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(Inside flyleaf) I was 1st baptized in Spanish Fork July 9, 1871 by Samuel Patterson and confirmed by John A. Lewis.

I was baptized again in Utah Lake when I was about 16 yrs. of age by Richard Betts. It was at the time when most all of our people were rebaptized.

I was again baptized by A.J.B. Stewart in the Upper dam at Benjamin when I was 21 or 22 yrs. of age the latter part of July or forepart of Aug. I was confirmed by Elder Benjamin F. Stewart (the presiding Elder in Benjamin). He was the father of A.J.B. Stewart. He was baptized by Hyrum Smith in Nauvoo.

May 16, 1921, Logan, Ut.

It has been over three weeks since I finished my other journal.

George came home from the Uni. of Cali. and was married last Wed. (Apr. 11) to Miss Luella Elizabeth Anderson in the Logan temple. Her father is John H. Anderson former Bp. of the 4th Ward of this city. Is now merchant & banker. He is also president of the First Nat. Bank of Logan. Luella has been on a mission to Cali. She filled a very fine mission. She is a tallented young woman. I feel she will be an excellent companion for George.

I went thru the temple the day they were married. I did the work for a Mr. Wm Rickets of England. All the record we have him is: "He was married June 6, 1742. George and Luella left that same after noon for Cali. They got that evening as far as Ogden. We were all happy over the noble and honorable marriage.

But, O, how our hearts ar wrung over the awful thing Reg. has done. We find he has issued over \$700.00 of worthless checks. I am asking that if they will liberate him I will give my note to pay the (over) \$200.00 he has issued checks for in Reno, Nev. I have recd no reply to my offer as yet. It is hard to realize that he could be sane and do such a deed. If possible, I will try and pay all those he has so grossly injured.

I have written no insurance for 2 wks. I am aiding in selling monuments for Jno. Hendrickson & Co. for a month for \$400.00.

I have delivered lectures in Wellsville--Mother's Day address also in the evening here in 11th ward of Logan. The Sun. evening before I delivered my last lecture on the Bk of M. (Bk. of Ether) before a large audience in the 7th ward. The Bk. of Ether proves to be a most wonderful Bk. when one gets to the bottom of it. It is next to the P. of G. Price in value for doctrine and historical facts.

I lectured before the High Priests' (Stake meeting) yesterday fore noon on the value of the priesthood. I took it from a new angle which seemed to be well received by the body of men.

In the evening I went to Smithfield and delivered the commencement address before the Junior High School graduates (93).

May 22, Logan

I delivered the address to the Training School graduates (36) of the B.Y.C. Wed. night.

I have not been very successful in selling monuments. However I am getting the co. some very good prospects. The co. furnishes the car & expenses and pays me \$100.00 a wk.

My offer was not accepted by Mr. Moore and others and Reg. was sentenced for from 1 to 2 yrs. He thinks he can get out in 10 mos. I hope he can. He feels very badly over what he has done. He said every thing had gone so badly for & with him since he came from the army that he be came desperate for money. So he did what he did hoping he could make enough to pay it back before it would be found out. God said I gave men weaknesses that they may learn wisdom. O may Reg. learn wisdom from his mistake! Our hearts are sad and we are greatly bowed down in grief. God pitty and forgive him and turn his heart back to the Lord.

I learn mother is very sick. Laura phoned and asked us to pray for her.

June 5, 1921. Logan, Ut.

Dear Mother is dead and buried. Laura phoned Fri. (May 27) saying mother is very bad and if we had any faith for me to come. So Anna and I took the 6 p.m. Interurban train and got to Provo at 2 a.m. We found Mother suffering very much. We exercised our faith and administered 2 or 3 times to her but her suffering was only partly removed. I sat up until 6 a.m. with mother. She seemed some easier & slept a little. At 8 a.m. Leslie called me and ask I get up and that we administer to her again. So we did. I went back to bed again. In course of an hr. Laura called Dr. Taylor to come up. He came up and gave mother a hypodermic injection. Mother went to sleep and never awoke. We watched her peacefully pass away. All of her children stood about her bed-side except Charles. He had not yet arrived from Benjamin. Mother died at 2:35 p.m. Sat. May 28.

Though we were all mature men and women we stood about our dead mother and wept as children. O, we loved her so dearly. She was so noble, such an intellectual light even to the last week of her life. She looked so sweet as she lay there at rest. Resting from more than four score years of incessant toil. She would have been 83 yrs. of age the 3 or next Oct. had she lived.

We all felt deeply for Laura who has sacrificed her life for mother's comfort. She was so tender and thoughtful for mother's wants and every comfort. We all, except Laura, have families to take our

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minds, but poor Laura will go back to her home desolate and full of uncomforted grief for Mother is gone. Laura has almost worked herself to death to keep up with her classes in the B.Y.U. and care for mother and the houses in general for there have been 3 houses to look after.

The main home has long since been deeded to Laura for her years of toil & sacrifices for Mother. Mother had continued her fancy work up to--within four days of her death. She had probably \$500.00 of fancy knit & crocheted work still on hand at her death.

We held the funeral May 30 (Decoration day) at 2 P.M. in the 4th ward at Provo. Prof. Reinhardt Maeser offered the opening prayer. John Hand came from S.L. and sang two solos. Miss Florence Jepperson and her double quartet furnished the rest of the music. Bro. W.E. Rydolch came from S.L. and spoke at the funeral also Henry S. Tanner. They both spoke so highly of Mother. They knew her so well.

Bp Johnson of Benjamin and his son Dr. Johnson spoke so feelingly of Mother and her life. It was she who had inspired Dr. Johnson to push to the front. It was she who convinced Bp. Johnson he should make every sacrifice to school his son.

As Bp. Johnson reviewed Mother's life as he knew her and what she meant to him & his family he wept and, could with the greatest effort, complete his remarks.

Bp. Alfred Booth was the last speaker. He said he had never in his life heard such a wonder euology of any woman and he felt that every word was true which had been uttered of Mother. Yes, every word was true and yet not a thousandth part of what she had done, which went to make up greatness was told.

At the request of the family I sat down and sketched off hurriedly a brief of what mother had done which was read by H.S. Tanner at the funeral.

We took Mother to Payson and buried her beside father and their five children who were buried there. In the order of their deaths they were: Rose Ella, Wallace, Mordecia, Thos. Jefferson, and Edna Estella. Eleven autos went with us to the Payson cemetery from Provo. The floral tributes were very rich and beautiful.

I phoned to Martha after mother died and she came to Provo to attend the funeral. Lorea & Fern were also at the funeral. Lorea was on her way south to stay with Eugene and clerk in the store for him this summer.

I am the administrator for the children's estate which consists of the west home. I think Laura bought the little house.

June 12, 1921 Logan, Ut.

I have been aiding the Cache Monument Co. sell monuments for over three weeks. I will be thru on June 17. The Co. has given me \$100.00 a wk.

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I spoke to the Parents' Class in the 6th ward Sun. (June 5) and in the evening to the Conjoint meeting in the 2nd ward.

Martha and Leon have gone to Nebraska to sell knit goods for the Logan Knitting factory. They have been gone about 10 days. Their sales are but small so far and they are quite discouraged and yet they feel they will do better soon.

Radino & Valko are in the beets. Juanita is keeping house for us who are left at home.

June 26, 1921 Logan.

It has been sometime since I wrote in my journal. Since then I have been helping Jno. Hendrickson & Naisbett sell monuments. They gave me \$100.00 a wk. for four wks. I gave them considerable and lined up over \$10,000 of business for them aside from what they sold thru my efforts.

I am back to insurance again. I went to Idaho last wk. to make some collections in Oxford, Downey, Arimo & Robin. I made but little.

I have agreed to go back to Arimo and reply to a Mr. Fulk of Ogden, Josephite preacher who is making an attack on our people. He has been speaking in different towns. He spoke four nights in Arimo. I am to reply in two speeches next Sun afternoon and evening.

I am to deliver the oration in Arimo on the 4th of July.

Have been asked to give the Oration at Lewiston but can't.

Martha and Leon returned Fri., June 24. I sent them \$100.00 to come home on. They had not much more than made expenses. We were all glad to have them return. It is an off yr. or they could have done well.

Juanita's ear has been bothering her again but is again better.

Lorea returned from Teasdale last Thurs. It seems she did not give satisfaction to Eugene.

I wrote \$5000.00 insurance for Mr. Fisher. He is to become one of my agents.

I am considerably distressed over financial conditions. I am trying to sell our home to pay my obligations on it.

Vivian has a girl baby. All are well. I wrote to Helen & sent her \$10.00 on what I owe her.

Recd. letters from Othello, Geo., Vivian, and Helen. All are well.

Radino & Valko are working at the pea factory.

Myrthus working in S.L., but haven't heard from him.

THIS WAS A LOOSE PAGE IN JOURNAL J, WHICH WAS LEFT FOR US TO READ, SO THAT WE MIGHT UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE BACKGROUND TO REGINALD AND HIS ACTIONS.

HIS MOTHER, MARTHA, WROTE THIS ON THE DATE NOTED ON THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

The following may be an explanation to Reginald's conduct in the Spring of 1921. After spending a miserable winter on the "ranch" in San Juan, then working at the sawmill for lumber as pay, the lumber used to build a house on the ranch, and for which Father had promised to pay Reg., but did not, when he (Reg.) needed it, he became desperately despondent and wanted to get out to find something for himself to do. Having no means or money he fell in with some friends, who made easy money, "gambling". He thought to find work and pay all back, as it was, he paid for his mistake, as the law demanded. I think, we, his parents, failed to come to his rescue when he demanded he should be paid for his labor (lumber etc.) to get a start elsewhere. He has not been home since 1919 when he came back from there, later that year he went to the farm to work. His disliked to go but because Father wanted him to, he did. He has made good in his work since. He has been and still is, with the Standard Oil Co. of Richmond, Calif. the last seventeen yrs. No one will ever know how my

heart has ached for that homeless, wandering boy and his apparent indifference to home and family.

In reading this journal, I have felt it only just to make this statement in his justification.

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June 28, 1921 Logan

Today Martha, Juanita, & Marva went to the temple. Juanita was baptized for her health.

Marva was baptized by Bro. Sylvester Lowe and she was confirmed by Thos. Morgan.

July 6, 1921 Logan,

I went to Robin July 3 and Lorea and Thorval with me. They had a good time.

I went there for the purpose of replying to a Mr. Fulk. He is one of the Josephite missionaries. He has been speaking in Lava, Robin and other places. He spoke four nights pointing out that we are the people who were cast off and driven away, that the church with its dead were rejected that we are away from Zion & her stakes and that young Joseph (so called) was chosen, blessed, & set apart as his father's successor and that B. Young usurped authority, changed the Doc. & Cov. etc.

I replied in two speeches--one 2 hrs. in the afternoon and one in the evening 2½ hrs. They tell me that the meetings were the biggest gathering ever seen in Robin. People came from Rattle Snake (a chilly name) Hawkins Basing, Marsh Center, McCammon & Arimo.

Mr. Fulk was urged to return to Robin from Lava and hear the reply to his charges. He came back. He with his companion seemed much disturbed over the telling reply I made, establishing beyond a doubt, if the Doc. & Cov. is authority, that God chooses & ordains 1st apostles in his church before even the formality of organizing the church; that it is thru the authority of their apostleship they do this. The D.&C. says in various places that the keys of the Kingdom were conferred for the last time in the last days upon the Twelve who as Jesus says were given to him of the Father.

Also all the other claims he (Fulk) made were likewise answered. For comments and brief of my arguments see "Journal of Clippings." While I was speaking Mr. Fulk arose in the audience and challenged me for a debate. I told him he had 4 nights to put forth his side and if he did not put forth his strongest arguments he had missed a very valuable opportunity. The Bp. (Armstrong) gave him (Fulk) Tues. night (July 5) to answer me. The people were so very anxious that I debate Mr. F. they wanted not only pay my expenses but pay me for my time. I told them if they would take notes on what he said Tues. night, I would come in the near future and reply to him. I will know in a few days what reply Mr. F. made.

I went to Arimo July 4, and gave the oration. After which I took the train for home arriving here at 5:15 P.M. Thorval came back with me, but Lorea came home in an auto with some of her friends.

We went out and saw the fire works here in Logan in the evening. They were a fine display. It was a fine miniature German barrage, etc.

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Leon fractured a bone in his arm while working in the pea factory. He now has it in a plaster cast.

July 11, 1921 Logan, Ut.

This last wk. I have been home writing, reading, and doing a little insurance work tho I closed no bargain. I went to Hyrum stake by request and addressed the stake priesthood meeting on the subject of "Priesthood." I made a distinction between priesthood & gospel. The latter term is more extensive than priesthood. The gospel is the classified truth--all truth. It deals not only with the strict principles of salvation as--repentance, baptism, gift of Holy Ghost, prayer, etc, etc, etc. but it includes every truth that is used in creating a world or a tadpole. It includes the truths of all science, art, & invention. But priesthood is a combination of keys, authority, power, etc, which is given to man by God or his authority. In and thru this priesthood lies the power of salvation and exaltation. When God gives man priesthood He does not necessarily give him the intelligence that should go with it. He expects man thru prayer, study, & inspiration to attain to the intelligence commensurate with the power he received.

