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July 12, 1915, Provo, Ut.

Summer School is now closing & I am preparing to go to San Juan co. My work has been very pleasant to me. The students seemed very much interested in my work.

I have delivered addresses in Lehi, American Fork, Pleasant Grove, & Sp. Fork on Sun. afternoons & evenings during our Summer Session.

We all went on a "hike" to Mt. Timpanogos. It was a strenuous climb to the top from the East side. Bro. Amos Merrill & four of our boys (Radino & Valko) & myself took a team & drove to Silvianale & walked from there to the top--about 6 mi. the next day. We climbed up the glacier & slid down it from the top. When I got back to camp I was about all in. We then drove home that same day getting home about 9 P.M. I did some study on the geological formations. I found in the rock crinoids, graptolites, etc. indicating that part of the layers were layed down during the Salurian period. I got new pointers on the ancient lateral & terminal moraines. Prof Buss gave me considerable information upon the mountain flowers.

During summer school I gave two lectures to the students of the S.S. on the prophetic element in this world war.

We had Juanita's tonsils & adenoids taken out & she is virtually free from rhumatism.

I am taking a trunk of cooked food--bread, cake, cookies, liver-loaf etc. to the boys in Monticello.

July 16, 1915, Monticello, Ut

I arrived here Sat. night & found Geo. awaiting me at the Post Office. He stayed with me that night & I walked out to Francis' farm next morning & met Reg. Russell Snow, & Vann (Francis' son). They all looked pretty rough & dirty. I walked back for S.S. & explained my course of lectures which I was engaged to give. In the afternoon I addressed the Saints on this present war & the fulfillment of prophecy. I pointed out the fact that this war fulfilled Jesus' words (III Nephi chap-21, D&C 112) I showed that prophecy & revelation were truer than recorded history for history was often warped, shaded, & certain points were emphasized & otherwise omitted, etc. while prophecy & fulfillment of same agreed. My words produced a profound feeling on all, especially when I said the end is not yet, for this is the morning of the great day long foretold and that eventually our own nation would be envolved in war & that the gentile power would be broken & that God would begin his work with the scattered house of Israel, etc. Many were heard to say that they never heard any thing equal to it before. It is a case where the scriptures were not known.

I gave my 20 lectures on "The psychology of the child." It was a revelation to the people. About 100 people attended. I recd \$80.00 for my work. I visited the boys three times on the farm & afterwards worked 3 days with them. The boys have done well in their work having dug over 10 mi. of postholes, cut posts for 8 mi. & will have them put in soon. They have planned over 50 acres & expect to finish 90 acres before thru. They will cut 100 acres of oats which we have raised. Then they expect to double disc 80 acres & put in wheat also plow 20 of the oat land & prepare for lucern next spring.

I went to Blanding & delivered my 20 lectures on the child. The people said that they (lectures) were worth \$1000.00 to the people. Many shed tears to find out that they had made so many sad mistakes in rearing their children. Pres. Redd said that they were the best lectures he had ever heard & that they should be delivered among all the people. My audiences were made up of married & unmarried people--Bps. president of Stake & counsellors justices, Drs. etc. I was doubly paid for all my work to see the great joy of the people. In Blanding 200 or more people attended part of time. Different people were heard to say that the value to them was more than the price of the entire course.

I spent part of three days visiting the ruins of the "Cliff dwellers." What a miserable dying race they must have been. I found the skull of, an idiot child and other interesting relics.

The people were extremely kind to me. By special request I delivered the same sermon on war in Blanding that I did in Monticello. The Lord was with me in all my work.

This may be of interest to some when I say that when I went to our farm that it looked as tho our oat crop was & would be an entire failure. But I prayed over it & asked God to revitalize it & cause it to produce abundantly tho it looked to be almost a failure. Farmers who had seen it felt it a failure, but in 3 weeks no one could have believed the change without seeing it. From the time of our praying over the grain it forged ahead wonderfully until the farmer who thought it a failure now says the oats are the best they have seen of dry land oats. I will leave a small space here to record the amount of oats when they are threshed that the reader may know what effect prayer will have even upon the soil. Every thing in the earth should be influnced by the prayer of faith. Bushels of oats raised were.....I succeeded in selling 16 metal grain bins & took 2 for my self & 18,750 lbs. of wire. I got 17% commission which amounts to over \$500.00. Surely the Lord has blessed me this summer for I have made a little over \$1000. since last June.

Sept. 16. Provo. Utah

Back home again. On the route our auto (the one I was riding in) tipped over & we were nearly thrown over the cliff. One man (driver) had ankle nearly broken. I was thrown out on my head & shoulders & nearly went over cliff.

What seemed to be most disasterous was an operation on Dee'by myself & Dr. Bussy. We had just gotten him under chloroform & he stopped

breathing & his heart stopped also. We worked for 2 or 3 min. & no life returned & the Dr in a moment of great excitement grabbed Dee from the operating table & ran with him into the yard & literally threw him on the ground. His head hit the ground quite hard. Then the Dr. grabbed him in the small of his back & jerked him up several times & then he began breathing a little. He was black in face & his ears were almost like coal. We felt we were not giving the chloroform too fast. He came out from under the chloroform in less than 10 min. indicating that it was not due to too much chloroform. O my what a moment of agony that was for me! I was sick after the terrible strain was over. I had to lie down in the after noon. Dee kept his bed that day (Sat. Sept. 11) but next day he seemed well but just a little weak. I left that day at 1 P.M. & he was feeling fine. I left him Reg. & Geo. eating dinner at Sister Perkins'. No language can express my gratitude for his recovery for he was real bad for 3 or 4 min. Perkins & I administered to Dee Sun. for his recovery from rhumatism. We were to operate on him for that purpose, but we did not operate. If the Lord will give me the faith I will never have an other operation performed in my family. O for that day when we can have given us the faith equal to all afflictions! I am looking for that day. I feel rather rebuked for not asking the Lord first & see if Dee could not be healed thru faith (as he was as a child) for he had his leg bone straightened thru faith. I recorded that most phenomenal healing at the time.

O, I am so full of gratitude for God's kindness to us. Thru his blessings I made over \$1000.00 since 1st of last June. Aside from \$460.00 made from teaching & lecturing I sold steel grain bins & wire & made \$568.00. What I ever could have done this summer had this blessing not come to me is more than I could conjecture for I had to keep 4 boys on the farm & furnish them & teams even then we ran some behind. My Father, continue to aid me financially in the future.

We surely have a beautiful farm & we are in high hopes of eventually making a good living there. Our outlay so far has been about \$2000.00 in money for teams, impliments, living, etc.

All is well with us at home. I leave for Salt Lake & Logan tomorrow morning. I regret I can't take my family with me. Father, if it be they will, call me to return to this Uni. (B.Y.). I feel I would like to spend my days here in betterment of Zion's children, but, Father, Thy will be done in all things.

While in Monticello I spoke once in their conference. Apostle McKay was there. He is a real teacher & teaches well from the pulpit.

Sept. 26, 1915, Logan.

I arrived here O.K. a week ago last Sat. I attended the funeral of ex-bishop Christian J. Larsen. He was a patriarch. He gave me a splendid blessing last summer. It is recorded in my Journal G. p. 136. He was a splendid man and loved by all who knew him. He was one of God's noblemen. I never was at such an old person's funeral before where the speakers were filled with such tender memories & where nearly all of them shed tears as they spoke of the deceased.

The week has been principally spent in registering students. We have so far, the largest enrollment for this time of yr. in the history of the Institution.

The Pres. of the College & I had a few disagreeable words the other day but he humbly begged my forgiveness which was readily granted. I have prayed that we may never disagree again. I am a man of peace & desire harmony with my fellow men.

I attended High priests' quorum & S.S. today.

Leon & Winnie were here yesterday. I went to the A.C. yesterday with him & aided him in registering for a course in chemistry which he takes on Sat. He will put in 8 hrs. each Sat. at the A.C.

Othello & Helen were here this afternoon.

Valko writes me that our cow, Star, has twin calves. I am invited home to see them before they are sold.

The Agri. College students are petitioning that I give my course (the one I had been giving there in the past) in Psyc. & Ed. there this year for it is impossible for them all to come down to B.Y.C. who desire to take my work.

A Patriarchal Blessing Dec. 4, 1900.

A patriarchal blessing given by Jesse B. Martin upon the head of Josiah Edwin Hickman, son of George W. Hickman & Lucy A. Haws, born Aug. 3, 1862 in Salem Utah Co. Ut.

"Josiah Edwin in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on thy head & give thee a patriarchal blessing. Thou art of the lineage of Ephraim and shall receive your inheritance with that tribe. The Lord has sent thee to do a great work upon the earth & thy mind shall expand and thou shalt comprehend the true order of the celestial planets & become familiar with the principles by which they are governed for the Lord will reveal these things unto thee for thy comfort and the benefit of those thou wilt be called to teach, & you shall be shown the heavenly bodies & see them even as Abraham saw them before he went into Egypt. And you shall yet receive all your blessings in the temples of the Lord:--your washings & your anointings and your second anointings that will prepare thee to reign as a king thru out the endless ages of eternity; and thou shalt sit in legislative halls at the centre stake of Zion & shall help to make laws to govern the whole world during the 1000 year's reign of Christ on earth. And the time is not far distant when you shall have many of the daughters of Ephraim given unto thee as thy wives, and noble spirits will be sent unto thee to take tabernacles thru your parentage because they will be taught the principles of life and salvation.

Thou hast been faithful over a few things & thou shalt be made ruler over many; and to thy posterity there shall be no end. They shall be as numerous as the leaves upon the trees, & you shall see your Reemer in the great temple at Jackson Co., and He will smile upon thee & bless

thee for thy faithfulness & you shall have oil in your lamp & enter into the feast of the marriage supper of the Lamb, because thou art wise in the kingdom of God. Thy faith shall increase and you shall have power to heal the sick and cast out devils, cause the blind to see and the deaf to hear by the power of the Holy Ghost, and you shall have visions & dreams that shall cause thy heart to rejoice in the Lord thy God. And I seal you up against the powers of Lucifer & he shall not have power to lead thee from the church of Jesus Christ. I seal you up unto eternal life to come forth in the resurrection of the just & receive your crown in the new and everlasting covenant. These blessings I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ, even so Amen. (Written by J.E. Hickman). We were alone in one of my physics rooms--known as the dark-room with electric lights=92candle power when I received my blessing.

While Bro. Martin was blessing me he broke down & wept. When he was thru he said that he had promised me things he had never promised any other person. While blessing me he said he was shown things concerning me & that they over-came him & he could not help weeping. Only one thing did he tell me aside from the words in the blessing. He said that he was shown that I was a direct descendant of Jesus Christ. Other things he said that he saw which he felt that he should not mention. He asked that I keep these things sacred & in secret.

Two or three days later he came to me again and said that he was not "thru with me" and said that he wished to give me another blessing which God had in store for me. He said that when he went home after blessing me, as above recorded, he was given an open vision & shown things which he wished to reveal to me for the Lord desired him to do so. I am (was) forbidden to write what he said in full but I am permitted to mention a few things but keep sacred & in secret. He said I was a literal descendant of the flesh & blood of Jesus Christ. He further said that God would yet give me the same Urim & thummin that Abraham had & that I should have my eyes touched with the finger of God & I should be shown more astronomy & would know more concerning astronomy than any person in the world out side of the church. He was impressed that I would be translated & live thru the millenium. He said many comforting things which I cannot write.

How my heart has rejoiced over these things. Dear God, may I live to receive all these blessings.

I am copying these blessings here for fear the paper I have them written on might be destroyed. How unworthy I feel & wonder if God can & will prepare me for these wonderful blessings. Some yrs. before this blessing I had been strongly impressed that I was a literal descendant of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was at a sacred meeting in the Salt Lake temple July 2, 1899. (Refer to Journal C p. 141-3) and it was there revealed that there were in that room literal descendants of the flesh & blood of The twelve apostles & that there were literal descendants of the flesh & blood of Jesus Christ. It was then I felt that I was a descendant of flesh & blood.

Oct. 16, 1915. Logan. (Sat. night)

Just school has been my toil & thoughts except I was home (Provo) for a day & two nights & three days in S.L. to annual conference.

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Martha went with me. She has been ill due to a miscarriage. It grieved me for I feared that we would not be permitted to have another. Her health is not good yet. We had the four little boys come up to S.L. on Mon. and we showed them a good time around the city & the fair. The fair was an excellent display. It is truly a great education for all who visit it. We had a good conference & yet none of the apostles spoke in the main meeting with the exception the presidency and Bro. Lyman.

Apostle Whitney wrote and asked that I go to the Hyrum Conference with him; but due to one of his friend's sons being (getting) killed, he phoned to Pres. Parkinson & had him phone me to go & attend their conference. I will go in the morning.

Leon & Winnie were here to supper. Dee & Geo. are working hard to get their work done in San Juan Co. They probably will not be here until the last of this mo.

The president of the college & I had a word or two. He afterwards came to me & humbly appostagized saying he did not intend or mean to offend. I have begun to teach an other class in Psyc. at the Agriculture college tho we thought it would not pay us. The class is 25 or more.

Oct. 24, 1915, Logan (Sun night)

I attended High Priests' Quorum & Sun. School. The work of the week has been taken up in teaching & meetings. The lecture committee of B.Y.C & A.C. met last Wed. in the Booster's Club & I was again re-elected chairman for another yr. We have engaged to take ten attractions for this yr. at an expense of about \$2000.00 to the two colleges. The attractions are: The Cavaliers Nov 5; Wiggana Eugenics Dec 1; Braham's Quartet Dec 9; Dr. Driver Dec 11; The Servant in the House Jan 6; Dufan & Byrnes Metropoletin Quartet Feb. 3; Shumn Quartet Feb. 25; Codman & Redfeather Mar 10; Gunnell Glee Club Jan 4. I think this makes the strongest course we have ever put on.

I have arranged to rent a house here if Martha feels she can rent our home. She feels it is awful for us living apart as we do. So do I. My little children inquire after me daily & often cry because I am away.

My article published in the Oct. Era--"The Temptation of Christ" has elicited some very favorable comments.

I have given in an Apostrophe to a dead Sheep for publication in our College paper "The Crimson." It was inspired as I rode past it (sheep) in the desert some few years ago.

I have just finished a bk.--"A Century's Change in Religion." by Dr Geo. Harris (former Pres. of Amherst Uni.). Christianity has left much of her folly & darkness & is now drifting to a harmless religion where all dogma or saving principle are eliminated save a religion of love without a hell or a place heaven, or a resurrection of the body, etc. They are rejecting some of their former beliefs & modifying others --Jesus told the prophet Joseph in his first vision that none of their religions were correct & that they were corrupt & their professors of religion were corrupt. A century in religious change now proves that

Jesus was correct or that Jos. told the truth the creeds are now declaring they were wrong. If they were then wrong & taught false doctrine (which is now claimed) then their religions or creeds were corrupt.

Oct. 31, 1915. Logan.

An other wk. of study & teaching. My reading has mostly been magazines--Literary Digest, Journal of Heredity, & Science.

I am chairman of our New Scientific Society of our college. Pres. Jensen gave the first talk--"The Control of Heredity." It was a very good review of modern conclusions. This society is to meet every two weeks & on the alternating wks. we are to have round table talks on Ed. & psyc. However this has not yet begun. My subjects this yr. are: Divine Evidences of Bk. of M., General Psychology, two sections are here & one at A.C. followed 2nd Sem. by Prin. of Ed., School Supervision, Genetic Psychology. I have three hrs. a wk. laboratory work in psyc. for each section in psyc. I am also teaching the class in review of common branches for 6 weeks in penmanship & Spelling. We are not only reviewing the subject matter but giving new methods of teaching same.

We had a great celebration here last Wed. in honor of opening the new Interurban road from Preston to S.L. There was an open air program from 10:30 A.M. till late at night. Possibly 10,000 people were here to join in the celebration. That day a man committed suicide & a lady (sister Kent) was killed by the interurban just south of here. All schools were dismissed for the afternoon.

I went to Mendon today & talked by request on the prophetic element in this worldwide war. I returned & went to Hyde Park to Leon's & had supper. Dee, Vivian, Othello & Helen were there also. Winnie had provided a splendid supper.

Recd. letters from Geo., Martha & others. Martha feels she can't come here this yr. due to buying so much for winter there, but desires to come here next yr. if I stay here. I am so very tired of being separated from my home so much. Our baby Marva is so homesick to see her papa.

Did I record that Dee got home a wk. ago last Mon or Tues? He left Geo. to finish the work, threshing, disking, seeding, etc.

I am trying to keep (to keep) a pace with the development of the war & read the signs of the times. I am also trying to keep abreast with the scientific development of the world. The magazines I read most to keep abreast of progress are: The Popular Science Monthly, Lit. Digest, Science Review, Psyc. Bullitin, Astronomy (Journal), Journal of Heredity. I also read The Era & Liahoma, with occasional running thru the Forum, Review of Reviews, "Mathematics & Science," & some Ed. journals.

I attended S.S. this morning.

I wrote to Geo., Martha, Francis & a number of business letters.

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I sent Francis \$25.00 to finish paying for "Brownny." I sent & told Geo. to draw on me for absolutely what he needed to pay out in money & no more as we are up against it for money.

Nov. 7, 1915, Logan.

Sun. evening. Peace reigns. Have been to S.S. today & spoke for a few minutes & slept for 3/4 hr. this afternoon. I attended a co. Institute yesterday; Dr. J.H. Paul lectured on penmanship & Nature study.

We had the 1st number of our Lyceum course The Cavaliers (seven members). They were excellent artists & gave us one of the best musicals we have had here. Nibley hall was crowded to the doors.

We have our weekly faculty meetings on Mon. On Tues., for the present, we have our religion class meetings at 4:30 p.m. I never go out to visit the religion class meetings in the wards due to my classes in the college interfeering. I meet with the state officers (I am Bro. Geo. Gardners 1st counsellor) & give advice as to methods of teaching, etc. I aid in drafting programs, etc. We have monthly conventions wherein all teachers, supervisors & state officers meet & discuss our work, etc.

I rec'd my monthly check (\$160.00) Fri. but so many demands are made on me for money that my check only fills part of our wants. Geo. is on his way here from Monticello & he is now in Provo or on his route from there here. Leon & Winnie stayed here Fri. night.

