front of the eyeball of anyone I had ever seen. His hair and beard were an auburn color. He had the sweetest, saddest face I ever beheld. It was indescribable. To this day I can't conceive how sadness and sweetness could be so blended. They seemed to take no notice of myself or the messenger, tho they passed within a few rods. As they passed, I ran a rod or so to a small eminence so I could behold them longer. They left a milk like glow behind them. The scene was glorious!

I then asked the messenger where they were going. He said: "To Zion." (It seemed as though it was Salt Lake.) They (Savior and apostle) were going north. I could see the

entire distance and I could see the people were in distress. The tender sacred feeling the people once had for the leading brethren was largely gone, though the people were respectfully kind. I saw the people from afar standing with their satchels in their hands looking east and they seemed to be in the power of their enemy, tho I could see no enemy.

The messenger said that the Savior had come, or was going, to deliver the people from bondage for they were in the power of their enemies. The Savior was sad over the situation the people were in, tho He had no condemnation but pity for them. They had made promises to their enemies which were not according to the Lord's will. They wanted to keep God's laws and yet make peace with their enemy, and in so doing, they became greatly in bondage to their enemy. The messenger said that the Savior was going to deliver them "as it were in a day."

He then said to me you no need to pass thru the last desolation. I was most happy. Then of a sudden, I saw young people and older people coming from the south and the west and I was informed they were coming from all directions where they had been crowded out on account of plural marriage relations. As I looked, I beheld they were polygamists returning back to the heart of Zion. I never saw more happy people. One would almost think it was a May festival, they were so happy and carefree, feeling that the day of their suppression was over. Like a mother when her babe was born, they forgot all their pains of travail.

God gave me this vision for my guidance and comfort; hence, I am holding within silence feeling that some day I will see it all fulfilled; whether I will see it in this life or the other, I do not know, but see it I will. Part of it has already been fulfilled.

As I ran I said, "O, Father, show me what it all means or the rest of it seemed." No more was shown me, but a light was left in their wake. I awoke, but I have no definite interpretation, yet I feel it has a meaning for me. I pray I shall yet know its meaning. There is an impression upon me of good import but I will wait and see if my impression is correct.

I rec'd a very nice letter from Dr. Fred N. Scott, Ann Arbor, Mich. He was one of my teachers in Eng. He states that he still expects great things of me. O, I wish I could even eclipse his most sanguine expectancy! I sent him a few clippings of comments on my addresses. I do not know what he will say about them, but it will not be much, I feel.

**May 18, 1902, Provo, Utah:** A slight snow is falling. This spring has been almost ideal for rain and warmth. It turned cold yesterday and snowed a little last night. The committee (Duesenberry, Hallbrook & myself) are thru with our report and it has been passed on by the Board of Education and approved of our findings. Brother Cluff, Jr. was censured for what he had done and came nearly losing his position as President of the Academy. He is chosen for another year. Bro. Brimhall has been given a yr's leave of absence on full salary. The Board thought strongly of giving the Presidency to Bro. Brimhall. Had he been well, they would have done so without hesitancy. Pres. Cuff, Jr..

was given the position for another year. The faculty voted to sustain him. I sympathize with him and pray that all will show mercy to him. He shall have my prayers.

I went to Nephi Fri. morning to give the graduating address to the 8th grade and High School graduates. The Lord blessed me and all seemed enrapt. I was told afterwards that it was the best they had ever heard. I was called to administer to Mrs. Johnnie Hickman's little boy Fabbion,<sup>38</sup> who was very bad with appendicitis. I returned on the afternoon train.

I spoke before the students Sun. night in their domestic meeting. The Lord was with me. It was reported in the faculty meeting that students compared it to Wendhig's lecture and some said that it was worth \$25 to them. For comments, see clippings.

We are all well at home. I learn from Francis that everything damnable is said of me in S. Lake by a certain class. Mrs. Lawisch is desperate toward me. There is treachery somewhere. God, judge between me and those who are hounding me down and those who are spreading these damnable lies about me. It is the supposition I have married again.

**May 25, 1902, Provo, Utah:** Beautiful weather. Sun. evening. The week just passed has been a clearance week (examinations), a settling up of accounts, taking stock and casting out rubbish. A time when students crystallized what they knew to present it for consideration. Most of the students got thru and perhaps with hardly an exception all worked very hard. We have six graduates this year who take out their degrees. They are Andrew L. Neff (B. L.), Maurie (Mary) Ollerton (B. Pd.), Clara Jean Holbrook (B. Pd.), Lora Smith (B. Pd.), Joseph Peterson (B. Pd.) and Lafayette Rees (B. Pd.). Judge J. E. Booth gave the baccalaureate address tonight. Subject: "The Latter-Day Saint Citizen." He gave some good thoughts. The audience was large and appreciative.

Francis stayed with us Tues. evening (night) and went home next morning. I had another letter from Prof. Jas. Connell who is in the Sanatorium at Battle Creek, Mich. He's improving slowly.

Little Lorea fell in the ditch last Fri. and went thru the flume but came out all right except very wet. Again, I think my Father in Heaven for His protection over me and my family.

I have rec'd a letter from Leslie in Columbia, S. Carolina. He is soon to be released from his mission.

I attended meeting this afternoon. It was the funeral of Brother Alex Wilkins which was held in the tabernacle. Brother Wilkins was a very good man. He was policeman for many yrs.<sup>39</sup>

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<sup>38</sup> Fabian Hickman (1895-1960) was a great-grandson of William Adams Hickman and son of John Robert and Lizzie (Morgan) Hickman.

<sup>39</sup> Alex Wilkins Falls Dead. Provo, May 23—Alexander Winkins (sic), Councilman from the Second ward, was stricken with apoplexy this morning and died almost instantly. When the stroke came he was hoeing in

Annie spent part of the afternoon with us. I have been very blue this afternoon. Scenes of joy and sorrow came upon me and each gave me grief. Thoughts and regrets, too deep for words, tell me of wrongs, mortifications and repentances which absorb the strength of the body, leaving little to sustain the spirit in the hour of grief. It is soul's condemnations, but no serious wrongs.

**June 8, 1902, Provo, Utah:** Beautiful weather & warm. Commencement week passed and amidst the features was the academic reunion of all of Dr. Maeser's old students. Many were here. Reminiscences of his school days were told. The roll was called of the first 29 and also the first graduating class. Twelve of the 29 were dead and most of the living answered present. We had a party (ball) in the evening for all and Room D was full, also Gymnasium, also many were entertained in College Hall. Amidst the many I met of old schoolmates was Joe. Naigle, the fellow I have boxed with many times and boxed for blood, but he was like a turnip—very little could be squeezed or knocked out of him. This was the first time I had seen him since he left school 18 years ago. In the meeting of reminiscences I read Pro. Brimhall's sentiment in his absence.

I gave a 10-minute speech on Decoration Day in the tabernacle here. A few sentences that I uttered were: "All truth comes through travail and toil. If the truth is of great moment or of importance, it often costs the life of the revelator. It seems a peculiar fact that truths which pertain to political or religious liberty are made sacred thru the sacrifice of human life upon the altars of war. Therefore, I have fancied God has revealed thru the bayonet, truths that could not be understood thru the seer-stone. The explosion of the Maine was the trumpet call of the Archangel to arms. He blew his blast over our cities and we arose from slumbers of troubled dreams and avenged the wrongs of the poor, starving, pleading Cuban. So viewing the past in this light it seems that blood is eternity's stamp upon truth, the baptism of purification, the martyr's crown, and the only stain that cannot be washed from the hand of the assassin.

This week was the first week of Summer School. We have about 75 or 80 students. I went home Fri. night and visited the folks until this morning (Sun.).

**June 15, 1902, Provo, Utah:** Warm & clear. Sun. I teach 6 hrs. a day. My subjects are Psychology, Practice in Teaching, and Physics. We are going to receive more for our work than I expected. As I have taken 1 ½ teacher's work I rec'd \$60 so far. We may receive some more. I lectured Fri. evening before the teachers of the Summer School on "Electricity." I had many experiments to illustrate the lecture. Among others was the x-rays. All pronounced it very interesting and instructive. It is one of the few lectures that

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his garden. Suddenly he dropped the implement, put his hands to his head and fell headlong to the ground. Members of the family hurried to him and carried his inanimate form to the house. He gave signs of consciousness after he fell. The simple remedies that were tried were of no avail, and when a physician reached the home he found Mr. Wilkins dead.

The grief of the family over the loss of a kind and indulgent father is shared by the community, in which he was very highly esteemed. He was born in Canada in 1834 and was taken by his parents to Nauvoo, Ill. He settled in Utah in 1851. For sixteen years he was a member of the police and sheriff's forces in this city. He leaves fifteen children. [The Standard, Ogden, Utah, No. 124, May 24 1902]



left “a good taste in my mouth.” In other words, I did not feel sad or blue as I generally do after it is over.

I spoke in the 3rd Ward last Sun. evening and I felt very despondent afterwards, tho what I said was appreciated. Martha and I had ice cream at Stortup’s parlors after the evening meeting. I rec’d letter from Leslie yesterday stating that he was released and would be home as soon as money was sent. I sent him \$60 last Mon.

Leon and Dee<sup>40</sup> have been working some little in the beets. Othello and Eugene are staying with Charley<sup>41</sup> at Benjamin. Hattie has a baby born June 11, Fern’s birthday.<sup>42</sup> Francis in S. L. attending Summer School at U of U. He is taking Civ. Government and Physics.

Martha is preparing to move to herself. She feels it is too hard on her to look after all the children. She says she will help care for them as best she can while to herself. I fear sorrow is ahead. I generally see light ahead but now I see none. O, Father, I need Thy aid. O, send unto me aid and light! Help me with my children. Let their mother’s spirit brood over them.

**June 22, 1902, Provo, Utah:** Warm and clear. The week passed quietly. I have good health, but Martha is half sick. She has moved to herself. Fern has done most of our housecleaning and fixing up. The little children are well. Hattie Hickman came nearly losing her life, but has recovered. I rec’d telegram last night from Leslie that he was down with the typhoid but had started home and asked that \$70 be telegraphed to Chattanooga for him. I will telegraph it tomorrow. I telegraphed this morning to Pres. Ben. E. Rich to that effect and for him to send Leslie on. We (stake and ward officers of young men) prayed for him. I hope he will be well when he arrives.

We have annual YMMIA conference of this stake today and evening. Bros. McMurrine, Dougle and Hardy are with us.

**June 30, 1902, Provo, Utah:** Warm & dry. It rained yesterday morning and part of forenoon. I discussed Arith. (how & what to teach) with my class in Practice of Teaching. I spent most of the day helping to elect (nominate) J. L. Brown for Co. Sup. against L. E. Eggerson. We succeeded.

Have rec’d two letters from Pres. Ben E. Rich concerning Leslie. He has typhoid fever and is in the hospital at Chattanooga. Leslie’s 1st counsellor arrived here Friday just from Leslie and says he is getting along nicely. Leslie was brought by him in a baggage car (no sleeper on train) from Columbia, S. C. to Chattanooga.

Ma is almost sick over the news. I am very hopeful of Leslie’s recovery and have written him to that effect. I blessed the letter and paper on which I wrote and asked my Father in

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<sup>40</sup> Dee is fourteen and half; Leon is ten. Othello is twelve and Eugene is 10.

<sup>41</sup> Charley is Josiah’s younger brother who has a farm in Benjamin.

<sup>42</sup> The baby is Laura Maree Hickman and it was Fern’s 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

heaven that it might carry healing power in it to Leslie and that when he got it, it would revive him. I asked him to sleep with it under his pillow and he would feel a healing power with it.

I went to Payson Thurs. evening by special request and spoke to a gathering of young people. I came back Friday morning. Wilford McKendrick has just arrived in S. Lake from Leslie and I telephoned to Francis to come and see him and write particulars inasmuch as Francis was in S. L. I go tonight to Timpanogas to a conjoint of young peoples.

**July 23, 1902, St. George, Utah:** (Dry & hot.) This is my first trip to St. George. I will be here 5 or 6 days. I have examined a little the country around here. I found St. G. in almost a hole. This country is grandly eroded. The valley is guarded on every side by gorged and buttressed mountains, pinnacles, domes and buttes that look solemn and sterile in the desert winds and torrid sun. They are of red sandstone and occasionally one is hooded by black volcanic lava. In this arid region, these hills would not wash down in a million years; contrarywise they would, sphynxlike, stand immovable and unmindful of the rapid flight of the countless eons, so slight is the erosion in this scarred and desolated waste. It is the crucible in which God is testing and purifying some of his noblest spirits.

The Pres. of Stake is away, also Bp. We speak here Fri. & Sat. nights. I left home Sun. night 8:50 p.m. July 13. I took sleeper to Milford and spoke in Minersville Mon. night. Wed, night and afternoon in Parowan. Then in Paragona Thurs. night and again in Parowan Friday night. Bro. Anderson and I came to Cedar Sat. He stopped at Kanarra and I came onto St. G. I found Helen well. She was pleased to see me at least I was very pleased to see her. I have had a pleasant time here and will feel my visit but short. Her grandmother is a pleasant old lady and has made my stay very agreeable. Helen will not return at least for a time. She prefers to stay here with her grandmother. It is also her mother's wish. On these conditions her mother is to forgive me. It is getting forgiveness easier than I could and have hoped, for knowing as I do how deeply I wrecked her fond mother's hope.

I have twice written to Martha but have rec'd no reply. I hope all is well at home. I have been incognito since I came.

**July 28, 1902:** Virgin City: Very warm. I spent the 24th in St. George also 25 to 27. I spoke in St. G. Sat, night and Sun. afternoon. Spoke in Washington last night to a full house. The boys stayed outside by the door and the Bp. (Sproul) invited them in, but they didn't come. When I got up to speak, I told them unless they came in they couldn't see the wart on my nose. At that, they all came in for it was curiosity that killed the cat. I had no wart. I spoke upon the value of youth and its abuses; the effects our acts and thoughts have upon our character; urged high ideals, education, etc. A good, happy and humorous spirit prevailed throughout the meeting.

I had a good sleep last night; it was so cool compared to St. G. weather. Bp. Sproul loaned me Parley P. Pratt's pamphlet entitled "The Angel of the Prairies" (a dream of the

future) to read. I did so on my way to Leads. I joined Bro. Anderson there and we came to Toquerville. We left there a little before 1 p. m. for this place, but we got on the wrong road twice and did not reach here until 4 p. m. instead of 2 p.m. We did not hold meeting this afternoon as we expected as we were too late. We will hold one tonight.

We have passed through rugged and sterile valleys sentineled by mountains, pinnacles, lone peaks that have been wildly yet grandly chiseled by nature's immutable hand. Silent and inspiring stand these temples and monuments of the desert lifting their kingly heads and varigated forms into the domain of the clouds. Here they are solemn and imposing amidst an eternal desolation- a desolation of centuries where hermit nature broods dumb and speechless to the thoughtless. Yet, this bewildering panorama is the ideographic writings of the forces that have been carving their voiceless history from the darkling dawn of creation's morn. Standing as I am in the midst of the wreck of ages, the story goes on, the winds whistle around the eroding peaks and the Virgin river is still taking the mountains in her arms and carrying them down to the sea.

**Aug. 30, 1902, Provo, Utah:** Fair, pleasant weather. I spoke in Virgin City at night and next day. The Bp. of that place (Beebe) said that he had been praying, ever since he heard I was coming, that I would be influenced to speak upon "Banishment of the Mormon People." So I did. Bro. A. B. Anderson occupied but little time that evening, but next day took half of the time. We went back to Toquerville and spoke two evenings. We met Prof. W. M. Davis of Harvard Uni. there (also in Virgin City). We spent a day on the Virgin River and on Hurricane Ridge with him and two Harvard students studying the faulting, volcanic flows, etc. He pointed out to us the carboniferous permian, Triassic & Jurassic layers. We left and drove to Cedar City and spoke there to a very small audience. The next day we came to Beaver and I spoke there that night. The next day went to Milford. That evening visited with Joe & Dez Hickman and families for 2 or 3 hrs. before starting home.

**Sep. 14, 1902, Provo, Utah:** Since coming home have spoken in Goshen, Payson, Charleston, 2 wards of Provo and 2nd Ward of Springville. I go this evening to Salem to speak. This will be my first trip there to speak. I have a strange curiosity to go there. There is where I was born but have scarcely ever been there since we moved away; that was when I was about 3 1/2 yrs. old. I have been chosen Pres. of the Pedagogium of the BYA. Miss Ella Larsen is Vice-Pres. We had an excursion of the YMMIA to Utah Lake Sep. 6. We cleared about \$14. 00.

I am teaching this yr. Bk. of M. (class of nearly 80), Physics I (college work), Physiology A, Methods of Teaching which includes methods of all nations, ancient and modern, Psychology A and College Psyc. In Physics Inse Hastings and Beach General Physics. I am still working on my psyc. research work. Leslie begins teaching at Clinton tomorrow. Francis teaches in Benj. Laura teaches in Provo. Chas. is the best farmer among the Hickmans.

**Sep. 21, 1902, Provo, Utah:** The week passed with a rush and scarcely kept up with it. I addressed the Commercial students Thurs. afternoon. By special request I went to

Springville 3rd Ward and spoke this Sun. evening. I examined the validity of the testimony of the witnesses of the Bk. of M. Martha and baby went with me. We have rec'd only 1/2 pay this mo. so far.

**Sep. 28, 1902, Provo, Utah:** I like my work in College Physics better this yr. than ever before. I had to talk like a Dutch uncle to members of two of my classes this last week for nonpreparation. We, the stake officers of YMMIA, held street meetings Wed. & Thurs. nights on the streets of Springville. That was my first experience at preaching the gospel on the streets. I made the opening talk. My topic was faith. Thurs. evening I was too ill to go. Bro. Jos. Buttell & Messrs. Booth & Holbrook spoke that night. Miss Reynolds and Ed Farrer spoke with me Wed, evening. A large, respectful audience was out.

In a letter rec'd Sep. 7 from J. G. Kimball expressing regrets for his inability to speak at our excursion to the Utah Lake, he said two or three kindly and prophetic things about me which I here copy verbatim: "You are very congenial to me and I love and respect you. I pray the Lord to bless you and He will do so and you will progress and be a power amongst the people."

We have had convention of stake officers all day. Dr. Hardy and Pres. Frank Y. Taylor were with us. Tonight we had a public conference. Apostle Smoot, Bro. Taylor and myself were the speakers. There was an excellent spirit upon us and the audience.

Apostle Smoot related a circumstance that had occurred in this town within the last week. A young girl was drugged and raped and the officers were hunting it down. Nobody can find out the girl nor man. Such crime could be met with death.

By request, Helen's father stopped off to see me yesterday. I told him enough for him to know the truth. Instead of his seeking vengeance, he had only kindly feelings towards me. He said that he appreciated me very much and had a deep regard for me. He is to write me fuller his attitude toward me and his daughter. He is not in the church nor does he believe in a hereafter. I took him to the room where God had shown me my companion (Helen) and His spirit was, I believe, upon Mr. H. and me yesterday. This was what I had prayed for.

Our Babe that was very sick is well again. I thank the Lord for it. It was He who healed my babe Radino. O, Father, accept the gratitude of my soul for all blessings. Father, continue to bless me with power to do good. Give me the hearts of the youth of Zion with whom I labor.

Our hired girl has left. She was deceitful and it is well she left. O, Father, send to my home someone who will be a mother and a teacher to my children.

**Oct. 12, 1902, Provo, Utah:** Since last writing I have been to general conference in S. L. I attended Sun. & Mon. and the special priesthood meeting Tues. forenoon. I also attended two of the St. Teachers' Association sessions. I heard Dr. Jas. L. Hughes lecture

3 times, once here and twice in S. L. I heard Prof. Search one night in the tabernacle but he in my estimation was a failure as a lecturer. As I remarked, "If they would screw down his voice and shackle his hands, what he said might be worth listening to."

Our conference was profitable and was fraught with great spirit. It was unique in that many of the Stake Presidency were called on to speak as well as all the apostles except Brigham Young, M. Lyman and Heber J. Grant. The two latter are on foreign missions. Apostle Young was and is very ill. Pres. Smith said that he was very bad and that they (the brethren) had put him in the hands of the Lord. At the special priesthood meeting, the people were advised to take up land, secure water rights, reservoir water, shale beds, coal beds, granite quarries, marble beds, mineral deposits, etc. and hold and work them; not to let the enemies come in and secure them.

Our baby has been ill again but is better tonight. Martha is not well. I sent \$14 to Mrs. Hanson. We have had two days conference here yesterday and today. I did not go this forenoon. I stayed home and helped Fern mend the childrens' stockings, etc. We had the young peoples conference tonight and it was excellent. Pres. Jos. F. Smith was mighty in his testimony concerning the Prophet Joseph. I presided in the presence of God's prophet. What an honor! One I never expected to have.

Mary Orser<sup>43</sup> has been in from Vernal. She stayed here two nights with us. She plead to take Fern and Lorea with her, but I could not say yes. Fern has not done fully right. She will yet rue the fact that she has not been obedient to me and faithful to her covenant that she, Dee, Othello and I made with our right hands upon their dead mother's breast. We there covenanted never to go astray, break our covenants, nor pollute our lives. We there, with streaming eyes, promised to keep God's commandments that we could meet in honor dear Ella again. Still, I believe my children are trying to do right. Indeed struggling hard to do so. I may be too keenly when my children stoop to folly. (*Years have come and gone and Fern is a most noble woman.*)

**Oct. 26, 1902, Provo, Utah:** Sun. Pleasant weather. A week ago last Fri. I went to Beaver to speak before the students of the Beaver Branch Academy. I arrived there Sat. between 1 and 2 p. m. I spoke that evening on "As Your Thoughts so You Are." The Lord was with me and the audience seemed to appreciate what I said very much. A request was made of me by the teachers that I speak next morning in S. School and take up full time. They asked for my subject so they could announce it before the audience was dismissed that evening. I told them I would "Examine the Three Witnesses of the Bk. of M." The audience in S. S. like the one in the evening was large and respectful. Some of Beaver's citizens were present at both meetings. That afternoon Prin. A. B. Anderson and two of his teachers took me to Adamsviile 19 miles west of Beaver where I spoke for about 50 minutes and then took the stage for Milford. I was met at Milford by my cousin Deseret Hickman. We went to his home and had supper. I left on the 10:25 p.m. train for home. My trip, I feel, was very successful all around. By my going to Beaver, I missed hearing Fredric Warde in his lecture and interpretation of Shakespeare given here in the Academy.

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<sup>43</sup> Mary Orser is Ella's older sister.

Last Tues. evening I went to Springville and visited the presidents of all the associations. I found all the associations in running order. We had our monthly stake officers' meeting last Thurs. evening and laid out our work for a month. We are to have a party for the young people of Provo next Fri. night. Bros. Nathaniel Baldwin, Myron Crandall and Eugene Allen were chosen as stake aids last conference. Pro. Allen is chosen as secretary.

I do not get along with my home affairs as I should like. I need the spirit of the Lord not only with me but in my home affairs every day and hour. Probably am too sensitive.

Thoughts: Why is it the spirit does not receive the finer influences when the body is impaired with tobacco, liquor, etc? Is it due to the fact that the spirit after all gets its impressions of the finer forces as well as the grosser thru the body, and that the spirit is wholly dependent upon the body for all its impressions? If not, why can the spirit not interpret and detect these finer and more subtle forces as well when the body is impaired? My impressions are that the spirit is dependent upon the fineness and sensitiveness of the body for its impressions of even spiritual forces, etc. J.E.H.

