

**JOURNAL F.**  
**of**  
**Josiah Edwin Hickman**

**Begun Dec 24, 1908 and ended 1912**

Note on front fly-leaf: The Bible has all classical forms of literature: Essay - Ecclesiastes; Story - Jos. of Old; Ode- Song of Moses; Oration - Blessing and cursings - Deuteronomy; Dirge - Lamentation of David; Pastoral - Ruth; Lyrics - Psalms; Drama - Esther.

Back: Money sent in drafts to Dee up to date

Nov. 20, 1909 ...	\$20.00
Feb 24 1910 ...	10
Apr 4 " ...	10
May 13 " ...	30
June 24 " ...	10
July 22 " ...	10
Aug. 23 " ...	10
Sept. 15 " ...	20
Nov. 25 : ...	20
June 16 1911 ...	10
Feb. 13 " ...	\$10
Mar...	
Apr . 26 " ...	10
June - ...	10
Aug 7. ...	10
April 16, 1912 sent Dee \$100 thru the office there.	
Martha sent Sept. 20 \$10, Nov. \$12, Feb. 10 = \$30.	
Sept.	125.

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\$455.00

Clothing in shape of garments etc. about 20.

Nov. 13 sent to S.L. 10.00

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\$485.00

Nov. 29 (to Blake) - 9.00

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494.00

It is not learning nor eloquence nor generosity, nor insight, nor the tidal rush of impassioned feeling, which will most effectually turn the dark places in men's heart to light, but that enkindling and transforming temper which for err sees in beauty, not that which is bad and hateful, but that which is lovable and improvable, which can both discern and effectually speak to that nobler loving of the soul which is the indestructible image of its MAKER.”

To protect the young is the nature of the beast, to give life for home and country is human, but to go to foreign lands and give life for the dark and uncivilized races is God-like. JEH

**Benjamin, Dec. 24, 1908** It is now 18 years since I was impressed to keep a journal of my life. This is the 6th journal. I have filled 5. I left home (Beaver) last Thurs. for S.L. I stopped off and lectured at Hinckley last Fri. night. Had a nice visit with Leslie<sup>1</sup> & wife. He & I had a hunt for geese. We got 2 shots each at a flock as they flew over, but they were too far away. I killed a cotton tail rabbit. The next evening (Sat.) I went with him & co. to Deseret & saw their Co. play. They did well.

I went to S.L. Sat. night. Spent Sun. there & went to meeting & listened to a splendid lecture on the growth of modern Christianity. He (Pres. Jacob G. Schurman) began by quoting one of our articles of faith (We believe the right to worship God, etc.) & closed by quoting another (We believe all that God has revealed, etc.). He had high praise for the Mormon religion.

Attended States Teacher's Ass. Mon. Tues. & Wed. Pres. Jacob Gould Sherman of Cornell, Supt. Ackerman of Oregon, & Mrs. Milner from Detroit were our lecturers. I read a paper on "Positive Moral Ed." in public schools. Tho my paper received very favorable comments yet I found there was a sentiment against moral ed. In my estimation, that is a fatal attitude for our teachers to take. There must come a change in this matter. I feel that the association was a very successful one.

While in S.L. I stopped at the Ensign house. Bought a gold ring for Martha. This is a belated wedding ring. I also bought her a fine present of silver knives, forks, spoons, etc. I have been reviewing Eblinghaus' Psyc. It is an excellent work. Yet I entirely disagree with him in his discussion on religion

While in S.L. I went again to see the consolidated Imp. Co. about their giving some farm implements to our school. Since-my returning home I get a letter from the Company offering to let us have \$228.00 in implements for \$114.00.

Miller Cahoon Co. S.L. have given us as a present, one Emerson Renovator. I went to Benj. and visited with Mother, Chas. & family<sup>2</sup> also Leslie & Laura.<sup>3</sup> Took ill at Lynne, vomited on the train for about two hours, fainted away & was generally undone. Rode from Milford to Beaver with Mr. Brown of the Telluride Co. I was several days getting over my illness.

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<sup>1</sup> Leslie (Josiah's youngest brother) 1880-1948 and his wife Jennie (Dixon)

<sup>2</sup> Josiah's younger brother, Charles Wesley Hickman (1877-1937) and wife Lettie Ann Mikesell. In 1908 they were the parents of five children.

<sup>3</sup> Josiah's younger sister, Mary Laura Hickman (1874-1970), in 1908 she was teaching school.

I wish to record here a letter from my mother just as she wrote it with a few changes in spelling. I do this to show the terseness of her expression. She had but little education. She was taught only to read, write, & spell to the accomplishment of about a 3rd or 4th grade pupil. Still she writes a very legible hand.

**Benjamin, Dec. 1, 1908:**

Dear Josiah, your long looked for letter is at hand and found me well & happy. Every thing is lovely here; snow deep & weather cold, chickens laying, hogs & calves fattening, and old Jersey giving cream. So you see how I give thanks. I ate dinner with Charley & Little on Thanksgiving day. They are well. Charley is still hauling beets; he finished digging before the storm. We will get part of our money this month about the 15th and I can pay you all I owe you. Send or bring your account when you come.... (omitted some) ....

I am glad all the children are doing so well in school. (Speaking of a book cupboard & books we made her a present of last Oct. she says: I can't thank you children enough. When I think what I have got to be thankful for--my many blessings & above all my children. To think they never forget me I can't be thankful enough. The Lord has blessed me as well as tried me. I have thought some times that my troubles were more than I could bear, but time wears away trouble. I hope I shall never see any more.

Let me know when you are coming and I will meet you. Love and best wishes to all.  
Your loving mother,  
Lucy A. Hickman

**Jan. 17, 1908 Beaver:** We began school Jan. 4. We have about 300 regular students and 150 winter students & specials. We by request of the Academy Board, have allowed all the people to take the downtown lectures without price. Bros. Merrill & McQuarrie are lecturing the first 8 weeks on Agriculture & Theology. Bro. Day, Miss. Evans & myself take the work up for the 2nd 8 weeks on Psyc. Economics, & Education. We have a case of smallpox on the grounds & we are quarantined, but expect to begin school again next Wed. I can't tell how many will take it but the girl was in school 2½ days with it. Also all the Panquitch students were exposed before coming back from holidays.

Conference is being held in town but we can't go. I spent half of this Sabbath in finishing my financial & statistical report to the Gen. Board.

I aided Dr. McGregor a week ago in an operation on a Miss Smith for appendicitis. The appendix was broken & grown to the intestine. I gave the chloroform. She is recovering. Dr. Peterson of the B.Y.U. lectured here a week ago last night on the "Strength of Ideals." There were some excellent ideas in the lectures.

Juanita<sup>4</sup> has had the inflammatory rheumatism. She took down about Dec. 10. She has been up for three weeks but is not entirely over it yet.

Cousin Will Clark<sup>5</sup> has been here twice within last month. Othello<sup>6</sup> went home with him & Stanley for holidays. Eugene<sup>7</sup> went to Kanosh with Grant Staples. Dee & Leon stayed here.<sup>8</sup>

Sister Lawisch<sup>9</sup> came & spent the holidays with us.

In my financial report to the Gen. Board I am petitioning for \$4000.00 to remodel the buildings here. I am also asking \$2,500 to fix up the farm, buy utensils, team, & a few pure bred animals. I am very anxious our petitions will be granted.

Two weeks ago we had fast meeting and a number of testimonies were borne. Sister Crosby was feeling very bad about her boys & asked that the saints pray for her that her sons would not be lost. I felt to promise her that she would save all her sons.

Last Fri. after noon Bros. McQuarrie, Durham, & Merrill, Miss Margaret, Miss White & myself went to Adamsville & three of them went to Minersville & the other three remained in Adamsville. We had three meetings in each place. Bro. M. & Miss White spoke on Agri. & domestic Science. Bro. McQ. & I talked on Theology & Psyc. We were all well read. Bros. McQ, Menu, & Miss White went during holidays to Parowan & Paragoonah & held three days' sessions. I took dinner with Fern last Sun. Last Sun. was Dee's birthday. He was 21 years of age.

I have now written three articles for the Era. I have been asked by the Editor of the Y.M.C.A. to write a series of articles "The Tragedy & Triumph of Youth." for a weekly paper which is to be published after Feb. 5.

We have no hired girl & Martha is nearly worked down. I feel sorry for her. I wish it were otherwise.

**Jan. 24, 1909, Beaver:** No other cases of smallpox has broken out. We (Dr. & I) vaccinated between 45 & 50. We began school last Wed. but Beaver does not remove quarantine between here & there until 6 a.m. tomorrow.

Miss Hatch who had smallpox has been taken home. I am thankful the contagion has been warded off. We feel the Lord has done this.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Josiah and Martha's daughter. She is nine years old.

<sup>5</sup> "Ed" Clark is Josiah's cousin, the son of his mother's sister Lois Patton Hawes Clark. Stanley is his son.

<sup>6</sup> Othello is the son of Josiah and Ella. He is 18.

<sup>7</sup> Eugene is the son of Josiah and Ella. He is 16.

<sup>8</sup> Dee (Edwin) is the son of Josiah and Ella and is age 20; Leon is Martha's son and is age 16.

<sup>9</sup> Augusta Lawish, Martha's mother.

<sup>10</sup> "The prompt action of the health board in quarantining against smallpox at the Murdock Academy, seems to have the desired effect, as no new cases have broken out, nor is there any evidence of further trouble. The school opened again on Wednesday for students who are living at the Fort, and all those who wished to go in and submit to the

Have made arrangements to get Ed. V. Cooke Ohio's Poet to lecture for us in Feb.

Bro. Cowley & Craney are here. (stayed with us one night) He speaks before the students Tues. morning.

We had S.S. & meeting today & evening. Bro. McQ & I spoke on Savior's Second Coming. A good spirit prevailed & people were much impressed.

Bro. May is not filling my expectancy either as teacher or in his faith.

I feel troubled over the school. We are not getting at the heart of the students as I feel we should. I hardly know where to locate the trouble except all are to blame.

**Jan. 31, 1909, Beaver:** The week has passed in peace with exception of 4 students whom I reprimanded, two of whom went home. (Walton Hall & Albert Gillins) Hall has made a fool of himself a long time. The other two are the Tailor boys from Richfield. They are very trashy & irregular in school.

Bro. Cowley spoke before the student body last Tues. morning. It was a powerful speech. I had a private chat with him concerning several matters. He tells me that he finds in Pres. Woodruff's journal a revelation given about a yr. before manifesto telling him that it is not His will that any compromise should be made with our enemies; the lawyers who were pleading our cause should have their mouths filled with words what to say when they would come in court room. The revelation begins: Thus saith the Lord:

The school held a meeting last Thurs. on the prohibition cause. Several speeches were given and a petition was signed by school & friends here on the grounds: this was sent to Rep. Jno. M. Murdock at Salt Lake. A letter of our meeting was sent to the Deseret News.

I learn that the "Federal Bunch" so called has sold the state to the saloon men of Salt Lake if they would help defeat the "American Party" in S.L.

I didn't go to S.L. as I expected but will go in course of two weeks. I have read a letter from Francis urging me to come out to Castle Dale while I am north.

We had our scientific meeting last night. The paper was on the Prohibition movement.

We have 4 students down with smallpox. Three of them are here & one has gone back to Panguitch. We were in hopes that no more cases would break out. This smallpox scare has caused a great falling off among the students.

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quarantine. It will be another week before the quarantine will be raised and all the students allowed to return. [The Weekly Press, Vol. V, No. 12, January 22, 1909]

All of us are well. Our baby is very cute. He (6 mo. old) can stand on my hand alone if I keep him balanced. He realizes this is quite a feat for he puff & blows while he is standing.

**Feb. 7, 1909** Our babe is 7 mo. old today and weighs 22½ lbs. There are no more smallpox cases. I hope it is now stamped out. Our school is getting settled down to business again as the scare is about over tho we have lost about ¼ of our students, we are making some efforts to get some to return and others to join us.

Bros. Merrill and McQuarrie have had excellent success in the night school in Beaver the last 2½ months. I am to take McQ's place but Merrill continues his lectures on agriculture.

I met with a severe accident last Wed, afternoon. I was running along the North side of campus toward the primary dept. when suddenly run into a wire clothes line. The wind was blowing and my hat rim was partly blown down over my eyes. Without warning the wire caught me in the mouth and threw me back on my head and as I was thrown the wire tore out five my teeth and part of my jaw bone. My gums were also very badly lacerated. I looked like a "stuck pig" sooner than it takes to tell it.

Some people's anatomy could bear a little disfigurement and still they might look fairly well, but my face at best never brought me any renown therefore the stock value of my face immediately fell several %.

I think I shall go to S.L. Provo. etc latter part of this week, if my face is better

Dee & Othello killed our hog & it weighed 200 lbs. I have bought from Bro Merrill \$75.00 of hogs. Have secured for the lecture course Dr. Byron W. King, BH Roberts & Ed. V. Cooke of Ohio.

Sent off for the Era another today entitled "Insincerity of the Intellect, the Curse of the Age".

My thesis was returned by Dr. Burton of Chicago University stating the members on his staff could not competently judge the technical value of my paper, therefore he had gotten a special statistician to review it. Dr. B. sent me a copy of the critic's letter to them concerning the thesis. He unmercifully criticised my treatment of the subject. As a result my paper will not be published by the Sociological Journal of Uni. of Chicago. His criticism is crude and unfounded.

**Feb. 28, 1909, Beaver** Got some new teeth. Went to S. L. Feb. 14. Visited Dr. McGregor at L.D. Hospital. He is home now & his finger will be saved. He had a very close call of losing his front finger if not his hand.

I had interviews with Supt. H. H. Cummings & First Presidency. Our appropriation is same as last yr., \$125.00. Thru a personal interview with the First Presidency, I got an appropriation of \$4000.00 for improving and renovating the buildings of the school. I have not learned whether they will grant my request for \$25.00 to fit up the school farm.

I think I have succeeded in getting about \$300.00 in farm implements as a gift from a S.L. firm.

I went to Castle Dale & had a fine visit with Francis family & faculty. I delivered 3 lectures there & one in Huntington. Went out hunting rabbits. Killed two. Francis is doing well with the Academy. He is much loved by his faculty. Little Hattie<sup>11</sup> is improving. They have considerable snow & I had a fearful trip back to Price, was nearly 9 hrs. going & the wind & blowing snow made it fearful. Lars Christensen took me over. We had a fine talk.

I visited B.Y.U. & spoke to students a short time. I visited Sister Lawisch for a few hrs.

I did not definitely engage any new teachers. I am trying to get three new ones.

I learn Pres. F.M. Lyman is losing his mind. I trust it is not so. (Later) It isn't so. He had an operation & had the prostate gland removed.

I was gone north 10 days. I delivered a lecture in Milford two weeks ago tonight on my way north. I delivered my first talk last Thurs. night in night school. Night school will be postponed this week do to two missionary parties held Tues. & Thurs. Four of our students are to leave for a mission last of this wk.

While north I had a long interview with Governor Spry. Our state is having a hot time over question of prohibition. It is charged that the "Federal Bunch" has made a deal with the saloon men if they would help defeat the American Party that this Federal Bunch would not pass laws derogatory to them & for that reason the senate defeated the bill, but Republicans from all over state have met in S.L. & protested against the conduct of the Rep. senate, & as a result most likely a bill will be passed for people to vote on next June.

I returned last Wed. & had a pleasant ride with Ed. Vance Cooke from Ohio. He gave an evening of reading his poems. His poems are full of human nature. We gave him \$100 & \$3.25 for express. He ate supper with me & went back to Milford after the lecture.

**Apr. 6, 1909, Salt Lake** I have been negligent in writing in my journal. The legislature passed a compromise prohibition bill but Governor vetoed it. So we have no prohibition.

Bro. Lyman has recovered from operation.

The students are discontinuing quite rapidly.

Fern gave birth to a baby boy Mar. 25<sup>12</sup>. She got along very well.

I went to Paragoonah, Parowan & Cedar Mar. 28 with Dr. Donald McGregor on Academy business. We spoke twice in the conference at Cedar & I spoke at Paragoonah & finished my

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<sup>11</sup> Hattie (1896-1968) is Josiah's niece, Francis' daughter. She is twelve years old.

<sup>12</sup> Durell Hickman McGarry (1909-1990), Josiah's first grand child, the son of Sheridan Philip and Fern Ellen (Hickman) McGarry.

lecture on the Banishment of the Mormon People which I had been promising to do for over 6 years. Br. McG. & I spoke in Parowan Sun. evening (Mar. 28). He remained in Parowan & I came home alone with his team. The Fri. Sat. & Sun. following Bro. Merrill & Miss Ollerton went back to Paragoonah & Parowan. Bro. "[?Merrill] & I went to Summit & spoke Sat, forenoon, & from there, we went & spoke in Cedar Sat, afternoon & evening. We had good meeting. On Fri. night Miss Ollerton & I spoke in Parowan. Sun. afternoon I spoke in Paragonah. Then we all came home Sun. night.

We are going to continue the night school one more week when I return. Previous to these lectures I was at Greenville.

We as a school & teachers, fasted & prayed that a way would be opened whereby we could get means to finish the school building. We (Board and I) to get Pres. of Church to put up the means to finish the building & the stakes obligate themselves to return amount in 3 yrs., but he could not see his way clear to do so. We had board meeting last Sat. at 2 P.M. & the Board asked that I go and see the Pres. on the above proposition. I feel that if all of us had gone, we would have been more successful. Have been to conference for two days. The meeting today kept us from 10 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. and as a result no other session was held today.

I have a little trouble keeping my teachers united & in harmony. Some of the teachers will not be with us next yr., they are going off to study. Bros. Day & Schneider & Maiser go east. Bro May will most likely teach in Milford. Miss Evans will not be with us. Bro. Merrill Woodhouse & I came here last Sat. Miss Evans came last Fri.

I succeeded in getting the Utah Imp. Co. to give our school \$108.00 worth of farm implements. We then bought about \$95.00 in imp. at 1/3 off.

**May 2, 1909** Returned from conference. The conference was a good one. I attend the special priesthood meeting in S. L. On my way back I stopped at Mammoth and lectured there. I had a good visit with Laura while there. I also went to Benjamin and visited ma. Francis went with me. Dee was there & he went to S.L. with & returned home a day or two later. Ma has been ill but was better when I was home.

On returning home I found the school in a dilapidated condition. Students were leaving & others neglecting classes. There are now less than 150 in attendance. I have not succeeded with the school this year as well as I hoped to do. Some of my teachers have not done as well as I expected and hence the lack of better success.

The sixth article of mine on the Tragedy & Triumph of Youth came out in this month's Era. I am to have another out in June.

I have been asked to publish my article on Positive Moral Education in Public Schools in pamphlet form by Deseret News Co & others. It was thru personal requests to them that the news wrote me. I can't say yet whether I shall or not.



I delivered an address on Mars before our Scientific Society.

We had quarterly conference here two weeks ago. Bros. Clawson & Hart were here. The conference on Sun. was held in the new opera house. I spoke for 20 mm. on Sat.

I delivered my last talk before the night school in Beaver a week ago last Tues night. On Thurs. night all the members of the night school of about 200 gave a banquet for all the teachers of our school. They cleared out the benches in the meeting house and set tables for 250 people. It was a very sumptuous affair. We appreciated the expression of good will. We had held the night school for about 18 or 19 weeks. Aside from this night work in Beaver we have held several meetings in Greenville, Adamsville, Marshville, Milford, Paragoonah, Parowan, Summit, & Cedar. In these towns we discussed agriculture, animal husbandry, domestic Science, and psychology of childhood, & Adolescence. These meetings were a means of doing good.

We are now making out annual for next yrs. also list of teachers. Miss Hettie White will most likely go off on a year's leaf of absence.

We had a board meeting last night and we are preparing to send bros. McQ. & Wolfenden out to the various stakes of our Academy district to collect the money due for the building.

We (school) held a fast last Wed. & Thurs. for the purpose of turning the hearts of the people towards this school and making possible for money to be raised to complete our building. O Father, I have tried with all my might and mind to awaken a faith in the students and turn them to Thee but in many things I have not succeeded well. Now, my dear Father, will you let time awaken more & more in the hearts of the students the beauty & value of the things taught here. O may every student & teacher be better for their being here this yr. May the fasts we have made in humility be of effect before Thee. May our prayers be heard in heaven and our desires granted even to getting the money to finish our new school building. I also pray that you be with me in my work here. Give me the hearts of the people and especially the students and teachers.

Eugene, Stanley Clark, & Grant Staples ran away last Mon. & got as far as Milford. I had them stopped and brought back. Yesterday Eugene & Stanley went off again. It seems they are making their way for Los Angeles. I regret the fool trick. It means a lowering of their moral tone. I pray they may learn wisdom and be preserved from harm or sin.

I blessed Fern's baby May 3, Mon. morning. We gave him the name of Durell Hickman McGerry. I gave him a splendid blessing and asked God to protect him from sin; may he make his name honorable among men. I asked that he teach the principles I have upheld & taught in the world. Fern & her husband moved out to their farm at Indian Creek.

**May 16, 1909, Beaver.** Eugene wrote from S.L. he went there, then he went to Provo, then Benjamin & from there he went to Hinckley where he intends to work for Leslie. He writes that he is sorry he went away and says he will try to do right & live a careful life.

Dee starts on a mission to Samoa June 12. He had been saying that he would go any place but the islands & California, but now the call has come he is willing to go.

Our school went to Cedar & contested with Branch Normal a week ago yesterday. About 50 of the students & teachers went to see the contest. Our boys were badly beaten. Alma Richards sprained his knee very badly and as result could not contest. He was our best point winner in high jump, pole vault & shot put. As a result of his being hurt we were beaten 37½ to 66½ in favor of Cedar. This is the first time we have even been beaten by Cedar. Our boys were gentlemen & won the respect of the people. Cedar people treated the students & teachers very generously. We have had with us Pres. G. H. Brimhall & he delivered two lectures. Our athletic boys go to S. Lake next Thurs to contest in the state H. School meet next Sat.

In my research work, I find that in 64 families where no narcotics were used 10.12% children have died. That of the 64 families 33 families had had no deaths of 47 families wherein only one parent used one narcotic 15.+% had died & only 15 families had no deaths. Of those families (112) where both parents used narcotics or one parent used more than one 20.7% had died & only 26 families had had no deaths. I have considerable more data to compute along this line.

Leon & Roy Barton challenged Bro. Frank Day for a contest; events were 100 yds; 220 yds, hammer throw; shotput; high jump & running broad jump. We were about a tie. It worried the young bloods.

School seems less successful this yr. than last. Yet we have all worked hard.

I have received the patent from Washington on the Ten Minute Cooker.

Francis writes me that Hattie is still bad with her leg. He may have to take her to S.L.

He & I have papers to give at the Church School Convention to be held June 6 to 12.

Bros. McQuarrie & Woolfenden have gone out to try and raise the rest of the money for the new building.

We had a peace meeting today. Bro. Maeser, Rev. Anderson & myself spoke. My subject was; "The Ultimate end of Peace Movement". We have peace in our home and all seems to be moving smoothly with us.

I have written Pres. Lyman as chairman of the finance committee asking for \$2000 to pay our arrearages of our school.

We are asked to furnish an exhibit for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. I am subscribing for the Currect Literature & got 10 vols. of Lincoln's life & ,works.

**May 24, 1909 Beaver** This is the last week of school. Commencement begins next Sat. & continues until Tues. June 1. Pres. Smith or a representative chosen by him will be here to

address us on next Sun. Prof B. S. Hinckley will deliver the commencement address on Tues. June 1.

We had a peace meeting a week ago last Sun. in Beaver. I was one of the speakers. My topic was; "What will be the result of the peace movement thru out the world". I opened by saying I did not know, but I wish I did. I venture to say that though we asked for peace yet nations would go on increasing their navies and armies until the war tax would become burdensome. Eventually great & world-wide wars would be waged until armies were wasted away and navies were destroyed then nations would ask for peace & be willing to not rebuild anymore their navies & armies but would be willing & desirous to learn war no more; then would nations use their broken & battered iron to make plowshares & pruning hooks. This is my idea of the future concerning the approach of peace and the great devastations before that day of peace.

I have secured Willard Bean to take charge of the preparatory department and take charge of the athletics. Our athletic boys went to S. L. to contest in H. S. state meet but they only got 3 third places. Salt Lake was first & Cedar 2nd.

I did not get Belnap or Anderson as I expected. I am now trying to get Prof. Albert Merrill.

Our baby Thorval is very intelligent, vigorous & strong. He is a very noble child. He looks much like the Christ child as painted by some of our artists.

Fern is here for a few days. Her babe is growing most rapidly. It is about the largest babe I ever saw for its age.

I am to deliver the address to the Co. graduates next Fri. night.

I feel there is an influence (I feel) trying to undermine me here in my work. The greater the soul the more one works for his fellow men; the smaller & meaner the soul the more one works & lives for self. I am working for humanity.

I addressed the students for a short time last Fri. morning on the value of living the truth learned as far as possible. What we know is not of as much concern as how we live & use the truth we already know.

Bros. McQuarrie & Woolfenden have returned from the south; they are encouraged over the prospects of getting the money for the new building. I am to send Bros. Merrill & McQuarrie back to visit the people and talk agriculture, etc also attend the quarterly conferences of Panguitch & Kanab Stakes. They will be gone until about June 8.