The war situation is terrible & growing more desperate continually. New country is overrun, new cities destroyed. German, Austro Hungary & Bulgary have cut their way thru from the north to Constantinople & terrible are the destructions of life & property. I feel that Greece & Romania will yet be drawn in, & sooner or later other nations will (will) declare war until as my messenger said, "a world wide-war is about to break upon the earth." Seventeen thousand Servian women were left dead on the battle field the other day. They are still joining the Servian ranks.

Leon & Winnie just called here with Bro. & Sister Telford & their daughter (Reg's girl). They were in Telford's car. Have been asked to go to Hyrum next Thurs. night & explain the course of lectures I give on the psychology of the child. I hope they take them for I am in great need of money to meet dire needs.

Nov. 21, 1915, Logan.

School work moving smoothly. I am so crowded with work I can not do much out-side reading.

We held our scientific meeting a week ago last Wed. 7 P.M. Prof. Zundall discussed.....

I went to Hyrum a wk. ago last Fri. night and spoke to an audience of 120 people on "The Child."

I spoke before the High Priest's Quorum last Sun. on the war & its prophetic meaning. I spoke in the 2nd ward at night on the fulfillment of prophecy.

Nov. 28, 1915, Provo, Ut.

I was called home last Wed. due to Mother's severe illness. Her life has been almost dissipated of. In some ways she is a little better, but I am held here for another day or two waiting for some change. I have just phoned Pres. Jensen that I will not be able to come for a day or two. My classes suffer very much when I am away as there is no one to take my classes. Mother has bronchial trouble & Lagrip. This is the sickest she has ever been before. She has given up about all hope of recovery. All her children have come. Francis returned home last night.

I had to cancel an appointment at Millville. We have just recd. a letter from Reg. He says we had less than 400 bu. It seems the grain was frost bitten. We expected over a 1000 bushels. This is a real disappointment to us.

Myself & sons have formed a company with myself as president & Geo. as sec. & treasurer. The bank is quite linient with us.

Dec. 12, 1915, Logan, Ut.

I returned here a week ago Tues. & was called back again a wk. ago last Sun. morning. I was at Preston to attend conference with Bro. O. F. Whitney. Mother was sinking rapidly & asked to have all her children come again. We all arrived there as soon as possible. Again we renewed our faith & got mother to say she would try & live if we all desired it! As soon as we had all united she began to recover & is still improving. I left again for Logan last Wed. night. I arrived here at six P.M., ran home & grabbed my notes & rushed back to depot & caught the 6:15 train. I spoke that night at Millville as the opening lecture on the 20 lectures I am to give there on the child. On Thurs. night I spoke in Hyrum on the "Child." It was the third night there. A week last Wed. I answered Dr. Ellwood before our Scientific society. In his sociology he claimed that polygamic children were not as intellectual, moral, & more died in childhood, etc. than those of monogamic origin. He said that it was especially so amidst the Mormon people. My work along this line (10 yrs. ago), wherein about 25,000 people were studied proved the opposite. I wished to make a retesting. So last spring I got the heights, wts, ages, intellectual standing, and the number born & dead in families whose one or more children were attending the B.Y. College. I also got their origin whether monogamic or polygymic. I found that those of the polygymic offspring were the last (or youngest) of the polygymic families, for the polygymic families were older than the monogamic families whose children were in col here from monogamic families. Tho the monogamic families were younger, the death rate was within .005% as many as in the polygymic which were much older. I found that the polygymic offspring were taller, heavier, stood higher intellectually on the college record than the offspring of monogamic origin. I pointed out the fact that 10 or 12 yrs. ago there were about one polygymic offspring to 10 monogamic offspring in Utah, but now probably there are not more than 1 to 15. In spite of this fact, the polygymic offspring were in attendance here in the ratio of 1:2½ or more than five times as many were attending H.S. & college in this School than the monogamic. I also showed that the polygymic offspring were slightly younger than the monogamic in the different classes (1st yr. H.S.; 2nd yr H.S.; 3rd yr; 4th yr & college).

Ellwood's sociology is admirably written, but if his other data & conclusions were as unreliable as those he offered on Utah's polygymic

children then it is a most unreliable work.

In my lecture, I took occasion to point out that children from large families were as intellectual, on an average, as those from small families, also that there was little or no difference between the brilliancy between the first & the last children of the family.

I am asked to deliver a lecture in Payson. I have asked that it be put off until Jan. or Feb.

We have had two rare treats here in our school this last wk:--The Brahm Quintet. It was excellent & Dr. Jno. Driver who lectured last night on the political in Europe. He spoke 3½ hours, from 8:30 to 12 M. and hardly a person left the audience. It was the longest lecture I ever attended. He has a vast personal acquaintance with the entire European situation. He is an excellent orator. Yet he some times plays to the galleries which thing I deplore in a public speaker. He is a linguist of 10 languages, a novelist, poet & an orator. He was born in Virginia, (his father is an Italian). His ancestors were the guards & coach men of the Caesars. He is proud to know the blood of the old Roman flows in his veins. I spent ¼ hr. with him last night in his room before the lecture. He is a most charming conversationalist. He tells me his wife is an invalid having been operated on 17 times for cancer. He says they do not live together as man & wife & yet their lives with each other are as tender as lovers. He writes her a letter every day whether home or abroad. If at home he writes a little letter & pushes it under her door at night so she may get it when she arises in the morning. I felt that that half hr. with Dr. D. was a choice moment of my life. I introduced him to the audience last night.

Before the lecture we had a basketball game between our H.S. boys & Oneida team. We won 27 to 17. It was a hotly contested game.

I have been home here nearly all day. I started to the 6th ward S.S. but getting there I found the school was post poned on account of recent painting of benches. So I called into Thalie Haws' for an hr or two. To night I am writing in my journal, writing letters, & reading the Bible.

I do not think that I recorded here that I borrowed \$200.00 from the First National Bank last mo. One of which I turned in on our \$1000.00 note & the other \$100.00 I sent to Mrs. Elizabeth McCune to pay her in full for the \$200.00 she loaned me when I was in N.Y. I have been so ashamed that I could not pay her before. If she feels one tenth as happy to receive it as I was to pay it, she was very happy. God bless her for her kindness to me.

I was so happy to be with my dear wife & children again. It was a love feast to just sit down in my home again with my dear ones. Dear little Marva, her heart is so sad to be away from me. She is heart-broken when ever I attempt to leave the house. It makes me so sad to leave her and the rest of my family. Martha is very kind & considerate toward me. We often sit down & review our past lives. Few women have ever worked harder & longer hours to the comfort of the home than she has

done. Withal this, she is in the Stake Relief Society & is the greatest worker in her society. She is considered an authority on geneology & geneological work. Her society claim she is the best & does most work of any. She is praised everywhere she is known for her thrift & nobility.

Dec. 30, 1915, Provo, Ut

I delivered two more of my lectures on the "Child"--one in Hyrum & Millville. School closed Fri. evening Dec. 17. I got home that same day as I left Fri. 12:15 P.M. I found all well at home & mother much improved. She can now walk alone which is a joy to us all.

I attended State Teachers' Ass. We had an excellent association. Dr. Cubberly & Prof. (Supt.) Wilson from Topeca, Kan. were the visiting lecturers. Their talks were excellent; they dwelt of the non-essentials in ed. & the way to improve our curricula & methods of instruction Prof. Driggs of the U of U. the president of the association for the yr 1914 & 15 gave a very timely address on cut out & connect in education or eliminate & readjust up in our teaching.

On the 14 of Dec. I had the privilege of hearing Lord Abberdien of Eng. who lectured on reminiscences of royalty & the situation in Ireland. Lady Abberdien was to have lectured, she appeared also but was ill. When asked next day what I thought of Lord Ab's lectures, I said, "O Lord, I could have done better my self." Our appreciation was not in so much what he said & especially not in the way he said it, but in the fact that we saw a real "lord."

Othello & Leon & their wives attended the S.T. Ass. & then they all came here for 2 or 3 days & spent Xmas. Santa Claus left many presents here for everybody. Mary Orser sent us a big turkey for Xmas.

Reginald came home from Monticello & reported his work. He took our three horses to Moab & turned them over to Tangren to feed.

We are greatly distressed over our money matters. We owe \$285.00 to Monticello Coop; over a hundred to Grayson Dry Land Co; about \$150 at Castle Dale & over a \$1000.00 at Logan. It would take about \$1500.00 to square us as a company. Our oats having frozen leaves us in financial straights. If it had not frozen we should have had about 1800 to 2000 bu., but as it is we had only 375 bu. & that frozen so it is not saleable.

I record with sorrow that the Twelve have summonsed Francis to appear before them to give reason why he should not be disfellowshipped for, as they think, marrying Zina Woolf. The fact of the matter is he has not married her but a love letter written by her to him fell into his wife's hands & she gave a copy of it to Pres. Overson of Eraserly Stake & he sent it to Pres. Lyman. I think he will convince them of their error yet it may cost him his position as Prin. of Emery Academy. He is much in debt & greatly distressed over his financial conditior

I have just finished reading "Bodily Changes in Pain, Hunger, Fear & Rage" by Dr. Cannon of Harvard Uni. It is a most learned treatise of his own research and over 100 others on chemical changes caused thru various emotions. etc. Nearly every chapter is a discussion of their careful research.

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Francis has had his hearing & the brethren felt they were mistaken in their charge therefore they dismissed the case. Apostle Richards told me he knew Francis was not married to Miss Woolf.

I returned to my school work somewhat disheartened because I am separated from my wife and children. But after I am away for a time I get more reconciled to my work. I am praying the Lord will open the way so my loved ones can be with me or rather that I may be called back to teach in the B.Y. Uni. I prefer to be nearer my home & land, otherwise I would be willing to move my family here.

I am very busy in my school work and out side lectures. I am giving my 20 lectures on the child to the people of Hyrum & Millville. Hyrum people are not turning out well but in Millville there are about 100 who are taking the course.

Two weeks ago to day I went to Smithfield and spoke to the two wards on this world war and the prophetic fulfillment of the Scriptures. The house was full to the doors & the people were greatly impressed with what I said.

Last Sun. evening I lectured here in the tabernacle to about 2000 people. I took for my subject "Faith." Surely the Lord was with me & the people for my subject has been the source of much comment & praise. I was told by one of the bankers that an Eastern traveling was at the meeting & he said that it was the best thing he had ever heard along that line. I am so grateful to the Lord that He enables me to inspire & lift up the people. I measure my life & its value by the good I can do for others. It seems my life would be a failure if I could not lift up the world.

Martha tells me that she borrowed money and paid our sewer tax (\$65.00). I am so thankful to her for this. I will pay her back as soon as I can liberate our selves a little from our (self & boys) heavy indebtedness.

Dee & Vivian are here again. Dee is hired by the consolidated Wagon & Machine Co to work here for two months or more at \$60.00 a mo. Reginald writes me from Mack, Colo. He had to go there before he could get work Dee Orser went with him. Reg. says he will return as soon as spring opens so he can go back on the farm. Levon has work here in the Logan Hotel for \$35.00 & board.

George is making a fine record in college. He is applying for a scholarship in Uni. of Cali. If he gets it he receives \$600.00 a yr.

Dee, Othello, Leon, George & I went to the basketball game between B.Y.C. & A.C. We won 23 to 20. What a hot game it was! During intermission it took myself & a number of others all our time to keep down fights between the two schools. It surely was a bedlum for 10 min.

I am chairman of the scientific club including our College teachers. We meet every other wk. I am also teacher of our faculty in a

Round Table which meets alternating wks. I am attempting to take the teachers thru Bolton's Principles of Education, a work of about 750 pages. If they get thru I give them 6 hrs credit in Education.

This work with my lectures (2) a week at Millville & Hyrum keep me very busy. I am now finishing Moll's bk. on the Sex development of children, etc. It is a very thorough work on the sex unfolding with all its normal & abnormal phases. It almost makes one feel a shamed that he belongs to such a race of human beings, yet it is not so gruesome as Havlock Ellis' Sex Psychology. I am also reading Claporede's Child Psyc. (This is not the exact title. I haven't the bk at hand & can't recall title). Am also reading Meymann's Psyc. of Learning & Bolton's Prin. of Ed. I am also trying to keep abreast with 5 or 6 magazines. Almost too busy to think. If I only had time to write a bk. or several monographs I would be happy. The spirit of it often comes on me.

My article on the defense of the Bk. of Abraham is to come out in the Era next mo. or just a little later. It is to be published in our college quarterly also.

I spoke before the conjoint of the YM&YS M.I.A. last Thurs. for 20 min. We had Metropoliton Quintet last Thurs. night. My they did sing well.

I sent Francis \$60.00 to apply on our a/c with the Con. Wagon & Machine Co in Castle Dale for impliments gotten last spring.

We had here about 4 weeks ago the Grinelle College Glee Club of 18 or 20. They were excellent in their renditions.

The educational world is undergoing some changes here in Ut. Pres. Widtsoe goes to U. of U. as Pres. & much speculation is had as to who will be his successor & much wire pulling is going on.

All well at home & here.

I went & visited Prof Willard Langton's wife this afternoon for a short time. She is sad indeed over her husband's death.

Feb. 13, 1916, Logan, Ut.

The week past with finishing the term's work tho the term ended last week. I was a wk. or two behind with 2 of my classes. This school has gone mad on examinations. They have been giving 3 hrs. final exams. to H.S. students until this yr. I succeeded in getting exams. reduced to 2 hrs. for H.S. but some held 3 hr. exams. with college students but I gave mine two, one hr. exams. I have contended that final exams should be no more important than 5 wk. reviews. Some of the students feel they are taking the work to pass off exams. rather than taking the courses for the knowledge & inspiration they give. I have 146 students (college) in my classes, some of them are in 2 & 3 of my classes. I am so crowded I some times feel I am not doing justice to my class work. I have a splendid class in experimental psyc. of about 57 students. I put in three hrs. a wk. with each of my two sections. My son Geo. & Jensen aid me in my laboratory work & criticising of papers.

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I delivered my lectures at Hyrum & Millville this wk.

I discussed vocational guidance before the parent's class in 2nd ward. I am to give a few more.

I also gave an address this afternoon to Benedict Club at the A.C. I discussed a phase of child life.

I could not give an address at 8th ward tonight as requested.

The Pres. of our college & I had a lively tilt on Eugenics yesterday after noon. Possibly he was irritated. I know I was. I know another thing also & that is the Eugenic world is rapidly coming to my belief & my findings on certain hereditary tendencies.

Juanita came last Wed & left today to stay with Leon & wife for a few weeks. She says we are quarantined at home & Marva has scarlet fever but in a light form.

I sent Martha ten dollars today as I had only \$30.00 before instead of \$75.00 as is customary.

Levon is going to box again Tues. night with Tell Squires. The "bout" is four rounds with 5 oz. gloves. I don't like the idea of his boxing, but he insists in it so I permit it. I am finishing Chancellor's School Administration.

Feb. 27, 1916, Logan.

I discussed prin. of Ed. with the faculty Wed. for 1½ hrs. This class meets every other wk. I finished my work in Hyrum last Wed. night. I got \$33.00 out of my lectures I expected they would bring me in about \$100.00 I was thru at Millville Fri. night but they asked to give one more lecture to night on the period of love in youth--its meaning value & mistaken ideas concerning it. Recd \$92.80 for Millville lectures. Some geneological data given me by Mrs. Jessup of the Hickman's in Virginia. We had the Schuman Quintet last Thurs. They rendered an excellent program. Juanita came over from Hyde Park & visited me last Thurs. here. I am continually making tests thru & by the aid of my college students, measuring mental abilities & behaviors. I tried to find out how the students liked Theology compared with their other studies yet tried to do this without the students surmising what object I had in view. I did this by asking them to name in writing the studies they took last semester & put them in the order they appreciated them most. I got the following results:

Teachers:

Robinson,

Linford, Bitter, Bk of M. on av. students (1st yrs.) placed it 2.8 out of 5 & 6 subjects

Dainest	Kemp	New Test	"	"	"	(2nd "	"	"	3.	"	"
Myself		Old Test	"	"	"	(3rd.)	"	"	2.41	"	"
Hinckley		Church Hist.	"	"	"	(4th Yrs)	"	"	3.+	"	"
Gardner		College Theo.	"	"	"	(5&6 yrs)	"	"	3.+	"	"
		(O.T. prophets)									

I feel we are not making our work in Theo. interesting enough. I fear we are attempting to intellectualize it rather than spiritualize it. Tho the O.T. is conceded to be the hardest to teach & least interesting of all the other Theology classes I brought the teaching of it to 2.41 position. Before I took the class the students had largely gotten to dislike the subject and many grew skeptical thru taking the course.

Mar. 12, 1916, Logan

I went to S.L. a week ago last Wed evening & remained there until Thurs. evening. While there I visited the U. of U. and went thru the Training school. I took dinner with Prof. E.E. Erickson who is not teaching in the U. He tells me the Murdock Ac. is going down rapidly. I regret this for I have had great hopes of that institution. When I was there we had from 250 to 350 students. Now I learn, they have (but) less than 160 and nearly all the old teachers are going to leave next spring.

I was home from Thurs. evening until Sun. noon. The folks--Martha, Valko & Marva--have been ill but now better. I am so home sick to be with them. I earnestly pray I can soon be with them.

I attended conference here last Sun. evening Apostle Whitney gave a fine sermon. After meeting he & I walked for an hour and talked over many things.

This week has been spent in school work. Pres. Jensen has returned from the east & gives a good report of his trip.

I went to Hyrum today & spoke twice to the Union meeting. I came back & spoke to the meeting (conjoint) to night. The house was full & good attention and many kind & complimentary things were said of my words. One lady came up & in a burst of enthusiasm she said I was the greatest speaker in the church. Now reader, don't think I believe this. I know this however, that when the spirit of God is upon me I "speak with the tongue of an angel" (II Nephi toward the last of the bk.) I am so grateful that the Lord does so bless me at times. Never do I take the honor to my self.

I have bought me a new suit of clothes. This will be stale & non-interesting news to my future posterity. I wish I really knew some things you would really like to know about me which I do not write. Yet I think you can get enough of the arc of my circle to complete it from what I have written.

Did I say Leon & Winnie had born to them a fine baby boy? & babe, mother, & father are doing well.

I am praying & longing that thru me & my descendents a mighty race shall come into the world--a race who will be filled with knowledge of the earth & wisdom of God & loves of the human race & of the Lord & his work.

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I was asked to go to Lewiston & speak to night but couldn't. I am asked to go to Idaho & speak. I took Juanita thru the A.C. yesterday. She goes home next Thurs.