It is a science to separate an author's thought from his language. Until this is done, it is hard to make the thought your own. J.E.H.

Why is it that little or no pain is felt during great excitement tho the body receives great injury? The reason that pain is not so readily felt in extreme excitement is due to the outgoing impulses meeting and partly, if not wholly, nulifying the incoming wave or chemical transmission. J. E. H.

**Nov. 2, 1902, Provo, Utah:** (Sun.) Fine weather but quite cool. Another week gone. I do not study as much as I would like due to so much work. I went to hear Griffeths, a hypnotist, Wed, night. He has an unmistakable power and performed some wonderful feats. Moritz Lawisch (Martha's brother) came down for a couple of days to visit us. He made the boys (Leon and Reginald) a present of three suits of clothes. I went yesterday morning to Nephi and spoke before the Inst. on "Language." I addressed a small audience of parents and teachers last night. The reason of so few was due to politics and a theater in town. I came home this morning. All the folks are well.

**Nov. 16, 1902, Provo, Utah:** It has been storming the last week. I went to Preston, Id. a week ago last Fri. night and spoke before the Lit. Society of the Academy. There was a large audience and very appreciative. My subject was the "Development of Science and Invention in the 19th Century." The Oneida Stake Academy paid my expenses. They were \$8. 25. While there I met many friends. Different ones expressed deep regrets that I had left and asked if I would return. Some of my former students from there are attending the Academy here.

I spoke in the tabernacle here today for a short time; also in the 5th Ward this evening. I discussed the Bk. of M. and external proofs. Martha went to meeting with me this

evening. Lilly Douglass is working for me now and my home affairs seem to be better just at present. My payday was Fri. (\$130.00 per mon.) I feel at times as tho the Lord was blessing and will eventually grant unto me the desires of my heart.

Away off in God's desert there is an Ishmael and a Hagar. They are mine. They are mine thru promise. Now, O Lord, preserve them from harm's way. The mother passed thru the shadow of the valley of death. She returned with a soldier—a prophet—a promised spirit. May she rear him to manhood and may the light of heaven be upon him. O, Father, protect and bless my dear companion. Open the way that she might return to me. Another soul came to earth to live again from total ignorance to perfect knowledge. Now innocent and helpless to be successfully impressed with nature's hand and God's voice, first by gentle impressions and later by ruder strokes until he shall awaken from this sleep of mortality, and then he shall know his divine origin. We shall name him Myrthus Hanson and lovingly await the awakening.<sup>44</sup>

**Nov. 29, 1902, Fairview, Sanpete Co., Utah:** Clear cold. Has snowed 10 inches but is gone—Nov. 26. We closed school Wed, evening for Thanksgiving vacation. School opens again Mon. Dec. 1. My family was to be united in Thanksgiving dinner but at the last moment discord came and from no fault of mine as far as I know. Then I demanded to know the cause. Trouble came. Discord and deep feelings followed. I refrain from telling it. Time, I think, will reveal it all. For the first time I am now ready to sever my sacred vows with Martha. I have written her a letter asking such.

I have been in Sevier Co. three days (Nov. 22, 23 & 24). I spoke in Elsinore, Monroe and Richfield. I also blessed Wm. Clark's baby (Nov. 23) and named it. It is called Ethel Ireta Clark. I took Reginald and Levon<sup>45</sup> with me. They had a nice time. I enjoyed myself to see the pleasure they had. I stayed one night with Will and one night with Ed Clark.

I am here attending Co. Inst. I have spoken twice in Inst. on "Cultivation of the Perceptive Faculties" and School Government." I spoke last night in their public meeting on "Children's Lies." Prof. E. H. Eastinond spoke at each session very interestingly on manual training in the school. The teachers were very loud in their appreciations of our work. I return home this afternoon. Eugene came with me this time. He is perfectly delighted with his trip.

Francis and Chloe came to spend Thanksgiving dinner with us. It is useless too, it was a sad one for them as well as to all others concerned. I was in this town a little over two years ago—just before Ella died. Shall it be that there awaits me another sorrow equally as great? O, Father, I need Thee every hour!

**Dec. 29, 1902, Virgin City, Utah:** It has been a month today since I last wrote. Everything is well with me as far as I know. Peace and love have come to smooth the troubled waters. It has, for the time, healed my broken, bleeding heart.

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<sup>44</sup> Myrthus Hansen Hickman was born on November 6, 1902 in St. George.

<sup>45</sup> Both boys are six years old.

I went to Morgan City, Morgan Co. and spoke at the Inst. in the afternoon and before the public in the evening. I met there Linda Nelson, one of my former students. I had a very pleasant visit with her and her family. I got back to S. Lake Sun. morning and stayed there until evening. I visited Henry Tanner. I also went to the Co. Infirmary and visited Martha's father who is there due to a paralytic stroke. He can walk a little. He is there because he cast aside his family and would not treat them as his. He also turned aside from the church. He is well taken care of. Juanita<sup>46</sup> went to S. L. with me and stayed with her grandma and stayed there till Sun. evening and came home with me.

I went to Lehi and lectured there on Ast. I cleared \$6.00. I went to Eureka and lectured to Inst. and then in the evening on Ast. with stereopticon views. I cleared \$4. 50. I went to Castledale, Emery Co. and lectured to the teachers on Arith. & Gram. In the evening I spoke to the public on the "Home and the School." My trip was very satisfactory to me. I went to Price Fri. night and from there to Castledale in a buggy with Sup. Seth Allen. We got there a little after two a.m. For comments on Inst. see Journal of Clippings.

School closed Fri. Dec. 19. I have not criticised my ex. papers yet. I started for the south Dec. 22. I spoke in Beaver Dec. 23, Parowan Dec. 24. Dec. 27 I spoke in Washington. I met Helen there and she went with me to Toquerville and from there to Virgin City. I regretted very much to leave home this time. I pray all will be well while I am away.

**Jan. 4, 1903, Provo, Utah:** I left Virgin and went to Leads and spoke there on "Evidences of Bk. of M." The next day I went to St. G. I spoke to the Co. Teachers, Jan. 2 in forenoon and to public in evening. I left there Jan. 3 at 6 a.m. and traveled 65 miles by stage. I took the train at Modeno last night and got here this morning at 8 a.m. I stopped in Milford while the train was readjusting itself and went over to Dez Hickman's and ate a few bites of supper. He and Joseph Hickman went back to the train and we talked quite a while with them. I am anxious to have a long talk with him (Joe) on the gospel. He is also willing and anxious to talk with me.

I found the children were well and had behaved very nicely while I was away. I rec'd a nice letter from Mary O. this morning. Martha and her children are still in S. Lake. I am homesick to see her and the children. The next semester begins in the morning. I am not prepared to meet it.

**Jan. 25, 1903, Provo, Utah:** It is very muddy weather and stormy. I have given all the Physics over to Bro. Nathaniel Baldwin. He has taken four college courses with me and the best student in Physics (as far as he has gone) I ever saw. He is decidedly an inventor. He has a great future before him if he improves his time. I am now teaching Theory A & B, Psychology A & B and 2 (the latter is a college course), also Theology (Bk. of M. ). I will like my work better now.

I just rec'd a reply to my letter from Dr. John Dewey and Dean Jackman of Chicago Uni. telling me I was almost sure to get a scholarship from that Institution. Now, O Lord, help

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<sup>46</sup> Juanita is four years old.



me to find favor with our board that they may grant me 3/4 of my salary and a leave of absence for one year. Open the way that I can pay my indebtedness before the time to depart. I pray for light. I pray for influence with my fellow beings. I pray for power and disposition to fill the mission I came to fulfill with honor.

Fern and Dee have not been well but now better. I went home a week ago last Sat. morning and visited my mother and others of the family at Benjamin. I went a week ago tonight and spoke on Astronomy with stereopticon views in American Fork. I cleared, after all expenses were paid, \$4.90. I spoke before the Literary Society of the BYA last night on the "Springtime of Life." There were between 30 or 40 present. For comments, see Journal of Clippings.

We have now changed the plan of the BY Sun. School. It is now reorganized under the title of the BYA Sunday Normal School. Special work is taken up in YMMIA, YLMIA, Normal S. S. and Kindergarten work, missionary work, etc. So that all the work done will be to teach the young people how such work should be done; also all the information that is taught in each of the courses. I believe it is the best plan that has been instituted so far in the BY for Sun. work. Bro. Caleb Tanner and I are the teachers in the YMMIA work.

Apostle Smoot has been chosen as Senator from Utah. Now the nation is preparing to howl and will make a desperate fight against his being seated. Bp. Myron Tanner<sup>47</sup> died two weeks ago yesterday or today and we had his funeral in the tabernacle. The Academy closed a half day for it. Leslie is here for Inst. & to see his girl. I have gotten me a new suit and overcoat. Price \$30 but got a reduction.

**Feb. 1, 1903, Provo, Utah:** Considerable snow, more than has been for years. All the children are well again. Father in heaven, protect my families from disease and sin. Give me influence with my families. I gave the students a new definition to Psychology. It was: Psyc. is the science of the soul- its phenomena and conditions. I made the distinction between soul, spirit and mind. I hope to be a great factor in the Psyc. world before I die. O, Father, help me to fulfill my patriarchal blessings along this line. I am

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<sup>47</sup> Myron Tanner Dead. Myron Tanner, one of the pioneers of Utah, and a man who left a deep impression upon the industrial, financial, educational and political life of the community in which he lived for more than a half a century, died at the home of his son, Prof. J. M. Tanner, in forest Dale, just south of Salt Lake, yesterday morning. The cause of death was a combination of heart and kidney trouble.

Mr. Tanner had passed the limit of three score years and ten. He came to Utah in the Mormon battalion in 1847 following closely after the first band of pioneers. He located in Provo and at once became one of the leaders of the community. For thirty years and more he was the bishop of the third ward and was mayor of Provo for a number of terms; for four years he was chairman of the board of county commissioners of Utah county; for ten years he was the manager of the Provo Woolen mills and was succeeded in that position by Apostle Reed Smoot; for many years he was a member of the board of trustees of the Brigham Young academy, and was active in the founding and upbuilding of that institution. all of his children were given college educations. Eleven of his children are still living.

The deceased was always noted for his great activity, his rugged honesty, and his religious zeal. His remains will be shipped from the home of his son, Prof. Tanner to Provo on Tuesday and the funeral services will be held in that city on Wednesday. [The Ogden Standard, Ogden City, Utah, No. 30, January 12, 1903.]

promised to be among the leading scientists of the world. My Father, Thou hast been kind unto me. Make me worthy of Thy blessings and promises.

I attended High Priests meeting today in the S. L. tabernacle and spoke a few minutes. I spoke before the conjoint of the 4th Ward this evening upon "The Word of Wisdom from the Scientist's Standpoint." The spirit of the Lord was with me. We are to have YMMIA conference next Sun. (Feb. 8).

The dark clouds of disappointment and misfortune are the bulwarks behind which we strengthen our characters. (A thought) I am reading P. de Roo's America Before Columbus. There is superabundance of evidence in that work to prove the claims of the Bk. of M. I have read Hall Cain's "Bondman." The description is powerful in places.

**Feb. 17, 1903, Provo, Utah:** We have had very cold weather of late. The thermometer was from 13 to 180 below zero Fahrenheit. We had YM&LMI conference. Brother Willard Done was the only one from the General Board to represent the Y. M. but Mrs. Fox was down to represent the Y. L. Our conference was only slimly attended. Our associations are doing better in some respects than they did last yr. Most every association is complete and in good running order.

I went to Heber last Fri. evening to speak before the Inst. of Wasatch Co. The Supt. (Wootton) was absent from the meeting due to death of his son's children. It was very cold there; 380 below zero. I spoke upon the "Educative Value of the Perceptive Faculties." It was a new thought to some of them. I stayed at the Jeffs Hotel.

I returned home Sun. morning and found that Miss Mary Woodruff had died. She passed away at 3 a. m. that morning (Feb. 15). She was a noble woman. Her mother is deeply grieved. I had no impression that she would die. I had been there several times and administered to her. She was engaged to be married to Bp. Philo Austin from Dayton, Idaho. He arrived last night and is deeply moved over her death. Her funeral is to be at 2 p. m. today.<sup>48</sup>

I spoke on the liquor question last Sun. night in Springville to a large audience. The audience seemed much impressed, even the children sat without disturbance for nearly two hours. A gentleman from St. Louis was there and sought an introduction to me at the

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<sup>48</sup> Death from Pneumonia. Provo, Feb 15.—A sad and unexpected death occurred here this morning at 3 o'clock, when Miss Mary Woodruff died from pneumonia, with which she had suffered for about a week. Her condition was not, however, considered critical, and her death is a great shock to her aged mother, who is in failing health and to her many relatives and friends.

The deceased was the daughter of the late President Wilford Woodruff and Sarah Woodruff and was born in Salt Lake City Oct. 22, 1867. She moved to Provo in the fall of 1892 and has since been connected with the Brigham Young academy, of which she is a graduate, as a student and teacher. She has held the position of assistant teacher in the grades in the raining department, and was an instructor in the domestic art department at the time of her death, and although her health has been failing for about a month past, she continued in the discharge of her duties in the academy till a week ago, when she was compelled to cease her labors, her ailment having developed into a case of pneumonia. [The Ogden Standard, Ogden city, Utah, No. 40, February 16, 1903.]

close of the lecture. He was very expressive of his appreciation but it must have been hard on him for such men as himself use liquor for pasttime. The gentleman that introduced him said, "I asked this gentleman to come and hear the greatest orator in Utah."

"That puts Utah down to a low ebb," said I. He assured me not. This is only for my journal.

**Mar. 1, 1903, Provo, Utah:** Weather moderating; most snow gone and it is quite muddy. I went to Castle Dale a week ago last Fri. night. Sup. Allen took me from Price. We got there about 3 a. m. I again lectured upon Gram, and Arith. In the evening I spoke under the auspices of the Emery Stake Academy. My subject was "Religious Education" or the Value of Spiritual Training. There was a large audience and very attentive. The next morning (Sun.) Supt. Allen and I came as far as Huntington and attended S. School. I spoke a short time before their theological class (about 90); then I spoke before the whole school (about 350). I spoke on faith and prayer. I related some of my experiences. It is the only time I ever broke down and wept while I was speaking before a public, but I was not alone in my tears for nearly half of the house wept also. I took dinner with Pro. Don C. Woodward and family. His wife is a very choice cook. On our way from there to Price, I read a small work of Lowell's poems including the Vision of Sir Lonfaul.

While in Price I met ex-deputy sheriff Gilson. He was one of those who delighted in the raiding of our people. He was then worth a great deal but now he is bankrupt or at least has come down to bedrock. Is this a judgment of God? I find that nearly every deputy that hunted down our people have gone to the dogs. One was arrested as a vagabond, one died in a gutter (so I am informed), one was killed in a whore house. One skipped the country after having gotten possession of a widow woman's property. Three I know to be bankrupt and are almost living the lives of recluses or half hermits. One famished on the desert and wolves ate flesh off bones and scattered them around for hundreds of yards. One acted as a spotter and sold his friend (Gurley) for \$10. 00. Afterwards, this spotter (Bart Race) killed his wife and then committed suicide.

I heard Thurs. night a female quartet Philharmonic Club from Chicago. They were charming in their singing. I should have gone Fri. night to Price to speak, but the 4:18 p. in. was 2 hrs. late so I did not go. I attended the Normal S.S. today and observed the YMMI work for we have a class in that work. Bro. Tanner and I are in charge of it. I also attended the fast meeting this afternoon & with others bore my testimony. I go this evening to Pleasant View Ward to attend the conjoint meeting.

**Mar. 8, 1903, Provo, Utah:** Weather mild, but stormy and muddy. I went and spoke in P. View as well as observed the program as carried thru. Bro. Morgan Edwards was nigh unto death with pneumonia but was restored thru faith. I aided several times in administering to him. School work is as usual. The B. Y. and LDS students had their matched game last night. The score was 13 to 23 in favor of LDSU. It was a hard-fought game.

We (Stake Officers) had our MIA ball in the Mozart Fri. night. Our expenses were \$34.75. We came out about \$3.00 behind. I have been to the students conference this forenoon and afternoon. Pres. Jos. F. and Lund were here also J. G. Kimball. The conference continues this evening but I am staying home with my children. I have felt very un-Christian today due to a dirty insult last night from Mr. Cape. I felt like slapping his ears. I am not thru with him. I feel very bad tonight.

We have decided to have Summer School from June 1 to July 10. As Sec. of the Committee, I have written to Dr. Fred N. Scott to learn if he can lecture for us this summer. My children are well. Dee has been sick but is able to work again.

**Mar. 29, 1903, Provo, Utah:** Weather fine and ground dry. I made my last trip to Emery Co. Mar. 13-15. I delivered a public lecture in Orangeville in the evening of Mar. 14. Mar. 21 I delivered my first lecture on the Life & Character of Robert G. Ingersoll in Ephriam. It was given under the auspices of the YMMIA. I spoke two hours lacking 5 min. but even then a number gathered around me and said they could have listened another hr. without being tired. An admission of 25c was charged to the lecture to get funds for the MIA. I spoke before the students of the BYA last Sun. night on the Word of Wisdom, from the scientist's standpoint. I am to speak on the same subject in the ward tonight.

I rec'd a letter from Thos. Hull Gen. Sec. that he had learned that we (YM & YL) were not holding conferences after each Quarterly Conference. He was wrongly informed for we have never failed to do so.

Francis and Chloe are here. Martha is sick. I attended the excellent lecture Fri. evening delivered by Miss Stone on the captivity of herself and Mrs. Tsilka by the brigands in Macedonia. I visited or attended the basketball game yesterday between our boys and Colorado boys. Our boys beat. I also attended the reading of Prof. Clark of the Chicago Uni. of "Ulysses." I attended High Priest's Quorum this morning. I sent my recommendations to Chicago Uni.

**Apr. 19, 1903, Provo, Utah:** Attended conference in S. L. Rec'd choice instruction both in general and special sessions. Pres. Smith gave in the special priesthood meeting, the keynote to the brethren concerning the sentiment and spirit concerning plural marriages. Helen came and went to Dayton, Idaho. I had a nice visit with her. She has a beautiful babe.

I have been to Hinckley to Co. Inst. a week ago last Sat. I spoke twice in Inst. and once to the public on Life and Character of Robt. O. Ingersoll. I lectured on Astronomy in the Academy last Fri. night for the benefit of the Library of the 1907's Class. They took in \$9.60. I discussed the Bk. of M. (III Nephi) with Pres. Cluff's Class in S. S. this morning.

**May 17, 1903, Provo, Utah:** Stormy; rain and little snow. My school work has progressed as usual. My classes are finishing their courses- Theory A (Hist. of Ed. &

Methods). Theory B (School Gov.), Psychology (a) Roark's Psyc. as text Book; Psychology (b) Halleck's Psyc. as text bk., also Dewey's Ten Lectures as given before our Summer School (1901) and Gordy's Psyc. or one equal to it as collateral reading. Psyc. 2 James' advance work Vol. 2, also chapters from Romanes, Wundt and Jas. Mark Baldwin Psychologies. Theology a - Bk. of M. - I finished the work with external evidences.

Radino has been very sick with pneumonia but is well again. I fell in the gymnasium and fractured my shoulder about 4 weeks ago.

I went to Hinckley, Millard Co. and I spoke before Inst. twice. The people turned out and filled the house at each session. Also delivered public lecture in the evening. Since then I lectured in Springville on "The Mistakes of Ingersoll." We had a district conference of the young people in Springville last Sun. I went to Ogden last Wed. and lectured before a full house in the tabernacle on "The External Evidences of the Bk. of M." I went in Pres. Cluff's place. I spoke at Mrs. J. J. Loveless's funeral in the 6th Ward last Thurs. A good spirit prevailed, yet it was pathetic. I got so full tears flowed down my cheeks as I spoke.

**May 24, 1903, Provo, Utah:** It has been raining every day for a week. Everything bids fair to be a most prosperous season. This last week has been one of examinations and I am hardly thru with criticising papers. Only a few of my students failed. We have had three sessions of Bk. of M. convention yesterday and today. The speakers were Pres. Jos. F. Smith, Dr. Milton Hardy, Pres. Cluff, Jr., Bro. Homes (of Sp. Fork), B. H. Roberts, Dr. J. E. Talmage and O. F. Whitney. Elder Penrose, Geo. Reynolds, and myself were to speak but time would not permit. The subjects discussed were: Pronunciation of Proper Names; Location of Bk. of M. Lands, especially Zarahemla; Internal Evidences of the Bk. of M. Pres. Smith appointed me with a committee of 5 to decide upon a law of pronunciation of proper names of Bk. of M.

The YM & YLMA of Nebo, Utah and Alpine stakes have agreed to run a conjoint excursion to Salt Air or some other resort.

**June 11, 1903, Provo, Utah:** I went to Salt Lake May 28 and saw the Pres. Roosevelt parade and attended the meeting in the tabernacle and heard his speech. It was the greatest gathering I think I ever saw. Both sidewalks were crowded with people and the street occupied with the parade from O. S. L. depot east to main street and from there 6 or 8 blocks south. At the same time, people were collecting on other streets and at other places to get to see the parade. The tabernacle was absolutely jammed, both seat and standing room. The Pres. spoke of the resources of this country, especially the West. He discussed the irrigation problem, farming, forest reserves, etc. Salt Lake was wrapped in bunting and flowed with streamers.

I stayed May 30 & 31 to attend the YM & YL annual conference. I appreciated the meetings. B. H. Roberts sized up the Presbyterians in their attitude towards us in claiming (at their conference in Los Angeles) that the Mormons could not be educated, civilized or reformed but that they must be crushed. They said that they must strike now

at the octopus or they were lost. I also felt a tender kinship to Pres. Smith more than ever before.

Our Summer School began June 1 and we are having an excellent school. There are 100 or more present. Prof. Trueblood and wife are to be with us one week. I lectured Sun. evening in the 3rd Ward on the attitude of the Christian creeds toward us, in fact the attitude of apostate religions from the beginning- Egypt, Assyria, Rome, etc. to the present. I am to speak tonight before the Summer School on "Children's Lies."

I went home (Benj.) to visit mother last Fri. evening and returned Sun. afternoon. I took with me Lorea and Juanita. Leslie is here attending S. S. and staying with me. Our children are all well. Today Fern is 17 yrs. of age. Most of my life has been lived since that age.

**June 17, 1903, Provo, Utah:** Wed. Weather very warm. I am very busy today. I am to speak tonight by special request on "The Development of Science in the 19th Century." I am very despondent today. I pray for a deliverance from my helpless and beggarable condition. I attended S. S. and two meetings last Sunday. We had ex- Supt. Don C. Woodward to our place for dinner Sun. He is a very fine man.

We now have 100 students in Summer School. Martha is washing today. My little boys have been doing some little work this summer in the beets and elsewhere. I spoke a week ago tonight per agreement on "Children's Lies" in S. S.

**June 29, 1903, Provo, Utah:** Real warm., Our Summer School is progressing nicely. Some of my students say that they have gotten more already than their money's worth. I am teaching Principles and Practice of Teaching and Psychology. Prof. Thos. C. Trueblood, wife and daughter have arrived. I took him to our afternoon services and Bro. Clove and myself were called to speak. The Lord aided us. A man came up at close of meeting to me with tears in his eyes and said "Bro , I would vote for you to be President of the U. S." I replied to him that his vote would be the only vote I would get.