**June 24, 1909, Beaver** School closed with some excellent exercises. Pres. Lyman & Cummings were here for Sun & Mon. Prof. B.S. Hinckley did not come. Bros. Lyman & Cummings agreed to give us \$2000.00 to liquidate our rears of the school for which I am very grateful.

I delivered the address to the Co. graduates May 28. I think it was about the most successful speech I have given for a long time. I judge from my own feelings and the happy impression on the audience.

I also delivered the commencement address at the Academy in the absence of B. S. Hinckley. In my 20 address I reviewed in brief the days of creation and compared them to the periods of unfolding in youth & manhood. The chaotic condition to mental darkness & confusion of early youth. The deep clouds that hid sun from earth, tho the sun shown all the time, was analogous to the clouds to doubt & skepticism; the bursting of sun upon the earth analogous to the spirit of God entering ones' soul for the first time as an endowment; etc. etc. To me it was a new & very attractive thought to me.

Bros. May, Schneider, Day, Brashier, Maeser & Miss Evans & White will not be with us next yrs. Bro M & Miss White will be back next yr. for they go off to study. Schneider & Day have gone to study but may not be back.

Myself and seven of my teachers attended the Church school convention in S. L. from June 7 to 12. I delivered a talk or discussed the changes needed in the Bk. of M. outline. Many of the teachers do not agree with me in my methods in teaching Bk. of M. yet I know of no one who has better success in teaching it. In the night session it was moved that we recommend to the First Presidency that a committee of 2 or 3 be chosen to go & study Central Am. & S. Am. to see if we can find a land that fits the description given in Bk. of M. It was suggested that Joel Ricks, myself, & Tony Ivans be sent there.

Supt. Cummings was offended because myself & others took issue with Apostle Ivans on his ideas of Bk. of M. Yet Ivans drew me in discussion by his personal questions to me. Br. Ivans assured Bro. C there was no offense & he had urged me to do what I did. The convention was a success, I felt.

I had a good visit while there with Francis & many friends. He & I went home & visited mother & Laura. Laura is to teach here next yr. While in S. L. I stopped at the Raymond Hotel.

We Church school teachers had an athletic contest—the south against the north. The south was defeated 63 to 96. Out of the 63 points won I won 9. The contest was at Wandessere.

I visited the Saucer Track & saw the wonderful bicycle races & pacing motor races. It was truly a most inspiring sight.

Miss Connell (our librarian) is studying in S. L. again so she can catalog ours.

Dee was called on a mission in May and left S.L. June 13. He has gone to Samoa Islands. He went thru the temple June 11. He left with the spirit of his mission upon him. His last words to me on the streets of S. L. were; "I shall go & do my best & will bring honor on you & my people or I will come back in my coffin". I earnestly pray he will be filled with the spirit of the Lord & will be valiant to the end of his days.

I am much discouraged over the failure to get money to continue our new school building. I went last Fri. to Paragoonah where I met Pres. U. T. Jones & apostle Richards. We held a meeting there & it was principally for the purpose of getting money to complete the building. The next two days I was with them in quarterly conference at Parowan. At the priesthood meeting Sat. evening Pres. Jones rather threw cold water on the Murdock Ac. & building. The next morning he told me that he regretted what he had said.

I spoke 3 or 4 times in conference. A good spirit prevailed. Sun. evening while Apostle Richards was speaking upon & reading from the Bible Reginald had a very strange presentiment. It was as tho a voice spoke to him saying; "If you will get some one to bless you and then read the Bible, Bk. of M.; Doc & Cov. & Pearl of G. Price through the Lord will then call for you".

Sherman Maeser has been engaged to take Bro A. F. Fillerup's place in the academy. Bro. Fillerup is to take charge of the academy in the Big Horn Country.

**July 4, 1909. Beaver.** Have been studying German reviewing Ham & Leonard's Gram. Completed 60 pages in 3 days. I sent off my thesis to Prof. JMck. Cattell to see if he will publish it in the Pop. Sc. Monthly.

Have been approached to go on the lecture platform under the management of Hawkins Wallace Lyceum Bureau. Wallace has asked for comments made on my lectures. I sent him a great number also two personal recommendations from Supt. Roy Barton & Chas. Woolfenden; I have read one from Jos. Connell of Valparaiso, Irid. Refer to Journal of clippings --for contents of recommend. Also find recommends from Barton & Woolfenden in J. of clippings.

"Bud" Hutchings little child drank carbolic acid yesterday and died within an hr.

I went with Bro Fillerup yesterday out to a prospect 9 or 10 miles north of here & looked over the property.

Went to North Creek this forenoon with Bro. A. Durham & attended the S. S. We hurried back & I attended a special meeting of Pres. of Stake, Bps. & H.Cousellors, for purpose of getting the authorities to begin work & get the people to give their allotments. I attended fast meeting in East ward this afternoon. We celebrate the National holiday tomorrow (Mon.) . I read quite a cutting letter last night from Supt. Cummings over our indebtedness & request for \$2000.00 deficiency.

**July 26, 1909, Beaver.** I was one of the speakers at the funeral of the little child that died from carbolic poisoning.

Bro. McQuarrie is put in charge of the work on these buildings this summer. I delivered an address before the people of the West ward two weeks ago last Sun. evening on the Banishment of the Mormon People.

Bro. Durham & I went thru the entire stake of Panguitch in behalf of the new building & the school. We succeeded in raising & causing to raise nearly \$2000.00 for the new building. We returned July 22.

Bro. Durham fainted away the morning we left when we were about 6 miles on the road. It was partly due to the chloroform in my close for I had been administering chloroform for 3 hours to two patients in the hospital that morning before we left (from 6 to 9 A.M.).

We were recd. very kindly on our trip and turned hearts toward our cause. Even now Mormons were in most cases disposed to give.

The Academy students sold refreshments & had games and cleared for the new building about \$75.00. On the 4th they cleared \$39 or \$40.00. Our students are very loyal to the school. I delivered the oration here on the 24. All Beaver came here (at school) to celebrate. It was a splendid turn out & the assembly could not hold all.

**Aug. 11, 1909, Beaver** I discussed the subject of the Home before Parents class in Beaver West ward two Sundays. Bro. Woolfenden & 21 went to Minersville a week ago last Sat. & Sun. Object was to get money for new building. The people in most instances felt kindly toward the building & school. We raised \$2200 with promise of more. I delivered the lecture on the temptation of Christ. It was well read. See Journal clippings.

Miss White & I went to Kanosh & Meadow & spoke on education. We were well recd. A number of students are coming from there. On our return trip we visited the sulphur beds & works. It was a visit of rare interest. Bro. Elmer Jacob has charge of it.

We the students & teachers gave a variety concert last night in town including musical numbers, reading & a comic farce one of Bro. Maeser's creation. We didn't have a very large house (\$33.45). 3/4 (\$25.50) of same went to the new building. I recited last night Regulus Supposed speech accompanied with music.

I baptized Radino on his birthday Aug. 6 in the Beaver river. Bro. Durham confirmed him at water's edge. Martha several of the children were present with us.

While on my Panguitch trip I aided in ordaining two Elders. I blessed one baby & gave it a name. It was Bro. Davis baby of Cannonville. They named it Byron.

We are all well. Martha is overworked. We can't get a girl to work for us.

**Aug. 20, 1909** Went to Deseret & Hinckley last Sat and Sun. Came back as far as Milford Mon. Could not get any conveyance home so remained there until Tues. morning & then came with the automobile. It cost \$3.00 a single trip I paid 1/2 of a girl's fare so my cost me \$4.50.

I spoke in Deseret Sun. afternoon & Hinckley in the evening. A good audience met me at each place. I felt I was blessed in my trip & in my speaking especially at Hinckley. I had splendid

freedom. I met a man there who had heard me speak a different times; he will have it that I am the greatest orator he ever heard. Of course that does not make it so, nor does it say he has heard any remarkable speakers. Several students are coming from the above place to attend school. I brought Miss Theobold home with me to work for us until school begins and then she is to work for her board & go to school.

While in Hinckley I stayed with my brother Leslie. Othello is working for him. He (Othello) has been layed up with a needle in his foot for 3 weeks. Is about able to go to work again. Eugene has left Leslie's & gone to Benjamin. He has spent all money he has made while with Leslie. It is too bad he is not careful with his earnings.

I am fearfully in debt and must raise several hundred dollars right away. I owe over \$1400.00. If I could sell my home I could settle up & have a few hundred left.

**Aug. 26, 1909, Beaver.** Have spent a quiet time. Addressed the parents' class in the West Ward last Sun. on the subject of the home and the causes of death. I reviewed my research work on the subject of narcotics. I spoke in the east ward last Sun night on the Subject of Prophecy & its Fulfillment.

Have just finished two articles for the Era on the Spring Time of Life.

Have written to Prof. Thos. C. Trueblood of Uni of Mich. telling him we would hire him one night for one lecture course.

Eugene came home today. I was pleased to see him. He came home broke & I paid \$2.00 stage fare for him. He has been gone over three months & has spent all his money. I feel he learned wisdom. I love him for he is a good boy.

Leon & Othello are working hard. Leon here & Othello in Hinckley. Georgie is incubating chickens. He is full of energy & enthusiasm. He will make his mark yet. He is a noble pure child without guile. Lavon is good & kind but a little unstable. Reginald is quiet & noble. Radino is somewhat of a tease & humorous. Valko has a philosophy of his own and is a character by himself. The little girls are good. The baby Thorval is most interesting & lovable. We have a hired girl & Martha's labors are easier.

**Oct. 4, 1909, Salt Lake** Am here to conference. Yesterday was the first day. Pres Smith took most of the time. He bore a powerful testimony of the truthfulness of this gospel saying that he knew of its truthfulness as he knew of his own being. He warned the people of being led away by every false wind of doctrine. He said there never was a time in the world before when there were so many false prophets, religious cranks and false Christs as at the present. He said that they received almost daily letters from such. He said they have letters claiming the writers are the "One Mighty & Strong" etc. etc. & that they have nearly a cord of them that they have saved.

He turned his attention to the care of our children & the sin that was creeping in & he spoke of the silliness of parents in granting to their children every whim & liberty. He said: "I wish to

give the warning cry to Israel. The hour has come when they are to take care of their children for every evil is being put forth to lead your children astray. He said that Israel should marry Israel. Methodists etc. to marry Methodists, etc. & see what the results would be. The other brethren that spoke were Pres Winder & Lund, Apostles Lyman, John Henry Smith, & Heber J. Grant.

I went to dinner yesterday with Apostle Anton Ivins. He has a very beautiful family in spirit & look. His wife is the late Apostle Erastus Snow's daughter. Bro. Ivins talked Bk of M. nearly the whole time. He thinks that the people of Nephi operated in Cen Am. & not in S. Am.

Since last writing, school has opened and bids fair for a splendid year. I think we never have had such a fine class of students at the opening before. We haven't the lower grades this yr. for the district has hired a teacher to teach them. We have about 140 students so far, not so many as last yr. at this time. The new faculty for this yr. are: myself, Prin, F. W. Merrill 1st C., Alfred M. Durham, 2nd C. Mame Ollerton, Laura Hickman, Belle Yardley, Jno. Evans, Mell Homer, Sherwin Maeser, Jno. G. McQuarrie, Walter Moore, Martha, matron, & Belle Connell Lib. Willard Bean disappointed me & failed to come as Gym. teacher. I am trying to negotiate with another teacher while here.

Bro. Merrill & I went to Parowan last Sun. & spoke at afternoon meeting urging parents to send their children to school. It stormed on us going & coming. The two weeks before Bro. Durham & I went west to Greenville in the evening. I compared the human mind & life to Beaver river flowing thru the desert in its narrow bed, then its use when it turned on parched lands; then its power when reservoired at Rocky Ford, & finally its added power when we harness it up before it got out of the mountains & produced electricity, etc. There is a suggestive parallel with the human mind in its sterility & infinite power of development, etc.

On the 3rd of Sept. at 4:20 A.M. the Primeval world gave up one of its choice spirits and it was encased in mortal robes to dwell in our home and I pray till mature manhood that he shall be a light and a power to us. May he grow in favor and grace with God and man all his days. I pray he be a leader amidst his fellow men for good. O may he know the Lord from childhood and be guided into all truth. May he be a prophet & an orator amidst the earth's inhabitants and that his days may be long in the land and his life like a living fountain. Preserve him, O Lord, from pit falls of sin, & all snares of vice & crime. May we be blessed with kindly hands in his rearing. I ask that his body may not be maimed nor his faculties dimmed and that he may be as a polished shaft amidst earth's proudest noblemen.<sup>13</sup>

I regret I cannot send Leon, Othello nor Eugene to school this semester. I am so deeply involved in debt.

**Oct. 18 Beaver** I went home and visited Mother while north some of her children gave her \$5.00 each for a birthday present. Laura & I sent her \$10.00. We each wrote her a letter. Here is a copy of mine:

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<sup>13</sup> Kyrmel Lawisch Hickman (1909-1987)



My Dear Mother:

I inclose a check for \$10.00 which Laura and I send you as a birthday present. We send it with our love and kind congratulations for your 71st natal day. We desire to be with you on that day but cannot. I may run down and see you when I go to S. L. still this is very uncertain at present.

To me your life has been a beautiful one-one that has been an inspiration to me and has made it possible for me to be what I am. I find myself, when in trouble, often wondering what you would do under similar circumstances. I feel you have a truer interpretation of youth than many psychologists and tho you were denied a scholastic training you have learned many truths greater than those found in books. Withal you have given a life in the desert that the world might be better. In giving your life, you have found it again bigger beyond comparison than those who sought their own. Your life has stood for an ideal and you will attain it. Tho you fought your battle on adversity's mountain, slept in the valley of sorrow, and fed at the table of poverty, yet you have been triumphant. You will live longer in history, and your life has been and will be told from the public platform and private circle longer and more widely than that of any of your ancestors in the last 1000 years. What ever honors your children may attain to, the world, knowing your life will hang the laurels upon your brow for it was thru your thrift and energy that your children are what they are. You not only gave your scanty earnings wrung from the barren rocks of necessity with naked hands of toil, but you stood in the shadow and pushed your children into the light; you willingly toiled in silence that they might be heard. Your bitterest toil was sweet when it was for your family; and you soothed your tired hands and aching brain until the thought of your children's success. Night could not induce sleep when your children stooped to folly; no gilded hope could ease your aching heart as long as they walked in folly's ways. And now, in your declining years, your work for them is done, you still watch their slow growth hoping & praying that they will yet reach the great broad life you carved out for them. Your children, realizing the noble life you have given, wish to remove every cloud from your declining day that your remaining years may be as a golden sunset. Accept these words and this gift as an index of our love and appreciation of the one who walks in the very sanctuary of their souls.

Your reverential son.

I returned from S.L. Oct. 10. I could not get a teacher who can fill the bill as phys. inst. & class teacher.

I addressed a prohibition meeting Oct. 12. The people of the town seem to be dead on this matter.

We had quarterly conference here 16 & 17. The students and teachers turned out 100 strong Sat, forenoon. There would not have been a corporal's guard without them, Bros A.W. Ivins & O. P. Miller.

I urged the cause of our new school building to the visiting brethren again. Bro Ivins said; "Keep knocking & importuning the brethren & you will succeed".

On Sun. we held conference in the new opera house. I was one of the speakers in the forenoon. In the evening I lectured 1:20 hrs on the subject of "Faith". It was much appreciated by those over 15 or 16 yrs. of age. Some men heard to say that they could have listened all night with pleasure and others said that it was a perfect revelation to them, and still others who said that it was the best they ever heard. I tell this as passing event in my life and not as a boast for I have thanked the Lord for the blessing and have given Him the praise for it all.

Our school is growing slowly. There are now over 180 students—not all registered as yet. They all are doing good work.

Elder Jos. Cartwright has been brought home dead from his mission. He died from typhoid. He was buried today. The services were held at 2 P.M.

Pres. Jno H. Herrick, of Western States mission spoke to the students this morning for a half hr. Bro. F. W. Merrill has gone to the Dry Land Congress held in Billingsly, Mon. The Co. gave him \$100.00 to defray his expenses.

We decided in faculty meeting last night to organize the Scientific Society for the teachers and their invited friends.

Thorval has been sick or ailing with the summer complaint<sup>14</sup> but is better today.

While in S. L. I learned H. S. Tanner & Kelch were dropped from their positions on the Gen. Board of Y.M.M.I.A. Bro. Levi Young was chosen as one of the seven presidency of the Seventies to fill Geo. Reynold's place.

There are plural marriages being carried on—I hear. I hope they never cease, until this people have their rights. In my findings I discover that God has vindicated the Truthfulness of the revelation of pl. marriage for the offspring from that issue are on an average superior mentally, morally & physically on the whole.

**Nov. 7, 1909 Beaver** It is Sun. evening and I have attended S.S. & two meetings. I bore my testimony this afternoon. An excellent prevailed in S.S. & both meetings. It seemed from the opinions of many that it was the most spiritual outpouring ever felt here. I feel that it was a most excellent day.

We blessed our baby and named him this afternoon in meeting. I was mouth in the blessing. We named him Kyrmel pronounced (Kyrmel). My prayer was that he should fill the name with a great & good meaning that he should make the world better by his having lived that he would be inspired from his childhood & never walk in darkness that he should not be maimed nor sickly that death should have no power over him until he had accomplished all God sent him to do.

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<sup>14</sup> a popular term for any diarrheal disorder occurring in summer, especially when produced by heat and indigestion.

I have agreed to be the teacher of the High Priests Quorum in Beaver East ward every Mon. night. I have to ride or walk from the school to Beaver & back each meeting.

Have written to every Bp in Beaver, Parowan, Panguitch & Kanab Stakes urging them to send missionaries to the Academy.

Miss Ollerton gave the first paper in our Scientific Society last Sat. We voted to hold it each Thurs. night Dr. McGregor & I are very busy examining students. We give the most complete examination given in the state in any educational institution.

We held Founder's day Exercise in Beaver Oct. 25. We rode from here to Beaver & then formed a line of march thru town. We held excises in the new opera house and the dance in the evening. The academy boys played a matched game with Beaver's picked team in the afternoon & beat them 1 tally. The day was a success.

The faculty & board & the visiting brethren were banqueted by the kitchen girls. It was a choice spread. Apostle Orson F. Whitney was the speaker at our exercises. It was a very commendable address. He stayed with me. The next day I was closeted with him until nearly 3 P.M. I learned some things which I had not been fully informed on before. He, like myself, knows that authority has been given to perform pl. marriages since the manifesto. He says the twelve are united in putting it down. He has revised this poem—Elias—An Epic of the Ages. He is now writing a school history of Utah.

We are preparing to send some teachers out the latter part of this week to talk up the winter course to begin Nov. 29.

Sister Lawisch has been visiting with use for two weeks since her return from Germany.

Leon has gone to Provo to get work. I just sent the \$100.00 to pay on the home. This now pays for my home. I am owing about \$1200.00 more to different persons.

**Nov. 26, 1909, Beaver** Snowing to night-warm. Since last writing I have been to Circleville, Coyote, Kingston & Panguitch. I spoke in all places. Bro. Ernest Handkock went with me. Bro. M. was to have gone, but excused himself out of it so rather than fail in our appointments I went instead.

I have received the deeds to my home. I paid \$5.60 more which paid interest which had accumulated during last 6 weeks.

School has been running smoothly. We now have 194 students. We will have a few more for the winter course.

I am teaching the High Priests Quorum each Mon. night. I quite enjoy it tho I walk the distance each night. I find I must know my work absolute for I have High councillors, pres. & ex presidents of stakes there.

In as much as Pres. Nephi L. Morris could not fill his appointment with us last Sat night, I delivered the lecture; "Ingersole—A Eulogy of his Life & a Criticism of his Doctrines". This is the fourth time I ever delivered this lecture.

Dr. Sundwall speaks Dec. 4 on "The Man & the Microbe."

We spent a pleasant Thanksgiving Day yesterday with our family also Sheridan & Fern, Laura & Miss Mary Cropper. We had two fine young ducks of mammoth size. They was plenty for 15 of us. We had a most excellent dinner. Martha is an excellent cook excelling in meats, etc.

We are all well, but it seems we have a case of diphtheria here on our grounds. Bro. Ed. Heaton has a very severe case of very bad throat which has very strong symptoms of diphtheria. I have been there 3 times to administer. Bro. Carter & I have been formaltilizing since coming from there tonight. Our students (part) took it upon themselves last Wed. to bolt their classes.

We have 3 or 4 who are still tampering with tobacco, but are improving. We are all pleased that the school is doing so well.

I read another letter from Dee. He's progressing nicely and is partaking of the Lord's spirit. He writes splendid letters home. I sent him \$20.00 the other day, this is the first I have sent him since he left. He is deeply repenting for his wayward folly in leaving home & doing wrong. I pray earnestly for him & for the Lord's spirit to be with him.

Bro. Merrill has leased the farm for \$250.00 a yr. for 1st yr. & \$300 there after if he rents it again.

The students are raising money to put in maple flooring in the Gym. They nave raised over \$100.00 already and have sent for the flooring at Milford. The president of the student body is moving things. The students have started a school paper "The Murdock Lever." The first issue is out & is a very creditable one.

**Dec. 21, 1909 Beaver** There are 198 students registered so far. School has closed for Christmas holidays. Most of the students have gone home.

Bro. Merrill and I went to Parowan to attend quarterly conference by special request from Pres. Marsden. We spoke Sat. after noon & evening also Sun. fore noon, & spoke in the afternoon & Bro. Merrill in the evening. Many said it was the best conference they ever had before. The spirit of the Lord was with us. I am always filled with gratitude for the possession of his spirit. Bro. M. & I returned home Mon. forenoon.

We have severely criticised some of our students for stealing chickens. I believe them deeply repentant for what they have done & we have agreed to let them remain in school.

Mr. Kratz has been engaged & is here to teach athletics & physculture in our school.

Bro. J. Frank Day has returned home from U. of Mich. due to his eyes failing him.

The students are going to hold meetings in their own homes during holidays. They are to be called academy nights. They prepared their programs before they left here.

I gave a talk on the explorations of the North Pole by Cook & Peary. I have handed my material to LaSalle Allen & he is give a similar talk in his own town & perhaps neighboring towns while home.

I have rec'd letter from Mrs. Pryor stating Mr Strauss is dead & that he had provided for her only about 1/3 what he proffered he would.

Have written Ma & Francis. Laura stop here for holiday.

Have Sent Dee Cody's gram.

Pd. Knight interest \$6.00 up to Jan 1. 1910 also pd. mt. on \$300.00 borrowed from Gen. Board.

I am still acting as teacher in High Priest's Quorum. Have paid my note in State Bank, and interest to Dec. 3,(\$4.85) at First Nat. Bank.

I have just finished *The Pit* by Frank Norris. I don't often read a novel yet Norris has told a splendid story of the Wheat Pit of Chicago. It isn't over drawn. I think he based his novel on young Leitner's attempt to corner the wheat market of the world. I care but little for the love story linked in with the wheat market. The love story instead of heightening the interest caused it to lull from my point of view.

Received a nice long letter from Dee today. I really enjoy his letters. His life is rapidly changing for the good.

Bro Robt Farnsworth's little babe died here last night. It has been ill since birth.

**Jan 1, 1910. Benjamin.** We held day's meeting in Minersville. Bros. Merrill, Durham, Mc Quarrie & I went there last Mon. morning and held two sessions. I came from there north.

I attended state teacher's Convention & attended to some business matters. Had a long conference with Supt. Cummings & took him to dinner. I had a long talk to Kelch & H. S. Tanner.

Did some business about cooker and its promotion.

I agreed to lecture next yr. on the Lyceum lecture course managed by Wallace & Hawkins. I only agreed to go 4 weeks. I could have had a chance to go for 20 to 30 weeks. I wonder if it is

the Lord's will for me to accept this offer. I pray if it is the Lord's will he will open the way for me. I will greatly appreciate it.

I came down here to visit ma & the folks. We went out to Eunice's & Toms & visited yesterday. I have had a nice visit with Othello. Hattie & two of her children are here.

**Jan. 9, 1910. Beaver** Arrived home Jan. 2. The automobile did not run that day so I rode a horse home. It was hard on me as I was not accustomed to riding. Found all well at home.

Due to the heavy snows on the eastern mountains the Panguitch Stake Students couldn't get here. The last of most of them got in tonight.

Bro. Lasee's brother was frozen to death while carrying the mail from Tropic to Panguitch.

I paid my tithing \$180.00 for 1909. All my teachers have paid except two.

I attended three meetings today & S.S. Spoke for a few minutes tonight in meeting. I taught the parents' class here today. We discussed social environments. I have Bk of M. & Doc & Cov, to give Fern & Sheridan.

I helped Drs. McGregor & Clark perform laparotomy<sup>15</sup> on a Mr. Leitner from Minersville. This is one of the many that I have helped with.

Have read Havlock Ellis' Man sexuality. It is fearful. I would not read such works were it not a phase of abnormal psychology.

I have written to Uncle Wm Haws of Spray, Oregon.

Prof. Trueblood had the Am. Bk. Co. send me "Winning Speeches" of Northern Oratorical League.

**Jan. 30, 1910 Beaver** Time seems to crowd upon me so rapidly. I have hard to keep a pace with my duties as rapidly as time comes & goes. My life of late months is full of joys, energies, and useful work. The Lord seems to have answered my secret prayers in the open. It seems the hearts of the people are being turned towards me and the cause I am struggling for.