When man receives the senatorship of a sovereign state they do not give him the knowledge that should go with the exalted position. They expect him to obtain to it. So God expects his delegated authority to attain to his necessary intelligence. If the authority bestowed on man by a government is abused or neglected, such a person is tried for malfeasance office. Shall we expect less when we receive priesthood,--God's authority? Many a man will find himself divested of his priesthood and judgment demanded at his hand for abusing or neglecting his priesthood. It is a two edged sword that lifts up or destroys.

I rode home with Pres. Israelson (1st councillor) & wife also Pres. W.C. Parkinson.

Leslie came to visit us last night & went back to Brigham this morning where he is selling insurance.

I finished today Sec. Robt. Lansing's Personal Narrative "The Peace Negotiations." He gives a very clear discussion of the differences between himself and Pres. Woodrow Wilson. He points out that Pres. W. was reticent, seclusive, non communicative. He confided or advised but little with Sec. Lansing & others of the commissioners. He (W.) not only did not seek counsel but rejected it when proffered. Lansing offered a number of suggested ideas as modes of procedure, changes, warnings, cautions, etc. to all of which Pres. Wilson made no reply.

It seemed a humiliating position in which the advisors & councillors were placed. If what Sec. Lansing says is true, then Pres. W. is surely open to severe criticism.

Before making final judgment I shall wait until I read Pres. W's bk. which is soon to come out on the Peace negotiations.

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I received a telegram from Hoboken, New Jersey that Lavon's body would arrive in N. York City about July 15. They will let me know where to prepare to meet body.

I wrote to Mrs. Fred Starr of St. Louis, Mo. & to Dept. U.S. Marshall D. J. Hickman to see if can get any information of their Knoxville ancestors. Have recd. word from Mrs. Starr.

July 25, 1921. Logan, Ut.

Went to Lava Hot Springs and delivered the oration Sat. July 23. Many were present. About  $\frac{1}{2}$  the audience was made up of non-Mormons.

The Mayor of the City, Dr. ... was present. In his compliments he said that he had heard the most history in the shortest space of time it had ever been his privilege to hear before.

I returned home the evening of the 23rd.

I didn't go to Parker, Ida, as I had been asked.

I attended conference here yesterday. Bros. Hart & Pres. Clawson were present. The forenoon was taken up on the subjects of temple marriages, our birth & death as compared to U.S. There only about 50% of our marriages are performed in the temple. Our birth rate is twice that of the nation & our death rate is only  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the nation. The afternoon speeches were in commemoration of our advent into these mountains.

Bro. Jno. G. McQuarrie came and stayed with us last night. He and I talked until 12 last night & until after 11 (a.m.) today.

I recd. a telegram that Lavon's body left N. York Sat. night at 12:25. It will arrive in Provo either Wed. evening or Thurs. morning. We will hold the funeral Fri. This will bring back all over sorrows, but I want Lavon to sleep in our cemetery beside his dear Mother. I am sure he will be willing and anxious that we bring his body here to rest & await the resurrection.

Sad and tender memories arise in me when I think of him--memories I cannot speak--deep emotions I cannot utter, but when I meet him I can embrace him and pour out my soul to him. If the dead can read the thoughts of the living, he can read my wordless grief and know my soul.

I have made some effort at insurance, but have closed no sale.

That Mr. Fulk, the Josephite preacher, has sent a challenge to Bp. Armstrong asking I debate him. I have (promised to debate him if he still insists. The time is to be set later.

Juanita is having trouble again with her other ear. The Dr. lanced it today. All this trouble was brought on due to vaccination for small pox.

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Aug. 5, 1921 Logan, Ut.

I was 59 yrs. old Aug. 3. I have a feeling I am not as vigorous physically as of the past. Time saps the physical energies and, like the race, I must expect to be de-energized, and organ after organ to be weakened and incapacitated until at last the heart-beat will be silenced and the mysterious change is at hand.

Martha, Juanita, Marva and I went to Provo. Lavon's body arrived in Provo Thurs. morning at 9:25 A.M.

We held the funeral July 29 at 2 P.M. in the 6th ward meeting house. Leslie furnished the double quartet who furnished all the music except he sang a solo--"Hold Thou My Hand." The music was very good.

The speakers were Jno. McAdams, Pres. Thos. Taylor, Reinhard Maeser, and Bp. Jos. Nelson.

The American Legion furnished the army funeral hearse of four horses. The Legion boys stood beside the body on the hearse in the funeral march. At the grave they fired three salutes after the body was lowered in the grave. There were 15 to 20 autos at the funeral.

Many beautiful flowers were furnished by friends. The body was hermetically sealed in a metal coffin. This was placed in a strong wooden coffin. We placed the coffin in a fine cement vault. The body should be preserved for over a 1000 years.

I feel satisfied now that he is home & rests in our "cemetery" beside his mother. I have a feeling akin to the feeling of a parent who gets all his children home and in bed before he goes to rest for the night.

Martha, Juanita, Marva, & I went to Benjamin July 30 and returned to Provo the evening of July 31, stayed there over night and came home next day. We stopped off in S.L. for a few hrs. and visited Fern. We got home at 11:15 P.M.

Juanita remained in Provo & Am Fork for 2 days to visit friends. In S.L. she went to Dr. Stauffer and he took a bone from her nose and imbedded adenoids out. He scraped her ear and cut an ulcer from her throat. He says that all her trouble has been caused from the imbedded adenoids. We hope she will now recover.

Marva is in ill health for the last few days.

I forgot to say that the metal strip on Lavon's coffin contained the following:

"Lavon R. Hickman 856599 Cpl. Co. F318th Eng. GR (grave)18  
R (row)91 cem. 414"

The Gov. allows \$100.00 for funeral expenses. It cost more than that. The State sent a 10 ft. flag to drape the coffin of Lavon's also they sent a fine laurel wreath which we will frame. The flag we will keep.

Aug. 14, 1921, Logan, Ut.

Juanita has had considerable trouble with her ear. It has been lanced twice in a wk. It is better again. We hope this is her last ear trouble.

Lorea went to S.L. to tend Fern's children while she came up here and visited us a wk. Fern came a wk. ago to day and went back this morning on the 10 a.m. Interurban. She brought the baby (La Rue) and her little girl Fern. Fern's health is improved.

I rec'd last night thru the mail from Miss Brown (H.S. Tanner's pl. wife) a type written copy of a complete report of all speeches made at Mother's funeral. It shall be kept as a historic record of mother's life and appreciation as seen by those who knew her. That pen picture of mother's life included in Henry S. Tanner's address was written by me about an hr. before the funeral. Those lines reveal just a brief summery of mother's life work for her family.

Radino has been offered a position in the Cache Valley Banking Co. He is away on a few day's vacation in Bear Lake with his girl Miss Whitworth of Bancroft.

I went out and wrote \$1000.00 of insurance this last wk. I also got several to agree to renew their policies. Due to financial stringency most of the policies I wrote are lapsing. The co. is extending credit to them so they can pick up their policies again.

I have been rather spiritless of late, and I may say discouraged. So far we have failed to get banks to take our insurance notes. The Co. is to make another effort.

I attended High Priests' meeting last Mon. night. We discussed the paying of tithing. Most of the brethren thought the blessings flowing from this act were spiritual. I explained that, while I felt spiritual blessings followed, the Lord had held out the reward, both to the ancients & to the present generation, of temporal blessings. This was rather a shock to most of those present. Since then I have run down all references I could find in Bible, Bk. of M. & Doc. & Cov. and there is no where stated, as I can find, a promise of a spiritual blessing. It is temporal blessings, wealth, power and preservation from the day of burning, etc.

Every law has its own blessing: Prayer fasting, & purity bring faith; keeping Word of Wisdom brings health vigor, athletic ability, endurance, intelligence wisdom & long life. Tithing preserves one from want & burning, etc. Keeping Sabath holy preserved in ones heart the knowledge of God, etc. Marriage for eternity and the living of laws that should go with it exalts one to Celestial Kingdom with continuation of lives. So I may numerate all laws & their blessings.

I went and spoke to the people in the 12th ward of Logan last Sun. night. It is a new ward. I showed that our people were fulfilling the scriptures Isaiah 3 ch also 35 ch; 4 ch Micah. I also

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pointed out the Josephites who claim we are the rejected of the Lord are not fulfilling the scriptures as we are.

I attended S.S. and evening meeting today. Pres. W.W. Henderson of B.Y.C. who has been attending U. of Cali this summer spoke to night and told of the Godless spirit of the people in Cali. They are eschewing creed & dogma. They believe in church but not religion. The church is a social benefit. They believe God to be a principle. He (Prof. H) was referring to the educated class of people.

I wrote an article for The Mountaineer, an insurance journal. See Journal of Clippings.

Pres. Henderson says he met Geo. and his wife several times this summer. He took dinner with them. He says Geo. is a most splendid fellow & is brilliant & broad of mind. He says Geo. has a real legal mind. He couldn't speak too highly of Geo. and his splendid spirit. This made me happy.

Aug 21, 1921, Logan, Ut.

During the wk. I did some work in insurance. It was principally to get insured of last yr. to renew. Most of them agreed to.

I visited Preston Fri. I made a collection of \$17.50.

Last Thurs. night Pres. Bridge called me up to see if I would speak in the tabernacle Sunday 2 P.M. (today) and reply to the ministers who had been lecturing here in the city for 8 or 10 days. They are visiting from house to house during the days and trying to convert the people from the errors of their ways. I entertained one of them for 2 hrs. during the wk. Tho. I was kind to him he felt as tho he had gotten in the wrong place. I showed him that the scriptures were contrary to his doctrines.

So this afternoon I explained the Gospel as taught by Jesus & his Apostles. I spoke an hr. & a half on: 1. The God head--3 distinct personages; 2. Divine authority; 3. What his church is and characteristics; 4. Baptism by immersion and its necessity for salvation; 5. That works and faith are necessary and faith without works is dead. I quoted copiously from the Old & New Testament.

The 7 missionaries were at the meeting and were good listeners and note takers. They are to hold their meeting again tonight. They are lead by Rev. Nutting, the man who has spoken much against our people in the east. When here he preaches a spurious religion & when a way he attacks this people furiously. Nearly every night when their meeting is over some of our returned missionaries show them where their doctrines are averse to the Bible doctrine.

Lorea returned Thurs. from Fern's. Myrthus came to day. He has been working near Lynn on the rail road. The man he was working with in a dredge was killed & he (Myrthus) had close call. He has been sent to the hospital for an examination of his lungs. He has a bad cough. The Dr. is to tell him what his trouble is next Wed.

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Wm Morton, Editor of the Millennial Star, has written me asking I write in full my reply to that Josephite missionary (Fulk). He desires to publish it in the Star.

Later in the day: I learn the people who heard my address today are much impressed. Bro. Sorensen says there are two non-mormons who attended the meeting. One of them is a Prof. of the Pocatello Technical Inst. He said that the scriptures were made plainer to day than ever before and that now he is thrown out to sea, for he hardly knows what to think.

I was called on to speak in our own ward to night. The Lord blessed me this afternoon & tonight with a great spirit of joy & intelligence for which I am reverentially grateful.

Aug. 25, 1921 Logan, Ut.

My friends say my speeches are often poetic, but I have scarcely ever attempted to write a poetic line. Here is an attempt and the only one I ever made. It was to help Thorval write a poem for one of his classes. It is more rhythm than real poetry.

An Ode to the Ocean

Old ocean gray and deep,  
while thy surface foams thy deeps do sleep.  
Yet as we ride thy stormy waves  
Myriads lie in their watery graves.

Thou art more ancient than the continent.  
Thou art its noble mobile parentage  
Thou holdest in thy infinite grasp  
The silent history of the past.

The scientists read thy limpid book  
As into thy mighty depths they look;  
And wonder at thy teeming life  
That know no sound, no light, no strife  
(But pass their lives in this book of night).

The wagon missionaries are still here speaking each night. Some of us answered them to night. They represent six different creeds and they (the 7) teach no particular creed. However they all claim to be chosen of God to preach Christ. Rev. Nutting says that wherein Christ said to his apostles (Mark 16:16) "Go ye into all the world, etc. that meant them, (these ministers). Yet Christ said to teach faith and baptism but Rev. Nutting says baptism is not necessary. First of all, Jesus, who had called & chosen and ordained the twelve, did not mean that any one reading this was called to preach any more than they could claim that the reading of the passage would constitute them apostles.

This Rev. Nutting comes west each summer and preaches his spurious doctrines, takes pictures of the people and buildings--especially of old & delapidated buildings and in his lectures in the east he

throws these pictures on the screne and represents these delapidated places (some of them deserted buildings) as typical Mormon homes.

