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It has been two weeks since I wrote & finished my other journal.

This has been a most wonderful year for bountious crops all thru the Rocky Mt. states. It is surely the year of the Lord. If the people will pay their tithes and offerings the Lord will continue to pour out his blessings. The rains have been copious. There has been so much rain the farmers have had hard work to harvest their crops. There are hundreds & hundreds of acres of grain still uncut in Idaho.

I was in Gentile Valley last wk., but only wrote \$2500 insurance, but lined up some good business.

Last Sun., a wk ago, I spoke in Grace, Ida. in the afternoon meeting.

Last Sun. I attended S.S. & fast meeting in our ward.

I blessed a child of Mrs Cooper. I named it Gladys Lafay.

Two weeks ago last Sunday I spoke to the High Priests of this Stake (Logan).

Last Sun. night I spoke before the conjoint M.I.A. in the 6th ward

A wk. ago last Sun. night I spoke in Providence. It was geneology Sunday. I reviewed the 2nd vision of the Prophet Joseph and how it has mostly been fulfilled. The Lord was with me and greatly blessed me in the above speeches.

I went to S.L. and attended the semiannual Conference Mon. & Tues. Martha went 2 or 3 days before to attend other conventions. The main themes were the belief & keeping of God's commandments; the error of evolution in thinking man came from some lower animal.

Pres. Grant made a call for a 1000 men of experience, who had means, to volunteer to go on missions for 6 mos. and longer and pay all their expenses.

The opening of the South American mission was one of the themes.

Elder B.H. Roberts gave a splendid address on "Why Are People?" which was a ques. an 8 yr. old boy had asked his father recently. Elder Roberts answered it from a Mormon view point--for the glory of God--to bring to pass the resurrection & the immortality of the human soul--the union of spirit & element to bring about eternal progression--that man might have joy, etc. It was a masterly address. I feel Bro. Roberts is one of the greatest orators I ever heard and I have heard the world's

greatest orators such as Robt G. Ingersoll, John Temple Graves, Rev. Sunsaules, Chauncy Depew, Geo. Gordon, Wendling, W.H. King, Ambassador Choat, Wm. J. Bran, Sen. Hoar, Sen. Thomas Reed, etc. also a few European orators.

Roberts' oratory does not fall in with any of these. He stands alone. Like a Tenneriffe he rises from mid ocean with a voice of an archangel. Roberts' oratory consists in his magnificent flights of thought and imagery clothed in powerful language and withal given by one of the most charming and power-impelling voices I have ever heard. In fact when his souls becomes set on fire with the burning of his theme it is a contagion to all who hear. It is almost a crime some of his speeches can not be reproduced on a phonograph so the ages might could hear one of the world's mighteous orators. In my way of thinking a real orator is one who has a message for the world and that message burns in his soul and then he has power to tell it so one can see & feel the contagion of his soul under the spell of his delivery.

One does not feel for a moment that Roberts is straining for (oratory of) effect, but one feels he (R.) is swept on by the fire & glory of his thoughts and could not tell it differently if he wanted. Yet, Robers told me once that the Lord hears him about every other time he speaks, feeling like a fool. In other words, I take it, God does not set on fire, with His Holy Spirit, the orator's soul.

We have some excellent orators in our church e.g. Apostles Talmage, Whitney, and Ballard. Of the Seven Presidents of Seventies Roberts & Levi Edgar Young. We have more excellent speakers in our church per hundred than any other people in the world, because of their much speaking and much of it is impromptu. Our missionary system is one of the greatest causes of our excellent speakers.

While in S.L. I saw Radino & family Fern Laura, Leslie, Francis, & Josephine. Fern has at last gotten a divorce from her husband, Sheridan. I told her I was glad she was free from that Godless debauchle.

My wife, Martha, and I stopped (over) to Leon's place over night on our way home. He is bothered with asthma

Kyrmel is getting a famous hunter & fisher. He beats nearly all men that hunt or fish. He is 10 yrs. old.

I am to speak in S.L. Oct. 25

Oct. 26, 1925. Ogden, Ut.

While waiting at the depot I am attempting to record some events since I last wrote.

I took my auto & went to San Juan Co. I picked up Eugene at Thistle junction per phone agreement. We were followed by two Geistler Bros. they went with a view of looking over our ranch & leasing it for 5 yrs. Tho it was a very snowy & raining time down there they were impressed with the country.

Eugene & I went to Blanding for a day, but sold no insurance. We had 4 days visit with Othello & Helen. Then we went to Eugene's house i.

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The passing of B. H. Roberts is the dimming ^{of} one of the greatest lights that has ever cast ^{its rays} ~~his light~~ amidst this people. As a historian he aimed to tell the history of his people so accurate that even his opponents could not accuse him of bias.

As a defender of his faith, or a champion of his political persuasions, he marshalled his facts and polemics with such destructive force that his hearers felt that they saw the destructive effects of a cyclone.

As an orator he swept his audiences along with him like an ocean ~~infestation~~ wave before the storm. Probably the ages have never heard a greater untrained college orator. I have heard America's Ciceros and America's Demosthenes. I have sat under the spell of Robert G. Ingersoll, John Temple Graves of the south, Rev. Gunsaulus of Chicago, Chancy Depew, ~~George~~ Gordon, Wendling, King, Choat, Bryan, Reed and some of Europe's most eloquent orators.

Roberts' oratory can not ~~align~~ be aligned with these. He seems to stand alone. Like a Tenneriffe he arose from the sea of humanity with a voice of an arch-angel. His oratory consisted largely in his magnificent flights of thought and imagery clothed in forceful language and withal, given by one of the most charming and power-impelling voices I have ever heard.

In fact when his soul became a glow with the fire of his theme, his oratory became a contagion with his audience.

A real orator is one who has a message for the world and that message burns in his soul and he has power to tell it so that his hearers are awakened by ^{the} spell of his delivery.

One never felt for a moment, that B. H. Roberts ever strained for effect, but that he was swept on by the emotion and logic of his theme and he could not tell it differently if he would.

When he made his almost tragic defense before the United States Congress at the time he was being expelled, those statesmen confessed that they were expelling the greatest mind that had ever graced the House in this ^{generation} dispensation.

The closing words of his fervid defense were: "You shall not drive me forth, for I will clutch the pillar of state so tight that I will drag the structure down upon your own heads. If I am forced from here, I will go out with head erect and brow undaunted and I will walk the earth as angels tread the clouds."

Teasdale. We took off from Green River & went south west for 135 miles. Due to car trouble we were from Fri. 3:30 to Sat. night 12 M. getting to Teasdale. I had a nice visit him & family for two days. He has a fine house & a most excellent wife & children. I got home last Thurs. afternoon. I went from Teasdale to Provo 1st day then from there to Ogden the next day as I stayed at Josephine's till 12 M. helping her with a written report on mother's life which she was to give before the genealogical society of her ward.

On getting home I found all well. My agents had done very little in insurance while I was away.

I went to S.L. yesterday to deliver a lecture last in the Wasatch ward on the value of the Bk of Abraham; (a) Fundamental truths on pre-existence, (b) Steps of creation, time, etc. and (c) The mighty truths in astronomy which antedated all the discoveries of modern astronomy. The house was crowded with eager listeners. I was flooded with many compliments of appreciation from the listeners. The Lord blessed me & I was reventually grateful for his blessings.

I stayed with my sister Laura last night. I went & visited Fern this morning. I visited with Radino & Leona yesterday afternoon for 2½ hrs. Last Sat. I spent 14 hrs., writing insurance with Mr Luke. We only wrote \$1000, but made arrangements to get some of my old notes paid.

While in Teasdale I addressed the saints in Sun. afternoon meeting.

Nov. 9, 1925 Arimo, Ida.

I spoke last Sun. night in Clarkston by appointment "The Psychological Christ Child".

I paid a death claim of \$1024.64 to Uterich Zbinden for the death of his son, John

I came to this co. last Thurs. Have sold \$8,000 insurance & have induced Woodland, Krueger, & Allen to finish paying notes. But Leslie Midlesteadt refused to pay.

I spoke in Arimo yesterday afternoon on the Three witnesses of Bk. of M. etc. Spoke in Robin last night on the defense of Bk. of Abraham.

I sent Valko \$60.00 in last 3 wks. Men speak highly of his voice as the most wonderful untrained voice they ever heard.

Bro. A.M. Curtis is taking me around in my selling of insurance. I am also staying at his home. He is going on a 6 mo. mission. Mrs Curtis has asked me many ques. on the Scriptures. We have sat up ever night, til about 12 M. asking & ans. ques.

Nov. 16, 1925. Weston, Ida.

Mon. morning. Fair and a bit chilly. I came here Sat. afternoon. Prof. Nichols & I visited a few prospects but made no sale. I remained here all day yesterday reading & resting. I spoke here last night per appointment. I had a most attentive & appreciative audience. Elder Merrill from Richmond spoke before me for 15 or 20 min. He reviewed his missionary experience in England.

I am staying here at Bro. Thos. & Maggie Preston's home. They are nice pleasant people to be with.

I leave this morning for Downey, Ida. where I am to work for a few days.

I phoned home Sat. night & found all well. I sent home \$151.00. Sent \$25.00 to Valko.

Nov. 29, 1925, Logan, Ut.

A very pleasant fall with considerable moisture.

I left Weston & went back to Downey and was there until Thurs. 1:40 P.M. But Tues. evening Prof. Talman, Prin. of Arimo High School came to Downey and got me to go to Arimo & deliver an address the "Value of Education and Wherein we were failing," etc. So I did I suppose I offended a teacher or two for I learn they feel under the criticism I gave for I had pointed out the character of the teachers the people should hire, etc.

While away in Ida. I wrote \$26,000 or \$28,000 ins. I also collected over \$255 of old debts. I was very grateful for I was able to pay over \$400 of urgent debts & pay \$30.00 tithing.

I went to Ogden and delivered an address in the 9th ward on the Evidences of the Bk of Mormon.

I am asked to deliver two more lectures in Ogden.

This morning I went to the 6th ward and discussed "Mormonism as a Philosophy of Life before the Parents Class. My discussion of the theme was very much appreciated by those there. I was asked to go back and give the class one more talk on the same subject.

I spoke to night in our own ward (1st) on Genealogical work. I reviewed the long steps of preparation before we came to this exalted work. I pointed out the work of Martin Luther, discovery of Columbus, the Constitution of the U.S., the Angel Moroni, Jno. Baptist, Peter, Jas. & Jno. Organization of the church, building of Kirtland temple to receive visitation & keys, Moses, Elias, Elijah & also the Savior, then the building of Nauvoo temple to receive the endowments, keys, powers etc, to prepare the church & the dead for the Celestial Kingdom, etc, etc.

I am asked to give two talks in this city in the next two wks.

Juanita's health is poor also her mother's. Sent Valko \$25.00 more.

I visited H. School last Fri. and found all my children were doing fairly good work. Some were doing excellent work.

I have been catching up on my magazine reading--Geographic Magazine, The Science Monthly, Journal of Heredity, etc.

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Did I record I had been chosen a member of the National Economic League? Well I have.

I am most earnest & prayerful, that God will permit me to live to fulfil all he sent me here to do. I am so anxious that he will especially bless me so I will fulfil & complete all the Patriarchs have pronounced on my head.

The "Era" of Nov. published a short article of mine on "Hope".

Dec. 15, 1925. Logan--Fine weather--no snow.

It have been over 2 wks. since I last wrote. Since then I have sold only about \$11,000 insurance. Have been doing a great deal of correspondence besides hiring some of it done.

I spoke in my ward (1st ward) The Breadth and Meaning of our Genealogical Work. I showed the steps of preparation from days of Columbus, Martin Luther, the Constitution, coming forth of Bk. of M organization of the church, the building of Kirtland temple to receive the keys in in order to bring in & finish the work of all former dispensations, etc.; then the building of Nauvoo temple to receive remainder of keys, powers, covenants, mysteries, & endowments so this people could begin to save & redeem our dead ancestry, prepare our selves & generations to come for the Celestial Kingdom of God. All that had gone before was a progressive development for the climatic work for preparing the race for the Celestial glory.

I spoke in the 6th ward in evening meeting a few weeks since. I spoke in the 4th ward a wk. ago Sun. night on "The Psychology & chemistry of Love & Hate". Then I reviewed the deep fraught meaning of Jesus' command of love God, neighbor, & enemy. Many said it was a revelation to them. They had not known before the cause and effect of love & hate. One said that it was the greatest lecture he had ever heard.

I taught the High Priest's quorum for the last three weeks on the Bk. of M. I do really wish that I had time to write a work of the Bk. of M.

I was in Ida. for three days last wk. on insurance work.

My son Geo. W. has been written up the Calif. papers on his new methods of handling law brakers. It is a very splendid article commending his work. The article was syndicated thru the N.S.A. service thru-out the the U.S. See my Journal of clippings.

I go to Gentile Valley tomorrow. I have four lectures to give this mo.--1st w, 2nd w, 5th w. & 12th w.

Dec. 20, 1925 Logan. Beautiful weather

I was gone 4 days to Gentile valley; went with Jos. Folkman. We only sold \$4000 insurance. We got back last night.

I went to S.S. today and taught the Theological class. Tonight I spoke in the 2nd ward on "The temptations of Jesus". I spent most of the day studying on the life of the Savior.

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Juanita went to Ogden last Fri. & came back to night. She is a noble sacrificing girl.

I got letters from Geo. Felton, Dicy and Othello. Today has been a beautiful day of spiritual peace and good will.

Dec. 22, 1925. Logan. A slight snow.

I have spent two days & two nights reviewing again "The Life of Christ" by Giovanni Papini in order to review the book for the M.I.As-associations of the 1st & 2nd wards. They met to night in the First ward meeting house. The house was nearly full. I reviewed the entire bk. and read striking passages from the bk. from beginning to end--some 40 or 50 in all. The audience was profoundly silent thruout. I received many expressions of deep appreciation from my hearers. It is one of my first attempts at reviewing such a large work at one sitting or in one address.

I received a letter to day from Felton saying he would be here next Thurs.

I have seldom, if ever, recorded any thing concerning the great progress in science, invention, etc. That can be read for it is recorded in bks. & magazine yet I read with a great deal of care the progress of the world thru magazines & bks. My main sources of science & invention are Scientific Monthly, Science, Literary Digest, Journal of Eugenics, The National Geographic Magazine, Annual Reports from Smithsonian Inst. I generally take 30 min. a day reviewing two news papers to keep a breast of world events. I also review lesser journals of home production.

My major interests lie in the fields of Psychology, Eugenics, Astronomy, Astro-physics, & Geology. I think Kant, the great German Philosopher, expresses my sentiment & feeling best: "The contemplation of the moral law within and the stellar universe without fills me with unspeakable awe".

Dec. 23-5

I taught the High Priests Mon. eve. in our weekly meeting. We finished up Bk. of M on 8th article of Faith. We then discussed part of article 9.

I talked to about 600 High School students & faculty to day in their Xmas program. I reviewed the origin of this day and the gifts to the Christ child. I reviewed the 3 or 4 mentionings of his name up to 12 yrs. of age and what must have been his unfoldings till then. I reviewed the event in the temple and the thing he did which should be a guide to all youths of Christendom. Tho he felt the call of his life, yet says the scriptures, "he went with his parents & was subject unto them". If the youth will do this when set on his ideas, God will lift him up and he will be (the) mightier than ever for such obedience. I reviewed such events in the lives of Jos. A. Garfield & Geo. Washington and each at the last moment (each) obeyed his mother. Had they not done so, I don't believe they would have been presidents of this nation. See my "Journal of clippings"

Dec. 26, 1925. Logan.--Beautiful weather--no snow.

Radino, Leona & baby (Margean) came Thurs. Felton (my son) came

the same day. He & I went to a movie show. Leon, Winnie, & children and Lorea came 6 P.M. last evening. We have a merry big crowd here. There are 15 of us here Sant Claus was lavish with his toys, shoes, socks, silk hoes, shirts, pajamas, aprons, dresses, hats, coats, ladies' unmentionables, gloves, ties, vases, purses with money, books, scarfs, baby buggies, candy, etc. etc. He must have gone away broke. I got \$20.00 from the family also ties, socks, handkerchiefs, house slippers, 2 lbs box of cream candy. They came from Fern, Dee & Vivian, Othello & Helen, Lorea, Juanita, Martha (my wife) Kyrmel, Valko, Thorval, Leon & Winnie, Radino, & Leona.

I sat up last night until nearly 2 A.M. talking to Felton

I am to speak in the 6th tomorrow forenoon, a funeral in 2nd ward at 2 P.M., & at 7 P.M. in 12th ward.

Dec. 27, 1925, Logan--Beautiful weather

This forenoon I spoke to the 5th ward S.S. The parents & the theological classes were held together. There were 150 or more. I discussed the Psychological & chemical basis of love & hate, Applying the discussion to Jesus' command to love neighbor & enemy. Many said that it was a revelation to them.

This after noon I spoke to Horatio Hawkes' funeral. It was held in the 2nd ward. The house was filled to the doors. Pres. Jos. Cardon & my self were the speakers.

This evening I spoke in the 12th ward of Logan on the temptation of the Savior. I stated that all temptations could be divided into 3 or 4—(1) Appetites, (2) pride, (3) opulence, power, dominion, glory, kingdoms, etc. Then there is a 4th temptation which often produced by terrible fear. That was shown in Gethsemane also in Peter's case. The vision of the field of temptation was upon me. I spoke for an hr. & 30 min. The vision was upon the audience & they were profoundly interested & gave rapped attention. Many were warm in their expressions of appreciation. I am so grateful to know the the Lord gives me his spirit in my speaking when I am humble & prayerful. I feel my day has been spent in doing good. I am reverentially grateful.

Radino, Leona, Margean also Felton went home to day. Leon & family leave tomorrow.

Jan. 10, 1926, Logan.

The weather is as mild as Nov.--no snow & it hardly freezes. It is unlike any other Jan. known here. The same condition exists in Ida.

I went to Treasureton, Ida. a wk. ago Sat. I stayed with Geo. Williams except Tuesday night I stayed at Bp. Shumway's home. He & I talked till nearly 12 M.

I spoke Sun. afternoon in their meeting on phases of the Savior's life. Spoke at night on the blighting effects of tobacco, etc. Bro. Williams went with me to sell insurance. I gave him \$7.00 a day because I made quite well. I sold \$13,500 insurance. I am grateful for the same. I sent Valko \$50.00 more today. I sent him \$10.00 last wk.

I just learn Jno.H. Dixon of Payson, Leslie's fatherinlaw is dead. He has been a splendid man and most helpful friend to our family.

I taught the priesthood quorum's lesson in Treasureton Mon. night. I got home here Sat. night (last night). I brought Geo. William's wife & two little boys with me to Logan.