Two weeks ago the spirit of giving for the new building rested upon the faculty & students. We took up a collection and with what had already been given by the teachers, we got \$2,065. We laid the matter before the students and they signed up for over \$2000. I can't give the exact amount. There were fewer than 175 who gave. This \$4000 plus is the greatest gift in the history of American Schools considering the number and the straightened circumstances of teachers & students. Ex-president Benj. Cluff has given us \$100.00 for the building. Mrs. Pryor of N.Y. has sent me word she will give \$250.00 for [the building]. Others have said they will give more & that liberally.

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<sup>15</sup> Surgery involving the abdomen

Pres. Morsden of Parowan Stake says his stake is becoming very favorable toward our school & the new building. Elder Heber J. Grant writes me that he will come with a quartet & sing for us. The proceeds to go to our school. I pray that this spirit of giving extends far and wide until we have sufficient to complete our building. Several teams are hauling rock which was quarried last winter & summer. We need a little more than rock for one story yet to be quarried.

We have had conference of this stake. None of the apostles were here. In spite of this fact we had the biggest & best conference Beaver Stake ever had. The elders surely were in nearly every instance inspired like wise were the audiences.

The teachers with a number of leading citizens canvassed Beaver for regular as well night students. As result I believe we have the promise of many more new students and over 100 night school students. The tuition for night school is \$2.50. We have cut the tuition for regular students \$6.00 for this second semester which begins tomorrow (Mon.). The night school commences Tues night. It meets Tues. & Thurs. nights from 7 to 9. In it we offer Art, Agriculture, Dam SC. & Art, Special lectures on some adv. thoughts in Thea. also a discussion on the Birth and growth of the Earth.

As a faculty we have begun weekly session at Adamsville (afternoon 2 hrs and evening 2 hrs) for 10 weeks. Bro. Merrill & I have been there two weeks. Other teachers will aid us in this work.

An organization of young men of Beaver have formed a Club called the "Young Mens' Literary & Bosters' Society." The main aim is for the study of oratory. I have been engaged to be the instructor. The first meeting was held last Thurs. We are to meet twice a week (Tues & Thurs from 8 to 9 P.M.). I took up this work on the agreement that they were all to register as special students of the Murdock Academy.

I have an article coming out in the Era for Feb. With my school work I am loaded to the guards.

I recd word Fri. that uncle Joseph Tanner died that morning and was buried today. I wrote a nice letter of condolence to the two his widows Jennette & Ellen Tanner.

I spoke in conference and while talking a new thought came to me. It was that he who got everything second hand did not appreciate it as much as though he got it 1st hand and that is why many in this church were dead or indifferent to the Gospel is because they do not get the inspiration of these truths from God but have to depend upon the state of Bks or testimonies of others. If one gets it from God.

**Feb. 6, 1910. Beaver** We opened up night school last week (Tues.) in Beaver. It bids fair for over 100 in attendance. We are charging \$2.50 for a ten week course. We have 12 or 14 new students. With specials we have nearly 300. It will run over 300. If we had the tower depts. as last yr. we would run to about 400 students. It is the plan for the future to base the appropriation upon our regular attendance.

Sister Shepherd has promised to endow our Dom. Sc. Dept. She will give \$100.00 a year hereafter for its maintenance. The Dept. will be known as "The Shepherd Dom. Sc. Dept". I am preparing to get others to endow the rest of our depts.

I have aided Drs. McGregor & Clark in two operations the last two weeks. One was Ephraim Mansfield for hernia & Mrs Ship for gall stones & other complications. This is the second operation we performed on her in the last two months. This last one was a very severe one, but she is slowly recovering. Mansfield is virtually well.

With the opening of this semester we have some very bad characters and I am fearful their characters will contaminate more than we can do good for them. I spoke before the student body last Fri. morning upon sincerity of study, work, & life. Truth hides her face from the insincere. There is a spirit of truth that comes thru great sincerity & not other wise. There is a joy too deep for words or laughter. It is the inspiration of truth. Laughter is the lighter forms of emotions. He who would get the richness of truth must hunger and thirst after it. It is so with the spirit of God. He who would be filled with the Holy Ghost must hunger & thirst after righteousness. It (address) produced a profound impression I am told.

We held our Scientific Society last Fri. night at 8 P.M. Miss Cropper read paper. Mrs. Pryor promises to send \$250.00 for our new building (I see this recorded on P. 39)

A new Comet<sup>16</sup> of unknown identity has appeared in the western sky at early dark. No astronomer, it seems, knows anything about it. It crept thru the board fence out yonder unheralded by anyone. It is most likely traveling in a parabolic orb. I gave my 1st talk in night school, it was on the comets; origin, size, speed, contents, structure, destiny etc

Dr. McG. tells me that the twelve are threatening to excommunicate some of the brethren unless they divulge what they know concerning recent marriages. I am fearful my dream or vision will come true. I believe great danger & trouble are ahead.

Miss V. L. Clark just came in & gave us a few minutes call. She is to come & see us again.

**Mar. 7, 1910 Beaver.** V. L. came & took dinner with us last week. I went to Greenville three weeks ago tonight also two weeks ago tonight and answered the tirade made against our people by a Josephite (Hanson) . The first evening I spoke about 40 or 50 from Beaver went down also some from Adamsville. It is said Greenville never saw such a crowd before. Their meetinghouse was packed almost like a sardine box. The Josephite challenged me for a debate on the Succession of the Presidency. (for a two night's debate) I accepted on ground that I was to have 30 day's to prepare my work in as I was too busy a man to take debate up then. He said if he could come back he would give me 30 day's notice. He remained the next evening & replied to my speech, but according to reporters, he but partly replied to my argument & tried to slight off my remarks by ridicule or irony. I went the next Sun. & replied to his reply to my speech the week before. I feel that the reply more than answered this attack. Indeed the people felt the same. I was impressed that night that one or more of the Josephites would return to our

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<sup>16</sup> Halley's Comet.



church. I never knew until I began to look up the subject that there was much evidence against the Josephites & in our favor. I had paid little attention until 3 or 4 yrs ago to their arguments against us, etc. I sent to S.L. & got considerable data on this subject.

We are holding weekly institutes at Adamsville each Sat afternoon & evening. We have held 7 sessions & are to hold 3 more, but only in the evening hereafter. Yesterday Bro McQuarrie & I went there. He took religious subjects. I took in afternoon "Children's Lies-so called" & in evening I took the "Sun". Laura & I went last Sat, a week ago. She took talk on value of libraries & Merchant of Venice. I took Children s Lies-so called & a phase of life of Christ life. Our lectures are doing good.

I wrote Dee 3 weeks ago & have glasses now to send him.

Last Sun. evening I spoke upon the Temptation of Christ. It was much appreciated. We had fast meeting this afternoon.

The weather is so fine a few of the students are beginning to leave school. We have over 340 students including those that are taking night school in Beaver & Adamsville. Money is coming in from students & others for new building. We have the rock hauled for the second story. Am going north next week on school matters.

Our boys have been away for a week in Severe & Sanpete Cos. on a basketball tour. They were beaten three times & beat Richfield on a return game.

I had to let Mr. Kratz<sup>17</sup> out due to his using tobacco. He left today.

**Mar. 13, 1910. Hinckley, Ut.** Have been to S.L. & Provo to see about new teachers and other school matters. I have asked that our school be granted \$2500.00 more on appropriation for this year. We were allowed \$10,000.00 but we need \$2,500.00 more. I have also asked for \$2,500.00 to finish fixing up our buildings. I will know soon whether these requests will be granted.

I got a new coach for our school—a Mr. Jones. He is considered the best in B.Y.U. and has made a great record for himself in the basketball world as well as other events. He got there Fri. afternoon. I think I succeeded in getting a Dom. Arts' teacher.

I spoke a few moments at devotional exercises at B.Y.U.

Attended theatre while in S. L. The play was "Dr. Jekel & Mr. Hyde." I had never seen it played before the I had read the novel from which the play was taken.

I had a talk with Henry Tanner on the situation of those who are purported to have entered pl. marriages since manifesto. I went to the annex of the temple & listened to instruction given to departing missionaries.

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<sup>17</sup> A teacher at the Academy.

Went to Benjamin & visited with ma for about 3 hrs. & took the 10:37 P.M. train which did not arrive until 2 P.M. Radino, Valko & I stayed at Benj. switch 3:30 hrs.

I got here at Hinckley yesterday at 9:30 A.M. I had a good sleep for 4 hrs. & felt better. Hinckley people have a silver band & played yesterday afternoon, also they had some athletic sports. I stayed over today in order to fill my appointment here. I am asked to speak on the "Temptation". I will not get home until Mon. 12 M. Fred Finlayson<sup>18</sup> is here working. He is very reticent and seems to have feelings towards me. I have never in thought, word, or action offended him knowingly or had other than kindly feelings toward him.

I visited sister Lawisch and stayed all night. She tells me Moritz<sup>19</sup> is married again.

God does not change his character, but our conception of Him and his characteristics change as we reach a higher or lower level of advancement.

**Mar. 21, 1910, Beaver** Arrived O.K. The little boys (Radino & Valko)<sup>20</sup> had a nice time. I delivered two addresses in Hinckley also spoke a few minutes in S.S. also addressed the Parents' class. Leslie took us to depot, and sat up until 3 A.M. with us. We, boys & I, sat up until 4:20 at which time the train arrived. We came home from Milford in automobile.

Last week we had several lectures, etc. On Tues. night Fred Graham of S .L. gave us a fine musical. Also the same evening Prof. Merrill of Ag-Culture college gave a stereophon lecture on farm products in Utah etc. Thurs. night Prof. Stewart of U. of U. lectured to us. Fri night Prof. Brimhall lectured. Sat. night he lectured in Beaver, also yesterday afternoon (Sun) He and Prof. Holt was with us from Fri afternoon until Sun afternoon. We had a nice visit with them.

Last Wed, we had banquet in honor of Sister Shepherd who has endowed the Dom. Science dept. and we have named it the "Shepherd Dom. Sc. Dept". She has agreed to give \$100.00 a year for that department as long as she lives. I believe she will remember this dept. in her will.

Pres Brimhall, Bro Merrill & I met with the executive Board of the Academy and urged a concerted action on the new building. The Pres. of the Stake feels the time has come for action. We have decided to get the wards (Bp Councillors & priesthood) to raise their allotments now and hand over the amount to the Board & then raise the amount from the people later.

**Apr 3, 1910, Beaver** Another 12 days have passed of their strife, successes & failures. I suspended Homer Taylor, Leslie Rollins & Heber Taylor from School for wilfully "bolting" classes and absenting themselves from School with out permission, also for use of tobacco. Rollins & Williams came back and fixed up matters, but Taylor was ordered off the grounds & sent home. Taylor's home is in Richfield. He is low down sneak & liar. He may improve with

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<sup>18</sup> Probably Josiah's nephew, Fred Lloyd Finlayson (1888-1968), son of his sister, Josephine Elizabeth Finlayson.

<sup>19</sup> Moritz is Martha's brother.

<sup>20</sup> Ages nine and seven.

time but I have little hopes of him. I have hardly ever lost a student & very few whom I have not some faith in. A few of the students are leaving for spring work.

Since last writing Jos Connell of Mich. came & stayed with us for nearly two weeks. He has gone to herd sheep for Eb. Gillies. He has gotten a school at Greenville for next year. I am fearful he will not make good for he's too nervous & eccentric since his blot clot, paralysis, & nervous prostration.

I finished my lectures in the night school (Beaver) on Astronomy. I have begun a series of lectures on the "Birth & Growth of the Earth".

I gave my last -lecture (Sat) in the course of lectures we have been giving in Adamsville for the last ten weeks. I discussed the crucifixion of Christ. It was most earnestly received. The audience (about 50 or 55) was emotionally silent. Many (some) expressed their gratitude for what had been done for them in the course of lectures we had given.

I have been asked to deliver an address to the students of the Reform School at Ogden during conference week, but I can't go.

I have at last gotten the Board to urge the different wards to raise the money for the new building by the Bp.rick & priesthood signing a conjoint note. The two wards of Beaver have agreed to do this. We believe all the rest will.

**Apr.27, 1910, Beaver** (Pleasant weather) School work progress nicely. The students are holding up well for this time of yr. There about 170 in attendance now. Bro. Clarence Jones (our coach) is to leave us Fri. afternoon. He returns to Provo to finish up his work in Commercial dept. I have offered him \$800.00 to return for next yr. He is not certain as yet whether he will accept my proposition or not until he hears from his father.

I got the B.Y.U. Septette & one vocalist to come and give a concert. It cost \$107.00 for one evening. Yet we took in nearly \$70.00.

Dr. Brimhall & Cummings came here & visited school & are to recommend that \$2500.00 be given to fix up some of the school's buildings. This makes \$6000.00 given in a yr. to fix up these buildings. It looks as tho we are not to get the \$2500.00 I asked for to help run the school this yr. The Board had cut us down \$2500.00 from last yr's appropriation which was \$12,500.00. Supt. Cummings became really angry at me for my persistency in urging that the Board give \$2500.00 more.

We had a good conference of the stake Apr. 16 & 17. Apostle Lyman Brimhall & Cummings were here. Some changes were made in Stake organizations Bro. McQuarrie was released from S.S. Supt & put in as Supt of M.I.A. of the stake. Bro. R. Maeser was chosen to fill the vacancy of S.S. Supt. R. R. Tanner was released from Supt. of M.I.A. Bro. Woolfend was released from all offices. He is suspicioned of having married since the Manifesto & possibly will be disfellowshipped. That is the talk tho I hope not. I do not approve the handling of the brethren

which thing is now being with some of the brethren. If all are handled who have gone in that principle since Manifesto hundreds will go by the "board".

I went to Greenville & spoke three weeks ago also went to Adamsville with Woolfenden to get the people to sign up for their share of donation toward the new building. We succeeded in getting Greenville & Adamsville

We got Beaver two wards to sign up for (& borrow) 3/5 of their unpaid donations & rest in labor.

I went last Fri. afternoon to Paragoonah & Parowan with Bro. Merrill. He spoke in Paragoonah Fri. night & I lectured before the people in Parawan. It was under the direction of a lecture course conducted by the teachers of Parowan. The audience was not overly large due to show in town. While there I made partial arrangements to have the woodwork dept. endowed by the Adams' family. Pres. of Parowan Stake thought they could get by June 1 \$4000.00 for the new building.

Our school & friends were plunged in deep grief over the sad death of little Nathaniel Woodhouse who died of heart failure. We had funeral Sun afternoon. Bros. Durham, Merrill, Bp. Parkinson and I were the speakers. We had a very large audience the assembly hall was full. We had missionaries there Sun. night.

We are to begin work on the new building next week. G. Teuscher is to take charge of the construction. We are to finish the "M" this afternoon.

He who gains wealth, learning, or success so rapidly that it produces pride then either becomes a source of harm.

Pride crowds out true happiness; it checks true progress; it falsifies the true perspective of life.

The greater the struggle the greater the soul growth.

"No one is truly miserable who has paid the price of happiness." David S. Jordan.

"Sorrow is an astronomer & reveals the stars". Van Dyke

**May 10, 1910, Beaver** A few of our students are dropping off but we have the biggest attendance at this time of year than ever before. There is also considerable enthusiasm in their work as well as in athletics. Our school met the track & field team from Millard Co. last Sat. and beat them 66 to 30. It was a splendid game and the best of feelings prevailed. Several state High School records were lowered. Our boys (6 or 8) will go to S.L. for next Sat's state H.S. meet. We are having a hard time in getting enough money to send them.

I went to Beaver a week ago Sun. and discussed the wayward child before the parents' classes of the East and west wards. In the evening I spoke before the evening meeting on the subject of the

Sacrament. The Spirit of the Lord was with me. I hope I can live the Spirit of the Sacrament as I felt and discussed it.

We had May day program last Sat. forenoon. A splendid crowd witnessed the exercises.

Last Sun. evening I got Mr. Lonergan to come up and exhibit the Passion Play (Life of Christ). I lectured on & or described the scenes as they were produced. All seemed to enjoy the display & lecture. Leon came to me between the scenes and asked why "shivers" ran up and down ones back when he saw the scenes and heard them discussed. He was so impressed that he sat and cried. We had all pay 20 cents for adults & 10 cents for children in order pay for machine & views.

We have had many' photographs taken of the school & students. We had our four babes taken for the first time.

I received a letter from Supt. Cummings last night which made me sad. I feel he is moodish and changeable to say the least.

I have received a letter from Edward Vance Cooke Ohio's poet and he says he has "embalmed" me in verses which are to be published in the Century.

**May 16, 1910, Beaver** I aided Dr. McGregor with two surgical operations. One was an epileptic of 15 yrs. of age from Kanosh and we trepaned him and took two circular pieces of skull from his head. He seems to be doing well so far. The other case was a lady with wombal trouble, etc. Both cases have done well up to present.

Our athletic boys (8) went to S .L. H.S. meet and out of 28 schools & 244 contestants our boys carried off 32 points. The boys were Alma Richards, Jos. Snow, Chester Allen, Roy and Wallace Thornton, Frank & Leslie Smith & Milton Ollerton. Richards took the gold medal. Our team took first place in meet beating all other teams by 10 points.

The School went to Beaver this afternoon & made a great demonstration with band, school "yells", waving of banners & flags, etc. in honor of our victory. Our procession was nearly 2 blocks long. A party is being held this evening in commemoration of the achievements.

I went down in Beaver and discussed the Passion Play for Mr. Lonergan last Fri. night.

The Four yrs. had a splendid ball last Fri. night. The 3rd yrs. banqueted the 4th yrs last Sat. night.

I lectured on the Crucifixion of Christ last night (Sun.). Bro. Durham sang two numbers.

A sorrow unspeakable came to me this last week which I must not record. It is pertaining students. I pray I shall never again be brought to face this again.

**June 5, 1910, Clear Lake Millard Co.** While waiting for the train I will write in my journal. We had our commencement exercise beginning a week ago last night. Then the Prep. Students had their exercises. Sun. afternoon we had a stake meeting at the Academy. Bros. J. T. Tanner, Geo. Murdock, S.O. White Jr., Frank Wooley, J. F. Tolton & myself were speakers. Sun. evening Dr. Jos. McGregor gave the address to the graduates. Mon. afternoon & evening; Tues forenoon & evening were exercises held by the various classes. Wed. forenoon we made the commencement excercises. Prof. Osmund was the speaker on that occasion. I read my report. None of the board were present. I left with Osmund for the north Wed. afternoon. I came to Millard Co. I went to Kanosh & spoke for the Millard Stake Ac. Thurs. evening. Fri. I delivered the address to graduates 11 A.M. 80 some odd in all. I attended the banquet given in afternoon. Sat. afternoon I went to Meadow with Bro. Christian Anderson & spoke there for Millard Stake Ac. We came back Sun morning. I attended S.S. & took dinner with Mrs. Lilly Powell Rogers & husband. The Bp & I administered to her. Her health is poor. I attended afternoon meeting and spoke to the people. I talked upon the New Academy being built at Hinckley. I ventured to prophecy that this valley will be cultivated & it would be watered by rains from heavens. I also predicted that a greater thing would come to Fillmore than the building of this Academy. I also prophesied that Fillmore should yet be a great metropolis of this intermountain region.

I baptized Ambros McGarey Sun May 29 in Beaver river just South of campus. Bro. Durham confirmed him at water's edge (this is recorded p 55)

Took dinner with Bro. J. F. Day Sat.; Thurs night stayed with Bro. Geo. Crane; Sat night with Bp Beckstrand of Meadow.

Talked with Martha over phone; talked with Leslie also over phone. He has had several good offers to teach school viz. Payson H.S., Colo. Ac., Vernal, & B.Y.U.

**June 15, Benjamin, Ut.** Have been to S. L. and attended the Annual Church School convention for M.T.W.Th. & F. I also attended the U. of U. commencement exercises. There were a great many graduates (167) from normal Dept college. Jos. L. Rawlings-ex senator—had the L.L.D. degree conferred upon him in view of the excellent work he did in congress & especially for the U. of U. Our convention had an afternoon at Wandamere, and we had an athletic contest between the Church School teachers of the south & the north. The north beat the south 69 to 30. This was principally due to fact none of the physical trainers from the south were there.

I wrote to Dee & sent him \$10.00 more. I sent him \$30.00 about 5 weeks before that.

I read a paper on "How to Reach the Individual Student in School". See journal of clippings for paper comments. My fellow workers were complimentary. Part of my paper was a result of some of my own experience & experimenting.

While in S.L. I met Mrs. F. Pryor who just came from N. York. I went with her & Judge Smith & party to theatre & supper. I met Francis & Leslie there. Leon came up to go to School in U. of U. Francis & Leslie are going to summer school at U. of U. I attended two theatres Cameo Kirby & God's Country. Willard Mack was the star. I attended the Tabernacle services Sun. I

examined the new model for the "Ten Minute Cooker". It is an improvement over other model. Got our Annual in hands of Ackerman & Co.

I baptized Ambrose McGarry Sun.29 in the Beaver River just South of the campus. Bro. Durham was mouth for the confirmation.

**July 3, 1910, Beaver.** Since last writing I have been to Salt Lake again. All the Principals and Presidents were called to S. L. to talk over matters concerning the policy & workings of our schools. We discussed (1) the value of church schools & the part they were paying in the redemption of Zion. (2) The necessity of seeing the value of the whole school system rather than being sectional. There was danger of us becoming sectional & working for our respective schools & having no interest in the others, etc. (3) We discussed the work & mission of the Religion classes. We all felt they were a part of the Church School Sys. and as such should be directly under the direction of the ch. schools. I made a motion that it be the sense of our convention that the Board of Examiners (Supt. Cummings, G. H. Brimhall, Linford & Young) present the matter to the 1st Presidency of the Church and that the Religion class Board be made aids to the General Board. I do not know what will be the results. We also discussed the danger in our schools of teaching Evolution in Theology.

While in S.L. I saw Leon & Francis. We all went to the theatre.

I have done but little studying. I have been resting, writing, attending to school affairs and choring for myself. I am reviewing the evidences on the Succession of the Presidency.

I recd yesterday a splendid letter from Dee. This is 2 I have recd in a month. He is passing thru the stage of repentance and deep regrets for errors made when he was wayward. O Father, forgive him and lift him up. Give him the language as a gift. Comfort him in his mission. May he be given power to bring many souls unto Thee.

Eugene was married June 15 to Miss Dicy Davis of Cannonville, Garfield Co. Ut. She is nice looking and with native talent. She like himself is of polygamist origin. He has come back to live here, work this summer & go to school next winter. He desires to be a Dr.

I am losing confidence in Bro. Merrill. I find he is not honest and I fear is not true to me and the school. The Board have but little confidence in him; he is fast losing out because of his business methods, etc. The school is suffering thru his conduct. He is not a lover of his fellow men it seems. I hope I am wrong in my estimate of him. I am about the last to let go of him or lose confidence in him.

**July 7, 1910, Beaver** I had my traveling expenses paid to S. L. and return for my last trip by the Board Examiners.

I am feeling more vigorous the last few days. I find I was quite drilled down. I have done considerable writing of letters of late. The new building is moving on slowly.

We had a very pleasant 4th here. A splendid program was rendered in the opera house which was crowded.

The greatest stir in the history of pugilistic encounters is now agitating the American race, due to Jack Johnson knock Jim Jefferies out in 15 rounds at Reno, Nev. July 4. It has caused a great commotion all over U. S. Riots have occurred in various cities in the nation over results. My comment over results is this: "Nearly 300 yrs ago this American (Englishman) went to the jungles of Africa & forcibly captured the Ethiopian, brought him to America in chain & made him his (Am's) slave. The Ethiopian has now gotten his shackles off and put his master out of business in the pugilistic ring. A 100 yrs hence and the Negro will contest with the white race in this land for supremacy unless the White race ceases fetal murder or race suicide. At the present the negro is increasing twice as fast as the whites in most every state in the union. Joseph's prophecy is not yet entirely fulfilled".

If the present indication goes on of losing faith in the Christ, rejecting him as the Savior of the world, as well as casting aspersion upon the old & new Testament, then American (gentile) shall suffer defeat never to arise again but this land shall be given into the hands of the remnants of Joseph. I have been wondering if the Japanese nation will not be found to be of the house of Israel and a remnant of Joseph's seed who will play a part in the over throw of the Gentile rule. It seems they have all the characteristics of the Indian. Dress an Indian in Japanese costume & he looks for the world a Japanese, dress a Japanese in Indian costume & he looks like an Indian. A young Japanese student (Cotsa Numa) said that they called their country Nepan which means the people of Nepi; add an "h" & you have Nephi. I write this and let time see whether my thoughts are founded on truth.