Bp. Sloan telephoned to Dr. Woodruff of S.L. after Nutting claimed he had not done these things nor misrepresented the Mormons as claimed by returned missions, and Dr. Woodruff verified, over the phone, these charges & also sent a telegram to be read that while he was a student in the Uni. of Penn. Rev Nutting delivered a lecture there before a large audience on Utah and the Mormons. It was a most slanderous and belying attack of the Mormons both as to slides and what he said. He even said that the Mormons were against education and their young men were not permitted to go off to school lest they be converted to Christianity. While at that very meeting there were more than 20 Mormon students who were attending the Uni.

Drs Paine and Grenwell came up from Ogden tonight and verified all I have written (before an audience of over 1000 people) for they were at the Uni. of Penn. and attended Rev. Nutting's meeting. They said that Pres. Smith of the Uni. (who heard the lecture) forbade Rev. Nutting to return or come upon those grounds again. Dr. Paine said that the Pres. of the Uni. some time later, called the Mormon students together and read a letter from the Chicago ministerial society demanding that he expel the Mormon students from that Uni. or they would refuse to uphold that Uni. as a Christian institution. Dr. Paine says that the Pres. of the Uni. tore the letter up before them as an indication of his attitude toward the letter and its threat.

I might say in passing the ministerial association tried to have all the Mormon students expelled from the Uni. of Mich. while I attended there. There were over 30 of us attending there at the time. Bp. Sloan then asked if there were any returned elders in the audience who had met up with Rev. Nutting and his slanderous and lying statements concerning the Mormons, to raise their hands. There were between 30 & 40 who raised their hands.

I had asked Rev. N. the night before if he would let us have the time of his meeting, but he refused & then I asked him if he would close their meeting by 9:30 so we could hold a meeting after but he refused to comply. So tonight he held his meeting until after 10 P.M. I asked him at 10 P.M. if he would soon close his meeting and let us hold one, but he was insulting and said he would suit himself and would close when he got ready yet I had invited Rev. Nutting to take lunch with me this day & while at lunch I asked if he would be kind enough to do so but he would not promise.

The vast audience was there primarily to hear our replies. Well Rev. N. felt what was coming and tried to wear out the audience and would draw no favor yet he and his missionary companions are being fed by this city and various courticies are extended them.

While he was here at my home we talked on the Ed. of our people, etc. I had to get my Hist. of Ed. to prove to him he was wrong. I told him of the struggle for Ed. among our people. I made him confess this state stood high in Ed., but he said the morality of the people



was very low. Then I gave him a comparison of the moral status of the nation as compared to our people.

At the meeting to night I was the last speaker. I first took up the misrepresentations he had made to my speech in the tabernacle Sun. I called on the audience and his own companions to witness I never said what he claimed I said.

Then I answered Rev. N. on baptism and read six passages from the Savior & his apostles' teaching baptism & quoted Mark 16:16 wherein he said belief & baptism produced salvation or that if they did this they should be saved. I said that Rev. N. said baptism was not necessary, but Jesus says it is. I asked in thunderous tones if they would believe the Savior of the World or Rev. N. & his friends. They slight off baptism or belittle it claiming that it does not wash away sins nor is it necessary for salvation. Our meeting held until after 12 M. I got home about 12:20. I learn the people were there until after 1 A.M. listening to Nutting & his men who were trying to deny & explain away the charges (the charges) made against Rev. N. The people are much worked up over these discussions.

I have been to the Randall and Jones hospital three times to administer to the sick. They were Abbie Card, Sister Kirk, & Sister Jensen. Abbie & sister Jensen were very low--their lives almost dispaired of but both are in a fair way of convalescence. Sister Kirk is in a frightful state.

Mr. Muir, the gen. agent of our co., was here yesterday trying to work out some way so we can get our notes taken care of. I go out some but have no success due to money matters.

Myrthus went back to S.L. today. He is not very well so he came from Lynn to the hospital in S.L. and on up here for a few days.

Got letters from Othello & George.

Sept. 5, 1921 Coalville, Ut.

Since last writing I was called to Provo by Francis to see about a proposed sale of the home left to the heirs also to come up here to write insurance with him. So last Tues. I went to Provo & Thurs. we came here. We have only sold \$6000.00 insurance. We have some prospects. I attended priesthood meeting yesterday at 9 a.m.; S. School, fast meeting and conjoint at night. I listened to a very good lecture attorney Frank Harris on "Success."

Francis & I took Mr. Wilson, his son-in-law to Rockford where there there was picnic held & services in honor of Moses Taylor, who has resigned from the President of the Stake due to ill health. He is ill at a resort in Provo Canyon. We had a very nice picnic furnished by Mrs. Bosley & Mrs. Nieley. Mrs. Bosley used to be Miss Huff of Logan. She used to attend some of my classes.

We did business here until 2 oclock before going to Rockford.

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The Co. got the bank here to cash our notes so it makes it easy to do business here as far as getting the cash. I had to cancel my appointment at Benson ward & decline request to speak in the 6th ward of Logan.

I borrowed \$100.00 to meet emmergencies.

Visited my teacher's beat also attended priesthood Mon. evening.

Sept. 11, 1921 Coalville, Ut.

This last wk. we have sold \$19,500.00 in insurance. I sent \$104.00 home as part of my earnings since I came here. We have not done very well, but hope to do better.

We (Francis & I) have met a very few whom we had known before.

We seem to be making friends. Francis has a splendid way of meeting people and a good way of opening up the subject. I am surprised and greatly distressed over his seeming disbelief in the Gospel since he was disfellowshipped.

We will be here a few more days. This is the coldest place spiritually I ever (ever) visited in any the Stakes of Zion. Pres. Moses Taylor didn't make the success with them he hoped to make. He has now resigned due to ill health. I, so far, have found few who appreciated him or what he did. I am surprised over this. It seems he tried to crowd the people in their live & believe. Too many of them had grown up in a stagnant condition with but little spirituality and they rebelled to the new regime.

Provo. Sept. 23, 1921

Francis & I left Coalville Tues. evening and got to S.L. about 10 P.M. & stayed at Fern's all night. We left for here Wed. at 2:15 P.M. I went to Benj. yesterday with Olive, Josephine, & Fred. I stayed & visited Chas. & Leslie for an hr. or so also went & visited Eunice & family till evening & then we returned here. Provo has lost its charms since mother left.

Ammon Nebeker was buried yesterday. He was one of the finest men I ever knew.

Francis went to S.L. today to get his car which we left to have fixed. It is now night & he has not returned.

Josephine tells me Glenn, her son, is doing well on his mission. He meets considerable oposition.

I recd another letter from Othello. He is working very hard. He was Apostle Whitney's interpreter when he spoke to the Swiss people. He tells of his love for me and the hope & faith he has in my success. He is full of love for his work.

I recd. a letter from Reg. O, his heart is nearly broken over his position & what he has done. O, if I could only draw him to me &

lift him up, I would surely do so. I sent him \$12.00 get his suit case sent to him & to have a little to buy sugar, etc. How my heart is grieved for him!

I phoned home to Martha when I got to S.L. She & children are well. Radino & Valko have not begun school yet.

I went to see Myrthus who is now in the hospital. The Dr. says Myrthus' heart & lungs have been badly strained & he needs complete rest. He is weak and can't work without exhaustion.

Geo., F. & I go to West Jordan to write insurance & back tomorrow night. Then we start for San Juan Co.

Oct. 14, 1921 Coalville, Ut.

Francis and I went to San Juan Co & visited our farms. He went with a view of getting some one to take his farm on shares. I went to see Dee & family & see how farm was going.

I found that Dee had raised considerable grain but he needs help for things are in a caotic condition. The land is over run with Russian thistles and the machinery has no protection. We need shelter for it.

Dee has built him quite a nice house but it is not yet finished tho he is living in it. They were all well. Dee & Vivian now have four children.

Francis & I went to meeting in Monticello Sun. afternoon. I took up the time addressing the meeting. In the evening Francis & I were the speakers.

We got there Fri. evening & left Mon. morning.

On our way home we went to Castle Dale & visited his family. We went from there over the mountain to Ephraim & from there to Nephi & from there to Provo. The next we visited two parties on life insurance. The next day we went to S.L. & visited the State fair and from there I went home.

I was much impressed with the dry land products from San Juan Co. They had taken 1st prizes over the irrigation products at the county fair in Monticello.

There were melons weighing 50 to 60 lbs.; squash weighing 130 lbs. rudabagas weighing 18 or 20 lbs. & nearly every thing else in accordance of excellency. There were on display corn, oats, wheat, farley, sudan grass, alfalfa, sweet clover, cabbage, onions of various kinds, 7 varieties of potatoes, sugar beets, mangel-wurzel, turnits, cantalopes, melons, squash, etc etc.

I was home from Fri. night till Tues. morning.

I attended Sun. afternoon Pres. H. A. Peterson's funeral. It was probably the largest funeral ever held in Logan.

I spoke in our ward (1st) Sun. evening.

I found all the family well. Valko was in Ida. (Idaho Falls) top-ping beets for Bro. Fife.

Myrthus came home last Sun. He is about all right, tho the Dr. does not think he should return to work for a time.

Lorea had gone to her school in Garry, Wayne Co.

Radino is still working. He expects to start to school in a short time.

Francis & I arrived here Wed. evening. So far have sold no insurance.

We stayed in S.L. a day & a night to get Laura off for New York to attend Columbia Uni. She had decided not to go until we just bundled her up & started her off.

While I was in Provo after we left here we went to Taylorsville & wrote \$10,000 of insurance. We wrote about \$40,000 here before we went to Provo. Since we came back here we have written \$17,000.00. I hope all pass.

Just before I left for San Juan while in Provo I visited the B.Y. University & was shown the Uni. by Pres. Harris. I visited Miss Jepperson in her studio. She sang for me 2 or 3 selections. She has a wonderful voice. She said her mother had a dream wherein I was concerned & wished to tell me it. So I made an appointment with her to go and see her mother. The next evening I went and visited Mrs. Jepperson & family. Miss Florence J. sang several selections which were very beautiful.

Sister Jepperson told me of her dream. She said that she was terribly worried about her son going to war (for this dream was in July, as I remember of 1917, about 4 months before the war closed). She was distressed beyond measure over the thought of her son going to war.

She said that she lay down to get a little rest. In her dream she thought she was lead into a strange building. Finally her father (who was dead) came to her and consoled her & said that her son should not go to war & that the war was soon to close for God was not going to have this terrible slaughter continue much longer for He did not wish earths sons should be destroyed. As she stood talking to her father (Bp. Johnson) I came thru a door and Bp. Johnson beckoned that I come to them. She said that he took her hand & mine & then put his arm around us & said: "Both of you shall live until the Savior comes in his glory."

Oct. 30, 1921 Logan, Ut.

Since last writing I have been in Coalville twice also in Provo, Salt Lake, & Benjamin. Francis and I sold about \$23,000 of insurance & we got most of the money for the same.

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We left Coalville a wk. ago Sat. night at 7 P.M. & got to Provo about 2 a.m. We tried to see a few men who were considering insurance.

I went back to Coalville last Fri. to deliver a lecture on the Liceum course, but Supt. Bond had the date mixed & thought it this coming Fri. So he paid my expenses \$15.00 and I came home for 2 days rest. I have agreed to go back 2 or 3 wks. later & deliver the lecture.

I have recd letters from Othello, Geo, & Lorea.

I sent Othello \$60.00, Helen \$10.00, Reg. \$12.00, also paid \$127.72 Dee's taxes for last yr. I paid \$101.50 note at Cache Valley Bank, also a few other small debts. I also loaned Laura \$75.00 to go to Columbia Uni. She has arrived there OK & started in school.

I visited Fern in S.L. & Eunice in Benj. The 1st payment on the house which we sold was \$800.00. Leslie paid the funeral expenses of about \$450.00 & sent the rest who are heirs \$72+ each. Josephine and Chas. are not included in this distribution as they received their share in land many yrs. ago.

Laura has been deeded the home--the modern bungalow in which mother lived.

Mother had two large homes & one small one. Laura bought the small home & was given the home. Sister Dunning bought the home we sold for \$3800.00--this included all the furniture, carpets, etc. with the home.

She is to pay \$50.00 a month until paid. Each of us heirs get \$13.70 a mo. Julius Anderson does the collecting & sends us our allotments.

I am writing an article for the Millenium Star, England, thru the request of Wm P. Morton, the assistant Editor. The article is a defense of our church.

Francis & I have made over \$800 a piece since we began working together Sept. 1.

Nov. 3, 1921 Logan, Ut.

Leon's little boy, Cecil Whitehead, died night before last (Nov 1) at 9:10 P.M. He has been puny in health for most of his life. He has had kidney trouble all his life, but the immediate cause was inflammation of the bowels caused probably by poison from his tonsils for he has had bad tonsils for a wk. or so. He was 14 months old the 3rd of Nov. We are to have the funeral to day at 2 P.M. in the 4th Ward meeting house.

Nov. 6, 1921, Logan, Ut.

We buried little Cecil Thurs. at 2 P.M. Kind friends from Logan, Hyde Park, & Hyrum came to the funeral. There was the greatest floral display I ever saw for a little child. The flowers must have cost over \$100.00. The baby looked so beautiful and innocent as he lay there in his small palace of rest. Our hearts were filled with deep grief.