I taught the Advance theological class in our ward to day as Bro. Merkeley was ill. I attended the tabernacle meeting this afternoon. I attend evening in our ward.

There is a movement to organize two parent classes in various stakes--one for younger parents & subjects in psyc, sociology, morals, government of children, etc. & the other division to study more the scriptures, doctrines, etc.

By request I spoke to the upper grades & high school in Banida, Ida. I also spoke to H.S. in Treasureton---one Thurs. & the other Fri.

Jan. 17, 1926. Mink Creek, Ida.

It is snowing & promises to be deep. I came here Thurs. night. I worked Fri. but made no sale. I went back to Preston Sat. & wrote \$4000.00 insurance & \$1000 last Tues. I took a cow for \$3000 insurance. She was a pure bred Jersey 2½ yrs. old. I pd. \$100 for her & the delivery to Logan. If I had a farm near my home, I could stalk it with cows, horses, hogs, chickens & turkeys which I could take for insurance premiums.

I came back here last night but was asked to speak to the funeral of Alma J Larson who was terrible mangled to death by being run over by loaded cars in Logan. It was a very sad deeply impressive funeral. I was one of the four speakers. The opera house was crowded to the doors--about 900 or 1000 people present. His head was severed, his skull was crushed & the lower part of his face was entirely gone his arms & legs were ground & broken also the upper part of his chest.

I spoke by request on the claims of the Bk. of M. and the External evidences of the Bk. I speak here again tomorrow night. I phoned home this afternoon & found all well.

I do not recall in my 6 yrs out of School of recording any of the many accidents & near death accidents I have had. Last Thurs. I had crossed a bridge over Mink Creed and started up a rather steep dugway. My car stopped on me & the car ran back rapidly for my breaks would not hold. I got virtually over the bridge when one wheel ran off & my car would have gone over with a crash but it struck a small cut off tree & kept the car from turning over on me. Had it gone off 6 ft sooner I would have fallen 10 or 12 ft. in the creek which was about 2½ or 3 ft. deep. If I had, I would been killed or drowned for the drop would have been about 10 ft. When I saw the near terrible calamity I said: "Lord it surely keeps my guardian busy to keep me from killing myself". It surely gives one a solemn feeling and awakens a dread in one that is hard to explain. The Patriarch told me years ago that Lucifer had sought my life from infancy & that I had been near death probably 100. times. "Father do not permit me to die by violence".

Jan. 31, 1926. Logan Ut.

Weather rather cold & about 8 or 9 in. snow. Since returning home I have not written any insurance. Have been home writing, etc. trying to catch up with my much correspondence. As an officer of the National Economic League I have been filling out blanks & giving my views on the greatest needs & changes in our government.

I reviewed the "Life of Christ" by Giovanni Papini to the River Heights ward last Tues. night

I attended a wk. ago today the Stake High Priest meeting & bore my testimony with others

I learn Laura is very poorly in Phoenix, Ariz.

Recd. letters from Geo. F. (my brother) He is in Calif. visiting his family.

A wk. ago I lectured in the 11th Ward on Astronomy a wk ago Fri. night with stereopticon views. I had over sixty slides.

I went to S.L. a wk. ago last Thurs and filed on 2560 acres for an oil & gas claim. Othello telegraphed that he & I would have $\frac{1}{2}$ the claim & Woods & others the other half. I got Pres. Peterson of the A.C. to give \$50.00 & we would give him a share in the profits if any.

I stayed with Radino. Found him & family well. The baby (Margine) intelligent & attractive.

Feb. 8, 1926 Clarkston, Ut

Weather mild & warm; hardly any snow in the valley. It hardly freezes at night. Last week I spent my time in this town writing insurance. I wrote \$12,000. I attended priesthood meeting here last Mon. After priesthood meeting I was asked to speak to the teacher's training class of over 70 people. I was asked to speak or deliver an address Thurs night on Bk. of M. Evidences which I did to a very attentive audience of 150 people. I left here Sat. afternoon & got home at 5 P.M.

I reviewed or gave a bk. review of "The Life of Christ by Giovanni Papini; to a crowded house before the conjoint meeting in the 4th ward in Logan. My review seemed be much appreciated for many expressed deep appreciation over what they heard.

I remained at home until this evening at 4 P.M. Then I left & came here. I wrote \$2500 to night. I did not attend priesthood as I was almost too late to go. So I came to my boarding place (Mrs Ida Griffin) I am spending my evening in reading "B. Young's Discourses" by Dr (Apostle) Widtsoe. It is a culling out & classifying his doctrines taught from the advent into Ut. till his death. All that he ever said on every theme or subject was (was) culled out & put together. So that probably in one chap. are quotations from sermons extending over many years.

While home, I read letters from Eugene, Fern, Valko, Othello, & Reginald. Fern had entered a contest--put out by "The Telegram" on

"What Would You Do?" Or How Would You Hold a Husband If You Found Him Drifting Away". She got 2nd prize--\$5.00 She put forth a very sane argument

Reginald is now in Calif. working at San Rafael.

I attended our ward conference yesterday (afternoon session).

Did I record that my sister Laura was quite bad with consumption in Phoenix, Ariz.?

I sent \$25.00+\$50 & \$20.00 to Valko in last 6 wks.

I recd. a very complimentary from Judge Holton of Brigham on my research work on the "Mormon Offspring" pub. in the "Journal of Heredity".

Feb. 16, 1925. Logan, Ut.


I remained in Clarkston till Wed. afternoon. During the 6½ days I was there I wrote \$33,500 insurance. I have written none since. Went with Mr Hakenson (our head agent) & settled \$5000 death claim of Horatio Hawkes. Bro E.R. Gibbs wrote him & I suggested he be the one to make settlement but Mr H. said he (H) would be the one who had to make settlement due to statements he had to get from Mrs Hawkes.

Last Sun. I went to Preston by appointment to speak in the 4th ward. When I got there I found that it was quarterly conference in the Oneida stakes. I got there at 2 P.M. & the conference started at 1 P.M. so Apostle Whitney could leave on the 3:15 train. I was asked to take a seat on the stand tho I was an hr. late. After Apostle Whitney was thru speaking he asked that I be given the rest of the time--35 min. I hitched on the theme he had spoken on--God's revelation & Science. I said that God had sent into the earth great spirits to discover his truths as to his work and creations on this earth. Man tries to build a religion from earth to heaven thru what he has discovered & thought out. Of a necessity this man-made religion must be changed as the decades roll on, but God reveals the truth of things from heaven which truths never needed to be changed only to be added up. Scientists discovering truth, verifies what God has revealed and of a necessity such truths as they discover cause men to change their philosophies of life, hence a modifying of their conceptions of religion. Our people need to worry less over the discrepancies between science & theory for we have the revealed word of God continually coming to us. In the very nature of these things, our Gospel will forever lead & science must follow. But when ever sc. discovers a truth it will agree with our Gospel. Science in time will probably prove every truth God has revealed.

I reviewed my experience while a student in Uni. of Mich. and God's answer finally given me thru continued prayer. During most of a night I was in a vision back to my father's home. It was given me in some-what of a figurative way. Then when I awoke and was told that there was my answer to my request. I could not interpret it and asked for the meaning. I had no sooner (had) asked for the meaning than I was immediately back (in vision) to my father's home and a heavenly visitor stood by my side and explained the scence to me as it again was repeated. I suppose I should take the time to write out this favored vision for it was a

mighty revelation to me. In brief it was this: At the time I was in and under constant fire of evolution. At that time the evolutionists were quite of the opinion that God was not needed in the scheme of creation for nature's laws could do it all. That life was spontaneous, etc. At that time I was studying Ast. Geology, Palaeontology, biology, Zoology Botany, Psychology, etc. and every thing was interpreted from the standpoint of blind evolution. I felt I knew our gospel was true & had read our standard works, our history, etc. but being bombarded from every side by superior minds with what appeared to be facts & truths strongly fortified by rib-bound theories. I was a little like Lehi I found myself hanging to a rod of iron passing thru a valley of darkness. I often asked God to explain to me the relation between my religion & the theories of men. On that special occasion I had been reading all day on the history of Education. It was then late on a Sept. afternoon. For a rest I got up and walked the floor for I was alone then as my family were not with me. I was reliving in my mind my religion and the conflict with the philosophies of men. While so meditating I was impressed to pray over the matter for light. I then knelt by my bed and prayed earnestly for God to show me the truth of things so I should not be led astray. I had asked Him if there was anything lacking in what He had revealed which caused this difference between the revelations and his gospel. I asked Him if any thing He had revealed would ever be modified so that they (SC & religion) would be harmonized. When thru my prayer I arose and walked my room again in calm meditation pondering these things over again. I was again impressed to pray which I did and I noticed my phraesology was being framed much as my first prayer. It almost seemed as the same force was guiding me what to ask for. When thru my second prayer I arose and walked my room again in quiet meditation. After some 15 or 20 min. of thought I was impressed to pray for the third time. On doing so I was conscious of my thoughts & words (were) again being guided as before. I then seemed quite satisfied in my mind.

That night I went to bed about my usual time some time near 11 P.M. I awoke next morning just at daylight. No sooner had I opened my eyes when a voice said to me there is your answer. I thought "What ans". I have asked no question". Then I immediately remembered I had been praying the afternoon before, asking for God to reveal the truth of things and explain the relations of SC. & religion. Then I said to myself where is the ans? Then there burst upon my mind that I had been in a dream or vision all night. I had been to my parents' home in Benjamin, Ut. I had stood across the street --east, looking at our home. I could see the end of the home rather than the side. While looking at it, a few well dressed gentlemen, calm in speech and manner approached me. They were highly educated. One of them seemed to do the talking. He pointed to my parents' home and said: "Your parents take in roomers & boarders as an accommodation" (which they did for no one else in the village did so). "Why don't you enlarge your home so you or they can take in all travelers for they will come here from all over the earth. You can't accommodate but a small amount who will come (here). The people from all over the earth will come and desire to stay in your father's home, but they can't be accommodated. "It is too small". I replied that I could not think of seeing my father's home entirely changed to accommodate travelers. I said it would not be home any more to me. It would destroy the very spirit & soul of the home. "Well", said he, "if you are so particular about keeping the home as a home so

that the spirit of the home would remain, take down the walls and leave the foundation untouched (you would still have the home or the foundation) then you can build up the walls flaring (thus ) then every story you build on above the other there would be more rooms than on the story below and so on until when several stories had been builded you would have any amount of rooms and so on as you needed until all the world could be accommodated". I immediately replied that that could not be done for the walls would fall and destroy the building. He, the spoke's-man, said in a most pleasant and assuring tone of voice that the walls would not fall for said he: "Science has proved that they (walls) can be so built that they will never fall"; but I could not believe it. Without (out) my consent I saw the walls of my father's home taken down & only the foundation remained. Then work men in a most rapid manner, began to rebuild the flaring walls as the scientist had declaired they could be with perfect safely. All the while the learned men--quiet, serene, deeply sincere--and I stood across the street and watched the building go up with almost incredible swiftness. To my surprise the walls endured on & on up to several stories & I was full of wonderment and had said to my self "Is it possible I am deceived after all". but while looking on in half perplexity, the walls of a sudden fell with a crash to the ground. A great dust arose as one would expect. When the cloud of dust cleared away I saw that every brick had fallen from the foundation of my father's home, but that the foundation was not injured at all.

I then turned to these scientists and said, "It is just as I told you." "Now, what of your demonstrated science?" Those men were so confused & perplexed to find all their life's theories and demonstrated facts (were) false after all & proved to work havoc, they were almost speechless. They could make no answer to my question but departed one by one in confusion without reply. They seemed to just melt away or disappear.

Then, standing there alone, I saw my father's home rebuilt as it was at first. It looked good to me. I then saw other fine buildings built on either side of our home just a rod or so way. They were of white brick while my father's home was of red brick (for that is their real color). No matter how high those buildings were reared my father's home was still higher & larger. I said to my self, "I never knew my father's home was so tall & magnificent before." Then I tried to see just how tall my father's home was. I raised my eyes to the height I had looked before but the home was still higher. Then I raised my eyes still higher & lo, my father's home extended to the clouds & still I could not see the top. I thought how strange, I helped to build that home & had never known such height. This was the vision of the night and when the memory of all this vision was on me again I could see no relation to what I had asked the afternoon before. "Father," I said, "if this is my ans. will you explain it to me as I do not understand the figurative meaning?" I no sooner had asked this than I was back in the vision of the night. I stood in the same place on the east side of the street from my father's home. An angel or a messenger stood by my side. (May I digress a moment to say I had seen him before in a vision and once since in a glorious vision of the future). He explained all I had seen and every step (I beheld) again. He said: "Your father's home is the Gospel of Jesus Christ--the faith of your fathers. The

(the) red brick symbolize that it is ancient. The learned men who talked with you represented the great scholars of the earth--Scientists and Philosophers. They wanted to have your father's faith so changed that it would accept all conclusions of science and theories of men. You rightly objected because that would destroy the perfectness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"You beheld that the change of your father's home brought destruction all except the foundation which was not changed. That had not been changed. It symbolized the Gospel which is perfect and if it is changed it will destroy the truth as God has revealed to the earth again."

"The new white brick buildings built on either side of your father's home were the truths & theories of men as by homes in which the learned might lodge. Being builded on their own foundations if they fall, they fall from their own foundations and do not affect the (the) Gospel or your father's home. What is true will stand. It can and will stand on its own foundation. Truth can stand alone. It needs no prop."

"As the new buildings extended story after story you beheld that your father's home was taller than them all. As you looked you saw no limit to its height. So with the gospel of Jesus Christ you can't behold its height for it extends into heaven. It is limitless."

This rehearsal of my night's vision was (for) but for a few minutes for soon I was out of it back in my bed and the day seemed about as early as when I first awoke. The vision was not a sleep; it was an awakening but a change. It seemed that the consciousness of the vision was as perfect an awaked state as my present consciousness is as I write this account.

I forgot to say that I was informed that the side buildings of science would be as a protection to the gospel when storms of evil beset the Gospel of Christ, etc.

I made a brief mention of this dream or vision in my Journal at the time, but failed to write in full. See Journal B, pp87-89. I was also informed by the angel that when God wished to give new revelation it would be added from above and a modification of the structure already builded.

It was this revelation I related in brief to the conference. I assured them God gave that to me for me. It was no one else's guide. It was to protect me from error; to vindicate me in my belief for my faithfulness. I told them that from that hr. I have never been disturbed in my feelings. When men come out with new theories or purported facts and they go counter to God's revealed word, I then put a question mark up on their revelation or findings and not upon God's. The mistake of some of our young scholars is when they find science conflicting with what God has revealed they question God's revelation. "That," I said, "is fatal to them, in their true progress."

This was the 1st time, I told them, I had ever related this vision in public but had told it a few times to my most intimate friends. One may wonder how I can remember so accurately these many years (1894). A vision is clearer and more enduring than waking experience. It does not seem

to fade with the years. I have discussed this point in my former journal (B) or 2 very briefly.

I was asked to speak at night in the M.I.A. of Oneida Stake Conference which I did. An excellent program was had that evening. Profs. Simpson and Richards spoke before I did. They reviewed a few lives of great men. I followed and reviewed what a number of great men had said about this church. The meeting seemed to be most successful both in speech and song.

I returned home Mon. I have been here all day (Tues.) writing. I suppose I should be out working but if I do not record some of my life's experiences no one else will and I want them transmitted to generations yet unborn.

Feb. 22, 1926 Downey, Ida.

Last Fri. night I delivered an address on the "Life of Washington" before a woman's auxiliary organization of the Am. Legion.

By special request I discussed before the Parents Class the Doc. & Cov. Revelations--how given--when & under what conditions, etc. etc.

Last night I attended an excellent sacramental meeting conducted by the Theological Class of the S.S. in our ward. Prof. Southwick gave an excellent talk on music.

I just arrived here. I am stopping at the Oxford hotel. I am here to write insurance. Am waiting for Arley Dewey. Only skiff (?) of snow here.

I had a long talk with Thorval last night. He is becoming indifferent in his studies and is also indifferent to his religious duties. I hope it is only a passing state of mind. In the past he has always be so earnest in his work and all he undertook to do.

Mar. 6, 1926 Logan, Ut.

Its late Sat. night approaching the hour of 12 M. I have been reading & just finished A.B. Carlton's, "The Wonderlands of the Wild West!" Tho it was published in 1891 I confess I had never seen the work until last Mon. evening. At odd moments I have read the bk. this week. Carlton was one of the Utah Commissioners appointed by Pres. Arthur in 1882 & served in that capacity until 1889. He reviews his stay & travels here in the West. He has written his impressions of the Mormons & the Gentiles. He at times stood alone as a commissioner in defense of the Mormon people. He says that they were the most misunderstood & hated people of the ages and with all they were amidst the best people he had ever known.

Apr. 9, 1926 Logan, Ut

I surely have neglected my Journal. Since last writing I have been to Idaho on insurance work. I have had mild attack of the "flu" for the first time in these yrs. of epidemic as a result I have done very little work for 3 wks.

I delivered an address before the Relief Society & high priesthood

quorums including the priests in the 5th ward on some phases of the "Abrahamic Dispensation"--phases which are generally not discussed or known. There were present over 200 and many were the warm expressions of appreciation for what I said. Some said it was something they had not known before.

I went to Downey, Ida. and delivered a lecture on the "Psyc. of the Child" before the Parent & Teacher's organization of that High School district. There were about 300 present. After the lecture they had lunch & a dance & program. I was paid \$8.50 for expenses.

I attended the Annual Conference in Salt Lake Apr 4, 5, & 6. I went to S.L. & returned in Lewis Cardon's car.

Valko returned from his mission Apr 1 at 10 P.M. We were all made very happy at his return. He went to S.L. & attended conference. He drove Cardon's car to S.L.

The conference was very good tho no new truths were advanced. There was a vast crowd present on Sun. for the tabernacle was crowded to the limit standing room & all also the Assembly Hall & thousands stood on the ground & heard thru the radio. I learn 50,000 or more listened in all over the west thru their radios. This is a new inovasion of things. I do not record the salient things said at the Conference for they are all published in the Conference pamphlet.

While in S.L. I stayed two nights at Radino's & one with my brother G.F. at Kenyon Hotel.

I took Fern (my daughter) to supper and the theatre. She has her divorce from Sheridan.

While on the way home we stopped & saw Leon for a few minutes.

While in S.L. I met with a number of Uncle Wm's family--children & grand children--for about an hr. at Ella Kohlhepp's place on geneological work. We are to have the Hickman reunion next Oct. at Conference time. The reason we did not have it at this Conference my brother Leslie the corresponding sec. was a way from home & did not get my letter in time to send out word to all the Hickmans.