Prof. Trueblood said to me, "Well, brother, I see you have the old fire of eloquence in you!! I took him around the town for a walk this afternoon. He speaks tonight on "Savonarola." I spoke on the Development of Science in the last 100 Years by special request before the Summer School.

**July 22, 1903, Vernal, Uintah Co., Utah:** Prof. T. C. Trueblood proved a most successful instructor and the teachers were much pleased with his work. He and his wife gave each an evening's reading. They did excellent work. Prof. T's reading of Hamlet was a masterful rendition. He left us feeling fine and was pleased with the treatment rec'd from the people. I passed papers to teachers and they wrote their impressions concerning Prof. T's work. They wrote strong testimonials concerning him. Each of us teachers rec'd \$92 for our summer's work. We paid him \$100 for his work and their (self, wife & daughter's expenses) \$23. 00.

I delivered the oration in Lehi on the 4th of July; for comments refer to Journal of Clippings. Our Summer School closed in an excellent manner and the teachers left expressing themselves in unstinted praise for the Summer School.

We (myself & Ella's children) arrived here Sun. afternoon about 4 p.m. We had been on the road nearly 6 1/2 days. It was a beautiful sight when we stood upon the divide and looked east into the Ashley Valley. The valley seems extra green and gives promise of a great future. Mary and all of us were pleased to meet . On the way out here I went bareheaded part, of two days and my head and face swelled up and my eyes or rather eye lids looked like puff balls. So swollen were my eye lids that you couldn't see my eye lashes. I looked a fright. My head, ears, and face pealed off in great flakes. I went without a hat to inspire my hair to grow.

On our way here Dee<sup>49</sup> and I killed 16 cottontailed rabbits and 7 or 8 sage hens.

**Aug. 25, 1903, Provo, Utah:** I had good success in my Summer School work. The last week I lectured in Buena Vista, Merrill Ward, 4th Ward, Jensen and Vernal. I spoke in Vernal 4 times aside from my Inst. week. The people filled the houses everywhere I went. In Buena Vista the last time I was there, not all the people could get in the house. The last night I spoke in Vernal, the people got the opera house and tho every seat was full and all the standing room taken, yet 3 or 400 people, I am informed, could not get in the house. The people went from (ward) or settlement to settlement to hear me, and when I lectured in Jensen 12 buggy loads went 15 miles to hear me. I thank the Lord for so blessing me and ask Him to bless the people that came to hear. The spirit of the Lord was with me in all my work. For comments of appreciation of my work, refer to Journal of Clippings.

I arrived home with my children (except Georgie)<sup>50</sup> well. I (we) killed 9 prairie chickens and 6 rabbits coming home. Dee is a good shot for having no experience. He hardly missed a shot going or coming. We arrived home Sat. afternoon Aug. 8. All were well. Tho we had a good time on our trip, yet it seemed that we had several accidents that were very serious. On the 24th of July Dee was run over by a race horse and nearly killed. He was apparently dead for 3 or 4 minutes. I administered to him and he became conscious and began to breathe. On Aug. 1 Levon<sup>51</sup> fell from his Auntie Mary's shed or stable about 10 or 11 ft. on his head and neck and it was a close call of killing him. While on the way home, Levon fell between the wheels of a 3 1/2 in. wagon which had about 1200 lbs. on. He rolled out from between the wheels just before the wagon struck him. It would have killed him had it run over him. The 4th day on the road a big 1200 horse, sharp shod, ran over the bed where Eugene,<sup>52</sup> Lorea<sup>53</sup> and Levon were asleep and stepped within 3 or 4 inches of each of their heads, but fortunately missed all of them. The last

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<sup>49</sup> Dee is fifteen.

<sup>50</sup> George is eight.

<sup>51</sup> Levon is seven.

<sup>52</sup> Eugene eleven.

<sup>53</sup> Lorea is three.

night out, the same horse kicked Eugene in the stomach and what seemed like a fatal blow proved to leave no bad results except bruises, after he became conscious. After stopping for noon on Lake Fork, Othello<sup>54</sup> and Eugene went in swimming in that river. I was impressed to follow them. It proved providential for they got in the deep current and could not get to shore and Othello had sunk twice and they both would have gone down in a few more moments had I not run in and got them. The river was running; it was deep and muddy. I reverentially thank God for his protecting hand. While moving, Radino<sup>55</sup> got the strychnine box and spilt most of it down his apron and some on his hands and lips but took none. I said that we had to leave Georgie at Aunt Mary's for he had a severe attack of inflammation of the intestines. (It later proved to be appendicitis.) He got nearly well of that and came down with an attack of appendicitis. He has apparently recovered and the Dr. urges that he must be operated upon as soon as he gets here. They (Mary) are preparing to send him home. Does it not look as tho the destroyer was seeking the life of my children? My Father, protect them all from sin and death.

I returned last night from Summit Co. I spoke in Kamas, Oakley, Woodland, Wanship and Park City. For comments upon my work refer to Journal of Clippings. I have rec'd \$92 + \$80 = \$172 for my summer's work in Provo and Vernal Country.

We have bought a new home of Alfred Daft and wife for \$1400. I paid \$50 down and am to pay \$20 a month + interest until all is paid. I have 6 yrs. to pay it in. Martha and Fern<sup>56</sup> are fixing it up very nicely within and the boys and I have spent 4 or 5 days cleaning up on the outside. I am very hopeful that the Lord will bless me with means to pay, not only this obligation in the near future, but all my other obligations. I have not heard from Helen for 6 or 7 weeks.

**Sep. 6, 1903, Provo, Utah:** (Sun.) Since writing I have been to Fort Duchesne, Uintah Co. Mary had sent George home with Oliver Haws and family but when they got to Ft. Duchesne, George took very bad with a relapse of appendicitis and was taken to the Army hospital. I was telegraphed for a week ago last Wed, and started within an hr. for depot. I borrowed \$20 of Prof. Caleb Tanner.

(Note written at age 72: *I should have written the entire tragedy of his sickness and near death. I am now after these years inserting a more detailed account. It is as follows.*)

I traveled to Price that evening, stopped with Miller and family. I told him of my trouble. The Dr. said George must be operated on to save life. I told Pres. Miller that I and my family were fasting. He said that he and his family wanted to join us. I had telegraphed to Dr. not to operate before I got there unless it was absolutely necessary to save life. I was over 36 hours reaching Duchesne. I had prayed often on the way that God would spare the life of my son and to know if he could live without operation. As I stepped out of the coach at Duchesne, I got my answer. It was not to operate. Mary Orser was there to meet me.

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<sup>54</sup> Othello is thirteen.

<sup>55</sup> Radino is two years old.

<sup>56</sup> Fern is seventeen.



I went immediately to the Dr.'s office (Army Dr.). He asked if I was Mr. Hickman. He said that he and the other Dr. would be ready in 5 minutes (a Dr. had come 18 miles from White Rock). I then told the Dr. that I had decided not to have the operation. He said "What!" and dropped a handful of cloths to the floor. He was furious and said my child could not live without operation. He said he would wash his hands of the case and I would have the life of a being to answer for. He asked if I knew how desperately ill my son was. I answered "Yes." He said George's heart missed every third beat and that it was kept up by injecting strychnine every 4 hours. His abdomen was greatly swollen and fearfully tender. Attendants (two men) were rubbing him to remove pain in his various joints. He said if operated on there was only 50 chances in a 100 that he would recover, but if no operation, it was sure death. He then calmed down and he and the other Dr. tried to reason with me, showing that if he could live without operation, which would be hope against hope, he could not be removed for at least 6 weeks and then probably we could not get over 5 or 10 miles from there until a relapse would come and no power could save him. The Dr. said that if my holding off was for the want of money, he would stand the entire expense. I replied that it was not that, but that it was a case where the feeling of a parent was pitted against the medical skill of Drs.; and, to be true to my convictions, I would not have an operation. "Be sure that I am grateful for all you have done and will pay you," I said.

The Dr. tapped a bell and a corporal stepped in and the Dr. with snap and precision said, "Go tell the attendants that the operation will not be performed. Remember, I said 'not'." With a salute, the corporal was gone. The Dr. said that he would do all he could. He said "My heart goes out for the little fellow because he has suffered so and now to lose in the fight deeply grieved him."

I left the Dr.'s office to go to the hospital. It was a walk of about 75 yards. I no sooner was 10 or 15 steps from the Dr.'s office when I said, "O, God, I rely upon no man but you alone." My whole being seemed to be filled with a rush of light; my very bones seemed to glow. I pulled off my hat and walked the rest of the way in tears. I knew then without a doubt God was with me. Before, it was an almost matchless faith; now I knew. I went into the hospital where I had been before, going into the Dr.'s office. I was about to ask the attendants if they would leave the room to me while I performed an ordinance which was sacred to me and my people. But just before I spoke, the head nurse or attendant asked if I was to remain for a time. I replied that I was. He said then myself and partner will go and get something to eat for we have been here for 24 hours without leaving the child. I thought how kind and sacrificing they had been. While they were gone, Mary Orser and I remained and I proceeded to anoint George. Up to this time George didn't know he was not to be operated on. I said, "George don't you think you can be healed without an operation?"

He said, "Won't it take a great deal of faith to do so?"

But I said, "I know it, but you and I have the faith." His eyes were bloodshot and pain was all thru him. I anointed him and his abdomen which was so frightfully sore and

swollen that I could not touch it. So, in the gentlest manner, I turned the oil on his abdomen and then annointed his head. Soon, the pain was gone. The attendants returned in one-half hour. I then asked them to inject no more strychnine which they granted.

In an hour or so later, the frightful swelling was largely gone and George could rub his abdomen without pain. By sundown there was no soreness. An hour after the administration, George's pulse was regular and strong. That night I slept in the hospital with him. The next morning he and I got up and dressed ourselves. I wanted to dress him but he said he could and he was dressed as soon as I. We walked out of the hospital at 7:30 a. m. We went to Brother and Sister Wimmer's who lived across the Duchesne bridge on the east. We stayed there a day or two and then we came in a light wagon to D&RG Railway (Castle Gate, as I remember), and then by train home. He never had another attack until he was in Calif. about 1923 or 4. Then he was operated on for strangulated intestines.

This is the brief account of a healing by faith. God be glorified forever and ever. A Dr. (non-Mormon) who did not see this miraculous healing, said that the testimony of an entire community could not induce him to believe in such a miracle. May I say that, while myself and George were stopped at Bro. Wimmer's, groups of soldiers came several times a day—including the two hospital nurses or attendants—and stood about watching my little son George as he walked with me or busied himself with play.

I received \$1350.00 a year for my work in the Academy from this on.

**Sep. 4, 1903, Provo, Utah:** (Monday) George is still well. I have been home (Benj.) to visit Ma and the folks; Martha, Radino, Lorea and Juanita<sup>57</sup> went with me. We had our annual MIA convention yesterday at 10 a.m.; 2 p.m. and a public conference in the evening at the tabernacle for the public. Dr. Hardy, Ed H. Anderson and G. H. Brimhall of Gen. Board were with us. Excellent instructions were given concerning the yr's work. In the conference last night Bros. Davis & Anderson, Sisters Tingey & Sumsion, and myself were the speakers.

A New Thought: Our parents were tried with ostracism and poverty, but this generation is to be and is being tried with the temptations of pleasure and folly and the insidious fawning of false friends and letchers.

I paid \$30 Sep. 17 for the second paying on the home. About \$2. 00 were to apply on insurance. Martha is not well, but works very hard. We have just chosen 5 new stake aids in YMIA, viz: Orrin Jarvis, Alfred Osmond, Win. St. Bayle, Fred G. Warnick and Moses Goodmansen. Bro. Warnick was also to be assistant Sect. I am teaching only Theology and Physics this semester, but there are 2 courses of Physics and laboratory work. I have written what I call a good article on "The Mania of Fashion and Whims." It is to be read before the associations of the Second Ward of Provo.

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<sup>57</sup> Juanita is four years old.

**Nov. 15, 1903, Provo, Utah:** Two months of neglect. But as I have a good memory for events, I will give a gist of what has been done. I went home in Oct. to see Ma. I went to Salem, Payson and Springlakeville. I took with me Willard Andelin<sup>58</sup> and Miss Florence Jepperson<sup>59</sup>—I called them the song king and the nightingale. They were charming singers. Large houses met us at Salem and Payson. The Nebo Stake was given me to awaken educationally and to explain the winter term of education we have established in the BY University. I sent Prof. A. Osmond and singers to Santaquin and Goshen last wk. This Sat. & Sun. they went to Lake Shore and Payson to talk on education.

Last Fri. I went to Willington Carbon Co. and spoke to the parents' meeting. I cleared \$3. 75. I did not get back till Sat. afternoon. I met there one of my former students, Miss Ellis. I spoke in the 5th Ward tonight. I went three weeks ago to Springville and lectured to the combined wards of Sp. upon the Word of Wisdom from the Scientific Standpoint. There was a large audience and very appreciative and expressive. I was ill when I went over to speak and continued so for two days. While speaking, all my infirmities left me. Reginald went with me. I also went to Timpanogas and spoke and organized the YMIA.

I took a buggy and took Martha and baby to Lake View, Vineyard and Timpanogas one afternoon and visited the associations rather the officers. I have visited the 4th, 6th, 3rd and 2nd Wards' MIA in Provo. I also visited Sp. Second Ward.

It is very sad to say but I corrected Dee hastily one morning some 3 weeks ago and he left home and went to Idaho to his Uncle Will's.<sup>60</sup> It has caused me great sorrow. Leon and Othello have been out of school about 3 weeks working. Eugene and Georgie worked some. Fern has had to stay out of school to help at home, so this semester's work is lost for her. Uncle Joe Tanner & Janet stayed all night with us last Thurs. night. I paid \$30 on my house on Oct. 16.

Our Baby: On the 10th of Oct. was born to us another baby boy. He is blue-eyed and has hair as white as cotton. He weighed about 9 lbs. This is the very same babe that Martha saw playing in primieval fields with Radino some months even before Radino was born. He is our vision fulfilled- our gift bestowed. O, Father, bless him with long and prophetic life. He is a beautiful and knowing babe. Martha got along well. This makes my 10th boy and three girls.<sup>61</sup>

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<sup>58</sup> Willard Joseph Andelin (1883-1959), became a well know singer known as the "basso profundo" in California.

<sup>59</sup> Florence Jepperson (1886-1977) was a contralto and a student at B.Y.A. She graduated when she was eighteen and went east to study music at the New England Conservatory in Boston. Later she became the head of the BYU music department under George Brimhall. Later in life she directed the Relief Society's Singing Mothers.

<sup>60</sup> Uncle Will Darnley, Ella's brother.

<sup>61</sup> Valko Lawisch Hickman born on October 10, 1903.

**Dec. 6, Provo, Utah, 1903:** It is clear, dry and cold. George Finlayson, my former chum and school mate, was burned or scalded by boiling water and died from the effects. He was buried in Logan where he died.<sup>62</sup>

A banner fell from a ladder and cut quite a gash in my forehead.

We held a conference of the YMIA of the southern part of the stake in Springville two weeks ago today. We had officers' meeting at 4 p.m. and public meeting in the evening. I had Bro. Buttle preside in officers' meeting and Bro. Allen in the evening. They both spoke a short time. I then spoke for an hour. I examined the evidence of the witnesses to the Bk. of M. and answered the reason why Jos. Smith chose the men he did. For comments, see Journal of Clippings.

We had two days Thanksgiving vacation. I left Wed, afternoon for Whitney, Idaho where I visited those that are dear to me. I went Fri. to Preston where I lectured on Ingersoll- A reply to his criticism of the Bible and a character sketch of him. I had a large audience and very attentive, also very appreciative. My lecture was under the direction of the O. S. Academy. Four dollars were paid me for my lecture. I had a pleasant time in Idaho. I returned home Sun. For comments, see J. of Clippings.

This last week O. F. Whitney read two nights from his poem and finishes this evening. The poem is entitled "Elias--An Epic of the Ages." We feel that his production is far superior to any other work that has been produced by our people. I feel it will live for it is a product of inspiration.

I went to Benjamin yesterday morning. I visited with Ma till evening and I was taken to Salem where I lectured by appointment before the students and public of that place. By request I spoke upon "Children's Lies." After the meeting, about 15 or 20 went to Bro. Madsen's and had a nice supper and singing and the sociable gathering did not break up until two this morning. I was up at 6:20 a. m. in order to meet the train at Sp. Fork. I arrived here at 8 a.m. Found all the family well.

On Dec. 6 (fast day) I blessed our baby and named him. I called all the children and Martha together while I did this. We named him Valko Lawisch. Valko is a name I made up. I desire new names that my children may freight them with honor and deep meaning and not carry names that have been made honorable by others.

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<sup>62</sup> Two Men Frightfully Scalded in Sugar Factory. Logan, Oct. 23.—An accident occurred at the Logan sugar factory this morning as a result of which Chief Engineer George Finlayson may lose his life.

Finlayson and an employe named Bert McCulloch, a well-known young man of this city, were in what is known as the bull pen at one of the batteries, making some repairs. Another young man named Frank Johnson joined them while they were at work. One of the doors to the battery began leaking and the batteryman sent an employe named C. Nielsen to close the door tighter.

As he did so something gave way and a flood of steaming pulp burst upon the unfortunate men who could not escape. Finlayson was immersed in the scalding mass clear to his hips, McCulloch was burned as far as the thighs, while the other two escaped with scalded feet, hands and heads. Finlayson and McCulloch are in a precarious condition. [The Ogden Standard, Ogden City, Utah, October 30, 1903]

Pres. Hinckley is very ill and has been for about two months with pleurisy and some complications. I am very much distressed financially and feel that I can hardly make my name honorable without some assistance. My life is extremely sad at times. I try to do right at all times. It seems that sorrow is crowding upon me until my life seems one of sorrow. Perhaps this is what I need to prepare me for future events. I earnestly hope that I shall be purified and prepared for future usefulness. Father in heaven, strengthen me for all trials. Make my life such that I shall fill this mission with honor to Thee and Thy cause. Bless me with power to teach and direct my family that I shall always have power over them for good.

**Dec. 13, 1903, Provo, Utah:** (Sun. evening) A little snow fell today. I went to fast meeting last Sun. afternoon. I did not go out Sun. evening. I had part of the stake officers attend the conjoint meetings in the stake. I should have been to stake and ward officers meeting this afternoon at 4 p.m., but I am afflicted with a very sore throat. My palate is swollen until it is about an inch in length and lies out on my tongue until it is very troublesome. I have not been out today nor yesterday. I hope to be out tomorrow.

I am having trouble with my class of lay members in the Gospel. We are following the pamphlet gotten out by Bro. Keeler on the priesthood. I find as never before that the natural man is an enemy to God at least when you begin to teach them his law and priesthood they have a disgust and almost a loathing for the truths. Some are interested in a half-hearted way. It is a question in my mind whether they should be taught these things.

Bp. O. F. Whitney's third and final reading was a mental treat and a revelation of genius. I feel the Lord did surely inspire him for the masterful task. He has completed his work in a most beautiful manner. When he was thru, I arose and moved that we extend a vote of thanks for the eloquent and poetical portrayal or rendition of history, prophecy and vision. At the beginning of his 3rd reading, the college hall could not seat all that came, but before he was thru, over 1/3 of the audience had left. I could not help remarking, "See the march of those brainless craniums."

I did not attend any association this week. I have written for Dee to come home. Our children are well. Radino fell tonight and cut his underlip clear thru.

**Dec. 20, 1903, Provo, Utah:** (Pleasant weather) I did not go to school Mon. due to indisposition. I concluded I could not go Fri. to Benjamin to attend the dedicatory exercises of their fine \$12,000 school building and so notified Francis thru letter, but when the Benjamin people learned this, Benj. Davis and some of the others decided that I must be there as I had been raised there and this school is now erected on one of my herd grounds. So young Hawkins (trustee) called me up over home and urged I come and Pres. Cluff was sent to the phone to settle the matter. He finally decided that I had better go. I went and am now very pleased that I went. We had a royal time. The building was dedicated by Bp. Hanson. Nearly all of the Benjamin people were in attendance. The whole day was spent in music, song and speechmaking. I don't think Benjamin people ever showed off to a better advantage in their intellectual ability than on Fri. Dec. 18.

State Supt. A. C. Nelson and Co. Supt. Jas. L. Brown were also there and spoke very highly of the people's efforts. The next day in Co. Inst. the State Supt. was very loud in praise over the work of the Benj. people and especially of my mother's efforts in educating and gov. her family. I feel that Benjamin would never have had such a school house were it not for Francis' efforts. He was the first instigator and hardest pusher. It was thru his efforts that Lake Shore built such a one two yrs. before.

We had an excellent farewell party and banquet for Pres. Benj. Cluff, Jr. before he leaves for his next field of labor. His labors will end with the University this week. He goes as the director of the Church and brethren's rubber enterprise in Mexico and Central America. I responded to a toast at the banquet. We gave him a gold watch and banquet as a testimonial for his work. My share of the expense was \$3. 50.

**Dec. 27, 1903, Provo, Utah:** Pleasant weather with a trace of snow. The school closed Wed. evening. I went to American Fork Sun. afternoon to speak before the people of that city on the subject of Character. I took Reginald with me. He had a pleasant time. The house was well filled and I spoke with much power and influence. I heard next morning at the depot that some had said that it was the greatest lecture they ever heard. I shall mark its greatness by the effect it may have upon the hearers for good. If I had the unparalleled power of having my words ring and reverberate thru the human soul like a voice of an angel spoken to a benighted soul, then would I pray that God should call me to spend my life proclaiming truth to the human family. I have no desire to ever be a speaker to merely be heard by men. But if my Father in Heaven will clothe me with his mantle of power that the word and thoughts I utter may burn like living fire, then I am perfectly willing to be forgotten by my hearers so satisfied will I be of my success. I have never prayed for any gift or favor which I did not wish for the betterment of myself and my fellow beings.

Pres. Cluff, Jr. entertained the teachers and a number of other friends Wed, night in the gym. Aside from dancing, instrumental and vocal music he had a lemonade and orange punch and an ice cream lunch. Martha didn't go, so I came home early.

I have been at home since Wed, evening. So completely has been my rest and quiet study I have hardly left the house until today I attended Sun. School and afternoon meeting. I opened the meeting this afternoon. Bros. Duffin (Pres. of S. W. mission), Bp. Berg & Poulton and Hinckley were speakers. Bro. Jos. A. Buttle (my 1st counsellor) and I made out appointments this afternoon for the stake officers of YMMIA for the next week (Tues. & Sun.).

Pro. Eugene Allen, our Stake Sec. and aid, has been chosen as the Bp.'s 2nd counsellor of the first ward in Provo. For the last 3 yrs. we have furnished more young men for other organizations than any other organization in the stake. The following have been called from our organization: Willis K. Johnson for counsellor in Religion Class Organization for Stake, W. E. Rydalch for counsellor in Bp.-rick, Ed Smart for counsellor in Bp.-rick,

Wm. Knight counsellor in St. presidency in Canada, Eugene Allen counsellor to Bp. and Crandall taken into the Stake S. S. organization.

Santa Claus came to our house and made all happy. We had a Christmas tree. Sister Lawisch is here. We had a fat goose for Christmas dinner. I rec'd a letter from Dee and he says he desires to stay there for a yr. or two. It is a sad hour for me. O, Lord, turn my child home again.