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Yet we felt, if it was God's will, we could bowed in righteous submission knowing all was well when Our Father called and took our baby home to his celestial Kingdom.

Bros. Durham, Peterson, & I were the speakers. I also dedicated the grave. We buried Cecil in a cement vault which will preserve coffin & body indefinitely.

Nov. 12, 1921, Provo.

Last Tues. evening Eugene called me up over phone from Salina saying his little son was at the hospital & was very sick, and wished me to come down. I left that same evening at 8:25 & got to Salina the next evening about 5 P.M. Eugene & Dicy met me at the depot. I was so glad to meet them.

The baby had cholera infantum and was very bad. He lay in a comatose state due to the poison developed in his system. He developed pneumonia night before last & was very bad when I left yesterday morning at 10:45. I dreaded to leave, but my finances were at such a low ebb I felt I could stay no longer. The Drs. said he probably would remain in that state several days before the change for the better. The Drs. have a grave concern over the out come but I have a feeling the babe will recover. I earnestly pray he will. The baby boy (2 yrs. old) is named J. Davis. They call him J. He is their only boy.

I arrived here last evening at 4 P.M.

I phoned back to the hospital last night at 8:30 and found the baby was no worse. If any thing he was a might better.

I phoned home last night also & found all well except Juanita. She had been operated on for removal of a bony growth in her nose. The Drs. removed a bone about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in long &  $\frac{1}{2}$  in wide.

Yesterday morning a committee from the Salina H. School came to the hospital & asked I give an address at their exercises which were held in commemoration of the armistice of 1918. I told them I could spare them 15 min. So I went & delivered 15 min. talk.

Francis & I did not make a sale in the week at Logan. We have some prospects. He burned out the barings, so he left his car at S.L. to have new barings put in and also have cylenders rebored. It costs \$40.00.

I have my article written except the concluding, for the Millennium Star.

I went to visit Bro. O.W. Andelin for 2 hrs. today.

I made two collections in Cache Valley.

Nov. 30, 1921, Oakley, Summit Co

We came to Coalville two wks ago last Mon. We sold \$8000.00 insurance and then went home for Thanksgiving.

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I was greatly distressed to learn Eugene's little boy Josiah Davis died Nov. 18. I could not go to the funeral because of train connections. I phoned to Martha to go to the funeral if possible but she could not get ready in time to catch the next train an hr later--the only one she could take not only that but she disliked to leave Juanita who was still ill from operation.

I realize how terrible was the grief to Eugene & Dicy over the loss of their only son. He was such a beautiful child and had a most perfect head. He was between 2 & 3 (2 yrs. Oct. 13). Nov. has taken two of my little grandsons.

Well, with all its sadness, we can say that death secures to us those who die in child hood, a sure salvation in the celestial kingdom of God. Yet I am looking for the day when our children will grow to maturity with out death. Up to the present the germs of death are stronger than the resisting force of the children's bodies and death claims our beautiful & innocent children. O Father, increase my faith until I can stay the hand of death. If our faith had been greater I feel we could have saved the hand of death in this case.

While Francis & I were going home last Wed. (a wk. today) we 1st ran out of gas due to some one stealing our gas the night before. Then later after we had borrowed or rather bought 1½ qts. gas till we got to Morgan--for we went down Weber Canyon--& there filled up we had a severe collision with a car coming up the canyon. We collided with a car driven by a Mr Child. There were in the car Mr Child & another gentleman & two women & some children. Mr. Turner, the State predatory agent was riding with us. People came up with cars & could not get past due to our blocking the narrow road. The people we collided with claimed we were drunk. The other people coming up seemed to think it for they could smell alcohol. We had 2 gals. of wood alcohol in our radiator to prevent freezing. The collision caused the water & alcohol to flow from our radiator. This was what could be smelt.

It was half humorous for a time to hear the claims & assertions made by these people. We asked these people to search our car & smell our breaths, but they seemed perfectly satisfied with the evidence they already had--smells. Finally I lost my temper & about to strike a man who insinuatingly urged his belief & asked we be sued. At this juncture the gentleman who had caused my anger copiously apologized which quieted things down & when Mr. Turner explained that I was Prof Hickman & had never been drunk in my life nor my brother & never used liquor in any form my offending friend (?) apologize still me & did all he could to aid us in our dilemma. Our fender was torn to pieces like wise Mr. Child's also our axles were bent & steering rods buckled, etc. It took us to go from near Petersons in the Canyon, to Ogden, about 4 or 5 hrs. I left Ogden at 8:30 but Francis was all night getting his car fixed in Ogden & S.L. & getting to Provo.

Now Mr Child has put his claims in the hands of a lawyer and asks \$25.00 damages but we were nearer to the bank on our side than he was to the fence on his side.

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Well, we (at home) had a nice thanksgiving dinner at home. Leon & Winnie also Radino's girl Miss Whitbeck were to dinner with us. We had a goose & two chickens for the meat of dinner & many other nice dishes of solids, pie, pudding, etc. etc.

I left home Mon. 1:45 & got to S.L. Met Francis there, but he was feeling quite miserable so we stayed there all night & came to Coalville yesterday.

I recd. a long letter from Laura in N.York. She says she is under the Dr's care. She only weighs 109 lbs. & has been so dizzy she could not study.

The Dr. has put her on bran & Baked potatoe peelings as a diet & she is receiving some benefit from it.

She tells me she can't find my thesis in the Columbia library. She says she is going to make a fuss until that thesis is dug-up.

Dec. 4, 1921, Peoa, Ut.

We (Francis & I) left Oakley and came to Peoa. We stayed here over night and next day we wrote up F. O. Marchant for \$5000.00. We then went to Coalville Fri. It had snowed here about 8 in. So we rode thru snow to Coalville.

I lectured there before the high school students & public. It was one of the lectures on the lycium course. My subject was: "Progress of Science & Invention the Last Hundred Yrs.

I sent a check home yesterday to Martha of \$105.25 to be put in the bank. This is nearly enough to redeem my post dated check for my taxes on the home.

We came back here yesterday. We stayed home here (at Stephen & his sister Marchant) & played checkers during the evening.

It is fast day, but I ate breakfast forgetting it was fast day. I went to S.S. but there was none. Several children & young people were there but no officers came. This ward must be at a low ebb. I learn that Pres. Noses Taylor was opposed here by many of the people. this report is given me by people in various wards. Tho he was the one whom the Lord told Pres. Snow to call here yet the people largely opposed him. Pres. Allen is now president in his place.

I learn Pres. Taylor is in ill health--that his mind is breaking down & he cries as a child. I regret this for he is and has been a very good man.

I read the books of Ezra and Nehemiah thru this morning. I love the scriptures and all things pure & spiritual. I have finish the Pearl of Great P. again. I have read it thru several times. I never grow weary of reading it. I consider it the greatest bk. for its size ever written.

It reveals more truth concerning the beginning of the human race than all other bks. It also reveals more real astronomy than all



other works on astronomy unless it be the discoveries of the few years. The truths of ast. set for by Abraham antdated all modern discoveries. Even to date he has some truths revealed not yet verified by modern astronomers. It was on the basis of Ast. that proves the Bk. of Abraham and on that basis I attacked the the fight waged by Rev. Spalding's attack I have asked Laura to hand it to Dr. J. E. Holmes.

Dec. 17, 1921 Coalville, Ut.

I have been busy in this co trying to sell insurance. Francis and I have sold \$11,000 of insurance since I last wrote. It is not very much to write in 12 days time. We have some very good prospects ahead. We have made \$135.76 a piece.

I recd. a letter from Martha saying little Renae is very ill with typhoid fever, but is a little better. I have recd. letters from Othello, Martha, ~~Dee~~, Vivian, & Marva.

I sent my article to the Millenium Star published in England by our church.

I am to discuss before the Parents' class here tomorrow (Sun) my theory of a universal deluge. It is entitled "An Astro-Chemical Theory of a Deluge."

I am enjoying very good health. ~~Dee~~ writes me he has not threshed & the prospects are slim. He needs money to live on also to pay for threshing. I do earnestly pray that the good Lord will bless me between now and Christmas with enough means to aid him as well as send Othello \$60.00 also to pay the bank \$200. O how often I have been in such financial straights and at the last moment the Lord has made it possible for me to raise the money for immediate relief. How often I have quoted & realized the fulfillment of the Savior's famous assurance that sufficient is the day to the evil thereof. It has proved so true in my hours of distress.

Dec. 23, 1921 Upton, Summit Co. Ut.

This is my 2nd trip to Upton. We were here last wk. and wrote 3 persons \$5000 insurance. Since then we wrote up Bumot & Rees for \$5000. We came here last night & have stayed with Mr Walter Calrk. There are about 200 people here.

We have had a good supper & breakfast & bed. I find there is very little praying here in this co. Some ask a blessing on their food and we have found one who prays with whom we have stayed & some do neither. Surely the sleep which Jesus spoke of (which was to come upon the people before his 2nd coming) is showing its self every where amidst our people.

I discussed my theory of the Deluge before the parents' class last Sun. by special request. I did not get thru due to time & attorney Niely has asked that I finish the subject some time in the near future.

In the afternoon thru request I spoke on the life of the Prophet Joseph Smith. The spirit of the Lord was with me and upon the audience.

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A reverential praise went up from the lips of many. One person said that she would be willing to go to meeting for a yr. without hearing a thing in order to hear such a sermon. I told the people who gathered around me after meeting that I was reverentially grateful to the Lord for the pouring out of his Spirit upon the audience and my self. How grateful I am that I can lift my voice in inspiration for the cause of man's salvation! The Lord has been kind to me. The patriarchs say I was valiant for Jesus Christ in our primeval world and I wish to be as valiant here. I have always felt that my life is of little value to me if it is of no value to any one else. I am miserable when I feel I am not of worth to others.

We wanted to get home today but we will hardly do so due to deep snow for it is still snowing. We have several persons to see before we go home so we will be here & in Echo all day.

Jan 1, 1922, Teasdale, Wayne Co. Ut.

Francis and I got home the night of Dec. 24. The last 24 hours before we left Coalville we sold \$20,000 of insurance & if they all pass we made over \$550.00 a piece. I am so grateful for the blessing I plead for.

I had a nice Xmas with my loved ones at home. Santa Claus was kind to every body at home tho not lavishly so. Lorea & Juanita gave me \$8.00. They gave Martha same. I gave her \$10.00. But of all the happy ones at home Marva was the most delighted of all. She got a large doll and a large baby buggy. It was as large for her as a regular baby buggy is to an adult.

I was asked by Bp. Wm Worley to speak Sun. night on a Christmas subject. I discussed the various theories of the time of the birth of our Saviour and then tried to build up a psychological Christ child. Prof Daniel Olsen of Blackfoot telegraphed me that his wife had died & urgently asked that I come & speak at his wife's funeral. So I went & spoke at the funeral Thurs. The funeral was held at 11 A.M. to 12:30. His wife was a Miss Lihirt. She died of blood clot in artery of her left leg. He babe was 6 days old. She was a very brilliant young woman & would have gotten her B.S. degree in 6 more wks. of work. She took Bk. of M. work with me & showed exceptional talent. Bro. Olsen was deeply grieved but reconciled.

I got home Thurs. night 11:30 & started for here Fri. 1:45 P.M. I got to Richfield Sat. night & came over here yesterday. Eugene can about 2/3 the distance to meet me in his car. The roads were very muddy most of the way.

While in Richfield I went & visited Anna Davis Clark, Ed. Clark's widow and 5 of her children. I had a very pleasant visit for 1½ hrs.

I met Morison Hickman twice & had a pleasant chat with him. He is Joe Hickman's son. He is a fine electrician & is working for the Telluride Co.

I also met Inez Simons Alger & her husband. They were neighbors & friends of ours in Provo. They are doing well with their Soda

fountain, confectionary store, etc. I took an ice cream on the house.

Eugene has a very well equipped country store with a capital of about \$8000. He bought the store for \$5500.00 but has increased the stock about \$5000. He is forest ranger on district No 1 on the Powell Nat. Forest. He gets \$120 a mo., also house rent, barn, 40 acres of cultivated & orchard and a man to attend it & Eugene gets all that is raised on this for his sustenance. It amounts to \$600 or \$700.00 a yr = in all about \$2100.00. He has a nice family. Dicy, his wife is an excellent woman. She is brilliant & an excellent councillor & business advisor.

The names of their 4 girls are Maurine, Renon, Gwen, & Evelyn. They are all healthy & bright. The little baby that died was named Mary Ella.

Jan. 17, 1922 Coalville, Ut.

Eugene brought me back to Richfield. That night I lectured on "The Evidences of the Authenticity of the Bk. of M. The three wards met together in 1st ward. The people were most appreciative over my lecture. Many said that it was the best lecture they ever heard. I had asked the Lord to let great power of understanding be upon the people so they would be made more devout & appreciative. The audience was most profoundly impressed on learning what the scientific world had discovered concerning the things the Bk. of M. told.

A non-Mormon made an appointment to meet me next morning at the Johnson hotel to talk on the Bk. of M.