I am troubled at present, over the attitude that is being taken by the 12 apostles, especially some of them, in hunting down those who have gone into plural marriage the last few years and are disfellowshipping them. I can't feel that it is God's will, yet I vote to sustain them as prophets, seers, & revelators. I can't reconcile their conduct with the revelations to Pres. Jno. Taylor & Pres. Woodruff where in He said that it was not His will that this principle should be done away with. We are seeking to make peace with the mammon of unrighteousness. I may be wrong, but it seems that we are buckling to our enemies instead of keeping God's commandments and trusting to Him to fight our battles. It seems the more we do it the more we are tied & become carping politicians intriguing with this party & that party for favor even at the expense of principle. I have prayed over this but I can't, so far, feel in my heart to sanction this line of conduct. If it is right I hope to see it. If it is wrong I hope God will over rule things for the good of His cause and give His people their rights. I saw these things coming several years ago & (I believe they are recorded in my journal) I saw that it was going to cause a great dissatisfaction amidst our people. We will yet be, as it were, completely in the power of our enemies without and in confusion with our selves, for we will not be in union but enmity will exist in our midst. We will come to that point where we will not know which way to turn to get our selves out of the predicament which we are coming to thru promises made to our enemies, breaking them & then re-promising and then attempting to keep God's commandments until at last Jesus will come to our rescue and liberate us from our enemies. He will not be pleased over the course we are (taking) & will take but will have no condemnation for his people for they will do that which



they think will be for the best. The crisis is not reached yet. He will see his people thru the trial. I know for a surety that Pres. Smith is not pleased with the course that they seemed to be forced to take. My home seems to be full of peace and I am happy over it. I hope it remains so.

Thorval is two years old today. He is a bright noble boy but at times restless & disconsolate. He can't say a word of English but is forever chattering his own language. He knows every thing you say to him and will respond; he has but little trouble to make you understand what he means. He is so full of ideas and action language must burst into his life as an absolute necessity to his rapidly unfolding mind.

**July 21, 1910. Beaver.** Since last writing I have been studying home most of time. I am receiving articles in such magazines as Current Literature; Cosmopolitan Lit. Digest, Pop. Science Monthly, Harper's Magazine, McClures, Scientific American, Era, Liahoma, and Review of Reviews. I have started to read a simple work in French of 160 pages. I find Fr. is easier than any other language I ever studied. (Enq. Latin, German, Old Anglosaxon, & French is my stock in store)

I have been for sometime, computing my statistics obtained thru an examination of students by aid of Dr. McGregor for the last 4 years. I am not quite thru with my work yet but what I had completed I reviewed before our conference here last Sun. In brief I found out over a thousand examined & gotten data from that where parents used no narcotics only 9.45% of their children had died but where one parent used narcotics 17 & a fraction of their children had died; where both parents used it 20.9% had died: Of the fathers who had used narcotics ( I include liquor) 1 in 10 died: those that did not only 1 in 16 had died. I found that children from parents who use narcotics have more eye, ear, & other defects than those who do not. I found that children of parents who do not use narcotics graduate from district school in about 7½ yrs while the other class takes about 8¼ yrs to graduate. I suppose, instead of recording all results here, that I can safely say you can find all my computations in some publication.

I spoke at Beaver a week ago last Sun. for 35 minutes on the present day indications of the religious world. I reviewed our own situation and criticised those who were not only criticism those in pl. marriage but were even disbelieving it.

He had a splendid conference last Sat & Sun. Bros. O. F. Whitney & Geo. Gibbs were here. They spoke fine. It was truly a spirited conference. We held the meetings Sun. in the opera house.

Apostle Whitney came Sun. and stayed with me until Wed. evening. We had an excellent time together. He read most of his "Elias"—An Epic of the Ages to me. He is reviewing it & improving it for republication. It is truly a master piece of Art. I feel it stands with Milton's Paradise Lost. He read to me part of 3 days. The rest of the time we discussed various subjects. He is very intellectual man. He is truly poet, orator, & prophet.

He told me of his visit to Mother's home. He was there 4 days. He has written a very humorous poem of his visit there. He thinks the world of Laura. I find he has much the same opinion of

our situation as I have (as recorded on pp 59 & 60). Tho he acquiesces in the policies of the Twelve yet he is not heart & soul, with them. He feels that we are cowardly & are on the run that when the scare of Washington begins we begin to truckle rather than do our duty and fear God only. He does not believe those who have gone into that principle of late is committing adultery. He says that they are not cutting brethren off for entering it, but in one or two cases they did because (as in Higgins case) they would not answer their questions. He has some very advance ideas on religious subjects. They are really embodied in his Elias.

We had a board meeting last Tues. night for the purpose of raising more money for the building. As a result I have written several letters & Bro. J. T. Tanner & self go tomorrow to Minersville. The sacrifice made by the earnest student becomes at once a sacrament and a prophecy—A sacrament for it testifies of purity and a covenant with truly a prophecy for it heralds to a waiting world the coming of a man.

**Aug. 11, 1910, LaVerkin, Washington Co.** I left home on July 31, and have been holding meetings ever since. Prof Henry Peterson was with me until I reached Kanarra, he has to return home from there. He & I spoke in Paragoonah, Parowan, Summit, Cedar, Harmony & Kanarra. I took ill in Harmony chilling & aching all over. I was too ill when we got to Kanarra to go to meeting so Prof. P. held the meeting without me. We were successful in every place, I think, unless it was at Cedar in inspiring young people to attend the church schools. There a dislike at Cedar for the church schools especially for Beaver (Murdock Ac.)

I was quite successful in moving money matters for the new building. Paragoonah felt they could raise their remainder in a wk or two. Parowan raised \$1000.00—virtually all theirs & placed it in the bank the day I left there. Cedar people are raising theirs & think they can do as the others are doing (sign a conjoint note). Harmony signed a conjoint note the day I was there to raise all their allotment. I just called the Priesthood together after the regular meeting and after an explanation all in the meeting except two men signed up. Kanarra think they can do the same. They voted to that effect. I have been alone in Washington Co. & have held meetings in Toquerville, Washington, St. George, Santa Clara, Leeds & LaVerkin so far; I am holding forth tonight at Kockville then in Springdale, Virgin & Hurricane. I have a splendid attention and interest in all the above places.

**Aug 20 Beaver** I left my coat at St. George & had to speak in my shirt sleeves in Leeds. LaVerkin, & Virgin. In Rockville & Springdale I borrowed Bp. Hirsche's coat. I met some very fine characters while away e.g. (some of whom) Pres. Cottan, and David Cannon, Bps. Hirsche, Gifford, & Isom also Bro Gubler & wife. Mrs. Gubler is a grand niece to Ella (my 1st wife). I saw some most delicious fruit & melons while in St. George Stake. I had some ripe strawberries for in Santa Clara a Bro. Stuki has vines that bear, about 8 & 9 months a yr by growing them on an almost 33 perpendicular bank facing the south. This is the first I ever saw or I heard of that bloomed most of the yr.

I spoke in Kanarra last Sun. night after driving from Hurricane Ridge from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. It was an awful drive of about 30 miles over fearful roads. I took dinner one day with Libbie Leavey & folks. Her father has 3 acres of seedless grapes and they are loaded with grapes.

I arrived home Tues. evening Aug. 17 with about 40 lbs of fine peaches & 70 lbs of seedless grapes.

A very false rumor to the effect that I was cut off the church for polygamous marriage of recent date or that I had married some one. This report has gotten such a hold that it is virtually all over Zion. Many are the various comments pro & con over it. Apostle Whitney wrote me to the effect that he had had to brand it as a lie in S.L. The spirit of the lie is broadcast and is producing a great unrest amid the people. The Tribune is dishing me up in editorials in a most scandalous way. I learn that it is thru the lecherous work of J. P. May and perhaps Clarence Kratz both former teachers of this Academy. It is the last chance that such characters shall ever be hired by this school.

Dr. McGregor has sold out his practice here & gone to look for other locations due to gossip about him in marital relations.

I found all well at home. Since coming home I have done little else other than write answering correspondence. All our rooms are rented here on the grounds & others asking for rooms. Sister Pryor did not call on us on her trip north, but went direct to S.L.

I visited Sister Paulina E. Lyman. She was pl. wife of Amos Lyman. She was born Mar 20, 1827. She is very brilliant for her age. She was 17½ yrs old at death of prophet. She was well acquainted with the prophet. She knew he had more wives than one. She saw him with his wives & she used to sleep with one of his wives. (Almera Johnson). She was a sister of Benj Johnson now of Mexico. She related that on one occasion when prophet came & Miss Johnson told Mrs. Lyman, then Miss Phelps, she could not sleep with her that night for there wasn't room in bed. Mrs. L. said that she went back to their room next morning & two had slept in the bed. She accused Miss J. of sleeping with Jos. and she confessed that she did. This was at Masadonia, Ill. 'Jos. taught Amasa Lyman the principal of pl. marriage,' she said, but said Amasa was to enter it later. "The time is not for you now," said Jos. "but it is for me for my time is short." Jos. taught while at Masadonia, Ill, that the principal taught by David & Solomon would soon be practiced by the church.

**Oct 1, 1910 Beaver** It has now been six weeks since I last wrote in my journal. I have been too busy making history to write it. After returning from Washington co. I went thru Panguitch & Kanab Stakes to raise more money for the new building. I was very successful thru the help of the Lord. Nearly every town either raised their remaining allotments or arranged to settle it by Nov. 15.

I was at Panguitch Conference and spoke twice. Apostle Smith took exception to one of my ideas. I said that if we talked the same thing all the time we would lose the spirit of it & so would the listeners, etc. He thought not if we had spirit of God with us.

I spoke the next evening. I went into Kane co & was at their quarterly conference & spoke twice there once was a lecture before a large audience. I had a very good trip thru the two stakes.

School began Sept. 19 with a large attendance, but as the Co fair was on we did not register all students in attendance. During the second week we had registered more than we did last yr. in the first 4 weeks.

**Oct. 11, 1910 (Tues.) Beaver** I attended the Semi-annual conference in S. L. I also met with brothers & sisters at mother's and completely surprised her on her 73rd birthday. All of the children were there except Annie. We had a very pleasant time. We all left gifts for mother. I gave her \$6.00 for my gift. I went to Provo with Francis and visited the B.Y.U. and Laura, Leslie, Josephine, Mary Orser & Ida S. Ploy. I spoke for a short time before the student body in the Uni. I secured Bros. Brimhall & Osmund for our lecture also Gudmundson & Co for musical. In S. L. I secured Commercial Quartet & Goshen. I saw Jno Hand & heard him sing. Francis & I went to Sandy & stayed all night with him. He has wonderfully improved in singing.

We voted at conference in special priesthood meeting that we would all accept & sustain Pres. Smith's proclamation of 1904. Pres. Smith said that no one had any authority to perform pl. marriages & those who did would be handled. A number of brethren have been excommunicated due to recent pl. marriages. Those I m acquainted with are Chas. Woolfenden (Beaver) , & Alphius Higgs (S.L.), also Israel Barlow & Patriarch Tolman who was cut off for performing pl. marriages. It is very sad, but I suppose it is better for a few to suffer than that the entire people brought in jeopardy. The presidency are very strong in denouncing those who claim that he is playing a double game or has any other advice than that he gave to the public. I had a long talk with Pres. Lyman. He had heard that I was teaching that principle (pl. m.), but I assured him I had advised no one to enter that principle. The presidency of this Stake are trying to get evidence against Dr. McGregor. I hope they do not get it.

We have nearly 200 students registered in school at present and others coming daily. Our faculty this year are: Self, F. W. Merrill, A. M. Durham, R. Maeser, Sherwin Maeser, Hettie White, Walter Moore, Randall L. Jones, Jno G. McQuarrie, Ellis Chamberlain, Ella Hopkins, Martha who is matron & teaches German, Librarian Belle Connell, Sec & treasurer Dennis White, janitor Jas. Connell. Bros. Snow & Hancock are aiding some in teaching, also Miss Luella White.

Apostle O. F. Whitney wrote an acrostic poem in honor of Mother's birthday. He is also starting a novel based up[on] his experience here a yr. ago.

I had a four night's debate with A Reorganite-Hanson. It took place in Greenville Sept. 28, 29, 30, & Oct 1. The subject of discussion was: "Resolved that Brigham Young was the prophet's Jos. Smith Legal Successor in the Presidency of the Church of J. C. of L.D.S. I affirmed two nights and he denied. The house was crowded every night. The standard of evidence was to The Bible, Bk. of M. and Doc. & Cov, and any other evidence for what it is worth. After the first night I almost shut him out of D.&C. and he resorted to other evidence outside of standard of evidence. If I am to judge his evidences were weak and he had to resort to trickery in discussion & quotations to make his points seem strong at all. I showed up the vagary of his quotations & distortions to the audience that they could [see] the fallacy of his position. The first & second

night he tried to belittle what I said & throw sand in eyes of auditors. As an illustration of one of his tricks. After I had read from the D.& C a certain paragraph I merely said that this was the word of God and not hearsay. In his reply he said “Mr. Hickman had gone to hearing testimony.’ I thought this was debate but it appears to be a testimony meeting. I am older than Mr Hickman but I am not able or old enough to hear testimony.” In my reply the next speech I referred to what Mr. Hanson pleased style testimony and that he was older than I & yet not old enough to bear testimony. I assured Mr. H. that age was not necessarily a prerequisite in testimony bearing, but the spirit was and that being true Mr. Hanson would be many yrs. older than he now before he could bear testimony. This retort caused considerable merriment for the audience and chagrin for Mr. H. This caused him not to venture out with his trickery & sand throwing after that. The last night of his defense of his position & especially the last speech (for we each had two ½ hr. speeches each night) he did clinch his arguments previously given nor bring up any new defense but contented himself with thrown mud & in the main telling what a good man their president is and what bad man I am. Saying that their pres. was not an ex-convict or had he gone to Mexico to get another wife against the law, etc. (of course he was referring to me). In my reply I reviewed in brief the above and said. “Suppose all Mr H. has said concerning the goodness of their pres. & the badness of my life, which I shall neither paliate nor deny were true pray tell me, Mr. H., where in is there one scintilla of evidence in it all to prove that Young Joseph is a legal & true successor of his father? I then reviewed my arguments & remarshalled my evidence showing beyond a doubt that the D.& C. claimed that the power & keys of the Kingdom were given to the 12 & condemned those who would not listen to (12), etc., etc. The points were so telling that it was hard to keep the audience from breaking into repeated applause. In concluding, I likened the Reorganites in their tenacity in holding to their apostate & powerless religion to the good old Welch brother who had lost a red calf two yrs. before and one day while he & his son Evan were riding the range and they came across a little red heifer which looked very much like their little calf of two yrs ago. The father assured Evan that that was their calf, but Evan tried to show his father that their calf would now be 3 yrs old. At this the father exclaimed: “To’ell with oo, Evan, I would rather lose two yrs. of the calf than lose the calf entirely”. At this he proceeded to drive that calf home tho it was not theirs. “The Reorganites”, I said, “would rather lose 16 yrs. of the Church of Jesus Christ than lose it entirely, so they clutched a small aborted church which looked like, in size, what the Church of God once was so the Reorganites took, not the Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S., but one of similar form, etc. At this, the house got away from the moderators J. T. Tanner & R. S. Barton and it took some time to quiet they down.

I am told that one of tho staunchest Reorganite women said that she guessed the Mormons would get away with the debate. This was at the close of the second night. An other remark current after the debate was over was; Well, Hickman tied the Reorganite’s hands & feet the 1st night; the second night he dug his grave; 3rd night he (Hickman) put Hanson in his coffin & the 4th night he put Hanson’s tombstone up. Of course, this was the utterance of my sympathizers. Many said that they never knew there was such overwhelming evidence in our favor and so little in substantiation of the Reorganite claim. I am told Greenville never was so happy before as when our cause was shown up so triumphant.

**Oct. 23, 1910, Beaver** School work has been the absorbing theme the last two weeks. Our members are gradually increasing. There are now about 200 in attendance. A good spirit prevails in school. The students have had a student election & Bro. Jno Batty was elected president of the student body.

A week ago yesterday and today we had quarterly conference. Bros. Lyman & Penrose were here and the theme almost entirely was pl. marriage declaring that must cease & those who had gone into it since the Woodruff Manifesto had been ill advised. I do not believe one word of the statement. I have unmistakable evidence that some marriages were authorized. Some of the later ones may be unauthorized. But if the church authorities desire it stopped then it should be stopped, but I pray that God will reveal a way that it may be practiced. My heart aches at the thought of the principle being withdrawn. I have practiced the principle and I would be pleased if my children after me would practice it. I can't now believe that it will be long stopped.

I spoke Sat. afternoon in conference on the Three Witnesses of the Bk. of M.

I went to a Republican rally last Fri. night Senator Sutherland was the main speaker.

Have attended S.S. & meeting today. Bros Thos Durham of Parowan, Jos. Ollerton Jr. & R. Maeser were speakers. While the sacrament was being administered tonight I felt a deep burning desire to understand the meaning and scope of the Crucifixion from the standpoint of the Gods.

The Rep. & Demo. parties are making State fight on prohibition. The Democrats on state wide prohibition; but the Rep. desire option for cities of 1,2, & 3rd classes. This I feel is unjust and should be defeated for such a bill would defeat its own purpose if a sincere purpose it has. I believe that its purpose is only a political trick.

We are to have Founder's day next Fri. and Senator Smoot is expected to speak.

We dug our potatoes yesterday and had about 40 or 50 bu. This is the extent of our gardening except some sweet & pop corn, peas, tomatoes, beans, radishes & lettuce. Georgie has between 30 & 40 chickens, a few pigs, & geese. I need a farm for my children but it seems impossible for me, in my profession, to have a farm and look after it yet I need one for my children. Just rec'd letters from Dee. He is doing well and improving very much in the language.

The children are all doing well in school. I have several hundred \$ debts which should be paid right away but I can't pay them only little at a time. If I get out of debt again I feel I shall never get involved again. I once saw in a little shoe shop this sign: "Don't ask for trust for trust is bust and bust is hell; No trust, no bust, no hell". A good doctrine for many of us to follow. Yet if I had never gone in debt I would have never gone thru college or had a home.

**Nov. 10, 1910 Beaver.** (Ideal weather for farmers) Since last writing I have taken the stump in behalf of cause of prohibition. I was thru the request of the chairman of the Democratic party of this Co. and the president of the women's league of this Co. I spoke once in Beaver once in Milford & twice in Minersville. But with all the work for prohibition the cause was lost, for

State wide prohibition did not prevail. The Rep. party had local option for cities of 1st & 2nd & 3rd class., & prohibition for all other towns & villages in state. Tho this state went Rep. the United state as a whole went Democratic. The House of Representatives has a majority of Dem. but Senate is Republican by a majority of 10 or 12. Roosevelt's new nationalism received a body blow yet I feel such a move will gain ground. A great deal of acrimony manifest over politics in this state. A breach was made between Roberts & Smoot. Roberts just flayed Reed Smoot alive. I do not know what the results will be yet such a strain will not be fraught with good. It is claimed that the Republicans made a deal with the whisky element of S. L. & that the Democrats made a deal with the Americans.

I have given two talks to students lately. Some of our students have to be handled for violation of the rules of the Academy. Some for smoking, drinking, out at nights, neglect of studies, etc.

Bro Merrill (F. W.) tells that his second wife has betrayed him & that Jn. Henry Smith dissolved his (M's) marriage with Miss Catterwood.

Our children are well. Leon is doing well with his school. We heard from Dee & he is doing well in his field of labor.

We had our Founder's day on Oct. 25. It was a splendid success from start to finish. Prof. Levi Edgar Young came instead of Senator Smoot. His speech was considered the best thing heard hear in years. The sports in afternoon were excellent-some of the boys made splendid records in field & track events. Othello won the mile race in 5 mm 45 sec. He won in the relay also. Prof. Young was very expressive over his impressions he received on the grounds. He said some very flattering things concerning our school.

I am asked to write an article for the Psychological Clinic published by Prof. Whitmer of Uni of Penn.

**Nov. 13, 1910 Beaver.** Sunday night and the day passed in peace. I attended S.S. and evening meeting. I spoke a few minutes at close of meeting.

I worked with the boys yesterday forenoon chopping & housing wood & chips for winter. We had a party Fri. night for students. It was a very pleasurable affair.

Ed. Vance Cooke writes me that his "Ode" to me was published in the "Century" last Oct.

We have over two hundred students now. Leon is doing well with his school. This is a very warm & open fall. We may have a storm anytime now.

I paid \$50.00 on my a/c at M.M.Co. : \$22.50 to Tanner's meat market; \$50.00 tithing, & \$60.00 on note.

**Nov. 27, 1910, Beaver.** Since last writing I have been to Nev. down in the "Muddy" country. I left here a week ago last Thurs. afternoon and returned the next Wed. I went to train to Moab &

from there I went to Overton & St. Thomas. It cost me \$36.25. I spoke in St. Thomas once and in Overton 4 times. I succeeded in getting 4 students to come to school. I had a very pleasant time. That country is a wonderful place. It is a semi-tropical region where they raise melons, pomegranates, dates, palms, etc. Their cantaloupes are famous as far as Chicago. The people raise \$200 to \$300.00 an acre and other things accordingly. I brought from there soft almond nuts, pomegranates, flowers, melons, & palm leaves, a barrel cactus, & a young palm plant.

One of the young men I brought back was a young Spaniard. He was the happiest boy I ever saw when we started back for school. We have had Thanksgiving vacation since Wed. evening until tomorrow morning (Mon.). In as much as smallpox broke out in Beaver & possibly our school was exposed none of students were allowed to go home yet 3 slipped away anyhow.

I received the sad news that Francis' boy Douglass died last Wed. at 2 P.M. of peritonitis. How sad! I have written him & wife the short letter following:

My dear Brother & Sister,

The sad news over the phone cast a pall over our home. I asked Bro Willie if you desired me to come, but he said Douglass was to be buried next day at 2 P.M. so I knew I could not get there. How sad your hearts must be!—no language can tell—words but mock your grief rather than comfort it. Our first wounds are the keenest and our first griefs the deepest. I do hope the Lord will comfort you in your sad bereavement & send unto you new light & new hope. It is the darkness of night that brings out the stars; it is often our deepest griefs that reveal the truest light. Death makes soundings in our souls before never stirred-feelings before never awakened. He who has stood around an open grave that holds his child can never after that call life a failure. There is an awfulness in death which, in some way, makes life richer & more real. It awakens emotions that defy utterance nor can they be expressed in tears. I know how deep & dark your grief is for I too have bowed over the grave in hopeless weakness becoming a child again in unmutterable agony, yet with it all I had a joy, in remembrance of its beautiful life, which sorrow could not erase; so with young death cannot rob you of the infinite pleasure you have had with your little son—he who has and still walks in the very sanctuaries of your souls & has approached the altar of your devotion & affections. We have all prayed earnestly for you in your bereavement & send comfort to you all.

**Dec. 4, 1910. Beaver.** Sunday morning and all is peace at home. Prof. Osmund lectured here last night or rather gave a Shakespearian program. This was the first number on this season's lecture course.

The week passed in quiet. Small pox is spreading a little in Beaver.

Bro. Ernest Hancock got his shoulder thrown out of place. Dr. Shepherd set it. The Dr. and I have been examining (phys.) the young men of the school. We give all our students a yearly examination for the purpose of knowing the physical condition of the students. We find a great many students who have physical ailments.



I paid \$50.00 in tithing yesterday; I paid M.M.Co. \$125.00. I recd. \$75.00 from Leon last week. I paid \$36.56 taxes last week.

Our school is doing good tho our increase is very slow. The Alumni are trying to inspire others to begin school from Beaver.

**Dec. 24, 1910 Beaver** The Graham Co (quartet) gave their concert here Dec 7. It was excellent.

I paid my local taxes \$2.25. Paid today \$32.00 tithing. This makes \$182.00 tithing I have paid this year.

Supt. Cummings has paid us a visit & offered some criticism on our conditions especially in neatness. He informed me that the examination blanks which our local Board objected to were all right. I might under this special situation eliminate the question of family relations. He also informed me that 2 or 3 members of the Gen. Board had said that the blanks were O.K. but Pres. Tolton told me today that Supt. Cummings had agreed with the local Board's decision to have the examination stopped at least all questions pertaining to lives of parents, etc. I feel despicable over the attitude of the Board. Poverty forces me to bow to the narrow & ignorant course. I guess I shouldn't complain.

It is decided by Supt. Cummings & Board that I go east next yr. and study & that another person be gotten in my stead. My wages will go on as usual but that out of my wages the substitute be paid & what ever the difference is that shall be mine to go to school on.

Edmund Vance Cooke, Ohio's poet has written an ode on me entitled: "An Ode to Efficiency on J.E.H. a Mormon Schoolmaster". It is:

He saw across the desert waste  
Where hardship warned, but duty beckoned.  
Here where young lives, untaught, unplaced,  
With possibilities unreckoned.  
He left the comforts and the aids  
Toward which the modern mortal strives  
And brought these lost-land boys & maids  
His life to help their lesser lives.

His faith he gives to Joseph Smith.  
His works he gives to human kind.  
To me his miracle is myth  
And strange the habits of his mind.

But let him hold what faith he please;  
I know a man, what e'er his make;  
I care not where he crooks his knees,  
I grab his honest hand and shake.

E. V. C.  
Pub. in Century Magazine  
N. York

**Jan. 1, 1911. Beaver** This is the third poem written to me. They are by Clinton D. Ray, Miss Adair & E.V.C. I am pleased to learn that my life has inspired poetic thought in the minds of a few kindly disposed friends; but while some are singing my praises others are cursing my name. It is strange to me when I am struggling to make the world better, and that thru love and intelligence, some should be filled with hate. I am thankful that 9/10 they say against me is not true. I am not necessarily living for the poetic effulgences of friends or anathemas of my enemies, but I am living to strike off some of the shackles of ignorance that have bound me; and in turn lift others from the slough of despond and battle down the doors which have held truth imprisoned for aeons and also to kindle the unlit fires of slumbering youth. I understand that I, with other, am being written up in the eastern magazines because of my marriage relations.