Mar. 19, 1916, Logan.

School as usual. We dismissed school Fri. & the teachers & students put in a Portland cement walk from Nibley hall to the east red building & from there to the street north, also two other short spurs. The boys were lunched by the Domestic science girls at noon. I did but little that day on the grounds, yet I succeeded in getting the students to buy four pieces of Alvard Fairbank's art work (two pieces of Old "Nacoma's teaching of Hiawatha" & a charging buffalo & an Indian)

I spent yesterday with George & Bro. Moroni Jensen criticising papers & journals. Today I went by appointment, to Hyde Park & spoke on Religious classwork & tonight I spoke on the same subject in the 1st ward of Logan.

Juanita went home this week We are all well here and at home. The Pres. asked me take a ride with him yesterday in his new car, but I declined because my life was not insured. I am not sure but he was "miffed" over my attempt at humor.

April 15, 1916 Logan, Ut.

It has been a month since I wrote in my journal. Three weeks ago to-day I went to Idaho by request. I spoke in Arimo twice--once to stake gathering of all officers, priesthood, etc & once to the priesthood alone. In the evening I spoke in Robins to a large audience. The next morning spoke to the Parents' & Theological classes. In the afternoon I spoke again to a very large audience. In the evening I spoke at Downey. Many of the audience were non-mormons. The Lord was surely with me & the audience. I am told that some of the non-members said that my address surpassed any thing they had ever heard. The audience seemed transfixed in their seats. Patriarch Richards wrote his daughter here at school that they all felt that my lecture ("The Prophetic Element in this World Wide War") surpassed any thing the people had ever heard there. I say that surely the Lord did bless me & the audience. I was paid \$13.00 over & above my expenses. Two weeks ago I went to Lewiston by appointment & lectured there to a large audience. That morning I talked twice in S.S. 2nd ward. I went to S.L. a wk. ago last Wed. I completed arrangements for the Peace Oratorical contest (of which I am state chairman) which was held on Fri. morning at 11:30 A.M. The U. of U. won first place, the B.Y.U 2nd place & our school 3rd place. Our man, Asa Dewey, was better in delivery but lost out in thought & composition. The judges were B.H. Roberts, H.S. Tanner, & Abbot McGuinis. The U. of U. man, Clarence Baird got \$75.00 prize. He is now to contest with Cali. & Washington. The winner goes to Mobonk N.Y. for final contest.

I met Martha in S.L. & we stayed to conference on Thurs. & went home that evening. We met Volko. Thorval, Kyrmel & Marva at the Oram depot. As soon as the baby saw me getting off the train, she cried out: "O daddie, daddie, I seed you." O how happy she was and I could have cried for joy to see the babies. I put in garden Sat. & went back to

conference Sun. I would record here a brief of some of the remarks made by the speakers, but they can be found in the conference reports so I will make no record of what was said.

I have been busy this week with my classes & have quite enjoyed my work.

We bought a fine span of 1500 lbs mares at Newton. We paid \$300.00 for the team--\$200.00 down & note for \$100.00 to be paid in 6 mo.

Dee & Levon started last Sun. morning in a car with horses, wagon, food, harnesses etc for Monticello. They drive from Thompsons to Monticello. We bought of the Consolidated wagon Machine Co. wagon, two sets of harness, & double disc plow. They took \$69.00 in food. Reginald wrote me he will not go on farm this summer. Helen & Vivian went to Overton & St. Thos. to visit their folks.

I am to receive \$1700.00 next yr. for my teaching.

Apr. 30, 1916, Logan

School work has been very enjoyable the last two weeks. I literally love to teach. Surely God sent me here for this work. To unfold the human mind & increase human happiness & lessen pain & sin is the burden of my desires.

The boy scout movement in Zion is becoming to be a most absorbing theme. The contest & exhibition held here a week ago yesterday was a great success. It is surely an attempt to legalize youth's desires & activities. Othello is the scout master of the 7th ward.

Dee & Levon lay at Thompson's for 9 days waiting for the arrival of plow & bill of goods from Chicago. Only the plow came. They found the fence cut on the farm & between 300 & 400 cattle & some horses in our inclosed field and some one had stolen about 75 bu. of our white Russian oats from one of our bins. Who ever it was stole from one of our neighbors also. Dee says our grain is coming up fine. He says he was offered \$450.00 for the span of mares he took down there. He says the horses fed at Tangren's were in good condition.

I delivered the Easter address here in the tabernacle last Sun. afternoon. The audience was very large & very attentive. I recd. many favorable comments & a few criticisms by some who felt I was unorthodox in one statement; but I pointed out to the President--that it was so stated in the Bk. of M. & more forcibly there than I gave.

One man, an engineer, from the east was there & I am told that he said he felt at times he would have to rise from his seat he was so wrought upon. He was most deeply impressed saying that he never heard any thing like it on the Resurrection before.

I went to Brigham today by request & talked on War & Prophecy. Again the Lord was with me & also upon the people in great abundance. Some of the leading men said that was the greatest sermon they ever heard. This, dear reader, is told with some hesitancy. (Refer to Journal of Clippings for further comments).

June 9, 1916, Provo, Ut

I went to Price & Winter Quarters Carbou Co. & delivered two commencement addresses. I was gone from Wed 12 M to Sun. night. I stopped off home here going & coming. A week ago Sun. night I spoke in Millville again. I had been there 2 or 3 weeks before. The week before I spoke in Hyrum. I took singers with me.

We closed school in a very satisfactory manner.

I came to S.L. & attended the annual church school convention for two days & came here to begin my summer school work. We have been going for a wk. I teach Hist. of Ed. (about 23 in class); Ed. Psyc. (about 25 in class) & Gen. Psyc. with 6 or 8 in class.

We graduated over 50 high school students; & 22 or 23 college students from the two years college normal course. Our students are sought for when many graduates from A.C. & else where have trouble in getting positions. We give our students a very thorough normal course including a yr. in training.

Geo. has gone to Washington to canvass knit goods; Othello & Helen have moved to S.L. & he is canvassing bks. as last yr. He gets 50% of sales. Leon is working in Logan for \$60.00 a mo. Reg. is in Dillon, Mont.

July 2, 1916 Provo, Ut.

My work has been very pleasant in Summer Sch. The students seem to be much interested. We have a few more than we had last yr. I get \$100.00 a mo. This is better than starving. I am glad for this privilege of teaching & earning a little.

Our home is very pleasant & we are very happy at home. If it were not for financial worries we would be very content. Dee is on the farm. Levon has left it & is working in Monticello. Dee's eyes are quite bad. He thinks he will have to go to Overton, Nev. to his wife as she is expecting to be ill in a month or so. Mother has been ill again but is well now. Francis is attending S. Sch. here. He gets his A.B. by so doing. I am glad for this.

I spoke before the Parent's class a wk ago last Sun. Two strangers (man & wife) were there from Washington. They were much impressed with what they heard & asked that go to their hotel & explain our religion which I did for an hr. or so. They feel this God's church & are reading & inquiring concerning it.

I went to Benjamin last Sun. & visited Chas. & Eunice's families. I spoke to Parents' class & in afternoon meeting. Chas brought my self & my three boys (Valko, Thorval, & Kyrmel) back in his auto.

I am to speak to night in the 4th ward to the conjoint meeting.

Levon has joined the national guards of Utah. He did this last winter. I learn he intends to go to join his company & go to Mexico for war seems imminent between (between) U.S. & Mex.

Othello & Helen visited us two weeks ago. Geo. reports from Washington that he is doing fairly well in his work.

I have deposited \$46.50 in "The Hickman Land & Live Stock Co." to help defray running expenses. I paid \$21.50 interest on 3 mo. rent to bank for the \$1075.00 note. I also pd. \$20.00 to Gustavensen on our Chicago bill.

I wish to record that Thorval has gone to school one yr. & he has read probably thru more than 20 small books. His progress is wonderful. He has a hesitancy in his speech which he is over coming a little.

I paid \$30.00 tithing this wk. I am behind in my tithing.

I am much concerned over the destruction that is upon the earth. I am impressed that the worst has not come and that other nations are to be dragged into what is yet to be a world wide war. The Angel showed me this was to be. God's purposes are being fulfilled. The hour is at hand when he will begin his work with the House of Israel. I feel this is the morning of that great day of destruction spoken by Isaiah. Jno. the Revelator (chap. 9), III Nephi, chaps 16, 20, 21. Doc & Cov. Secs 1, 4, 5, 112, etc. I pray our people will sense this situation & live as they. I am trying to impress on people of the ominous times & for them to read & search the scriptures to know God's promises. In writing to Eugene of these conditions he thinks I am biased & prejudiced & entirely wrong, but he will live to see his ignorance on this matter. He writes as one who is wholly unenlightened.

July 9, 1916, Provo, Ut.

Last Sun. night I spoke in the 4th ward on war & prophecy. My talk produced much talk & enquiry. In the afternoon by request from the Bp. (Poulton) I explained the sign of the time, etc.

This last week I enjoyed my work very much with my classes & they seemed to enjoy their work very much. Sat. my class in College Psychology worked in an experimental session for 4 hrs. We listed the lower threshold of the sense of salt, sour, & bitter. I had partly prepared the tests the day before. We found that 9 out of 10 could detect salt (NaCl) in distilled water down to 1/4000; sour (citric acid) 1/6000, & bitter (quinine) 1/1300,000. Two of us could detect down to 1/1,500,000. But I think the reason we could detect so low is none of those tested were users of narcostimulants. We tested minimal differences in change of pressure. The rest of the time was spent in making tests in associations according to Woodruff & Well's standardization tests.

Reginald came last Wed. morning from Dillon & he & Radino went to our farm at Monticello (started Thurs. night). They will work on the farm rest of the summer. We were all glad to have Reg. return. He telegraphed me Mon. after noon that was starting for home.

Thorval had a birth day party July 7, & they all had a nice time playing games, eating knicnacs, & drinking punch. He told me he got ten kisses & 45¢

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I have heard McKeever & Dr. J.T. Miller lecture the last ten days.

I attended S.S. to day & union meeting. Martha went to Payson to-day & talked on geneological work to the Relief Societies of Nevo Stake. She has gone to night to speak in the 4th ward of this city. She is talking wheat collecting & storing. This movement is general, just now, thru out the church. My sweet Marva lies here on the table to night talking to me as I write. She is 3 yrs. old & chatters very much. As she looks at the electric light she desires to know why it is those little flies (they are a few beetles & millers that have gotten in thru screene) fly around the light.

I was much amused the other day when she was having a little play dinner all by her self on the front porch. I had noticed her quietly eating her cake, milk & bread, butter & sugar. All of a sudden I heard her say, with considerable emphasis: "Y, Mag, you dirty dog"! On looking out of the window I saw our tame mag pie on her table eating the bread, butter, & sugar. The mag seemed to have a very little regard for Marva's earnest wordy protest. I suppose only a parent can see the humor in this & feel a sense of tender innocence. But now as I write her eyes are falling shut. As I watch her she lapses into a deep slumber. She is a beauty with her pretty white face & shock of black hair. All her troubles & questions are wrapped in deep slumber.--God bless the baby!

July 26, 1916, Provo.

How time flies! It is outspeeding the aeroplanes. Since last writing, I have taught over two weeks. Martha & I went to Logan & secured a house for the winter. We rented furnished 8 or 9 roomed house for \$37.50 a mo. but we will re-rent part of it to Othello & Helen. I delivered an address in the Vth ward a wk. ago last Sun. evening to a large essemblage, on the signs of the times.

Got letter from Dee stating the grain was looking fine & that they had had two good rains.

Lorea went to live with Fern for a short time at Wendall, Id.

I listened to a lecture from Dr. David Starr Jordan last week on war & peace. Prof. Thomas of the U. of U., who has spent 4½ yrs. in Japan & China, lectured today at the B.Y.U. of the oriental religions & showed many beautiful features of those religions. He said that religions were very broad but religionists were very narrow. I am borrowing money to pay our farm a/c at Monticello (\$250.00)

Aug 17, 1916, Provo.

I finished my work in the summer school today. My work has been very pleasant this summer. My students have been very earnest & congenial. Many kind expressions were offered by the students. I have taught Ed. Psyc, Hist. of Ed. & Gen. Psychology.

I spoke in the 1st ward a week ago Sun. night & in the Pioneer ward last Sun night. I went to Mutual Isle in Provo Canyon & spoke to the girls of the Bonniville ward & others who were there. Jesse Knight

and wife were there also.

I have been asked to go to Ogden and deliver my address there on War & Prophecy, but I can't go now but may later.

I addressed the parents' class last Sun. and the teachers & Supt. of S. Schools of this stake I sent \$50.00 apply on our a/c at the Monticello coop.

I leave to night at 2 A.M. for Monticello It will take me two days to go.

Sept. 17, 1916, Logan, Ut.

Well, I left a 2 A.M. and got to Moab at 2:30 P.M. & to Monticello next day at 6:30 P.M. Autos run from Thompsons to Bluff daily. The roads are very much better than they were a yr. ago. Dee & Radino were at Monticello to meet me. We stayed there from Sat. evening until Tues. morning then we went out to the farm for thr-e days. Levon, Radino, & I cut posts one day. Then Dee took me back to Monticello. I gave Coop a check of \$175.00 to apply on our store a/c. We were owing about \$200.00 from last summer and aside from what Dee had paid for as he went along he had run a bill of \$136.00 besides. The store is to take grain for rest we are owing.

I spent my time while in Monticello in selling wire & farm implements. Sat. I went to Blanding (Grayson) & spoke three times Sun. to the people. The meeting house was filled and the people were much impressed at what I had to say. I spoke at one of the meetings on church school ed. I stayed there Mon. & sold wire & implements. I went to Bluff & was there two days & spoke there two nights. I returned Thurs. to Monticello & stayed there until the next Tues. morning. I attended the stake conference. Surely the Lord was with me in my speaking on Sat. & Sun. He was with the other speakers also. Dr. Taylor of S.L. & Apostle Clawson were the visiting brethran. Miss Campbell of the Y. L. Board was also there. I had a very pleasant visit with them. I spoke on Faith & the Sacrament in conference.

Sun. evening of the conference I took ill & was in bed two days, but up Tues afternoon & went out to the farm again for two days. Dee brought me back to Monticello; also Radino & Levon. Radino came home with me & Levon remained in Monticello to work. I had a visit with Reginald while at Monticello. He came down from the saw mill. He is to pay for  $\frac{1}{2}$  the lumber for the house we are to put up this fall on our land.

I am so pleased with the farm the grain, especially the oats, looks very well. Some oats were over 5 ft. high. They were as rank as most of the irrigated oats in Monticello. Dee put in potatoes between June 20 & 25 & on Sept. 7 I dug potatoes larger than tea cups. Dee has in 15 acres of alfalfa & 30 acres of fall wheat. I brought specimens of oats & potatoes with me. The boys have all the posts cut & postholes dug for two more sq. miles. The posts will be put up soon & then in spring will string wire for three more miles & then we will have 5 sq. mi. under fence. I love to be on the farm. It is an inspiration to me.

Dee has done well & is more hopeful. He helped me sell wire & implements. We got much patronage--two car loads. Our commission was \$900.00 but I knocked off \$16.20. Dee's commission was \$86.00. I let Dee have \$21.50 of commission & rest was turned on our a/c. I drew \$60.00 so we turned rest to the Con. W. M Co. They owe us over \$200.00 after we paid for wagon, two sets of harness collars, double disc plow, etc. We also paid \$104.60 we were owing Grayson Dray farms. We also paid \$29.00 to A. J. Young for horse service & keeping our mares at his place.

Surely God blessed me with a rich blessing of need. O I am so grateful for this blessing. He heard my prayers for assistance. His blessing was abundant. I pray He blesses those who bought of me. My sons are grateful also. Now, dear Lord, help us this winter to pay our debts at the banks & we will also be reverentially grateful.

I arrived home (Provo) Sun. at 1 P.M. & found all well. I went to S.L. Mon. & cast up accounts with the Con. W. & M. Co. They were happy I had done so well for them. The sales were over \$5000.00. They desire I take over all their business in Grand & San Juan Cos. I may do so next spring. I have arranged for Dee to canvass the two cos. next spring & get an other car load or so. If he does we can pay for all our needs in the spring.

I went back home (Provo) Mon. night & attended for a time a farewell reception at Geo. Startup's for Martha & self. I came here last Wed. The family are to be here tonight. We have been looking for them for two days.

The B.Y.C. registered 1st yr H.S. students yesterday. We open school tomorrow morning. I feel happier this fall than any yr before, of the last four yrs. on opening school because my family are to be with me.

I spoke in tabernacle to day on church school ed.

Oct. 12, 1916. Logan.

School work keeps me very busy I am teaching two sections of Gen. Psyc (one at A.C.), Old Test, 1st year in mathematics (It includes algebra & geometry & a little trigonometry), Genetic Psyc. I have three two hr. sections in Lab. psyc. I have about 90 college students taking psyc.

I have been virtually sick for about 12 days & so feel quite miserable. I was out of school from Thurs afternoon till Tues. morning. I did not go to conference on account of illness. I regreted to miss conference (semi annually) It is the 1st session I have missed for 4 yrs.

John W. Taylor, former apostle, died Tues. His death causes a profound sorrow in my heart. I have loved him for his integrity & the great prophetic power he had once possessed. He was true to his convictions--life or death. He had been excommunicated from the church yet he was firm in his belief & still held that our leaders sacrificed

principle for policy. He felt the manifest was a snare & a delusion & he could never accept of it but held to God's revelation to his father. I have this revelation in my possession & in it God especially says he does not wish this people to sacrifice the principle of pl. marriage or make further promises to their enemies. He was true to his belief & testified to his death to the truthfulness of the gospel & a great undying faith that all would be righted in time. His death was due to a cancerous condition of his intestines. He left five wives & between 20 & 3 children. Apostle Lyman once told me (some 20 yrs ago) that Jno. W. Taylor was the most spiritual minded man of the quorum. He said: "He is our prophet."

I had Valko's adenoids taken out. They were very large. Dr. Parkinson charged \$8.00 for the operation.

Dee writes me that the young mare "Babe" had her hind ft. nearly cut off with a barb wire. He thinks it will take a mo. to heal.

I gave a check of \$100.00 to finish paying for "Babe." We bought a cow from Gabrelson for \$60.00. She gives 11 quarts a day. It is rich milk.

I am asked to go Franklin & speak next Sun. I am to go to Ogden Oct. 22. & speak.