It has been decided to close the B.Y.College permanently. It is reported that eventually all the Church schools will be closed including the B.Y.Uni. Well, if this plan prevails then it must be the will of the Lord for I am a believer that God rules the affairs of this church in a way which is best for all. Yet my judgment is that our church schools have been the greatest uplifting forces in our church. It is proposed that Church seminaries be established where ever there is a state high school or college. By so doing many more of our young people can get the advantage of church education. I hope the plan is for the better yet my vision isn't far enough to see the outcome.

Apr. 16 1926 Logan, Ut.

I have not written any insurance for a week. I have been about half sick due to a slight attack of the "flu" some 4 weeks ago. Some

days I feel ok. & other days I am about half ill.

It is Martha's birth day. She is 56 yrs. old. She recd. flowers, hat, book, etc. as presents. We are marching down that road which leads to the grove and exaltaion. Life becomes more pathetic as one approaches the shadows of old age.

Marva had a debate in her school today (7th grade). She has been preparing 2 or 3 days for the same. Her side won. Her teacher said she had the best argument of all.

Thorval (A Senior H.S. student) in the athletic contests today won two first place & one 2nd. He is only 17 yrs. of age and yet most of those he contested with him were older.

I-wrote Arthur Dalley, now on a mission in Germany. He wrote me a fine letter & sent me several of his poems away last Oct. but I have neglected answering him.

Valko & Rebecca are preparing to move to themselves.

Apr. 18, 1926 Logan Ut

I lectured this morning to the Theological class of the 6th ward on the "Philosophy of Mormonism". A few visitors came from other wards & other classes to hear my talk.

I gave an address to night in the Nibly ward on the Evidences of the Bk. of M. Bro. Swensen came and got me & brought me back. Their basement of meeting house was full.

I attended the meeting in the tabernacle this afternoon. Valko reported his mission also an Elder Hailstone. They both did well, in their addresses. I am so happy over Valko's success on his mission.

May 1 1926. Tresaureton, Ida

I was in Mink Creek 6 days. I only wrote \$6000 insurance. I was booked to speak there Sun. evening on the Banishment of the Mormon people. The people was much impressed over my address. Some were thrilled thru & thru over the review of the tragedies of their (M's) banishment. Some wept thru deep sympathy I portrayed in vivid language the sufferings of our people.

One young fellow, about 16 yrs of age, who never before cared to hear any one "preach" as he called it said: "My, but I do like to hear that old man talk."

Well, as never before I had the mirror held up before my face. I, so to speak, saw my self as others saw me. It must be my face and thin hair and half baldness which tell the story of 63 years. It was surely not my spirit for I feel the mental alertness of youth. I am as hungry for truth as ever before. Mentally I feel a little as, Enoch felt when God called him to be prophet. He said "O Lord, do not choose me. I am only a youth (65)

I was asked to address the H. School students, for they have a 2 yr HS., so I did for 25 or 30 min.

Mon. night I attended Priesthood & relief society meeting. The Bp. asked me to discuss a theme which would appeal to all so I took some phases of the Abrahamic dispensation not generally know. It was a revelation to all there so they said.

I have been here since last Tues. evening. I have sold \$9500 insurance. I phoned home from Preston last Thurs. All were well.

I have been with Dr. Holder most of the day in getting 4 men examined. We had to go clear to Preston to get two of them. I am here staying with Geo. Williams & family. He went out with me one day & two evenings on insurance work.

May 3, 1926 Treasureton, Ida

I attended S.S. fast meeting & evening meeting. At S.S. I discussed the temptation of Christ with the parents. In the afternoon I spoke on the Sacrament--analyzing the pray showing that it was a prayer and covenant--I analyzed the mental attitude of the mind, mental reserves; why we partake of it, etc.

In the evening I spoke on External Evidences of the Bk. of M. showing the vast amount of evidences gathered by scientists which corroborate the story of the Bk. of M. I also reviewed the legends & history held by the Indian tribes which agree with story of the Bk. of M. I quoted from Bancroft, Bureau of Ethnology, Borturini, P.de Roo & others.

It is now Monday morning and I am ready to go to Downey, Arimo, and other Ida. towns.

May 9, 1926, Downey Ida.

I have been to Arimo, Lava, Kelley Ward, Central & back here. I have only sold \$5000.00 insurance & make a \$72.32 collection on an old account.

I spoke by special request at Virginia ward on Mother's day. I reviewed the origin of Mother's day in 1908; I trace the advancement of woman from the low plain of serf & brutal treatment to her present state where she jostles shoulder with man in the great fields of learning & social progress. I projected her progress in the future. I reviewed in brief that God chose the lamb as the symbol of Jesus Christ; a dove as a symbol of the Holy Ghost, but when he chose a symbol for his church immortal, he chose a woman. He plucked 12 stars from deeps to crown her brow; he place the moon under her feet then he robed her with the glory of the sun & draped her with the limpid irridescence of the corona of the sun. Behold the woman--a mother. I then reviewed the life of my mother and her love for her children. I observed that woman was the first to announce life mortal & the first to declair life immortal at the toomb. I concluded with a word picture of four imaginary paintings. Much appreciation was expressed by the audience.

At night I lectured here in Downey on the varied analysis of the human being from the chemist--physiologist, psychologist & God. I am asked to come back here next Sat. a judge an oratorical contest of the stake. While in Lava I administered to E.R. Gibbs' mother who is very ill.

May 20 1926 Logan, Ut.

I went to S. Lake and did some checking with the Co. As a result I came out about \$350.00 ahead. I wrote \$3000 insurance while there.

Since then I went to Downey Ida. and judged an oratorical contest of the Portneuf Stake. Three orations were excellent. I remained there 2 days and wrote \$4000 insurance.

I went to Marsh Centre Sun. & visited S.S. & meeting. I spoke in the afternoon. While there I visited Katie Parris (Vie Hickman's daughter) and Peter Hickman (Vie Hickman's son). He (Peter) is supt. of S.S. and gives promise of a fine man. He lost his wife 2 or 3 mos. ago. I have been home 1½ days & have done nothing in the way of insurance. Mrs Mary Card is apparently dying due to an auto accident. She is our neighbor. I am asked to go to Paris, Ida. to deliver the commencement address to the Co. 8th grade graduates June 1.

I pd. \$75.00 tithing to day. Bp Wm Worley has returned from his 7 mo's mission.

May 27 Logan Ut

I have been with E.R. Gibbs over in Portage, Boxelder Co. We sold (We sold) about \$16,000 insurance. We took most of the premiums in notes. We left Mon. & got back to day (Thurs.). I found all well at home. I met Leslie (my brother) at Malad, He is doing well in his insurance.

June 10 1926 Logan, Ut.

I went to Paris, Ida. and gave the commencement to 156 Eighth graduates of the Co. It took 2½ days. The Co. paid my expenses (\$14.65).

Last Sat. E.R. Gibbs & I went back to Portage and sold \$3000.00. I was called to speak at sister Lucinda Finlayson's funeral. She was the widow of George Finlayson who died from sevier scalding at the Logan sugar factory. She raised her 3 sons & one daughter (Erma), Juanita's special friend. Sister Finlayson was an excellent woman. I was honored in being asked to speak at her funeral. I attended her and George's wedding reception in Payson over 40 yrs. ago. For comments on funeral see Journal of clippings.

Othello & Helen came up & paid us a 2 day's visit. They came with Roe Redd & wife. They all stayed with us.

I am to go to Monticello in 12 days. I traded my Overland car for a Buick & gave \$500 "boot".

Lorea is home again for the summer. Leon & wife came to see us on Decoration day.

I gave an address in the 5th ward on the evidences of the Bk of M a wk ago last Sun.

I gave two addresses in Portage Ut. last Sun. In the after noon was on the psychology of love & hate. In the evening my talk was to the youth on the vision & possibility of youth. Have not sold much insurance of late.

Have been asked to give the 24th of July Oration.

June 13 1926 Logan, Ut.

Went to Trenton, Weston, & Preston yesterday to make collections but had poor success. I sold \$6000 this last week.

Eugene came yesterday. He took Martha, Juanita & Marva for a ride to Smithfield & there met me on my return trip. He left this morning for Ashton, Ida.

I sold or traded my Overland car for a Buick which was nearly new by giving \$500 boot.

I lectured to night in Logan 1st ward on the Internal Evidences of Bk. of M. The audience was much impressed with evidences.

I was called to administer to Sister Mary Card but forgot it until 11:30 P.M. I have just been over to apologize for my forgetfulness.

I go Ida. Tues.; I am to speak to the Stake Relief Societies Sat. Sunday I am to go to Preston & speak in the 4th ward

July 19, 1926 Logan

Before I went to San Juan Co. I delivered an address to the Relief Society convention of this stake on "Patriotism". Some of the good sisters slept peacefully while I talked. It is quite evident my talk was not revolutionary.

My address at Preston was postponed until July 25.

At last I got my pay from San Whitney.

I went, or started to San Juan Co; June 22 Lorea & Marva went with me. A Sister Clark went with us. It was her daughter who died at Monticello last Dec. Sister Clark went with us to visit her daughter's grave. We had an excellent trip. We went in 2 days. The 1st day we went to Provo. On our return we went to Price 1st day & on to S.L. next day. We stopped at Benjamin 3 or 4 hrs. & visited Eunice & family also Charles & family.

While in San Juan Co. Othello (my son) & I wrote \$45,500 insurance. We got money for over $\frac{1}{2}$ of premiums. We tentatively wrote \$20,000 more but applications were left with the owners so chances are they may fail to sign & take to Dr.

While in Monticello I made arrangements to finish paying the last of the Hickman Land & Live Stock Co's note at the Bank (\$156.00). This make over \$1,400 I have paid the Coop & Bank in last 2 yrs.

Othello & I went into Colorado. We visited Dolores, & McPhee & wrote about \$15,000 insurance.

I spoke in Monticello Sun. after noon. The next Sun. I taught the Parent's class and discussed the "Sex question & narcotics". Othello & I went to Blanding a wk. ago today (Sun.) and spoke in their evening meeting. The next day we went to Elk Mt--a distance of 30 miles. We

wrote a few thousand ins. Elk Mt. is the famous dome which some of the oil geologists claim is the greatest dome God ever made. Of course this is a bold, if not a wild statement, but the company that has the lease are spending close to \$200,000 on a road to the dome they are so sure of enormous oil-fields. We were there 2 days including going & coming and were treated fine by those in charge--Frost (contractor) & Misen (the engineer).

We (Othello, Lorea, & Marva) started back home last Thursday. Our trip seems to be most successful & valuable to me and Othello. It makes me quite weary to drive so far tho I have a mastery of the wheel.

Aug. 8, 1926 Logan, Ut.

Since last writing I have cleared up my correspondance which had piled up since I left here in June.

Othello & I have been writing insurance here & in Idaho (Franklin, Preston, Mink Creek, & Treasureton). We have written \$23,000

I delivered the Oration here July 24 It was a wonderful celebration with a great parade. Several towns aided in the celebration. My oration was published in the Logan Journal. See my Journal of Clipping.

I went to Preston, Ida. & delivered a sermon of the Word of Wisdom from a science view point Sun. July 25.

I gave the address here in my own ward Sun. night--The Pioneer

I gave an address to the Rotary Club Mon. July 26 on the "Mormon Battallion" & trials of the Early pioneers in this territory. See clipping. Last Sun. I discussed the "Fall" as God reveals it and the conflict with the Scientist's views, (before the Parents' Class) in our ward last Sun.

Aug. 16, 1926 Logan, Ut.

Mon. morning. A wk, has past and little done other than write about 40 letters--business & social. I made a few feeble attempts to sell insurance. Othello worked hard but sold only \$2000 insurance. He has bo't a new Essex Car.

Yesterday I finished my discussion before 1st ward Parents Class. I gave broad view of the "Fall" and results flowing from it. It created much comment & some diverse opinions. I wanted them to think & see the subject from a broader view point than they are want to think. It is a crime the little some people think. He who thinks least is generally the one who is most disturbed when any one advances a new thought (to him) tho that thought may be as true the multiplication table. Yet, as a rule, those who attend the parents classes are the amidst the most intellectual & spiritual thinkers.

Last night I went to the 8th ward by request & reviewed the terrible sacrifices made by our pioneers to redeem this desert.--the starvation period--prophecies--Johnston's army--the tragedy & courage displayed. The audience was deeply impressed & many were the words of appreciation given vent to after wards.

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Aug 22 1926 Logan, Ut.

This last wk I spent 3 days in Boxelder Co. principally at Portage. We wrote some insurance. We (Othello & I) went to Blue Creek. We have some good prospects. My renewals for July were \$108.26 I am grateful that I am getting a business worked up which will aid me in later yrs. when the day comes when no man works (especially when one gets old)

I went to the Eleventh ward Sun. School today & discussed the Holy Ghost with the Theological Class for they were much confused over the terms, Spirit of God; the Holy Spirit; the Spirit of Truth; the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, My Spirit, etc. Also who is the H. Ghost, what his mission, characteristics, etc. I tried to show all those terms referred to the H. Ghost.

Martha, Kyrmel, Valko & Marva went to Ogden to visit Leon and family for they have a baby girl born last Mon. (Aug. 16). The babe weighed 8½ lbs. Mother & baby doing well.

I forgot to record I had birth day Aug 3. I am now 64 yrs. of age. I recd. present from Juanita, Thorval, Leon, & Marva. Tho I am in good health most of the time, yet I find I am not as brisk or vigorous "as of your". There is a great quandery in my mind as to what the Lord has in store for me.

Sept. 12 1926. Logan, Ut.

Othello bought himself an Essex car and I went as far as S.L. with him on his way home. He and I wrote about \$30,000 up here.

I checked up with Co. in S.L. 3 or 4 days then I went to Benjamine with Leslie, my bro., for Eunice has her son, Weslie, & her daughter, Eunice down with typhoid. I stayed there the afternoon & evening with her & family; then I went & stayed all night with my brother, Chas. & family. Then he took me to Payson depot for I was headed for Fillmore where they were celebrating the diamond jubilee of Fillmore. It was a great home coming for hundreds returned. For three days, they celebrated day & night. As will be seen from my 1st journal, I spent there (the) 4 happy years of my life, probably the four epoch making years of my life. I met there many old friends and reviewed acquaintances & memories. I spoke at one of the three meetings which were held (one each day). I reviewed the humors, pathoses, & tragedies which we experienced while I lived there. My old friends seemed most happy to meet me again and I was made most happy in my 4 days stay there. I went back & forth thru the city trying to recall old land marks. The city has changed much in the last 34 yrs. tho the change was not as great as one might expect in that time, but Fillmore is in the way of bigger progress. She has fine public buildings--schools, court house, amusement halls, banks, stores & an excellent High School building. I stayed over Sun. and spoke in one of the churches. Bro. O.W. Andelin was the other speaker.

The first night there I stayed at the Day Hotel. Then by request I went and stayed with Lilly Powell Rogers and family. She was one of the students who attended the Academy the 4 yrs while I had charge of the School. I value my visit to Fillmore immencely.

Last Mon. I returned to S.L. on the auto-coach. There I stayed

there for 2 days checking with the Co. & seeing to other matters. While in S.L. on my way south I attended S. School in the Pioneer ward (where Radino lives) and addressed the Parent's Class on the "Fall".

While in Fillmore was envited to dinner by Rufus Day and supper by Lanny Robison's second wife & family. She & my wife, Ella were great friends.

Last Wednesday I went to Ogden with my brother (Geo.F.) & wife. I stayed there & visited persons who had dropped their insurance in our Co. I had the poorest success almost imaginable for I only resold \$1000.00 have prospects of rewriting 2 or 3 others. I brought back with me my son Leon & family last night. Valko took Leon & family back to Ogden this after noon.

While I was away my mail piled upon me nearly a ft high. It will take a day or two to answer it. On arriving home I found that Martha had been sick but was better.

Two wks. ago the Bishop (Worley) asked if I would go on a mission if I were called. I told him that if I was called I would go. He said that he knew I was heavily involved financially & did not wish to work a hardship on me.

I think I forgot to record that Kyrmel broke his ankle while working for Bro. Bernice Parkinson near Gray's Lakes, Ida. Bro Parkinson took him to Soda Springs & Dr Kacklie (not sure of spelling) set the brake, put it in cast & the next day sent him home. He can walk on his leg again but limps some. The accident occurred for part of Aug. (5th)

Logan, Ut. Sept. 19, 1926

I have been home writing & adjusting accounts, etc. I have done no writing but got some to reinstate their policies.

My brother-in-law, Thos. E. Daniels was severely injured last Fri. about 9:30 A.M. by being hit with the Interurban train. He was riding in an auto with Mr Lucks when the Interurban car struck the auto. His head was badly lacerated, his right arm was dislocated, broken, & badly cut & torn. He lived until last night (Sat.) until 9:30 He gained partial consciousness a few times Fri. but lapsed into unconsciousness and so died. Anna, my sister, feels deeply his loss. He died in the Utah-Idaho hospital. It was a most pathetic moment when my sister leaned over and kissed him saying: "Good night, Daddie." amidst a flood of tears. Only those present & close akin, can or could realize the pathos of the moment. My heart almost burst with grief tho I, manlike, suppressed my anguish save my tears. The funeral will be held Wed at 2 P.M. Thos. was an excellent electrician & builder of electric plants, in Provo, Wyoming, Idaho & Nev. He was upto his death the Electrician for the Lewiston Sugar factory owned by the Amalgamated Sugar Co. He was at one time an excellent photographer for a number of years. Tho he only had what might be termed a 6th grade education yet thru hard study, inventive genius, and work he became a real master of this profession. I had often said he had done more, advanced farther considering his meager education than any other man in Utah.

Leslie, my brother, is staying here with us to night. He has a bad cold and we are doctoring him up.

I discussed the Atonement before the Parents' class this morning.

Sept. 26, 1926, Logan, Ut.

Today I discussed before the Parents class (1st ward) the Atonement--the 1st great cause or up rising, the call for plans for guidance of the race; the two plans by two gods; the religio-political battle; centuries to fight it out & make the final choice--Lucifer's threat--as he left the heavens (Isaiah 14:12-14); the far reaching meaning--liberated from influence of Lucifer--chance for eternal progression; the terrible sacrifice (D. & C. 19:16-20). Lucifer's plan was not wholly new for others in other systems had asked it. We see other systems of worlds as large & even larger than our stellar universe pushed off in space so far away that it takes light, traveling 186330 mi. a sec. from one million to 100 million years to travel from there here. What Gods rule there--what Michaels Jehovahs, & Eloheims are there etc. These thoughts were enlarged upon this morning. The class were wonderfully impressed over my thoughts. A number of ques. were asked me concerning our position, & intelligence there, etc.