**Dec. 28, 1903, Provo, Utah:** Went and settled my tithing today. My tithing for this yr. is \$147 which I finished settling by borrowing \$18. I paid \$135 last yr. I find by figuring up that I have earned over \$15,600 since I have been a teacher, I began teaching in 1884 at Lake Shore for \$55 a month. I next taught two years in Provo (1st yr. \$50 and 2nd yr. \$60). Next I taught in Fillmore four yrs. (1st yr \$75 a month; 2nd yr. \$85 a mo.; 3rd yr. \$1100 a year; 4th yr. \$1100 and house rent free the time was in Fillmore). Since I came home from college, I have gotten from \$1200 to \$1500 a yr.

**Jan. 3, 1904, Provo, Utah:** (Sun.) Beautiful weather, with a here and there small patches of snow. I spent the week home reading and resting until Fri. evening. Martha, her mother and six of the babies and myself went to Benj. to visit and spend New Year. We went in Anna's surrey and Ed Peay's horse. We got there about 8:30 p.m. We had a nice visit and came back yesterday afternoon. Fern and the boys (Othello, Leon, Eugene and George) remained here.

I went to fast meeting today and spoke for a few minutes. I spoke before the Conjoint Associations tonight. I took for my subject the 29 Chap. of Isaiah showing how that chap. set forth the leading conditions of the world from his time until now and future, especially describing the coming forth of the Bk. of M. and the condition of the world at that time and the future.

I have been reviewing "The Nature of Man" by T. B. Woodward. I don't think much of it. It is a strained classification of man, half true and dryly told. I am also reading "The Study of Literature" by Arlo Bates. It is the choicest work I ever read on literature. I read this week Demosthenese's oration "On the Crown." It covers 93 pages.

School begins tomorrow with Pres. G. H. Brimhall in charge.

**Jan. 10, 1904, Provo, Utah:** (Sun.) Snowing- it is about 6 or 7 in. deep. Classes organized and work progressing. Pres. Brimhall is feeling real well. My classes in Physics 2 & 3 will not be given this semester. So far I will only have Physics b and two sections in laboratory Physics meeting each three times a week. Also two classes in Theology- both in the Bk. of M.

I have been chosen chairman of a committee of three (Andelin, Maw and self) to sit on the case of students breaking the rules of school. We have been busy 3 or 4 days this week already. There are others to come. The older I get the less reason I see in students acting such fools as to smoke, drink, visit saloons, etc. Yet, I suppose I am a little more

charitable than I was once. I do earnestly desire to have great power over the young for good. Not only in word but example; power to lead and direct; to counsel and prevail over them in perverseness.

We had the pleasure of Sister Lawisch's company for 10 days. She is a good Saint and very conscientious. Sister Symmons (our next door neighbor) has a little boy. She is Arthur Symmons' second wife. We (Martha & I) went to Old Mexico on the same train when we went to get married. What strange and unexpected roads we travel on life's highways! What unexpected cycles we complete!

We had conference yesterday and today. Apostles John Henry Smith and Geo. Teasdale also Pres. Jose. F. Smith. Their remarks were good and some were excellent. Some of the sayings were: A Saint does not love nor believe in God who will not pay his tithing. As Christ in obedience to his Father's will ascended to the throne of God, so we might ascend to the throne of Christ if we should do His will (Teasdale). Jos. F. said that some had an idea that our wild boys were the better or made the better men but sin made no one better. He brought up the case of the prodigal son. He taught a mighty lesson to the young who thought to sow wild oats.

We tried to hold YM&L conference tonight but it was a failure due to the going out of the lights. We opened and Patriarch Jno. Smith spoke about 5 or 10 min. and we closed for we were nearly in the dark with the exception of two lamps and a lantern. Apostle Teasdale opened with prayer and Sister Davis dismissed.

I brought Patriarch Oliver B. Huntington home with me to dinner today. He said that he was certain that Roberts was incorrect in his explanation of the translation of the Bk. of M. for he lived in the home of the prophet and often heard the way the translation was performed. He said: "I heard Joseph say that the Bk. of M. was the most correctly translated book in existence (the world) for it was translated by the power and gift of God thru the urim and thummin and that made no mistake." This is Oliver B. Huntington's exact words. (Jan. 10, 1904) He said that Joseph married two of his sisters and that his brother Dirrick gave them to him. He said that he and his father also knew of it. He said that even after the prophet's death, he and young Joseph talked about his father's wives. He also said that the reason God permitted Joseph's family to go astray was that should young Joseph have been our leader, we would (rather the people) have worshipped him rather than the Father. He said that was given him as an inspiration. He said that Jos. F. sometime ago talked the same thing in the S. L. temple.

I bought a large carp, weighing 9 or 10 lbs. before dressed and 7 after, for 25 cents. I began this week to take gym work. I sent off yesterday \$2.00 to pay for this yr's Era.

I have begun to gather statistics of the status of returned missionaries. The questions are: What yr. did he return, (2) Did he have any bad habits before he went on his mission such as tobacco, liquor, profanity, indifference to gospel, etc. and if so state which ones, (3) Did he return to any of the old faults or contract new ones when he returned and if so



what ones, (4) Did he fall on mission as you know, (5) Has he apostatized since returning, and (6) Remarks.

**Jan. 19, 1904, Provo, Utah:** (Tues. evening) Snow but slowly melting. Have not been out of the town for over two weeks. I visited the 5th Ward YMIA and the week before I visited the 2nd Ward YMIA. The 2nd W. is the better association this yr. I refused to go to Springville and speak last Sunday night on the liquor question as I had been there twice upon that subject with the last yr. and a half. I felt disinclined to go, perhaps I did wrong in refusing, but I felt to not go.

I lectured last Sat. upon "The Necessity of Moral and Religious Education in the Public Schools" before the Utah Co. Teachers Association in the Parker School house. I seldom ever gave a lecture that seemed to make a deeper impression. Refer to Journal of Clippings for comments. I spoke to the missionary class upon college life in the world. Francis, Laura and Chloe were here last Sat.

Patriarch Martin of this city came by special request last Sun. and took dinner with us and I had him dedicate this home and bless George and Reginald. The children all have their patriarchal blessings except Levon, Juanita, Lorea, Radino and Valko. If there had been more time, my sister Laura would have rec'd hers.

Pres. Brimhall has appointed me chairman of an investigating committee to sit in judgment upon all students guilty of dereliction or gross violation the wks. of school. We have been busy every day for the last 1 ½ weeks and the end is not yet. He tells me this committee stands closer to him than any other person except his council.

I have paid this last week \$21. 30 to W. W. Billings; \$1.00 for orations, \$3.60 to W. H. Ray in full for 3 yrs. insurance on this house; \$3. 00 int. to Jesse Knight; \$15.00 to my \$31. 00 note. I sent Nathaniel Baldwin \$30. 00 which I hope to get back from the Student's Loan Assn. thru his signing a note. I send off tomorrow a check of \$30 to Alma R. Daft to apply on this home.

**Jan. 24, 1904, Provo, Utah:** (Sun.) Deep snow-ft. deep—cold. I am the chairman of a committee and our work is to deal with students who break the rules of school. We are kept busy over an hr. each school day. I feel we should have 5 hrs. credit in criminology for this semester's work. (Nearly all this work fell on me.)

A week ago yesterday, Curtis Calvin, a young man of the BYU, died here of inflammatory rheumatism. He was a fine young man and gave promise of a great man. His former home was in Payson. We are to hold memorial services for him in the Uni.

I signed a note for Bro. Baldwin for \$30. 00. I went to the Sun. Normal School and visited the YMMIA held there. It is a fine association. I also attended meeting in the tabernacle this afternoon. Bros. Jos. A. Buttle, J. B. Keeler and Patriarch Coray. Bro. Coray was clerk for the prophet Joseph and did much writing for him for the last 3 yrs. of the prophet's life. He said, "I saw the prophet translate with seer stone a coin found with

unknown inscriptions upon it. The substance of the translation was that of a Nephi king and the names of some of his ancestors. He said Joseph would sometimes put the seer stone (transparent and something like a sunglass) on the coin and some of the time he held it to his eye and looked up.” I got Bro. Coray to go and talk to my theology class last Wed, upon his experience with the prophet. The following are some things he said: Stephen A. Douglass once asked the prophet how he could handle such a heterogeneous people so well. Joseph replied that he taught them correct principles and they governed themselves.

Joseph said it was an insult for the brethren to question what he said and try to argue with him about it; but should a stranger come for information and doubted Joseph would very kindly and patiently explain and demonstrate to them the questions at issue. Joseph said that N&S America included Zion and we will yet build temples all over this land. He said Elijah must die like all men for it was appointed for all men to die. He taught the people to be industrious if they were to stay only overnight in a place.

Bro. Coray said that most people could tell Joseph without even having him pointed out to them.

**Feb. 14, 1904, Provo, Utah:** Pleasant weather—snow melting. School work about as usual. My work as a committeeman takes from 1 to 4 hrs. a day. I think from now on the work will be less in that line. It is surprising to find the weakness of human nature and how lightly many value their honor. In nearly every instance the law breakers do not pray and are among those who are below the standard of education in preparation in their classes.

I spoke yesterday before the young men of the University on subjects that pertained to their lives. I spoke yesterday at the funeral of Bro. Jones’ little baby. He is my neighbor. I visited the 4th Ward conjoint last Sun. evening. I attended a most profitable lecture Feb. 5 here in the Uni. given by Harry de Wingt who made a tour of the world from Paris to New York by land. His lecture was illustrated with stereopticon views of his travels. He is the only man who ever succeeded in the attempt to make the tour.

A week ago last Sat. morning I went up to Clinton and made a house-to-house canvass all day and until 10 o’clock that night. Bro. David Mitchell went with me. We found a dead set—nearly all of them were breakers of the Word of Wisdom, non-tithe payers and were profaners. They were very indifferent toward any and all church duties. Most of them promised to do better. I held two meetings with them on Sun. and preached the gospel to them. Most of the people came out to the meetings. I hope and pray that my labors will be fruitful. I sent W. H. Boyle, one of my aids, up to Clinton today to complete the YMMIA organization.

**Feb. 24, 1904, Provo, Utah:** (Wed.) Spring weather. On the evening of Feb. 14, I went to Sp. Fork and spoke to the conjoint of YM & YL association of the 3rd Ward. I took a double-barrelled shotgun with me. Leon went with me. Isaac Brockbank had a livery outfit bring us back to the woollen mills just north of Sp.-vile. We got there between 5

and 6 a.m. Then Leon and I walked down to D&RG track and waited till daylight began to break. Then we followed a creek to the Lake. I killed 5 ducks, but one dove in the factory race and hid under the bank in the snow and we did not get it. We got home about 10 a.m. and we were nearly worn out. I had Clove's hip boots (rubber).

Last Fri. morning Miss Larsen and I went to Monroe to attend the conjoint teacher's Inst. of Piute and Sevier Counties. It took until 5 p. m. to reach Monroe. I spoke that evening to a full house on "The Parent, Teacher & Child." My lecture was most highly appreciated and was the subject of much comment the next two days. The teachers were anxious that I come to their towns and lecture upon the same subject. The next day, Sat., I spoke upon School Government. In the afternoon I discussed the subject of Physics for district schools and performed quite a number of experiments with inexpensive apparatus. I improvised the apparatus to perform these experiments that I might show the teachers what they might do in the line of Physics with a little or no (material) expense.

That evening I went to Joseph town and spoke to a crowded house upon the "Miracles of Science and Invention." The people were astounded to learn what had been wrought in 100 yrs. The next day I returned to Monroe and had a nice bath in the hot springs just above the town. Then three buggy loads went to Elsinore to attend afternoon meeting. The spirit of the Lord was upon me and the people to a wonderful degree. I scarcely ever speak with more power and influence. I took a new subject—showed that to be a Christian, a Latter-Day Saint was to be absolutely natural—morally, religiously, physically and intellectually. I believe all felt that it was glorious to be a saint. One brother came up at the close of meeting and said, "I am glad I am a Mormon." My cousin Will Clark went with me to Elsinore. He said, "I heard a man say that he never attended a better meeting." That evening I spoke in Monroe again on "Moral & Religious Education of Children in our District Schools." This subject, like all the others, was profusely praised. I say this not to boast for I am reverentially humble for these blessings and had asked Him for such assistance. I repeat these things in my journal as a record of my labors and their influence. I have refrained from repeating the lavish statements of praise nor have I recorded that in some of my lectures men and women were caused to shed tears. You may refer to the Journal of Clippings.

I was nearly worn out with so much lecturing and being up so late of nights. I pray, my Father, that the good I am now doing in the counties and towns of Utah shall be extended over as many states that I may fulfill my patriarchal blessing where in it says I shall be known throughout the whole world for good, etc. Father in heaven, make me great and powerful for good amidst my fellow men. Extend my influence and intensify my worth. May I be filled with great love and wisdom. May I always be humble and feel the great uplifting power of humility. O, Father, bless me with means sufficient to pay my indebtedness, pay for my home and have means to aid Thy church, and bless the poor. Open the way so I shall not be so distressed.

Ogden wrote and asked me if I could come and lecture in their tabernacle Feb. 14 but I could not go as I was already engaged. I will be pleased to go some time in the future.

Our school is in a better condition now than for two yrs. morally. I blessed and named Wm. Clark's baby. It was about 5 weeks old. It was named Ora Esmaralda Clark.

**Mar. 6, 1904, Provo, Utah:** (Sun.) Beautiful sunny day. I have been off nowhere since my last writing. I have been busy studying and attending to my class work. I have been reading for the last two months the life of Roosevelt as it came out in the Outlook written by Jacob A. Riis.

We held a conjoint YM & YL officer's meeting last Sun. I attended a most entertaining lecture on "The Power of a Cartoon" by Homer Davenport last night. He is the cartoonist of the New York Herald. It was a happy idea of pathos and humor with the humor in the ascendancy.

Sister Teeney Smoot Taylor<sup>63</sup> died last Wed, from an operation here in our hospital. She was buried yesterday. There was a large attendance. Her life was a beautiful one and she was highly esteemed by all. Her brother, Apostle Reed Smoot, could not be here as his trial by the Senate Committee is in full blast. They (Com.) have Pres. Smith, Lyman, also two of Apostle Merrill's sons, Lorine Harmer of Sp-ville and two Mormon ladies as witnesses hoping to prove that polygamy practices are continued; also that church influence is had in politics, etc. Pres. Smith has been on the stand for 3 or 4 days and they are not thru with him yet. He frankly informed them he had not abandoned his wives nor children and had raised 11 children since 1890 but there had been no plural marriages solemnized since 1890 by any sanction of the church.

I am to speak tonight to the conjoint of the YM&L in our ward (6th W.).

**Mar. 13, 1904, Milford, Beaver Co.:** At Joseph S. Hickman's home. School OK. I have been making outplans for the college courses in Psychology and Astronomy. I am to take (teach) those courses next year. I came here Fri. night—at least I left Provo then

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<sup>63</sup> Senator Smoot's Sister Dead. Provo, March 2.—Death has claimed one of Provo's most prominent ladies as a victim in the person of Annie Kristinnia Smoot Taylor, wife of George S. Taylor and sister of Senator Reed Smoot. Mrs. Taylor passed away at about 4 o'clock this morning after an illness extending from January 1<sup>st</sup>. On Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, the deceased underwent an operation at the Provo hospital, but her continued illness had left her in a weakened condition.

The deceased has always been an active worker in the organization of the church to which she belongs and also educational circles. She was a member of the first faculty of the Brigham Young academy under the late Dr. K. G. Maeser, and had charge of the primary department for many years. She was also engaged in the district schools of Provo City until her marriage in 1882. Mrs. Taylor was the president of the Young Ladies' Mental Improvement association of the Fifth ward, a member of the visiting committee of the B.Y.U. and a member of the Board of Education of the Utah stake of Zion at the time of her death.

The deceased was a daughter of the late President Abraham Smoot and Annie K. Smoot and was born at Salem, Utah, where the family lived during the "move" from Salt Lake City June 7, 1858. Mrs. Taylor leaves a husband, four daughters and one son, besides three brothers and three sisters, who are Senator Reed Smoot, George M. and Abraham R. Smoot, Mrs. Alice S. Newell, Mrs. May S. Glazier and Mrs. Ida Smoot Dusenberry.

Mrs. Taylor has led a very active life and is well known all over the state.

No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral, but notice will be given later. [The Ogden Standard, Ogden City, Utah, March 3, 1904]

and got there Sat, morning. I spoke here last night on Astronomy. I spoke in S. S. this morning a few minutes. I am to speak this afternoon and evening here.

Joseph has a very interesting family. He is doing well financially. He is city marshall. While arresting a tough character he had a finger shot off but he shot the fellow thru the shoulder. Milford for the first time has a Bp. and the organizations are complete and in good running order. Deseret, Joseph, Pheba and Roda were the four children of Uncle Billy's from his wife Sarah Mecham. This wife left him soon after he returned from California (about 1868). She afterwards married John Franks. Uncle's wife Jane left him soon after Sarah did. Uncle's wives were (1) Bernetta Berkhart, (2) Manerva Wade, (3) Eliza Johnson, (4) Martha Holland Rogers, (5) Sarah Mecham, (6) Jane Heslington (or Hetherington), (7) Sarah Luce, (8) Hannah Hor, (9) Marry Hor, (10) Sarah, I think was his Lamanitish wife. She was raised in Pres. Young's family. She was very refined and a splendid home keeper, even surpassing most of his other women.

**Mar. 27, 1904:** On the train from Elsinore to Sauna and Manti. Fine weather here. Since I last wrote I have been to Beaver. I went a week ago last Thurs. evening. I was sent to deliver the address on Founder Day at the Beaver Branch, but I arrived a little late, but I remained and spoke before the Polysophical Society Sat. evening; the house was full. Prin. A. B. Anderson called a special meeting Sun. morning and I spoke to a large audience. My subjects were "Fulfillment of Prophecy" and "The Power of Prayer." I left at 2:30 that day and went to Milford where I spoke upon "The Fulfillment of Prophecy." I got home Mon. morning. I was much exhausted. I find that much speaking exhausts me very much. It is harder (more exhausting) than hard physical labor.

I came into this county Sat, morning. I spoke at Elsinore Sat. night upon the Banishment of the Mormon People and last night I spoke upon the same subject here in Salina. I also spoke in the Salina S. S. and afternoon meeting. The house was full both meetings. Yesterday afternoon I spoke upon the present uprising and the flurry that is manifest by many of our people. I made the observation that the priests were the ones that caused the present attack upon Smoot and the church. I went back from the beginning and showed that it was the priests that raised the cry against God's people. It was the pagan priests that caused the Pharoah of Egypt to pass a law that all the Hebrew male children should be killed. It was the priests of Baal that caused the persecution of Elijah and God's few faithful. It was the priests and rabbi that caused the persecution and crucifixion of Jesus. It was the pagan priests that had the special law passed against Daniel and the Hebrew children. It was the pagan priests that had or caused the Emperors of Rome to have the Christians put to death. It was the priests in this modern age that started the persecution. It was the priests that led the mob in Penn. It was the priests that led the persecutions in N. York and Ohio. It was the priests (Christian) who led the mobs in Missouri and caused the death of 3 or 400 of the saints. It was a priest who led the mob who killed Joseph and Hyrum at Carthage. It was the priests who excited the final expulsion from Nauvoo. It was the priests who lashed the nation into a frenzy over Roberts' election and the present raid. There, perhaps, will never be a time when apostate Christianity will not fight this people. In the audience were several outsiders and one of them was Cudiback who used to be one of the deputy marshals during the raid of 1882 and 1891. The Bp.

after meeting informed me that there were several of our people in the audience who were of the number that had been guilty of criticising our leaders and that bitterly because of the stand of our Presidency.

I met a lady at Elsinore who was one of the Hand Cart Co. She said all I related was too true and that the last three days they had nothing to eat. I met last night a gentleman who was in the Company part way.

Ed Clark and his daughter got on the train at Richfield and went to Elsinore to hear me speak. Wm. Clark, his daughter Zoe and another lady and gentleman came from Monroe to hear me speak.

I visited the Salina schools this morning for an hour. I was deeply impressed with the order, cleanliness and good work done there. The Prin. Geo. Castro is gifted in speech and gives promise of becoming a very telling speaker. He is going soon to Chicago to study law. I was treated well on this trip and feel I have done good. I sprained my knee Thurs. night in the gym and suffered much with it until about 3 a.m. I was kept from school on Fri. due to my crippled condition.

About 3:30 a. m. Thurs. night a fire broke out in our bedroom and I, being nervous, awoke in time to prevent our house from being burned and most likely some of us for the smoke from the wood caused a stupor upon all as is always the case, and it was hard to awaken Martha so she could put out the fire. I feel my accident was a blessing in disguise for had it not been for my accident and nervous condition, none of us would have been awakened until our house was in flames and some of us burned to death. As it was, the fire burned but little. (I was awakened by two men struggling together; one was trying to awaken me and the other trying to prevent him, saying, "Hell, don't wake him, let them burn. At that I awoke to find the room on fire. To my mind this was as clear a case of divine intervention as I have ever known. These men were about 30 to 35 yrs. of age and both about 6 ft. tall. They were by the side of my bed and that was between me and the fire.)

**May 1, 1904, Provo, Utah:** Another delay in my writing. School work is about the same. I think my classwork is lighter this semester than any other since I have been here, but I have not improved my time as much from the outside as I should have done. I feel a keen criticism for not doing more, but outside work—stake work, lectures, disciplinary work in school, etc.—has taken much of my time.

(I failed to record Pres. Hinckley's death. My eulogies of him and Bro. Shepherd also. These eulogies are in my Journal of Clippings. Read them. They are faithfully true.)

I have written two brief eulogies—one on the death of Pres. M. L. Shepherd and the other on the life and character of Pres. Ira N. Hinckley. I think they are real good—just a little flowery here and there and you, my dear reader, scan them and tell me if they have an element of the peril in them. I am now young and believe and love power and beautiful

expressions. To me, words freighted with thought and soul transport me in feeling. I have written some things that have made me shed tears even in the re-reading.

Bks. read this year: Part of Hudson's Psychic Phenomena; Bate's Lectures on the Study of Literature; Bk. of M.; two Physics; Thirty Yrs. on the Frontier by Will Drennon; and am reading Paley's Natural Theology and LeConte's Harmony of Science and Religion. I finished, this last yr., reading all of Ingersoll's works. Some of them I have read several times before. I am preparing a lecture on the Natural Evidences of a God.

Martha and I went to conference Apr. 6. The Senate Committee has been on the Smoot case a long time examining quite a number of witnesses from Jos. F. down. They think to do much but God will turn all in the favor of his people. They haven't got me as yet, but I can't tell whether they will get me when their sub-committee comes out to Utah this summer.

I went home the 3rd of Apr. and visited Ma and the folks. Wm. Darnley, Ella's Bro., came and visited us for a day or two. Since then his wife Irene died at Sandy and was buried there last Sat, I went to the funeral and spoke most of the time. Will feels very bad.

We had Y. people's conference two weeks ago tonight. Apostle Lyman and Geo. A. Smith were here with us. The LDS & BYU had their annual meet last Sat. and our Uni. won 71 points and the LDS 33. I get deeply interested in these athletic sports. Old father Hudson is here with us for a few days. He had trouble at the infirmary and left.

The young men closed their meetings for this summer with the exceptions of the conjoints. I went to the BY meeting tonight and heard Bro. Bramwell relate the early experiences of the church (from 1857 & 8). I permitted my photo to be printed in a new journal "The Home and the Reveille."

**May 15, 1904, Provo, Utah:** Beautiful weather and everything in bloom. Our school work has been nearly completed for this yr. I, as usual, will hardly get thru with my subjects. I have unusual joy in teaching this semester Physics & Theology. On May 5 we had a stake social for all of the young people. It was a great success. We held it in Springville and ran an excursion from here to Sp-ville. About 300 went over. May 6 I went to Santaquin and addressed the graduates of that place. For comments see Journal of Clippings.