Geo. came home & has gone to teach west of Tremonton for \$85.00 a mo. Levon is here going to school. He is more desirous of schooling than before.

One of our students was nearly drowned in the swimming pool today. She was unconsciousness when we got her out.

Oct. 29, 1916 Logan, Ut

School work has gone smoothly. Teaching is as it always has been an inspiration to me. The patriarch once blessed me & said I was ordained to be a teacher before the world was.

I went to Provo with Martha & Marva & looked after some business, visited the folks & found all well. We returned Sun. forenoon to Ogden where I delivered two long addresses & two short ones. I was asked to stop for evening meeting & address an other congregation, but I did not stay for night meeting. I gave an address before the family organization of the Crockett family. I went to Franklin by request, & addressed afternoon & evening meetings.

We are all well at home. I went to S.S. today & the primary meeting tonight. Thorval (8 yrs.) gave the opening address of welcome which he had learned. He did well.

Leon & Winnie were here today. Radino & Valko are working in beets for two weeks. They earned over \$22.00 this last wk.

Three of our horses on the farm have been cut or hurt badly. So Dee' has had to suspend most of the work. It has rained & snowed there so could not get up grain. I am working quite hard teaching, reading, & experimenting.



I am so anxious to be world-read & worldwide. I am just as anxious to be endowed with spiritual vision & power. My life is one of yearning for new light & bettering the world with the same. My life is of little value to me when it ceases to be of value to others. My home is full of peace & considerable of comfort.

Prof. Casto recently from Uni. of Mich. told me that my oration which I gave there in the spring of 1895 is still referred to as one of the best orations ever delivered there. He said that Prof. Trueblood had his class in oratory of 35 go over the volume of "Winning Orations" & pick out the one or the ones they thought were the best in the vol. (these are the winning orations of that Uni. for the last 22 or 3 years) and Casto says that 34 out of the 35 picked my oration as the best. Then Trueblood told Casto that he had given similar tests for years and with few exceptions my oration had been chosen as the 1st. Then said Casto that on the night of the big contest Trueblood, in introducing Casto, told the audience that he was from Utah & that I had some years before delivered an oration on the "Banishment of the Mormon People" which was one of the greatest orations ever delivered there, and had not prejudice (not) prevailed I would have gotten first place not only in thought & composition but in delivery as well.

Nov. 13, 1916--Monday morning.

It is extremely cold with but little snow. I learn from Dee that our grain is not threshed yet because of so much rain & snow.

My school work is pleasant & I am forging ahead slowly. I have been reading "Mental Growth & Control" by Oppenheim. I am reading Webb's "Greater Mormonism." It is the most thorough analytic analysis of our church & people ever written.

Election is over and the state & nation have vindicated Pres. Wilson's policies. He received over 400,000 majority. Utah, by her vote, showed her disgust for the boodle & dishonesty of the Republican rule. We have Bamberger, a Jew as Gov., tho I preferred Morris because of his consistant stand on the prohibition ques.

Nov. 26, 1916, Logan

It snowed today. I discussed "the plastic period of child life" before the parent class of the 2nd ward. Pres. Jensen & I were to go to Benson ward this afternoon, but due to storm we did not go. I spoke in the 8th ward a week ago last Sun. last Sun. I discussed the crucifixion of the Savior before the Theological class in our ward (7th) A week ago yesterday (Sat.) I went to Providence & solicited buyers for sugar stock in the new People's sugar factory to be erected in San Pete. I spent a ½ day yesterday also. So far I have sold no stock but have promise of 2 or 3 buyers.

I went to S.L. last Tuesday & attended pres. Lyman's funeral. The tabernacle was virtually full--probably 10000 people. I am very glad I went. Splendid things were said of him & all were true. He was a noble character sacrificing every thing earthly for his convictions. Few men ever lived who has been so ardent & untiring in labor for a church as he. He was ever going, ever at duty's call.

He was ever laboring with wayward young men. It is said of him that he labored with one young man 15 yrs. before he turned him from his erring ways.

Pres. Lyman has been severely criticised the last few years of his life for his stern stand he has taken against recent polygamus marriages (since 1890). Even some of his own quorum have felt he was too severe. I have criticism for him for the stand he took tho he may have been overearnest. I love him and admire his great life. God bless his memory & his race. I went to his funeral as a representative of our faculty.

While in S.L. I got Dee a job at the Con. W. & M Co. for the winter for \$75.00 a mo. & more if they can afford it. Thru my trip to S.L. I maybe able to sell a car load of wire & implements at Grayson.

Martha has bot a large duck & cleaned it to send to Ma & Laura's thanksgiving dinner. Money matters are beginning to crowd me again. If we could pay all our debts so we could live after that without so much worry.

Pres. Grant has been chosen president of the Twelve.

Dec. 4, 1916, Logan,

We have had thanksgiving vacation and a right pleasant time we have had. During that time I sold sugar stock and made \$30.00 I got my check for same today. Othello & Leon made \$12.50 one day. Hereafter I get 10% for all I sell, before I got 5%.

We had a fine thanksgiving dinner. Geo. Othello, & Leon & wives were with us. Pres. Oleen Stohl of Boxelder Stake is dead. He was a great & good man.

We had conference Sat & Sun. Bros Whitney & Nephi Jensen were the visiting brethren. An exceedingly good spirit prevailed. I was called to speak for a short time Sun. afternoon. I had several walks and talks with Bro. Whitney. He took supper with us last night.

Have just written to Francis & sent him a check of \$50.00 minus \$3.00 which I paid his taxes with (\$3.61). I threw in 61¢ for good measure.

George paid \$5.00 to fund which he had borrowed & \$5.00 to me for money I paid out for telegraphing to & for him.

Our church is going thru a period of prosperity & the people are being tested. I hope we are doubly faithful for the promised blessings. I attended cottage meeting tonight at Bro. Franks & bore my testimony with my brethren.

Martha has rhumatism in one of her feet & can hardly get around.

Dec. 29, 1916, Logan,

Many things have transpired since last writing: School has closed for holidays, I attended the Utah Ed. Association in S.L. We had Dr.

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Hasic of Chicago & Dr. Snedden (Columbia Uni) as special lecturers. They had some splendid messages for the teachers. The B.Y. College teachers & graduates had a banquet at New House hotel.

Othello & I have been selling sugar stock for the Peoples' Sugar Co located at Moroni. Othello has earned about \$250.00 & I have earned about \$700.00. Surely the Lord has blessed us in our work. We will be able to sell a few days longer. I am trying to borrow \$1000.00 to buy sugar stock. Martha has taken \$200.00 worth. Othello will take \$120.00. Fabulous sums have been made in the manufactory of sugar. Morris Lawisch (Uncle Geo.) & wife came & paid us a visit for nearly two weeks. They come from North Dakota & have gone to Cali.

Reginald has come home for the winter. Our crop was only about 500 bu. It was not much more than half what we expected. The horses got well from their cuts, etc. I just sent \$185.00 to pay the Monticello Coop for our bill. I also paid Francis' & our bill at Castle Dale of \$196.+ I also paid the Con. Wagon & Machine Co. \$31.80 to finish paying our account.

I paid \$233.00 tithing. Martha & the little boys paid over \$40.00 besides.

I lectured before the High Priests quorum three weeks ago on the Signs of the Times Last Sun. by special request of the Stake presidency I lectured on the same subject in the tabernacle. The Lord was with me and the people were full of praise & comment. I went to Preston, Id in the evening & lectured on the psychological Christ Child. The opera house was full & the audience was very attentive. I returned the same evening as it was Xmas eve.

I record here the sad death of Chloe Palmer Francis' second wife. O how my heart ached. I tried to go to the funeral at St. George but I was too late getting the news of her death. Tho there was some what of a strained condition between him & her, he is nearly heart broken. He feels he can't endure her sad death under such conditions. I can't tell when I have felt so badly over the death of any one of my relatives or friends. I have written to Chloe's sister, Mrs. Heaton.

While in S.L. I visited Dee & Vivian & children. He is working at the Con. W. & M. Co. O yes, Eugene came & visited us for two days I was so glad to see him. He had gotten off a little in his belief, but I believe after talking until 2 & 3 A.M. he sees different & will do different.

I learn with an awful sadness that Dee has been using tobacco this summer but Reg. says Dee (he) has quit using it. What can this all mean. What have I done that my sons should be dragged down to the low plain of tobacco using. My Father, I call upon you to save my sons from such a low plain. It grieves me much.

Jan 7, 1917. Logan.

A new year is upon us with her hopes and her mysteries. Only here & there do inspiration & revelation show us the future. I pray this

shall be the happiest and most eventual year of my life. I pray it shall be so with all my loved ones. The year is kind to me so far & I have much reason for rejoicing. I have made over \$200.00 since the beginning of the year. Peace is in our home & our hearts. I am blessed because I have paid my tithing so is Othello who has made the same. Leon has made over \$62.00.

Last Sun. I went and spoke in the 1st ward of Smithfield. I attempted to build up the psychological Christ Child. It was a hazerdous attempt to relive in some general way the childhood of Jesus. Surely God blessed with much power & inspiration. Tho I made no attempt at "playing to the galleries," I saw a number with tears flowing down their faces. I was trying to get the audience to see thru construction & imagination the Christ. The Bp. called me up the next day (for I had to leave before the meeting closed to catch car) & thanked me for the inspiration of my sermon. He said (that) the people were spell bound at the portrayal. I am grateful for all blessings which bless the people.

I recd. letter from Francis. He is heartbroken over Chloe's death.

I went to Richmond & spoke to night to the conjoint meeting of M. I. Associations. I reviewed the critics of the "Mormon People" & showed all criticisms hurled against us had failed.

Two of our students have died the last 3 weeks.

We have bought a piano & are paying it on the installment plan.

The attempts at coming to end of war have failed. War rages on & no peace in sight.

Feb. 5, 1917, Logan (Mon. 7 A.M.)

Since last writing I have sold several hundred dollars--yes, thousands--of sugar stock. I have made over \$2100.00 Othello over \$700.00. The stock was all sold out a wk. ago last Fri. I am very grateful for the privilege of making this money. It helped us out wonderfully. It looks as tho we could nearly pay our debts by spring. I have paid all mine except the \$800.00 mortgage & \$10.00 on Ed. Fund. If we could have continued for one more month we could have paid all our debts.

We had examination at close of semester. I am more or less opposed to so much & many exams. It kills the inspiration of the subjects & few students ever look over text bks when thru with them.

I spoke in 2nd ward two weeks ago. I spoke in our ward (7th) last Sun & in Hyde Park yesterday to Parents' class. I went to S.L. & Provo last wk. Mother fell & fractured her hip. The Dr. thinks she will not recover if her leg is broken.

The President (C.M. Jensen) & I went to S.L. to see if we could get money from the church to carry on an experiment. We were unsuccessful in meeting with the Presiding Bp.rick, but we saw Bp. O.P. Miller & apostle Grant & they both favor the plant. The experiment I am very desirous of carrying out & have been for nearly 5 yrs. but could not on account of means is: To take a pair (male & female) of dogs, chickens,

guinea pigs & probably white rats & continue their normal lives also offspring; then take a pair of each & feed them with caffin in food; a pair of each with caffin & nicotine in food; a pair of each with alcohol in food & finally a pair of each with caffin, nicotine & alcohol in food, that I might know the full value of these narco-stimulants on the users & their unborn. We will take up the matter again when Bp. Nibley returns from Cali.

Stephen L. Richards of S.L. has been chosen the new apostle. He is a lawyer & a very fine spiritual character and will be a fine acquisition to the quorum.

Feb. 12, 1917

School is moving fairly well, but we are not producing the spiritual awaking we should. There seems to be an unrest in our faculty & even the Pres. desires to leave the school. Our church schools have no excuse for existance unless they produce a higher moral & spiritual character. I fear we are not doing what we should in this line.

Had a long talk with Bro. M. F. Cowley yesterday. He longs to be in the quorum again I am very sorry he was dropped from the quorum.

A week ago last Sun. night I spoke in our ward (7th) on the Second coming of the Savior. It seemed to produce a profound impression on the audience.

Marva is growing so intelligent & interesting. She chatters like a magpie. Her sayings are quaint & startling she is so sweet & cute. She is sure to be an intelligent woman. She is tactful & persistent in her ways. She has just pulled off her shoes & asked to go out in the snow. I have given permission. She has just run out across the street & back again & is in high glee over her experiment (She is 4 next Apr 13.). She is anxious to grow big & read. We had religion class convention yesterday (Sun) Today is holiday & no school.

Feb. 18 1917 Logan, Ut.

The week has passed rapidly and I have been very busy. I am teaching for four weeks a class of co. teachers on Sat. for two hrs. the subject of Hygiene & Sanitation. I am having them perform experiments & making examinations of pupils. One teacher is testing out at what temperature pupils study best. Some are studying & testing the pupils that have adenoids, eye trouble & ear defects. All measured their rooms (floors) in relation to window space, etc. The teachers seem much interested in this new work.

I read the simple life of Jno. Gilly written by Dr. Chas. Elliott. I am too busy to read as much as I should.

I was asked to go to Fielding & speak to day, but I had been appointed as home missionary at River heights to night. I attended S.S. today & taught the theological class. I am to go to Kansas City next Fri for a wk's N.E.A. convention. The college pays most of my expenses.

The home missionaries visited our college last Thurs. & spoke to the students for an hr. I regreted our students were not impressed as they

should have been with the words of the missionaries.

I have perused the purposed law "The Income Tax" and am much impressed with it. I hope it becomes a law tho it is thought that it will be killed in the Senate.

I learn Levon is in S.L. at Dee's having quit his work. I suppose he was dismissed for he is kept, but a short time where ever he goes to work. Unstable as water, I fear he will not excel. I am troubled over his & Reg's career for both are using tobacco & I never expect anything from young men who use tobacco.

Mar. 10, 1917 Logan, Ut.

Pres. C.N. Jensen & I went to the Sept. Section of the National Ed. Ass. held Kansas City, Mo. Feb. 26 to Mar 2.

We were accompanied with several other educators from Ut. & Id. Our going and coming were very pleasant. I recd. much inspiration and thought at the convention. While there I attended the Columbia U. banquet (\$2.00 a plate). There I met 3 or 4 of Columbia profs. and only one student I knew yet there were about 200 present. It was a very enjoyable evening. Yet I was made sad to learn of the death of Drs. McVannel and Mime Norsworthy. I consider her one of the world's foremost women psychologists & educators. On learning of their deaths, I was impressed to have their temple work done for them also for Drs. Royce, Munsterberg & James all of Harvard. I visited Independence, Mo. & saw the famous temple lot and other sights of interest there.

While in Kansas City Bros. Brimhall & Guy C. Wilson & I met with the Saints, friends, & investigators Thurs. night & spoke to a very interested audience. Kansas City had about 250,000 inhabitants.

I got in touch with a number of Hickmans whom I believe are relatives of mine. I am arranging to get a complete record from all of them.

The college paid my expenses to & from convention in Mo. about (\$70.00) Since returning I have been very busy with school work. I spoke to the students one morning at chapel exercises. Yesterday I told Pres. Jensen & Pres. Balliff I could not return next yr unless I was given a raise in salary for the cost of living had increased about 75% to 80% in the last yr. It may be I will not return here for probably the Board will not raise my wages due to lack of funds.

Mar. 25, 1917, Logan, Ut.

Since last writing I have been very busy in school work. Today I went to Fielding, Bear River stake, & lectured three times & got home here at 10 P.M. I had splendid freedom.

I have handed in my resignation to the Board two weeks ago, but the Pres. of college has asked that I withdraw it. I may do so.

Reginald started for Monticello, but, in S.L. changed his mind & left for parts unknown. He sent a letter to Dee explaining why he went.

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He felt he was a fool to go, but, go he felt he must; he felt to remain here would be to stultify life where he was got given strenuous tasks. He felt he had a future & he must go off & work it out. We are all sad over his act, but I can do nothing more for him. I fear he will regret it. Yet we are all praying that God will protect him & return him in time. I can't help feeling that he will be honorable and reliable and that he will fulfill what I saw of him when he was born. I got one glimpse of him when he was about 60 yrs. of age. I saw him about 6 ft high or a trifle over, broad shouldered, calm & noble; he had not been very religious but a man of confidence amidst his fellow men. He was a man who said but little. He wore a short iron gray beard. Geo. came home last week for a visit. I spoke at the funeral of Prof. Reese's baby's funeral last Fri.

Apr. 1, 1917 Logan, Ut.

My work has crowded me this wk. Aside from my school I went to Franklin Wed. night & gave an address to a patriotic gathering where they were honoring one of their young men who was to be called again to the front. I did not get home until after 1 A.M. I spoke of the origin of this war & events that lead up to our present situation and the attitude we should take.

Today (Sun) I spoke in the 2nd ward on "the value & cultivation of emotion in children." To night I spoke in the 1st ward to the conjoint meeting. I feel the Lord blessed me & the people greatly rejoiced & asked God's blessings upon me for my words.

Our school has put on a wonderful opera composed entirely of students (about 60) except one or two who are not students. The singing & dancing was excellent. It has produced splendid comments & we have taken it to 8 or 9 cities including Ogden. Prof. W. O. Robison is surely a great success in this line of work.

In phoning to Dee, this wk. he says Levon has enlisted with the National guard. (Later: I learn he could not pass the phys. exam).

Am trying to buy two more big teams to go on farm in Monticello. They will cost about \$700 to \$750.00

I am to receive \$1800.00 next yr. nearly half of my work will be given at the A.C. I am to give 6 hrs. psyc. & (the next year am to give) 6 hrs. of Prin. of Ed also. Prof. Bjorensen will teach secondary training up there and Hist. of Ed. This is the present plan. It may be somewhat changed.

Our school needs spiritualizing for we are neglecting the spiritual side of the students' lives for other things. I am teaching Old Test. and I believe am getting better results than ever before. It is a rather difficult task to take the dead & ancient past & interpret it in terms of the present & especially to youth so they can feel & see the inspiration of it all; but I think I am succeeding fairly well. They claim it is the best theology class they have had. I have a class of about 60 students (3rd yr H.S.). We open our class with song & prayer. The students do the singing & praying. It awakens a spiritual

sense. Our testimony meeting which we have in my class every 2 or 3 wks, are well occupied by the students bearing their testimonies.