We held funeral services over the remains of Thos.E. Daniels (my sisters husband). It was a beautiful funeral. Many had given loads of flowers. They formed a great embankment on the casket and on either side. It was a wonderful display of floral tribute. Pres. J.E. Cardon, Sam Christensen, E.R. Owen, & myself were the speakers. Bro. Owen said that Bro. Daniel's life was characterized by strict honesty, charity, and cheerfulness. In my talk, I largely reviewed his life's work. Unfortunately he did little or nothing in the church. The last 25 or 30 years of his life he smoked and that habit turned him from his religious duties. It never fails in any case I know of to turn one from his religious duties. It just seems impossible for God's spirit to awaken one to a spiritual life when he is a constant user of tobacco. I have challenged all Israel, several times, to give me the name of any man in the church who uses tobacco and at the same time is religiously active in the work. So-far no one has accepted my challenge. I sometimes think that tobacco is a more deadly blight to the spiritual life than moderate drinking. Tobacco the curse of the race--physical, mental, moral, religious. Some time its use will be legistated against as completely as have legistated against intoxicating liquors.

Prof Reinhard Maeser dropped dead in his class room a wk ago last Fri. He had recently come from a six month's mission in Chicago. He has been a good teacher from his early manhood and model citizen.

To night I was called upon to speak in our ward. I spoke upon the interpreted values of a human being from the stand point of the chemist, physiologist, the psychologist, and from God's view-point. It was new line of thought which blended the physical, mental & spiritual in the scheme of life & its values. My thoughts were tinged with an occasional touch of humor, but largely freighted with deep thought & pathos. Many were the expressions of gratitude and appreciation. Bro. J.P. Smith said: "I can now see how man can become God for he can progress forever."

I virtually have done nothing in insurance the last week. I wrote two thousand & made two small collections.

Oct. 7, 1926 Logan Ut

I went to Idaho last week & spent most of my time trying to collect old notes. I succeeded in getting over \$241.00 with tentative arrangements for more to be paid during the next few months.

While away I sold \$3000 insurance. I left here Sat. & went to S.L. to conference. I attended three sessions on Sun. but I failed to go the other days due to urgent business.

I went to Lehi Tues. morning & visited Felton & his wife. Felton was operated on for appendicitis. He was at the Lehi hospital. He will have to be there about 2½ wks.

He was married a few weeks ago to Miss Stewart of Nevada. She seems to be a very nice girl.

We had the Hickman reunion last Mon. night. It was held at Leslie's home. (my brother). Twenty seven were present counting Leslie's children.

The life of Uncle William's was read. It was written several years ago by Warren Hickman--Uncle Wm's son. After the business of the meeting was over we were served with refreshments--ice cream, cake, & candy.

I have been called on a special short term mission. The letter from Pres. Grant says I am to go to the California Mission. I am to leave Salt Lake Nov. 3. This is the first time I have ever been called to go on a mission. Yet I might say I have been on a mission since I was 22 yrs. of age for I have been constantly teaching & preaching these 42 yrs. I have never been off to College except I have converted some one. I have converted & baptized several here at home while I was teaching.

I am struggling to raise enough money to pay my debts of \$1000.00 before my time comes to go.

I am happy at the thoughts of going. I pray to be filled with the power of God while I am away so that men feeling the influence will be led to glorify my Father in heaven. I would be willing to go without purse or Script if I were permitted for Jesus Christ says he sent or commanded his servants in this day to go out with out purse & scrip that the world might be judged or tested.

It will take great faith to do this but I am willing to make the test.

Othello's wife, Helen, has another baby boy. This now makes 38 grand children I have.

Eugene is monimated to run for state congreeeman from Wayne Co.

Othello is nominated to run for Co. recorder in San Juan Co.

Oct. 10. 1926, Logan.

I have done a very little in insurance the last wk. tho I have been quite busy in my work.

The time is drawing near when I am to leave for my mission and I have only been able to pay off \$200.00 of the \$1000.00 I owed. I pray I can raise the rest by some means before I am called to go.

This fore noon I discussed "Modern revelations" before the parents class in our ward.

This evening I went by appointment to Benson ward & spoke on Genealogical work. The Lord blessed me like wise the audience. This is the second time I ever spoke in that ward. For some reason I have never had any desire to do so. See clipping of paper for report of meeting.

Before going there my mind was full of unrest tho that feeling left me when I began to speak, but that feeling of worry, unrest, an almost a foreboding had again returned. I can't tell why it is on me. I have prayed to be relieved of it but it remains with me. Our minds tend to make or break us--lift us up or drag us down. The Kingdom of the mind has all the problems of the outer world. The mind has its storms, its gloomy days, its fogs, its famines & hours of fertile productions. It has its discords, its revolutions, battles, waves of sin and threatened defeats. We can or should control our thoughts but our emotions more or less control us. God has promised (if) that if we will Keep his commandments we will be filled with that peace which surpass all understanding.

I have taken out three accidental policies. I do this so if accidents come to me the family will not (not) be left in want.

It is Valko's birth-day. He is 23 yrs. old to-day. He and Rebecca & baby were to our home for dinner today. He is a fine, clean, noble young man.

Oct. 17, 1926 Logan, Ut.

I went to S.L. for two days. I did a little checking with the Co. I went primarily to see if An oil Co. would take over our lease & give me & co. a royalty, but did not succeed, but I got a telegram from Othello that an other co. would take our lease, but didn't get it until after I got home. I have done a little collecting & sold \$4000 insurance.

I witnessed the breaking of ground for the U.A.C. stadium. There were present 1500 to 2000 people. A number of brief speeches made by a number of business & educators, also Gov. Derns.

To day (Sun) I taught again the Parents Class of our ward on "Modern Revelation." In as much as referred to our primeval existance I took the liberty to read what I had written in Journal K of my life concerning our past life in the primeval world. In as much as we have so little written on that life I felt I would read my views on it. I began by saying I had gotten permission of a gentleman to read his views

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on the exalted past, but could not give his name. When I was thru a lady asked I tell them his name. I said that I was told not to. Then another lady asked if I had confidence in him (the writer). I said, "I did some times." The conception seemed to be much appreciated.

Nov. 9, 1926 San Francisco, California

I am here! I arrived Thurs. afternoon. Bro. Amos Merrill from Malad, Ida. came with me as my companion.

I met Pres. Haymore for a few minutes. As all the elders were going to Sacramento for 2 or 3 days, he said I could go & visit my son George & family. So I went that afternoon and remained with him until this morning. While there I attended a dancing party of the Saints. I attended Sun. Sch. & spoke to parents class & also to the general assembly.

Sun. evening I attended meeting at Oakland. Dr. Adam S. Ben-nion was the speaker. The house was crowded to the doors. He gave a very instructive & interesting address. I dismissed the meeting. I addressed the priesthood meeting last night (Mon.) at Oakland for an hr.

I am to be J. Knight Allen's companion while here. He is a fine looking fellow.

Nov. 12, 1926 San Francisco, Calif.

I have been out tracting twice by my self. I sold one Bk. of M. & gave away several tracts. I have founded 3 or 4 interested listeners.

Went out and administered to one lady. She was a daughter of J.E. Shepherd formerly of Logan.

Elder Allen & I visited two members of our church in hospital.

Have recd. a letter from home.

I find I am lame in quoting ch. & verse in the Scriptures.

Nov. 20, 1926. San Francisco, Calif.

I have spent the wk. in tracting, holding street meetings, & visiting sick at hospitals. The spirit of the Lord was on us speakers Wed night & it seemed to grip the hearers. While I was speaking a lady asked one of our missionary girls if I was Pres. Penroes of Mormon ch. as she had heard he was a great speaker.

We held priesthood 5 hrs. yesterday & then went out to the mission branch & were banqueted by that branch. Then we had an evening entertainment & got home at 12:30 A.M. To-day we have held 3 meetings. The missionary boys spoke splendidly. I spoke a shot time yesterday. Last night at the banquet to the toast: "What does our mission mean to us." I gave our view of it and closed with Dr Fred N. Scott's expression of the greatness of our missionary system. I opened conference to day with prayer.

Nov. 21, 1926, San Francisco.

We held three sessions Sun. also The house was crowded to the doors. The missionaries and branch president did most of the speaking. Pres. McMurrin spoke once.

Pres. Chipman of the San Jose conference spoke yesterday afternoon. Some of the addresses were very good.

I was the last regular speaker. The spirit of God was upon the audience.

We had 3 hrs. meeting with the missionaries of the conference today (Mon.) I was asked to explain several points of doctrine--"Saved by grace," etc. "Mountain Meadow Massacre," "When the work of gathering Jews, & other scattered House of Israel would be." Leading back of Lost Tribes, etc. I also explained some points concerning writing a speech delivering it, etc.

My 1 hr's discussion seemed to be much appreciated.

Elder Allen and I went to Shur undertaking parlors to night where Mrs. Micksel lay dead. She was from Park City, Ut. She died here after a brief stay here. There was a brief exercise held there to night by the Lady Woods Craft Society. I opened with prayer after a solo. Elder Allen closed with prayer. We are to hold Mormon funeral services there tomorrow at 11 A.M.

I have been chosen to be the presiding elder at Oakland & Berkeley & surrounding country.

Nov. 25, 1926 Oakland, Calif.

It is Thanksgiving day and I am here at Georg's & Luella's. Aside from my self, Mr. & Mrs. Francis & Cleon (Taggart) Wilcox; also Norman Fieldsted & wife are present. It is raining, the children are playing, & the turkey is baking while our appetites are rising like thermometers.

The last three or four days have been one of checking up and moving.

Day before yesterday I gave the funeral address of Mrs. Bertha Micksel's at the undertaker's departments. There were only 3 or 4 L.D.S. there. The rest were Catholics & protistants. The Lord was with me & the people were deeply interested & one lady was heard to say that it was a wonderful address.

Dinner is over. It was a good dinner of turkey, dressing, potatoes & gravy, celery, cranberry jelly, olives, salad, mince pie, etc.

Geo., Luella, children & I went to Richmond last evening to see Reginald. We met him for a short time. He came over here this evening. I was most happy to see him again.

The pays are all paying cards, the women are at the show. I helped Elder Smith clean up the backyard of the chapel yesterday. We held our hour of scirptural reading & discussion yesterday from 8 to 9 A.M.

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I have written to Martha, Valko, & Othello. I wrote to Lorea & Felton the other day.

Dec. 5, 1926 Oakland, Calif.

I have been kept busy since last writing. We hold a theological meeting each morning from 8 to 9 A.M. We are studying the New Testament. Then we tract homes of strangers till noon. In the afternoons we visit investigators and the sick. Mon. evening we hold street meeting from 7 to 8 P.M. At present on 10th & Broadway. Tues. evenings we attend M.I.A. I have been chosen to teach the advance senior class; subject is "Rational Theology" Wed. nights we hold cottage meetings. Thurs. nights we have our evenings to our selves. Fri. & Sat. nights we hold street meetings. Sat we are supposed to do our washings, house cleaning, etc. I have promised to give a lecture each Sat. from 4 to 5:15 P.M. to the missionaries thru out this bay district. I gave the first last Sat. I am asked to be the teacher of the Teacher's Training class but I fear I haven't the time for so many calls are made of me from all these surrounding branches.

I lectured in Berkeley to night on the life of Our Saviour from birth to death. Considerable of my lecture was on the assumed psychological Christ child. My lecture produced a very profound impression upon the audience. Some were heard to say it was the greatest lecture they had ever heard on the Christ. Some said they could have listened all night. Some said they were thrilled from head to foot and that my words were more intrancing than music. I too was thrilled with the spirit of God while I spoke for which I am most grateful. One lady said she beheld a glow in my face. From a merest child of 6 or 7 I have thrilled with wordless emotions when I heard his life described or when I ever read of him. I felt to night as I spoke I had entered the sacredness of his life. The audience were wrought upon by the same divine feeling. I feel to say, "O God, make me worthy of thy divine life. Awaken the divinity within me until I shall (never) grovel in the dust no more. May the divinity shine out thru my mortal being that men feeling my life will glorify they life, O God."

I recd. letters from Martha, Lorea, & Othello. O Father, bless my family. May my mission here spiritualize the life of my entire family. Elder Smith is my companion. He is a fine intelligent young man and has the spirit of his mission. He is from Logan.

Our street meetings are well attended and most earnest attention is given to our speaking. Our speaking is producing a profound impression upon many who hear us.

I have written to 8 of Utah's most prominent citizens for letters of recommendations so I can present them to ministers, presidents of Clubs, literary societies, etc. for I desire to speak before those churches & organizations.

We fasted Fri. for the missionaries (Pres. Stephen L. Chipman & wife, Miss Davis & Miss Elsmore, & Elder Carter) who were so severely injured by being struck by an auto driven by a drunken driver. We also fasted for Sister Tidwell who is very low with cancer of the stomach, etc.

I baptized five children last evening. They were Erma Ruth McDonald, Pauline Vilate Howell, Verl R. Knight, Glenn Alan Felsch & Arthur Lewis Felsch. I aided in confirming them and also young Spencer who was baptized by his father. I was mouth in confirming Erma R. McDonald. I attended S.S. this morning.

Dec. 12, 1926, Oakland 3757 Webster St.

We live in the rear up stair rooms aspecially made for the Elders. They are very neat & clean. They include kitchen, cupboard, gas range dishes of all kinds, closets, hall way, setting room, bed room & fine bath & toilet.

Its Sun. afternoon. I attended S.S. & taught the advanced Theological class. I gave a resume' Daniel's life & labors and associative history. A splendid spirit prevailed and the class was most earnestly inquiring in attention & attitude.

I aided with the sacrament.

We have two Negroes (man & wife) belonging to the Oakland branch. We have no more earnest & faithful members than they.

This last wk. I only tracted four days. I met a Mor boy from Logan who is in the Navy. His wife is a non-Mormon but they agree to attend the church. He had been here for yrs. but had not identified him self with.

I met a French lady while tracting and & she wanted to know who I was and I told her I was a prophet of God sent to teach her the principles of life and salvation. I spent 1½ hrs. with her. She said she believed me & my teachings.

I had some very pleasant conversations with people whose homes I tracted. I placed one Bk. of M. last wk. & two the wk. before.

Dec. 25, 1926, 1926, Berkeley, Calif. -- At Geo's place.

I have been so busy tracting, speaking on the street (Broadway & 10th St. three nights a wk), visiting investigators, filling appointments here in Oakland, Elmherst, San Francisco, visiting sick I have neglected my journal.

I have begun to make requests of churches & the Pacific School of Religion (to allow me) to give me a chance to speak in their churches. I have the promise to speak in the Pacific School of Religion & M.E. Church at Vallejo. I spoke before the Young Woman's Hebrew Ass. Rabbi Newman in San Francisco introduced me. I asked for the permission to speak in his synagogue and he granted me permission to speak as above. The body of women were most attentative thru out my talk like wise the Rabbi. When I was thru he was most complimentary in his remarks of appreciation. At his request I spoke on "The Origin & Purposes of Mormonism." The meeting was most intensively silent. Elder Merrill, one of the missionaries, said he never felt such a feeling of sacredness in a meeting before. I likewise felt the intense spiritual unity. The Rabbi & a number of the women came up at the close of the meeting and were very complimentary in their expressions of appreciation.

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After the meeting I asked him if he would come and speak in our church at San Francisco or Oakland. He said he would after the holidays.

I spoke in Elmhurst last Sun night.

I went to the Branch Mission last Wed. in San Francisco & addressed the Relief Society on the "Moran." Who is he? His place in society, causes, cure, etc. I am asked if I will give them a lecture along the psychological & sociological lines, each month at the Mission Branch.

I am chosen to act as class leader in the monthly priesthood meeting of the Calif. mission.

I have also promised to work out an outline for twelve meetings, etc.

I have promised to discuss the Internal & External Evidences of the Bk. of M before the parents & theological classes in the Berkeley branch each Sun. while I am here.

I went to Berkeley Branch Sun. and delivered the Xmas address to the Sun. Sch. by request. I spoke on the temptations of Jesus and showed that of the myriad temptations they can all be placed in three classes --(1) the fleshy or bodily temptations; (2) the temptations of pride, & (3) the temptations of power, dominion, opulence, glory. I developed the thought that it (Jesus') was the greatest temptation ever launched.

Sun. evening I went to Richmond and spoke in that branch on the Christ. My address was gratefully recd. One brother came up to me at the close of the meeting and said: "Your son Valko once said to me: "I have one of the greatest fathers living." He said, "I know now what he (Valko) meant." He (man) said, "I was never more impressed by any speech I ever heard."

I went to Reginald's boarding place and he went to meeting with me. I was most happy to meet him. I love him most dearly. He handed me an envelope addressed to me saying, "Here is a Christmas card for you" When I got back to my quarters here I opened it and there was the Xmas card and \$10.00 in green backs. I was most surprised and grateful to him.

Bp Wm Worley sent me a check for \$20.00 as a gift from the ward. Othello sent me \$5.00 so I have been greatly blessed thru gifts. I recd gifts from Lorea, Juanita, Thorval, Kyrmel, Marva, Leon, Radino & my wife, Martha. They were, ties, handkerchiefs, shirt, boxes of candy, etc.

This week I have been studying here & in the library of Calif. University. I am preparing for my address in the M.E. Church in Vallejo Wed night Jan 5.

The good people of Oakland, Berkeley, & surrounding branches furnished a banquet for all the missionaries in the San Francisco conference Dec. 24. Our lady missionaries helped cook the supper, but the sisters of the relief societies cooked pies, cake, turkies, etc.

During the day the elders went out into the Mosswood park and played ball for 2 hrs. It was great sport. I was pitcher for my side-- "Has waser," did you say? Well, the fewer the comments probably the greater the conjectures. Humor is often in reverse ratio, to the skill displayed.

Four of the missionaries (--Merrill, Robertson Billingslie & Powell) have been staying here with us for several days.

We are holding our study class from one hr to over two hours a day during holidays. Most of the missionaries of this conference went to San Francisco last Mon. to pay honor to Sister Day who is being transferred to Santiago to continue her missionary labors.

I recd as a gift \$5.00 from Othello also \$5.00 from Vivian & Dee. Genevieve sent me a nice hankerchief Leon sent me a broad cloth shirt as a present.

Jan. 22, 1927 Oakland, Calif. (3757 Webster St)

I live here at the church with Elder Luther Smith from Logan. We have the most comfortable quarters of any elders in this mission. I have been so busy I have neglected in keeping up with my Journal. During the holidays I read; visited, lecture, wrote letter, etc. We had one day in priesthood meeting in San Francisco.

Jan. 5 I went to Vallejo with 2 or 3 car loads of saints & singers and delivered an address in the ME. Church on "the fundaments of Mormonism and the results of living its doctrines.