The BY Uni. orchestra ran an excursion to Payson May 10 and gave a concert, and I was sent over to give a 10-minute talk but it was only about 5 minutes. It was not propitious on such an occasion. I went to Am. Fork yesterday afternoon and spoke to the graduates (8 & 9th grades). My speech was well received. See comments. I stayed at Pres. Chipman's last night and we talked until after one o'clock. I cleared \$1.10 on the trip. Pres. Brimhall, E. S. Hinckley and myself went to Springville this afternoon and spoke in behalf of the Uni. and the donation for the erection of our new building now in course of

construction. Bro. Hinckley and I stayed and spoke this evening and came back in a buggy. We had a pleasant chat on the way back.

A Prediction: In my speaking tonight I was impressed to prophesy. I predicted that if the people would freely donate for the erection of the new building God would bless them and that every family that donated freely God would give them power over children that none would be lost. I predicted also that tho they may have Sons or daughters whose sins were as red as scarlet, yet God would turn those children back to their parents' home in repentance and humility. That they should have greater power in their homes, etc. I said: Brethren and sisters write this down and prove whether it is uttered by the spirit of God or man for I testify it is of God. In course of my remarks, I also predicted that many in that room would live to see the young come from the uttermost parts of the earth to attend the BY University. A grand spirit prevailed during our meeting. On our road home, Bro. E. S. Hinckley bore testimony to what I said.

**May 29, 1904, Provo, Utah:** (Sun. ) School has closed another yr's work. In some respects the yr. was more successful than previous yrs. On May 17 and 18 I was in Ephraim and spoke both days at the commencement exercises of the Snow Academy. The Academy made a good showing. On Mon. evening May 16 I went to Benjamin and spoke before the public at the closing exercises of the Benjamin graduates. Pres. Brimhall, Supt. J.S. Brown, State Supt. Nelson, Prof. Forbes and others said that Francis had the smartest and biggest graduating class ever turned out before from Utah Co. He had 28 graduating. The whole county had 300 all told. If such towns and Springville, Sp. Fork, Lehi, etc. had as big a class as Benj., then they would have graduated from 160 to 200 each, but the largest was only 60 pupils. Francis goes to take charge of Emery Stake Academy next yr. He is to receive \$1100 a yr. I am so very pleased that he is chosen to take the position.

I went to Sandy, Salt Lake Co. and spoke to the school public. I went and delivered the Memorial address at Am. Fork. My words were well rec'd. On May 30 I got a buggy and took all the children to the cemetery. I have had Ella's grave sown to grass and it looks nice. I paid \$4.50 for the work. Mary Orser has come and went to Idaho.

**June 10, 1904, Provo, Utah:** Mary came back from Idaho; she makes a very poor report about Dee. I went to the YM&LMIA conference in Salt Lake. We had 3 days meeting. The first meeting was conjoint for all associations in the Assembly Hall. I read my 12-minute paper on "Responsibility of Officers" at this meeting. It was well rec'd and the editors of Era and Young Ladies Journal have asked for a copy that they might publish it. For comments, see clippings in Journal A.

I met H. and baby there and had a pleasant visit with them.<sup>64</sup> Martha and I attended the annual reception given by the General Boards at Sister McCune's palace. It surpassed any building or dwelling in beauty and richness of furnishings of anything I had ever seen before. I suppose that the building, grounds, furnishings etc. have cost near a half million dollars.

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<sup>64</sup> Helen and baby Myrthus.



I was sick for 4 or 5 days and it nearly exhausted me. It took from me almost every particle of vitalizing power and virtue out of me but I am about myself again. We are all well. Fern has begun to learn to knit in the Provo Knitting Factory. I have taken \$300 in stock in the firm that I might have a position for my children to work. She (Fern) is 18 yrs. old tomorrow and I am preparing to have a surprise on her tomorrow evening.

Bro, Baldwin and I spent yesterday in testing the new 10-minutes' cooker. The one he invented after we had decided what we wanted. The test was most satisfactory. We cooked anything we tried (viz: dried beans, potatoes, string beans, rice, oatmeal, onions (whole), and the toughest beef neck we could get) and everything cooked done in 10 minutes steam of 50 lbs pressure. We also were able to soften hard bones so they could be eaten. With 10 lbs. steam pressure we cooked beans, rice, oatmeal, etc. perfectly done in 13 minutes. The cooker is fixed with a perfect safety valve so the danger of explosion is eliminated.

**July 10, 1904, Logan, Utah:** Had a nice surprise on Fern.<sup>65</sup> For refreshments we had oranges, bananas, candy and peanuts and lemonade. I rested some, mowed the lawn, put up the shanty, or summer kitchen. I came up here June 18. I left home on the 16th and stopped off in S. L. to help Francis with his circular. He is to take the Prin-ship of Emery Stake. Leslie was coming up here with me, but stopped in S. L. and attended the U of U Summer School instead.

Our S. Sch. is a very excellent one. The instructors are Mrs. Kestler and Miss Jones for kindergarten work; Robison for music; J. L. Home, mathematics; B. Eastmond, Art & Man-training; M. Hall, Psys. & Ed.; myself for Physics; Prof. Seward from Leland Stanford Uni. for English; and Prof. Praeger for Botany and Nature Study. We have between 75 and 80 students. The A. C. has 15 or 18 in their Summer School. We expected a much larger attendance than this, inasmuch as this is the combined S. S. for all the church schools. But it is an excellent one. I think it is the best I ever attended. The courses are technical and thorough. We are having a course of lectures by Profs. Seward & Praeger given once a week.

I was sent for to attend the Hyrum Stake Conference a week ago last Mon. I spoke twice. Pres. Paul was there also. The Lord blessed us both in our speaking.

I go to College Ward and speak tonight. I went to Whitney and spent the 4th. The BY College faculty gave a reception in honor of the Sum. School students and teachers on the lawn of the college last Fri. evening; also a meeting at 8:30 p.m. where was rendered a pleasant program. I had to make a short speech in reply to the Mayor's speech of welcome. The entire evening was a "howling" success. I have been out with Praeger's Ecology and nature study classes several times. I am taking a listening course in both of his classes. I have 8 or 9 students in Physics. I am reading Hugo's "Les Miserables" and Huckleberry Finn.

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<sup>65</sup> Fern is eighteen.

I attended a reception given by Bro. & Sister Hendrickson about 10 days ago.

Eugene<sup>66</sup> got offended at home and came here to me. He got on the wrong train (Butte train) at Cache Junction and was taken north 8 miles and put off at 1 o'clock at night. There wasn't a house for miles around. He lay down there and went to sleep. He went back next day to Cache Junction and that night came here. I was deeply moved over his misfortune. He went back home this morning. He desired to stay longer but an excursion was returning to S. L. and he could go very cheaply. I go this afternoon with Joel Ricks to visit Drs. Tanner and Widsoe. The subject is to be Bk. of M.

**July 18, 1904, Logan, Utah:** I have had a very pleasant visit at Dr. Widsoe's and we (Joel Ricks, Dr. Tanner and I) talked Bk. of M. until after 5 p.m. We took supper with him. Jno. M. Mills was with us part of the time. After that I went to College Ward and spoke. This week I have been busy with my Physics students. It takes me most of the day. I take a listening course in Botany and Nat. Study. I presided at last Thurs. lecture given by Prof. Seward.

I went yesterday (Sun.) up the canyon to the city power plant with Thos. Daniels<sup>67</sup> and Earl.<sup>68</sup> Returned at 2 p. m. and attended the tabernacle meeting. Two missionaries spoke. I went to Millville last night and spoke. I met an elderly lady last night after the meeting whose name is Rhodebah. Her mother was a Hickman. They came from Virginia. Springville has asked me to deliver the oration on the 24th of July. I am not certain that I will go.

**July 30, 1904, Ogden, Utah (On Train):** Did not go to Springville. I delivered the Pioneer address Sun. evening 6 p. m. July 24th in Logan. On July 25 I delivered the oration at Wellsville. The Lord blessed me wonderfully in those two addresses. In the afternoon (5 p. in.) the Summer School teachers had an informal program and picnic. I spoke for 10 or 15 minutes. My closing words were: "Religious freedom is an accumulation of ages—composite in its nature. It has come down to us from the Agony on Calvary's Cross, from the bloody sweat of France to the Banishment of the Mormon people. The next step will be to blot out this unhallowed (damnable) persecution from religious bigots whose lecherous death-like hands clutch the shiny scepter of priestcraft while they attempt to strangle the Angel of Light and crowd the human intellect back into the dark night of the past and chain the soul again to the moorings of dead faith and superstition. As we ride out upon the storm and tempest of human thought and human freedom 'we behold from the receding shore tombs of cruel kings, graves of unhallowed priests, mounds of buried shackles and charred heaps of human auction blocks and gray stones of perished institutions of oppression.' While we sail out upon the boundless ocean of the future, we behold vague thru the mists of the distance, upon the shores of that illimitable sea 'the Temple of Eternal Truth & God, its author.'"

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<sup>66</sup> Eugene is twelve.

<sup>67</sup> Thomas Edward Daniels (1857-1926), husband of Josiah's sister Annie.

<sup>68</sup> Edward Earl Daniels (1886-1913), Josiah's nephew, son of Thomas and Annie Daniels.

I taught Physics A in Summer School. I got \$100 for my 6 weeks work. It cost me about \$5.00 to go and come. I cleared about \$25. I got home last night. I had a pleasant time at Logan. Found folks fairly well. Francis and Leslie got 20 hrs. and 17 hrs. credits in S. S. at Salt Lake.

**Aug. 13, 1904, Vernal, Uintah Co:** I arrived here Mon. afternoon. I came with Warren Colton, Calvin Fletcher, Willard Andelin, Effie Howe, and Merl Crandall. Miss Howe and Andelin came to play and sing thruout the Stake while I spoke. We have held a meeting in each of the following wards or towns: Vernal, Maeser, Grines, Merrill and Jensen. We went to Jensen late yesterday afternoon and Mary Orser and I got back last night at 2 a.m. I spoke on a different subject at each place. I am here primarily for the week's Inst. I have given two lectures a day for five days. My work has been on child psychology and government; also nature work. I have quite enjoyed myself this week tho I have been very busy.

We were invited out to supper to Mrs. Young's and Mrs. (Bp.) Davis'. There is a concert to be given this evening. Our company are to take part in it. We came thru Indian Canyon and were two and a half days coming. On the way, Andelin lost a book and I lost my purse Laura made me a present of. I had our (Miss Howe's and my tickets) HR tickets and \$5 or more in it. Never found it. I do not know as yet whether we will have to start home tomorrow (Sun.) or not. I hope to wait till Mon. Our trip I believe has been fraught with much good.

I wish to record here a poem that Pro. Clinton D. Ray dedicated to me Nov. 10, 1902 and I have not recorded it till now. It is entitled "The Victor." He claims in a letter to me that my life inspired the poem:

The Victor

Bind on thy helm and buckler,  
Nor reck tho death betide!  
He liveth well who dieth  
With Truth upon his side.

He fears not any foeman  
With gilded spear and mail,  
Who knoweth only duty  
To win or to lose, nor fail.

Bind on thy shield and helmet,  
And reckon not the host.  
But wage again the battles  
Thy fathers fought and lost

While Sin, the fatal foeman  
Is marshalled still in pride,

Thy only truce is bondage  
'Twere better thou hadst died!

While Evil's golden banners,  
Of mocking doubt and crime  
Flaunt in thy holy places  
With stolen spoils of time.

While Vice, the gilded Tempter,  
Rules half thy kingdom still,  
Fail not where thy fathers faltered,  
Thy peace is thy childrens' ill.

Then wield thy sword with tumult,  
Ere the day of thy strength decline,  
Till the night and thy glory cometh'  
When the sceptre shall be thine.

And shouldst thou bleed in the battle,  
What evils can befall?  
He giveth best and grandly  
Who giveth his last and all.

Bind on my helm and buckler,  
Nor reck tho death betide!  
He liveth well who dieth  
With Truth upon his side.

Clinton D. Ray

**Aug. 17, 1904:** Nearly at head of Indian Canyon going west. We left Vernal Mon. at 11 a. m. and arrived here at 3:30 p.m. today. One of our horses is sick and given out. Warren Cotton has gone back 12 or 13 miles to the mine to get another team. We should get to Colton tonight and perhaps we will. I did not find my purse nor tickets. We have had a pleasant journey so far. We went around by White Rocks and visited that insane Indian so notorious for his having lived in a perfectly nude state for 31 years. Winter and summer he lives out on the commons, lying or sitting on the ground most of the time. The temperature often falls to 40o below zero, yet he endures such conditions with no complaint. If clothes are put upon him, he tears them off. Although he sometimes will permit a small blanket to be thrown over him. He also has part of the time a very small fire about the size of your two hands. I am told that he gets cold more in summer than in winter. Still, I cannot credit such a statement. He is very black and his skin is fairly soft, but thick. A thick 1/4 in. of fat under the skin. I made quite an examination of him.

There are two theories as to his insanity. One is that he killed his mother in a fit of passion and went insane. The other is that he was whipped for something he did by white men and went insane thru that. I examined him quite carefully. His head is fairly well

shaped for an Indian. Yet in the regions of hope, faith and spirituality his head was much shrunken. He was wanting very much in will power and self esteem and continuity; yet he stays in one spot nearly all the time. He will scarcely ever make a move while you are there and he never talks to you. He is the oddest freak I ever saw. He is fed by his brother, Provo Dicks.

**Aug. 29, 1904, Coalville, Summit Co., Utah:** (Mon.) Since my last writing, I arrived home stayed there 4 or 5 days and started on this tour. Before I did, I went to Lehi and spoke there Sun. night to a full house on education. I also spoke at the funeral of Jos. E. Page on Mon. Aug. 22. The funeral was held in the tabernacle at Provo. Payson showed a great deal of respect for many came; also Payson Silver band came and played at the funeral. Bro. Page died of a complication of appendicitis and Bright's disease. I am not, as a rule, in favor of operations for appendicitis. I am not certain but that the operation he underwent had as much to do with his death as any other cause. It was sad indeed. He left a wife and three little children.

I started on this trip a week tomorrow morning. I spoke in Midway on Tues. night to a full house. I had Bros. Frank Day and Geo. Wilson speak a short time. F. Day has now gone to Leland Stanford Uni. Wilson is a "hell roarer" and left the school in disgrace last spring; but he got up when I called on him and spoke real well, though his associates and acquaintances (knowing his weaknesses and conduct) laughed at him. It was amusing to hear him. He has the making of a good and influential man if he will try. But O, how many of us live sordid lives when we might have glorified our lives and uplifted the human family. Often the mightiest minds with all their possibilities are sacrificed on the altars of sin and passion. The offerings are always some portion of physical strength or mental force- incense of soul for an hour of intoxicated pleasure- diamonds for dross, divine heritage for Satanic pollution.

The next night I spoke in Heber to an interesting audience. The night following (Thurs.) I spoke in Charleston to a small, but attentive, audience. Pres. Jos. R. Murdock's son David brought me to Francis Ward and Bro. Farley Eskelson took me to Kamas and from there I took the stage next morning to Peoa. In Kamas I stayed all night at Sister Young Pack's. She is an interesting woman. Sat, night I spoke at Rock Port to a small house. Yesterday I spoke in Peoa in S. School and to a large house in the afternoon. The spirit of the Lord was with me in all my speaking. Bro. Lyons brought me here to Coalville and I spoke here last night. Two of the General Board of Primary works from Salt Lake spoke part of the time. I have found BY students every place I have been. I stayed with Pres. Allen. I am much impressed with him and his recital of the experience he had in Park City in raising up the branch there.

I went this morning and visited Pres. Moses Taylor of this stake. I wished to know whether he could give me the prophecy of his father against Gov. Ford. He could not give it only in substance. It was to the effect that Gov. Ford would die a pauper, etc. He told me of a Rev. Mathews in Eng. who opposed his father in a meeting and ridiculed the Bk. of M. and demanded and insisted that Pres. Taylor show his power. He was so insistent that Pres. T. said: "You shall see the power of God, for you shall be cursed with

sores from the crown of your head to the soles of your feet, and in that condition you shall die.” Some years after that, a lady told Pres. Taylor that she attended this Rev, and he was smitten with sores from head to ft. and died thus. She says that he would often say that man Taylor was a man of God.

I leave and go to Hoytsville to speak this evening. From there I go to Kamas and then to Woodland and hold meetings. Pres. Moses Taylor told me that Pres. Snow said to him that he should go and get Moses Taylor for the Pres. of this stake. He said, “The Lord spoke to me and said, ‘Go get Moses Taylor for the Pres. of Summit Stake’.”

**Aug. 31, 1904, Kamas, Summit Co., Utah:** I spoke in Hoytsville Mon. evening and here last night. I had a goodly flow of the spirit of the Lord with me. My themes were the BYU and the nature of education gotten therein. I spoke of it as the first offspring of the School of the Prophets and that it was greater than its parent. I also spoke of the evils of youth and the causes; that our thoughts worked the havoc in sin and were the uplifting power if good. I stayed at Bp. Sargent’s in Hoytsville and with Bp. Lambert last night and today.

A Thought: Primitive peoples saw things first and when they struggled to know the why then they wove into the myth. So it should be with the child. The myth was the earnest struggle of the primitives to explain the half-hidden truth; but the fairy story is a purposed fiction which on the whole misleads. (My judgment and comparison of the myth and fiction.)

Thoughts: God gave to the bird its accomplishments of song, flight and nest building without much effort, but man must labor for yrs. most arduously to accomplish the power and knowledge of song, structure building, education, etc. Why? It is because the bird has followed this one unerring line of attainment (every bird) for unceasing generations. If man shall follow the undeviating line of perfect song, building and definite lines of education as individuals and race, then there will come a time when man’s offspring shall do what his parents do with as great alacrity and ease as the bird now imitates the song and flight of its parents. JEH

Man, building within his chambered mind his structures for the future- his conceptions of man’s duty and destiny- finds his creations uncertain and ill-defined often uninviting; but once let God’s spirit illumine his soul’s creations and they will stand forth like a transfiguration clear in outline, bold and inspiring, endless in their perspective, and glorified by the lights of a thousand suns. JEH

“The recollections of an absent being is illumined in the gloom of the heart, the more it disappears the more radiant it appears and the despairing and obscure soul sees this light on its horizon, the star of its inner night.” Hugo’s Les Miserables (p. 33)

**Sept. 21, 1904, Provo, Utah:** I spoke in Woodland Ward, Summit Co. Aug. 31 and next day Farley Eskelson took me to Park City. We had dinner there and I took train for S. L. and then on to Whitney, Idaho. I stayed there a day and went to Malad. I spoke there

and at Samaria. At Malad I stayed at brother Dudley's place. At Samaria I stayed at Bp. Price's place. Bro. H. S. Tanner and Mrs. Erdley spoke at the same meeting I did in Malad. I went back to Whitney and from there home arriving here Thurs. night Aug. 8 - Provo. I took ill and was in bed for two days.

We had an annual convention of the YMIA. Bros. H.S. Tanner, Brimhall and Hardy of the Gen. Board were here. The evening was a conference for the public, but due to some disturbance of the young people, the meeting was not a "howling" success and was so reported at headquarters.

The University began Mon. Sept. 12. This is the second week and we have a larger attendance than ever before so early in the season. My subjects are Theology a & c (Bk. of M. and the New Testament), Psychology a, Nature Study, and Astronomy (college work). The text book is Young's Manual of Astronomy. I have four in class: Nathaniel Baldwin,<sup>69</sup> Mosier Pack, Geo. Laney and Eugene Fletcher. They are all thinkers and strong in Mathematics and Physics and we will have a sterling class. I am chairman of a committee who look after those refractory students.

Miss Annie Parkinson arrives tonight from Preston, Id. to attend our Uni.<sup>70</sup> Paul Henning lectured last Fri. night on the External Evidences of the Bk. of M. We will have him speak next Tues. evening in the tabernacle of the Evidences of Christ's Visitation to this Continent after his Resurrection.

My sister Laura is attending the Chicago University. I feel she is one of Utah's best lady teachers. Francis has taken the Principalship of the Emery Stake Academy. Leslie is the Principal of the Benj. schools. Bro. E. S. Hinckley has gone for a week to the World's Fair. While away I take his class in Geology a. Martha has begun the Course in Professional Nursing and Obstetrics under Dr. Clift.

**Oct. 2, 1904, Provo, Utah:** (Sun.) Paul Henning lectured in the tabernacle Tues. evening, but he did not get to his subject as he should have done. Tho he did bring out some very nice truths. A week ago last evening Martha and I attended the annual social of the young men and women of Vineyard. We took Wilford and Jos. McAllister with us to furnish the music.

We went to hear Miss Nannie Fout sing in the tabernacle a week ago last Fri. evening. She is Utah's greatest lady singer. While she and her father were here, they heard Willard Andelin sing. Her father offered him \$1000 to go and study saying, "You may pay me back when you can." Bro. Fout said that Andelin's voice was the greatest in Europe and many were getting \$100 a night for singing who could not sing so well. He also said that the people would go crazy over his voice. Andelin leaves Oct. 10 for England to study. He sings with Miss Fout in S. L. tabernacle Oct. 6. A testimonial was given him last Fri. night and \$130 were taken in.

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<sup>69</sup> Nathaniel Baldwin was a famous inventor in Utah.

<sup>70</sup> She was probably one of the students from the Oneida Academy.

I attended two meetings last Sun. Today I attended fast meeting and spoke for a few minutes. I speak for a short time in conjoint in the 6th Ward—my ward—this evening. I am getting in dead earnest in my work. My work bids fair to success this yr. I pray that at the end of the yr. I may look back with greater joy than ever before for any yr's work. I have just been figuring up and found that I and the boys will have earned this yr. over \$1700. Just came from meeting. I was asked to speak in behalf of the National Peace Conference, so I did. We had a good meeting.

A thought: "Sorrow shows truth as night brings out the stars." The stars are eclipsed by the nearness and glory of our sun; but every star heralded to our vision is larger and more magnificent than the sun. He is but one; they are millions. Often in life an immediate interest obscures the greater and more remote blessings regardless of their number or importance. Remove the present ideal and the night of sorrow will unfold new truth revealing clearer vision of glories in endless perspective. The soul mantled in the shades of night's grief beholds stellar universes of hope and possibilities. Then, turning the telescope of faith towards wildernesses of truth, he buckles on new fortitude and Hepler like, he struggles for the law of dawning truth which the glory of past pleasures could never have revealed. JEH

**Oct. 9, 1904, Provo, Utah:** (Sun.) This week was spent wholly in school work. Yesterday I took my nature class for a half day into orchards, fields, groves, etc. to study plant and animal life. I am hectographing outline work for the yr. for all the grades and the students in nature work are to complete the work as the grades are expected to. It is proving to be a great deal of work. I went to hear Prof. Osmond on "Shakespeare's Villains" Fri. night.

Today I went with Jno. Clark and Baldwin<sup>71</sup> where Clark thinks the plates are buried with the treasures and records of the old Aztec people in 1520. I saw where they had been digging. Clark says that these records will be brought forth within a yr. and many other things that will shortly occur which will be astounding to the world, the Saints included. He has many passages of scripture to substantiate his beliefs, etc. I confess I am not impressed with his views and tried to show him that I felt he gave the scriptures a wrong interpretation.