Probably tomorrow or next day we may declare war with Germany for she is sinking our ships on the high seas where they approach European shores. The snow is just melting off this valley & will be an other week before it is gone. This has been the hardest winter & most snow in the history of the people. Many animals have died of starvation & exposure.

Our food prices have gone up (on an) aver of 100% in the last yr. & our wages are almost static.

April. 29, 1917, Logan, (Sun.)

It has been a month since I wrote before. Since then we have declared (Apr. 7) war against Germany. Her allies are standing with her. It seems strange that all of U.S. wars have been declared in Apr.

Tho the war has been on for about 3 weeks we have done little but rapidly mobilize our armies & navies. The nation is all aflame with enlistment & training. We are trying to prepare an army of 2,000,000 in two yrs. and a navy 25,000. Some feel we will have no trouble to get them. The Congress is urged to pass a conscription law & probably will do so in a day or two. Utah has already volunteered about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of her requirement. Many of the states have only raised thru volunteers 1 & 2% of their quota, especially the southern States. We can't tell as yet how serious this war, but probably it will be far-reaching in its consequences for the end is not yet. This is the day of destruction so long foretold.

May 7, 1917, Logan, Ut. (Mon.)

Last week passed quickly. I was very busy. A wk. ago yesterday Pres. Heber J. Grant & I spoke to a large audience in the tabernacle in the afternoon. In the evening I went to Hyde Park & gave the graduation address to the 7th graduates.

Last Sat. I sold \$2000.00 in sugar stock I got a commission of 5%=\$100.00. Two weeks before I made \$200.00 in sugar stock. To day I made \$50.00 more. I am very grateful for the blessing. It enables me to help pay our urgent demands for the farm.

Last night I gave the "Mother's Day address in the tabernacle to over 2000 people. See clippings. I was blessed of the Lord. Many kind words were spoken of my speech. Some said it was the best they ever heard.

George & Radino left for Monticello last Mon. Radino went as far as Provo Sat. Dee wrote me from Moab May 29. They were held up due to rains. The horses wintered by Murphy at Moab were very poor. The roads were so soft they were halted for a few days. It was costing Dee \$12.00 a day. It has cost us about \$150.00 more than we expected. I think the boys must have gotten to their destination by the 3 or 4 of May.

May 13, 1917, Logan

Worked hard all week: finished my work at the Agriculture College last Sat. I have had a very fine class of students to work with. B.Y.C. closes May 27.



I sold \$200.00 sugar stock yesterday & made \$10.00.

I had quite an accident yesterday when I attempted to ride down a steep hill on my wheel. It got the best of me.

I went to Lewiston 2nd ward & delivered Mother's Day address.

The following teachers are leaving our college this spring; Prof. Frank Hinckley & wife, J.W. Gardner, Mrs Zung, Zundal, Mary Carlisle, June Bee & Miss Merrill. These have been good teachers.

The war is producing a profound impression & threatens to be very disastrous. Pres. Wilson feels that it will cost us more blood & treasure than the Civil war did. It will, I feel, be a chastening for Zion also, for we will not escape. Our boys are going out with blessings from the priesthood & so far, those who have been on the battle field from Canada for two yrs. not one has been killed. This is sure providential.

This is the terrible day seen by Daniel, Isaiah, John in Rev. Nephi, & Jos. Smith, etc.

Mary Dunning, one of our girl friends, from Beaver is with us to night. Got letters from Geo. & Levon. They all got there (on farm) tho they had a fearful time, due to storms & bad roads. It was still storming when they got there.

I got the \$75.00 prize money for Bro. Wallace McBride. He is now at San Francisco training with the officers' corps. As state chairman of the oratorical Peace League the letter & check were sent to me. The Seaberrys' who gave the prize wrote a very complimentary letter to Bro. Mc. stating they felt there was neither a sentence in structure or thought they felt should be changed. I helped Bro Mc. both in construction & delivery.

May 29, 1917, Logan,

This is the most rainy spring I have ever known. There has hardly been a day for wks that it has not rained some. It has rained quite hard twice to day. With all the rain the weather is growing warmer & warmer. We have had no frosts since the trees began to leave or bloom. It looks as tho we will have the rainest summer in our history still we have had some very wet springs until June, especially, for the last three springs. Tho before we have had killing frosts, but this spring promises no frosts. It looks as tho Isaiah's words are coming true wherein he says that God will eventually send the late & early rains upon Zion. I feel as tho Heber C. Kimbal's words will and are beginning to be fulfilled wherein he said that he ventured to say that the day would come when God had proved this people & he chose or set his hand to chasten the nations that would withhold the rains from the nations & send them to Zion. We are at least getting more the last few yrs. than ever before. At Monticello, where our farm is, 35 inches of moisture have fallen within the last year.

I am very grateful for Zion's blessings I feel that within the next 5 yrs. gold will flow to Zion as never known before. I feel God

will bless his people with vast crops, etc. until we shall be sought for our products & the prices will be large for our harvests.

About 4 months ago I ventured to say that within the next five yrs. the Gov. would urge the farms to raise all grain possible & would advance money to farmers with little or no interest to buy machinery, etc. etc. I was on the way to Mo. at the time & asked Prof. Linford to remember my words and see how near they came true.

All men from 21 to 30 are to register for conscription by June 5. I am much concerned over Zion's sons. I have 5 myself & will have two more eligible within a yr. I am looking for Zion's sons to be largely spared in this great conflict especially if we keep the Lord's commandments.

I went to Preston, Id. sun. night and spoke on the war and its fulfillment of prophecies. The audience packed the opera house to the doors (about 1000 people) They were very attentive & I was asked at the close of the lecture, if I would not write the lecture and put it in pamphlet form. Leon went to Preston with me. We returned home at 12 midnight. After the lecture we were taken to the restaurant & given supper by Bro. Merrill.

Our College closed Sun. Our exercises were at 1:30 P.M. and were very good. Miss Enid Ruff gave the graduation address. Tho Sun. the audience burst into applause at the close of her address.

Apostle Sephen L. Richards addressed the graduates.

I sold \$11,300.00 in sugar stock, but \$500.00 are turned back because Knight took over all unsold stock and this was sold after he took over remaining stock. My commission amounted to \$540.00--a God send.

June 11, 1917, Logan.

It is Mon. and the day is cool & cloudy. The entire valley is fragrant with blooms & vegetation & the summer promises to be the most promising in yrs. There was just a little frost in places last night but apparently no damage.

Last week Othello & I went to S. Lake & did a little business. He refiled on  $\frac{1}{2}$  sec. (Sec. 34) relinquished his other sec. (30). I found I could not take up an other  $\frac{1}{2}$  (of grazing land) unless I live on it so I did not file.

We succeeded in getting 10 more shares of sugar stock in the Peoples Sugar Co as a premium for amount of stock we sold. I got an additional discount of \$92.84 on our implements from Con. W. & M. Co. So our trip was profitable. We attended a variety show.

Yesterday I spoke to the Parents' Class in the 2nd ward on "Children's Changing Ideals." Last night I spoke in the 3rd ward on fulfillment of prophecy.

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Have recd. letters from Dee, Geo. & Levon. Levon has shot off about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of his little finger on his left hand. It was due to gross carelessness. The letter today says he is getting along fairly well. The boys have in over 100 acres of oats.

Geo. has agreed to teach in Moab next winter & will be up here, from the farm, tonight. He is to attend summer sch. in Provo.

I blessed a little child & named it in fast meeting. He was named Thos. Budge Martin.

I am preparing to deliver my course of lectures on the Psyc. of the Child in at least two wards here in the city this month. Am to go to Smithfield to address parents class next Sun. & deliver oration at Cove on July 4.

I attended fast meeting yesterday.

All is well with us at home. The war is assuming fearful proportions. A billion dollars are to be expended for areoplanes by U.S. Wilson's document to Russia is a masterpiece setting forth the glorious purpose of the U.S. in entering the war & the determination that peace justice, liberty shall be given to every nation now in conflict or that has been wronged in this conflict or even before. I consider it a wonderful document & will live in history & be the basis for nations to follow.

#### June 24, Logan

I went to Smithfield & spoke to the Parents' class. Then I spoke in the afternoon on the Red Cross donation (\$350,000 for Ut. & \$100,000,000 from nation). Utah has raised more than her \$350,000. Bp. Winn brought me back in his auto. I spoke in the 2nd ward today to the parents. I attended a funeral this afternoon. To night I attend ward meeting.

I have begun my lectures last Fri. in this ward, but only 30 were out do partly to a misunderstanding. I will give them here after this Tues. Thurs. & Sat. In the 6th. ward on Mon. Wed & Fri.

I have been resting some & working in my garden of over  $\frac{1}{2}$  acres of various kinds of vegetables, etc. It gives me vigorous exercise to keep down the weeds & the ground loose & irrigated.

Fern is or has had considerably trouble with her motherinlaw & conditions under which she is living. Geo. came from Monticello & is attending U. of U. Sum. Sch. He is to take the principal-ship of Moab schools. Dee & the boys report good progress on the farm.

Levon thru carelessness shot off the end of his own finger, but it is healing fairly well. We are all well & happy as can be under circumstances. We do not know where Reginald is which is a source of sorrow & anxiety to us. We are praying daily that God will return him to his home again in safety & clean.

O, the ominousness of this great war. Our soldiers are being transported to Europe & near a 1,000,000 are being trained here. They have not reached the battle field yet. When they do, it will only be added destruction, tho I hope it will be the means of breaking the power of monarchy in Europe and the purification of nations. Zion's sons are being trained for the battle fields & Zion (Utah) is in the lead of nearly every state in her quota soldiers. I feel the Lord is going to, in some, preserve most of those who go if they will do their duty & serve the Lord & keep pure.

I find I have made nearly \$5000.00 in the last yr. for which I am very, very thankful. Surely the Lord heard my prayers. O if He (he) will bless me this coming yr. the same so I can free my self from debt my heart will rejoice beyond measure. So far I see no way of making anything out side of my salary which will be \$1750.00 If I only had means to give my entire life to Zion's betterment I should gladly volunteer without price to give my life. I often feel that there is to be some other for me than that I am now doing. It may be only imagination but I have felt this for a number of years. There are feelings & longings in my soul. I cannot tell, they are sacred to me & probably I can never divulge them. I sometimes wonder if I have done my best work, yet I am praying that with in the next 30 yrs. I shall learn more, do more & be of greater worth than I have attained in my last 30 yrs. My life is full of hope yet I have some very dark days of gloom & oppression. The Lord has lifted me up in the midst of my fellow men. He has magnified me above many, dare I say most of my fellow men in Zion in education, favor & position yet I am humble, walking in humility if not in fear lest I shall not magnify my life & works as I should.

My hair is beginning to turn gray in part of my head. Martha, my wife is almost white thru toil & heredity tho she is only 47 yrs. old; but she has a most beautiful & intelligent face. Few women of all my acquaintances & those of my friends are as beautiful as she is. This is the expression of most every one who knows her. Our children are really beautiful--Ella's as well as Martha's. I am saying this for generations yet unborn who will be interested in knowing. Indeed, I am writing largely for you in all I am recording in these bks. I want to have influence with you down across the centuries. I love you who are yet to be. I am dreaming & planning for your greatness. I am asking God to let come thru me & mine a mighty race of men & women who will be great leaders in science, governments, and religion--a race who will be valient for God & man's welfare. I want you to be a race who live largely for others. I want you deeply concerned in lifting up the race of men so they too shall give their best to the world & their creator. I shall blush with shame to know any of you shall walk in sin and chosen ignorance, just as I now worry over two of my sons who, I feel, are not valient for righteousness. Yet I feel they will be so in the future. I am thru the lineage of Jesus Christ--I am a literal descendant of the flesh & blood of Jesus Christ and I wish to transmit that same lineage to every one of my children & I want them to build upon that lineage. This truth has been revealed to me and also to a patriarch (Martin) who blessed me.

With such a lineage had you ought not to be valient for Him who is your ancestor. I want you all to feel you have a sacred mission to

magnify your generation and send it on down the ages beyond you with an added impulse thru your good & big lives. You should become more God like with the ages & generations behind you. If I could have the power of assembling you in vast congregations I should thrill you with my high ideals and your great missions--missions, for many of you, are fraught with greatness. At best you will see me only thru broken lights. If so, I hope only my strength will be seen & felt by you. Weakness, error, & ignorance should die with the ages and only the good & the true should live--The one encumbers the earth the other illumines it. I want the ages to ring with your greatness; I want you to take a pride in helping put or bring the earth back in its once Edenic state. Once God did it for the race--thru them it was spoiled & thru them and God's blessings it must be replaced. God will test you as He has & is testing all of us to see if you will obey Him in all things. Remember weak minds wish, but great ones plan; little minds live for selves, but great ones live & plan for others. I want to meet every one of you in the celestial kingdom where I hope to dwell. Some of you shall be prophets, orators, statesmen, scientists, teachers and the like. Others will walk the humbler pathes but blessed shall be your lives and great shall be your joys and your works shall be as necessary. O may you not fail! Should those who are darkened with the heavy sleep of mortality upon them, come to you, teach them; cry a warning which will stay them from paths of sin & folly.

July 8, 1917, Logan, Ut.

The week has passed quietly. Last Sun (July 1) I spoke to the parents' class in the second ward on "Children's So called Lies." In the evening I went to the 8th ward & spoke before the Y.M. & Y.L. Conjoint on the influence of brain development in the world. I tried to show that no matter how wise we were before we came into mortality we forget all due to mortality & our mental awakening is dependent upon our brain unfoldment. The audience was much impressed over my argument and felt it was a new thought to them.

Last Wed. July 4, I went to Weston Id. and delivered the oration & then was driven to Cove by 12 M. where I delivered the second oration. Then I was whizzed back to the interban train where I took passage to S.L. I went there on business & returned on July 5. I missed the train Wed. morning and had to hire an auto to take me to Weston. Dr. Stewart ran me over there. My speeches were largely upon the present struggle for liberty for humanity. If comments can be relied on my words were very impressive.

I spoke to S.S. teachers in 7th ward & then went & spoke to parents in the 3rd ward.

I am giving my lectures on the "Child" in the 6th ward. Not very many attend. I don't think we have taken in more than \$50.00.

I have recd. two letters from Dee asking advisability of boring a well (10 in.) and buying a threshing machine with others. I have sent word for him to go ahead. I went & saw Zina's father & he sent his blessings to her & G.F.

July 15, 1917, Logan

Have spent the wk. in quiet study, rest, & working a little hoeing

corn, potatoes, etc. It has been a joyous wk. I have delivered a lecture each night of the wk. I will be thru next Wed. night, and then I expect to go to San Juan Co. & try & sell farm implements, wire, etc.

I recd. my \$125.00 back which I deposited to hold 5 shares for Thaine. I sold it tho to Bro. Mitchell. I paid the \$150.00 note at the Cache Valley Bank. Interest was \$2.85. I am so very grateful for the ability to be able to pay our obligations as fast as due. I hope that we may be able to do so in the future. I am so anxious that I can sell at least two big car loads of wire implements, etc this summer so we can meet our obligations with the implement co. and some others.

I read the work "How to know your child" by Mrs. Miriam Scott. It is a very intelligent plea for child life, etc.

I attended S.S. today. This evening I went & spoke at College Ward. I was taken & returned in an auto. Marva & Thorval went with me. We had a very pleasant ride. In my talk I interpreted scriptures which till now had not been clearly understood.

Aug. 15, 1917, Monticello, Ut.

I left Logan July 20, came to S.L. and did business with Con. W. M. Co. Contracted to sell wire & implements again for them here in San Juan Co.

Went to Provo & visited mother & Leslie & Laura. Then mother & I went to Benj. Sat. evening & stayed there until Sun. evening. Charlie & Lettie took us in his car to Spanish Fork depot. I addressed the people Sun. night in Benjamin. The next day George & I took train for this co. We got in Moab about 11 A.M. July 24; went to celebration & I was asked to speak a few minutes. Arrived here (Monticello) same evening. We went to farm but I remained here a day or so picking up business & then went out with Ex-pres. Warter Lyaman in car. I found things in a fair condition. We have lost, due to drought & cattle, about 80 acres of grain. We will get 35 bu. of oats back for oats eaten. I found Vivian was very wasteful in cooking & that a heavy bill had been run in store tho the boys brought \$140.00 of provisions with them. They have only about 140 acres plowed. I felt they should have had more. If it werenot for grounddogs we would have had an excellent garden of all vegetables, but dogs ate most of them up. Yet we have some potatoes & corn. We will have several tons of sudan grass & corn. I have bo't 5 tons of hay to piece out feed for horses.

Monticello. Sept. 5, 1917

I have sold wire & implements and my commissions amount to nearly \$900.00.

I aided Leslie sell life insurance in the Inter Mountain Life Insurance Co. and my commissions there were a little over \$200.00.

I came or went, north to S.L. & Logan to give in my orders for wire & implements I returned in a wk.

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I sold \$5000 in life insurance alone & my commissions on that were \$125.00. This makes about \$1200.00 I made this summer. Most of it went to pay our obligations to the Con. Wagon & Machine Co.

I helped on the farm for 4 or 5 days. I plowed, harrowed, raked, burnt brush & poisoned ground dogs.

We drove a well of 8 in. bore on the farm 124 ft. deep. We got 100 ft. of water. The well cost us \$1.50 a ft. & our own work except Dee's he was given \$3.00 a day for 2½ days. I have paid all of the price except \$50.00. Othello & Helen are on farm for a few weeks. They don't like. Helen is just heartsick over the place, but she will like it better in time.

We will have quite a bit of corn & sudan grass for feed.

I spoke two nights last week in Blanding to crowded also one night in Monticello. My summer has been quite happy to me. I am saddened over Dee's turning to tobacco. He seems to be losing all his spiritual power.

Logan, Sept. 30, 1917.

Home again. I got here about Sept. 12, I found all well. Since coming I have been busy fixing up matters, starting school, going to Sugar City on School matters, etc. I am strongly urged to sell life insurance for Intermountain L. I. Co. I may sell some. They offer me if I will put in full time \$150.00 a month & 60% of premiums, also 6% of return premiums. If I put in only part time I will only get 60 to 65% of premiums.

I have sold some sugar stock for the Rigby, Id. factory (with Palmer) & made last week \$70.00. I was paid \$20.00 of it. No one can tell how reverentially grateful I am for the Lord blessing me so this summer financially & otherwise. Surely He is adding to me for I first sought the Kingdom of heaven & its righteousness first.