On the Morning of the 5th of Jan. The Rev. Lewis told me over the phone the "Men's Club" of that church had chosen me to give a 30 min. address at their banquet at 6:30 that evening. I said what can I talk on in so short a notice? He replied that I could talk on any thing under heaven I chose to. He said, "Talk on the stars if you wish." I said, "Then make it the Stars." I said for him to so announce it.

Some two wks. before I had asked if he desired that I bring some singers with me. He was delighted at the thought and asked that I bring them to the Men's banquet and sing a few numbers during the supper. We were to be his guests at the banquet. So I took Sisters Sconberg & Willie, brothers Severine & Tuttle. Bro. Knight & wife went with us to the banquet as he took most of the singers there in his auto. Sister Sconberg & brother Severine sang two solos each. They did fine in their singing. They pleased the audience very much. I spoke 25 or 30 min. on the system of Astronomy set forth in the "Bk of Abraham", showing that the world was totally ignorant of the vast body of truth given in Book of Abraham, but since then they have all been proved to true i.e. that all stars revolved about their centers, that groups of stars revolved about greater centers, that all revolved about the p¹ on which he (God) lived, that some stars were mighty in size, etc. rehearsal of these facts produced a profound silence & attention

Most of the men at the banquet went to the Church and attended the 7:45 P.M. meeting where I was to address the Methodist congregation. There we furnished two quartets--"O My Father" and "Come, come ye Saints." (Before each was sung I arose and explained to the audience the conditions which brought them in to existence), and two solos & one duet. The singers did them selves proud. They truly captivated the audience and received many compliments. The Rev. Mr. Lewis was generous in his praise of their singing and said that he could now begin to understand why our songs had had such a hold upon our people. In his opening prayer he prayed most earnestly that God would open the understanding of the people there so they would be able to comprehend the truths uttered and appreciate what was said. If they could not understand that God would make the audience charitable and fill this souls with love.

I then lectured, or spoke, for an hour to a large audience about a fifth of them were L.D. Saints who had come in from the surrounding regions. Some came 45 or 50 miles to hear my address. I reviewed the origin of our church, doctrines, growth, banishment of the people, etc. setting forth what we had accomplished thru our doctrines in spite of our banishment, neglect, & the desert, in religion, education, morality, economically, & socially. It is seldom I have ever seen an audience more profoundly gripped than they were at my narration & discussion. Elder J. Knight Allen said that he never had seen an audience so wielded by thought & emotions. "Some times," he said, they were gripped into a death silence and again they were thrilled into deep emotions which seemed to stir them to action.

Before I left the church that night I was requested to give (make) two more addresses before men's organizations in that city. It goes without saying that the Lord heard my prayers.

All that day & night there was a steady down pour of rain & the night was very disagreeable or the house would have been packed to the doors; as it was the house was 3/4 full.

I went to San Jose and Palo Alto and gave two addresses thru the request of Pres. Stephen L. Chipman. I met a number of my old friends and one of my cousins (Miss Tanner) now married. I met two Hickman girls who had joined the church. They were raised in Michigan.

I was much blessed in my speaking and am so grateful. Sisters Scougberg & Heder also brother Heder went with me and sang several solos & duets. They did fine. I made a number of warm friends. Sisters Huber & Davis went with us. Bro. & Sister Auburn took part of us down. We got back about 11:30 that night.

I took Mrs Sconberg & husband; Mrs. Heder & husband with us to Palo Alto & San Jose. Sister Sconberg & Bro. Heder sang solos & duets. They have wonderful voices.

This last wk. I have been tracting & visiting investigators, attending meetings held by Apostle Smith & Pres. McMurrin. They have been holding meetings thru out this conference.

We didn't hold any street meeting last wk. except Mon. eve.

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We had monthly priesthood meeting all day Sat. at which all the missionaries made reports of their work.

Yesterday Elder Luther Smith & I went south (yesterday with Bros. A. McDonald & Jno Larsen to Santa Cruse & Watsonville & adjoining cities & towns. We passed thru Alameda, Santa Clara & into Santa Cruz & into Monta Ray Cos. We saw some very beautiful country. We saw some of the large Redwood trees. On our way back we stopped off at San Jose & attended meeting at which Apostle Geo. A. Smith & McMurrin spoke. Then we came on to Oakland & arrived 11:30 P.M.

I recd. a nice letter from Martha & Marva. Marva has had her tonsils removed.

Myself, Elder Hanson Sisters Huber & Davis took dinner at Bro. & Sister Sconbergs last Sun.

I discussed the Three & the Eight witnesses before about 100 people at Berkeley last Sun.

Feb. 7, 1927 (Mon) Oakland, Calif.

I have been very busy the last two wks. I spoke at 8 meetings this last wk.--cottage, street, M.I.A., priesthood, Sun. Sch. Sacrament meeting. I tract in north Oakland nearly every day. I am quite enjoying this work. I have some very interesting experiences. Elder Powell & my self go visiting investigators nearly every after noon.

We have held collage meeting at Bro. & sister Rogers' place a wk. ago. They gave supper to the four missionaries who went. Three of us spoke. I talked on prayer. We also held cottage meetings at Bros. Parry & Bagley's homes. An excellent spirit prevailed in our cottage meetings.

At the street meeting (Broadway & 10th St) last Fri. night I talked. I have been giving the young missionaries most of the time to speak on the street because I have so much other opportunities which they do not. Before I was thru speaking there were nearly two hundred people packed around us.

Sat. night I baptized in our church faunt Hartey Vincent Parker, Fern Bowen, & Helen Bowen. There were five baptized but the fathers of two baptized them. We confirmed the five. I was mouth in confirming Beth Violet Sanders. These were children of L.D.S.

Yesterday morning at the Berkeley S.S. I had an even 100 persons in my class. It now forms more than half of the S.S. When I began 4 wks. ago I had nearly 50. It is gradually growing. The class includes theological & parents classes. I have a very cousmopolitan class including wideawake parents High Sch. students, under graduate college students, post graduate students, professors & teachers & 2 or 3 PhD. men. Some of my class are students of the higher critics. So it makes a most dynamic thinking class and I meet up with some very profound questions. Some of my class are more prone to believe the higher critics, & conclusion of science than the scriptures. I am discussing

the External & internal evidences of the Bk. of M. I am bringing to them what it took me 35 years together from every line of evidence--Bancroft, Dr Bingham of Yale, Haynes, Baldwin, Priest, Dr LePlungeon, Prescott, Cartez, Montesinose, Cyrus Thomas, Dr Starr of Chicago Uni., Lord Kingsborough, P. de Roo, Bureau of Etmology, Calvin Colton of London, Justin Windor, Smithsonian Annual Inst. Dr. Buchanan's Star of the East, Boturini, etc also from magazine articles.

I went to San Francisco last Wed. and give a funeral address over the body of a Miss Williams (maiden name). She was about 70 yrs. old. She is a sister of the two Sister Palmers of Logan. They were here at the funeral & had Pres. Haymore send for me to speak at the funeral.

We had monthly priesthood meeting last Mon. There were about 200 present.

We held cottage meeting at Sister Westman's to night in Berkeley. There were 30 or more present and the spirit of the Lord was with us. Those present were wonderfully impressed over what was said & sung. I am very grateful for the out pouring of the Lord's spirit. We had a nice supper before meeting at Sister Westman's.

While there we administered to Sisters . . . & Rogers. A young lady was there also who was very sick last night & Elder Powell & I administered to her. To night she seemed well again.

Have rec'd letters from Martha, Othello, Marva & Vivian.

Feb. 16, 1927 Oakland, Calif.

Tracted Thurs & Fri. and visited investigators Sat. we cleaned house. Bessie Tanner Felt came to see me last Sat. She gave considerable history of family troubles concerning her sons Calvin & Thos.

Fri. night Elder Powell & I went to Calvin Craighun's place & administered to him. His wife fixed us a nice supper. Sat. evening I went to Bro. Brawley's place and took supper. I rushed off to St. meeting but got there too late due to distance & car service.

Sun. I taught my S.S. class of about a 100. Some college professors tried to switch me from my subject & asked why I did not discuss all the theories concerning the origin of man in America. I told them I was not concerned in the many theories for they were being changed & modified all the time. I was only concerned in the theories & evidences which harmonized with the Bk. of M. and that I refused to change the "spot light" of interest to things which would not interest any one in particular. Profs. Thompson & Snell were the ones who crowded the above idea, "We know" I said, "that the Bk. of M. is true therefore any evidence which bears out the Bk's claim must be true. Most of the class were ready to "jayhawk" them for their (T. & S's) stand and taking so much time.

Elder Powell and I were asked to go to Elmerhurst and speak. We did & we poured out our souls in our speaking. There were present in the meeting 2 or 3 investigators. Bro. Banard & wife brought us home.

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This week due to the rain we didn't hold street meeting Mon night nor did we go out tracting Mon. or Tues. but we stayed home wrote & read. This after noon I went out to revisit some whom I agreed to return to see. I was not successful except with one man.

We went to Bro. & Sister Price's & held cottage meeting to night. The house was full. There were only two non-Mormons present.

Yesterday Bessie Tanner Felt & her sister Grace Anderson came to see me (yesterday). We are asked to read the Bk. of M. thru by the 26 of this month. I am nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ thru. This will make from 6 to 10 times I have & taught & read it thru.

I am interpreting the Bk. of Isaiah to 3 or 4 missionaries. It will take about 2 months to do so where we put in an hr. aday.

I got letters from Marva, Othello Vivian & my wife, Martha.

We went out to Sister Day's for supper last night. She is a kind & generous sister. She has a nice family.

We held or rather attended priesthood meeting Mon. eve. & I taught the advance Senior class Tues. night. We are threshing out Widtsoe's "Natural Theology." I started with 5 or 6 & the class has grown to over 30 in the class.

Feb. 20, 1927 Oakland, Calif.

I tracted 3 days last wk. because it rained so we could not go out any more. We only held two street meetings last week due to rain. We held one cottage meeting and that at Bro. & Sister Price's home. None of the speakers had good freedom in speaking due to an unseen influence. It was strongly felt by all. I was the last speaker and could not entirely over come the opposing influence. It was probably due to one stranger who was most set against us.

I held my Bk. of M. class from 4 to 5:30 Sat. There are still new faces who come to that class aside from the missionaries.

I held my class on Bk. of M. evidences last Sun in Berkeley. Tho it was storming there were about 90 present. We had smooth sailing. After meeting I went with Bro. & Sister Calvin to dinner. Bessie & Grace Tanner were there. That was their maiden names. They are now respectfully Mrs. Felt & Anderson.

I went to San Francisco last Sun. evening and spoke to a most attentive audience at 1649 Hayes Street. A splendid spirit prevailed. The Word of Wisdom was my theme. I got back that night at 11 P.M.

To day, Mon., I did not tract because the rain. I stayed in, taught the 3 missionaries sisters Huber & Davis and Elder Powell in interpreting of Isaiah. They seem most appreciative for what I am doing for them. The girls are about sick for they learn they are to be transferred to an other field. They long to remain here until I can finish reading & explaining Isaiah & the P. of Great Price.

I spoke on the street to night and a crowd of over 150 persons gathered to hear. The Lord was with me in great power and I prophesied of great the chastizments awaiting this nation unless they repent.

I reviewed the doctrines Jesus taught and that Jos. Smith was called & ordained to open this last dispensation. I reviewed his prophecies & their fullfullment. I said to that spell bound audience that they knew what I was saying was not of man that I was not preaching for hire or divining for money, but I was there to prophecy & warn them that unless repentance and baptism were obeyed great calamities awaited this nation. I referred to Isaiah 13 ch; III Nephi 16 ch. & to prophecies of Jos. Smith.

Feb. 27, 1927 (Sun.) Oakland, Calif.

I spent a very busy wk. in tracting, visiting investigators, Saints, holding cottage meetings. We held a cottage meeting at Sister Clara M. Gleason's home. We had between 25 & 30 present. A very excellent spirit prevailed. We had a few investigators present. I read the Bk. of M. thru the last 3 wks. All the elders were asked to read it thru in 30 days. We reported yesterday at the priesthood meeting whether we had or no. All had read it with the exception of 2 & they only lacked a few chapters. I read it because of the request, but I might have read other things I knew less about for this makes about the 12th or 15th time I have read since I was 16 yrs. of age, but I wished to be most obedient to those over me so with my other work I read it word for word.

We had an excellent priesthood meeting in San Francisco Sat. from 10 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. All the elders & sisters spoke and reported their work and bore beautiful testimonies. Some of them were phenomenol. Surely God is with these messengers in mighty power. This is but an ensample of all his messengers that are scattered thru out the earth. No one can fully realize what God is doing & trying to accomplish until he coummingles with these elders in such gatherings. The angels who had been our forewards and our rear wards came and rested with us & rejoiced over the testimonies borne & power displayed.

I spoke for over half an hour, reviewing by request a testimony related in my theological class while I was teaching in the B.Y.U. It was related by Elder Bartlett formerly from Vernal, Uinta Co. It was his experience in converting his missionary companion to trust God & go with out purse or scrip and how God came to their rescue and provided for their want. Bro B's partner cried as a child for joy to find out he did not know God nor his ways.

I also reviewed the evidences in defense of the Bk. of Ether thru the discovery of animal & plant life found here & in Eastern Asia.

After meeting we all went out to supper in honor of Sister Hawkins who is leaving this conference and going to the Los Angeles conference. We came back that night.

Sun. I discussed in my S.S. class of about 100 the Evidences of the Bk. of M. My philosophers seemed better satisfied with my discussion.

I went to Bro. Dewsnap's place (El Cerrito) for dinner and had a nice visit & a fine dinner. He and his wife took me out for a ride and showed me Richmond & environment. We went & visited a brother Blair & wife. She it was who was so near death's door in hospital in San Francisco 2 mos. before. She had infantile paralysis & abscess of brain & Drs. said she could not live but she is virtually well & rational.

I got a quartet to go to Richmond and sing for me. They were Sisters Johnson and Curtis; Bros. Barnes & Severine. They sang well. Sister Curtis sang a solo also Sister Huber.

I spoke on the lack of the H. Ghost in the world for he causes men to see eye to eye but for the want of it men had builded up hundred of creeds. I then reviewed some prophecies of the Old & New Test. which had been fulfilled during last war--(Isaiah & Daniel & Rev.) I pointed out the theories of men & their blinded conception concerning the prophets. So I said that Mormonism had come into the world to reveal God and interpret the scriptures and explain the prophets unto men. I then drew their attention to prophecies which were about to be fulfilled and whose fulfillments were about to burst upon the earth.

The Spirit of God was upon me in great abundance and also upon the audience. Various persons came and said that they could have listened all night & not grown weary; others said they never had been so thrilled in all their life--never had been (the) made so plain before --one said, "never in my life did I hear such a word picture."--"that is what I have been wanting to hear," said an other--others said that it was the greatest sermon they ever heard. I interpreted it that God had endowed them with the same Spirit which I possessed for I had prayed earnestly that He would fill their souls with his spirit and that they would go away to glorify his name and enquire after Him & his work. There were several non-Mormon (14) in the audience.

How grateful I feel that the Lord will at times endow me with such a great outpouring of his spirit. I often fear lest I shall do something that He may withdraw his spirit from me. It is a most sacred gift and I have prayed for it these many years.

I rec'd letters from home. Lorea writes me that she is to be married on her birth day (Apr. 9). She feels that she has found her soulmate. My heart would be heavy, indeed, if her young man was not worthy of her or would cause her sorrow. My heart goes out for her. She has been a tender flower to me, and my heart goes out in yearning for her. Father, may her endowment be great and her offspring be mighty in the earth to the end of time; and her descendents look back to her as a Ruth--tender and noble--whose life and ideals may not be dimmed with the centuries.

Mar 2, 1927 (Wed) Oakland, Calif.

Mon. evening I went to Sister Hughes' home in Oakland to supper. She had her 3 daughters & son there. She had invited Dr. L.A. Peterson & wife for supper also. After supper she invited a learned friend of hers (a business lawyer) to her home desiring I talk with him. His name is V.H. Pinckney. He was brilliant & steeped in the modern material skeptical ideas. We talked until 11 P.M. In fact we monopolized

the entire time and the rest just listened. He finally said, "I wish I could see and know as you do." He is to read the Bk. of M. to see if he can get a new view point.

Sister Hughes is a grand daughter of Pres. Brigham Young and Rudger Clawson. She married out of the church and tho her husband is dead yet her children are turning from her faith. She is becoming more faithful in her church duties than she has done in the past. Her children brilliant but irreverent. I do not know what impression I made. It would be interesting to know.

I with three other missionaries, went as usual to sister Kay's to supper. She has a nice family, and she is a good faithful Scotch woman.

I have been in house all day writing with the exception of 1½ hrs. I was reviewing 29 & 35 chapters of Isaiah with missionaries. I am hurrying to get a few more chaps. of Isaiah analyzed before Sisters Huber & Davis leave us.

I am reviewing with seven missionaries, (Elders Powell, Robertson, Merrill & Sisters Davis, Huber, Madsen & Steel) the Bk. of Abraham. They have been anxious to have me interpret Abraham and paint the big things he gave to the earth.

Mar. 5, 1927 Oakland, Calif.

Have been tracting & visiting investigators this wk. We visited a Seven day Adventist family last Thurs. eve. thru appointment. They took advantage of the situation and invited their minister to be there. So he came. It was my first experience in meeting & discussing religion with an Adventist. I think that in all my life I never knew any one to so warp the scriptures to make their point as they did that night. We discussed angels, the dead; repentance after death; condition of spirit during death. They claim no repentance after death--the dead know nothing from death to resurrection--angels are not human beings & never were i.e. they never lived this life, hence not resurrected beings, etc. We discussed those subjects until after eleven P.M. and got no where. When a passage of scripture agreed with their idea they accepted it literally, but when a scripture was against them warped, distorted the meaning, said it was figurative, etc. It would have been hugely humorous were it not a tragedy to see their spiritual deadness & like a sleeping child they resisted being waked up.

We are to go to another Adventist family next Thurs. evening.

We held street meeting last night on 10th St. & Broadway. We did not hold many tho I found three who were reading our literature & largely believing our doctrines. I am to meet one of them tomorrow (Sun) at 4 P.M. He is coming to ask me some questions on things he has read. I did not go to street meeting to night because I had to stay here to night & baptize four persons. Three were children & one was a Austrian 28 yrs. old. He had married a Mormon girl in Ogden 2 yrs ago and had now become converted to our faith. He is the only one of his kindred who has joined the church. His name is John Biloton.

I baptized the following tonight. Wm A. Schipper; Louis S. Anderson; Raymond P. Anderson; & John Biloton.

Bros. Adrian Schipper, Edward J. Partington & myself confirmed the above four. I confirmed Jn. Biloton & Raymond P. Anderson.