I dropped off at Provo on my way north. From there Francis & I went to S.L. in his car. From there I came on train to here Sun morning so I could deliver a lecture here by appointment Sun. afternoon on "The External Evidences of the Bk. of M. It was a revelation to most of the people to learn we had so much evidence of the claims of the Bk. of M. At S.S. I finished discussing my theory of the Food which I discussed in part about 3 wks. before.

I finished reading "Woodrow Wislson as I Know Him" by Tumulty. It is a splendid analysis of Wilson as a man & a statesman. It is a tragic life of a mighty man. A quarter of a century will not pass until Wilson will be given a place with the greatest men of all ages. I do not hesitate to say he will yet be named as America's statesman.

I have read "Told in the Hills." The title is very attractive to me & the book has some very attractive features but the writer is not a real psychologists or she would not have had some of her characters behave as they did.

Rachel the heroine is an unpsychological character with a proesaic name (Rachel Hardy).

I have finished reading the "Pearl of Great Price" for about the 6th time. I think it the greatest book ever written for the same

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size. It gives us the only real history of the antedeluvians. It gives us the fundamentals of the Creation of the earth & its life as had no where else in all the world.

It also gives us the truest vision of Astronomy ever written. This was given long before the vast body of Astronomy was discovered which we now have. The beauty of whole thing is that all modern discoveries go to very what God revealed to Abraham.

I have been asked to speak to the H.S. gathering in the tabernacle next Mon.

I have received letters from Martha & Reg. since coming here.

Francis & I have sold only \$1000 of insurance since we came here 9 days ago. We have been out trying but no sales.

We have played checkers a number of nights while here at the hotels, the most I have played in 20 yrs. In fact I played very little checkers in my life. I seem to play a very good game as I hold my own with a number of real checkerplayers.

Eugene Hickman is really a famous checker player, for he beats me virtually all the time.

The Int. Mt. Life Ins. Co. refuses to carry the mortgage on my home any longer & demands I settle up.

Jan. 24, 1922 Coalville, Ut.

Have been very unsuccessful in selling insurance since holidays. We sold \$3000 day before yesterday & \$2000 today. This is all we have sold since holidays.

I have read Nephi L. Morris' small work on Joseph Smith's prophecies & their fulfillment.

Geo. Judge whom we wrote up before holidays is very ill with paralysis of the throat.

Bro. Winter's son (18 yrs. old) who was to take insurance of us died last week & was buried at Hoytsville. We (Francis & I) attended his funeral.

I spoke to the High School students here yesterday in the tabernacle.

Attended S.S. & afternoon meeting. I sat on the stand with Pres. Allen. Have played checkers a night or so since I last wrote.

Did I record that Nathaniel Baldwin was excommunicated from the church due to his belief that we are drifting from God's laws & commandments? He feels the principle of Pl. marriages should be a law in our church today, etc. He not only believed these things but he persisted in talking & teaching these things. I regret deeply that

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he was so handled. It may have been necessary, but I can not feel that it was for he is the purest minded man I ever knew. He is noble, full of faith, & a genius in learning & invention. He invented a wireless receiver the most delicate ever invented. He has a factory where he makes them & sells them by the thousands every yr. His sales are all over the nation. Most of the machinery in his factory he invented. He has 30 or 40 men working there.

I can't help feeling that God will in time vindicate & protect such noble spirits, fearless in their belief & their walks. It is a criticism on us to excommunicate from our church such pure noblemen and at the same time we keep in our church dead branches, men impure of mind & heart, men who are profane & immoral, men who are sectually corrupt & yet remain in the church as dead branches.

The day will come when the deadwood will be pruned off & the remaining branches of the Lord's house will be pure. God protect the pure in heart. Hasten the day when pl. marriage & the law of consecration will be returned with all their purity & sacredness. Without them I can see Israel is drifting away from God's most holy laws. The hour when the ten virgins will sleep is now creeping upon us.

Jan. 27, 1922 Logan, Ut.

Snow & cold weather. It have been 28° below zero here. It have been the coldest in yrs. thru this western country.

I just got home. Francis and I left Coalville yesterday afternoon. I got as far as Ogden last night & stayed at the Marion hotel. Left there at 7:30 a.m. I left Francis at Layton last night. He drove home (Provo) last night. **Martha is not well and Juanita has been ill with pleurisy, but is able to go back to school tho not well.**

The Company wrote and said they could not bond the First Nat. Bank for more money and that we were to try & make other arrangements with the bank to handle our notes. We started to Hennifer to do some work but not being able to get suitable boarding place we decided to come home for a short time see what would develop.

I only made \$103.00 since holidays. It took over half of that for expenses. I am earnestly asking the Lord deliver me from my indebtedness. I am hopeful for some way of delivery. If men would pay all they owe me I could almost see my way out of debt. I hope for my success. I say I hope!

Hope that eternal comforter. Blessed is his solace and words of comfort to the distressed and faithless. He walks beside the spiritless and cheers them even when desolation promises to be the only reward. Hope walks with Faith & keeps him strong and cheered in his mission of force & execution.

May I walk with them both that I may ever have strength and courage to accomplish all my Father sent me here to do.

Hope soothes when we are heartsick and disconsolate. He leads us to believe we may attain to all we desire. He leads the explorer

to the ends of the earth, and the banished toward phantom homes. He returns with memories of lost ideals and points out to us a new star of promise. If we push him aside he returns again after many days with even a kindlier and a more cheerful light.

He walks with us in the desert of desolation and like a mirage he leads us on and on until the last ounce of energy is gone. When the last friend has deserted and stars are dead, Hope lifts us up and casts a beam of light across the mid-night of gloom until again we see our course anew. Aye, more, he stands by the death couch while death stands at the door. When at last death conquers even then Hope with soleumn mien points beyond the grave with trenbling hand and bids us believe in him.

He who would destroy Hope would blot out the sin that has guided the human race across the stormy ages of war and blood shed.

Feb. 8, 1922, Logan, Ut.

I have been home resting and reading. I have perused the Geographical Magazine for Feb on The Maya race. The author says they have a record of the Mayas extending back to 370,000 yrs. He is wild in his figures tho he has been there 15 yrs. working for the government. I have perused the annual Reports of the Smithsonian Inst. for yrs. 1917 & 1918. The articles which impressed me most were: "Composition & Structure of Meteorites", etc; "The Discovery of Helium and What Came of It," "Twentieth Century Physics," "Sun Worship of the Hopi Indians," "Psychic Life of Insects," "The Problem of Degeneracy."

I have been going thru Thorndike's "The New Methods in Arithmetic". It is surely a new departure in teaching arithmetic. It is a bitter arraignment of many of our senseless methods in teaching arith. It should cause much improvement in our methods of teaching the subject. This in the hands of the teachers should aid them very much in teaching Thorndike's three Bks. in Arith. (I, II, III)

Mr. Geo. P. Judd of Upton died and I was phoned for to go and speak at his funeral. So I went Sat. evening and got back here Mon. 12 M.

I had written him Dec. 24, 1921 a \$5000 policy. His wife was left with 6 children. She and his brother were deeply grieved.

My words were to the living. I pointed out we came here with the promise & the desire we should die, but it generally came before we were prepared or ready to go. I reviewed the laws God had given for our temporal as well as our spiritual salvation. I urged the fact that we were reckless by breaking the temporal law (D. & C. sec 89) of salvation and then wondered why we died so young, etc. All commandments were based on law and if we would have eternal progress and happiness we must reverentially hold to God's laws. I also quoted from Bk. of M. & the D. & Cov. I am told the audience was much impressed with my words--God's words and said it was the best they ever heard. One said: "How could it be better?" O, I long and daily hunger that the spirit of God shall ever be with me. I am not one of those who can walk alone now lift up men with out the daily assistance of my Father.

I was to have spoken here Sun. on the life of Pres. Penroes, but I got excused & Ex-Bp Sloan took my place. He is a God inspired man full of faith & intelligence.

Pres. Renroes is now 90 yrs. old and full of mental vigor and power. He has lived a most wonderful life of usefulness. He has spent about 15 yrs. upon missions. He has been editor of the Millennium Star, Ogden Paper, Salt Lake Herald & Deseret News. He has been a most forceful character in spiritual & mental matters.

In some of his interpretations of the scriptures he has been opposed by some of his brethren--Whitney, Talmage & others. Time alone will tell whether he is right. Being in the position as he is (1st councillor to Pres. Grant & former (2nd C) to Pres. Smith) he has been largely the mouthpiece for them & the Twelve in interpreting the doctrines of the church. I think my self in some of his teaching he varies from Pres. Young & the Prophet Joseph. Some things he has taught varies from my views. But irrespective of all this he has been & is a most wonderful man, poetic, prophetic, & patriotic.

I went to the theatre Mon. night. Leon was the leading character. He and his company did very well. Leon would make a wonderful actor.

Feb. 20, 1922 Coalville, Ut

Francis & I arrived here this afternoon. We started from Salt Lake yesterday afternoon. We got last night so far as the dam up Weber canyon & got stuck in a snow drift & stayed there all night with two Bibee boys. We slept on an army cot 3 ft wide until midnight & then one of the boys had to walk the track the rest of the night so I took his bed. Francis spent the night on the cot with a quilt & a blanket. We kept a fire so we were fairly comfortable.

We got in the snow drift about 3/4 mile above the dam so walked back there after we had exhausted every energy trying to get the car thru the drift. I lifted & pushed until my heart nearly went back on me. I was so anxious to get thru I drank some tea for supper at the Bybee's place. I was so sore this morning & still exhausted & knowing we still had a hard day before me I took a cup of coffee this morning. I scarcely ever use tea or coffee. Once in a great while when I am ill I take a cup. I am so sore tonight I can hardly move around. We meet other cars today that had trouble & we helped them out.

I left home a week ago last Thurs. evening 6 P.M. to attend the Insurance convention to be held Fri. & Sat. We had a very fine convention. A number of speakers were on the program. I delivered an address on "Why A fails and B succeeds. It was my first speech before an Insurance Convention and my second speech on Psychology of business methods.

All speakers after my speech referred to my speech as an inspiration to them & had given them a new vision in salesmanship. In fact at our last meeting every one who had not been on the program was asked to make a 3 to 5 min. talk & they all referred to my address as most valuable to them.

After the convention I rode to Provo with Leslie & Olive that night. We got there 12:30 A.M. I stayed there in Provo two days. Francis & I went to Benjamin on some business & visited with Eunice & Thos. for 2 hrs. We saw Chas. & his 3 larger boys--Orlin, Wallace & Elwin. Elwin is becoming a great boxer tho only 17 yrs. of age.

Francis & I went to S.L. and stayed there 2½ days. We sold \$7500.00 insurance & \$1000.00 at Provo. It was Wm Hawkins at the Asylum. We were shown thru the asylum. There we saw Nellie Rogers who from some unknown reason went insane some few yrs. ago. I earnestly pray that some day we will be given that greater power to heal the mentally sick--the deranged. O, Father, give thine elders this power. May I be one of them. I realize our faith is not great as it should be.

I have brought with me the first installment of Geo. P. Judd's policy. It is \$650 + \$300.50 his 1st premium & a yr's interest.

I got letters from Geo. Lorea, & Othello. I have not heard from home since I left.

I am engaged to speak in 4th ward at Logan 1st Sun. in Mar. While in S.L. Francis & I attended 3 theatres.

The company (Ins. Co.) took all the convention to a splendid banquet at the Hotel Utah & afterwards to the Orpheum theatre.

I stayed at Fern's two nights. Francis stayed one night there with me. Her health is very poor.

Mar. 12, 1922, Logan, Ut.

It has been three wks since I wrote in my journal.

Francis and I sold a few thousand while we were in Coalville. We left there last Wed. & went to Echo & then to Henefer where we work a day & a night, then we came home. Francis was suddenly impressed that something serious at home was about to happen & wanted to go home that night, but he couldn't so we started home the next afternoon at 4:30 & got as far as Morgan. We stayed there all night & left our car there due to the deepness of the snow. We took the train next morning & went to S.L. the next morning. We arrived there phone messages from Provo were trying to locate Francis. Zina was very sick & had fainted away several times. He went home & I came to Logan. I got a phone from him last night & he said he had nearly lost Zina & the baby. However they were better & he expected to meet me in Ogden Tues. evening & we would go from there to Henefer to continue our work.

I found when I got in S.L. that Fern was & had been very ill. She is now better.

Juanita has had typhoid fever but got over it fairly well. She is still bothered with her side.

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I was billed to go to Coalville & speak to day on the Word of Widsom from the Scientist's view point, but Howard Beard called me up saying all had been arranged & four towns were coming to Coalville to hear me speak, but he said there was much flu thru out the co. I suggested the meeting posponed for a wk. or so. It was agreed upon so it will not be held until next Sun. or the Sun. following (Sun.).