I have been slightly ill for a few days. I did not fill my appointment at Brigham City in the 2 day's institute as I was sent to Idaho.

I began my classes in the Agri. College two weeks ago & in B.Y.C. a week ago. We are have a hard time to adjust my classes so they will not conflict. The A.C. propose to run me in an auto back morning from there to B.Y.C. so I can teach the A.C. students at a time all can meet.

I sent off to day \$50.00 to John Huffman to pay in full for the drilling our well on the farm.

We have recd. letters from O. & Helen, also Geo. & Reginald.

Reginald left Sept. 19 for Camp Lewis, Washington where the government is drilling & preparing thousands of young men for war. Reginald dreaded deeply to go, but since he is there he feels better. Geo. is drafted but is not called yet. I hope he will not be for he is needed on the farm in summer & school room in winter.

I feel that the Lord will protect Zion's sons if they are faithful. If Zion will not obey God in all things, then He will chasten her & her children (D.&C. 97)

I went with Pres. Jensen & Prof. Ottie to Mendon a week ago to-night & spoke on Ed. In the afternoon I went with Dr. Gardner to Paradise & spoke on Ed.

Oct. 14, 1917 Logan, Ut

Since last writing school has begun. I am busy with my classes in the B.Y.C. (Divine Evidences of Bk of M., General Psyc., and Genetic Psyc) and Agri. College--Gen. Psyc. and Prin. of Ed. In order to hold my classes without confliction the A.C. has their chauffeur read two days in the wk. at the college door to run me to the B.Y.C. in 6 min.

I went to the Semi-Annual conference at S.L. I do not know when ever I enjoyed a conference more. The spirit of God rested upon both speaker and audience. I never attended a conference before where the speakers quoted & read so much scripture. We are realizing that God has spoken and he is fulfilling his promises.

But I am troubled over the faith of some of our teachers in the B.Y.C. They are holding more to the voice of science than to God's revelation concerning the origin of man. Even Pres. Jensen thinks the church will have to accept Evolution and reject the old scripture of God's forming Adam, etc. Even a number of our teachers are denying the account of the sea dividing & children of Israel passing thru & Egyptians being drowned. They deny life of Job; the flood as general, Account of Jonah, yet Christ gives it a stamp authenticity by saying as Jonah was in the whale's belly 3 days & 3 nights, so should the son of man be in the heart of the earth 3 days & 3 nights or words to that effect (Matt.12:39). Some do not believe the lost tribes will come out of the north countries as is told in the D&C 133. Some feel we do wrong to make a covenant in the temple to ask God to avenge the blood of the prophets on the heads of this wicked generation, etc. Some believe our leaders are grafters & looking after self than following God's commandments. These & other things they disbelieve & criticize. These things grieve me because I know they are wrong. I feel we are losing out spiritually and our students in many instances are losing faith while in our college. Our college is not filling its destiny in this regard. I sometimes almost feel I stand alone in this effort to lift up our students into a higher spiritual life.

Oct. 21, 1917. Logan, Ut.

I went to Hyrum & spoke last Sun. night with Prof. West on the subject of liberty bonds.

Today I have been to Bear River stake in Boxelder Co. & spoke in Fielding parents & the entire Sun. school. I went to Garland to the reunion meeting & spoke a short time. I went to Willard Hanson's for 2 hrs. and viewed his wonderful ranch with its silos, barns, blooded sheep & horses. I went to supper to Bro. Earl's place & then spoke in meeting at Fielding for an hour on character building; then I was taken to the Collingston to catch the interurban. The Lord blessed me in my talking.

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Radino got home last Thurs. from San Juan. He came nearly getting killed in an auto accident. He was unconscious for some time. His head was cut, his knee partially dislocated & otherwise bruised.

Nov. 5, 1917, Logan,

Have been to Beaver and attended the dedication of the Murdock Academy. I spoke twice that day & once the next day at the conference. I found many old friends who were pleased to meet me again.

I took dinner with Apostle Whitney during conference.

The new building is sure a beautiful building and a credit to the people who aided in building it. In my speech I reviewed the struggle we had in building it and the personal struggle I put forth to turn the people toward the proposition of erecting the new building and how the spirit of the Lord worked upon one audience. I related also the other new buildings I seemed to have seen at that time which are to be built on the north of the campus. The people appreciated my return & I deeply appreciated my visit there.

The students & public met us visiting brethren in the city & we had a short meeting in front of the tabernacle from whose steps I spoke to the students for a few minutes & then we dispersed to meeting at 2 P.M. at the new building where we held the dedicatory exercises. The speakers, aside from myself were former prin E. E. Erickson, Pres. Brimhall, ex-pres. Tolton, Supt. H. H. Cummings & Pres. Jos. McGreagor.

At 5 P.M. we were served to a fine banquet prepared by the domestic Dept. That evening they had a dance, but I did not attend I went & visited with Fern & her children. Sheridan was away working at Tinctic. She is poor & much worried over the treatment of Mrs. McGarry. Fern is humble and faithful in all her duties--domestic & religious. God bless her & her generations after her.

I sayer to the quarterly conference the next day (Sat.) & spoke in the afternoon. I reviewed some of the ancient & modern prophecies concerning this day of destruction. The people were wonderfully impressed at my words. Some were heard to say that it was the greatest thing they had ever heard. The Lord was with me as well as with the other speakers. My trip there & returning was very pleasant. I met Leslie, my bro, there & had a nice visit with him.

My expenses were only about \$16.00 for I got rail road rates.

School is moving along nicely. I do not get time to study & prepare my lessons due to so much other work.

I spoke in the 5th ward last Sun. night on the fullment of prophecy, etc. To-day I taught the Parent's class in our ward (4th). I attended the monthly meeting this afternoon of the religion class officers & teachers. To night attended the ward meeting. The speakers were Bros. Skidmore & exBp. Sloan. They talked on home industry & a new fund for the benefit of the soldiers. Utah is to raise \$100,000.00 and the nation \$40,000,000. It is to buy bks, magazines, etc. for soldier.

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George left for the training camp at American Lakes in Washington. We (Martha, Lorea, Radino & I) went to Cache Junction to see him & other boys off. Geo. rather dreaded to go but was brave & said he was willing to go. He writes back and says he arrived O.K. & that he had seen Reginald & he was a fine looking fellow in his soldier uniform. Surely the Lord is to preserve our sons & return them to us if they are faithful & true. Geo. recd. his patriarchal blessing from patriarch J.E. Cardon. It was an excellent blessing full of promise & hope.

I bought a liberty bond, so did Reginald & Othello. I also aided in buying a few liberty bonds which we turned to the B.Y. College & the proceeds were to go as an educational fund.

I made, in selling sugar stock, \$76.00 in the last week. I hope to make a little more.

My brother Francis & Miss Woolf (now his wife) have been summoned to appear before the quorum of the twelve and give reasons why they should not be excommunicated from the church for marrying. She can't come due to lack of money & he can't be liberated from his post of duty. I have phoned to Pres. Heber J. Grant to ask if the proceeding can not or will not be stayed until at such times as they can come or to let the matter rest as it is in as much as he (Francis) is offering his life for his country, but Pres. Grant would not say yet whether they would or not but would see.

Nov. 18, 1917, Logan.

The U.A.C. have had two big football games in the last two weeks with the Agri. College of Colorado & yesterday with Boulder U. team. We beat them 47 to 7 and 23 to 0. Thousands of people viewed the games with great enthusiasm. I attended both games.

During the last week I made \$150.00 in selling sugar stock for which I am very grateful.

We got a letter from Geo. yesterday. He was in Minn. with his company on the way to New York to train there. Reg. is still in Wash.

The war is still raging with still greater fury. American soldiers have already lost their lives on the battle field. Two of our Logan boys were killed in a R.R. wreck in Colo. They were Bros. Preston & Alexander, graduates of the U.A.C. Bro Preston was my student last yr. He took Psyc & Ed. with me. The funeral was a solemn one. The tabernacle could only hold about 1/2 who came to attend. Thirty officers & soldiers came from Fort Douglas S.L. to attend the funeral. The two young men were chums were married this summer the same day. Alex. was leader of the band & Preston one of the band. Another young man from S.L. was killed in the same wreck.

I recd. letter from Francis & he said he wrote the twelve a kindly letter telling all. He sent me \$6.00 to pay int. on his note here at the First Nat. Bank.

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I spoke before a class of Y.L.M.I. teachers today on the Aborigines of Am. & proofs of their being descendants of Nephites.

I spoke to night in Providence 2nd ward on the world condition & Zion's part in it and what the future would be.

Leon & Winnie stayed with us yesterday & today. Have written to Eugene, Othello, Dee, Fern & Laura. I attended the High Priests' quorum last Wed. night for the first time this fall. Will attend regular hereafter.

I attended the reception & party of the faculty & friends last Fri. night for a while.

Dec. 2, 1917, Logan

The week has been a busy one for me, beside my school work I gave two Thanksgiving addresses--one in the B.Y. College Wed. morning which I wrote & read & the other in the tabernacle in the evening (Thurs). The one I read was only about 1200 words; the other took me 3/4 hr. to deliver. See comments, etc. One speech in Journal of clippings. To night I spoke in the 7th ward. I spoke in our own ward (4th) this afternoon in fast meeting & offered a special prayer for the protection of the Sons of Zion in the training camps and on the battlefields. To night I again spoke on the fulfillment of prophecy & the conditions that are & will be. After my speech Miss Larson sang "Get yet up O Israel." etc. I think that is the title. It is Jeremiah's words. It is beautiful song & was well sung.

We had Thurs. Fri. Sat. & Sun. vacation. I also made over \$150.00 this week in selling sugar stock.

I met brother Philo Austin and got him an agency to sell sugar stock. I gave him \$5.00 & part gratitude for what he did for me in caring for Helen some yrs. ago. I have given him a little 3 or 4 times, tho he protests the taking. I have now made this fall at odd hrs. & days \$614.00 for which I am very thankful. I had Mr. Shirazi, a Persian, at our home here this afternoon & evening for 2 hrs. telling us of his country, people, livelihood, ed, & religion. He was very entertaining. He is attending the Agri. College & expects to graduate in about a yr. & then he will return to his country to put to practice the new science of farming.

Dec. 23, 1917, Logan.

Since last writing I have been kept very busy with school, selling sugar stock, and lecturing. Since Dec. 2. I have spoken in the 9th ward; 5th ward; Lewiston 3rd ward in forenoon & evening; I went to Preston & spoke at the Academy yesterday on God's fulfillment of prophecy and especially those fulfilled in our day. I attended Sun. School to day & spoke in parents' class. Have not been feeling very well & did not go out to other meetings.

We got a letter from George, his company was at camp Merritt, New Jersey, but they were to set sail in a few days for Fr. I learn from other sources they set sail Dec. 13. He is in the supply camp

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and this will lessen his danger some. I am glad he has that work for he dread the idea of killing any one. He said he would rather be killed than take human life.

Lorea has gone to Beaver to visit Fern. Lorea was very happy to go. She went to Provo to visit mother & her friends until tonight & then she takes the 1:55 A.M. train for Milford.

I leave for Milford about Dec. 27 or 28 where I am to speak & also at Minersville.

I find I have made over \$900.00 selling sugar stock.

All is pleasant at home. We have an 8 room house well furnished and our home life is very comfortable. Of course Martha & the girls are the ones on whom the burden falls for this comfort.

I wrote to Mrs. Helen J. Hanson tonight & sent Myrthus & Felton \$5.00 each.

The Utah light artilery has gone to Fr. I see from the papers to day that 7000 Utah boys are now fighting on the battlefields of France.

We recd a letter from Helen & Othello saying Clawson had the pneumonia. Vivian & babies have gone to Overton for the winter.

Dec. 25, 1917 Logan, Ut.

We recd. a telegram (from Dee) last night that Othello's little boy (Clawson) died at 5:05 P.M. Our hearts are almost broken over the death of that beautiful intelligent babe. I know dear Helen's heart is broken & Othello's hopes are almost crushed for he idolized & worshipped the baby. He seems like my own child and I can't, as yet, console myself. I see those innocent eyes and remember his tender knowing ways. How often I have gone to his picture & talked to him and made myself happy in thinking of the time when I could go back to Monticello and meet him & his parents in perfect happiness. How often he has placed his sweet face against mine while I sung a simple air to him in which he would be lost in perfect enjoyment & contentment. O for one touch of that sweet face on mine once more!

Dear Ella, I know you will take & love him and croon over him as you oft did your own and as I feel you have cared for dear Rienna.

O Father, bless & comfort his dear heart broken parents. We have earnestly prayed again & again for comfort for them & peace and consolation for us all.

After we got O. & H.'s letter last week stating he was sick but was some better, I dreamt that night that I saw Helen hollow-eyed & in grief. I saw people going to the home. I said, (while trying to learn what it all meant) "I will watch the house & if 7 persons enter, then I will know little Clawson is dead." and to my sorrow I saw 7 people enter the home. I was troubled & awoke & told Valko (he & I were in Preston, Id. & slept together) that I was much worried over

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Clawson & told him my fears. I have this consolation that three of our family are now in the celestial kingdom of God where there is no sorrow, no pain only happiness. Little Clawson will now escape untold hardships and misfortunes which we who live are heir to. O Father, may the tender memories of Clawson's life sweeten the sorrows that are breaking his parents' hearts. O Father, see our tears and accept our prayers.

This has been a sad Xmas for us. I telegraphed to Othello if we should come and if we could get there in time for the funeral. I was ready to go if the telegram said come. But we got a telegram that the baby would be buried tomorrow at 10 A.M. so I will not go. The telegram said that O. & H. would start north & go to Nevada.

I spoke before the student body & public of the Oneida Academy last Sat. See clippings for comment.

I start Beaver Co. in 2 or 3 days to give 2 or 3 addresses.

Jan. 6, 1918 Logan

Went to Beaver Co. I spoke in Beaver, Minersville, & Milford. My theme was the war & its prophetic meaning. I had a pleasant visit with Fern & family for 24 hrs. Lorea went to Beaver also & visited with Fern for 6 days. Fern & Sheridan have their house nearly completed at Indian Creek (Mauderfield). The meeting at Minersville was crowded likewise at Milford. I had such a cold at Milford I could hardly talk.

I came to Provo & visited mother & folks for 2 days & then went to S.L. & attended the Education Ass. for Wed. & Thurs. I was feeling so miserable I came home Thurs. evening. I am better to day (Sun.) & attended S.S. & went to Fairview, Id., to night & spoke to a crowded house. My theme was the prophecies concerning this war & the condition of the world. It seems to be the burden of my thoughts. If this people would only take this condition to heart more & live better lives, I believe the Lord would protect this people & her sons who are going to the battle fields.

Geo. has arrived in Fr. so his card announced.

Thru selling \$1240.00 sugar stock I cleared about \$100.00 on my trip south.

Othello & Helen came home & visited for 3 or 4 days. Helen can't feel consoled; her heart is almost broken. Mother is not well.

Jan. 13, 1918. Logan, Ut.

This wk. has passed quietly. I sold \$360.00 in sugar stock.

Always after holidays students are very poorly prepared in their studies so teachers have to do most of the work the 1st recitation or two. Heber C. Rich's son, Dean, died a wk ago last Fri. in the hospital at Ogden. He was one of our B.Y. students. He was a most

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splendid character. I went & visited his parents last Tues. They are living here during the winter.

Pres. Page of Nebo Stake died this wk. He was a noble man & well beloved by all who knew him.

I discussed the religious development of children & youths--the time, nature of, and mistakes of parents, etc in the 4th ward. I attended the gen. meeting this afternoon.

I spoke in the 10th ward here tonight. Karl Schauh is Bp. I discussed the evidences we have of our previous existance & our for-ordination. The audience was much impressed.

The war is very ominous & the Allies are urging our nation to speed up with our soldier & supplies for the Allies are being sorely pressed. The leaders of the (our) nation are anything but optomistic.

Jan. 27, 1918, Logan, Ut.

We have considerable snowfall this month, until then we had hardly a flake of snow. I am worried about our grain in San Juan Co. for we have had not enough moisture to bring up our grain. Such a condition has never been known in that co. before. We have in nearly 200 acres in wheat.

Dee has gone to Overton, Nev. where his wife & children are. Vivian has another baby (a girl). Levon has been left to look after the horses on the farm. One of our big mares had her hind leg broken & we had to kill her.

I was asked by Apostle Whitney to go with him to the Benson stake conference held at Richmond. I took the train he asked me to meet him on, but it proved he could not come due to ill health. Therefore only Patriarch Smith & I were there alone as visiting brethren. I spoke four times and the last meeting Sun. night I was asked to take the entire time. I analyzed the two greatest commandments; (Love the Lord etc & 2nd love thy neighbor etc.) largely from the standpoint of psyc. My analysis was very impressive if I can rely upon the many extravagant remarks made by brethern & sisters present. The Lord did surely bless me on that occasion for which I am very grateful.

A week ago last Sat. Myrthus came to us to make his home with us. He is now 15 yrs. old. He is tall & slim. His step-father, it seems, has been very cruel with Myrthus so much that he has not been at home for a yr. The treatment is really too cruel to record. I am now trying to get Felton to come & make his home with us. I learn he desires to come very badly & has cried to come. He (Myrthus) is a bright boy & is trying to pass off his next wk the 8th grade. He has no bad habits. He tells me that his step-father, Benedict, is also very cruel to Myrthus' mother Has even struck and kicked her on various occasions. She has contemplated leaving him. He is a Mormon hater & curses her & her religion until she does nothing in her religion. These things are due to her turning from the Celestial order of marriage she & I covenanted to live. I regret for her misfortune & sorrow. I have often

asked God to bless her & make her life happy & that she could & would rear our children in fear & love of God. Sad indeed is her life accompanied with misery & poverty.

Apostle Hyrum M. Smith died last Wed. night & was buried today. His death was result of an operation for appendicitis & peritonitis set in. It is a great shock to his family and the entire church. I have written a letter of condolence to Pres. Smith & family.

I had a wonderful dream the other night. I thought the Christ was to come and I was one of the first to know of his coming. At last I saw a light break thru the high clouds. It appeared like a vast light half akin to a star. As it approached I beheld the Savior. He brought a child with him (I did learn why), as the Savior set his feet on earth, I kiss his hand & said; "If ever you (his presence) was needed on earth, it is now." I was overjoyed. It was not his coming in the final triumph & winding up scene. It was one of those visitations he is to make before that final event. The impression was great on me. The prophet Joseph has said that the second comforter's mission was to give us the visions of the Father & the Son, etc. This is the 3 or 4 time I have seen the Savior in dream or vision. I know my Redeemer lives for I have seen Him. I am a witness in this generation that Jesus lives & reigns. I long to be like Him. I hope & pray He shall call me to be a special witness for Him.