I attended meeting this evening in our ward and spoke for a half hr. on Faith. The longer I live the more I see new truth on the subject of faith. If the Lord will continue to inspire me on the subject, I shall write an article or two on it.

I rec'd letters from Francis and Supt. Seth Allen in Emery Co. Francis is doing well in his school. Allen offers me \$100 for six lectures (or trips), one a month to the teachers of that Co. My expenses will be about \$50. I will need to be away from school here one

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<sup>71</sup> This is Nathaniel Baldwin. He believed that great prophet was going to bring forth the sealed portion of the Book of Mormon and that the Indians would literally have their skin become white. Because of this and a belief that the Manifesto was not revelation, he would in a year be let go as a professor at the Brigham Young Academy.



day a month. He wishes me to teach Physics to the Co. teachers, also a public lecture in same town each trip. Pres. Brimhall thinks I had better go.

I rec'd a letter from Mrs. Margaret Ganser of Pocatello. She is Uncle Wm. Hickman's daughter. Her mother's name is Manerva. Her (Ganser's) son Driscoll is attending school here; also Luke Hickman's son is attending here. Jos. H's son attended here last yr. This makes 4 grandsons and one son of Uncle William Hickman who have attended here. James Hickman was Uncle William's son.

Did I record before that I finished Hugo's Les Miserables? It is the most classical work I ever read. Hugo has a wonderful insight into almost every phase of life and condition.

**Oct. 16, 1904, Provo, Utah:** This week passed with nothing startling. I went to Provo 2nd Ward and Timpanogas this week and attended the annual opening of the YL&YM Assn. I have been asked to speak before the parents meeting in Springville, Mona and Santaquin. I attended this afternoon meeting and this evening meeting. The children attend quite constantly the S. S. They please me very much as a rule. I have not heard from Dee for months. I fear that he is sinking into vice and darkness, at least waywardness.

**Nov. 3, 1904, Provo, Utah:** Since last writing I have spoken in Springville and last week I went to Emery Co. and taught Physics to Emery Co. teachers; gave a lecture to trustees; delivered a public lecture to the people of Castle Dale and one in Orangeville. I left here last Thurs. evening and got home Sun. night. found Francis doing fine with the Emery Stake Academy. He is well liked, it seemed, by all.

My work seemed to please all. One lady in Orangeville was heard to say at the close of my lecture that she would walk ten miles to hear me speak again if she could get there no other way. I am to be paid \$100 for lecturing five times or before five Inst. in Emery Co. Seth Allen is Supt. I go with Martha tomorrow night to see mother. I have just written to Laura who is in Chicago.

**Nov. 24, 1904, Provo, Utah:** (Thanksgiving Day) Visited Ma. The next Fri. evening went to Santaquin and spoke to the public under direction of the teachers. The next morning I went to Heber with several teachers and a large number of students. We held an Inst. and gave a concert. We got home that night about 12 o'clock. The next morning I went to Leland Ward and spoke in afternoon and evening. The spirit of the Lord was with me. Between meetings I went down to see Ma and Eunice for an hr. or two. I took Levon and Reginald with me<sup>72</sup>. They had a nice time playing and riding Bp. Markam's horses. We stayed at his place all night and returned home next morning. We were given a bu. of pears to bring home. Bp. Markam is a very successful Bp. and all his people are trying to obey him.

I have started a new class in Psychology I with one student. I have returned Psychology (a) back to Prof. Brown. I have charge of all the law breaking students in school. I also

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<sup>72</sup> Levon and Reginald are both eight years old.

have charge of the Domestic Organization with Bros. Brown and Orrin Jarvis to assist me.

I went to Emery Co. again last Thurs. night, at least started Thurs. evening and got to Castle Dale at 3:20 p.m. Fri. and the Academy had their students assembled, also the two upper grades of the district school to hear me speak 1/2 hr. upon the External Evidences of Bk. of M. Then I went that evening to Ferron 12 miles south and spoke and returned to Castle Dale that night. Francis and two others went with me to hear me speak. The next day I discussed for nearly 4 hrs. the subject of Physics with the teachers. That evening I went to Huntington and spoke; also spoke for one hr. before the upper grades of Sunday School on the temptation of Jesus. The Lord was with me in great power in my three public meetings. If it were not for my telling it, I should record the comments and soul expressions from many that were there. It does me good to know that my thoughts and delivery feed men's minds with truths that awaken deepest emotions, etc. I do not talk merely to please, at least that is not the main object, but rather to give new thought, arouse to higher ambitions, and excite to a better life.

We had a nice Thanksgiving dinner. I have been home all day. I go tomorrow to Co. Inst. in Sevier Co. (Sauna). We are all well. I am struggling to have peace in my home. It is improving. God being my helper I shall have my home a place of peace and rest, love and union. We are succeeding fairly well.

I have payed \$23 on the meeting house and \$5. 00 on the University donation. I am getting behind again in my payments. O, Father, open the way that I can pay all my obligations before my name comes in reproach before men. To have means to pay my debts would give me almost unspeakable joy.

**Nov. 27, 1904, Provo, Utah:** (Sun. evening) I left last Fri. morning for Salina. I had a pleasant day's ride with Bros. Richard R. Lyman and B. F. Grant. Bro. Lyman was going as State Deputy of Public Instruction. I spoke in Salina Fri. night to a full house on The Development of Science and Invention of the Last Hundred Yrs. I spoke before the Inst. next morning of the "Cultivation of Perceptive Faculties." In afternoon, Bro. Lyman took up most of the time. I spoke but a few minutes. We left that afternoon, he going to Elsinore and I to Monroe. By special request I spoke on the Banishment of the Mormon People. It was deeply appreciated. Co. Supt. Jensen said that he hardly knew how he would live were it not for such inspiring lectures. "I am impressed too deeply for words. No one stirs my soul as you," etc. I deeply appreciate the expression for it comes from a quiet and sincere character. He takes his seat as Co. Supt. the first of Jan. Supt. Magelby goes out then. He has been Supt. for 8 yrs. He gave me \$10 for my expenses, tho they were only \$5. 50.

I stayed with my cousin Will Clark last night. He brought me and his daughter V. L. Clark to depot. I went to meeting this evening in my own ward. The home missionaries spoke.

I was deeply shocked over the terrible death of brother John McKnight. He was killed in the factory by being caught in rapidly revolving belt. He was fearfully mangled. He is to be buried Tues. He was a convert to our church some few yrs. ago. His wife died here about two yrs. ago. He leaves a little child about 3 yrs. old. He was one of the most faithful men that I ever knew. His life was almost faultless in life and labor. The people are deeply grieved.

**Dec. 15, 1904, Washington, D.C.:** Fri. evening. A week ago last Wed. morning Pres. G. H. Brimhall and I were subpoenaed by Newton Leonard (Marshall Haywood's deputy) to appear as witnesses in the Smoot investigation. We hustled about and within 3 hrs. we were off to Salt Lake to make arrangements to start. The next day we left for Washington, D. C. We had a very pleasant trip. We were just a little worried as to what we would be asked. I read most of the 700 page volume of the Smoot investigation of last spring on our way out here. We came by way of the D&RG & Burlington to Chicago. From there to this place we came over the Pennsylvania R. R. arriving here Mon. morning at 11 a.m. Then we were in attendance every session until we were put on the stand. I was on the stand a short time in the morning and afternoon. They asked me questions concerning my first and second marriages, also as to whether Smoot knew of my family affairs, etc. I was agreeably surprised to learn so little was wanted of us. I thank my Father in heaven for His protection. I believe He closed the eyes of the interrogators. In fact, I know He did. Since our being on the witness stand, I have not been to every session but most of them. We will go to one more and then ask for our release. Then we shall start for New York. From there we expect to go to Boston, then Niagara Falls and from there to Ann Arbor, then to Chicago and on home.

While here we have visited the Capitol building in and out, listened to the speeches in the Senate and also the House. I heard most of the arguments in the impeachment trial of Judge Swayne of Florida.<sup>73</sup> I visited the Supreme Court while in session a short time yesterday and today. It is very imposing to see them file in just at 12 M. with their robes on and the clerk calling out the approach of the great Supreme Judges. We went to the top of the dome of the Capital and saw the beautiful mural paintings on the walls in the hallways and corridors, also the stationery. We visited the Gov. library of 1, 250, 000 books and more magazines. The building cost \$6, 500, 000. It is the most beautiful building of marble and granite I ever beheld. We also visited the White House, the Art Gallery, the Gov. Medical School of Surgery, etc., The Smithsonian Inst., the Treasury Department, the Columbian Uni. The scene is almost bewildering it is so magnificent. We also visited the Zoological Gardens; they are grand. We have attended two theaters (Mother Goose (an opera) and Vaudeville). I saw the depot where Pres. Garfield was killed. I saw a vertebra of Wilks Boothe's spine.

**Dec. 21, 1904, New York City:** I was recalled on the witness stand Sat, forenoon. The cross examination was not long. More witnesses arrived Sat. including John Henry Smith and Chas. W. Penrose. They have been on the stand most of the week. Pres.

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<sup>73</sup> Judge Swayne was impeached for not being a resident of Florida for most of the ten years that he was a judge there, for an improper appointment of B. C. Tunison as U.S. commissioner, and of conduct that drove W. R. Hoskins to suicide, and other charges.

Brimhall and I asked to be excused Sat. afternoon and started to Baltimore, arriving there about 5 p.m. It took us only about 1 ½ hrs. to make the run. We stayed with brother Hughs and wife. He, with several other Utah students, are attending school—most of them are taking the medical course. They have a high standing in their classes. Bro. B. and I attended the LDS services Sun. afternoon and occupied the entire time. One lady, a new convert, came up at the close of meeting and said to me that a great load had been lifted off her shoulders thru the words uttered. They had given her new light and removed things she could not before fathom.

There are two elders remaining in Baltimore. One of their number (missionary) had recently died. We visited the Baltimore Medical School of Surgeons on Sun. and Monday. It is a school of high repute. There are 7 medical schools in that city of 650, 000 people. Mon. at 12:05 p.m. we left for Philadelphia. We put up at the Windsor Hotel and attended a play entitled “The Shepherd King.” It portrays the life of King David from boyhood to his coronation. While there, we visited Old Liberty Hall, Normal School for Girls and the High School for Boys. The Pres. of the Girls’ Normal School took us to lunch with him and his faculty of lady teachers, nearly 60 in number. In the Boys’ High School there are between 1700 and 1800 in attendance. It is a most magnificent school I have ever seen of secondary instruction. The buildings of both schools were very modern and costly. The Boys’ High School is the oldest in America except one. Dr. Thompson is the Pres. These places are the principal places visited, except Gimbel’s great merchantile establishment. There they engage from 3000 to 6500 employees according to the season of the yr. Seven brothers and two cousins are the owners. They carry a capital of over four millions.

Yesterday at 3:50 p.m. we started for N. Y. and arrived here about 6 p.m. We put up at the Putnam Hotel. Bro. B. was not well last night and was in bed most of the day. He has been traveling—walking and climbing stairs—too much of late. I went and hunted up the missionary headquarters today. This afternoon we took the car and went over Brooklyn Bridge and then back to this place, the Colonial Hotel. We intend to visit the Columbia Uni. tomorrow. It is just south of us a few “squares”. We find a few Utah students here. Mrs. John W. Taylor has been here a few weeks with her daughter who is attending the Kindergarten Dept.

Today we have been from Brooklyn on the south to nearly the northern part of the City. N.Y. proper is on Staten Island. We crossed Hudson River to reach this City. It is a rush and a “hoorah.” Policemen stand at nearly all of the principal Street crossings to stop teams and Street cars to keep people from being run over. They have the elevated surface and underground railways. The city is pretty much in the air for most buildings run from 4 to 27 stories in height.

I received \$220 from the Government for my expenses coming and going. It will not take over half that amount to defray them. Thanks, Uncle Sam!! We did intend to go to Boston but Pres. B’s health will not permit of it. He is now in bed resting. The elders tell me that it takes \$30 a month to keep them while here. That is missionarying the world at

a terrible cost. I understand that it costs (us as a people) over a million dollars a yr. to carry on the missionary work thru out the world.

The church has bought property here for \$13,600 on which they are to build a fine church. I see from Sunday's papers that the people in this district are "up in arms" over this fact and one paper says the people threaten to move out if such is the case. I have little comment to make on all the scenes I have witnessed while on my trip. This seems a heartless world towards anything that does not touch personal interest. The world is corrupt in sectual [sexual] sin, robbery, theft, murder. Society urges most of these upon us as a world. I long for my home, its quiet and its purity. I pray for Zion, her purity and for the promulgation of the principles she stands for. O, Father, keep me and mine pure. May we ever stand in holy places and do Thy will. Hasten Zion's redemption.

**Jan. 1, 1905, Benjamin:** We left N.Y. Dec. 23. In the evening of the 22nd we went to the Grand Opera "Parsifol" (Wagner's masterpiece). It is played or sung by the greatest artists of America. Our tickets were \$2. 50 apiece. Prof. A. C. Lund gave us \$5. 00 before we left to go and see a grand opera. So we "took this one in" in N.Y.

We left N.Y. at 1 p.m. and arrived in Buffalo at 12 o'clock that evening. We left there the next morning and after an hr's ride, we arrived at Niagara Falls. We hired a hack, then took breakfast. Then we were driven to places of interest around the Falls. We went under the Falls and saw the mighty torrent as it was hurled over our heads. The Falls are 156 ft. and the water below the Falls is 180 ft. deep. We got our photos taken at the Falls dressed in our rubber coats and hoods. I bought Martha a souvenir breastpin. That afternoon at 2:45 p.m. we left for Chicago. We went on the Michigan Central R. R. which ran thru Canada on the north side of Lake Erie.

We arrived the next morning in Chicago. We went to see Laura. She was well. We met several of the Utah students who are studying here. We spent Christmas with Laura and Christmas night (Sun.) we met with the Saints in worship and spoke to them. The Saints have a most magnificent church which they bought from one of the creeds here. I visited the Chicago Uni. grounds and buildings.

On the evening of Dec. 26 we left for home, arriving there Dec. 29 at 11:30 p.m. We were delayed on the Burlington due to a blizzard across Nebraska. We were delayed on the DR&G due to a wreck of a freight train ahead of us. We were delayed about 15 hrs. I arrived well and found all well at home. I was so pleased to get home. I cleared over \$70 on my trip.

I had several dreams since I have been gone which seemed to have deep significance. In brief, they are as follows: When I was on my way to Washington, I was much worried over the outcome of our appearance before the Committee. One night I dreamed that I was in the presence of the investigating committee. Senator Hoar's head was free from his body. He was the chairman of the investigation committee. It rested on the table. He was intelligent, but he was harmless. Senator Dubois was there and was the only one I

felt to fear. I felt that he was more or less harmless. After that I felt that my investigation would not be severe. It proved to be so, for Hoar died a few days after the dream.

On my way home I dreamed that a great commotion arose among our people. I thought the apostles publicly chastised 3 men. Two were close together and apostles (they were boon companions) objected to taking an oath (it seemed that it was the one taken in the temple). They objected to being chastised for revealing of it, etc. Some (two) submitted to the chastisement and they had no enmity nor disobedience in them. I saw a whole Relief Society ask to be released from further obligations and connection with the church, they were so incensed over treatment of these apostles. One town (I thought it was Sp. Fork) rebelled and asked to be severed from the church. I saw one president of a stake stand almost at the point of apostacy. He held his peace but was rebellious in his feelings and said that he did not believe in the method the church was pursuing. I saw others of prominence in doubt. I was sorely tried, but it was not long until I saw myself in a very stout wagon and two of my brethren were pulling the wagon (J. E. Booth was one of them). Some of our faithful brethren were in the wagon I was driving and I had to cross a narrow bridge and we had to turn so short in crossing that it was almost impossible to pass over without running off. When we got over, they said that was a narrow or close call but we went over safely. J. E. B. was headstrong and hard to guide. I saw he had papers with him which were folded once. They were on a rest in front of him. I feel that the whole dream is symbolical of what is to come. When it comes it will be a sad day for Israel and great anguish will rend our hearts.

Martha and I came down here night before last to visit the folks. We go back this afternoon. Bro. J. B. Keeler called me up over the phone yesterday and said he had a letter from "Box B" for me. I feel that it is serious. (Later: not serious as I supposed.)

In a letter to Martha while at Niagara I described the Niagara Falls as follows: The old, old river rolls on telling the same mystic story it began to tell when time was young and history mingled with the uncertain past. It, now as then, speaks the same primitive language of creation's morn. Dumb and insensate, it rolls on, rumbling, roaring and mumbling inarticulate speech as tho complaining of its endless task while it chafes and frets its shores with restless energy as if longing to be free. It opens its cavernous jaws and roars with agony, causing the hills to reverberate by its thunder while the froth and vapor leap high from out its water lips and adamant jaws. Its history is chiseled in Stone. The geologist, like a horse jockey, looks in its mouth to tell its age. The last reading attributes to him the venerable life (age) of 10, 000 yrs.

**Feb. 4, 1905, Provo, Utah:** It has been more than a month since my last writing. We have just closed up the first semester's work. I am not altogether satisfied with the results of my semester's work. The three weeks I was absent threw my classes back. I have been released from my duties in the domestic organization that I might teach a class in physical geography. I am still at the head of the student affairs. We as a committee have to handle all refractory students.

The University held an educational convention in Nephi three weeks ago. It seemed a success. Some of us spoke there on Sun. in their meetings. The spirit of the Lord was with me in a marked degree, also with some of the others.

A week ago last Thurs. I went to Price and spoke there before parents' meeting. The next day I went to Cleveland and spoke there that evening to a large crowd. The next morning I went to Castle Dale and lectured to the Co. Institute on Physics for 4 hrs. that day. That evening I went to Lawrence and lectured to an interesting audience. I then went to Huntington and stayed all night. The next day I came home. I made a new acquaintance on the train home; also on the stage. One young man threw away his tobacco after a long talk on its evil effects and said he would never use it again. I understand that I came nearly being called back to Washington after getting home. It seems the investigating committee felt they had not asked all the questions they desired or else they thought they learned more concerning me. I wonder if they did?!

Martha has been very ill due to a miscarriage. She nearly bled to death. I was the sole attendant. She had to go under an operation and I was the operating doctor. The operation was very successful and she began to recover immediately after undergoing the serious abortion. The fetus had grown to the uterus and had to be stripped off or detached. I am very thankful she is again well and the Lord heard our prayers. Martha is taking the nursing and obstetrics course. She went to Nephi with me and we had a nice trip.

A Mrs. Scott (Helen) has come to Provo for a little while. I pray the Lord will protect and bless her. She is at Benjamin with my mother. I have been offered a professorship in the LDS University by Pres. Paul. I am thankful for the confidence but feel I cannot accept. O, but our people are howling over the supposed marriages since the Manifesto. It is principally those who never believed or entered plural marriage. It seems that a large % of our people are joining hands with our enemies to fight those who have entered this principle. There is a division between or among the leaders of the church. I am fearful of the threatened consequences. I believe the hour is upon us when there shall be a great sifting amidst our people. God has made this fact known to me. I pray for power to stand and prove eminently faithful.

I pray earnestly that our people stand the test. I also pray that our enemies shall fail in their attempts to injure us. I explained the principle of plural marriage to my class in theology from a historical standpoint (and a scientific one), the other morning. Some of the students told what was said and perhaps mixed up the affair a little until outsiders and jack Mormons have raised a great noise over it and ease their wrathful pains by heaping anethmas upon my head. For years I have been rec'd very favorably with the Saints, but now a change has come and many of my friends have turned against me and the end is not yet. I pray I may stand faithful under it all and that I may grow strong under the strain and come out the brighter and purer.

Our children are all well at present and I am reverentially grateful for the same. We had conference here two weeks ago and in the evening of Sun. the young people had their conference.

**Mar. 5, 1905, Provo, Utah:** It has been a month since I wrote before. Since last I wrote I have been visiting the wards in the stake on MIA work. There has been the annual conference of the YM&YL in our stake. It was held Feb. 12. We had officer's meetings in the forenoon, public meetings (conference) in the afternoon and evening. Bro. Brimhall was the only one of the General Board to represent the young men. Sister Talmage was the representative of the young ladies. I spoke in the afternoon.

I went to Emery Co. the latter part of last month. I spoke before the Inst. two sessions on the Mechanics of Fluids. The teachers were very expressive of their appreciation of the work. I spoke in Orangeville Sat. evening after the close of the Inst. Tho it was very muddy, the house was crowded. Even children were attentive and enthusiastic during the meeting. I returned that evening to Castle Dale and talked with Francis until 2 a.m. I left at 7 a.m. and it took nearly all day for us to reach Price. Supt. Allen brought me over. I never saw a muddier road. Francis and his faculty are doing good work and the people appreciate them.

Francis, Bros. Wiley and Hand have challenged Chas., Leslie and myself for an athletic contest- 50 yd. dash; 100 yd. dash; 300 yd. relay race; shotput; running high jump; running broad jump; standing broad jump; back jump; handsprings and summer saults; boxing for points; and wrestling. We accept.

I went to Mona yesterday morning and spoke there last night on "Children's Lies." Bp. Ellertson and wife took brother Anderson (Prin. of School) and myself for a long ride of about 22 miles. I took my little Radino<sup>74</sup> with me. He enjoyed himself hugely. We returned this morning. I went to High Priest's Quorum this morning and fast meeting this afternoon. I bore my testimony.

Two weeks ago today I dressed for prayer circle for the first time in my life. I had been an attendant for nearly a yr. but had not dressed before. Leslie reports all the folks well. He is doing well in his non-resident work as well as in his music. Laura is still in Chicago and wishes to remain until Aug. The family are all well and peace reigns in our home.

**Mar. 19, 1905, Provo, Utah:** School work moves on about the Same. I sprained my ankle while turning a summer sault and missed a day's school. Instead of lighting on the double mattress as I expected, I turned clear over and lit on the hard marble floor. I suffered fearfully until 2 or 3 o'clock that night with my foot and ankle. I went to Lake View two weeks ago tonight. Martha went with me. I spoke on the evidences of Joseph being a prophet. Last Sun. was not feeling well. I went to afternoon meeting.

Elder B. H. Roberts lectured here in the tabernacle last Tues. evening to a large house. It was a reply to Senator Thos. Kern's vicious attack on the Latter-Day Saints before the

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<sup>74</sup> Radino is 3 years and 7 months old.



U. S. Senate. Metaphorically speaking, Roberts parted K's hair in the middle and skinned him from head to foot. It was a masterful effort and all seemed well pleased. This was the first of a series of meetings we have decided to hold under the auspices of the YMMIA. I go tonight to Sp. Fork to speak in the 3rd Ward.

Much strife and discord seems to be brewing amidst our people. Fault is found with the leaders of our church and its policy. I have seen this discord coming for a long time and have been grieved. The excommunication of Frank J. Cannon<sup>75</sup> has caused and is causing much strife and bitter comment.

Dee<sup>76</sup> and Milton have left home without permission. Dee, I learn, is in Logan while Milton is in Lewiston. I am grieved over Dee's conduct and am at a loss whether to let him go or send for him.

**Apr. 2, 1905, Provo, Utah:** I got to the depot to go to Sp. Fork and learned that Jno. M. Cannon was going there to speak to a Sun. School meeting. I judged from that that some mistake was made and so I didn't go for I was to speak in the 3rd Ward under the auspices of the YMMIA.

I have decided to let Dee go until he is satisfied. He left without cause and he may make his own reasons for returning if he ever returns. It looks as tho I am not a success in my family. Fern has quit school of her own accord and gone to work at the laundry.