I got home Sat. night, a wk. ago & filled my appointment in the 4th ward. I spoke of our pre existance and the eternities of preparation for this life and how we did here every thing equal what we prepared for there--prophet there, prophet here; seer there seer here; valient there for Jesus valient here. Scientist or inventor there, sc. or inventor here, etc. I referred to the preparation & fore ordination of Jeremiah, Abraham, Cyrus, Columbus, Joseph Smith, etc as examples of my belief that all men were fore ordained for good & for certain works which would aid God's laws, etc. etc.

I pointed out that it was every person's sacred duty to seek the Lord to learn & do what he was sent here for. I recommended the people to get their patriarchial blessings for the patrarchs came nearer revealing what one's mission is than from any other source.

The Lord opened my vision as I developed this thought. The audience seemed most impressed over the things I discussed & many were very expressive over their appreciation of the things I said. I was humbly reverential for the Lord's out-poring of his spirit.

I bore my testimony in fast meeting a wk. ago.

I spoke in the tabernacle today by special invitation from Pres. Qunny. I reviewed some points brought out by Bro. Dunn who spoke before me on the Articles of Faith and showed the greatness of the Gospel and that out of the myriad laws that governed the mineral or inorganic matter, the plants, animals, & man, that the Lord had written down for us to follow a very few laws & if we would follow them that it would mean eternal progression.

I pointed out that He gave us the Word of Wisdom and the law for our temporal salvation and how the scientific world were recognizing its greatness. I reviewed its promise and the fulfillment of the same also what I had discovered thru 5 yrs. of research. I also pointed out that aside from vigor of body & mind that the destroying angel would pass us by & that it was fulfilled to the degree that nearly twice as many children died in families that did not keep the Word of Wisdom as in those who did.

I reviewed an experience in my own family when Othello was a babe of 12 mos. old & was night unto death how I had reviewed my life before the Lord telling him I had keep his laws even all of them and that He had promised if we kept the Word of Wisdom walking in obedience to all his laws the destroying angel would pass us by. The spirit of God came upon me in great abundance and I was given power to heal the baby with in a very few minutes my words were deeply appreciated and a number came & talked to me. I was approached by

a young man who was attending the Agri College from Wellsville. His name is Green. He told me that he had been blessed by a patriarch (Baxter?) who promised him if he were faithful that he should be given visions and dreams and that he had been given them. He told me in all solemnity that in one of his visions he was (was) shown that circumstance of (that power of) the healing of my son Othello.

I went to meeting to night. The bishop had the priests administer the sacrament, open with prayer, close with prayer also 4 priests speak upon the 1st principles of the gospel--faith, repentance, baptism, & bestowing of the Holy Ghost. **Myrthus was one of them.** He took "repentance". He did very well. In fact all of them did exceptionally well. They took up the entire meeting. The audience was much impressed over the clear cut speeches & the manly way in which they discussed their themes.

I was very pleased over Myrthus's speech and prayed that he will ever unfold in the things of God. He like all my other children, is a child of promise and I hope he will make a great man in this Kingdom.

Valko administered the sacrament with a priest companion. Valko is a beautiful character and is making most rapid progress in his shop-work at the A.C. He is several weeks ahead in his work. His teachers say that he is especially gifted in this work.

Bro. Pack of the A.C. one of the instructors came & talked to me for 2 hrs yesterday on the origin of man on the earth as discovered by the scientists. He asked my belief on a universal flood. I read him my theory on the defence of such a flood. He was much impressed with it & asked to borrow it, so he could review again. I am getting a loan from the Western Loan Ass. on my home for \$4000.00 to pay off part of the mortgage due the Insurance co. I hope to succeed in this then to get a loan on my farm to raise \$3000.00 which will liquidate all but about \$2000 which I will be owing them.

I paid \$10.00 tithing & 50¢ donation.

Mar. 26, 1922 Logan, Ut.

Snow all gone in city except in patches tho considerable snow thru the valley. Francis & I went to Coalville a wk. ago last Tues. We took the train to Morgan & there got our car & went to Coalville. We wrote \$15,000 insurance this trip and have some other good prospects. While at Coalville we were jumping with a few young men (standing broad jump) without weights. We two were tied at (9 ft.) & had out jumped all others except one. The last jump I made I broke a ligament & an artery in my right leg at the groin. I was in considerable pain & limped off. Francis not knowing the seriousness of my misfortune jumped again & broke a ligament at pelvic arch & partial rupture. He was in the same agony as I. We got in our car & went to Echo where we were to stay that night. We were in great pain most of the night and slept but little. The next day following we came home for a rest cure thru the advice of Dr. French. My leg is a blue black from the pelvic bone to nearly my knee. The inside of my leg, back & front are literally black. I can scarcely walk & am keeping quiet.

A wk. ago to day I spoke in the Cluff ward above Coalville at special request of high council man & bp. I spoke on the sacrament & the sacri-

fice the Saviour for our sakes. Due to the muddy roads Coalville authorities are posponing my lecture there until the roads dry up so 5 other towns can come to my lecture.

I attended, this fore noon, the ward teachers' convention held in the Nibley Hall. Some good insturctions were given by Pres. Shepard, Dr. West & Pres. Christensen We are to continue the convention this afternoon.

Juanita has been down again with here side, but is better & seems much better.

Gerald C. Hone, Bro. Hone's son died here and they took him to Benjamin today, to bury him. His mother is my ½ cousin.

Mon. 27/3

I attended afternoon conference My leg felt so badly I did not go out to the evening meeting. It pained me all night.

I wrote to the warden (Thos. J Tynan) of State prison concerning LaMar Clark (Cousin Edward Clark's son) and asked if he would give me the extent of LaM's crime & length of sentence & if there is any thing I could do to induce the authorities to take steps to liberate him. I had given a strong plea for his youth and the dying instinct of the race which often crops out often in youth for a few months or a yr or two at most & then dies out never to return.

I rec'd letters from Othello & Laura.

Apr. 17, 1922 Logan, Ut.

As usual all good resolves have again been broken concerning writing more often.

My leg is virtually well again tho the discoloration extends 5 in. below my knee. I have written (only) \$3000.00 insurance since I hurt my leg.

Francis & I came home for conference I attended all sessions except the 1st one. I enjoyed the speakers and what was said. If I were to sum up in a sentence or two, what was said at conference would say: Urged the Saints to get out of debt, live close to our covenants. A number of speakers referred to the wickedness of the world and the terrible unrest & destructions sweeping over the earth.

There were converted & baptized out of the world over 7000. There were baptized of our own children over 15,000. Elders McKay & Cannon dedicated the land of China for the opening of the gospel.

Three noted professors from Universities of Mass, Colo. & Nev. attend the 1st session of our conference & gave brief speeches. Each one praised the L.D.S. for their empire building power & moral thrift.

I stayed at Fern's place while at conference. I returned there this wk. to make definite arrangements for my \$4000 loan. I succeeded in making final arrangements.

Lorea arrived home yesterday from Torrey Wayne Co. Her school is out. She was much loved & appreciated in her school. She and her pupils all had a good cry the last day of school.

I have had two articles of mine published in the Millennium Star within the last 3 or 4 mos. The one on the tobacco evil. The other, "Does the Church of Jesus Christ Bear Proof of Its Own Authenticity". About 1/5 of the last article was omitted. I feel the article was much weakened by leaving out that portion. Probably it was too strong to be published in the world.

Myrthus and Margaret Cardon are married tonight 6:30 P.M. It is a case of compulsion due to their own folly. I am deeply grieved over his mistake and more so because he just married her & they are not to live together. I tried show him if he would take her & honor her both God & men would forgive him, but if he just married her & turned her off he would not prosper but he would find sorrow and misfortune. I told him to go pray over it and ask God to guide him to do that which was right. Bro. Lewis Cardon, his wife and I were at (and gave sanction) the marriage.

I have earnestly prayed that no more of my children will ever make this mistake. I have prayed thousands of times that God would preserve my family from sin and that thru my father's and Mother's house hold a mighty race would come into the world--a race that would be noted for noble intelligence and spiritual lives. I shall still have faith in my family. Most of my children are living beautiful lives--2 or 3 are not living as near to the standard I have marked out for them as I would wish. I believe the hour is come when they will strive for a bigger life.

I have just recd. a letter from Othello. He is president of the Bern Conference. He says that he never was so busy in his life before. He tells of his great love for his home & his parents.

I went to the High School today by special request and read and explained two of the Psalms of David to Miss Leora Thatcher's & Miss Laub's classes in reading & interpretation. I took the 19th & 23rd. I took 45 min. to read & explain them. What truths are in those two Psalms! I am much impressed with the poetic wisdom of the Psalms.

Prin. Hamilton of the H.S. told me that Mr. Bradford, the national Song leader of the U.S., after watching Thorval lead the yelling of the H.S., said that he was the greatest "yell" master he had seen in the U.S. Hamilton was very proud of Thorval & his accomplishment.

I recd letters from Vivian and George. I sent Dee \$20 3 wks ago & last wk I sent him \$10.00 more. I have sent Geo. a post dated check of \$40.00 to pay on Dee's loan.

I am fearfully distressed over finances but by the help of the Lord I shall succeed.

May 7, 1922 Coalville, Ut.

It has been over two weeks since I last wrote. Time flies so fast I hardly realize that nearly 3 wks. have slipped by.

Thorval has been chosen "Yell master" for the H.School.

Othello has written me that he was to be released May 1. Pres. Ballif told him that he had done more in two years than many elders do in three years. He left home 2 yrs. ago the fore part of Mar or last of Feb. He is happy to be able to return home, but he is sad that he is quitting the mission. I have been so hard run for money I could not keep him in means. As soon as I got his letter I had the Salt Lake office cablegram him \$55.00 to O.F. Whitney, Eng. so he (O.) could get it as soon as he reached Eng. He expected to be there after he had visited Germany a few days.

I regret I could not get enough money there to pay all his debt at the office. But I hope I can send the money back to finish paying his bill as soon as he gets home. He expects to be home by June 1.

I got letter from Geo. returning my check of \$40.00 saying Dee had sent the month in full for the semi-annual payment. So I sent Dee the \$40.00 for he must be in very great strights. He expects to put in 150 acres of grain this spring.

Francis and I, since coming up here this last time, have sold over \$20,000 of insurance. I sent home \$20.00 tithing as a result of 12 days work.

I spoke in Echo two successive Sundays in S.S. and in the evening meetings.

Have I recorded before that I have succeeded in getting 6 or 7 young men to quit tobacco and part of them have as a result started to attend meetings & S.S. Get tobacco out of a young man and it is easy to turn him to his God & religion, but until then it is almost impossible to interest him in spiritual things. Tobacco seems as fatal in turning man from his God as use of liquor.

May 17, 1922--Wed. Fine weather at last.

It is considered the most backward spring for many years. Here in Coalville and the rest of the co. the trees are not in bloom or leaf.

Francis and I have written over \$145,000.00 insurance since Apr. 18. Our commissions are \$1039.27. Of course occasionally we have to return our commissions because some one has failed to pass.

I got a letter from Dee saying he had threshed, but got only about 700 bu. of wheat & oats. He had fed out 7 large stacks of oats during the winter. He and his family are in financial want.

Recd. a very nice letter from Martha of love and hope. I wrote her Mother's day letter.

I attended conference at Kamas a wk. ago Sun. Patriarch Hyrum Smith was there as visiting brother. Nothing new was given. He spoke but little. I attended S.S. here last Sun.

It seems the Geneoa conference is virtually a failure, and the representatives of Europe have decided to hold another at the Hague. They feel unless U.S. will join them that nothing of worth can be done. Lloyd George says that unless the U.S. will take a hand in the peace conference

that Europe will be drenched in blood again as in our recent war.

A.B. Martindale & wife of Echo lost their bright little son this morning at 7:35 of diphtheria. Their hearts are almost broken. He was such a manly little fellow. Francis and I had often eaten there at their place and had learned to love their two children. I have been asked to speak at the funeral tomorrow at 11 A.M.

May 21 Coalville, Ut

It is Sun. I addressed the Parents and Theological classes this forenoon in S.S. I discussed the changing ideals of childhood and the values of ideals to a human being

I also spoke this afternoon at the tabernacle on the psychology & physiology of love and hate

I recd. a letter from Vivian. I sent her a check for \$50.00 for Dee. He is in not very good health and they are in very poor circumstances.

Francis and I have been doing very well in this month. In the last 31 days we have made (if all our applicants pass) over \$1200.00 a piece. I am reverentially grateful for the same.

I delivered the funeral address over the body of Clyde Russell Martindale. We held the funeral in the front room and on the porch of the old hotel & restaurant. The Henefer quartet sang "Unanswered Yet" and "O My Father" Francis sang "Face to Face". He sings very well. In fact he surpassed many especially trained vocalists.

I have not heard from home for several days.

Jun 10, 1922. Coalville Ut.

Othello arrived home last Thurs June 2. We were happy to see him again. He is well & happy to be home. Pres. Balliff told him that he had done more in his 26 or 27 months than most missionaries do in 3 yrs. He has gone to St. Thomas to see his wife & babies. He does not know yet just what he will do.