This new fight now opening upon our people may result is the worst tirade & persecution which has waged against our people since the days of Missouri. I hope it will blow over with out serious effect yet I feel impressed it is more ominous than it appears on the surface. This promises to be a combined fight of misdirected Christians, disappointed demagogues, and legislation.

School has been closed a week and I have had a quiet week in reading, writing, & playing checkers. I am preparing a article for "Education" and am to start tomorrow to write an other for the Era.

Sister Lawisch is visiting us; Leon is home for holidays. He looks fine & weighs 199 lbs. This is the first time for yrs. that I have not attended some educational work during Xmas holidays.

Othello, Leon, & Eugene have agreed to teach or work next yr. and let me go to school. We are all well at home and are thankful for same.

**Jan 8, 1911 Beaver.** I read the novel Prince Izon. It is an Aztec story laid some where in the Grand Canon. I do not think much of the story tho it has a few good points in it. I have been reading and writing the last week. I have revised an article "How to Reach the Individual Student" and am going to send it "Education" a journal published in Boston, Mass.

I have written my theory on the Deluge and am sending it to the Era for publication. I hope both these articles may be published with journals I am sending them to. My Theory on the Deluge is different from any other theory set forth. I feel I am right in part at least. I believe eventually my theory will be demonstrated sufficiently to reestablish a faith in a deluge. My ideas concerning the flood came to me as an inspiration. To all whom I have given my ideas fall in with them.

I have been here the entire holidays reading, playing checkers, & writing. I have been up nearly every night from 12:30 A.M. to 3 A.M. studying. It has been a real pleasure to do so.

Sister Lawish has been visiting us. She went back today; Leon went back Fri.

We married people have had two sociables these holidays. They were quite enjoyable.

I went to Greenville last Sun. & spoke in the after on the Second coming of the Savior. Valko went with me.

A week ago last Sun. we had a program in S.S. in commemoration of Jesus Christ. Miss Hortense White & Valko impersonated Mary returning from Egypt. She walked & told the child they were then entering into the Holy Land; she related stories of the past to the impersonated Christ child; pointed out the imagined towns & cities, especially Bethlehem & told him the night of his birth and the things that transpired. Many in the audience sat and wept, the scene was made so beautiful & vivid. It was a moment of inspiration & solemnity. I worked the scene out for them & practiced them in it for several times. If I had the wit & worth I should surely write a play representing the child-hood of Christ.

We had S.S. this forenoon & meeting to night. The speakers were Bros. Esplin of Orderville, Worthen of Panguitch, R.A. Allen of Kinton & Sargent of Panguitch. Some very good things were said.

**Jan. 18, 1911, Beaver** Last Sat. & Sun we had conference. Bros. Hyrum M Smith & Levi Edgar Young were visiting brethren. They said some very splendid things. The conference was thoroughly enjoyed. I believe, by all.

I spoke Sat. night before Parents' class teachers & officers on the aid and duties of parents' class work. Bros. Young & Smith were among the listeners. Bro. Y. was very expressive that night & next day in conference on the things I had said Sat. night.

I gave the address Sun. night before the Y.L. & YM M.I.A. conference. I took as my subject: "Character and Youth."

I sent my article on: "How to Reach the Individual Student" to "Education" a journal of Ed.

I rec'd a check of \$50.00 to apply on house rent. I sent \$50.00 to apply on my note held by Gen. Board. I sent \$10.00 to Dee last Sat. I recd a very splendid letter from him last week. He is well and enjoying his mission. I am very happy over this.

Dicy & Eugene have a baby born Jan. 9 about 7-8 o'clock a.m. She is a very nice girl. Mother and babe are doing well.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>21</sup> Maurine Hickman (1911-1995).

Bro. McGregor's baby or rather next to the baby is very low the Dr. (Shepherd) has given him (Lorenzo) up. Bro. Durham & I went there this morning and administered to him. Since then he is some better. In fact almost a momentary recovered.

I occasionally hear very discouraging things said about myself. It seems that the devil and those thru whom he works are doing all they can against me.

Apostle Lyman writes me and asks concerning what McClures says about his giving me permission to get married.

Youth enters a new world full of hope, new and startling thoughts & feelings. It is full of admiration, glitter, tinsel and alluring lights. It, as a rule, is most attractive. Being so full of what youth desires & admires, they are too often contented with what is and often tend to reject any plan to prepare them for a future day. It is the world of appetites, indulgences, and gaudy decorations. It is the time when love of home dulls. It is a world of joy and unreasoned hope. It is world filled with heroes and unbridled dreams.

**Feb. 12, 1911, Beaver. (Sun)**. A little snow this morning. Until then the ground was dry. This has been a most extraordinary winter this county ever saw. I hope snow will fall sufficient in mountains this winter to supply water for summer. I am looking for the day to come when the Saints will be compelled to pray for rain. I am looking forward to the time when the Saints will be righteous enough to unite in prayer which will move the heavens for rain. We will need greater faith than we at present manifest yet I feel that day is coming.

Bro. Jones & I went to Minersville a week ago last Sat. & held two sessions with the people. They seemed very pleased over our meetings. On our way there we were in a fearful blizzard for about 8 miles. It struck us in the face at a fearful gale.

Bro. Merrill has been gone north about a week. His sister died there (Richmond) a week ago to day.

I am contemplating going to S. L. etc. next Tues. for the purpose of hiring teachers. I may go on to Castle Dale.

The teachers had social last week which was very pleasant.

Our Basket ball teams (1st & 2nd) played Cedar's first two teams two weeks ago. Their 1st beat our 1st team, but our 2nd beat their 2nd team. Yesterday our two teams played Cedar (Branch Normal) and both our teams were beaten.

I received replies from my two articles. The one on the "Individual Student" is to be published in "Education" in Apr.; "The Deluge" is to be published in the Era for Apr. & also Cooke's Ode to me. "Education" styles my article as an "Excellent contribution". The Company gives me a yr's subscription & 8 numbers in which my article appears.

I have just received a letter from Dee. He is working hard; has been ill but better now.

**Feb. 22, 1911, Beaver** I have been to S. L., Provo, Castle Dale, & Benjamin. I went up on school business. My main object was to get three new teachers. I did not succeed in definitely securing any teacher though I have got the partial promise of one or two.

I went to Castle Dale and delivered an address before the Emery Stake Academy and public in general. My subject was: "The Brain and Intellectual Growth". I hurried back the next morning for Provo.

I visited with Laura, Leslie, Mary Orser a short time, also stayed over night with Sister Lawisch. I visited Mother and the folks at Benjamin for about 4 hours. I was gone north 6 days. I attended the Orpheum one night.

I had long talks with Supt. Cummings, Pres. Young, apostle Whitney, J. G. Kimball, and Jno. W. Taylor. I learn with regret there is much commotion north. The apostles are tracing down those who have entered pl. marriage since 1904 & even earlier. Elder H. S. Tanner has been disfellowshipped. Bro. Jno. W. Taylor is to appear tomorrow before the Twelve for an investigation. I am apprehensive of results for Jno. W. says he will not lie down and have indignities heaped on him. He had, last week, 3½ hrs. private interview with Pres. Smith. Bro. T. made some very severe charges against the work of the Apostles and their methods. He asked Pres. S. if he believed his father's revelation. Bro. S. said he did. He asked Pres. S. why he did not carry out its behest., etc. Things are transpiring just as I saw them. O Lord, preserve Thy people from their enemies and from internal strife which is coming thru what is going.

Trouble is now on thru the Petersons & Chamberlain teaching evolution & doubting the scriptures. It will cost them their standing it seems. Never since the days of the apostasy in Nauvoo has there been such a commotion & strife.

**Feb. 26, 1911, Beaver** Bro. Maeser, Durham and I blessed Eugene's baby. I was mouth and we gave it a very fine blessing. I hope she fulfills it. We named her Maurine.

I went to Beaver this afternoon as home missionary and spoke the entire time. I reviewed the 29 chap. of Isaiah showing that it set forth the religious condition of the world at the time the Bk. of M. came forth. It described the Scientific condition which were to follow; set forth the change in Lebanon and the changes in religious thought; also the attitude concerning the sanctity of the Holy One of Israel. I referred to the attitude taken by some of our L.D.S. Educators (Drs. Jos. & Henry Peterson, & Chamberlain) on the evolutionary thought. They feel that the Bible is unreliable in its miracles and visions, etc. They have tinctured a great many students. Their cases have been investigated by the apostles and these teachers will probably be removed from their places. I referred to the dream or vision God gave me while I was a student in Ann Arbor concerning the relation of Evolution to our gospel. To me that was one of the greatest visions or dreams of my life.

We held our scientific Society last Fri. night. Physical development was the discussion. After this we ad the students' ball. Our athletic boys went to Hinckley & played basket Ball. They were beaten 36 to 49.

Bro. Merrill & I met with Board on the farm account & other matters. Bro M. will not be with us next yr.

I told the Board of the things I had heard they were saying about me & the school, but they denied all, yet I feel they were out of harmony with me & told them so. They said that they felt I was not in sympathy with their handling of the brethren. I assured them I was not in sympathy with them in that work nor could I help sympathizing with those who were handled. They said they were & would continue to be in harmony with us.

The brain thinks and the nerves feel what the brain think. The testimony of the gospel is felt by every nerve hence the potency of a testimony for it is made conscious thru the entire nervous system. A testimony therefore of God is not alone in the brain but thru every living cell.

**Mar. 7 1911** (a letter to Pres. Jos. F. Smith)

Dear Pres Smith:

For several weeks I have been impressed to write you a line. Shall I say of comfort? Knowing the load you are carrying and realizing the cruel and unmerited censure you have borne for the people's sake and for the cause of Christ, I felt I could not hold ray peace longer without telling you that I admired you for your courage and that my heart ached for you due to the pernicious invectives hurled at our beloved president.

You have carried the burdens of the people, and now stand, as it were, in the pass of Thermopylae, bearing the brunt of a nation's false criticism. The enemy within our borders and those without, have singled you out as a mark of the cruelest denunciations. Not satisfied with the bitterness of speech, they have resorted to the meanest of cartoons that head and hand could invent until I feel inclined to believe you fill the description given in III Nephi 20: 43, 44.

Blessings be with you that you may rejoice in spite of your prophet-burdens. Small men have small trials, but great men carry with composure, a nation's troubles. Such a legacy seems concomitant to those whom God calls to lead.

Heaven's revelations upon you is my daily prayer.

Your brother.

Visited Panguitch & spoke twice. See clippings for comments.

**Apr. 13, Beaver** I am neglecting my journal due to carelessness and rush of business.

Spoke at Greenville, also in Minersville. Bro Chamberlain was with me at Greenville but in Minersville I had Br. Jno. Batty as my companion. We went as home missionaries.

Since last writing I have permanently resigned from the Murdock Academy. I feel I have some under-handed traitors who have been working against me. I can't find out who it is only thru half inference. It seems that it is Bro. R. Maeser. He did the same thing with Bro. A.B. Anderson the former Prin. Since he has learned I have resigned he has applied for Principalship but it will never be granted to him. I am sorry to say this of him but he is a very narrow & selfish man. Yet he is a good man. If he had been an energetic man as well as public spirited, he could have received many positions, but for the lack of these qualifications he has never been intrusted with high positions for years. The fact has made him somewhat envious of others. He is one of the few men living who has no praises for his father, K.G. Maeser. I have tried to show Bro R. some special favors; but if I am rightly informed he has shown ingratitude. I got him a furlough for one yr., to go off on half pay. Just before he left for his study last yr., in Wisconsin Uni. I raised his salary so he could get more while off on furlough. Now that I have written this I am half shamed to be a recorder of any one's weaknesses. I came here much against my will so I have no regrets for leaving only for the fact that the new building is not finished. I am very anxious to go and study again so I think it best to take a permanent leave of absence. Still had I not desired to go & study again, I should not have resigned. I have received a scholarship in the Uni. of Chicago. I may go there next yr. instead of Columbia Uni.

I have received an answer from my letter to Pres. Jos. F. Smith. It came the 3rd day after I wrote my letter. It is as follows:

Prof. J.E. Hickman, Mar. 9, 1911  
Beaver, Ut.

My Dear Brother Hickman:

Your favor of the 7th inst. has just reached me, and the reading of it has given me a great deal of pleasure for the reason that it conveys to me sentiments so kindly and so at variance with the vicious things that are being published about me of late broadcast through out the land, that it is really refreshing and comforting, indeed, to hear from a friend.

I thank you for your kindness & I pray that the Lord will ever bless you for it.

With kindest regards, I am,  
Your brother,  
Joseph F. Smith  
(For original letter see journal of clippings)

I attended conference in S. L. Apr. 6 to 10. The instructions were very good and spirited. Pres. Smith read a number of statistics showing the birth rate, death rate & etc. 38 out of 1000 were born last yr. 9 out of 1000 died last yr. This is the greatest birth rate in world & smallest death

rate. We have 62 states & 696 wards. There were 15,902 baptisms in Zion last yr. By referring to the pamphlet of this conference the entire statistics may be gotten.

The First Presidency had an other proclamation read before the conference reviewing the history of the manifest. The article said that members of the church would be handled if found breaking the laws of the land on this tho the church would not handle me from hearsay, but they would demand at least legal evidence before trying an offender. While at conference I took dinner with Apostle Whitney. He also took dinner with me at café.

I had an interview with Fred Pack of the U. of U. on my article, *The Deluge*. He set forth some very strong reasons why my theory was unreliable or at least could not be possible from what we know of Science at the present time.

I met Mrs. A .E. Pryor in S. L. She is on her way to Fredonia, Ariz. to settle up with her brother concerning her sheep. She went to Benjamin with me to see my mother. Ma is well. I saw Laura & Charlie. He is doing well financially.

Our local Board did not see their way clear to accept my plan for raising the remainder of the means to finish the new building when they met in S. L.

I do not believe that our brethren who are in Pl. marriage will be handled in the future as they have been the last year. Dr. McGregor has come from Old Mexico. He and his wife came & took dinner with us today at the kitchen. He is to return to Old Mex. in a few days.

School holds up well. I am reading a little German & Fr. also considerable magazine material. I arr. also reading Scott's Social Education.

**Apr. 30, 1911, Beaver** As usual too busy to write. The Board have accepted my resignation and have said some very complimentary things of me and my work, saying that I had accomplished much in my stay here in the way of developing school, improving buildings, and in completing the new building as far as it is. They said that no matter who follows me if he does more he must have greater power to do for my work was all that could be expected. They spoke very flatteringly of my gifts & talents, etc. They asked if there was differences between us that they should not mar our friendship for each was trying in his own way to do that which he thought best.

We had our conference here Apr. 22 & 23. Apostles Geo. Richards & Jos. F. Smith Jr. were with us. It was a very good conference. I spoke Sun. afternoon following up the predominating theme—the prohibition question & the coming election on June 27.

We had an athletic contest with the Snow Ac. yesterday. We made 92 & they made 4 points. Our boys broke three state records (Hammer throw 146 ft. 6½ in. & 220 yds. in 23 3/5 sec. & Shotput 45 ft 6½ in.) They could have done better in some events had they been crowded. It cost the school \$103.00 to get the team here.



Our students, under direction of Bro. Maeser, have given a number of plays. They have just returned from Parowan & Cedar. They were quite successful. We re-whitewashed the M last Fri. It looks fine.

Last Fri. afternoon Bro. McQuarrie & I went to Greenville to get a skeleton that had been found. The creek had washed its banks to that the head was exposed. It proved to be an old squaw. Perhaps she had been there hundreds of years. Her teeth were worn almost away showing age. There was buried with her a bone awl. It was as sharp as the day of burial & as hard as ivory. Her bones were in a state of decay. Her grinding mill, consisting two stones, was buried with her. The skeleton was given to the school by Orson Blackner.

I spoke to day in Beaver by special request on the 300 anniversary of the King James Translation of the Bible. I knew comparatively little of the history of the Bible until I made a special reading on the subject. We held special services here at the School this evening at which Sister Hettie White, Bro. Durham & myself spoke.

Have recd. an excellent letter from Dee. I sent him this last week \$10.00. I went out to New Castle (Indian Creek) and spoke on the External Evidences of Bk. of M. two weeks ago yesterday.

Severely censured two girls in my Theology last week. They had tried the patience of all their teachers & were doing much the same in my class.

Leon has returned home & is studying in the Academy trying to pass off the two history courses. If he succeeds he will most likely have enough credits to graduate from the 4 yr Normal course especially if he passed off Astronomy & Geology which he has been studying.

**May 10, 1911. Beaver** It is Thurs. just after dinner and I feel like making peace with the world. All is well at home today. Thorval took very ill Mon. night & Tues. with a very high fever. I administered to him aided by his mother. He was better in a few minutes & got up & went to playing.

Recd. a letter from Dee last week. He relates a very phenomena case of healing of an outsider's child (who/which) could not be healed by doctors and seemed to lie dying. Thru fasting and prayer the child was raised from its precarious condition to almost health a very short time. I suppose his journal will record the particulars of the healing.

I went last Fri. to Parowan to deliver a lecture Levon went with me. He had a very nice time. Fri night I spoke on "The Brain & Its Growth". Sat. I read & worked with Adams' family to get them to Endow the Wood work dept. They will let me know in about 2 weeks.

Sat, afternoon Bp. Michell went with me to Paragoonah where I lectured on "The Temptation of Christ". We stayed with Bro. Richard Lund & wife. Sun. morning we returned to Parowan. By special request I discussed "The Emotion" with the Parents' & Theological classes for an hr. In the afternoon, I took the entire time during the meeting. This was due to the request of Bp.rick.

I spoke upon the meaning of the Sacrament. I analyzed the meaning of the prayer showing that it was not only supplication but included a covenant which was very sacred. I showed that no one could knowingly fail to keep God's entire law without violating the covenant made at the Sacrament table. Sun. night I discussed the External Evidences of the Bk. of 24.

I stayed at Pres. Morsden & Bp. Michell's places. I took dinner with Ada McGregor & father McGregor & family. While there he gave me a patriarchal blessing which I here record.

A Patriarchal blessing on the head of Josiah Edwin Hickman given by Wm C. McGregor May 7, 1911.

My dear brother Josiah Edwin Hickman, by the authority of the Holy Priesthood which I hold as a patriarch in the Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S. I lay my hands upon your head to confer a patriarchal or father's blessing. Dear brother Josiah Edwin Hickman, you are great in the Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S. and as time rolls on you shall become greater and your fame shall spread throughout the whole Church as a teacher in Israel and not only in the Church but throughout the whole country, and you will be a mighty power for good and for the building up of the Church of Jesus Christ upon the earth. You shall be known as one who can be depended upon as one of the safe guides of the L.D.S. You will be wise in council; wise & valiant for the defense of truth and no power of evil that lifts its puny arm against you shall be successful in bringing you any ill; and you will have joy in your labors in the Church and out of the church among the children of men, and no power shall stay your hand. The angels of God will have charge concerning you and you feet will be guided all your days in the way of truth and righteousness, and you will have great joy in your work.

Dear brother Hickman, the Lord loves you because of the integrity of you heart; the Saints love you and you will rise to eminence in the Kingdom of God. You are the blood of Ephraim and you will do a great work upon the earth and you shall be prospered in all your ways and the Lord will be with you to the end of your days. You are a great spirit sent from the eternal worlds you are a stalwart and a bulwark to the L.D.S. and this blessing will continue with you in time and eternity.

Be comforted by dear brother, in your heart, rejoice in the Lord continually, and these blessings with many others will be sure unto you through faithfulness. Be faithful unto the end and God will be with you through time and eternity for I seal these blessing upon your noble head by the authority of the Holy priesthood in me invested and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The contest between our Academy and the Branch Normal begins tomorrow Fri. and is finished on Sat. afternoon. We expect to win in the field & track events.

**May 15, 1911, Beaver** We had the meet Fri & Sat. On Fri we played ball & were beaten 3 to 13. This was a side issue the main event was the field track events. We beat Cedar (the Branch Normal) 84 to 24. It was an awful defeat. Our men made splendid records, breaking state

records in hammer throw 147½ ft & shot put 43 ¾ ft. also in 220 yd. hurdle (27 1/5 sec); 100 yd 10 1/5 sec.

At the two day's events & balls at night we cleared between \$325.00 and \$330.00. The citizens of Beaver donated a little over \$100.00 to the occasion. We paid all expenses & came out over \$200 to the good.

We had a splendid exhibit of the wood, iron, domestic art & dom. economy, it is the best, take it all in all, we ever produced and is so acknowledged by observers . I have examined different exhibits from H. schools Academies & Universities but it equals them all. Taking the two day's tournament & display crowns the event the greatest in the history of the school.

Bro. Durham & I aided by Bro. Ernest Hancock, blessed Ernest's baby. She was named Edith. I was mouth in the blessing.

Our S. School was not very well attended yesterday due to the tournament & Sat night ball. There were only about 20 present.

I spoke in East ward last night by request on the Prohibition question.

I wrote to Ma last Thurs. so she could receive on Mother's day' (Sun. May 14).

I learn the students & teachers are petitioning the board to retain me & hold inducements to make it worth my while to stay also that the board permit me to go off on furlough for yr. as per my desire.

**June 11, 1911, Benjamin, Ut.** Back to my old home where I spent my (childhood days and my youth until 18 yrs of age. It was here where I lived an uneventful life with dreary tasks for such they were, due to the lack of inspiration in my labor. For 8 yrs. I herded cows in summer and at odd times aided on farm. My herding led me into lonely fields and uninhabited stretches of country where desolation and primeval conditions reigned. My occupation added to my uninspired condition, produced a most perfect state of stupidity and childlike folly. I longed for another life tho nameless then to me. I was an unsatisfied dreamer of some uninterpreted life. My soul longed but my brain could not understand. I felt but could not name that which I lacked, I longed but could not describe my wordless hopings. I felt I was drained & held from seeing some waiting life and mission. To satisfy this longing & unrest I rode the wildest & meanest of horses & wild cattle. I hunted wild game & when the chase was over my ever recurring unrest returned. I cut trees, cord wood, mining camp, worked on rail roads but my soul hungered for some situation, some inexperienced vocation—a speechless pleading for an endowment then unknown perhaps in part, still unknown. My soul seemed to come to its own when I left the northern part of Montana and went to the B.Y. Academy. Since that day (1882) I have longed & struggled for more of that which the school offered and I am still hungry for intellectual food and cultured purity which finds its highest expression in noble manhood.

I have been to S.L. and attended the church school convention. The convention was fairly profitable. I had a good visit with friends &

Francis. I stayed two nights with Pres. Willard Young and 2 nights at Sister Palmers. Visited Sister Lawisch at Provo.

Have not succeeded in raising money to pay my debts. I hope I can a little later.

Have had a good visit here since night before last. I spoke here in meeting yesterday on the Prohibition question.

Spoke on prohibition in Beaver & Milford the previous Sun. That same day Martha and I took dinner with Geo. C. Murdock and family at 1 P.M. Attended meeting & spoke at 2 P.M. meeting and then took the auto for Milford where I spoke on prohibition. Unless some new assistance goes to Milford it looks as tho they will lose out in the coming election (June 27). I am to go again before election and speak on the street.

A great effort all over the state is being made to secure prohibition.

While in S.L. I stayed two nights at Pres. Willard Young. He has a beautiful & lives very luxuriously. He is one of the few of Pres. Brigham Young's family who are loyal to the church.

I stopped with Sister Palmer two nights while in S.L. (I see that I recorded this above.)

I had a long talk with Supt. Cummings and made a brief report of work done during the last four years in the Murdock Ac. He told me that when I returned from the East he had a position for me at the head of one of the big schools of the state. He also said that there was but one more man in the church schools who was equal to me in handling the young people and in moral uplift and persuasion. He was very profuse in his commendations. I write this for those who are yet to read these pages. I learn various leading men are claiming that I am the one to stand at head of the church school system. I do not want such a position I prefer to work directly with the young. I have prayed for years for power to lift up the youth of Zion as no other person had ever succeeded in doing. Surely He has blessed me much in this line. I wish I could write the many heartfelt things said to me by those whom I have inspired. One young man (who has Indian blood in his veins) said to me this spring, "You never will know the gratitude I feel for what you have done for me. I do not know what would have become of me had it not been for you clinging to me." When he came to us last fall he could scarcely read or write, he was a tobacco & liquor fiend also profane. He leaves us this spring free from all his former bad habits. He has a strong desire to be a good man and yet to be intelligent enough to carry the Gospel to the world.

While in S.L. Dr. Alma Erickson who has just taken out his J.D. (Doctor of Jurisprudence) from the Berckley Uni. Calif., told me the following. "Prof. Hickman after you left the Oneida Stake Ac. my brother & I planted a tree underneath which we placed a bottle hermetically sealed with glass stopper and in the bottle we placed the following: "The inspiration of our lives (meaning

his brother E. E. Erickson) is due to Prof. J.E. Hickman, and all that we attain to will be thru the influence this teacher.” His brother is completing the work for his Ph.D. in the Uni. of Chicago and is to follow me here as Prin. of the Murdock Academy.

E. E. Erickson put his arms about me while I was in S.L. last summer in presence of some of my friends and said, “All that I am and all I hope to be I owe to this man.”

Now reader I have told you this that you may get a glimpse into a phase of my life which is & has been more or less hidden to those who have read my Journal. I relate these excerpts which may stand as an index of the appreciation which is often given directly or indirectly to me. When the Academy closed this spring and the students came to bid me good by many cried like children for sorrow & gratitude. Some hung to me and with sobbing voices and streaming eyes said that I had changed their life’s ideals and that my life had been a light and an inspiration to them.