I went to hear Dr. Jno. T. Miller lecture in the tabernacle this fore noon. I went to meeting tonight & covenanted anew to keep the Lord's commandments thru partaking the Lord's commandments. I am asked to take charge of the Hanson Land & Live Stock Co's affairs in this co. They have been after me twice and I am to go to Ogden at my earliest convenience at their expense and confer with them.

I have paid more on the co's note & have whittled it down to \$735.00. I also paid the \$100.00 which I borrowed last summer to drive our well in San Juan Co.

Mar 3, 1918, Logan.

Busy, busy, too busy to write. With school and public lectures and the selling of sugar stock I have been too busy to do any of it as I would have liked. Since last writing I have made about \$600.00. I have paid \$220.00 on the farm a/c at Monticello Coop also \$536.00 on our note at the bank. We now owe \$200.00 more. I am very grateful for this blessing. I have done all this my self; the boys have not been able to aid any of late.

Since my last writing I have spoken in Wellsville, Millville, Smithfield, and here in the tabernacle & in the 1st & 9th wards. I try to attend most of the H. priest's meetings.

I went to Ogden & listened to the Hanson, Land & Live stock Co's proposition but I told them I could not accept. They gave me \$10.00 for going to meet them there tho I did not charge them any thing.

I have been wonderfully blessed in my speaking of late. I never play to the galleries now in any way or talk to merely please unless the truth pleases.

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interepreted by men; but God never. We should welcome every new thought of science and list it by & thru the revealed word of God. Nature, discovered and rightly interpreted, will never be at variance with God's revelation to man.

Nov. 1, 1914 Logan.

The wk. has passed in peace. We are having some little trouble to convince all our teachers that to have prayers in each theology class each day will result in good, but I believe now most have decided to try this plan & see if it will promote a better religious atmosphere. This school three yrs. ago was at a low ebb, but since Pres. Jensen took charge it is improving. I am thankful for this. Dr. Maeser told me yrs. ago that this school was far from having the religious element he desired it to have. Pres. Jensen tells me that my class in theology is being considered the most favorable of all the theology classes. I am thankful for seeming success for I have been quite worried over the out-come of my teaching the Old Test. I know this that at first the students were talkative & indifferent, but now they are very attentive with a look of deep interest; at time, having on their faces an expression of awe. So far we have discussed the days of creation, the fall, the Garden of Eden, its location, etc., with a comparison of discovered science--geology, palaentology, ast. etc. There is a very close agreement between science & God's revelation.

I sent a check of \$95.00 to W.C. Lyman to apply on debt (Othello \$20.00; Geo. \$20.00; Leon \$15.00 & I \$40.00)

Recd. letters from home, Geo. & Leon. I wrote to Eugene, Leon, Deen & Geo. & Martha. All are well.

I attended two political rallies this last week--Democratic & Rep.

I attended quarterly conference today. Many good things were said by Pres. Ballif, Dr. Widtsoe, Bp. Nibley, Rulan S Wells & others. I am appointed 1st counsellor to Geo. Gardner in Stake Religion Class organization.

Sun., Nov. 15, 1914, Logan

School work is very stenuous. I am now teaching, including 4 hrs. psychological laboratory work, 31 hrs a week. This is about twice what a college man should carry. After 5 weeks I will drop three hours of Method's work which I am giving to a class of M.I.A. students who are talking a 6 wk's. course at the college. I have between 15 & 20 in the class.

Last Sun. I spoke twice, once to the high priests of the stake on the subject of the Holy Ghost. I gave out some new ideas on the H.G. which were endorsed by the brethren & the Stake Presidency. In the evening I addressed a large audience in the 6th Ward. I had splendid liberty in both meetings & the people appreciated very much what I said for their expressions were full of kindness and praise.

We had Packard with us last Mon. Being chairman of the meeting I introduced him three times to as many audiences that day. He is a famous cartoonist. As a result of my high recommendation of him we had the tabernacle literally jammed Mon night. He pleased his audiences very



much. We had the biggest audience. I am told, ever assembled here on our lyceum course of the two colleges.

I have had a very strenuous day for I have spoken in five different meetings--high priests quorum, S.S. theology class on the childhood of Christ, M.I.A. convention on "How to secure attendance in the junior classes & how to interest them; in the Religion Class convention; & in the 7th ward to night.

Dec. 7, 1914, Logan.

Since last writing I have spoken many times. One Sun. I spoke five times--High Priests 7th ward; S.S. 2nd ward; M.I.A. officers & teachers apart. The Lord was with me in all my speaking.

I have been to southern Nevada and given five addresses in Bunkerville, St. Thomas, and Overton. Martha and the three babies went with me. We had a very nice time. We had a splendid visit with Leon, Dee & their wives! We were gone five days. We had the misfortune of losing two of our satchels and a sack of vegetables. I learn one satchel has been found.

Our babies (Thorval, Kyrmel & Marva) had a very happy childish time. I am so glad Martha & the children went with me.

While in Provo I spoke in the 6th ward on the prophetic element of the war. I talked on the same subject in Providence last night. I went to S.S. H. Priests & meeting yesterday & Providence at night.

I attended the State Teachers conv. Drs Judd & Philips were the special lecturers. They had excellent (U. of Chicago)(U. of Denver) thoughts to give.

I am sending to day a \$50.00 check to Omni Porter who has put up posts around one sq. mi. of our land in San Juan Co. & strung posts around two more sections.

It is making us dig to pay our monthly installments for fencing and plowing (100 acres).

George is doing exceedingly well in his school work for which I am very pleased.

Othello is doing well also. He is to be married Dec. 23 to Miss Helen Bunker of St. Thomas. It was our good pleasure to see her when we were south. I am to begin a course of lectures on Astronomy this week in the wards of the city & stake. A small fee will be charged to pay for the astronomical slide and to aid the M.I.A. course.

Levon is not doing very much in school just enough to keep from failing. He has great possibilities but lacks disposition. This is a rebuke to any one who lives below his powers.

Reginald has left Hatche's & was last seen in S.L. I am grieved over him. A boy of promise but unawakened so far. O God my Father,

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writing the gist of things said because they are all printed in pamphlet form as well as printed in the journals of discourses.

I only attended conference Sat. & Sun. I went to Provo Sat. night and visited Mother and Laura & returned to S.L. Sun. morning. Mother is not well & is gradually failing. It looks as tho she was not long for this world. Yet her mind is excellent & it is phenomenal how well she remembers virtually every thing. I have scarcely ever met a woman of her age who has such a keen memory of the long past as well as the present.

I have decided to teach no more. I am not pleased with the situation in our College. The President (Dr. C.N. Jensen) is deceitful, dishonest, & has about him some teachers who are skeptical as to our doctrine & our present leaders. They accept the evolutionary ideas in preference to God's revealed word. He himself believes our church doctrines not wholly true. He tells me on the "q.t."; that man sprang from the monkey & that our church have got to accept it within 12 or 15 yrs. He is jealous of those who are as learned as himself. He has a skin as thin as an oyster's, & he is as venomous as a hornet, while he treats every one else as tho, their skin was as thick as an elephants. Most of the teachers feel towards him as I do, and I learn from leading students that he is hated by nearly every student in the school. I have known this for 2 & 3 years but have tried to hold him up to them. He has knifed nearly all the leaders of the church as well as a number of our most prominent educators to me time & again. He plays the part of a demagogue and I do not care to have my feelings harassed by being around him, so I will leave at the end of this school yr. I may be making a mistake to leave the profession, but time will tell. Until recently I could not make up my mind to leave the teaching profession. Pres. Jensen will not keep big men around him & every yr. the faculty is losing one or more of their best teachers.

Probably I have made a mistake in revealing these facts. I have tried all my life to let evil die by not telling it. I regret to see the spirituality of the school suffer, but it is suffering & many of our students are leaving the school irreligious. Our best teachers recognize this with regrets. Sooner or later this must be known & I hope rectified.

I regret to record that Francis & Zina have been excommunicated from the church "for disobedience to the church regulation"--not for sin. I was glad that they did not accuse him of sin. Our church have to, it seems, handle those who enter pl. marriage now for the gov. demands it.

I went to Beaver Dam today & spoke twice. Some came up & said that this day had been the greatest day of revelation they had ever lived. I was grateful to feel I had been a source of inspiration to them.

Logan, 4/18, 1918.

Kyrmel and Myrthus were baptized this afternoon at 7:45 P.M. Bro. Jno. O. Peterson (the Bp's 1st counsellor) baptized them. I confirmed Kyrmel and Orvil W. Adams (Bp 2nd counsellor) confirmed Myrthus.

I went out last night with Bro. Johnson & sold Jos. Chambers \$200.00 of Sugar stock & Bro.-Johnson \$520.00 today. We each earned \$45.00.

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Apr. 28, 1918, Logan, Ut.

Since last writing I have earned over \$150.00 in selling sugar stock. I went to Davis Co. Fri. & Sat. and there I worked with a Mr Stewart, Geo Palmer's son-in-law. We cleared \$100.00 each. I am selling this stock because I believe those who buy will be greatly financially blessed.

I attended the religion class conference in the 9th ward this evening. The exercises were very good. I spoke a few moments. Radino & a few of his theology class mates spoke in the 4th ward tonight & I learn did very well. He is a fine fellow--clean of heart & noble of purpose; thoughtful of his mother & me. I wish every one of my sons were as noble, some of them are, but 2 or 3 are not, but I hope will be in time.

I have recd. letters from Geo, Fern, & Levon. Levon wrote us a card last Fri. saying that he was somewhere in the U.S.A. and was on the way to France.

We had been told that Reginald had gone to Fr. but we learn since that he is still at Camp Lewis, but may go any time, & for aught we know, he may be gone now.

I just learned that Dr. Merrill of our ward is dead.

Since meeting we went to bless Sister Robinson who has been an invalid 8 or 9 yrs. I felt she would be healed.

I am so grateful for my many blessings. I have a good family & am being blessed in a moderate way with means to keep them, and am able to pay my indebtedness as my obligations come do. I earnestly pray the Lord will continue to bless me with these financial blessings until I can pay my mortgage (which free me from personal debt) and help redeem & stock so we can live then I am willing to give my time & talent to His work. O but I love the work of the Lord and I pray I shall never grow faithless in this work. I pray my usefulness will increase in this church from now on. I often wonder just what my life will be from now on. It will be an entirely new life for me. If my life reduces itself to just a struggle for a living then I feel my life will be a failure. I have come to learn that he who does not labor for his fellow men, lives a narrow life and un-God designed. Therefore, O my Father, help me to be of more service in your kingdom than ever before.

May 26, 1918. Logan, Ut.

School closed May 15, and I have been in Grace Id. (Gem Valley). I went with J.W. Johnson in his auto. We sold \$11930.00 in sugar stock. My commissions are \$627.12½ if all the subscribers pay up. But I have just read in the paper that the factory will not be completed this yr, but that the stock holders will receive their 7% and that the beets will be bought of the farmers. I can hardly credit the report. If it is true I shall feel very badly.

I went to Franklin, Id. and gave the graduation address May 16. In my trip north I saw many former acquaintances, some of whom I had not seen for years. I attended the quarterly conference held at Grace. I spoke for a short time at the Red Cross meeting for a short time. O.F. Whitney, Oscar Kirkman, & I were the speakers.

The faculty & friends held a reception in my honor on leaving the B.Y. College. We had refreshments, dancing, singing & speeches. Prof. Sorensen said many complimentary things of me. The paper said very complimentary things of me. (See journal of clippings)

Kyrmel has a light case of scarlet fever & the family is quarantined. I got home last night & I am here also, but I hope to fumigate & get out tomorrow.

We have recd. letters from Levon, Reg. & Geo. also photos from Reg. & Geo. Geo. has asked that he be transferred from the service of the reserve to the trenches. He feels he can't endure to remain there & take no active part at the front after going 8000 mi. He says that all of his co. which he went over there with are at the front, except him self & he feels he will be sent there before long. I have been praying that my sons would not see battle or if they did that no harm would come to them. I have been praying daily the same for all the sons of Zion. But word comes now nearly every day that some one is killed from Utah. Some few are Mormon boys.

I recd. a nice letter from mother also from Eugene. He is one of the forest rangers & has gone to Elko, Nev.

Blanding, San Juan co. Ut. June 12, 1918.

Bro. Justus W. Johnson, his little son Wandarus & I left Provo a wk. ago last Fri. at 12 M. & arrived in Monticello, Sat. night. We all went to S.S. & there met Othello. In the afternoon, we went out to the farm in the auto. I remained there until Tues. & Bro. Johnson came out for me. Our grain is looking good except the oats. It hasn't come up yet. We came here a wk. ago yesterday (Tues.) & remained here until Sun 4 P.M. then we went back to Monticello. I went back to speak there by special request. I spoke on the "War of Self Defense". I took Doc & Cov. Sec. 98 as the basis of our action in declairing war. God gave that as the basis for all nations to act on.

Bro. Johnson & I spent Mon. & Tues in Monticello getting car fixed & looking over land. He desires to get 320 acres for a home stead. We came back here today. Bps Boyles of here & Jones of Bluff rode with us.

We have sold Pres. Redd \$5000.00 in sugar stock & took \$5000.00 of Underwriters stock as halfpay for the sugar. We are to sell this stock for cash. I hope we do well with it.

I paid Bp. Jarvis \$208.00 for hay & grain gotten from him. I paid coop at Monticello \$105.40 to pay a/c in full for Dee, Othello, & farm. I also bought 9 tons of hay at \$15.00 a ton. We also bought a heavy hay rake for raking brush as well as hay. It cost \$69.37. We are yet to pay for hay & rake. I paid the Con. Wagon Machine Co. \$289.00 to settle our account in full. I paid \$3.00 for Hibbs taking up the city pump forms. We are to get a gasoline engine to pump our water on farm: the pumping for 12 or 15 animals takes about 2 hrs. a day.

Othello, Dee, & Valko are now on the farm. We have 7 or 8 lambs & a little calf we are raising. We came nearly buying 10 head of cows, the other day, but we decided to wait till fall as there is such a bad

drought on the land this yr. I spoke here in Blanding to the High Priests, teacher's meeting, Sun. School & in the afternoon meeting. In the afternoon I spoke on faith & the faith to have rain; I brought up examples of Bible & Bk of M. to show how rain had been gotten thru prayer as well as in our own day some 20 yrs. ago. I even recommended that the people call a fast & pray for rain. I told them I firmly believed they could get rain by so doing. It is fearfully dry & even cattle are dying on the range for want of food & water; crops are burning up. The people had such a drought about 20 yrs ago all thru this country extending into Arizona & else where in this desert land until the people moved away from some of these southern homes. Unless the people exercise great faith I fear that an other cycle of drought will be repeated. Entire alfalfa fields have dried up in the last week.

June 15, 1918. Blanding, Ut.

I have not the slightest doubt that if all fast and pray for rain it will come.

I went to Monticello Sun. afternoon and spoke on "The War of Self Defense" (I see I recorded this on previous page)

I have recd. letters from Martha, Geo & Reginald. Reg. is to leave for Fr. between now & July 10. Geo. feels they will soon be sent to the front for those who are maimed will come & take the places of the reserved & healthy soldiers. This is a most furious war of the ages. I learn the Germans have crucified two Americans & 5 of the Fr. or British. The fury is growing worse & worse until the time is coming when there will be few or no prisoners taken.

We (Johnson & I) have only written up \$170.00 this wk. in sugar stock, but we have some very good prospects. We have made one trip to Bluff. We will remain here for Sun. (tomorrow) I am earnestly praying for rain that our crops shall not perish. I have administered to two sick persons here.

Monticello, Ut 6/27, 1918.

I came back to Monticello a wk ago last Tues. Bro. Johnson went in the Ford to S. Lake & took R.L. Redd & wife with him. His aim in going was to help Redd to decide to take sugar stock. He may have gone right to Rigby, Id. with him to look over grounds, etc.

I have sold \$1000.00 to Julius Bailey & have several other prospects.

I went out to the farm Sat. afternoon and stayed until Mon. afternoon. We got the rain I had so earnestly prayed for. On Fri. & Sat. the east sections got heavy rains. On Sun. we had two heavy rains & soaked all our land thru & thru Dee, Othello, Valko, & myself just knelt down and offered up a prayer of gratitude for God's blessings for the gift of rains. It is said by the old settlers that rain has never been known here before in June \*(Refer to I for I am recording the night for rain) I told my sons that the rain was a direct ans. to many prayers by the Saints here in this section of the Country.

We had a gasoline (1½ H.P.) enstalled on our farm Mon. It saves over an hr's pumping each day for 11 horses, 3 cows, 4 calves, 12 sheep

& lambs, 7 pigs, & family. It cost \$73.00 put up. We got a new pump at the same time. It cost \$12.00.

Valko is a good shot & kills many ground dogs. He is happy down here. Have recd. another letter from Geo & one from Levon. They are well. Reg. is to leave for Fr. before July 10.

I went to Verdure yesterday morning to talk with Willard Butts & Barton about sugar stock. I stayed all night and spoke to a cottage gathering last night. I spent part of the day talking the scriptures to Mrs. Barton. She is a Methodist & argues strongly for her religion. I came back this morning.

I recd. a letter from Martha. They are now out of quarantine for scarlet fever. I love her for her faithfulness. I want her for mine for all eternity. I am home sick to see them all at home.

July 2, 1918, Blanding, Ut.

We just arrived here from Monticello. Bro. Johnson returned with out success. I sold \$2000.00 to Peter Bailey. We have talked to several persons but have closed no one up. We however got Barton to hold to his 800 shares. We went to Moab to get cashier's check & 500.00 in Bonds. My share of the expenses going north was \$57.85. Bro. J. and I went out to the farm & stayed Sat. night. Our grain is looking fine. The oats, corn & Sudan grass have all come up. The rain was a wonderful blessing for which we are very grateful.

A very sad accident occurred Sun. in Monticello. A Duckett boy Jos. accidentally shot himself. He was buried Mon. I dedicated the grave.

I went last Thurs and visited the grave of little Clawson B. Hickman. I could not help kneeling & weeping over his grave. He seems as near to me as my own child. He is Othello and Helen's only child.