Francis & I left here May 24 & went home. I went to McCammon and gave Commencement address to H.S. & grade graduates. I attended the quarterly conference at Arimo, Ida. Apostle Richards of S.L. asked me to speak twice on Sun. I appreciated his courtesy. The Lord was with me and the conference. How sacred I feel the trust to teach Zion's children! Then how grateful I feel when the hearers say "your words were a revelation to me, and I surely will profit by them".

While in that stake I wrote \$3000.00 insurance. I returned home with Wm Burrup of Downey. He had a new Buick & we had a very pleasant trip. He came & had dinner with me.

I delivered the memorial address at Clarkston.

I paid over \$500.00 indebtedness while home--\$270.00 Cache valley bank \$200 to Int. Mt. Life Ins. co. for int. \$71.00 to Western Loan Ass.

to get \$4000.00 loan. We returned here Thurs. We had to redeem Steven's & Miles's notes=over \$122.00. We sold two men yesterday & made about \$60.00. Have written home.

George got his A.B. degree in May tho he completed his word in Dec. Luella (his wife) came home to spend the summer. She is so happy with her married life. She & George have bought them a beautiful \$5000.00 home. They have gotten it on time by paying \$500.00 dollars down. They spent \$1000.00 in buying their furniture.

June 11, 1922, Henefer, Ut.

We have sold \$3000.00 in insurance since we came back. We went up to a shearing corral yesterday and watched 10 men shear sheep with the shearing machines. It is surely an art to shear as those men did. The best shearers of today have been able to shear as high as 287 sheep in 8 & 9 hrs.

We are staying here with Sister Lucy Richins--a widow--and her son (20 yrs. old) Harold B. He is a bright young man of good habits. This sister was a Booth and a relative of Heber Brutis Booth, the great tragedian & Wilks Booth who killed Abraham Lincoln. Her life has been one of sorrow & trials. She has lost her husband & five of her children.

Francis and I went today with Bill Moore & Mr Fuller up to the oyster shell bed at or above Upton. It is a bed of over 20 ft. in thickness. They are preparing to crush & sell it for chicken feed. We are asked to go in with them. We are offered 10% each of the holdings for \$250.00 each & then \$166.00 to help buy machinery etc. I fear we can't raise the money.

June 18, 1922 Henefer, Ut.

At last we have very warm weather tho it rained last Tues. and Wed. Wed. night at about 10 P.M. while leaving Mr Jno. Steven's place, I fell in a big ditch of water which was running quit swift. The fall knock the breath out of me; I sprained my wrist quite badly and withal I lost my \$20.00 pair of glasses & got wet to the waist. I can't find the glasses tho my self & others have made diligent search.

Francis and I have sold this wk, \$29,000 of insurance. I am so thankful for our success. We sold insurance in Croyden, Henefer, Peoa, Coalville.

I have promised to give the 4 of July oration at Coalville. They offer me \$20.00 for giving the oration.

I go back to Logan next Sat. I have promised to speak at Smithfield on the Second Coming of the Saviour.

I attended S.S. and meeting here today. Bro. Andrew Jensen, church assistant historian, was here & read the history of Henefer from the settlement up to 1900. He says the church historians are bringing the history of all our villages & cities down to 1900. After that the church authorities expect the various wards & stakes to keep their own history from 1900 & on.

I sent Lorea \$20.00 last wk. but I am sending her \$10.00 more to day. She is attending the summer school at the U. of U.

I got a letter from Vivian. She says they have 5 young colts. Bp. McConkie desires to be the Supt. of the S.S. to be established at Summit, east of our ranch in San Juan Co.

The Hague conference of the leading European powers is now in session. This is the 3rd convention of the world powers in the last 6 mos. trying to solve the problems that threaten the very existance of civilized nations.

In the past I have avoided commenting on world movements tho I keep abreast of the passing events, because they are recorded more completely and accurately than I could. I write my own life for unless I do, no one will write it, and I would like myriads of others, pass out into the forgotten past with not even my name remembered. It is a mistake. Every intelligent person should record his life so the oncoming ages can profit by the characters that have gone before. Close off or blot out all history of the past and all nations will degenerate into savagery and superstition. The Mulekites are a good example of this truth. A family history tends to give dignity and interest to the living of that ancestry.

Henefer, Ut, July 2, 1922, Weather quite warm.

Since last writing I have been home for 8 days. I delivered a sermon on The Second Coming of the Savior at Smithfield. I pointed out that nearly all signs given of the Savior's coming are present with us except the darkening of the Sun., moon being turned to blood & many of the stars falling and the great hail storm which is to cover  $\frac{1}{2}$  the earth.

Jesus says that at his second coming it would be as it was in the days of Noah. Then it was eating, drinking, gaiety, irreverence almost a total turning from God--worship to earthly things. Further, then God preached repentance thru his servants for 120 years. If the Savior mean literally that all things should be in this dispensation as it was in Noah's time, then a period of intense preaching and prophecy will be carried on for 120 yrs. & then his coming will be nigh if not at hand. I ventured to say that 1950 A.D. would probably be near the date of his coming. My words were most intently followed by the audience. Bp. Plowman came to Logan and took me to Smithfield & returned me.

I attended S.S. a wk. ago, but today (Sun) I attended no meeting. Francis & I came from S.L. here & could not attend. I tried to attend here tonight but no meeting was held.

While home I read & perused several volumes on the life of Columbus trying to find where he said he was visited by a messenger and told of God's guidance & how He had protected & honored him, etc. After 3 days & 2 nights I found it in Paul L. Ford's Bk. on the letters and writings of Columbus. I found in Washington Irving's Biography of

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Columbus references where Columbus believed himself called of God or Heaven to discover that unknown land, etc. I also found similar references in Justin Winsor's "Critical & Narrative History of America."

While home I was rather ill for two days but am O.K. now.

I spent some of my time answering many letters.

I stayed at Fern's last night in S.L. She, Lorea & I went to a very good show at the Pantages.

My wrist is nearly well again.

I have paid some debts--Dr. Merrill \$5.00; Dr. Oldham \$15.00 (this pays them in full). I also paid the 1st Nat. Bank of Logan \$87.00. I paid my insurance for 3 mos.--\$37.43.

I have just completed getting my \$4000.00 loan from the Western Loan Ass. which I am turning over to the Int. Mt. Life Ins Co. to pay on the Mortgage I owe them.

July 8, 1922, Henefer, Ut.

Have been working hard at insurance, but have done but little. We have sold only \$4000.00 this week. We hope to do better in the future.

I delivered the oration on the 4th in Coalville. The exercises were held in the tabernacle. A good program was rendered. The Lord aided me in my speech. I spoke 45 min. In my speech I review the story of the struggle for freedom. I also reviewed the causes of the Revolution. I also discussed the factors that had developed in our civilization which were threatening or would threaten our national existence e.g. our cities produce the slums--the festering places of disease, ignorance, squalor, crime. Social civilization was eliminating children from the home; the Harvard Uni. is a great intellectual up lift to our Nation & race, but at the same time Harvard's graduates only produce 1 child to each graduate; Vassar College graduates produces only 6/10 of one child to each graduate. Our colleges threaten our national existence unless this can be changed; New Eng. states produce only 1.5 children to family; Negro birth rate is 2½ times that of our nation as a whole. If their rapid death rate could be checked they would in time hold the balance of power as far as numbers were concerned in our nation. When they do, we can expect to meet with terrible cruelty in war, etc. We now are lynching him & often burn him at the stake, some times with only suspicion of crime as our incentive and this instigated by or thru mob violence. Every one lynched or burned will incense a most terrible hatred which will breakout in time of their power and their deeds of cruelty will know no bounds.

I likewise pointed out the rapid increase of crime and the causes of same. I likewise reviewed the labor & capital stress & strain and what it angered. I finally discussed in brief the late world war and then closed with a very carefully prepared peroration. My address

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was followed with very great interest. Dr. French and others said it was the best oration they had ever heard.

G.F. and I were invited to take dinner with Bro. Barbar & family.

The committee paid me \$20.00 for my speech. I gave G.F. \$10.00 of it in-as-much as he & I were working together.

July 16, 1922, Coalville, Ut

We have been to Henefer, Evanston, Wy. Upton, Hoytsville. We have done considerable traveling. We have written but little insurance. We are to very our field for we have written most of those around here who will take.

I have been asked to go to Lava Hot Springs, Ida and deliver the Oration of the 24th and while there to debate the Josephite ministers. McCammon, Ida, phoned me to see if I would come there and deliver the 24th Oration. I told them as I wrote Lava to pay my expenses there & back would cost them about \$24 or \$25.00 which they thought was more than their purse. McCammon is to confer with Lava & telegraph to night.

Weston, Ida. has written to see if I would come there & deliver the lecture I gave at Smithfield two weeks ago (Second Coming of the Savior)

I spoke in Henefer last Sun. by special request of Bp. Stevens. In view of seeing so much breaking of the Word of Wisdom in this stake I discussed that great health & spiritual document pointing out the great blessings following those who obey it and the results following those who do not obey it.

All are well at home

July 28, 1922

I came home Thurs July 20 to prepare my replies to the Josephites and get my speech for July 24.

I went to Lava Hot Springs Sun. July 23. I got there at 1:10 P.M. Marva went with me. She had a great time eating at a big hotel, sleeping with her daddy and bathing in the great pools of hot water. She desired we stay longer there. I got a great deal of enjoyment out of it in watching her innocent happiness. On our way home we stopped over night with Bp. Hole of McCammon. She had a great time with his little girl until after 1 A.M. Bp. & I talked until after 2:30 A.M. on the scriptures and my reply to the Josephite ministers, (Fulk & Davie).

I replied Sun. after noon in a 2 hrs. speech to the Josephite ministers and at night in 2:10 hr speech.

In the afternoon I showed that Jesus Christ established his Church with 1st Apostles and after that other officers & organizations were wrought out. This was his plan in the Holy Land, in S. Am. among the Nephites and also in this dispensation. The Josephite

church ordained Young Joseph a High Priest & not an apostle; also that Jno. Baptist under the direction of Peter, James & John gave Jos. & Oliver the Keys of the Aronic priesthood; then Peter, James, & John gave them the Keys of the Melchisedek priesthood under Jesus Christ's direction. The Order was to give and bestow that which they had by & thru authority. The Josephite organizers (Gurley Briggs, Marks, Powers & Blair) were either apostates thru excommunication as Marks or by leaving our church & going with other factions as Briggs & Gurley or had never belonged to our church as Powers & Blair. These men tried to give that which they did not possess. It was the lesser trying to give the greater.

God had given the keys to the 12 & the 3 presidency for the last time, etc. so declared Jesus Christ. I quoted from 12 or 15 sections of D. & C. where God kept repeating & putting it in different ways that the keys were given Joseph & the 12, etc. for the last time. I also pointed out the travesty in the sorry effort of the apostates trying to usurp some authority and organize a church 16 yrs. after they were without a church when God said thru Daniel 2:44 & D.&C. that the church should never be over thrown or given to an other people, but Josephites claim that church was rejected, etc.

In the evening I pointed out the fruitless charge that the church was rejected; I read the testimony of Joseph & the twelve that he had bestowed (bestowed) upon the Twelve every key, power, & endowment which God had given him. I also quoted from D.&C. showing that the Saints were to be scattered & lead to stakes God had in store for them as a refuge in the day of destruction, etc. I also showed that if it were not for the L.D.S. Isaiah, Micah & other prophets would have been false prophets. Finally I turned to I Nephi 14 ch & II Nephi 3 ch. to show the utter condemnation of the Josephites & their claims.

People came as far as 30 miles to hear my reply.

By special request & appointment I gave the Oration on the 24th.

The Josephite ministers got out dodgers the next day after my reply stating they would reply to Prof. Hickman Tues. night (July 25)

Some of my friends were to go and hear them & send me their arguments & references.

I visited Fern a few minutes in S.L. when I came thru.

Francis & I did not do well this last trip. We go back in a few days.

Othello has written me that Bp McConkie of Monticello has telegraphed him & offered him \$100.00 a mo. to come & clerk in the Coop store. He has accepted. I am to meet him in S.L. Aug. 1.

I paid C.C. Fuel \$75.00 on what I owed him on my note. I pd. the Co. \$35.00 on my note for my insurance.

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Got letter from Vivian saying every thing was drying up down in San Juan Co. & people were talking of moving away from Grayson & other places.

Luella has returned to Berkely, Cali. I got letter from Geo. I wrote him also.

Aug. 4, 1922 Oakley, Ut.

I was 60 years old yesterday. That sounds old, but it is hard to make my self feel I am so old. But according to the records, I have been from my heavenly home 3 score years. I do not know when I will return. I will be willing to go back, I hope, when my Father says so, tho I would prefer to live with vigor of health and mentality until I am at least 80 yrs. of age. I have done too little to return home now. I prayerfully desire to live and do all my Father sent me to do. He has been kind to me and encouraged me with his spirit and revelation to do in most instances my best. Yet how little I have done. I pray that all I have done may be, thru the grace of my Father, as a leaven in the earth as a guide and an inspiration for my generation, and generations yet unborn. I keenly realize that one's influence begins to wane from the hour of death (or a very short time after) hence forth, unless one has discovered or left some work or theory which becomes an uplifting or guiding factor in the world's work; then the world begins to inquire after him, searching out his birth, life, character, source of his inspiration, and the meaning & worth of the legacy he has left his race.