Mar. 6 1927 Oakland, Calif.

I strained my back last night in lifting the trap door to baptismal font. It is hard for me to get up & down.

I held my class in Berkeley S.S.

Erma Finlayson Roskelley & husband & two friends came from Fruitvale near Sacramento to see me. I was so busy with the many things that I could not visit with them long. Erma is Juanita's bosom friend. They went back this evening.

I was asked to discuss how to prepare & present a lesson for & to class before the teachers training class here in Oakland. I did so to the appreciation of the class.

An investigator (Mr Beers) came to our quarters this after noon and for 2 hrs. we discussed the principles & workings of our church. He took some more literature & is going to make further study of our church.

I attended our meeting here tonight. Bro. Carruth spoke on "Jos. Smith as a Statesman." He made a very good talk.

Mar. 12, 1927 Oakland, Calif.

I have only been out tracting one day this wk. due to a sprained back and my preparation to speak before the Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley. I have been to Dr. Parry of Hayward (Chiropractor) two different days and received spinal adjustment. As a result I feel better.

I delivered my address on "The Origin and Philosophy of Mormonism" before the Pacific Sch. of Religion last Thurs. from 11 to 12 A.M. It was the hour for the Student assembly. Most of the Students were there but none of the Profs. Tho the Pres. came to me a short time before the lecture and said he was called away but would be back but of a necessity would be late. He didn't return, tho probably it was not his fault. I had been assured by Dr. Schwartz that I would receive some very searching ques. at the conclusion of my lecture but there were only 5 or 6 asked and they were tame ques. and the questioners seemed uncertain of them selves. in the asking of their ques. I had brought to them a new truth that they were not fully prepared for. They saw Mormonism a bigger and a more thoroughing religion than they had ever supposed. "Prof. Snell who is attending there has just told me he had received very favorable comments from the students who were there. He said he learned of only one adverse criticism and that immediately the other students took up a defense of the things had I said. He said he learned that they were much impressed on the facts & figures given showing the fruits of Mormonism.

Edward Brown of Wanship, Summit Co. Ut. has written and asked me for my permission to marry Lorea. Lorea had written me before stating she felt that she had found her soul mate. I gave my consent in a letter I have just written him. Here it is with address omitted.

Dear Brother Brown,

Mar. 12, 1927

Your letter recd. Yes, Lorea had written of her love for you and she feels that you and she are soul mates. I trust that your mutual expressions for each other never fails. I accept your promise of love and protection for her. Under these conditions I gladly give a father's consent and blessings upon you and my daughter Lorea. She has been a tender flower in our home from her earliest infancy. If ever a time should come that you should forget your promises of love and devotion, you would break two hearts--not one.

My daughter speaks most highly of you so I can't help having a high regard for you. You speak of being married Apr. 6 She said that she desired to be married on her birthday (Apr 9).

I understand that you are to be married in the temple. This gives me great happiness. It gives me an assurance that you are living a clean, noble life.

With love and blessings for you and dear Lorea forever and aye.

With deep sincerity I am your friend and brother.

J.E. Hickman

I earnestly pray for this union to be a happy & eternal one.

Mar. 13, 1927 Oakland, Calif.

It is Sun. night. I arose this morning between 7 & 8 A.M. I did some ironing of the baptismal shirt & trousers. But while I bathed Elder Laney pressed my trousers. I went to the Berkeley S.S. I got there at 10 A.M. and heard the quartet practice the hymns which they are to sing over the radio. In my class I discussed evidences of the Bk. of M. I went and took dinner with Geo. & Luella and spent the rest of the day with them. I played Geo. 4 games of checkers--two were ties--each of us won a game each.

I attended evening meeting here. Bro Cornwell from S.L. and of the M.I.A. Board spoke here on the aims of the MIA work--recreation & other phases. Our conception are a head of the world & is so acknowledged by Dr. Ross of the Uni. of Wisconsin. He says: "I want to give you some of my impressions of Utah, as a sociologist. I am, first of all, very favorably impressed with the Mormon Church. I don't know any other place where the young people are so well cared for as here in this state. I don't understand how the Mormon people got the idea providing so well for the reactional needs of the people so much earlier than we sociologists got the idea. The church was away ahead of us in making this discovery. I have never met so many fine young people as I have met here in Utah. The "Mormon" people have been decidedly misunderstood in the East." (From Era Aug. 28, 1926).

Mar. 20 1927 Oakland, Calif.

Routine work of tracting & visiting investigators & saints. I went to Vallejo Wed. night by appointment and spoke to the Lay-Men's Club of the M.E. church on the Psychology of Emotion. Spoke at the banquet of the Club. The Club voted to have me come again. They seemed very appreciative over my 30 min. address.

I continued my discussion at the Berkeley S.S. on the Evidences of the Bk. of M.

I went to Pres. Edward Johnson's for dinner & stayed all afternoon. I went from there to the Sacramental meeting at Berkeley and spoke on the Rev. Spalding attach of the Bk. of Abraham. I then took the astronomical truths in the Bk. to prove the authenticity of same. I reviewed first in brief the body of truth known in Astronomy in 1835 to 40. I then reviewed what the Bk. of Ab. said concerning Ast. Sister Huber sang a solo. She has a beautiful voice and gives promise of becoming an accomplished singer. She is an excellent missionary and with all a wonderful character. The world will be better by her having lived.

Mar. 27, 1927 (Sun) Oakland, Calif.

This week has been taken up in visiting of saints & investigators, attending cottage meeting, 3 street meetings, one priesthood meeting, one M.I.A., one social for Bro. Ellis, Pres. of Federal Bank of Berkeley, in his honor for he is retiring from the the Presidency of Oakland Branch for he lives in Berkeley. It was a very fine social, consisting of a program and dancing. Speeches were terse, humorous and smacked of learning and thought.

Fri. we had a priesthood meeting in San Francisco. We all had a supper in honor of Elder Fauber from Ohio who was being released from his mission to return home. After the supper some of us went to a theatre. The play was "The Dove." My son Myrthus was one of the actors. He played it well. The week was a busy one but not so much accomplished as I would have liked.

I spoke on the street twice this last wk. Last Mon. while speaking I drew a crowd of about 150 people & the Lord was with me. A seemingly deep & profound impression was produced upon the hearers; but last night it was different for the crowd was only about 35 to 40 & my words seemed to have little impression. The other missionaries felt the same as I. The missionaries speak well. The lady missionaries speak excellently well.

Apr. 2 1927 Oakland, Calif (Sat)

I have done only a little tracting this wk. tho I have put in 12 to 16 hrs. a day visiting Saints, investigators, radio operators, San Quintin prison, attending to meetings, teaching classes & baptisms.

I baptized Dorothy J. Fish, Parley Lenwood Fish, Calvin Gail Cragun, & Vern R. Cragun. I helped confirm 5 & was mouth in confirming Jane Jones & Vern R. Cragun.

I went to the Pacific School of religion last Wed. evening & visited with Prof. Snell. He asked some of the students up there to come in and quiz me which two did. We were in session 3½ hrs.

I succeeded in getting a chance to put a program on at Radio Station "KTAB" of the Baptist Church next Thurs. (Apr. 7). A quartet & soloist are to aid me. I am to speak 25 min. on the "Story of the Mormon People." It will be nearly the same speech I gave on 24th of July in Logan last July.

I spoke in Martinez last Sun. night to a full house.

Received a nice letter from Martha. Lorea is to be married in the Logan Temple Apr. 8 to Ed Brown of Wanship. I have recd their card, or our card announcing their marriage.

Apr 4 1927 Oakland (Mon)

We have had a very wet winter and rather cold tho only cold enough for frost 2 or 3 times & that no damage.

I went to Berkeley S.S. and discussed Bk. of M. evidences--principally the internal evidences.

I went to Richmond yesterday by appointment took dinner at Bro. Dewsnip's place and spoke there last night on Evidences of the Bk of M. I am requested every where for such lectures our people here are hungry for such Evidences. A brother Edelson, a man of 70 yrs of age came to me at the close of the meeting & said he had made the Bk. of M. a hobby & had listened to many lectures on it, but this was the most lucid & comprehensive lecture he had ever heard on that subject. Others expressed deep appreciation for the lecture.

Bro. Praeter made me a dozen photos as a present. Then he gave me one of his. He and his girl brought me home last night.

To day I have been out tracting & visiting saints and investigators. I met a sister Thomas. She was a daughter of Laura Orser McGhee who was a booncompanion of my wife, Ella, in their girl hood days. She (Mrs Thomas) had been a missionary here a few yrs. ago. She married a non-Mormon, but she hopes to bring him into the church. I hope she does. If she doesn't, it will mean sorrow to her as it does in nearly every instance of such marriages. She is an excellent girl. My son George went with her some while she was here on a mission.

Apr. 7, 1927. Oakland, Calif.

It is night. Our radio program has been put over the K.T.A.B. The operators--Miss Reinhardt, Mr. Spaulding (announcer), & Dr Chas. D. Herrold were very complimentary and said the program was very well rendered. They told me I had an excellent radio voice. Our program was not over until telephones were recd. at the station complimenting us, some asking who Prof. Hickman was? Pres. Johnson of Berkeley just phoned in his warmest congratulations to me & the singers. The quartet were Sister Curtis, Sister Johnson, Bros. Severine & Barnes. Sister Nellie Sconberg was the soloist & Sister Wilcox was the pianoist. All rendered their parts well. We utalized every min. from 8 to 9 P.M. In fact one 1 min. of the other fellow's time. I have rec'd telephone calls from Burlingame, complimenting us. Pres. Dewsnip of Richmond phoned me that there 30 at his home--some non-Mormons--and all were loud in their praise over the program and especially my speech. Geo., my son, just call up and was proud over our success. He said the speech was excellent and that I told the story in excellent language & that I didn't mince my words. He said my voice was very natural & vibrated with deep emotions as I told the story of our people. He felt it could not have been better. My subject was; "The Story of the Mormon People." I handled it nearly as I dilivered in Logan last July 24th. So refer to that speech. I made a few changes and added some new material. I have been called up by various of the saints and they were extravigant in

their praise of our concert and especially on my speech. Sister Johnson, her family & a few non-Mormons heard the speech & said she shed tears as she heard my voice delineating the Story of the Mormon People. She said that it seemed God's Spirit came with my voice. All thought it most wonderfu. Sisters Jones, Wilson & the three missionary girls--Huber, Davis, & Madsen said it was wonderful. It seems as tho I was in their room, it was so plain & that their souls were thrilled. A Mrs Dewsnap wrote from Gridley, Calif. & said: "Dear Prof. Hickman, we listened over the Radio to your most wonderful program & were pleased to hear so wonderful a lecture by yourself. I would love to hear it all again. The singing was excellent. Mrs Curtis is my daughter. Glad to hear you again"

I am getting most flattering reports from many of our people here & their friends. I so gratefully happy over the many flattering comments. My son Felton wrote me from Lehi saying heard distinctly my speech. He said: "I have never heard the history of the Mormons put forth in such flowery language. The picture you painted was very touching to the listeners, I am sure" I haven't heard from any of the rest at home yet.

Apr. 13 1927 Oakland, Calif.

Sat. (Apr 9) was also a day long to be remembered by me and some few of my friends (18 or 20) who heard me, for I spoke in the Temple of Sinai (Jewish Synagogue) here in Oakland. The meeting was at 10:15 A.M. I had some wks before requested of Rabbi Coffee permission to tell the story of my people. He graciously granted it.

It was Sat., the Jewish Sabbath. I not only reviewed the tragic story of our banishment, handling a different phase of our history than I gave over the Radio. I referred briefly to their own persecutions. At the conclusion of my address on our drivings I reviewed some of our revelations & prophecies concerning their race & their final triumph. I reviewed in brief what Jesus said of them (D.&C Sec 45:51-53) also I referred to Zech 12:10 & 13:6 and told them they will eventually believe in Jesus, etc. I then told them we believed in them & had a even greater hope for them than they had for themselves. We loved them because they are God's chosen people and will yet, I said, rebuild Jerusalem with out walls & it will eclipse in size & grandure any period of the past. I took the liberty of telling them of our love & faith in them and that in 1840 the Prophet Jos. Smith sent Orson Hyde back to Jerusalem to offer a dedicatory prayer asking God to take the curse off that land & prepare it & the hearts of the Jews to return. I read over half of O. Hyde's dedicatory prayer. It much impressed the audience. At the conclusion of my address Rabbi Coffee arose & grasp my hand and said: "I thank you for your splendid words" In his concluding prayer he earnestly asked God to bless me in my work; speed my influence, praying that I could carry my message through out the land and God would strengthen my hands for I had a great message for the world. He prayed that his people might understand the great message I had to give and that God would open their hearts to understand the truths I uttered and that he would give me power to spread & teach these truths throughout the nation. May Thou, O Lord bless him & may Thou stretch out his arms to the Nations of the earth and tell them the truths he has told and asked that his people (congregation) would be able to understand & appreciate what I had taught them and hoped they would hear more of my people.

I had previously prayed that the Lord would let his spirit be in that building more than ever before. I felt a wonderful influence there and so did our people who attended the meeting. They said they were thrilled with the influence there. They felt I could not have said any thing better than I did. There were 16 or 18 of our people present. I felt the sacredness of the meeting and have praised the Lord for the privilege I had of speaking there also for the outpouring of his spirit. I had perfect liberty in thought and language. Many of the congregation came to me & congratulated me on my excellent speech, etc.

I am still receiving letters of great appreciation on our Radio program & on my speech from Idaho, Calif & Utah.

I was heard well in Logan, but I could not be heard by those in S. Lake or the folks at Benjamin. They (letters) are asking the Radio to give an other evening of the Mormon People. They are asking where they can get my speech claiming it was the most magnificent speech they had ever heard. I had earnestly had prayed at different times that the Lord would let his spirit go out with my words over the Broad-caster and that my words would thrill the souls of those who heard and it seems as tho my prayers were answered. Pres. Haymore just told me that a man & his wife (non-Mormons) told him they heard my speech and that they were thrilled by it. I learn one woman just cried because she was so impressed with my words. Such comments come from our people as well as from outsiders.

Apr. 16, 1927 Oakland, Calif. (Sat.)

This week has passed without my accomplishing much. I took yesterday in seeing Oakland in her greatness, the bay, estuary. The advertising Co. took my self & missionary companions on the boat & in autos clear into the mts. where they are selling building lots at enormous prices from \$800 to \$5000 a city lot 50 by 100 ft. It is fabulous how things are growing here. There is an average increase of new comers in Oakland of 127 a day.

We held only one st. meeting this wk. due to rain & opera. I learn men are being converted by our street preaching & two are ready for baptism.

We held one cottage meeting at Bro & Sister Taylor's. I went to Bro. & Sister Gleason's Thurs. night & allowed them & neighbors to "quiz" me on many things they were anxious to know. Two of them were non-Mormons. An excellent feeling was left with them all.

I recd letters from Fern, Othello, Juanita & Martha. All are well.

Durell was married tho only about 18 yrs. of age. He is my first grand child.

May 3, 1927 Oakland, Calif.

I have been so busy the last two wks that I have neglected my journal. It is a shame for many interesting things have transpired and not recorded.

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Introduction of Prof. Hickman to the Jewish synagogue and prayer following his speech--by Rabbi Coffee.

Rabbi's
prayer
note.

It is indeed a great pleasure to introduce a man who came to me so highly recommended.....

Oh, God, we thank Thee for the privilege of hearing this righteous man who is giving his life, education and means in the interest of this great cause. Oh, God, bless him for his sincerity, strengthen his hand in furthering the work of salvation for his people and for my people.....

This is as one of our sisters remembered it the she says this was only in part.

He mentioned of the earth and tell them the results he has told and asked that his people, ^(congregation) would be able to understand & appreciate what I had taught them and hope they would hear more of my people.

Impression
of the Saints
who attended

I had previously prayed that the Lord would let his spirit be in that building more than ever before. I felt a wonderful influence there and so did our people who attended the meeting. They said they were thrilled with the influence there. They felt I could not have said any thing better than I did. There were 16 or 18 of our people present. I felt the sacredness of the meeting and have praised the Lord for the privilege I had of speaking there also for the outpouring of his spirit. I had perfect liberty in thought & language. Many of the congregation came to me & congratulated me on my excellent speech, etc.

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Apr. 16

I delivered an other lecture on the emotions of adolescence to the relief society. The audience was about 80 women & two men.

Pres. Parley P. Hanson of the Elmerhurst branch in Oakland died of pneumonia and was buried here. It was sad indeed. He was a fine noble man & loved by all who knew him.

I went to Roseville & Sacramento a week ago last Sat. & on Sun. I delivered an address in each place--in the forenoon at Roseville & in the evening at Sacramento.

Four missionary girls went with me--Sisters Lulu Huber, Donna Davis, Webb and Norman on my trip to Sacramento & Roseville.

We held a meeting on the boat Sat. night on the way & one coming back Mon. night. We sang our hymns and had solos & duets. Sisters Huber & Norman are excellent singers. They are taking vocal training while here.

After each meeting on the boat we had a number of inquiries. The audiences seemed very appreciative. Mon. night. questions were asked until 12 P.M.

I gave a lecture each meeting. Sat. night sister Webb gave a 20 min. talk. She explained the tenets of our religion in an excellent manner.

At Roseville we went to Bro. & sister Roskelley's. Sister Roskelley was Erma Finlayson, Juanita's bosom friend. We had an excellent dinner there and then after we missionaries all slept for 2½ hrs for we had all sat up on the boat the night before for we could not get beds. We were too late in asking for reservations.

At the meeting in Roseville we had 5 or 6 Philippians in the meeting. They are well educated and very complimentary to me over my speech. One had already read the Bk. of M. While speaking I was impressed to say that it is only a matter of time when our elders would be sent to the Philippine Isles. and that the day would come when thousands of that race would accept the Gospel.

At night we held a splendid meeting at Sacramento. The house was full & a wonderful spirit prevailed. Many earnest compliments were showered on me saying that my address was the greatest they had ever heard.

The next day we met with the elders there in their morning meeting. After singing & prayer I address the 10 or 12 elders & sisters on some phases of the Bible & Bk. of M which completely destroyed the claims of the Josephites. After I was thru then the missionaries quized me for nearly an hour on various scriptures & problems they wished light upon.

After that Bro. Wright of Sacramento took my self and the four missionary girls for a 3 hrs. ride all over that country. It was a

beautiful sight. The Sacramento valley is a rich fertile valley well cultivated. The people seemed so comfortable & prosperous. It is an entirely different atmosphere than that found amidst the people here in the coast cities.

After dinner which the missionaries furnished us we went again for two hrs riding & visiting the art gallery. Then Bro Wright drove us to the wharf where we took the boat for home. The trip was most pleasant and profitable to us & those we visited.