I feel the Lord has been with me and for which I thank Him daily for such gratitude, but it (this gratitude) fills my soul with humiliation and deep appreciation and reverential awe to God.

If you will read one of my patriarchal blessings you may see that one patriarch (J.D. Smith) said that I was chosen before I was born to be a teacher in Zion. I wish to give my life for Zion’s cause. I live not for wealth nor personal pleasure only as it may come thru uplifting of others. If the Lord will bless me with power to do that which I should like to do then my name shall live until my entire lineage is dead.

I hope my Father shall let my future life be so pure and great that I may be an inspiration to those yet unborn.

**June 14, 1911, Beaver.** The students petitioned Supt. Cummings and Gen. Board of Education asking that they would ask me to return to the Academy. The petition asked that if I desired to go for a year that I be permitted to go but return again as Prin. The petition was a very strong one.

At our commencement exercises O.S. White arose and moved that it be the will of the audience that I withdraw my resignation and remain with the school. It was a unanimous vote. I told them that I appreciated their kindness and did not desire to be recreant to their wishes yet I could not see my way clear to return.

Ex President White said that he felt that the people could afford to give me half salary to go off for a yr. if I would return. He desires to get up a petition from the citizens asking the Pres, of the church to call me to return.

Othello and Leon are studying this summer in the U. of U.

Eugene is herding sheep for his father-in-law at Cannonville; Georgie is out at Fern’s working this summer. Levon is at Benjamin with my mother.

Here is a very beautiful poem which I copied while in S. L.

TO MY SON

Do you know that your soul is of my soul, such part,  
That you seem to be fibre and core of my heart?  
None other can pain me as you, dear, can do;  
None other can please me or praise me as you.

Remember the world will be quick with its blame,  
If shadow or stain ever darken your name,  
Like mother like son is a saying so true,  
The world will judge largely of Mother by you.

Be yours then the task, if task it should be,  
To force the proud world to do homage to me  
Be sure it will say when its verdict you've won,  
She reaped as she sowed, Lo! this is her Son.

Margaret Johnston Graflin

Sister Pryor came and visited us during commencement week.

The Board & Faculty had a reception for Martha and me. They gave me a fine gold watch fob & charm. It cost \$16.50 but I have lost the charm already. Many pleasant things were said as an appreciation of my work.

Pres. Tolton related a vision or dream he had concerning me and my power in defense of Jesus Christ, etc. It has worried him for he can't fully tell the entire meaning. I think he was shown the vision because he hasn't fully understood me and the Lord showed him this that he may know my worth and valiancy in Zion's defense, etc.

The graduating students made me a present of a fine dressing case including razor, soap, comb, brushes, etc., etc.

Apr. 14, 1911

Dear Brother:

During the recent meeting of the Board of the Murdock Ac. held in S. L. City, the writer was instructed to officially notify you that your Resignation as Principal was accepted, the same to take effect on June 30, 1911; & further to you the due appreciation of the Board for your indefatigable labors during the past four years of your employment as Prin. of said school. Viewing your untiring labors from a distance, it is difficult to enter into the spirit of your work, or to give due credit for all the good you have accomplished in the interest of the youth of Zion in planting in their hearts the spirit of faith, and in pointing to them the way to Eternal life.

Seeds that sink in rich brown must bear their respective fruits in times to come. Some of these fruits have become manifest to you already in the great number of young men who have filled, or are now filling missions to the world, as an outgrowth of the work & teachings received at your hands. In time to come, if not already here, these & other young people will rise up and call your name blessed for your efforts; we remember with gratitude what you have done in a material way in the building up of our school. In this connection permit me to mention the means obtained thru your personal efforts & influence with the Gen. Board, & the expending of said means in the renovating of buildings & in making the more habitable for the comfort of the patrons of the school. And last but not least in the commencement of the new Building now under course of construction. Had you been able to complete this structure during the period of your service, it would have been & ever remain a Monument to your memory that time could not efface. As it is, you shall in no wise lose your reward for labors performed.

We do not know who will succeed you in the position you now occupy, but we feel safe in saying that should he be enabled to accomplish a greater work than you have done, it will be because he has greater power to do good, rather than a greater desire.

In concluding this already extended response, permit us to say, that what ever differences have existed between us in the past have been due to misunderstandings of the motives of each other. We feel that we have been working to a common purpose. Our methods of reaching that goal & attending the object of our labors has been the cause of our differences. These little differences should not sever the ties of Brotherly love & regard we should have for each other. Your loyalty to the Truth has never been questioned; your power to explain & defend the same, are among the great gifts with which Cod has endowed you. May you ever be regarded as a Defender of the Faith, a pillar of strength to modern Israel.

On our part we wish you every success in your chosen profession, & assure you that we are not ungrateful for what you have done in the interest of the Murdock Academy which we have the honor to represent.

In behalf of the Board Your brother,  
J. F. Toltin, Pres.

**June 24, 1911 Beaver** It is now but one more week before my term of office is over. These four years have been a happy four years in spite of my sorrow in coming here. There has been much to do and the Lord has aided me in doing it. I regret that the building was not finished before I left. I succeeded in getting it up to the 3rd story & steel for the roof here on the grounds. The building will cost nearly \$100,000.00 before it is finished. I am pleased that it is as near finished as it is. As the of what I have succeeded in doing the last 4 yrs will say: I succeeded in getting from the church and else where nearly \$8000.00 to fix up & improve the buildings already on the ground. The buildings are re-porched, repainted, some of them re-floored, re-plastered & some re-wooded thru out. We put in water works of over a mile, put hard wood floor in gym, put in chemistry dept, doubled apparatus in physics dept, increased apparatus in Dom. Science dept, Dom. art dept, wood work; \$200.00 in board instruments, a new grand piano, fixed up rest room for young ladies at a cost of \$60.00 and for all this improvement in laboratories, etc. have been done with scarcely a dollar's expense to the church.

I succeeded in getting two departments endowed—the Dom. Science by Sister C. Dirissa Shepherd and the Chemistry dept. by the Alumni Society. I have been trying hard to get the other dept's endowed but so far have not succeeded.

My toil has been unselfish in every way. With all the material improvements there has been a great educational improvement and a moral & spiritual inspiration. I have held to young men when all seemed lost but by the help of the Lord I saw them redeemed and filled with gratitude for what was done for them. Many of those wayward are now on missions or have been. A mother came to me the other evening with heartfelt gratitude for what I had done for her wayward son. She said I had had more influence with him than any other living person. She said: "Bro. Hickman, I have prayed often that God would bless you for what you have done for my son."

I sincerely feel that if the Lord has blessed me with one thing more than another it has been in changing the lives of wayward young men and there are lots of them in southern Utah. I have a love from my students that has been divine. I am reserving all my theology students' last examination papers. The questions they were to answer were: How they liked the Bk. of M? What portions they liked best? What it had done for them etc. The papers not only answered these questions in a way that would almost bring tears of gratitude to see the loving spirit manifest and the spiritual awaking, but they (many) expressed their personal gratitude to me for what I had done for them. It is a great psychological study to read the papers. Surely the educational ideals of the world are wrong. The ideals of our church schools are the only ones that redeem & awaken 90% or more to a higher, purer & more beautiful life. Myself and teachers have been extremely fortunate in awakening this holier life in our students. How many times I have gone alone and poured out my whole soul in gratitude and in asking for power to life-up the young that came to us.

I have censured, loved, plead with & wept with and prayed with many and feel that our methods have been God's methods for His spirit was with us. I loved them in spite of weaknesses and sinful conduct. In the four years there were only four we let go (sent away) before they became ours.

I shall leave there full of blessings for this school and the people. Most of our students were beautiful and were vibrantly susceptible to the spirit of God and the teachings of this school.

I like the following: "Ideals are like the stars: you will not succeed by touching them with your hands, but like the seafaring man on the desert of water you chase them as your guide; & following them, you reach your destiny."

The greatest asset to the race is not he who is ever struggle against weaknesses (tho he ever succeeds) but he who has so improved his nature that he has no temptations to beset his daily life.



Lectured on prohibition in Beaver a week ago today and I believe, convinced my hearers that prohibition is the only thing for the people. The hearers were very expressive in their appreciation of what was said.

Since then I have listened to three splendid addresses on the same subject.

Wrote to Francis, Othello & Leon. Send the boys \$10.00 for spending money.

Georgie has gone to grandma's at Benjamin to aid her with her chickens. She wants him to take them & share profits.

We had S. School here today.

I finished last night at about 1:45 A.M. a simple work in German entitled "Gluck Auf."

We had this last week two sociables for Sherwin Maeser who left today for Swiss & German mission. He is a fine young man--sweet spirited and talented.

I think I have succeeded now in borrowing \$600.00 with my home as security.

Leon has a position to teach at Overton, Nev. for 8 months at \$100.00 a month.

I have recd. a letter from Dee. He is doing fine in his work. He had baptized 4 converts—two were big chiefs and it had caused considerable uproar from the outsiders.

We are all well at home; the two babies (Thorval & Kyrmel) are very cute & interesting in their Childish ways. Thorval can now talk a little.

Apostle Whitney wrote me last Thurs. to meet him at Parowan & attend conference there, but I failed to get the word. The letter came but was lost before I got home with it & even before it was opened so did not know its contents. I was phoned for this morning by Pres. Morsden to see if I could get there for tonight but it was impossible for me to go.

I challenged the Anti-prohibitionists for a debate to take place Mon. night on the burning question of prohibition but it was not accepted.

**July 5, 1911 Beaver** Since last writing have finished Roberts' last article on Church Hist. Published in the American, N.Y. Undoubtedly he is the most succinct & convincing writer we have in the church. He is writing the entire church history & it is being published in serial numbers in the above magazine.

I have recd. another letter from Dee. It is a splendid letter. He has baptized 19 converts since he has been on his mission. He has built a meeting house almost entirely alone and the president of mission compliments him highly for his work. Instead of changing him to another field of labor he (Pres.) left Dee in the same village with instruction to convert the remainder of the village.

I have started to read Ehlinghaus' Psychology in German. It is extremely hard for me.

I was the orator for the 4 of July. My speech received many comments of appreciation. For newspaper comments see Journal of clippings.

We held the meeting in the Opera house. It was crowded to its utmost. Milford joined us in the celebration. The program was very good thruout. In after noon there were ball games between Beaver & Milford teams, dance for children, also other amusements.

Dr. McGregor has returned from Mexico. He intends remaining here and practicing. He has left his farm in care of hired help. I sent Othello & Leon \$25.00 more Mon.

Leon writes and desires to get married to Zella Tanner in Sept. She is a model girl with ability in Music & education in general.<sup>22</sup>

Reginald is working for J. F. Jones on the farm. He gets \$1.00 a day and his board.

We went to a reception for Mrs. Rawlins who with her husband have sold out & are going to Bountiful.

**July 11, 1911, Beaver.** I have been leading a very quiet and uneventful life since last writing. I have been hammering away at Ehlinghaus' Psyc. trying to translate it into English. It is very hard for me. I only get over a page in several hrs. hard work. I hope that I can read considerable faster as I get acquainted with the new vocabulary of Scientific German. I read a little in the P. of Great Price from the German edition. It is very easy compared with Sc. German.

Have recd. letters from Othello & Georgie. Levon<sup>23</sup> is not doing as I desired him so have sent for him to return home.

We are all well at home and peace reigns. I sat up until nearly 2 a.m. this morning studying German. I often am up till after 11 & 1 a.m. I am asking the Lord to give me the gift of language for unless he does I will not be able to do my work in German & Fr. Languages are very hard for me and have been a source of much work & discouragement. Some things are & seem to have been an open bk. to me from the first I began to study them. e.g. Science, Psyc. & Ed, etc. specially Ast. Physiology, Geology, Elocution & oratory have been very natural for me. I have taught all the above subjects with considerable success. I have sometimes thought oratory & Ast. were given me as special gifts. For from the first the truth of these subjects seemed to weld up within me rather than come from without.

The study of morality, Ethics & Religion have been inspirational themes from my youth. The longer I live the more I feel to turn my attention & life's work toward the development of the human mind & reforming of the human character. I believe I came to this earth for the study &

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<sup>22</sup> Apparently the engagement didn't work out. Zella Tanner married Robert Hatch in 1914.

<sup>23</sup> Levon is fourteen years old.

teaching of psychology. For the first that I ever saw the title of Psychology on the back of a bk. a wonderful inspiration took hold of me & I could hardly wait until I could get far enough along to study it. It has always been an inspiration for me to follow it.

Some writer has said that: "I know of no surer index of a man's greatness than the measure of inspiration imparted by him." I want to be measured by this standard. It is a great and divine standard of measurement.

Have worked some in garden, chopped wood, milked cow, fed chickens, etc.

Valko & Radino have becoming much excited over their ability to catch silver-sides & small trout with bended pins for hooks.

**July 28, 1911, Beaver.** Since last writing we have had quarterly conference. Bros. Heber J. Grant & Junius F. Wells were the visiting brethren. I enjoyed the conference very well.

I was asked to deliver the oration at Wellsville, Cache co. The committee wrote me on July 17, but it did not reach me until Sat. evening July 22. I answered with telegram that letter had just arrived but would come if they still desired me. A reply came Sun. morning to come immediately for they were waiting for me. I took evening train or should have done but the train (flier) came at 2 a.m. The conductor said we should arrive about 7 or 7:30 A.M. but we did not get in S. L. until 8:40 A.M. That was 40 minutes too late for me to catch the Cache Valley train. I phoned the chairman of the committee (Thos. Branchley) that I was left in S. L. He, like myself was much disappointed but the only thing for me to do was to return home.

I remained in S. L. two days doing business concerning the "cooker." I have gotten B.F. Grant & Co. to take hold of it. He does so for 50% of the Cooker. If capitalized, I, like himself, am to put 25% of our stock into the treasury (or such part as needed) for sale to promote same. But our later thought is not to capitalize but to get the money by taking in a few moneyed men or raise the money from some bank to promote the scheme. He is sure he can get the money to do the work with. He to send the patterns east to get the model made. He is so busy at present in promoting the Stirrit pump that he can't give any personal attention to the cooker (save to send patterns off & have model made) until 2 or 3 months, but after that he can give the Cooker his personal attention. I am very much in hopes that the Cooker will be a go this time. B. F. Grant is to try & get me \$600.00 or \$800.00 as a gift or premium for the 50% the Cooker which I give Grant. He said that he would not promise absolutely that he would get it but he would try his best to do so.

I had a long walk & talk with Apostle Whitney. I took dinner with him. He told me something new in the turn of affairs concerning those who have entered pl. marriage since the manifesto. It was a comfort to me and just what I have been looking for. I pray our liberation shall continue.

I went to Provo, visited Sister Lawisch & Josephine's family. Fred is better.

I got a loan at least the promise of one, for \$600.00 or \$500 from Jos. A. Berry thru giving my home as mortgage.

I went home & visited Ma & folks. Got home this morning & all are well.

**Aug. 21, 1911 Beaver.** Got the \$550.00 loan from Berry. Paid most of my debts here. Will owe some when I leave.

Prof. E. E. Erickson has come. I spent considerable time with him explaining matters pertaining to school affairs. I have done virtually nothing at German since Aug. 17 due to aiding him & straightening up other matters.

We will leave here in about 10 days for Provo.

Bro. McQuarrie has returned from his 4 wks. trip trying to raise money for the new building but has had no success. He says that the prospects for students are slim. I regret the situation for I was in hopes the building would be started up & that a large attendance would be had for this yr. Prof. Erickson is full of energy and I believe will make a success here. He is a brilliant young man of 29 or 30 yrs. of age. He has been one of my former students. He proclaims publicly & privately that I am & have been the inspiration of his life. If I have been in the least, an inspiration to his life also his brothers then I am reverently grateful. I went with Bro. E. to Greenville a wk. ago last Sun. evening and talked on Education. I was invited back to give a lecture on the waywardness of adolescence last Fri. night. Martha went with me. After the meeting the entire ward had prepared a picnic & social for me. We held forth until 1 A.M. It was a very pleasant affair. Many kind things were said during the evening. Kind words of appreciation for what I had done; deep words of sympathy & regrets for my leaving were said. I am not unmindful of such friendship, indeed, I appreciate it.

By special request I spoke in the East ward yesterday (Sun.) on "Loyalty." I am asked to speak to the Parents' class next Sun. in the same ward.

Have I said else where that my article on "How to Reach the Individual Student." was published in the June no. of the Educational Magazine Education.

Othello went to Hinckley to work. He has a school in this Co. at Smyths for \$76.00 a month.

Leon has a position at Overton, Nev. for \$100.00 a month. I am pleased for these prospects.

Martha & I got us new sets of teeth last wk. for \$36.00 for both sets.

I have recd. letters from Eugene, Georgie & Othello since last writing.

Bro. Davis lost his second wife about 2 wks ago. I wrote him a nice letter of condolence.

Eugene is reading hard while with his sheep. Georgie ever full of ambition is studying & completing some good bks. He has also taken up French with his aunt Laura.

I went two nights to hear Robt. Cunningham the Houdini of the west. He is undoubtedly the cleverest performer I ever saw. His trunk act, handcuff fete, & jail breaking are wonderful. He extended "comps" to myself & family.

Leon & Reginald are working now.

Have been considerably of late the recent magazines viz. Era, McClures, Cosmopolitan, Popular Sc. Monthly etc.

**Sept 30, 1911 New York.** Back to University life. I am as happy as a school boy. I almost felt like hugging my professors when I met them.

Let me say here that we moved to Provo Sept. 2 & settled again before I came here. The last week or ten days before we (family) left Beaver we were shown many courtesies by the people. Greenville banqueted myself & wife, and a few days later Beaver did likewise. My wife & I were shown great respect at the social & banquet. Many flattering things were said of us & our work. It was said by the speakers that never had been a man or did they ever expect a man to come who would do for the community what I had done for them not only in school work but in a public way. Martha & I were banqueted by a number of friends during the last wk. we were in Beaver. We all left in the auto Fri. afternoon Sept. 2. It was like a funeral as we left the ground, to see our friends men, women, & children in tears.

I do not regret going to Beaver for there was much to do and a great awakening to be made & by the help of the Lord we did considerable of it. But now it is over with I am supremely happy that it is thru with.

I left for N.Y. Sept. 21. I had gotten as far as S. L. on my way & due to not getting rates as I expected & the sickness of dear little Thorval I returned to Provo & stayed there 24 hrs. longer. When I reached home little Thorval was much worse. He had gastritis & I think a touch of peritonitis and bladder trouble. He was in a frightful condition. He had not passed water for 3½ days & was frightfully enlarge & in great agony. We administered to him several times & I mentally wrestled with the Lord until 2 A.M. before the change came & when it did come it came in an hr. water came from him perhaps a qt. or more and all other conditions were checked & the next morning he was well or nearly so. I thanked the Lord over & over again for hearing our prayers. I left home much relieved in spirit & with a feeling of confidence & contentment.

I had a nice trip here. It took me 4 days & nights. I got here the evening of Sep. 25. I have two rooms at 501 W. 123 St. with A. Unterwieter the janitor of this large building. I pay \$2.00 a wk for two furnished rooms. I suppose it is the cheapest place in all N.Y. The rooms are clean & comfortably furnished.

I am working night & day mostly upon German until I can pass it off. I passed off French for my doctor's degree last Tuesday under Dr. Cohn the lead professor of Fr. in this University. He opened a magazine & asked me to read two pages. He gave me some little time to look it over. I read it off easily but made a mistake or two on the prep. & tense of one verb. I really felt the Lord had surely heard my prayers for I had prepared hardly two weeks for the examination but I am very much concerned over my German as it is frightfully hard for me—not the simple but the scientific Gr.

**Oct. 15 N.Y.** I am taking three courses in psychology one of which is a seminar where those taking the Dr's degrees report their thesis as well as the professors themselves. I am also taking two courses in Education under Drs. McMurry & Suzzallo in School Supervision & Social Education. These courses in psyc. are each 2 hrs. a wk.

I have been to meeting twice & spoke twice one was a testimony. I surely was filled with the spirit of God as well as the audience. Pres. Rich said it was the sweetest testimony it had been his privilege to listen to. I am reverentially grateful for such blessings. I spoke again last Sun. and I was again blessed & so were the two brethren that followed me (Young & Lewis). We have a very fine S.S. here also.

I have met sister Pryor & her daughter I have eaten supper there twice. I also met Sister Seymour & some of her children. Julia was nearly tickled to death to see me. She came over & brought me a bottle of her mother's preserves. Julia tells me that I have been an inspiration of her life & that my counsel five yrs. ago has been her guide. Sister Seymour & the entire family say their present prosperity is a literal fulfillment of a prediction I made to them four years ago when they were in very straightened conditions financially. I am also pleased for their sakes and also that the Lord inspired me to say what I did.

I learn president John Henry Smith died last Thurs. night. It cast a gloom upon this colony. I go to Brooklyn today to speak there and my speech is to be rather a memorial address.

Before coming here I got a blessing from brother J. G. Kimball. He plead with the Lord to protect me and bless me with power to do my work & get my degree. He asked the Lord to give me the gift of tongues in learning the Gr. & Fr. He asked that the professors be softened in their hearts toward me & that they discover that I am different from other men & that I am of God & that the students know & love me. He asked that I be successful in all my work. He asked that I be blessed financially & that my family have means given to them that they may not want. It was a good blessing. I hope to fulfill & receive all he asked for me. He blessed me when I came here before & every word came true.

I have fallen away 10 lbs. since coming here.

I have recd. letters from Othello, Fern, Laura, Georgie & Martha. Laura sent me \$55.00 & Geo. sent me \$5.00. They are all well at home for which I am very grateful. I have written Laura, Levon, Othello, Leon, Eugene, Martha, Bro. Durham & Miss Connell.

**Oct 22. New York, 501 W. 123 St.** I recd letters from Othello, Martha & Georgie. Georgie sent me \$5.00 (I see I recorded this on p. 122) I am so pleased to hear from them. The children & Martha have been sick but better again.

I have written to Martha, Georgie & Othello. Martha is much distressed over money affairs but I think it will be better soon.

I have been to dinner at Mrs. Pryors & last night to Mrs. Seymours. Her father is here & is ill.

I went to Brooklyn & spoke last Sun. It was a good meeting & the people were very expressive of their appreciation of what was said. I took supper at Bro. Knight's place. It was a nice place & a nice supper. Bros. Noyes & Farrer & I came back here at 8:15 P.M. We went over on the subway & right under East River but we came back over the river.

I attended meeting & S.S. today. They were very good.

I have worked quite hard this last week & most of time was put in on German. It is getting easier & that quite rapidly. Surely the Lord is helping me. I am praying daily & often hourly for His gift to aid me. I am keeping up pretty well with my reading for other classes.

I have read Dubberley's bk. in the Social Evolution in Education. Am reading Druey's "How We Study or How We Think. Also McMurry's How We Study.

I have had several talks with Mr. Cristlieb who is taking his Dr's degree this yr. on our religion. We study together nearly every night until 12 & 1 A.M. in the Schimirhorn bldg.

Have pd. my rent & milk bill.

I have heard Dr. Johansen lecture twice on Heredity. Animals & plants transmit their acquired characteristics to off spring in a definite law. Refer to his outlines for particulars in full.

Am performing an experiment for Mr. Mayers on "Incidental Memory."

**Oct 26 N.Y.** Have studied this wk. I feel a sense of brain fog at times. I take 6 to 7 hrs. sleep & most of the other time is put in study. About 6 or 8 hrs a day are put in studying German. However today I have done other things. I have been in classes 5 hrs. today. This is my heaviest day.

Attended Dr. Max Ferworn's lecture on "Life and Death." He is from (the) Bonn Uni. Germany. He is considered one of the greatest living authorities on the human body. He claims the cell is the cause of life & death. The body has no immortality. It is only the cell & that the reproductive cell & the way it is immortal is to transmit its specie. We have no immortal souls is his conclusion.

Have been too busy to think or reflect. I am taking a course in the psychology of association under Dr. Woodworth. It promises to be a splendid course. He is a very pleasant & beautiful character.

I have recd. a letter from Leon. He has been teaching in Overton, Nev. for about 4 weeks. He has to go to Las Vegas to pass exam Christmas holidays.

**Oct. 30 N.Y. (Mon. evening)** I worked very hard on German Fri & Sat. until I felt almost a brain fog. I felt good Sun. I attended S.S. & meeting. I was called upon to speak. I took the entire time 45 mm. My subject was the prophet Joseph Smith & the proofs of his claims. There was a large audience & very appreciative. I was wonderfully blessed with a free flow of succinct thought & language. I thank my father in heaven for he special gift.

I took dinner at Mrs. Pryors. To day I had two enjoyable classes with Drs. Suzzalo & McMurry. I also handed a short paper in on the aids & hindrances that a Supt. may give to a department teacher.

Wrote Dee a long letter last night. I also sent him an outline of a subject that he may work into one or two good sermons. Have not heard from home for nearly 2 wks.

Recd a letter today from Laura. She sent me five dollars (\$5.00) more. The Lord bless her.

I have met a Miss Nuritza Davidison here of N.Y. 318 W. 117 St. She is one of our converts with her parents. They were converted in Armenia. She translated the Bk. of M. she has written several grammars in her own language & was a teacher in her own country in a college there. She was only 17 when she translated the Bk. of M.