A week ago last Thurs. afternoon I started for Emery Co. (Castle Dale) to attend the last Inst. of this yr. I discussed the subject of sound in Physics. I have completed the first half of Carhart & Chute's High School Physics in the Emery Co. Inst. I spoke at Castle Dale to a crowded house on Fri. night- a week ago. On the next evening the teachers and some of the trustees of the county had a banquet in my honor. It consisted of a magnificent supper, program and dance. We had a large crowd. Pleasant things were said of me and my work that evening by the Co. Supt (and others) during his speech of welcome.

The next morning I went with Pres. Miller and wife to Huntington. I spoke before the upper grades on Christ's crucifixion. I afterwards spoke to the teachers and supts. in the meeting. This last Fri. I went to Price, Carbon Co. and spoke to the teachers of that Co. I also lectured to the public in the evening. I returned yesterday. Miss Clayton of the Ogden schools was one of the speakers at the Inst. She stopped off in Provo yesterday for a few hrs. to see our Uni. and the work of the Art Dept.

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<sup>75</sup> Frank J. Cannon (1859-1933) was the son of George Q. and Sarah Jenne Cannon and in 1897 had been elected to the U.S. senate. He later lost re-election because of his vote against the Dingley tariff (low tariff on imported sugar), being in favor of free silver and questions about his morals in Washington, and opposition by some Church leaders. By 1904 he had become the editor of the *Salt Lake Tribune* and was conducting an vicious campaign against the Church, President Joseph F. Smith and Senatorial candidate Reed Smoot.

<sup>76</sup> Dee is seventeen years old.

Levon<sup>77</sup> thru a fall some 3 or 4 weeks ago has developed a hip disease. He is now in bed to give the leg a rest to see if it will not speedily recover. Our school has closed for one week. Leslie was here yesterday to attend an Inst.

There is a great deal of gossip going around concerning the ideas of Clark, Baldwin and others. The people will have it that they are going to start a new church, but in justice to them, I don't think they have any such an idea. They do think that Clark is to be the president of the church. I prophesied to Baldwin that Clark never would be president of this church. Gossip has it that I am in with them. What rot! It is I that has opposed Baldwin & Clark's ideas for several months, ever since I learned of their ideas. Clark has publicly announced that the records will come forth this yr. but tho I will welcome their coming forth anytime God wills, yet I feel he (Clark) will not bring them forth this yr. or any other time.

I have cleared during my trips to Emery, Carbon Counties this last school year \$100. If it had not been for this earning on the side, I do not know what I would have done. O, Father, I constantly need Thy assistance always and I am trying to live for it. Open the way for me that I will not fail nor be brought in chagrin nor reproach. My enemies, likewise many of our people, are maligning me. I rely on Thee and Thee alone. May I come thru triumphantly without sin nor blemish, and when the slander and malicious thrusts have cleaved from my name, may I stand without blemish or blotch before Thee and Thy people.

**Apr. 9, 1905, Provo:** Sun. This last week has been a holiday for our school. I have done little this week except read some and attend conference Thurs. and Fri. The speaking was excellent. A splendid feeling prevailed. The brethren were full of testimony and praise for Jos. F. Smith. While without our enemies were howling towards Jos. F. Smith. The Tribune under the leadership of Frank J. Cannon is saying the most bitter things that human tongue can coin. C. C. Goodwin in his balmiest days of hatred could not tell meaner things nor state more untruths than are being said by Frank J. against Jos. F. How dark and venomous is the human soul when once the spirit of God withdraws from it! Frank J. and Smirthwaite of Ogden have been excommunicated from the church. Now Smirthwaite and Don C. Musser have gotten out an injunction against Jos. F. to stay him from using or handling the tithing.

Never since the days of the prophet Joseph has there been such an onslaught or tirade made against our leader. It confirms my belief which I have held for several yrs.; that is Joseph will be a mighty prophet and leader to this people. He will lead this people thru much tribulation. I believe he will live many yrs. to lead this people and many changes will be wrought under his leadership. I expect to see many apostatise before Pres. Jos. F. passes away. I pray Israel may stand the test and will not need to be chastened by our enemies, but I am fearful lest they will not.

I spoke this afternoon in the tabernacle upon this subject and warned the people to be watchful and faithful lest they be caught unawares. Thru the spirit of inspiration I told

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<sup>77</sup> Lavon is 8 years old.

the people that those who were doubting Joseph because he, as they feel, has no revelations, will be among those who will be unprepared to receive the revelation when it comes, for it will surely come and when they least expect it. Bro. Wootton spoke after me along the same line of thought. Pres. John bore testimony to what we said even to every word uttered. Bro. J. G. Kimball speaks tomorrow evening in the tabernacle. We expect a large house for him. I often felt that Bro. J. G. Kimball will sometime be one of the twelve if not one of the first presidency.

Apostle Lyman told me last Fri. (during a conversation) that he never remembers to have ever given me any permission to marry or that he ever talked to me concerning the principle of plural marriage, but I tried to recall to his memory the fact that he taught the doctrine to me and told me where to go to get married; also he gave me advice how to live the principle. To all my repeating of the subject of our conversations, he could not recall a word. He said that it must be as I said, but he could not remember an iota of it.

Levon thru jumping from Mrs. Simon's coal house injured his hip and it has developed into hip disease, and the Dr. says that the cure must be now or never. We keep him on a bed. School begins tomorrow morning. Leslie has been told by Prof. Lund that he will be the best high baritone singer in Utah in one yr. if he studies hard.

**Apr. 16, 1905, Provo:** Levon is some better.

There is a scandal against me. It is claimed that I am in with Clark, Baldwin and others. They have come to the belief that the church is in error and that the leaders are not of God. They believe that Sec. 85 of Doc. & Cov., will be fulfilled this yr.; also that Isaiah 28 Chap. applies to us and that the Manifesto is the covenanting with death and hell. They believe and have said that the remaining records of the Bk. of M. will come forth this yr. Gossip has it that they are going to start a new church. This I believe is absolutely false. But rumor has linked me in with this affair. Students and others have circulated false reports to their homes all over the state until the wildest gossip is afloat concerning me. This is the gist of the falacious stories: 1. I am in sympathy with Clark, etc. 2. I am in with them. 3. I am to be their prophet. 4. I am waited upon by them and asked to be their prophet. 5. I am to be the president of the new church. 6. I wrote the ominous letter citing passages and saying some of them would be fulfilled this yr. 7. I have denounced Jos. F. Smith and will never vote for him again. This is in brief the stories circulated about me. All of which are unqualifiedly false. I have listened to their theories and have opposed them from start to finish. My conversations have been mostly with Bro. Baldwin and I have endeavored to disabuse his mind of his wrong interpretations but I have made little headway. Now that their theories are made public, I am harnessed up with them until it makes me look despicable in the minds (eyes) of those who swallow gossip. I never in all my life was more maligned. I was madder than "hell" when it came out, but I am getting over it some now. My friends are trying to stamp the lie in unmistakable terms, but it is hard to overtake a lie and kill it. I hope I get some good out of this and that I will be the better for it. I didn't think I was worthy of such notice.

We have just had quarterly conference. Pres. Smith and Lund also Apostles Jno. H. Smith & Hyrum N. Smith and Reed Smoot were with us. Bp. Orrin P. Miller was with us also.

Pres. Smith spoke powerfully on these dissensions and false ideas. He said those who were looking for innovations and upheavels and of new prophets and new Christs were not well founded in the faith and were not prepared to enter into the rest of Christ as recorded in Moroni Chapt. 7. His testimony was most powerful and effective concerning the gospel. He said God would permit no man to lead this church astray.

We had a large conference this evening, the house was just crowded from pit to gallery. Apostles Lund and Smoot were principal speakers. Bro. Brimhall and Susa Y. Gates spoke also in a very interesting manner. We had good singing and a fine violin solo.

**Apr. 23, 1905, Provo:** (Cloudy) The week passed in a quiet way. My classes were pleasant to me. I find the better I have my lessons in hand, the more inspiring the work seems. Sat. the Beaver branch of the BY Un. contested with our school. The events were a 100 yd. dash made in 10  $\frac{2}{5}$  sec.; 220 yds. time 23  $\frac{2}{5}$  sec.; 1/4 mi. run,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mi. 1 mi. The time for the mile was 5 min. 12  $\frac{1}{5}$  sec. There was the hammer throw, 107  $\frac{1}{2}$  ft; shot put, 34  $\frac{1}{2}$  ft; high jump, 5  $\frac{2}{3}$  ft. (Adams can jump 6 ft. but didn't need to in order to win); running broad jump, 20  $\frac{1}{6}$  ft; pole vault 11  $\frac{1}{2}$  ft (Adams could have made 11  $\frac{5}{6}$  ft.; perhaps more). He has almost reached the world's record (12  $\frac{1}{12}$  ft.). Then came the relay race. All of the events were inspiring. Our school got 54 points; the Beaver Branch got 31 pts. I was one of the judges. Our school plays the U of U next Sat. Martha went to the contest yesterday for the first time.

I went out visiting the sick last night. Levon has hip disease. I am very hopeful that he will recover. I attended prayer circle today. Martha and I are now going to ward evening meeting.

**May 22, 1905, Provo:** Many things have transpired since I last wrote. There has been born to Helen another celestial son on Apr. 24 at 3 min. to 1 p.m. It weighed 9  $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. Mother and babe have done well. The babe was born here.<sup>78</sup> She came here as a thief in the night hovering around the window waiting for entrance that she might give to earth in secret another chosen spirit laden with possibilities—its destiny is still hidden in the future. She and her two babies, hiding from public gaze, obliterating every track that hell hounds may not gloat over their capture, are the outcasts from society that truth and greatness may prevail. O, God, accept the sacrifice. Give Thy benediction upon these fleeing refugees. Hide them from cruel hands. Speed the day when she and her nestlings may be free from unjust law. For the sacrifice mother and children are making, endow them with great blessings. That as they now are in obscurity may the world write their names in holy remembrance. O, Father, grant this blessing to us. Give all Thy people their rights. Endow this nation with the wisdom necessary that they may grant this people their rights. May I not fail in this principle nor abuse any right. May I love with true devotion all that Thou hast given me. Remember this nameless babe with the tender

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<sup>78</sup> Felton Hansen Hickman b. April 24, 1905.

mercy that Thou didst show the children of the Nephites when Thou didst bless them with a blessing from which they never departed. May he be a great uplifting force amidst Thy people. Then Thy servant shall be satisfied.

I went to Springville with the Stake M&YLMIA Excursion May 1. We cleared on concert and party \$45. Miss Elliott and I went to Vineyard two weeks ago last night to attend the conjoint of the young people. They were in a good condition. On the road home our horse was frantic with energy and we ran into a bridge with railing and broke the buggy (wheel and shaft) and threw me out between the wheels. The horse lunged and reared, dragging me under the wheels. I was skinned from knee to ankle but nothing serious. I was thankful that Miss Elliott was not injured. As it was a livery outfit, it cost the association several dollars for repairs. I spoke in the tabernacle about 3 weeks ago. I spoke in our own ward the same evening. I lectured in the tabernacle last Tues. evening on the subject of Astronomy with Stereopticon views. A large audience was in attendance (about 1000 people). It was spoken highly of by many. I went to the inter-college state meet of the BYU, AC, LDSU and the U of U last Sat. in S. L. It was an excellent contest, but the U of U carried off most of the honors.

Jno. T. Clark was cut off the church by the High Council last Thurs.<sup>79</sup> It is a very peculiar case. It is the strangest case that has ever come under my notice. He is calm and serene. He has no hatred in his soul. He says if all he says does not come true this yr., then he will come and make humble apology and ask for forgiveness, but he says with perfect confidence that what he says will come to pass. Bro. Baldwin is just as firm as Clark in his belief, but both are deceived as I told Baldwin.

Leslie is attending school for a month and is making a "hit" in his singing. Martha and I go to the Snow Academy in Ephraim tomorrow. I speak to the students tomorrow afternoon. During the last month we (our school) has contested with Beaver, AC, BYC and U of U here on our campus. We beat all except the U of U. We have for coach Mr. Teetzel and they have Madock. Both are from the Un. of Michigan. Martha and I read Maurine, a beautiful poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox. We are now reading the Prince of the House of David.

O, Father, bless my home. Keep me and mine pure. Forgive us of wrong doing. Inspire us with lofty thoughts. Fill our souls with peace and good will. Keep us from our enemies. Grant unto me the deep and prayerful desires of my soul. Those prayers that I have prayed unceasingly for years. Hear me, O, hear me! Father, am I not grateful!

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<sup>79</sup> Clark Excommunicated. Provo Man Cast From Church For Un-christianlike Conduct. Provo, May 19.—About two months ago a letter was published in The Herald, supposed at the time to be written by John T. Clark of Provo, in which he makes predictions based on a number of scriptural quotations of important events that would transpire in the church this year. Among them was the removal of a high church authority by a shaft of lightning. The letter also referred to the manifesto respecting polygamy as a "covenant with death and an agreement with hell." This letter was mailed to many prominent churchmen and the matter was finally taken up in the bishop's court in the Fifth ward, of which Mr. Clark was a member. After an investigation, the bishop's court disfellowshipped him and he appealed to the high council. Last evening the high council passed upon the case. [The Ogden Standard, No. 120, May 20, 1905]

Read my heart. Let not my faith waiver. Open to me some channel that I may be delivered from my debt of bondage.

**June 14, 1905, Provo:** (Wed.) Real warm. I went to Snow Academy. Martha accompanied me. We had a pleasant time. I went to Salina and spoke a week ago last Sun. on "The Word of Wisdom from the Scientist's Standpoint." I just rec'd a letter from the Bp. (Matteson) of that place enclosing a clipping from their town paper favorably commenting upon my speech, but he informs me that a Dr. West took exceptions to an account of the miraculous healing of my little boy Georgie at Ft. Duschene. As he said, he could not believe the miraculous or supernatural and wished more evidence on this matter. I have sent off to get it. Refer to Journal of Clippings for comments.

We all went to Benjamin last Sat. to have the contest between Francis, R. Willie and Jno. Hand on one side; Chas., Leslie and myself on the other. Over a hundred people turned out to witness the event. It lasted from 1:30 p.m. till about 6 p. m. Our side won by 12 points. The events were 50 yd. dash, 100 yd. dash, 300 yd. relay race, running broad jump, running high jump, standing broad jump, three straight jumps, standing back jump, shot put, hammer throw, somersault, boxing for points and wrestling. The wrestling, by common consent, was omitted. I have been a little sore since then.

Bro. Buttle and myself are engineering an excursion including Utah, Wasatch, Sanpete, Sevier and part of Juab Cos. It is to be run to Saltair next Sat. Summer School is in session but they have only about 40 students so far. I am not teaching this summer for the first time for over five yrs. I am trying to write this summer. I hardly dare say what for the time being, until I see how well I progress.

I have finished "The Prince of the House of David." The theme is a good one and well followed, but I don't like the language in some places. I feel it is too tame for the thought in many parts of the work. The writer is hardly true to human psychology in places, especially during Christ's death. I am reading Mackenzie's Manual of Ethics.

I have been asked to go to Rexburg and deliver the Oration on July 24. It is to be a stake affair. Levon is not entirely well from his hip disease. I have again put a weight to his leg and trust that within 2 or 3 weeks it will be well.

**June 19, 1905, Provo:** (Mon.) We had our excursion to Saltair last Sat., but it was not much of a success due to its being a stormy day, also that there was an excursion the day before to Castella, etc. There were not 300 people all told. Martha and I went to Salt Lake but we did not go out to Saltair. We visited her father in the Co. Infirmary. We took dinner at Miss Parmer's after which Francis and I went to the U of U for 2 or 3 hrs. where he did some work on the Sponge. He is taking the summer school. Then all of us also H. S. Tanner went to the Sanitarium for a 2 ½ hours bath. Martha and I got home on the 9:15 p.m. train. We found the children well for we had left all of them here.

I have just finished "The Simple Life" written by Chas. Wagner. It is a work that strikes at the extravagance of society, the unnatural ambitions of aspiring men and women. His

ideas are excellent and simply enforced with word and style. It should be a strong check to this unhallowed struggle for show and pride- the sacrificing of the true and natural life for vain and perverted lives. It touches all classes and is unique in its field. Levon's leg seems almost well, for which I am very grateful.

**June 25, 1905, Provo:** (Sun.) I have been home the entire week spending my time in reading and writing. I have written some over 3000 words on my prospective work. It sounds good to me. If it takes hold of others as it impresses me, many will read it. I have approached the subject prayerfully and timidly. Just how well I succeed, time and the public must judge. I have not rushed in this with an idea of fame nor fortune; but 6 or 8 months ago the spirit came on me to write a work on this subject. The urgent feeling remained with me for several weeks. It again came on me this spring with more definite impression. As I am not engaged in any school work this summer, I am trying to write my thoughts upon this subject. I have been reading and writing, also collecting notes, upon this subject for nearly 10 years. My journals show that I have been lecturing upon the subjects of youth and character building for 9 years. My dear Father, inspire me not only with the thought and feeling of this subject, but also endow me with burning thoughts and language to cloth them in language in which the thought shall not be dimmed nor marred but language that will, even heighten my thoughts. Is this asking too much? It is not for self but that it may be a fire and a propelling force across the century in lifting up youth in every walk of life. O, Father, let this be one of many books written by man that shall make the world better.

Helen and the babies came last Thurs. morning and then went to Levan where she will most likely stay for several months. I blessed the babe and gave him the name of Felton Hanson. The blessing was a good one and mighty blessings were asked for him. If he lives he will, I feel, fulfill them and I see no reason why he will not live.

Valko has been ill for 2 days but is now better.

**July 2, 1905, Provo:** Dr. Fred N. Scott of the Uni. of Michigan arrived here last Mon. He delivered 6 lectures on language, grammar, and value of pictures in composition work; also the value of making things disagreeable in teaching composition. His work was highly appreciated. I took him out riding Tuesday for three hours. He is much impressed with our country and feels that when he retires from active life he will come here and make his home. On Thurs. he went to the top of Mt. Timpanogas with Bros. J. L. Brown, Jno. C. Swenson, O. W. Andelin and Eugene Roberts and myself. It took us the whole day and until 9:30 p.m. to make the round trip. Dr. Scott, I think, was very much exhausted and I was not much behind for I have not gotten over my trip yet.

There are few men in this world who have woven their lives into mine more than he has. I think he is unaware of the great influence he has had on me. When I told him good-bye Thurs. night I said: "Good-bye Dr. Scott. I feel to say God bless you. I will never be quite able to express my deep appreciation I have for you. I regret your going so soon. I hope to meet you again sometime. I shall feel my life will not be complete unless I do." I believe he thinks something of me. After I left him that night I walked home full of

sorrow and unspeakable emotions. I love him for his kindness to me and much of that shown during my preparation for the oratorical contest in 1895 and even after it was over. I love him for his deep learning and I love him for his pure and uplifting life. He criticised one chapter of my writing. It was more favorable than I hoped.

I went to Am. Fork yesterday morning and spoke before the stake priesthood meeting. I attended high priests meeting and fast meeting today.

I quote a poem here which was written by John Hallet after he had lost his eyes, both hands and part of his arms.<sup>80</sup> It is of worth because it is the cry of a soul from out a universal night. He wrote this some years ago, but I just now copy it that it may not be lost.

### My Wrecked Bark

Life is a boat in which we float  
O'er passions restless fitful sea;  
Ambition, love & hate the powers so great  
Which make and mark our destiny.

My sun has set and with regret  
The cup of grief and woe I quaff  
There is no light in my dark night  
And yet I jest and smile and laugh.

The smile you trace upon my face  
Is outward show controlled by will.  
The heart indeed may break and bleed  
The face look bright and smiling still.

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<sup>80</sup> Frightful Accident. Explosion of Giantpowder in Provo Canyon. From Which John Hallett Receives Terrible Injuries. Both Hands Blown off and One Eye Gone. A most unfortunate and probably fatal accident occurred in Provo canyon yesterday morning, by which a young man John Hallett, was fearfully, if not fatally injured. The Provo Canyon Wagon Road company have had a force of men making a road along side of the river at the old Mecham place, about six miles from here, to supersede the road that now goes over the hill. Yesterday morning, between 9 and 10 o'clock, two of Jim York's boys, and the eldest son of Thatcher Halett, all of the Fourth Ward, were getting ready to blast some rock. Young Hallett had five sticks of giant powder in his hands, and was holding them over the fire. The York boys were a few feet away from him, preparing the fuse. They started to go to him, when, in some unaccountable manner, the powder exploded, and the mangled and bleeding form of young Hallett fell to the ground. Dr. Pike was immediately sent for, and found the injuries of the young man to be very severe. Both hands were blown off, the left eye knocked out, the scalp from the right side of the frontal bone blown off, and the right hip fractured. The injuries were attended to, but it is doubtful if the unfortunate young man will ever recover. He was rendered unconscious by the accident, and was in that condition at a late hour last night.

It is feared, if no reaction takes place, that the poor fellow will die. The parents, who are plunged in the deepest grief, have the sympathy of the whole community. [The Utah Enquirer, Provo, Utah, No. 26, March 29, 1889.]



We stand on shore and hear the roar  
And watch the bellows form and seethe.  
The winds pass by, the waves toss high  
The depths are never stirred beneath.

My ship once free is now to me  
A battered broken shattered wreck.  
The wild waves moan and sigh and groan  
As spray is dashing o'er the deck.

We drift from shore forever more,  
A burden now on life's wide sea.  
May death's cold night soon hide from sight  
Ambition, love and hate from me.

God, thine the power that rules the hour  
I trust to Thee my soul to save.  
Soon take me home no more to roam  
To dwell with Thee beyond the grave.

John Hallet

**July 12, 1905, Provo:** (Very warm) I remained home all last week not even going up in town but once or twice. I went up to the Uni. one afternoon and Prof. Noyes of Berkeley Uni. criticised one chapter on "Character." Last Sun. I went only to evening meeting. I have been low spirited of late, not having enough of the spirit of the Lord to drive away the blues. I am asked to speak on education thru three Cos. (Sanpete, Sevier and Emery) during Aug. Prof. Miller and his orchestra may go with me.

I wrote to Laura, Miss Simons and Miss Adair yesterday. Levon is entirely well from his hip trouble. I have just been called to the phone. Richfield again asks that I come and deliver the oration on the 24 of July, but being engaged for Rexburg, could not go. Whereupon Henry Hayes asked to engage me for next year for the oration. I promised.

**Aug. 1, 1905, Provo:** Since last writing Martha and I have been to Rexburg, Sugar City, Wilford and St. Anthony. We took Radino with us. I delivered the oration in Rexburg. It was a great day for that town. I suppose there were ten thousand people from surrounding country in the city that day. For comments on my speech. etc. refer to Journal of Clippings. Fern and Grandma Lawisch cared for the children, with the exception of Radino, while we were gone. We took him with us. We had a very pleasant trip. While there (Rexburg) we took a buggy and spent the best part of the day riding thru the country and seeing the great progress in that country during the last ten yrs. Since coming home, I have written but little and have read but little.

Today is the first day of registration for land and the town is full of strangers. Barnum & Bailey's show is also in town. I intend to register and take a draw for land on the reservation. Martha is house cleaning and as usual is working very hard. I censured Fern

yesterday for being out Sun. evening too late and without permission. At that, she took the train and went to Logan. I say I censured her. I told her I did not like her doing so and for her not to do it again. She resented my counsel and then I censured her for the stand she took against my counsel. I shall not send for her, but let her sweat it out if she desires. She has reasons, but not wise. Laura comes tonight from Chicago. She has been gone more than a yr. to school. My little boys are doing well working and planning for the future. I am pleased, on the whole, with the course they are taking.