I went with Sister Kraig and visited the renowned statue of a Japanese made of blocks of wood, no piece larger than the end of one's thumb and so perfect that a photo of the man & his produced statue that it is almost impossible to tell the difference. Every detail was reproduced, even veins, contusions, shades, goose pimples, color of eyes, hair of head, eye brows, eye wipers, hair of body, the muscles stood out, the abdominal & inter costal muscles were as natural as in life. Even the toe & fingernails were reproduced. He had taken every hair from his body to place on the statue. Perhaps there is nothing in the world like & equal to it. This Japanese was a consumptive and there the statue showed it. His name is Hananuma Masakichi. He is considered the greatest artist of his race.

Sister McKaig was so wonderfully impressed with this statue. She went & had his work done for him & had a Japanese woman sealed to him. She sent & had this work done by a Japanese woman in the Hawaii temple. I am placing a copy of the statue in this bk. so the reader may see this wonderful piece of art.

We have had some wonderful cottage and street meetings. The other night when I spoke for I then answered a learned gentleman who had tried to throw a doubt on what we had said & our belief, there were 200 people that crowded around me and I sure answered him. It is more than human power that produced such an influence on bystanders. I asked the street audience why they could not believe Jos. Smith to be a prophet and seer of God? I said that he filled a perfect description and character of a seer for the following reasons: (1) The generation to which he (a seer) revealed the truth rejected it save a few righteous (2) They hated the doctrine and him who gave it. (3) They sought the life of the seer and generally obtained it. Isaiah, Jesus Christ, & the Twelve Apostles were no exceptions. They sealed their testimonies of their doctrines with their blood. Jos. Smith filled every mark of the seer of the past--he sealed his testimony with his blood. (4) The final test of a prophet & seer is that what he prophesies, what he reveals, time and experience vindicate the prophecy.

Then I reviewed some of his mighty prophecies and their fulfillment. The spirit of God was upon me and the strange power gripped the hearers. The gentleman who had replied to my speeches of the nights before was present when I replied to him. I never saw a person seem so crushed & perplexed. The crowd hung upon my thundering words as tho they were riveted to the ground.

I had to hurry and leave after my address for I was class-leader to all the priesthood of the east Bay region and the meeting convened



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HE POSED FOR HIMSELF AND CARVED THIS IMAGE OF HIMSELF FROM WOOD

—by the aid of adjustable mirrors. Hananuma Masakichi posed himself as tho at work; in his left hand he holds a miniature mask on which he is working; in his right he holds a carving tool which he is working with. He stops, as he works, and holds up the mask to look at it, which accounts for his pose and the expression on his face. He pictures himself at the age of 53 or thereabouts. While the face is one of peculiarly prepossessing appearance, the body is somewhat emaciated from the fact that he was consumptive at the time. Ten years later, during the winter of '95 and '96 he died of consumption at about the age of 63, a poor but famous artist.

OVER 2,000 SEPARATE PIECES

The statue is hollow to a great extent, the feet only being solid, the body or trunk being made up of hundreds of pieces or strips, leaving it hollow; the same with the head, thighs, calves, arms, etc. And strange to say, each and every member of the anatomy was carved separate and apart from all the others before putting the whole together. The joints were perfectly made dovetailed, and glued together, no metal nails, only wooden pins or pegs being used to fasten—where necessary. After putting all the members together and finishing complete, as far as the woodwork was concerned, he painted or lacquered the Statue to give it the flesh and blood appearance. The hairs which adorn the figure belonged to himself. He used the clippings of his hair and beard, and each and every hair is bored for and put in the figure one by one; the body hair are all actually pulled from his own body, and bored for and put in exactly the same position on the figure as they occupied on himself. The teeth are visible in the mouth, through the slightly parted lips; the eyes are also made by himself and are the wonder of the oculist and optical profession.

STATUE PERFECT ANATOMICALLY

Some of the foremost members of the Medical Profession, in the United States, and also foreign medical authorities, have pronounced the Statue absolutely correct anatomically. Every vein, muscle, bone and sinew, every spot and blemish being reproduced to an exactness of detail that is astounding to the observer. Artists and Anatomists are simply dumbfounded to conceive how any one, even a Professor of Anatomy, could possibly get such a combination of complete exactness and detail. Even palmists of great note are forced to look in amazement, and exclaim as all others, professional as well as laymen, it is simply astonishing, wonderful, bewildering, magnificent, the greatest Statue they ever saw.—"Why, it lives; look at that face. Yes, it speaks; or looks as tho it could.—The combination of expression on that face is simply wonderful, life itself"

THE MASTERPIECE OF AN INSPIRED GENIUS

It is obvious, at a glance, that such a masterpiece must be the supreme achievement of a genius inspired; that the great artist's every faculty, his very soul, actuated perhaps by some mystic oriental philosophy, was concentrated on creating a work of unparalleled perfection. You will notice how the parted lips correspond with the balance of the expression, the knitting of the brows, the distending of the nostrils, the setting of the eyes, and, above all, that wee bit of a self-satisfied smile; it is the combination, the happy combination, that makes this Statue so extraordinary, and the enthusiastic applause it always evokes, so well-deserved. Few, indeed, are the works of art that have brought forth the ardent expressions of sincere admiration such as those the life-like Statue of the great Hananuma Masakichi have evoked. Its charm appeals alike to artistic, to mechanical, and to professional men in all walks of life, to women, and even to children who seem to be awe-inspired by its marvelous resemblance to the "truly man"—as they express it.

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(Condensed from Column Article)

The image of himself carved in wood by Hananuma Masakichi is undoubtedly the greatest work of art of its kind ever done. None but a cunning Japanese could have hoped to ever approach its marvelous excellence. The figure in every particular, even the most minute, is an exact counterpart of the artist who carved it. The size is the same, the skin is the same in color and apparent texture; the hair is the same; the blue veins are the same; the pose, the features, the toes, the knots of seams and muscles, the prominent collar bone, showing two hollows in the neck; the outline of the ribs; even the spectacles are exact reproductions of the original. When gazing at the image you are strongly moved to converse with it. The hairs of the head were longer than

What can be accomplished by patience, great application, and skilled workmanship of a very high order may now be seen in the statue by a Japanese artist in this city. Hananuma Masakichi, well known in Tokio as a sculptor, designer and general art workman, has carved out of wood a life-sized figure of himself. It is made of no less than 2,000 pieces, ingeniously joined together, and with the aid of glass eyes, real hair and color it is made to look so natural that a photograph scarcely reveals any difference between the creation of God and man. The artist has reproduced himself so absolutely that no detail has escaped, each muscle, vein, spot and blemish being evident, nothing extenuated, nor, if we may believe the photograph, aught set down in malice.

(TALKED ABOUT ALL OVER THE WORLD)

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at 8 P.M. & I rushed away as soon as I was thru. I learned the gentleman tried to apologize and defined his position. I am anxious to get a gist of what he said I learn that he said that I was a most eloquent orator.

I have not only been class leader for the monthly priesthood meeting this 6 mos. I have been here but I made out the out-lines of all the subjects discussed. I gave a short address

Last Tues. night when I went to the M.I.A meeting to discuss the lesson to the Advance Senior Class (for the class has grown from 6 or 8 to a room full of 30 or 40) the opening exercises were gone thru with and sister Grant, the Pres. of the young ladies said that the evening was in my honor for I was soon to leave them. An excellent program was rendered. I was given a fine painting, a splendid poem was composed to me also a song dedicated to me & sung by sisters Grant & Akin. Pres. McDonald made a short address full of encomiums for me saying I had done more than any missionary had done who had ever come to them. He paid me high tribute. After this program they had a vaudeville of home talent. It was a very creditable effort.

Wed. at 4 P.M. Sister & Bro. Rogers had a supper in my honor. Then we all went to a park in north east of Berkeley and had a very fine promiscuous or inpromptu program also a supper. Forty or fifty people came. We got home 12 M.

Yesterday sister Russell had a dinner in my honor. Then I went to Sister Westman's where 30 people all women but 3, met to do me honor and asked that they might ask me questions on various subjects. The meeting began at 1:30 & closed at 5 P.M. I was pumped dry. It was a very spiritual meeting. Many kind things were said about me and to me. They are too flattering to repeat.

Last night we held our street meeting. Before I was thru we had over 100 present. The gentleman whom I mentioned of replying to me came up while I was speaking and stayed a few moments & left, probably he did not wish to be advertised as the Mon. before.

We had baptismal services last Sat & five were baptized--two new converts. I helped confirm them all. I was mouth in confirming Chas. Wm Fitzhenry a new convert. I had elder Powell do the baptizing. I can not respond to all requests made of me to take meals & visit saints. Many say my coming here has produced the greatest spiritual awakening that has taken place in the Bay region. I am reverentially grateful that men may see my good works & hear my doctrines, which are God's doctrines, and he had to glorify His name.

May 11, 1927 Oakland.

A letter from home says Marva has been operated on for appendicitis but is doing well. So Martha, my wife, can't come out here. I regret this.

I gave the Mother's day address at Berkeley Sun. at Sun. school. There were about 250 present.

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In the evening I gave another Mother's day address at Berkeley. I didn't "play to the galleries" but a number shed tears. I have been busy this wk.

Last Sat. Bro. Kno. Larsen took my self, Elder Powell, Sisters Huber & Steel to Mt Hamilton to see the Lick Observatory. Clouds arose so we could not look at any heavenly body which I regreted very much.

I was invited to Pres. J. Edward Johnson's place for supper. Geo. my son & wife Luella were there also. We spent a very pleasant evening.

Mon. night I spoke again on the street. I spoke on Jos. S. as a seer and reviewed three of his great prophecies and their fulfillment. My talk drew a crowd of about 150 people. They were intensely interested and hung upon every word. I showed that Jos. S. filled every qualification by which a prophet could be tested.

I tracted Mon. & Tues. and revisited several. I believe one old man will be baptized. To day (Wed) I went to Sister Merrill's place to dinner in San Francisco. Pres. Haymore & wife were there also.

I delivered my last lecture to about fifty women & 2 men. After the meeting the women had a fine banquet for me. Many flattering and commendable things were said about me & my work with them & the great uplift I had given them. I was reverentially grateful that my work was so earnestly recd. and appreciated.

Miss Doris Walker, an artist, a painter and designer, made me a present of a beautiful china cup & saucer most wonderfully painted by her self.

A rather amusing incident followed the gift. Elder Powell said to her: "Why do you give Bro. Hickman such a costly gift." She replied: "Because I love him." But Powell said "he is an old man." "Where do get that stuff?", I said. This produced some merriment & back thrusts.

The last time I met with the M.I.A. a suprise was given me, speeches, songs, a poem composed & read to me. I was made made a present of a beautiful framed picture entitled "The Portals of the Past."

I gave my last lecture to the Advance Senior Class last Tues. night.

I finished my last teaching of the missionary girls & Elder Powell. We finished The Gospel of John. Since I came here I have read with them & interpreted The Bk. of Revelations, Isaiah, Daniel, Bk of Abraham, St. Mark & St. John. This has been my contribution to them. They have been very appreciative especially the four girls, Elders Robertson, Smith & Merrill.

My last class (for missionaries & friends) on the Evidences of the Bk. of M. was given a wk. ago (May 7). At the conclusion Sister Breck read a fine poem composed expressing their appreciation for me.

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It reads:

To Prof. Hickman

Dear teacher and friend, we bid you adoo
And will make it rime to take home with you.
Tho lacking in form and poet's touch
"Twill tell you no class ever loved you so much.
We know as you look down memories' hall
You will see there classes both big and small.
Some stamped with genius, destined to go far
With talent and purpose, hitched to a star.
And some with beauty, wealth and such.
But surely they never loved you so much
We have seen the light on your dear, kind face
Your gentle manner & kindly grace.
We've caught your messages every one
And will scatter them on to the setting sun.
And credit the harvest account to you
To help pay the debt we feel is due.
And so when you've reached your mountain retreat
Your task well done and the memory sweet
Think of us sometime and wish us well too,
For we want you to know we'll be missing you

The names of the class (17) were attached to the poem.

We had 3 days conference in Oakland. The 1st day (Fri) the missionaries (about 28) reported their missionary work. Sat. & Sun. the missionaries gave 10 to 15 min. addresses. These speeches were carefully prepared on various subjects of the gospel. The speeches were excellent far beyond what one would expect from so young missionaries. Pres. Haymore presided. Pres. Jos McMurrin was present all three days.

Pres. Haymore is leaving the mission. We made him a present of a splendid gold ring.

The Berkeley Sun. class made me a present of the combined volume of Bk. of M. Doc & Cov & Pearl of G. Price. It is a \$5.50 vol.

Two auto loads of friends & missionaries took me to see the Big Red wood trees at Vera Cruse. Some of them were 14 & 16 ft. thru.

Tues. my self & three other missionaries went to the Ocean by the Clift House. We spent most of a day. Then we went to an early picture & variety show. Then I went & spent the evening at Mrs. Merills & then to Sister Lindsays. She was Miss Thompson whom I knew in Fillmore in 1891 & 92. She is Daniel Thompson's daughter--a wonderful girl.

A few of the missionaries who had taken my lectures and had gotten considerable aid from me made me a present of Elbert Hubbard's Scrap Book bound in delux.

Thos Rogers & family made me presents of a small book & poems.

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Mrs & Mr Heder held or had two suppers and musical entertainments for me at their home.

I was entertained & banquetted almost incessantly for 10 days before I left.

Dare I say it; Many said that no person ever came into the mission who had produced such a love and had such an influence with the people. Many of our people who had taken little or no part in the Gospel became ardent and enthusiastic church goers.

The presiding Elders over Oakland, Berkeley Richmond branches said I had done more than any other missionary in 3 yrs.

I have been and I am most reverently grateful for the blessings of God upon me in inspiring the people to a new and greater love for the things divine. Some people followed me from place to place on learning I was going to speak. I have often prayed that God would so inspire me with his Spirit & good works that men seeing them would be lead to glorify his name. May this always be my gift & blessing.

I left San Francisco 7:45 A.M. Wed & arrived in Los Angeles, at 7:45 P.M. I went to the mission headquarters & stayed the 1st night. The next day & the next night I went & stayed with Morris Lawisch & wife who live there (there). I had a nice visit with them. I left there Fri. evening at 6 P.M. I arrived here (Overton, Nev.) Sat. at 9:30 A.M. I am here at Dee's place. He & Vivian feel very badly over the death of their 6 yr. old daughter Alice who died of heart failure while they were taking her to Las Vegas to consult a Dr. She died May 16

Sun. I visited S.S. and discussed the lesson before the Parents & Theological classes. They were combined for the occasion. In the afternoon meeting Pres. Nichols of the Dixie College gave the baccalaureate address. I made a very short address. In the evening I spoke to the audience on the great value of Teacher training work as urged by our church. I pointed out that our church was a great system of teaching & training of teachers for Zion & the proselying of the world.

Sun. after noon Fay Perkins took Vivian, Dee & their two youngest children & my self down to "The Lost City" located north & east of St. Thomas. Two yrs. were spent by the gov. officials in unearthing the covered ruins. It is estimated that this city contained some 20,000 or 30,000 Indians. They were classed as the Pueblo Indians.

I left Overton at 11 A.M. and arrived in S.L. Tues morning. I visited for a few hrs. with Francis, Zina, Laura, Fern & Radino & family & then caught the Interurban for home. Found all well except Martha, my wife in poor health. Her feet & legs were very painful so she could scarcely walk.

I have done little or nothing since arriving home except to rest up & readjust my welf to this altitude. I left some of my dear friends in tears on leaving Calif. A number of my friends are warm in their welcoming me home. I have been out with Othello part of two days picking up again the threads of insurance. We wrote \$2000 ins.

I wrote an ode to the ocean as my train ran along the Pacific Ocean
It may be seen in the Journal of Clippings.

My son Geo. W. has been again chosen Judge of Albany, Calif. His salary is \$1250.00 a yr. He holds court two nights a wk. He had two opponents but they were badly beaten.

June 7, 1927 Logan, Ut.

It is Tues. night. We just came from Othello's place. Shirley, his 7 yr. old girl has had a birth day. A number of friends & relatives were invited.

Othello and I went to Provo, Benjamin, and Payson for decoration day. We placed flowers on our graves at Provo also Sister Lawisch's plot and Ella's Mother's grave. Then we went to Benj. and place a few flowers on Thos. Richardson's grave. Then we drove on to Payson cemetery and placed flowers on father's & mother's graves.

We then stayed at Benj over night & visited with my sister Eunice & family & my brother Chas.' family.

The next day we went home. I visited the Parents of Elder Jos.S. Robertson in Sp-Fork; also the parents of Lula Huber who live in Pleasant Grove. I then visited the mother of Donna Davis in Lehi. Their parents were most happy to see some one who had come from their children.

I stayed over night at Leslie's place in S.L. on my way south. I visited my Co's office while in S.L.

This wk. Othello & I write \$3000 & this week, so far, we have written this wk. \$5,500 insurance

Last Sun forenoon Helen, Bro. O. Warner, & I attended the A.C. baccalaureate address given by Apostle D.O. McKay. It was a very thoughtful address.

Sun. after noon I attended our fast meeting and gave a brief account of my mission. I am to take the time next Sun. night in more fully reporting my mission.

Orange Warner, one of my old friends, came & stayed with me for 2 or 3 days. He is 80 yrs. old and yet very vigorous for his age. From a child of 7 or 8 yrs. of age I have known him. I have often said he was my hero during my youthful life. He was the strongest & bravest man I ever knew. He has been a clean moral man tho sometimes not fully appreciated due to his vigorous & brusque ways. Due to the clean wholesome life he has lived he rejoices over his life, having few things to repent of, therefore his declining years are a joy of memories to him. The joys of old age are the memories of a clean useful life. While here he was very reminiscent and I very much enjoyed this visit.

Little by little I am picking up the threads of my work.

Martha and I were married in El Passo Del Norte, Old Mex., 37 years ago today. We went there to be married because the laws of the U.S.

were against plural marriages. She has given me 9 noble children. I deeply love them all. She has finished raising Ella's children for me as well.

June 26, 1927 Logan, Utah

A wk. ago last Sun. I spoke in the Tabernacle on one phase of my mission Especially my reply to a gentleman who tried to undue what I had said on the street in my addresses. He followed me two nights then I replied to him He didn't come back with any other replies. I say that I reviewed my defense of our claims for Jos.S. being a seer of God.

The same Sun. evening I reviewed the salient features of my mission especially my addresses in non-Mormon churches, etc.

Last Sun. after noon I attended the Cache Stake Conference & opened the meeting with prayer. Apostle Whitney was here.

In the Evening I spoke in the 8th Ward on phases of my mission.