**Nov. 2, 1911, New York.** Have been hammering away at German & have gotten to p. 93 in Ehbingshaus' Psychology (Ahriss) . It is getting easier yet very hard for me.

We dismissed class in Psyc. to go & see review of the U.S. navy fleet. There were about 50 mans of war & about that number of destroyers, torpedoes & submarines making in all 102. They were lined up the Hudson River from 57 St. to 180th St. The Utah & Florida were the greatest dregnauts afloat. For several evenings they were brilliantly lighted up with over 100,000 electric lights. To day president Taft & staff reviewed the fleet from the Mayflower. It was a great sight & am inspiration to watch them as they shot blank cartridges--belching forth fire, smoke & thunder. It put in one the feeling of courage & battle. I spent about 4 hrs. to day watching the sights. It was a splendid sight to see them steam out of the river to the ocean.

The day will come when our fleet will be tested to its limit & most of the fleet destroyed. I shall most likely live to see the test.

Paid my rent bill up to Oct. 31 (\$4.00). Recd letter from Othello. No word from home. Wrote cards to Laura, Levon, Othello & Reginald.



Bought ½ cooked chicken from a Mrs. Cristlieb for 40 cents.

Attended the psyc. club tonight. We had a speaker who discussed what he was doing in trying to develop leadership amid the young in a physical, moral & religious way. Most of the men sat & smoked while the speaker delivered his address. We had beer, ginger ale & sarsaparilla. I drank ale & Sar. while most others drank beer.

The Salt Lake tabernacle choir is here giving a series of concerts here & else where. I will go to hear them to morrow night.

**Nov. 8 N.York** Have completed the experiment for Mr. Myers on incidental memory.

Visited the battle ship "Utah" in the Brooklyn Navy yards Mon. Nov. 5. I was at the function of delivering or presenting the silver service to that ship. The gift came from school children & citizens of Utah. I am told there are over 300 pieces & cost from \$10,000 to \$15,000. The exercises were from 11 A.M. to 12:30. We were all banqueted by the captain & officers of ship. It was really royal in every sense of the word. I suppose over 200 were at the banquet. The choir did not remain as they had an engagement. There were at the reception about 400 or 500 besides 900 sailors who belong to the vessel.

The vessel is in cased in 18 in. plate armor steel. She has on her guns from 3 in. to 12 in. & I believe one or two 14 in. yet not certain of this. The captain of the ship is Benton a man of no extraordinary appearance. In fact the common navy soldier is very ordinary looking & many bear the marks of disease & debauchery.

Recd. letter & card from Martha & one from my mother.

I recd \$18.00 from Eugene. He can't raise the \$75.00 yet, so I will borrow \$75.00 from the mission here & then write to get that amount at Commercial Bank at Provo & return it to mission here.

German is coming easier. Surely the Lord is blessing me.

**Nov. 19, 1911. New York.** Recd. letters from Othello & Martha, Francis, also letter from Laura & check for \$36.00. It is very kind of her to send me so much.

I have written letters to Eugene & Georgie also cards to Ellis Chamberlain & Huber C. Williams.

I took my exam in German Fri. & did poorly. I will know sometime this week if I got thru. I hardly think I will. I did not do my self justice at all. I became overly conscious of the situation when I was given two different pages in Ehrlinghaus' Psychology & finally to translate a page in writing from Shopenbauer' s Philosophy.

I attend theatre last night at the Walach theatre. The play was "Disraeli," the star was Mr. Geo Carliss. It was a most wonderful production of Disraeli this times.

I attended S.S. & meeting this afternoon, was well pleased & edified. Took supper with Mrs. Pryor & her daughter Montana nicknamed "Montie."

I am feeling better than I have been for more than a week. My back is better. I have fallen off about 20 lbs. since coming here. I now weigh 178 lbs.

Francis' little girl Hattie has had to undergo an other operation, this time in Provo hospital. The Drs. took out 3 in. of bone also removed marrow from her leg. She has been in a very critical position.

Francis has paid out over \$1000.00 in doctor bills in the last three yrs.

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**Nov. 22, 1911 New York.** Have been gathering data from various authors on the evils or effects of coffee & tobacco. I am to review most all that has been written upon the subjects of alcohol, tea, coffee, tobacco. I have read Crother's Morphem etc. also Dr. Sylicissi's Tobacco & Deleterious Effects.

I have on other lines Cubberley's "Changing Conceptions in Education (I reviewed it twice) & Thorndike's Individuality.

I am recording in the back of this bk. the bks. I have & am reading this year. As soon as I am thru a bk. I record it there.

Have received letters from Martha & Francis & Othello. Hattie is a little better. Lorea & Juanita are ill. Lorea was run over by a bicycle & badly hurt. The babies are well. Martha is worked very hard. She sent me \$75.00 with which I paid the \$75.00 I borrowed of Ben E. Rich some two weeks ago to pay money borrowed from Wm Knight.

My appetite is better & I am eating more & feeling better.

The Theological Seminary in Charleston, S.C. petitioned the Mayor not to permit the Tabernacle choir to sing in that city, but he paid no attention to their petition save to tell them he had no right to do so. President & Mrs. Taft invited the choir to sing for them at the White House—which they did & were highly complimented.

I have been asked to discuss my subject before the New York Branch of the American society of Psychology. I declined because I am too busy. I promised I would at one of their later sessions.

**Nov. 23, 1911 N.Y.** My graduation thesis for M.A. I find is bound in Thesis Volume No 7 Philosophy for 1908. The first page is missing. I shall have it put in. I find I am one of four Hickmans who have their names in the great Uni. Library of over a 1,00,000 Vols. as an author. One other of the four is Wm. Hickman, Brigham's Destroying Angel. It was mostly (if not all) written by Beade. So there are then three who have really written the productions bearing their names. The other Hickmans had written on agriculture & Stock raising. The Hickman race are

rather a race of fighters than of authors. O yes, one, Jno. Hickman, was a U.S. Representative & his speeches—two I believe were in the Library. We hear of the Hickmans on battle line from days of Revolution to the present.

I desire now to put a new Hickman race in the world thru the gift of my wives. I want history to eventually say: From Josiah Edwin Hickman there sprang a new line of thinkers & actors in the Hickman race and from & thru him a new force came into the world which proved to be a world power in enlightening and bettering the world. Blessed be the name of him and his wives for this new line of descendants.” May the historian with the psychologist go to show that my life was indicative of the new order in the Hickman lineage. The step was first taken thru my father and mother and enhanced by me and their other children.

**Dec. 4, 1911. N. York.** It is Mon. evening and I have just had supper of rice, bread & butter, milk & cream & sugar. I hardly ever eat meat. If I do it is when invited to eat at homes of friends. I took Thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. Pryor, her daughter, & Mrs. ----- who is a grand niece of Col. Cody (Buffalo Bill). I also took supper there last night by special request to help eat the turkey left over from Thurs. In addition to the above there were Mr. Rigby & Miss Weiler. After supper I went to M.I.A. I discussed the Modern idea of God both held by the L.D.S. & the Christian world. I also attended S.S. & testimony meeting in the afternoon. We have S.S. from 1:30 2:45 P.M. & meeting from 3-4:30 P.M. M.I.A. 8 P.M. The S.S. & meeting are held at Hawthorn Hall 151 W. 125 St. The M.I.A. is held at the Mission home at 33 W. 126 St. We discussed the Sermon on the Mt. I gave my conception of it. I claim that it is the constitution of the heavens—of life--the human family and that where ever the gospel is fully revealed there the constitution will be revealed. It fills the will of a constitution in that it lays down broad lines of law & life, touching the vital principles that govern man or concerns him. A constitution of a nation is supposed to lay down broad lines of protection, action, government, etc & any and all laws coming after that constitution must not conflict with it or other wise they become null & void. The so called sermon on the Mt. fills this bill & more. All revelations & church government coordinate & harmonize with the sermon on the Mt. My belief is that where ever we find God revealing His laws in full there we will find the Sermon on the Mt. I believe it will be our fundamental guidance here after (world to come) I also showed where in these two speeches agreed--in Bible & Bk. of M.--& where in they differed & I also showed wherein there is a difference that the Bk of M. was superior. The reason is that the Bk. of M. has it nearer as Christ uttered than it is had in Matt.

I bore my testimony in meeting. There were several good testimonies. A splendid spirit prevailed thru-out the meeting. I felt that my sabbath was most beautifully spent. In the forenoon I read the “Mormon Deity” by B. H. Roberts.

Last week I studied hard. I read two long articles in German on the evils of alcohol. My reading was very slow at first but as I proceeded my rate of reading improved. I took another examination in German under Dr. Woodworth. He said that he would recommend to Dr. Thomas that I knew enough German to read any works I needed in my research.

I am learning German, I feel very fast for which I am very thankful. I am praying constantly for the Lord's help in it. My mind seems as brilliant now, or even more so, than it ever was in languages.

Surely my Lord & my God is with me.

I reviewed again to day Dr. Slocum's splendid little work on Tobacco & Its Deleterious Effects."

I recd. a letter from Leon & he inclosed a letter from Dee which Dee had written me but was sent by the folks to him to read. This is the first letter I have recd from Dee for nearly 3 mos. Leon is doing well with his school & is doing a great deal in the ward work. Dee is doing a splendid work & is enjoying his mission. I am very grateful for the upward trend of all my children.

I got a letter from the Coin & Savings Bank at Provo with \$76.00 which I returned to Martha to pay some of our debts.

I recd. a letter from Eugene & Dicy. Eugene is teaching school. He began Nov. 20——two days before his 20th birthday. His school is at Winder, Garfield Co. He gets \$50.00 a month for 5 mos. I once taught for the same price in Provo.

I am writing to Dee, Fern, Eugene & folks at home.

I went & heard Elmendorf lecture on Rome. His lecture was illustrated entirely with stereoplan views & vitascope. He is giving a great many in the Carnegie Hall on bus travels in Europe, Asia & Africa. I expect to hear him again.

**Dec. 10, 1911. N.York.** I read letter from Dr. Thomas saying that I did not get my credits in German, but I got so close to the "goal" required that I should go on with my work as tho I had gotten thru and if I did well in my other work that He would give me a review later in German & recommend that I be allowed my PhD. So, in other words, I did (have) not failed nor altogether succeeded in German. Dr. Woodworth examined me in German & said that he would recommend that I could read scientific German, but it seems that it did not entirely prevail.

I have been reading on my research work in German. I have reviewed A. Busch, Kraepelin & others. I have been computing my statistics this wk. Miss Julia Seymour has been aiding. She is a bright girl of 19 yrs. full of hope & ambition.

I am gaining a little in flesh.

German is easier for me now.

I spent a half day running thru the U.S. consuls (to Europe) reports to find what they said on coffee, tea, liquor & tobacco. One reports that doctors are finding that coffee tends to produce epilepsy.

Recd. letter from Eugene & Dicy; he is enjoying his school work.

I wrote to Fern, Martha & Eugene.

Have been reading the Sermon on the Mt. with Mr. Christlich.  
I cooked beans, rice & apples this wk.

I attended the meeting of the psychological club last Thurs. Prof. Eno gave results of his experiments on parallelism of mind & body. He has brought out some very technical truths thru experiments performed by himself. He has measured how long it takes for the sensation takes to go from elbow to brain, also how long sensation takes to go from finger to brain. He finds we can distinguish from 240 to over 500 per second. It depends upon the subject whether it is 240 or upward. He also tried to explain some of the phenomena of the conscious soul thru the use or conception of the fourth dimension.

After & during the lecture the members present smoked & drank beer. My self & 2 or 3 others drank soda water, sarsaparilla & ginger ale.

**Dec. 20, 1911 N.Y.** I have been very busy reading in German on my research work, also some works in Eng. In the last 10 days, I have finished Kraepelin on the heredity of alcoholics, Karl Pearson on Eugenics, Barr on heredity of physical & mental defects, also Fergold on the influence of heredity on (their) offspring, etc. I also got data from Mr. Mead's work on the weak minded & idiot in schools for unfortunates.

Am working on my statistics computing 3 to 4 hrs a day.

I took supper at Mrs. Pryor's Mon. night. I met there Squire Coop's divorced wife. She is a pretty & attractive woman. It is sad to see her for she feels so terrible over their separation.

I attended S.S. meeting & M.I.A. last Sunday. Dr. Tobrung's oldest son just returning from 2¼ yrs. mission from England, spoke here Sun. His talk was very good. He is only 22 yrs. of age & gives promise of becoming a great man. Dr. James E. Talmage has been chosen one of the apostles to take the place of Elder Chas. W. Penrose who has been chosen to take the place of John Henry Smith as second councillor in the Presidency of the church to Pres. Jos. F. Smith. I have recd. letters from Othello, Eugene & wife, Georgie, Laura, & two letters from Martha. Yes, I have recd. two from Dee. He is doing a fine work upon his mission. He & a company of saints had a very narrow escape of their lives while going from one island to an other. The Lord was surely with them or they should have been drowned. He has been changed to an other island in his work. I am so grateful for his spiritual life & the great improvement he is making.

George has been appointed debating master of the 2nd yr. High School students.

I have written letters to Martha, Leon, Othello, Dee, & Mother. Am studying from 1 to after 2 A.M. nearly every night. I take from 6 to 7½ hrs. sleep. I am in splendid health & hopeful.

**Dec. 24, 1911, N. York.** (501 W. 123 St.) Christmas Eve, I have attended two meetings & S.S. today. We discussed the Lord's prayer the whole session. I got much out of it. I enjoyed hugely the thoughts brought. A splendid spirit prevailed. In the meeting we had a special program of songs by Mrs. Snow & two by Robt. C. Eastmon. I delivered the address on the childhood of Christ. As we almost nothing of his childhood I tried to fill in the life. I felt, was consistent with that mighty life. I took it up thru analogy and read from the scriptures passages which referred to his life and works which I felt must have impressed him with a mighty force some what similar to the Jas. 1:5 impressed Joseph as he read it. The spirit of the Lord was with me and with the audience for many felt deeply what I had said and placed in them a new line of thought.

I attended the M.I.A. tonight. A special program was given. I met again to—day a Mrs. Allen who has been attending our meetings for a number of wks. investigating our church. She is a worker in the church of Eng. but finds it wanting.

Since last writing, I have been reading a German research work but not thru with it yet. I have also been tabulating my research work—the comparison of offspring of families that do & those that do not use narcotics. It is going to be a surprise to many when I present the results.

I recd. letters from Othello & Leon & a present for each. Othello sent me a beautiful silk handkerchief & Leon a half 2-b. box of candy.

I am out of money and borrowed \$2.00 from Mr. Christlieb. His ancestry is rather odd. His great grandfather was picked for the battle field by the German soldiers as a babe. He was of Turkish origin. The Germans named the child Christ lieb (the Christ love). The name now has taken the form of Christlieb.

I worked till nearly 2 A.M. this morning & then slept until 9 A.M.

**Dec. 31, 1911. New York (New Year's Eve)** – It has been a very mild & open winter so far, only part of the time cold enough to freeze. A little snow fell last night this is only about the second snow this winter.

I have been computing figures & reading German this week. The German seems easier this week.

I attended the social gathering Thurs. evening at the mission house given by the relief society. It was quite pleasant. A nice lunch was served at 11 P.M. Games were played and a social good time had.

I went to Brooklyn to day & spoke at the meeting by special request. I examined the “Three Witnesses” of the Bk. of M. from a lawyer's stand point. To be competent witnesses they must have: (1) at least common intelligence, (2) their varocity must be above criticism, (3) they must be competent witnesses--that is they must have some first hand knowledge of what they were testifying to & (4) they must be eye witnesses of the scene or event. The Three Witnesses completely filled the bill. The spirit of the Lord was with me & the audience. It was a small

audience. I am to deliver 3 more lectures on the Internal and External Evidences of the Bk. of M.

After meeting Elders Stanger & Gardner and I went to Bro. Kenecht's place for supper. It was a nice supper. We got home here at 11:15 P.M.

I wrote to Martha, Mary Orser & Eugene this week. Laura sent me \$5.00 for a present, Fern & Sheridan sent me \$2.00 for a present.

I took dinner at Mrs. Pryors Xmas day and spent the evening there. There were present, her daughter, Montana, Miss Weyler, Miss Cochburri, Miss Carana Nesville (Squire Coope's divorced wife) and Mr. Knox & myself. Mr. Knox furnished the flowers--roses, coronations, etc. I had studied that day talk of Bk. of M. Mrs. Pryor is very kind & generous to her friends. She is attending to her meetings again. I have been home--sick this last week. I learn Jackson Stewart is dead at 93 yrs. of age. He married my aunt but made a wreck of his life. He was very dishonest having swindled & underhandedly robbed where ever he could; he was a pleasant liar, etc. He stabbed to death his own nephew (Rufus Stuart) many years ago. While they were quarreling, Rufus stepped on my bare toes which I remember hurt fearfully bad. I was a child of 5 or 6 yrs old when Jackson stabbed Rufus; they took him in our home. He died in terrible agony thru strangulation of his own blood. The scene was terrible.

I borrowed \$5.00 of Bra. Langton. I paid Chrislieb the \$2.00 I borrowed from him also Mrs. Winterwieter \$4.00 which pays my rent up to Dec. 19.

It is now 12 M. at night and the city of N.Y. is just a perfect bedlam with ringing of bells--cow bells, etc. horns, sky rockets & other explosives; church bells are chiming all over the city. I am told that the city will fill all the restaurants until morning-- eating, drinking & carousing, say nothing of the private clubs, homes, etc. The passing of the old yr. is celebrated in the most hilarious manner in drunken revelry & debauchery. The death of the old yr, the celebration of the new, is a signal for most debased & sensual behavior. It is sin & debauchery, not devotion. It is now 1912 A.D.

**Jan. 7, 1912 N.York.** It is again the blessed Sabbath. The sabbath has always been the best day of the week to me. I suppose in part I long for rest & especially for the spiritual feast & worship. I will go to S.S. & fast meeting.

I have studied hard this week continuing every night from 12 M. to 1:30 A.M. I am in the best of health. My eyes are not as keen of vision as they used to be. I now generally put on my reading glasses over my common service glasses. I can read without any glasses but my eyes get tired soon & ache. I read better with one pair on and can read for hrs. without eye strain yet with fine print & at night I do not read well unless I put on my reading glasses.

I attended Dr. Scripture's (M.D. PhD.) lecture on "Dreams". He has a theory much akin to Freud's theory of dreams--that most all dreams are caused for want of food & drink or of a sexual order. He has a wonderful power of interpreting individual dreams & is phenomenally

accurate as to tracing causes. He says the soul desires——consciously or unconsciously——and when asleep the dream presents the want. It is often given symbolically rather than in words or clear cut acts e.g. He says dreaming of burglars, daggers, serpents, pistols, etc are of a sexual order. I do not agree with him only in part. I gave him a dream I had had a few weeks before, but he could not classify it nor tell its origin. He agreed with me that there were premonition dreams but could not tell the cause. The lecture was given before our Psyc. Club, during the lecture & after the members drank beer, soda water & smoked. I always feel a sense of disgust to be in a room of smokers. It is how ever quite a study to watch the mold cast of the human mind. I have not heard from home for weeks. I do not know exactly why but it is like most all absence of letter writing it is due to hurry, worry & indifference. As a rule we like to receive letters but we dislike writing them.

I forgot to say our vacation ended last Tues. night. I attended four classes this wk. I am so busy with reading German (which is very slow) & computing my data for my these that I will have to begin to “sluff” some of my other work.

I recd. a letter from Arthur Winters saying if I could pay up the interest on my note & a little of the principle occasionally I would not be crowded.

**Jan 21, 1912. New York.** Weather mild. It has been two weeks since I last wrote. went to the Carnegie hall and heard Frank J. Cannon, Senator Tom & How C. Frieze speak against the Mormons. Cannon was the main speaker. It was pretty much a rehash of his articles in “Everybody’s Magazine.” Some that he said was true; some were his vain imaginations & some were out & out untruths. Friezer’s talk was puril. The women are taking up the fight against the Mormons. They are to petition congress to legislate against the Mormons on the marriage question. They want a national law on marriage, etc. etc.

Last Sun. also today (Sun) . I spoke in Brooklyn on the Internal evidences of the Bk. of M. My talks are creating considerable comment & several strangers are attending aside from members & investigators. I am to deliver two talks on the External Evidences. Last Sun. night Elder Gardner from Sp. Fork & I took supper with Pres. Stanqer & Elder Chipman in Brooklyn. To day he (Gardner) & the two Miss Seymours & I took supper at brother Lewliss’ in Brooklyn. I attended the M.I.A. to night. Missionaries from Europe were the speakers.

I have been working very hard the last three weeks. My working hrs. were from 8:30 to 9 A.M. until 1:30 to 3:30 A.M. I was trying principally to get my thesis in shape to report before the Seminar of professors (Drs. Cattell, Woodworth, Hallingsworth, Strong, Norsworthie & others) and a number who are taking their Ph.D.’s. I delivered my thesis last Thurs. It took 1½ hrs. to just give my compiled data & then I hardly got thru. It caused considerable buzz & comment, for my thesis showed that out of 408 students & 2600 brothers & sisters of these students, those whose parents used narcotics their children were shorter, lighter lower in intellect, had more bodily ailments also eye & ear ailments than those whose parents did not use it. It is a revelation to me to learn that there is such sweeping differences between the offspring of these two classes. Dr. Woodworth thinks the difference is not that the parents used narcotics, but that the better class mentally, morally & physically did not take to narcotics hence their children were brighter,



heavy, etc. I feel his reasons are excuses rather than reasons. I am to have a conference with him also conferences with Cottell & Thorndike on my these for I want it sifted from every stand point before I begin writing it.

I completed a 70 page magazine article in German on the learning process by Evers & Meurmann. I have been reading works on heredity & Eugenics some were read in part & one read completely. That read completely was a small work on Eugenics by Dr. Devenport. I also sketched thru Tishner's Psychology.

I have received letters from Martha, the little children, Sister Lawisch, Eugene, Othello, Dee & Laura. Laura sent me \$10.00. I learn Georgie is doing fine but Levon is dabbling with tobacco & is doing little in school. I am much grieved over this for I had believed Levon to be a pure good boy.

O yes, I recd. yesterday from Sheridan a letter stating Fern gave birth to a little girl Jan 8. This is good news for all are doing.

**Jan. 28, 1912 N.Y.** Have just returned from Brooklyn where I discussed the External Evidences of the Bk. of M.

During the week I have put in most of my time in working on my thesis. I have nearly completed the statistical work. I expect to begin to write soon on my thesis. I am still reading on the hereditary effects on animals, plants, & on man. The works are mostly magazine articles from the most advance writers. I read a small book by Dr. Deavenport of heredity of animal & plants, and man.

I have attended four lectures delivered by Dr. G. Stanley Hall, Pres. of Clark Uni. in the Uni. here on four german philosophers— Ziller, Hartmann, Loetze, & Fechner. I have taken careful notes on the lectures & have them on cards. He is to give two more which I expect to attend. His analysis which is partially due to his personal acquaintance with these men is very clear cut & instructive.

I had a talk with him on my thesis (The Hereditary Effects of the Use of Narcotics in the Parents upon their Offspring). He says my findings are startling and that I stand alone in my research for no one else has ever entered the field. He has asked me to come to their Uni. & talk with Dr. Hodge who has done some work along that line on dogs & cats. Tho I have read his (Hodge) works in that line I may write him to see if he has any thing new. I have promised to send Dr. Hall a copy of my thesis when it is published for he is interested in my work. I had a conference with Dr. Woodworth on my thesis and we thrashed out my thesis. When or rather before, I was thru with him he was not so sure that his ideas were correct which I recorded last week. I have since worked out my data in such a way that his ideas are totally refuted and will show him so on Mon (tomorrow) . I am to have a conference with Thorndike Wed. at 2:30.

I took an examination Thurs. on the extended field of Psychology. I wrote 7 hrs. with out intermission and then quit thru sheer exhaustion. I didn't tell quite all I new but it lowered any over due pressure in the psychic region.

I will soon be thru with Dr. McMurry's course--one more recitation & two days examination. I have enjoyed his course very much. It was freighted with thought and new ideas. He is (in college phraseology) a live wire." I have read his work on How to Study & Learning "How to Study." It was published in 1909.

I am also finishing Dr. Jno. Dewey's work on How We Think. It is the surest & most intricate piece of work it have ever been my pleasure to read n that line or any other. Dewey has hardly a peer in his field of work of philosophy, logic, education & psychology. Taking it all in all he has no superior. I have been studying very hard running on until 1:30 to 3 A.M. I get up at 8 or little after. I find I do not need to sleep as much as I did. I have splendid health and enjoy my work very much. Surely the Lord is with me. I feel I have a mission yet unfulfilled in Zion which I am in hopes I can accomplish. I have one great hope that seems almost longer & includes nearly all others and that is to lift up Zion and stem the tide of evil which is claiming the youth & lowering the moral standard & darkening the minds of Zion's children. If I had the means I would not ask a cent for my life's work. I feel then I could do more good than when paid. I have recd. letters from Ellis Chamberlain, Miss Belle Connell, Martha, (I have mentioned this before) , Eugene, Dee, & Miss Myrtle Thornton. She tells me father James Connell is dead. He was a noble yet quiet & unassuming character. I loved him. He was the custodian at the Murdock academy for the last 5 yrs. and he did well.

I have written to Mother, Dee, Leon, Othello, Laura, Sister Lawisch, and Martha.