**Aug. 9, 1905, Castle Dale:** Laura came. She is well. Martha and I went to Barnum & Bailey Show. One of the lady performers was badly hurt while riding in the ring. Pres. Smith and Apostle Smoot were down to Provo a week ago last Sun. to the dedicatory exercises of the V Ward Meeting house. They spoke in the tabernacle in the afternoon.

I started last Sat. for this county to speak on education. Misses Jepperson and Howe are with me. We held meetings in Wellington and Price Sun. Mon. in Cleveland and Tues. in Huntington. Tonight in Castle Dale. I have left my new trousers at Price; hence, must appear in my old clothes. The people are kind to us and have filled the house each night.

**Aug. 18, 1905, Provo:** Returned safe from trip last Mon. night (10:30 p. in.). We held meetings in Castle Dale, Orangeville, Ferron and Emery. Our trip was crowned with success as far as crowded houses and interested listeners were concerned. Pres. Miller sent his team and his son Rex to take us thru the stake. I found all well on my return. I have been ill two days since I returned home.

I go out today to visit Lake View, Vineyard and Timpanogas concerning M. I. work. I start tomorrow morning for Sevier Stake to speak on church school education. The drawing for homes in Uintah reservation is on, but my name has not come out as yet.

**Aug. 23, 1905, Richfield:** I came into this Co. last Sat. Sun. my cousin Ed Clark and wife took me to Monroe. I spoke there Sun. afternoon. We came back here for the evening meeting. He took me to Anabelle Mon. evening and last night he took me to Glenwood. We got back at 1 a.m. I am speaking on church school education and the value of character building. I have not been well since I came. Everyday I have been suffering with toothache or neuralgia. One night I was sick with either stomach or liver trouble. I go to Joseph tonight. I am much troubled in spirit as well as body.

I spoke in Joseph City. The Bp. and family treated me very kindly. The Bp. took me to Elsinore and I spoke there that night to a full house. I had Jos. Hyde, my old school mate, and Mr. Tullock from Washington, D. C. speak for a short time each. The spirit there was excellent.

**Oct. 2, 1905, Provo:** I have neglected to write for over a month. It is due to being ill part of the time. I had ulcerated teeth, strained back, and ill health in general. I finished my work in Sevier Co., i.e., I spoke in Marysvale, Aurora, Redmond and Salina. I never spoke with more difficulty that I did at Marysvale. I suppose the fault was that the house was not half lighted and only a few were present and most of them were non-responsive.

But I had a great ourpouring of the spirit of the Lord in Aurora, Redmond and Salina. For comment see Journal of Clippings.

I did not speak thru Sanpete Co. due to being so miserable thru ulcerated teeth. When I got to Manti, I saw in the paper that my brother Charles had shot off two of this fingers and part of his hand.<sup>81</sup> Manti has been the place where I have heard more sad news from home than any other place on earth. It was there I heard my wife was dead, that my four boys were drowned, and that Charles was shot. It proved that only Charles' accident was true. Yet, I suffered all the horrors of the truth for several hrs. after.

School began Sept. 11. We now have over 600 (nearly 700) enrolled. It is our largest attendance for this time of year. We have Prof. Nelson back from college where he has been for a yr. We also have Dr. Widsoe in our faculty, also a few new tutors. I went home and visited the folks. Laura came from the Uni. of Chicago the last of Aug. and is now teaching in the Emery Stake Academy with Francis.

Vivia Finlayson and Douglass Hickman are very low with the typhoid fever.<sup>82</sup> We had our annual MIA convention Sept. 10 and the evening session was a public conference for YM&YL. I spoke in Timpanogas by special request two weeks ago last night (Sun.) and in the 3rd Ward of Provo last night. Valko has been very ill with canker but is now better. I got up at 3:30 a.m. yesterday morning and went hunting. I killed one duck, only.

**Oct. 15, 1905, Provo:** Vivia (Josephine's daughter) and Douglass (Francis' little son) are much better. Thos. Taylor's little girl of 10 or 12 yrs. of age died of heart trouble.

I attend conference Sat. & Sun. in S. Lake Oct. 7 & 8. I was deeply impressed with Pres. Jos. F. Smith's blessing of Israel, also his enemies and asked God to have mercy on them. It was an impressive moment to see old veterans sit with fixed faces while they wiped tears from their eyes. I suppose thousands shed tears. When he was thru, I was deeply impressed to arise and say "Pres. Windor, I move you and this audience that we all arise and say, 'God bless our prophet'" but I refrained from doing so.

I had a few moments of unpleasantness with Pres. B. last Fri. We have just closed a two days conference here. The young people had this evening for their session. I presided. We had with us Apostles Lyman and Smoot; also the Stake Presidency, Bro. Brimhall and Sister Gates. I spoke for a few minutes and reported the truthfulness of this work. I said, "I never doubted for a moment from my earliest recollection the truth of this church. I have always loved and trusted the leaders of this church and that no one, living or dead, ever heard me speak ill against them and I hope I never shall." The brethren and Sister Gates spoke fine.

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<sup>81</sup> Accidentally Shot. Payson, August 27.—Charles Hickman of Benjamin lost the two front fingers of his right hand yesterday, and came near losing his life. He was preparing to go hunting and carelessly put a repeating shotgun into the buggy. It slipped down through a hole in the bottom of the buggy and the weapon was discharged, mangling the fingers and some of the shot from the load grazing his forehead. He was brought to town, where the two fingers were amputated and the wound dressed. [The Weekly Sun, Ogden, Utah, No. 35, August 29, 1905.]

<sup>82</sup> Both are niece and nephew of Josiah.

We have peace at home and the children are very good. Othello, Leon and Eugene have been out of school some this fall to work. Clinton Ray has taken two prizes on his two poems which he sent to the committee of the contest. I am deeply in debt but am struggling to free myself.

**Oct. 30, 1905, Provo:** Levon was baptized yesterday (Oct. 29) by J. Jos. Johnson and was confirmed by Brigham Johnson and 4 or five others of us; Bro. Johnson was mouth. I was mouth in confirming Harold Graham. I rec'd letters from Francis, Laura and Jas. Connell. The Emery Academy is booming under Francis' direction. The letter from Jas. Connell tells that he has been in the insane asylum for two years in Kalamazoo, Mich. I was not much surprised though I had not heard from him for more than two years. He had been sick for more than 1 ½ yrs. due to blood clot and nervous breakdown. I have written him. We are praying for his recovery.

School is growing and I am very well satisfied with my work. I am teaching Theology A (B. of M. ), Theology E (Church History). This last class is composed of the young ladies who are taking the kindergarten course. This is the 3rd or 4th yr. I have taught them. I teach College Astronomy (Course 1); Physiology A. There are 112 in the class (rather in the two sections). I also teach Nature Study. I am Pres. of the Scientific Society. The purpose of the society is to review the advance thought of the day as well as to present original research work of our own. Most of the members are professors of our Uni.

I went to Lehi and attended the Quarterly Conference of that stake. I spoke for a few minutes in the forenoon representing our school and reporting the students of that stake. We have over 50 from there thus far this yr. I spoke for 35 minutes in the evening. Pres. Nephi Morris and Miss Larson took up the rest of the time.

**Nov. 5, 1905, Provo:** (Sun.) I went to Ephraim Oct. 28 and spoke before the Co. Inst. on "Nature." I am to lecture twice more before their Inst. this yr. on the same subject. I am supplying the teachers of that Co. with outlines on Nature Study. That same evening I lectured upon the "Birth and Growth of the Earth." On the following morning (Sun.) before the Theology Class in one of the Sun. Schools on "Christ's Temptation." I feel I was much blessed in my trip. I cleared about \$8.50 on the trip.

Thru the invitation of Pres. Brimhall, I went to the Granite Stake Mon. afternoon and spoke to the teachers and officers of the Sun. Schools of the stake. There were several hundred present. My subject was "The Child." \* My remarks were highly appreciated.\* (\*Since then, a Miss Grover has written Pres. Brimhall a most flattering eulogy of my lecture.)

Last Fri. afternoon I went to Springville and spoke upon the evils of liquor and in behalf of prohibition. The meeting was under the direction of WCT Association. It seems that it was considered of such worth that I was called upon this morning to deliver the same

lecture again this evening before the conjoint meeting in Springville, but as I am to speak in Pleasant View ward tonight I couldn't go.

We are making an excellent record this yr. with the YMMIA. We bid fair to get 5% of the church population of most of the ward to subscribe for the Era. I seemed to be blessed for the time being in all things except my financial affairs. I am very much depressed over my financial affairs for I am deeply in debt with little possibility of getting free very soon. (Years later I had my prayers heard and to date (1933) I am out of debt and enough to live on the rest of my days if all remains well with me. Prayers of yrs. at last answered.)

**Dec. 18, 1905, Provo:** It has been more than a month since I last wrote. Since then I have spoken in American Fork, Springville, Spanish Fork and Liberty Stake (in Salt Lake Co.). Liberty Stake heard of my lecture in Granite Stake and wrote to find out if I would speak before the Stake Organization of the Sun. School teachers and officers. I cleared \$2. 00 on my trip. Georgie went with me to Salt Lake. For comments see Journal of Clippings. I have made on the side this year between \$95 and \$100.

I have finished reading Franklin's autobiography and Balzac's "Daughter of Eve." I went home about 2 weeks ago and visited Ma and folks. Annie was down from Logan. John Douglass, Francis' father-in-law, died about two and ½ weeks ago. Thos. Hurbart who once was a "spotter" during the raid of the polygamists, died a few weeks ago a most frightful death after months of terrible suffering.

I am trying to make my teaching effective in all my classes. I have been to hear Packard, the famous cartoonist. I told him he was a whirlwind without the twist. I also heard Mrs. Trueblood in her reading of Silas Marner. She has art but no soul in her work. I also had the pleasure of hearing President David Starr Jordan on the "Demand of the Twentieth Century" and "The Strength of Being Clean." I also remember that I went to Springville and spoke to the students of Sp-ville high school and upper grades of the district schools. I bought another cow and calf for \$40. 00. I borrowed the money to do so.

We have started to hold meetings once a week from 4 to 5 p.m. to discuss the manual lessons with the stake and ward officers. We had our first meeting last Sun. We are dealing with the Internal Evidences of the Bk. of M. It is the most masterly discussion we have ever had of the Divine Authenticity of the Bk. of M.

I have been hunting several times this month and have killed a few ducks. Pres. David John's first wife died last week. Her funeral was yesterday (Sun.). Three weeks ago I spoke to the funeral of Wm. Budge, one of our former students. He died while driving a team and he remained sitting in the spring seat. I also spoke at the funeral of Sister Mary Beck<sup>83</sup> who was buried about three weeks ago.

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<sup>83</sup> Death Came Without Warning. Mrs. Mary Beck of this city died very suddenly at her home at about 10 o'clock last Saturday night from heart trouble. She appeared to be in her usual health earlier in the evening when she prepared supper for the family. Soon after however she became ill and died within about thirty minutes.

I spoke in our ward a short time last night. I believe this includes the work I have been doing aside from my everyday duty.

**Jan. 6, 1906, Provo:** I have just returned from Salt Lake where I have been attending the State Teachers Assn. G. Stanley Hall of Mass., Pres. of Clark Uni., was the main visiting lecturer. We also had Mrs. Cooley from Minneapolis, Wis. His subjects were "Moral and Religious Ed." "Genetic Psychology" and "Heart Culture and the Imagination." Hers were "Home and the School," "English in the Primary" and "Grammar and High School Grades." I appreciated G. S. Hall's second lecture most. These associations are of great value to the thinking teacher. I went to the tabernacle and heard a short organ and choir recital given in honor of G.S.H. and Mrs. Cooley.

Francis, Leslie and Laura were there also others of our family. Some two or three weeks ago I went to Pleasant View ward and spoke to Mrs. Lott's funeral. Two weeks ago tomorrow I spoke at the funeral of Harrison Beck's. He and I were once school mates and close friends. He was killed accidentally while working in a mine in Wallace, Idaho. Three weeks before, his mother died and was buried. His wife was a Methodist, but she was so much impressed with the funeral services that I was sent for to converse with her upon our belief.

I met for the first time Bro. Jas. Prestwich of Moroni, Sanpete Co. He it was who was a missionary in Mich. He visited Ann Arbor and hunted up the impression left by my having been there. He said that Pres. Angel said "I know him, he is that big Mormon." Elder Prestwich said that the Mrs. Mercur (mentioned elsewhere in this journal) was the one I took dinner with while I was in Sylvian Center. He said that wherever I was known in that region, the people were kind and hospitable to him. He said that he never knew a greater influence left by anyone before in so short a time. (I had spoken in their church at Sylvian Center by request 4 times.) I thankfully acknowledge God's hand in what was accomplished for I earnestly asked that He would leave such an influence with them. It is a case where we cannot tell the good we do until time unveils the harvest. I take it that an evil deed likewise bears its harvest as well. Sister Kirkwood is very ill with cancer of the stomach.

While in S. L. I arranged with Pres. Smith to sign a letter to the Bps. of the wards in Zion, concerning data I am gathering, if the letter is agreeable to him. I just rec'd a letter from my dear Fern. She writes a nice letter. She says Dee is doing well and is careful in his

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Mrs. Beck was born in Mississippi April 11, 1844. She came to Utah with her parents Dr. and Mrs. Dennis in the early 50's, she was married in Spanish Fork to T. H. Beck and for a few years the family resided in Cache County, later moving to Provo where they lived until coming to Eureka a couple of years ago. The husband and seven children as well as other relatives, including William Dennis of Eureka survive her. The children are Elmer, Roy and Edna of Eureka, Mrs. F. W. Muhlenbruck of Stockton, Mrs. W. B. Ward of Provo, William and an older brother who reside at Antelope, Idaho.

The remains were taken to Provo on Monday and the funeral services were conducted from the First Ward Meeting House in that city on Wednesday being attended by a large number of friends of the family from this city.

Mrs. Beck was an estimable woman and her death will be mourned by a host of friends. [The Eureka Reporter, Eureka, Juab County, Utah, Vol. VI, No. 2, November 24, 1905]

life. The only fault is that he smokes once in a while and she thinks that he has quit that. Earl Daniels and Clayton Jenkins came from Logan and stayed here with us two or three days. They are nice boys.

Our children are well for which I am happy. O, Father, accept of my thanks for the many blessings thou hast granted to me. Make my soul full of gratitude. Thrill me with that spirit that makes for a prophet. Inspire me to direct and concentrate my force and intellect. Inspire me to new energy, new light and hope. May this hope and faith not wane but increase. Father, if it be Thy will, give me a new life and influence. Turn the love and confidence of my fellow beings towards me. This is now a new year, let it be the most eventful and joyous of my life. Am I worthy of what I ask? Show me wherein I can make my life and acts worthy of what I ask. Let me feel, O Father, that Thou art still mindful of me and mine. May slanderous things said of me turn to my good. May I be pure; may I be not rebellious nor walk underneath the cloud that hides me from Thee. Give me influence over mine. I ask that my name come not in reproach before men. Let me not lose any gift nor privilege but guide me in Thy cause. May I fulfill my patriarchal blessings. Now, O Lord, aid me to deliver myself from my indebtedness. Hasten the day when it shall come, for my soul is deeply grieved to realize I can't meet my just obligations.

Keep Thy people faithful. May I be of great aid to Thy cause. I am willing and eager to listen to Thy voice and the call of Thy prophets. Call me, my Father, and see if I am not willing to obey. Let peace reign in my heart. Show me the future. Prepare me for all coming events. Leave me not alone.

**Feb. 4, 1906, Provo:** (Sun, forenoon) It has now been nearly a month since I poured out my soul in my journal. It seems I have been too busy to write. The 1st semester closed a week ago last Fri. I have three sections (in recitation) in physiology and seven laboratory sections. I will have two sections in Nature Study aside some laboratory and field work. I have a course in College Astronomy and two courses in Theology.

Sister Kirkwood died Jan. 12 and was buried Sun. 14th.<sup>84</sup> I was one of the speakers and Pres. Jos. F. Smith was one of the others. The Tribune had a lying report about what we said. Refer to Journal of Clippings. The UOOF were out to honor the son of Sister

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<sup>84</sup> Death of Mrs. Kirkwood. Provo, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkwood, wife of R. C. Kirkwood, died last night after a severe illness of nine weeks from a complication of stomach disorders.

The deceased was born Feb 3, 1846, in Eastwood, Nottinghamshire, England, and came to Utah with her parents John and Rachel Marson Cook in 1861. The family settled in Mill Creek, Salt Lake county, where and in Salt Lake City, Mrs. Kirkwood lived until 1871, when she with her husband and family moved to Provo, which has since been her home.

Mrs. Kirkwood was a devoted wife and mother and a woman of cheerful, energetic disposition, whose friends are limited only by the number of her acquaintances. She was for years connected with the old people's committee in this city, where her interest in the welfare and comfort of others, as in all her associations were always manifested. She leaves her husband, eight children and many grandchildren, her aged father, brothers and sisters and many other relatives, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. The funeral services will be held tomorrow at 12 o'clock in the Sixth ward meeting house. [The Ogden Standard, No. 13, January 15, 1906]

Kirkwood as he was an Odd Fellow. The report was supposed to come from that source. Pres. Smith delivered an excellent address.

I went to Winter Quarters and Scofield Jan. 20 and returned Jan. 23. I visited those wards in behalf of the YMMIA. We had excellent meetings and the Lord blessed the people. Bp. Ruff at the close of my address on the Word of Wisdom from the Scientist's Standpoint said, "Brother Hickman, if the Lord would have written down what should have been said, it could not have been more what the people needed. I repeat this to show that the Lord blessed the people as well as the speaker for which I am thankful. I have learned long since that unless the Lord is with me, I am an absolute failure in speaking to the Saints. Instead of getting back Mon. noon, I did not reach home until between twelve and one that night due to belated trains. While I was at W. Q. and Scofield, we succeeded in raising the 5% subscription for the Era with the exception of 3 in Scofield.

A week ago I went and visited Josephine at Payson. Ma and Leslie came up there and visited on Sun. with us. Our Uni. and public in general have been plunged in great grief due to the death of Brother Albert Miller, one of our music teachers. He died of typhoid pneumonia. He left a dear little wife and two children. His wife is left alone without relative in this country. Brother M. was buried yesterday. The tabernacle was almost filled. It was a most impressive funeral. He was the leader of the wind and stringed instruments, and an excellent teacher and saint.

I went yesterday morning to Payson and spoke for a few minutes before the Stake Priesthood meeting on the Farmer's four week course we are to start here in the Uni. a week from tomorrow. I think it an excellent undertaking.

I went to hear Dr. de Motte of Chicago lecture on the "Harp of the Senses" last evening. Leon and Othello also went.<sup>85</sup> I think I can truthfully say that it was the most instructive and impressive lecture I ever listened to; I was filled to the bursting point and I think that expresses the sentiment of most all there. I am to speak tonight in the first ward of Provo. (Later: I delivered my talk on the "Temptation of Christ." Since then I have been asked to deliver my talk on the Crucifixion of Christ.)

**Mar. 11, 1906, Provo:** Again it has been a month since I last wrote in this journal. I am nearing the end of this journal. I went to Ephraim Feb. 9, 10 & 11 and attended a two days Institute of Sanpete and Sevier Cos. I spoke three times on Nature Study, Evils of Narcotics and Moral and Religious Education in the Public Schools. My work was much appreciated. For comments see Journal of Clippings. Sun. evening (Feb. 11) I went to Sandy. Salt Lake Co. and addressed an audience on "The Springtime of Life." I returned the following morning. Wasatch Co. Inst. desired me to go there the time I went to Sanpete Co.

I went to Mona, Juab Co. Feb. 24 and spoke before the public that evening. The Mona men planned a rabbit hunt for my benefit. We had an interesting hunt. There were only

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<sup>85</sup> Leon is 14 and Othello is 16.



12 or 14 rabbits killed. I killed two of the number. I returned from there Sun. morning in time to meet the visitors from Salt Lake who were down to attend our annual conference. Bros. Bryant Hinckley, Lyman R. Martineau, and Pres. Jos. F. Smith. Pres. Smith came at my personal request. We felt highly honored to have him with us. Bro. Lyman R. Martineau stayed with me Sun. night. All of the visiting brethren stayed over Mon. and visited the University Mon. forenoon. I don't know why it is but I always feel out of place in the presence of the presidency of the church. I suppose it is due to my sense of inferiority. The work of the YMMIA is moving nicely. I was ill last Fri., Sat. & Sun. with neuralgia and ulcerated teeth.

I have been five years and five weeks in writing this volume. My life has been busy- almost to the jading point at times- with school work, MIA work, and public work ranging from the southern part of Idaho to the southern part of this State. I have been in 18 or 20 states of our union- spoken publicly in four of them. My life has been full of sorrow and some joy. It seems that sorrow bounded my brief joys with relentless tread. I have been misrepresented, lied about, mistrusted and plotted against. I doubt if I have grown in favor with my fellowmen. If I have lost ground with my Father in Heaven, I am to be pitied. I have been pure, true to man and God. I suppose it is all for my good. I hope so. (I think I sensed this more than it was real.)

Now, my Father and God, strengthen me in my labors. O, do not forsake me! Make me strong wherein I am weak. May I have the love and confidence of my fellowmen. May I deserve it; for I do not wish to pray for that of which I am not deserving. O, Father, help me to draw nigh unto Thee that I may be comforted and lifted up. I feel Thou hast helped me or I never could have done what I have. Dear Father, make me strong for all trials and all duties. May my faith never fail me, but be greater and more enduring than ever before. Help me to fulfill my patriarchal blessings. May I not fail, in the least to complete all Thou didst send me here to do. Help me to energize my life and labor that I may satisfy myself more. May I obtain a true perspective of life. May I live in the hearts of men and be known for good thru out the whole civilized world. I hunger to do good. Remember me in my family affairs. May I not fail. Draw my dear ones around me. May I love them with such a deep and enduring love that they may never turn from me. Help me to succeed in my family affairs. May my home be a house of peace. May they all be great and good in Thy kingdom. Spread my influence for good like a circular wave retreating from the point of agitation. O, bless me my Father. Open the visions of the future. Help me to interpret the signs of the times. Enrich my life for the good of Thy cause. O, do not forsake; quicken my soul's understanding. Keep me in the faith. Fill me with love.

J. E. Hickman

Books that I read in 1905. This does not include books where less than ½ of the volume is read, nor magazines, nor continued articles tho they = volumes.

1. Stout's Manual of Psychology
2. Davis' Physical Geography (1st half)

3. Book of Mormon (3/4 thru)
4. The Four Gospels
5. The Prince of the House of David
6. The Simple Life
7. Maurine
8. Little Talks with Great Americans (2 vols.)
9. Poor Boys who Became Famous
10. Character Building Thought Power
11. Young's General Astronomy
12. English Composition by Wendell
13. Labor by Bondereff and Tolstoi
14. Several of the Faith Promoting Series
15. The Beautiful Way
16. Les Miserables (in generally, 3 vols.)
17. Huckleberry Finn
18. The Era
19. Autobiography - Franklin's
20. Balzac's Daughter of Eve
21. The Founder of Mormonism by I. W. Riley
22. Science and the Future Life by Dr. Hyslop
23. Mrs. Stetson's Poems
24. Kipling's Jungle Tales
25. Tolstoi's Confessions and Religion
26. Eugene Field's Poems (one vol.) Western Verse