I was to have spoken Sun. evening at Monticello, but the town was so distressed over the death of young Duckett I asked that my lecture be postponed for an other time. So it was.

Have recd. an other letter from Geo & one from Levon. They are well & still in the reserve. This war is growing more terrible as the days advance. Geo. sends me a copy of the paper "Stars & Stripes" the paper published by the Am. Exp. Forces. Geo. has been appointed one of the editorial staff. He is pleased over the honor, & I am reverentially grateful. He has been Sergeant-Major. Levon has been made 1st orderly in his company.

We have sold J.F. Barton \$8000.00 sugar stock. He has paid down \$4000.00.

July 9, 1918 Monticello.

We have sold Geo. Dalton \$520.00 in sugar stock. He is going north with J.W. Johnson to visit factory and if it looks as good as we describe it, he will take several thousand dollars in sugar stock.

We are getting a lease on 2 or 3 tracts of land or farms with a view of selling.

I have been out on the farm twice or three times since last writing. Our grain looks well. But Bp. Bayles' cattle ate up 25 acres of wheat for us.

I delight in going out on the farm. I wish I could afford it I would go & live there several months a yr. We had a nice rain today. Othello & Dee are plowing. We have about 50 acres plowed on Laura's land and are plowing on Leon's land. They have about 16 acres plowed on his land during the last 2 or 3 days. This makes between 50 or 60 acres plowed. I feel the Lord guided us to this land. The Land commissioners are here to sell the school and (here) in this co. Most of it is placed far too high. I may try & bid on  $\frac{1}{2}$  sec.

I have paid \$85.00 for a ton of oats. We borrowed \$197.16 of the foods com. to pay for our spring planting, so I paid part for oats. I have bought two tons more of oats from Geo. Cole at 4¢ a lb. (\$160.00). These oats will last our horses about 25 or 30 days at the outside. It is extortionately expensive to farm now days. We are figuring on getting an engine to plow with.

Helen has a girl baby; she had a very serious time in the birth of her babe but is doing well now.

Got a letter from Martha. All are well.

Aug. 7, 1918 Logan.

Have been "scouting" all over since I last wrote. Bro. Johnson & I left Monticello about July 17 for here & we stayed home for nearly 2 wks. & then made a flying trip to Monticello, Blanding, & Bluff again. We took Geo. Parmer of the Beet Growers Sugar Co. with us. He joined us at Green River. The object of our trip did not materialize. But it may later. We left for home again last Thurs. We got to Provo Sun. I stayed over night with Mother. I stopped with her two days on my south & got the facts of her history on opposite page. While in Provo bought a "Cleveland" caterpillar engine & plows. Retail price are \$1575.00 + \$160 which I got for \$1268. It cost me about \$120.00 ship to Monticello. It is greatly worrying me going in debt so deeply. This makes over \$1900.00 indebtedness. I have not sold any sugar stock since July 15. Bro. Johnson & I start for Idaho to-morrow to sell. Helen has arrived on the farm. Othello came to S.L. & met her. We bought a header & shipped to Monticello. It is \$450.00 retail; I got it for \$375.00. Our crops are looking fairly well. We need more rain. Othello & Dee put up him a good sized one room house--very nice for a summer house.

July 27, 1918, Provo, Points of Mother's history

Mother was born in Beardstown, Ill. Oct. 3, 1838. Her brothers & sisters are: Eunice, Jason, Nathaniel, Oliver (died as a baby), Lydia, Mary, Lucy A (mother), Lois, Elizabeth, Joseph (died at 4 yrs) & William. Moved from place of birth 6 mos. of age to Iowa, on a farm; moved at age of 7 yrs. to Nauvoo or rather on a farm 3 mi. south of Nauvoo on the Layharp road. In the fall (6 mo. after moving there) they (mother & her parents) were driven into Nauvoo. Lived there until spring. Saw much mobbings & burning of homes. Then they moved to

Keg Creek, Iowa, with Saints. Next spring moved 9 mi. north of Keg Creek on the Mo. River. (opposite LaPlatte River). Stayed there until she was 13 yrs of age. Making their stay there 5 yrs. Her father had a big farm there. From there moved to S.L. & arrived there Oct. 3, 1852. From there (or Sandy) where they visited her mother's brother-in-law for a few days & then moved to Payson. There were only about 8 or 10 families there then. There they met her bro. Nathaniel, who had come the yr. before. He had built a one roomed log house. They built an other room so all were quite comfortable. They set about plowing & taking up land. Her father & partner bought a saw mill which was burned by the Indians some 2 or 3 yrs. after. In about 4 yrs (1856) later grand father & family moved to Salem (Pondtown). Mother lived with her sister, Eunice Stewart, at Provo most of the time from 14 yrs. until she was 20 yrs. of age. Her sister was a half invalid most of the time. It was while living in Provo that she met my father & was married to him after keeping company with him for about 1½ yrs. They were married Xmas day 1858 by Bp. Rainey at 11 A.M. Her education was limited due to the mobbings and drivings & the struggling with the poverty of the desert. She is naturally talented & made the most of her opportunities. She learned to read & write. Her knowledge of arithmetic was mostly gotten thru practical experiense. (In 6 lessons I taught her how to use fractions.) She was & is splendid house keeper. In days of her poverty she made shoes for her children; gloves (buckskin) for the public for years which netted her thousands of dollars. She was known by her friends as the "ranch"carpenter," (for Ms) for she made (dug) cellars, sheds, stools, painted furniture, wove cloth & carpets and did all other phases of work pioneer life demanded. With it, all she was known & so admitted, by those who knew her, as a queen amidst women not alone for what she did in a material way but for her optomism, high ideals, etc. splendid moral & religious character and unfeigned sympathy for the needy, sick, & unfortunate. Tho she is nearly 80 yrs of age she still has her sately & queenly bearing. She has made a most desperate effort to educate her children. She moved here to Provo with her children & was here from 1881 until about 1897 (with only a few yrs. (2 or 3) intervening) sending her children to school. She had every one of her children (9 in all living. Edna died while attending school) in school except Annie who was married before 1881. As a result all her children had several yrs. in the academy. There are now four of us who hold degrees Leslie A.B.; Laura A.B. also she has done post graduate work (she is now in Berkley Uni. studying this summer). Francis B.S. & A.M. & expects to do work toward his Ph.D. & myself B.L.B.D. B.S. & A.M.; & have done all my work for Ph.D. Mother has always said that if she were a man she would have been rich. She is a wonderful planner & executor. Her holdings now consist of three houses worth about \$8500 or \$9500.00. She has a beautiful bungalow worth about \$5000.00 and her furnishings are worth more than \$1000.00. She is anxious that I record here the account of her wonderful healings. Once when she was a child of 8 or 9 yrs of age her neck had a growth upon it until it extended out even with her chin & Had almost destroyed her speech. She was healed thru one administration and within 2 or 3 days then enlargement was entirely gone & her speech restored. Another time was when she was about 35 yrs. of age she had erysipelas very badly & her life was almost despaired of, but she was miraculously healed by or thru administration. Again she was attacked with eczema



until she had running sores on her ft. & leg & her ears. She was in this greivous state for about 1½ yrs. She was almost an invalid & her ft. & leg were in bandages for many months. She suffered very much. She got so bad that blood poison set in & the Dr. said the only thing to do was to amputate her leg to save her life. But instead the entire family fasted 30 hrs. & administered to her & she was healed & well in 30 hrs. even all the sores (which had been running for months) were healed some time between Sun. morning (when her ft. was last dressed) and that evening. This stands out as one of the great miracles of our time. She was again healed suddenly some years ago when she had pneumonia. She had another very sick spell a yr. ago last winter & we almost dispaired of her life. In fact she was thought to be dying 2 or 3 times. Thru administration she was healed. After this the old attack of many yrs. ago of eczema suddenly developed in her ft. I administered to her and the eczema disappeared that day & has never returned. All of her healings are worthy of detailed description for they stand out as distince evidences of God's power.

Aug. 23, 1918 Logan, Ut.

Since last writing I have been to Preston, Downey, Oxford, Clifton, Grace, Montpelier (& other towns in Bear Lake). Got home last night. I went with A.G. Goodwin & Hill of the Beet Grower's Sugar co & held meetings with the stockholders in Preston & that county Grace & that county, also, in Montpelier & that county. The stockholders seem to be feeling fine and are much encouraged. I sold stock with Bro. Hussey for 3½ days this week & made \$198.50. My expenses were about \$11.00.

I found the folks well. We learn from Levon's letters that he is out of the hospital. Reginald & his company are in the terrible fight on the western front & have been for about 3 wks. We are anxious over his welfare. Geo. sent home 3 pieces of bursted shrapnel with exploded near him.

The allies are advancing all along the western front. For the first time they seem to be giving and threaten to crush the enemies. It is probable that by this time next yr., when we have gotten our 3 or 4 million men over there, will win the decisive battle which will win the war. Yet I am not looking\*for perminent peace, for God has set his hand to cleans the earth even to the utter destruction of all nations unless they repent. This nation is now engaged in the most glorious & unselfish war, perhaps, ever waged. "We are asking only that monarchy, opression, misery, & outrage cease from the earth. We ask for no indemnity, no increase of territory, no reprisals. We ask that all nations shall be free to govern themselves. To this end this our nation has dedicated its billions of wealth & its best blood--men & women.

Sept. 4, 1918 Smoot, Lincoln Co. Wyo.

Since last writing I have been in Marshvalley, Gentile Valley, Montpelier, Id. & am now here. Bro. Johnson & I were together in Id. We wrote up \$1360.

Bro Hussey & I were told, by the Council of Defene, in Montpelier we would not be permitted to sell any more sugar stock unless the Board or, council of defense were called together & their decision reversed. I told them that I would not call a meeting of the Council but would put

the matter up to the Board of our Company. I found that the Council of Defense were divided as to just what was meant by their decision. Some thought that the intention was only to ask that we take no more Bonds for sugar stock, & some thought it was intuition that no more stocks of any kind be sold in that Co.

Bro Hussey & I came here last Sat. I spoke in S.S. & afternoon meeting in Smoot & in the evening meeting at Afton. We have been selling stock here for 3 days & have sold \$1760.00. We are staying here with Bro. Chas A. Johnson to night. I was mouth last Sun. in confirming La Rue Baldwin a member of the church. She is a most talented child (of 8 yrs.) in music.

Have recd. letters from home & from Bro J.W Johnson. She (Martha) has heard nothing from Reg or George for 5 weeks. I was awfully distressed Mon. morning Sept 2 on getting up & felt as tho something awful had happened. I just get a letter from Martha & she tells me of the awful feeling she had the same morning. I have been feeling better.

Sept. 15, 1918, Afton, Wyo.

Since coming in the valley we have sold \$9680.00--at the urgent request I have delivered 6 lectures this week--one at Smoot, 3 at Afton, one at Freedom, & one at Gover. The Lord was with me and the people. Many were heard to say that it was the best they ever heard, that it was a revelation to them, they would not have missed it for a dozen theatres, etc. etc. One Jew (Mr Metz) said that he had never heard any thing before to equal the three speeches he heard ("The Child"; "The Adolescence" External Evidence of the Bk. of M.). I have made many friends here. Am to speak at Freedom again. Attended conference this after noon. Had a long conference after meeting Apostle Stephen L. Richards on sugar matters. Was asked to speak at a Red Cross gathering to night but did not go. Stayed & read Doc & Cov to Bros. Hussey, Childs & wife & discussed the prophecies on the war.

We received a letter from Geo. He is some where in Fr. He seemed to be having a very hard time and was sad. No word from Reg.

Bro. J.W Johnson & I agreed to divide commissions while we are separated. He has made no sales for two weeks & has gone to selling "Pan-Motor Stock" for a few weeks to see if he can retrieve his fortune.

I have very good health & weigh 197 lbs. I stand 5 ft 11 3/4 in. with my shoes on. This is a matter of incidental history.

Sept. 22, 1918 Freedom, Wyo.

Apostle Richards warned the people against (people) investing in any thing except their home industries. He called the Bp.rick & high councellors & warned than about buying sugar stock & told them he had talked to me about it. I feel his advice was very untimely for we have sold about 9/10 of the stock already. That means if his words were effectual he would cause all who have bought to lose the money they have invested. He acknowledged to me factories in the past had done well & that our factory was in a good beet region, but he felt our factory should not be built there because it was the "Utah-Idaho" territory. Yet they haven't a factory within 15 miles of us. I learn he has been

advisor for Utah-Idaho Co. I think I see why he gave the advise he ~~did~~. I am willing to let the future decide the wisdom of his advice. I ~~spoke~~ here in S.S. & this evening to a very crowded house on The Evidences of the Bk. of M. I met here Bro Jenkins (& two of his children) who married my cousin, Mary Haskel, but she died a few years since. He has married again I meet nearly every where, former students of mine. We have sold here in two weeks, over \$10,000.00 in sugar stock.

Got a letter from Geo. He seemed to be having a hard time. Have not heard from Reg. since he went into the trenches over 8 wks. ago.

Oct. 29, 1918, Logan

Bro. H.C. Hussey and I sold sugar stock in Freedom, Etna & at Blow-Out place until we sold (about) \$16,860.00 My commissions for nearly 4 week's work were \$1088.37. There may be a little we may not get. We went from Blow-Out to Rigby where we stayed till night & inspected the factory. It is progressing nicely and I am very hopeful of its successful completion in due time for beets of next yr. We came home Oct. 1. Since then I went to Mother's birthday dinner (80 yrs old). I also went to Benjamin and visited Eunice & family also Chas. & family. I went to Oct. Conference in S.L. I enjoyed the meetings. The Presidency came out very strong against these secret plural marriages which are being performed against the Council of the church. The brethren are determined to stamp them out & excommunicate all contracting parties.

I came home Sun. evening and then next Tues. I went to San Juan Co. again & aided in plowing on the farm for a wk. The new Cleveland Caterpillar engine does fine. We can plow about 3/4 of an acre an hr. with the two "12 in." plows. We bought a small second hand auto-truck (Ford) for \$350.00. It was badly needed for we are 12 miles from Monticello & one trip a week at least was necessary. We borrowed on Dee's land, \$2365.00. We used it all for debts at Coop, money borrowed at Moab bank, paying for lumber for house, \$893.00 on the "Cleveland" engine etc.

I returned from there a wk last Sun. Othello & Dee brought to Thompsons in our Ford auto truck. It travels fine. We raised about 500 bushels of grain this yr. Due to ground dogs & drought we only got about 1/4 what we should have raised. We are very hopeful for the future and are not discouraged in the least. We have 9 head of horses; 2 large yearlings-their mothers weighed 1500 lbs. each & their sire weighed a ton. These yearlings will weight over 1600 lbs. when grown; we have two colts; 7 hogs & 8 small pigs; 16 sheep; 1 calf; & 20 chickens. We have virtually all the farm-implements we need. We have gang plows (mould board & disc), harrows, double disc harrow, seeder, binder header, etc.--2 wagons, & a buggy. A gasoline engine (1 1/2 H.P.) to pump water, run washer, etc. We have 2 steel bins, corral shed, small houses, (2) tents, etc. Othello is clerking at Monticello Coop.

We recd letters from Geo. Reginald & Levon from Fr.; they are all well & have not been in battle yet, but close enough to hear the roar of cannon. Geo. sent us a German steel helmet which he picked up near St. Mihiel just after the Americans drove the Germans from St. M.

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Lorea had a stick fly up & strike her in the right eye. It cut ~~thru~~ the cornea, the iris & into the lens. It is a bad injury We took her to the hospital & Dr. Reynolds dressed it, fixed the lips of the wound together. She has been suffering very much with it. Puss has accumulated in two places. But it seems a little better this morning & we are hopeful she will yet get her sight back again.

I am now nearing the end of my journal (Journal H). My life has been very busy in school work and public lecturing. Shurely the Lord God has blessed me very much. It seems, in looking back over these passed 3½ yrs., there have been few things which I have asked for--physical blessings, spiritual blessings, financial blessings, etc--which I have not received. For these I am very thankful. O Father, will you lift me up and bless me as much in the next 3½ yrs. as I have been in the passed 3½ yrs? My life is of little worth to me unless it is of worth to others I have sought first the kingdom of heaven & its righteousness and now may all else be added. I will not turn from heaven or its righteousness for they are my food & my joy. I hunger and thirst for righteous & truth & wish to do so all my days. I earnestly pray that I shall injure no one, but be a blessing to all with whom I deal. Father, may my selling of sugar stock be a blessing to all who buy. Let those not prevail against me nor this enterprise who seek to destroy it.

In my blessings you have preserved my family in health; you have aided me in earning over \$12,000.00. My wisdom you have increased; my home life has been pleasant; my love for others you have broadened and in always you have been with me, O my Father.

Now, my dear Father, bless me financially in a brief space of time so I can make means enough so I can give the remainder of my days in lifting up thy people & extending thy Kingdom on earth. I have often & earnestly prayed that you, O Father, would extend my wisdom in the next thirty years, and extend my influence for good as thou hadst done in the last thirty years. Now, My Lord & my God, I plead again that thou wilt answer my prayer & my longings in double blessings upon my head. Father, wilt thou remember that my earthly father didst plead with thee long before I was born that if thou wouldst give him a son he would dedicate him to thee and thy service, Father, thou sent me in answer to his prayer; and all my days I have been seeking after thee & longing to thy will. Wilt thou now my dear Father, continue to bless me & lift me up and glorify thou me, with the glory I had with thee before I was born. These longings surpass and swallow up all other desires of my life. O Father, increase my love for thee, thy work, my fellowmen & increase my wisdom--earth & heaven--and let not my prayers be mocked nor thwarted. Give me hope in my asking, faith in my life & in thy cause. Now, Father, my life is a failure unless I can save those thou hast given me. So pray I for every one of them daily, for their salvation & righteousness in thy Kingdom. Most of them are noble & progressive. Wilt thou make all valient for thee & thy cause. May years bring to them wisdom & righteousness to my utter satisfaction. I have three sons in the war now in France. If thou wilt, return them to me to be valient in thy Kingdom.

This is an awful hour of destruction; a day of cleansing and emptying the earth of sin & sinner. May I live to see the destruction of Babylon & the triumph of righteousness. Hasten that day & preserve thy people, I pray thee.

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(Written on inside of the back cover of Journal H)

^ I have written the brief of mother's life on pp 142-145.

She was a mighty woman. I loved and adored her all my life. As far as I am concerned, no greater woman & mother ever lived.