How few there are of the past who continue to live after death. At this event (death), we awaken our tenderest sympathies and utter our kindest words in tones of pathos and appreciation, but soon after we turn to the problems of the living for getting the vows of devotion; and with fading memories, the dead slip out into the forgotten past and disappear into memory's oblivion. This seems to be the fate of the departing race. Sad isn't it? Could we have it other wise, the past would have a greater influence over the living. Yet those who have their life's work in invention or in print, soon become rejected or replaced by brighter ideas, truer vision, or invention, so that their records are purile or become mere curios. So there is one advantage in sinking down into oblivion, we leave nothing to be criticised or laughed at thru its primitiveness.

Only those who discovered truth with out its alloy live and keep abreast with on coming progress. The Savior of the World is probably the only character who has grown in power and appreciation from century to century as the ages come & go.

What I have said and done will be common place, yet my ideals will live for they have been fed with the eternal flame.

Even now as I write, I feel how poorly I have portrayed my bigger & better self! How narrowly I have portrayed what I feel, what I have done & what I have idealized!

As I sit here to night in the home of a stranger, I view my life from far off childhood to this date. Probably the most potant force

that has moved me to action was the "inspiration of want". Referring to the past I see my self shut in in the narrow confines of ignorance & stupidity that I almost shudder to contemplate the low-volted past from which I came. To view my past humbles my thoughts of today. The gleam of a day not yet dawned humbles my widest range of acquired knowledge & experience for I dimly realize the ocean of unexplored truth.

The night of my sorrows & disappointments have opened to my vision the stars of greater truths which never would have been mine had I only seen the sum of a gladder day. I recall my past with its varied struggles of successes and failures. Thru it all, I get a truer and a holier grasp of my life's destiny.

Oakley, Ut. Aug. 13, 1922.

It is very stormy for the last 24 hrs. In fact it has stormed several times in the last 2 wks.

I attend conference at Coalville last Sat. & Sun. a wk. ago. Jos. F. Smith Jr and several Sun. School & M.I.A. officers were there. I had an hr's talk with Jos. F. on the Josephite claims, etc.

We spent this last wk as well as part of the wk. before in this region of the country selling insurance. We have only sold a very few thousand. One of the men to whom we sold \$4000 was struck by lightning last night. I expect he can't get thru for insurance.

Francis went home last night to visit his family and with a view of bringing them out here for a wk. or so visit and outing. He expects to be here Tues.

I spoke before a large parent's this morning on the religious training of the young.

I also spoke in this afternoon's sacrament meeting.

I received letters from Martha & Lorea. I have agreed to give a wk's lectures on the Psychology of the Child to the people of Oakley, Peoa, & Marion.

The strike situation--rail & coal--involves about 1,500,000 men. It is a threatening situation and the gov. is taxed to the limit to know how to handle the situation. Pres. Harding threatens to take over the coal mines & roads unless the owners & operators can agree with the workmen.

I seem to see a day yet to come when this nation will be broken up due to strife between capital and labor. There have been more and larger strikes here in America & Europe in the last 2 or 3 yrs than ever known before in ten times this period of time.

I believe such strife will not cease until all nations are levelled so that those who produce the wealth shall share in it over and above the daily wage. I want to live to see the triumph of right & righteousness. I want to live to see the coming of the Savior. I

long to give all the days of my life to the up-lift of Zion.

Juanita and the family sent me a box of homemade candy for my birthday.

I wrote to Lorea last night & sent her a dollar. I also wrote to Milton H. Welling congratulating him on his nomination for congress. I do hope he is elected also Wn H. King for Senator.

I wrote the entire family the other day thanking them for the candy and birth day remembrance.

Othello & Helen have gone to Monticello to live. She came and visited us at Logan a few days before she went down.

Aug. 21, 1922, Oakley, Ut.

Zina & Francis returned Tues. We all went into the mouth of the canyon east of Oakley & pitched our camp. I stayed there with them until last night. Zina goes home tomorrow for her sister has come to visit her. We have sold only a little insurance the last wk.

I attend S.S. & meeting Sun. and spoke in the sacrament meeting on the subject of the sacrament & the meaning of the covenant in the sacrament prayer, etc.

I took dinner with Bro. Levi Pearson & family yesterday.

In the evening Mormon missionaries held a street meeting here. They did well in presenting their cause.

I began to night the series of six lectures on the "Psychology of the Child." The meeting house was full. Zina read several pieces for the entertainment of the audience. She is a splendid reader.

I sent \$72.35 to pay my insurance.

I read R.C. Evans pamphlet on why he left the Reorganite church. I am also reading David Whitmer's pamphlet entitled, "An Address to All Believers in Christ." It is interesting to see the various mental attitudes of men. He seems to be most sincere in his belief and attitude toward Jos. Smith and his going estray. He says Jos. started to go estray the day Ch. was organized.

Sept. 12, 1922 Logan, Ut.

I came home last Thurs. morning. Zina had sold their home and Francis had to come home to move them out. So I came home for a rest. I had been gone nearly 6 wks.

We did fairly well in insurance selling \$40,000. I was enable to pay over \$450.00 debts and \$40.00 tithing. I am so grateful for the blessing.

I finished my series of lectures. The house was filled each night. Part of the time the audience could scarcely get seats. Deep

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interest was manifested by all even the young people who attended. I finished my lectures before the Parent's Class on Sun. following. I addressed the Saints in their meetings two Sun. People came from surrounding country to hear my lectures.

Francis & I stayed at his camp in the mouth of Weber Canyon 3 miles of Oakley.

Oct. 16, 1922 Kamas Ut.

We came back here & sold insurance for two wks. We did fairly well. We then went home for conference. I attended a meeting of the Stockholders in Logan & I was chosen one of five delegates to go to S.L. to meet a Mr. Jones from Cali. who had a plan to finance our factory. We met but decided there was a better plan so we adopted our own plan and Mr Jones joined in with us to help work out a plan to put the factory on its feet financially. Its indebtedness is over \$590,000.00. The plan in part, is to have Messrs Goodwin, Gabby, & Allen to cancel their common stock & then the preferred stock holders will raise the money to pay off indebtedness & finance the running of it next yr.

I attended conference missing two sessions. I attended the general priesthood meeting.

The main thought of the conference was obedience to church and state. There is a lawless wave sweeping the nation against the 18th article of the Constitution. It is a fight clamoring for sale of liquor --intoxicating beverages. In a survey that is being made it shows that half of the people want wine & beers. About  $\frac{1}{4}$  desire unlimited sale of all alcoholic liquors. I shall not be surprised if this part of the Constitution will be repealed. Unless great diligence is put forth I fear for the future. There is a great fight against the state law on tobacco also.

There is also a growing tendency among the Saints to turn from obedience to our church authorities. An irreligious spirit seems to be growing every where among the young and many of the older ones. I almost tremble at times when I see these growing conditions. I have often prayed that God will call me thru his authorities to spend the rest of my days working with the young to turn them from sin of omission and in of commission, but so far he has not called me. But I am always counselling & advising thoughtless & the way ward and urging them to turn earnestly to the faith of their fathers.

Eugene, Dicy and children all came to Logan & stayed for 10 days. Eugene & Dicy went thru the temple & were sealed & had their children sealed to them. I am happy over this event. It is a turning point in Eugene's life. Dicy is a most excellent woman. She is a splendid wife & mother.. She is intelligent & a good business woman.

Eugene is thinking of going to school & take the law course. I am urging him to do this. I saw Pres. Eccersley of Wayne State & he told me he not only ordained Eugene an Elder, but he blessed him and told him his sins were forgiven him and told him a new future lay before him.

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Have rec'd letters from Geo, Othello, Laura & Vivian.

I have recd two letters from Dr-- of Yale Uni. He says they will not be able to finance the experiment I desired to perform on animals. So I suppose I will have to give up my long cherished ideas on this matter.

I discussed a subject with the Parent's Class here last Sun. I spoke in the afternoon meeting. It was a psycho-physical analysis of Christ's commandment to love our neighbors as our selves & love our enemies & pray for those who despitefully use us.

I paid over \$200.00 indebtedness last month.

I paid \$37.43 insurance today. That is my quarterly premium of Martha's & my insurance (\$2000 conjoint)

I met Lynn Orser tonight.

Radino is attending the U.A.C. this yr. He is keeping bks. for the "Cherry Blossom." That only takes an hr. or so a day.

Oct. 22 Kamas, Ut.

It is Sun. night. I have spent the day in S.S.; afternoon meeting & evening meeting. I taught the parent's class, spoke in afternoon meeting also this evening. This is the first time except last Sun., that I had spoken in this town since 18 yrs. ago.

This town is spiritually sick and over half of them (people) are sleeping a spiritual sleep. If Christ should come, I believe one half of them would be found without oil in their lamps. Almost this entire stake falls under this criticism. It needs a thorough renovation from head to foot. Tobacco, non-church going, & discord seem to be the prevailing defects. Since coming up here 10 days ago, Francis & I made over \$200.00 each above expenses. He left for S.L. yesterday to attend to some business matters concerning the selling & buying of his home.

I have read about two hours in "The Origin of the Earth" & the Solar Uni. by Chamberlain. Also in the Bk. of M.

I am grateful for blessings--temporal & spiritual.

Oct. 28, 1922 Kamas, Ut.

I have read again the Bk. of Ether & most of the Words of Moroni. Will finish tomorrow.

By request of Bp. Shepherd & his two Counsellors I gave three lectures this week. Mon. night I spoke on the Progress of Sc. and Invention the Last 100 Yrs." We had a fair sized audience, but intense listeners. It was a real revelation to most of my audience in many respects. In fact the progress in the last 100 yrs. has been a miracle age. It has been the source of much comment his wk.

Thurs. night I discussed the External Evidences of the Bk. of M. I showed that the scientific world had gone far to prove that the Bk.

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of M. is what it claims to be--a history of by gone ages & by gone nations--Nephites & Jaredites.

I lectured last night on human Emotions--kinds, causes, effects of same. I pointed out that our bodies are the most complete chemical laboratories in existence and that every thought and every emotion produced chemical changes--some emotions produced wholesome changes while some emotions--anger, fear, revenge produce poisons, etc. I reviewed a number of historic evidences as well as experiments to prove my discussions. My audience last night was composed of (of) parents, teachers, & some young people. My discussion included physical, chemical, & psychological elements. The audience say they have never heard so much in one lecture before which applied to them and which they could use to aid them selves & in justly governing their children.

I suppose the best observation on my lectures from the point of criticism is that my audiences grew larger each night.

I see I have come to the end of my journal. I have been nearly 2 yrs. in filling it. I do not know why, but when ever I come to the end of each volume, I am seized upon with a deep pathos a kin to that feeling when one is parting from a dear companion with whom he has been for a great while and is now parting for a long and indefinite time. It is then we feel to pledge faithfulness and a bigger and a better life. So do I feel in closing now this journal.

Tho I have had and still have heavy financial burdens yet I feel hopeful. My Father has shown that when I live close to Him he has always made the day equal to the evil (trouble, demand, burden) thereof.

I have tried to live a clean, pure, wholesome, & useful life. I have delivered many lectures, turned young men from tobacco, encouraged men and women to live better & more spiritual lives. I believe many have been lead to praise God for my teachings & my good works. Daily and nightly do I pour out my soul to my Father for my uplifts and to increase & continue my usefulness in the earth; to bless & protect my family; and turn all their hearts toward Him in mighty righteousness. Little by little do I see my prayers answered. I have cried mightily to the Lord to purify Zion without chastisement if possible. I see Zion slipping back and her youth growing worldly and indifferent. I have often cried that He would make my life and my words as a flaming fire amidst His people to inspire uplift, and turn the hearts of men to Him, May God grant the burden of my soul for Zion's sake.

My heart is greatly troubled over Reginald. May, O, may he be lead back to me & his God. He, O Father, is a child of the covenant wilt Thou save him in thy celestial kingdom? Wilt thou save me and mine in thy holy celestial kingdom? Thou, O Father, hast promised, thru thy holy patriarchs, that no good thing should be denied me worlds without end. I rely upon this and cling to thy promises and

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and the promises and prophecies of thy prophets, the patriarchs. What more sacred and holy thing can I ask than thou will-lift me and mine into thy own kingdom O, Father? I shall never cease wrestling with the heavens until my prayers are heard.

O Father, fill me with the spirit of the prophets, Purify my vision that my soul shall be a fountain of living truth--old and new--until thou art satisfied with me and my work. I long to become like thee until thou, O Father, can speak and reveal thy will thru me. Anoint me, O Father, with power to save souls unto thee until thou comest in thy glory. My life seems of no worth to me unless I am of worth to some one else.

Give me the confidence of my fellow men, bestow thy confidence on me that my life may not be in vain. O, Father, let this prayer, this longing, stand before thee as a memorial of my earnestness and my silent supplications which have gone up before thee, lo! from my youth.