I took a hasty dinner with Sister Seymour today. I had to run and catch the train.

Mrs. Pryor & her daughter also Julia Seymour visited me this week. I called at Mrs. Pryor's this evening & visited her and her company for an hr. I swapped stories with Mr. Rigby while there. He is manager of the Globe theatre & has offered me a ticket to the plays which he is managing any time I will call him up. I shall retire tonight about 3 hrs. earlier than I have been doing.

**Feb. 7, 1912 N.Y.** It has been a wk. last Sun. since I wrote in my journal. Since that date I have completed nearly all my statistical work on my thesis. I have also done nearly all the reading required for my thesis. I have begun to write my thesis now. It will take me a month to complete it.

I have (have) had three conferences on my thesis with Dr's Cottell, Woodworth, & Thorndike. Dr. Cottell does not believe the difference I find between the offspring of narcotic & non-narcotic users due to the use of narcotics but due to hereditary influences of parents, because they were lower mentally & physically, etc. to begin with. Dr. Woodworth felt the same until my last

computation and now he is not sure his ideas are right, neither is Dr. Thorndike sure. These two are rather inclined to believe my interpretation i.e. the difference is due to the use of narcotics.

I am to discuss my thesis before the New York Branch of the American Society of Psychology on the 25 of Feb.

I am to go with Ben E. Rich to Virginia to aid in a debate with a minister Mar. 4.

Have taken examinations in Dr's McMurry & Suzzalo's classes Primary Supervision & Soc. Ed. I had a splendid chat with Dr. McMurry for a half hr. on my work with him and a brief comparison of our lives. I have read his bk. "How to Study & Teach." I have also finished Dr. Dewey's "How We Think." This is one of the profoundest bks I ever read. I mean by profound, that it is literally freighted with thought & truth.

I read yesterday the two Monographs of Dr. Karl Pearson & Miss Elderton on the Hereditary Influence of Alcoholic Parents. They find no definite influence of alcoholic parents upon their children save in the death rate. They are severely criticised by Sirs & Drs. of England. They claim he has not gotten the truth, etc. I shall analyze Dr. Pearson's result in my thesis. His results can be criticised from several points.

We have all been shocked over the arrest & imprisonment of Mrs. Catharine Smith & her sister Pearl Wyler both from S. Lake. It was for shop lifting. They were in the Tombs for a week & were fined \$100.00 each. It is sad.

I attended S.S. & fast meeting Sun. Sun. evening I talked religion with J. C. Rigby from 6 P.M. to 10 P.M. He is one of the managers of the Globe Theatre. I went down to day and attended the theatre as his guest. It was a musical comedy "Over the River." It was the best I ever saw of its kind—acting & music were excellent. Eddie Fay was the best comedian I ever saw. I am fixing out a kind of a questionnaire for the theatre goers to fill out & then I am going to work it out for Rigby.

I wrote a letter of condolence to Miss Belle Connell & her folks.

Have reed. a letter from Laura of \$50.00 also a letter from Price Hutchings; he is on a mission in Knoxville, Tenn.

**Feb. 12, 1912 N.York** (It is clear & cold with out snow) Have been working hard all week on thesis, but I make slow head way at it. I have only about 20 pp. written. Have read a little more German.

I attended the Globe theatre last Wed, at request of Mr. J. C. Rigby--one of the Globe managers. The play was a musical comedy entitled "Over the River." It was the best I ever saw of its kind. Eddie Fay, the comedian, was the best I ever saw. I have fixed out a questionnaire for Rigby & his company to get the various opinions of the attending public on the play, etc.

I paid Prof. Laughton the \$15.00 I borrowed. Have paid up rent & milk bill.

I attended but two classes last week as it is the transition of 'he two semesters.

I recd, letters from Othello & my brother Charlie. I wrote to Apostle A. F. Whitney & Miss Connell. I wrote her a letter of condolence.

I finished my series of lectures in Brooklyn today. I took supper with Mrs. McCune & friends. Haven't heard a word from home for weeks.

I attend st. John the Divine's church. It is estimated that the new church will be fifty or a hundred yrs. in the completion of the structure. It is supposed to cost when completed \$80,000,000. It (the creed) is Episcopal. The unnaturalness of the worship is appalling to me about ½ the worship is taking up in the priest chanting scriptural texts in Latin while he is remotely removed from the audience & he with his back to the audience. When he came to the sermon it was very good yet it was a studied effort & had the smack of effect rather than a moving cause. I was at Brooklyn

**Feb. 27, 1912. N.Y.** Working hard, up from 2 A.M. to 3 & 4:30 A.M. Am full of energy & hope. Am taking this semester Soc. Ed. & Psyc. Have been spending nearly all my time for the last three wks. on my thesis. I have it mostly out in the rough. My reading is along the line of the effects of narco stimulants on the user & the offspring. I have read very extensively along this line and am nearly thru. I have been reading for two days in the Academy of Science. Rare books are there not found in the Columbia Lib.

I spoke a wk. ago last Sun. in our meeting. Prof. Hill of Washington was there & spoke for a short time. He is a noted geologist & a student of Archeology, etc. On finding that (that) the recent discoveries were in keeping with the Bk of M. he joined the church for as he said, "No one but a prophet could have written that bk. and therefore the church he founded must be of God." I was with him a half day in the Museum of Natural History studying the Peruvian & Neitan remains. It is a great display. One thing was noted that all their paintings & modelings they showed that the inhabitants had Jew noses also that they wove the most beautiful wool & cotton fabrics that the world has ever known. These fabrics are from 2 to 3000 yrs. old, so the explorers think. So far they (archoelogsists) have found no writing in Peru. It is now believed that Peru has the oldest remains of the progenitors of the Indian.

I delivered an address before "The American Psychological Ass. in the American Museum of Natural History. My paper or discussion was: "The Influence of Narcotics on Physical and Mental Traits of Offspring." I was one of three speakers, I recd. a round of a applause when I was thru. The audience were mostly A.M.'s & Ph.D's. After I was thru the audience turned interlocutor and I did considerable discussion of my subject. The meeting was 2:30 hrs. long. I recd. many kind remarks for my extensive & pains-taking research work.

**Mar. .10, 1912 N.Y.** I have returned from Fairmont, West Virginia where I was for a week with Pres. Ben E. Rich, Prof. Langston & 32 elders. The occasion was a five night's debate with a Rev. A.A. Bunner, a Campbellite. I was asked to go and help prepare material, etc. for Pres. R.

Prof. Langton & I acted as moderators for our side & spent each day & night in getting together defense & new data. We did most of it for Pres. R. needed rest & was inclined to be nervous part of the time. I wrote each day also a synopsis of the debate for the Deseret News & Liahoma. They are from one to two columns. I may put them in my Journal of clippings. The debate was a great success for our people. It is said the Rev. B. has held 72 debates. I think this is the last one he will want to hold with our people. Pres. R. handled him with out gloves. He did not abuse the Campbellite faith or its leaders but he did scare the Rev. B. unmercifully at times, for his out & out lying & misquoting of scriptures. Pres. R. has splendid repoirte and is a logical debater. I suppose the Rev. B. has never been so badly whipped before. Some of his own people were chagrined for him and others were disgusted with him. Of course some felt he was all right. It won us many friends and in some instances converts. The elders and saints were much elated over the debate & its results.

I delivered an address to the Saints & friends Sun. night on “Our Pre-existence and why we came here.”

Pres. R. Langton & myself left Fremont at 2:30 A.M. Fri. night & arrived in Washington D. C. at 10:30 A.M. We visited there until 3 P.M. Pres R. & I visited Sen. Smoot for ½ hr. and then I went to the Senate & visited thru the capitol viewing the points, portraits, & statuary. While there I met Ex—Pres. Parkinson of Preston, Idaho.

We left there (Washington) & arrived here in N.Y. at 8 P.M. My trip has been of worth to me, but I have fallen behind in my work at the Uni. for which I greatly regret. It may be the means of throwing me out of graduation this spring at least be a factor. On arriving here I found letters awaiting me from Othello, Fern, Georgie, Martha, & Francis. The folks at home are very much in need of money. Martha can't pay the interest on the mortgage & Berry is asking for it. Georgie desires to go to Washington & work & study. He is very enthusiastic over it. I feel it isn't wise just now.

I recd a letter from a Mrs. Allen whom I have met here in N.Y. She says she is converted to our gospel and desires to join.

I am quite discouraged today and long for the time when I shall be thru here so I can return home.

I went to S.S. & Meeting today. Bros. McCan & McKay spoke at meeting. They are just returning from Europe. McCan has had charge of London Conference & McKay has had charge of Swiss & German missions.

**Mar. 17, 1912. N.Y.** Have spent the week on my thesis and it is not yet what I wish it to be, tho have it all written. have been making some changes in it. I spent Fri. at the Police Head quarters, The World editor the Tombs, and part of the time with Drs. Schlappe & Stockard trying to get evidence of the relative size of criminals, but did not get what I wanted. Will see Schlappe again his coming wk. It is claimed that criminals are undersized, but I can get no reliable evidence so far for the belief.

I spent one night and a part of a day answer my back correspondences.

Every thing looks very blue for me just now in finances; and the folks at home are in a very bad way also. I am hoping, praying, "faithing" that the Lord will open the way where by I can get means for them and myself.

I took supper Fri. night at Mrs. Seymours. I took supper tonight with Bro. McCarthy & wife. He is here studying law. I had a very pleasant visit with him & wife for nearly three hours.

I have written to Martha, Fern & Sheridan, Dee, Supt. Cummings, Georgie, F. W. Merrill, Mother, Mrs. Allen (She is asking to join our church) and Jos. A. Berry.

I recd letters from Francis, Georgie, Dee, Othello, Leon, Martha, Dr. Davenport, Mrs. Allen & Frankie Rovers [?Roberts].

I am owing \$16 for food, rent, etc also \$15.00 schooling and I now have 77 cents to last me until money comes from some source.

I attended S.S. & meeting today. The Relief Society through out the church held services today. We had very good speaking from Bro. Rich & Bp. Johnson (from Mex.) and sisters Thatcher & McCune.

**Mar. 24, 1912, N.Y.** Altho I have studied long and hard, I have accomplished but a very little. I did some remodeling and criticising of my thesis— "The Hereditary Influence of Narco-stimulants upon the Offspring." Dr. Chas. Stockard of the Cornell Medical School read and criticised the historic chapter of the thesis. Then I handed the entire thesis to Dr. Ed. L. Thorndike of Teacher's College for his criticism. He also made some suggestions. I was agreeably surprised to find they were so few and that not of a very grievous nature. Dr. Cottell read the historic portion of the thesis was not well pleased with it. He said that it would make a good article for the Sunday edition of the News papers. He felt I had put it (thesis) in too popular a garb. I have made some changes in that chapter so I hope I have toned down the popular tone and made it a little more critical. I feel myself that I am inclined to write too fluent. Yet I can be dry and critical when I will. But I have been in hopes that when I was thru with my thesis it would be readable by the public. Most thesis are absolutely beyond the public mind and as a result are lost to 99% of the people unless some one rewrites them in a popular mode.

Prof. Bennion of S. L. (who is here now taking his Master's degree) is now going over my thesis as a literary critic. He is very good in his line. I had a long talk with Dr. Max Schlapp of Cornell Medical School on the cause of drink habit, and other stimulants. He and I quite agree that it is not the weak & bodily defectives that take so much to these habits as the more brilliant, & those who are under nervous strain. He is a magnificent looking fellow of about 40 yrs of age.

I went to Newark, New Jersey yesterday to see Senator Ketcham about my cooker but he was not home. Will see him in N.Y. this week. (Later) could not handle it.

I visited Mrs. Seymour at her factory yesterday. She is ambitious & full of hope for her firm. She is putting up a good line of goods. She puts up most of her fruit with brandy. That is the criticism I have from a moral point of view. She has about ½ pint of the high priced brandy to each qt. of fruit. I suppose the people who buy this kind of fruit are addicted to alcoholic drinks any way.

I have read 12 or 15 pages of German this week. I must now put all my time in on German & reviewing the literature of Psychology especially if I do not have to do much more with my thesis. I am to read it Thurs. before the seminar. I expect some criticism for my theory & conclusions are quite averse to the prevailing theory of Dr's Cottell, Thorndike.

A thesis must be freighted with demonstrated truth with but a mild opinion of the writer. I am too prone to express myself in no unmistakable terms when I come to a conclusion on a matter, for that reason the Drs feel I weaken my thesis. They say; state the facts & let the readers draw their own conclusions. This is the tendency of the age but so averse to my nature. I don't wish a reader to express my findings and I be prohibited from doing the same in a powerful language as is at my command as long as my expressions are not offensive. I am opposed to putting my ideas in such involved language & form that the public can't read & understand, and yet my thesis is beyond the clear comprehension of most readers because of the statistical form and technical terms.

Laura has just sent me \$25.00 for which I am very grateful. I had borrowed \$25.00 from Pres. Rich for a wk. or two. I do not know why Eugene does not write. I learn from Laura that Georgie has gone to Milford to hunt work I am very much grieved over this. Tho. a good boy I am fearful of having him away from home. I am fearful not all is well at home. Martha is too harsh without a returning kindness. Tho she works beyond reason & does for those at home she does not show personal & loving kindness especially to Ella's children. I have been grieved over this very much. Still I must not complain for God will make up to my children what they do not get of a mother's love.

I went to meeting & S.S. to day & am going to M.I.A. to night Pres. Rich & three others (Bros. Taylor, Fairbanks, & Christiansen) were the speakers. Some good things were said. I administered to Miss Julia Seymour last Fri. night.

**Apr. 1, 1912 N.Y.** It is Mon. evening. Last week was a strenuous week for me. I went to bed very late each night varying from 1:30 A.M. to 4:15 A.M. I arose most of the time about 8 A.M. As a result I am a little nervous to night.

I read my thesis last Thursday before the seminar. At least I read part of it. It would take about 3 hrs. to read it all. I met much opposition from Dr. Cottell. He first doubted my correct interpretation of Forel (a German) (2) he said alcohol affected only the offspring when mothers drank, (3) he did not believe what some of the authors said on the evil effects of narcostimulants. I did not have much time to debate the subject tho I held that fathers were effected about the same as mothers. He wish quotations. I did not have time to get them then, but on Fri. I went in to Dr. C's. office & proved to him that I had translated Forel correctly & I quoted & read from

other authors showing that bathers influenced their offspring thru drink similar to that of mothers. He then said that my research was very thorough & that my original work struck at the very foundation of social belief & social standards also that it would attack the very moral standards of this generation & that he wanted my thesis as complete as it could be gotten.

He told me that he drank liquor every day at dinner. Yet he said that he had offered his sons & daughters a \$3000.00 each if they would not drink smoke or use tea or coffee until they were 25 yr's of age. This seems a little strange while at the same <i.e he had been claiming to me that narcotics did not affect user unless carried to an extreme; and that there was no proof that they affected the unborn offspring. Little by little he has been coming my way on this matter. While in his office I told him he was wrong in his theory that those who took to narco—stimulants did so because of bodily conditions & low mental caliber. I quoted him Dr. Max Schlapp who repudiates such a theory for he had proofs to the contrary. I also told him that Dr. Schlapp claimed it was the strain of bright intellects thru society, business, study, etc. that more often caused men to take to narco-stimulants. He (Dr.C) is the keenest critic I ever knew when it comes to seeing technicalities as well as broader phases of a work. I told him so when we were thru with an hr's. discussion. I also took occasion to compliment him for his most splendid article "Science and the Arts or Progress of Peace." It surely was a keen and splendid article showing what Science had done to eliminate war, etc. It was published in the Popular Science Monthly for Apr. 1912. This is almost comparable to the one he wrote on School & the Home for June 1910 in the same magazine.

I recd a letter from Martha. It nearly broke my heart because of the sadness—no money, boys were out of work & were inclined to be indifferent to duties. She feels she wants to liberate her self from all the cares of home duties. I have written for her to sell the home if she can. I think I was scarcely ever more blue than I was last Fri. night. I was so near heart broken as I ever hoped to be. I poured out my soul to my Father in heaven for relief for my dear ones, for their comfort & mine. There came a peace over me that was wonderful. Surely the Lord heard my prayer and some way I feel, relief will come to them & me. I don't know how, but I feel it will come. I wrote right back that night & sent Martha \$1.00 and told her I felt some relief would come. O my Father, let not my belief & feeling be in vain. Thou art my Rewarder and my hope. Innumerable times have you succored me in times of trials. Let not my trials be more than I can endure shield my loved ones from grief & want. Comfort and bless Martha for her burdens are grievous to be borne.

Father, I came her to learn more, that I could be of more worth to my dear ones and to Zion's children. Let me not fail; let my preparation be as thou wouldst have it. All this year I have plead night & day for strength to do this. I love my family & Thy Zion with an undying love. If I can't be of benefit to them then I feel my life has been & is a failure. Father, lead me back to my home. Make an opening for me there. If Thou wilt, O Father, let the dream or vision, Thou didst show me be a almoelerated to me. Let me not be sent away from Zion due to conditions that have been and are. Magnify me before thy people and let Thy servant rejoice. Guide, O guide me, as Thou wilt but give me aid to endure my trials. Let not trials come due to my ignorance or folly. Teach me wisdom so that if I must be tried & suffer it will be for my righteousness and for the good of others. Dear Father, read my heart; am I not sincere? Am I not teachable and hungry for Thy guidance? Let this my prayer be a memorial unto Thy throne



and I withal deal kindly with my loved ones at home. Comfort & bless them and let their love for me be as mine is for them.

God inspired me to write to the State Bank of Beaver for \$100 to \$150.00 & to ask Mrs. Libbie McCune for \$200.00 and for me to be comforted for all would be well with me. I did as his spirit directed me as soon as I arose from my knees. This was as direct a revelation to me as I ever recd.

I attended S.S. & meeting yesterday. We had a pleasant discussion on how the missionaries should go with out purse or scrip. I expressed my self as a firm believer that our elders should so travel now.

Sister Thatcher invited me take supper with her.

I met Mrs. Chapman for the first time since returning here. Since I was here she has separated from her husband due to his unchaste life.

**Apr. 14, 1912 N.Y.** It is now nearly two weeks since I last wrote. My life has been so busy I have been crowded to the limit.

I attended S.S. & meeting last Sun. & opened with prayer at the meeting. It was testimony. I gave 25~ for fast offerings.

I spent most of my time for a week reading German. Last Wed. I passed my final examination in German and got my credit from Dr. Thomas. He gave me two paragraphs to translate and write out. It took me some little time to translate them for they were quite long and hard. When I was thru the Dr. looked over my work and said: You have done fairly well. You know some German. He asked me a few questions about certain portions of my translation. He said that though I could translate German I was a little weak on connectives. I was very happy to pass off that work. It was & had been very hard for me. I thank the Lord for helping me for I feel he has inspired me much in study both of French & German.

I have all my studies certified to as having finished them or so near that I was given my credits. I have now passed off all my work for my Drs degree excepting that general examination which is very rigid. I have handed in my thesis to the Dean. He returned it to me to hand to Dr. Cottell. Dr. Cottell feels that I have not convinced him that my findings are true. He does not question the sincerity of my work but he can't feel that narcostimulants have the effect on the user & offspring that my figures show. He desires that I make further study before my thesis is accepted. Yet he says my thesis is as thorough as Poffenberger's & his is an excellent one & has been accepted. He says that I possibly could get my thesis fixed up by end of summer school but he thinks I had better not try it & just go on with my work & take my leisure in getting new data. He rather felt that I was not sympathetic with their (teachers) point of view. He says I was rather of the Wm. Jennings Bryan type of mind rather than a specialist of any narrow field. He rather urged that I follow that broader & more useful field of work (in education) rather than narrow

myself to the specialist work. He says unfortunately the specialists' line of work was narrow & he felt was not a mark of broadness of mind necessarily. I may take his advice and not try to get my degree now & finish or get new date for (or as) a test of my all ready completed work for I know my figures are correct & time & further research will vindicate my work. He (Dr.C) says that my findings strike at the very heart of social practice and attacks the foundation of our morals and that my work should be so thorough & extensive that no one can question it for that reason he would like further investigation.

**Apr. 21, 1912 N.Y.** Dr. Thorndike is going over my thesis carefully especially the statistical work to see if he can find any defects in my work.

I have been reading again James' 1st Vol. on Psychology. I am half thru it.

I have been much worried & distressed over the sinking of the Titanic ship—the greatest sailing vessel ever built & was believed to be impossible to sink her. She went down on her trial trip by colliding with an iceberg & over 1500 were drowned; 705 were saved— most of these were women & children. It was loaded with some of the great millionaires e.g. Astors, Guggenheims, Straus's & others. It has cost an awful pall over the people. The flags have been at halfmast for a week & will possibly remain so for days.

I learn that a Mrs. Corbit from Provo went down with the ship. She was a nurse who had been studying in England for a yr or two & was on her way home. She leaves a husband & 2 or 3 children. It was reported that some elders were on ship but it is not true for I saw the elders this morning who were supposed to be on the ship. I attended a "Reformed Church" this morning and listened to a memorial sermon. The singing was good but the sermon was far from explaining the situation or interpreting the divine hand in it all.

I have been made very sad thru two letters received stating Martha was intending to get a divorce from me when I get home. She has not told me anything about it. It may be all talk but the letters claim to have her statements. This is sad for me and mine if true. I shall never try to hold a woman of mine if she desires to leave me. I would not hold her with a strength of a silken cord, but if she desires to remain with me then cables can't drag me from her. Father thy will not mine!

I have received \$20.00 from Francis. I have received \$200.00 from Mr. & Mrs. McCune. I am to receive \$100.00 from State bank of Beaver. I send Dee \$100.00 Apr. 16 to help cancel his arrears with the mission. I was so happy to get the money to send him. He has been very patient & kind though he has been behind with the mission nearly all the time he has been there.

I hope to tide myself & family over our strenuous financial conditions until I get home.

Laura has sent me \$20.00 more. The Lord has surely heard my prayers. I pray now that I can make means to pay all my obligations in due time.

I have also recd. a nice letter from Bro. J. G. Kimball. It is a very characteristic letter. I recd. a letter from Othello. He is working for a gentleman in Beaver bottoms. He is sad but hopeful. He is a good boy.

I learn Mrs. Irene Corbit of Provo has gone down in the Titanic disaster. She was Miss Irene Colvin of Payson. She & Leslie were once engaged to be married. This death is so sad. She had 3 little children at home. She had been in Eng. since last Sept. studying as a professional nurse. May the Lord help her poor husband & children.

**Apr. 30, 1912 N.Y.** I have been much discouraged this last wk. because of a halt in my thesis. I find that there are a few inaccuracies in my statistical work of the thesis which Dr. Thorndike pointed out so I am now revising my statistical work.

I had a talk with Dr. Cottell today. If my revision of thesis is satisfactory, I can have it published & take my final examination a yr. later. This is agreeable with Dr. Cottell. I am happy to think every thing is agreeable to this plan. This means all my work will be done for my degree except passing off my final examination.

I suppose my German will hold or prevent my taking my degree this spring if I were up in all else because I did not get it off last fall. The rule is: Pass all language requirements a yr. before getting the degree.

**May 13, 1912 N.Y.** I have been revising all the statistics of my thesis. I have computed from the basis of the median. This is what was desired by Thorndike but Cottell thinks The average is a better measure so I have computed all my work a new, not only from the average but have gotten the median, average deviation & probable error. Myers & I have retested Mr. Christlief's work for him for which he type writes for us.

I am now thru with my revision of my statistical work and also thru with the revision of my historical chapter. I will begin now the revision of my thesis proper using my new figures. I am glad now I have revised it for I find that the new way of computing my work brings out the difference more strikingly & consistently.

Had a conference with Mrs. Allen on the gospel. She thinks she is ready for baptism but I don't think she is yet.

I spoke two weeks ago last Sun. in meeting; bore my testimony in fast meeting a week ago yesterday.

I went with Dr. Colvin & four others of his class to Ward's Island last Wed (across East river) to the asylum. There, with the kindness of Dr. August Mach, we studied the various types of the insane—the depressive—manic, paresis, dementia precox, etc. It was a rich experience for me.

There I learned that general paresis as due to venereal disease & no other cause. Of the German army officers 45% of them have had paresis (insanity).

I took dinner two weeks ago with Seymour family, yesterday (Sun.) with Miss Borgne, Miss Roberts & Yniso Ward. Today I took dinner with Mrs. Lanning. She is a very spiritual minded woman. She has two very interesting sons—10 & 13 yrs. of age.

I recd. a telegram from Supt. H. H. Cummings asking if I would accept a position in the B.Y. College at Logan. I was reverentially grateful for this answer to my prayer. The Lord's spirit had promised me that I should be called back to teach in our church schools. Later I recd. a letter from Supt. C. and in it he said some very kind things were said about me by the Gen. Board of Ed. I am to be paid \$1580.00 for first yr.

Nearly every thing I have ask the Lord for this yr. I have received; I sincerely hope that all I have asked him for that is right I will receive.

I attended meeting & S.S. yesterday & M.I.A. last night. The speaking were by missionaries returning from Europe & Africa. Pres. Rich also spoke fine.

I recd letters from Othello, Martha, Leon, & Fern. She sent me \$2.00. God bless the giver. O yes, I reed a splendid letter from Dee. He is doing well. I sent him \$100.00 draft to help settle up his accounts. I sent Jos. A. Berry \$100.00 to apply on a/c.

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