The last two weeks I have been with Othello selling insurance. We have sole about \$28,000.

I received letters from two of my missionary companions & two of the saints there.

Rebecca (Valko's wife) has been operated on for appendicitis & is home again. She got along well.

If I had the means, I would be willing to go back on my mission. If I fulfill all my patriarchal blessings, I am to go on other missions. I hope I fulfill every promise made by the holy Patriarchs.

June 28, 1927, Logan.

I went to Benson Stake (Richmond) Sun. and gave two addresses in the monthly Union meeting. I spoke to the entire assembly of about 400 people then after separation I gave an address to the Relief Society section on "Why We Need Study Religion." Pres. Griffin (1st Councillor in Stake Presidency) brought me home.

I attended S.S. & evening meeting in our ward (1st W.).

I have finished my "Apostrophe to the Ocean" I quite like it. It is a vivid play of imagery It may be seen in My Journal of Clippings. Some of my critics call it a prose poem.

I am selling insurance and trying to catch up with the reading of my three scientific journals--Scientific Monthly, Journal of Heredity & The Geographic Magazine. I got behind while on my 7 mo's mission. I kept up pretty well with the Literary Digest partly with Sc. Monthly. I am much interested in the discoveries of Science and the theories of men. There are to be many shiftings in the viewpoint of Science--the old theories are to give place to new conceptions of things. The radio, the discovery of the electron (also A rays) and the new ray (cosmic) (Millekin ray) give promise of flooding the earth with new light &

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truth which bring the world to a broader & newer conception of life & things.

July 5, 1927 Logan.

We had fine rain in central & northern Utah

I recd. telegram Thurs. from S.L. that Felton was in the L.D.S. Hospital in a critical condition. Othello took me to S.L. in his auto. We went in 2 hrs. & 50 min. On arriving we found his wife & his mother (Helen Benedict) there. He has a strange disease. It is called Henox purpura.--a swelling & closing off of intestines causing internal hern-
erage also bursting of capilaries at the joints & spreading out of blood under the skin. It is a painful disease Dr.Middleton says it is the first case he has seen in Utah. He says the cause is unknown. Felton was in a very critical condition & is only a little better. The Drs gave him a blood transfusion of nearly a qt. from Radino. They had to feed Felton thru the veins 2 or 3 times. We administered to him 3 times. Apostle Whitney admin. once.

July 20 1927. Monticello.

I went home from S.L. for 2 or 3 days & went back to S.L. because Felton was no better. I was there 24 hrs. He got some better. Then my brother GF. & I went to Morgan, Summit & Wasatch Cos. to induce a number of our policy holders who had dropped their insurance to pick up their insurance again. We were fairly successful.

I then stayed in S.L. two more days as Felton seemed no better, but he began to improve & Dr Middleton said it was safe for me to leave. So Othello & I left S.L. last Tues. for this Co. Sister Clark of Logan came with us. We had success trip here. We got here last Thurs. We have been fairly successful in selling insurance had up to date sold about \$23,000 and more in sight. We hope to leave here Thurs.--22nd. We (Othello, Sister Clark & myself) went to Blanding Sat. night. He went on to Bluff that night with a Mr Peacock where he (Othello) wrote \$5000. He went to S.S. there & I in Blanding. He and I spoke to a large congregation that evening. While there I met Sister Emphy from San Francisco. She was & is kind to our elders & feeds them often. Her maiden name was Terry She is here visiting her mother & her sisters. We are to take her to Provo with us on her return to Calif. After the meeting Sun. evening our co. returned to Monticello.

Othello & I spent most one day on our farm & at the Grayson dry farm and at the experimental station. At the Grayson Dry Farm we met Mr Grammeter who own more of it. He told me of a test thru sound waves which has been made on his farm there & that the test showed there was oil at a depth of little less than 4000 ft. I think I will put all our land in the Ring lease which is taken around there.

Since coming here I am encouraged over the outlook of crops & possibilities. The Experimental station crops of oats, barley, wheat, broom grass, potatoes & alfalfa, etc. are excellent. There has been much rain here in the last 4 wks. (4-5 inches). I am to lease our land here for grazing.

July 22 1927, Price, Ut

Last Mon. Tues & Wed we sold insurance. Then Thurs. we left Monticello for home. We stopped in Moab an hr. sold \$1500.00 insurance and sped on merrily until we met a big flood which barred our way. The gulch was about 20 steps wide & the water about 1/3 mud or more mud, rushed down that draw about 10 or 12 ft. deep at a speed about 15 mi an hour. It was beautiful to look upon. We waited from 6 P.M. till after 9 P.M. waiting for the flood to subside. Some 30 or more cars were haulted there & we were over an hr. getting them over by pulling with ropes by hand & by cars we were all transferred over. But our car & engine was so filled with mud we could only make about 5 miles so we had to stop in the desert 30 mi. south & east of Price. Othello went on to Price with a stranger to get help. He got in Price at 1 A.M. & back to us by 3:30 A.M. After work with our car & pulling it a mi. or so we got it to go.

I stayed in the desert with Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Empey. Mrs. C. was from Logan. Mrs. E. was from San Francisco.

We got here in S.L. last night at 11:30. I started this writing at Price but finished it here at Radino's. We stayed in Price until 5:25 P.M. It took till then to fix our car. The mechanic was all day taking down our engine & cleaning out mud etc. We slept some during the day.

On arriving here I found Felton better & will be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

Logan, July 23, 1926

We got home Sat. evening at 8:30. We found all well, but Othello were pretty well worn & fatigued.

That night I was asked to go to Hyrum and deliver the 24th oration as Nephi Jensen had to cancel his appointment with them. So Mon I went & gave the address. The committee offered to pay me but I declined pay. They came & got me & brought me home.

Sun. morning the Supt. of our S.S. asked if I could give a short address before the S.S. So I did. Then Sun morning also Bp. England (2nd ward) asked I give 24th of July address in his ward that evening so I did. Tho weary I gave three stirring addresses.

To day (Tues) I have remained home & rested up as I have been very weary. Othello & my expenses were to San Juan & return were \$59.00 each. We had a \$38.00 car trouble.

Radino, Leona, & the two babies came home with us. They leave to-day (wed.) up to Kelley Ida. to visit her folks. A more noble pure, kind, & considerate person I have never known than Radino.

My son, Geo. W., has been chosen as first counselor to Bp. Wilcox in the Berkeley Ward, Calif. I am glad of this for he is a noble spirit and he needs such work to keep him in spiritual touch with the church work. In his profession there are many things that tend to dampen one's ardor in religious matters. Luella & children are here on a visit. She has had her tonsils removed. Geo. is coming back about Aug. 4.

Aug. 28 1927 Logan, Ut.

This has been an ideal summer with more rain than usual. The crops are extra good this yr. everywhere in the west.

Yes. Geo. came & paid us a visit for several days. We were most happy in his visit. He & family have returned to Berkeley, Calif.

Othello & I went to Ida. for a few days. We sold \$15,000 insurance.

He & Helen, his wife, & family started to Nevada in his new Essex; and down near Spanish Fork he ran into a electric light pole & demolished his car so that it takes above \$250 to rebuild it. Helen was badly hurt especially her leg; it was badly cut & bruised. It is most fortunate that the whole family was not killed for he ran at the rate of about 30 mi. an hr.

I went to S.L. last Thurs. & delivered a lecture before the "The Conservation Bureau" on "Human Emotions--Their Power to Make or Break Us" I was given \$15.00 for the lecture

We (Othello & I) have done nothing particular since his accident in insurance.

Lorea & her husband (Edward Brown) came this week and visited us. Marva went back with them for a short visit.

I have caught up with my scientific journals at last. I was so busy while on my mission I got behind in my reading.

I spoke to the High Priests of the Stake a wk. ago to day

I went & spoke in Providence 2nd ward to night. Valko went with me & spoke I was a home missionary for the occasion. I spoke on the signs of the Second Coming of the Savior.

I am crowded to pay my obligations just now.

My health does not seem the best of late. I seem so weak at times. I have a dropsical condition in my legs below the knees. The Dr. says it is due to my heart being weak.

Felton & his wife Eloise came & visited us for a wk or 10 days while he was recuperating. I gave him \$10.00 help pay expenses here. This makes \$95.00 I gave toward defraying his expenses since he went to the hospital. He has been a very sick boy. He has now had his tonsils out.

Sept 1 1927 Logan Ut

Leon & family have come from Idaho Falls where they have been this summer. They leave today for Ogden where he is to teach again. He gets \$1700.00 a yr. I was so in hopes he could go to Leland Stanford Univ. this yr. and get his A.M. but he has to put it off one more yr.

Helen is recovering slowly from her accident. Felton has had his tonsils out & has gone to Levan.

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Sept. 13, 1927. Logan

Othello & I have been a foot due to his car being in the garage at S.L. He goes to S.L. tomorrow to get it.

I went to Downey, Ida last Sat. & stayed until to day (Tues.). I got 2 or 3 parties to renew their insurance and wrote \$8000.00 with a premium of over \$325.00. My com. is over \$260.00 but I divide with Othello 2/5.

While in S.S. at Downey I discussed the lesson before the Theological & parents class. In the afternoon I was asked to take the entire time which I did.

I am in better health than last wk. Thorval was operated on a wk. ago yesterday for appendicitis & is getting along fine. He will come home tomorrow.

The world is in the flux of calamities, airoplane disasters, murders, floods, sunstrokes, earth quakes in Japan & else where. Nations are full of unrest--mob violence rebellions, strikes, bolshivitic movements etc. There is creeping little by little upon the inhabitants of the earth more unrest, calamity, etc. than ever before. "Sure," as God has said, "men's hearts will fail them."

Sept. 28, 1927 Logan

It is raining hard to day and our co. fair is on. We had a good day yesterday.

The display at our fair is excellent. The exhibit of Holstein cows & bulls; Herfords and Guernseys was most wonderful. Some cows had udders almost the size of washtubs. Some of the Holstein cows have to be milked 3 & 4 times a day.

Since last writing I have been in Ida. and thru out this co. on insurance work. At last Othello has his car fixed at a cost of \$250.00 & a loss in work of nearly a mo.

I have delivered lectures in Downey, Ida, Eighth ward & 11th ward in Logan, River heights, 1st ward in Providence, and Ogden. The spirit of my Father was poured out upon me & the audiences in all these occasions. Valko took me to Ogden Sun after noon to deliver my address there Sun. eve. We returned home same evening. We got back at 12:30 A.M.

The mayor of the city A.G. Lundstrum asked I give them a few days of my time to help them convert about 100 citizens to take the city lights rather than the Utah Power & Lights. I spent 5 days and converted 95% of all I visited (about 65). The mayor told the city counsel that there was only one man in the city could convert that group of men and that was Prof. Hickman. When I was thru the mayor thanked me & said I had done well and paid me \$50.00 for my work.

I have recd. a letter from Pres J. Aird McDonald of the New San Francisco Stake, Calif. He said my son Geo. was doing excellently in Journal L Pages 129, 130, 131

his work and that he is doing everything which should make us all proud of him for he was entering into the spirit of his work in every way.

My health is fairly good, tho I have a dropsical condition in my legs from my ankles to my knees. This came on when I was on my mission in Calif. It is due to rather a weak and sluggish heart.

School is on again and Marva is in 1st yr H.School; Kyrmel in the 4th yr. High & Thorval is in the 2nd yr. college.

Oct. 12, 1927 Logan, Ut.
The weather cool but fair.

Othello & I made a hurried trip to Preston, Treasureton, Oxford, Swan Lake, Downey, & Virginia. We were gone 2 days and wrote \$14,000 insurance. We (O. & I) went to S.L. Fri. morning and got there in time for the 10 A.M. meeting. I attended all the meetings except one. Our Semi-Annual conference was well attended with over flow meetings Sun.

The keynote of the conference was morality and obedience to the laws of our nation and to our God. Many excellent things were said.

I attended the general priesthood meeting Sat. night held in the tabernacle. The lower part of the house was full & many in the galleries. In this meeting, most of the time was taken up on the subject of celestial and plural marriages. This was in partial answer to a pamphlet recently published by an unsigned author on the eternity of Pl. marriages. etc. Apostle Ivins took most of the time in explaining sec. 131 & 132 of D.&C.

The claim was that the pamphlet contained nothing new but was quoting ancient & modern scriptures & the saying of the Presidents of our church on the subject.

Pres. Ivins or Pres. Grant had nothing to deny what (was) in the pamphlet but we are sworn to keep the laws of the land. Pres. Ivins said that those who had gone into the principle of Pl. marriage thru proper authority would receive their reward & that he wished he could receive the blessings that they would receive. Pres. Grant told why they cut Lorin Woolley off the church was because he had lied about Pres. Grant saying he was married the last few yrs. to a girl in a hotel in Calif. by Pres. Ivins. Lorin Woolley was cited appear before the council but he failed to do so & was excommunicated. Wooley gave as his reasons for not appearing that he didn't want to embarass Pres. Grant. It is quite evident he had wilfully lied about Pres. Grant. I now doubt much that he told me about what transpired at his father's home I recorded it in my previous journal.

Radino has now prepared to go to the Uni. of Calif. and do post graduate work so he can get his "CPA" (certified public accountant).

I had arranged at the Cache Valley Bank to get alone of \$1500.00 to aid him thru. We are to draw \$750.00 a yr. He thinks he can get

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thru in 1½ to 2 yrs. I signed with him for the money. What else he needs I will aid him.

He felt deeply over the thoughts of his going and in his long absence from us. We all choked with emotion and our eyes swam with tears in saying good-by. He is a beautiful character noble in principle and pure in his ideals. From childhood he has been princely in manners, charitable in disposition, and thoughtfully obedient all his life. In personal appearance he is what the ladies would call handsome. I had him take out \$5000 more insurance so that if any thing happened to him he would leave enough to pay his loan and leave his family protected.

Nov. 6, 1927 Logan

I went to Mesa, Ariz. to the dedication of the Ariz. temple. I left S.L. Oct. 19 and got at Mesa Sat. morning Oct. 22. I went with Lester & Pearl Hyde. He took his Buick. Pearl's mother (Barbara Hickman) and sister Margaret Cannon (Jno. M. Cannon's pl. wife) went with us. We went by way of St George, Bunderville, Las. Vegas, Needles, Calif. and then back east & south to Mesa. We were 3 days & until 9 A.M. Sat. morning getting there. It was a trip of nearly 1000 mi. We had no trouble save a puncture or two going & but little returning. We travelled thru some of the most sterile desert wastes I had ever seen--barren and desolate. Some places not a spear of vegetation, other places with only mesquite, mesquite, shodscale & cacti. Much of these vast deserts could be made into fruitful farms if water could be had. Many of the mountains were of volcanic origin & the deserts in places were covered with lava ash, cinder, and black volcanic rock. Much of the great cataclysmic actions was in evidence. It is surely a land of lean want & parching thirst yet I feel it will some day be made habitable thru water & earth-visioned men. Most of that southern desert could raise semi-tropical fruits, etc. for it is very warm & in the summers, decidedly hot. Mesa & Phoenix are beautiful places. Their main crops are, alfalfa, sweet potatoes, cotton, head lettuce, pomegranates, etc. Vegetation grows virtually 12 mos. in the yr.

The dedication of the temple was from Oct. 23 (Sun.) to Oct. 25. There were three sessions daily. There was such a vast attendance we could go to only one session. Most of the people were from Calif. Ariz. New Mex. and Old Mex.

I was permitted to go thru Sun. morning with my company. Amplifiers were placed in each room & on the outside; so we could sit in any room of the temple or stand on the grounds and hear the exercises. I sat in the creation room & heard all the exercises the day I went thru, but I was not in the room where the general authorities sat or where the choir sang.

Apostle Ivins was 1st speaker. He reviewed his first visit to that land in 1875 when sent to that country by B. Young with a few men to explore that region. He then saw the possibilities of an empire being built there but little thought that he should ever live to see the dedication of a temple in that land. It was a glorious day to him.

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As I sat there listening to his recital I felt deeply over the vision of his mind then (1875) & now realizing the wonderful fulfillment 52 years later. He reviewed the history & scattering of Israel & their gathering. He also told of the wanderings of Ten tribes thru Europe British = Brit (Covenant) & Ish (= man) hence the man of the covenant. The British Isles were inhabited by the Israelitish peoples.

Pres. Grant spoke at each conference. He also read the dedicatory prayer at each session. It is an excellent prayer of gratitude and petition. It took 20 min. to read it.

Apostle Jos. F. Smith Jr. followed Ivins. He said our temples are for the purpose of preparing our people to meet God. He read from D&C Sec. 20. God declared to Jeremiah he would prepare his people & covenant with them in the last days. He was to put his law in their inward parts and remember their sins no more. Our temples are the places where this will be done said Apostle Smith.

Geo. F. Richards said that for 1800 yrs. God had no house to come to. His people were without ordinances. In 1836 in the temple, God appeared & gave keys & powers to Jos Smith. In the Nauvoo temple God gave covenants, ordinances & keys. He (Richards) then reviewed history of our temple building & the work for the dead, etc.

At the conclusion of the reading of the dedicatory prayer, the entire congregation arose and shouted "Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to God and the Lamb" three times and waved our handkerchiefs. It was a solemn moment of great uplift of our souls.

Pres. Jos. McMurrin said he was among the first to visit that spot and build a log cabin, plant a locus tree there also was there at the dedication of the ground for a temple. He spoke of our message to the world & if they obey this gospel it will save them.

The cost of the temple was about \$750,000. Some outsiders donated for its erection. Pres. Grant said in his closing speech that he was grateful for all the great leaders of the church. He said they were of God. He had known them all except the Prophet Jos. He read the rev. given to Orson Pratt & commented on its greatness. These were those who spoke at the first session of the dedication of the temple. I heard 4 or 5 other speeches from the grounds by means of the amplifiers & once from one of the meeting houses for all of them were supplied with amplifiers. I was much impressed with Apostle Ballard's sermon which I heard from the grounds. He said the hour of the closing of the day of the gentiles was near and the dawning of the day when we would turn our attention to the gathering of the scattered house of Israel. He quoted from D&C Sec 45 & from I Nephi 14 ch.

While there I met many of my former acquaintances some I knew while I was a student in the B.Y. Academy. Some were students while I was a teacher there. I met a number of my missionary companions from Calif. I was happy to meet them.

I was over joyed to meet Pleasant Williams who was a fellow student of mine in the B.Y. Academy at Provo. He was such an honest since young

man I loved him deeply. When we parted in 1884 he urged I go to Arizona with him & he would divide every thing he had on earth with me. These many years I have longed to meet him again but it was never my privilege until I met him at Mesa. He had come from Old Mex. to be at the dedication. When we met we hugged each other like brothers. I had been inquiring of every one from that southern country if they knew him & if he was there. At last to my great joy I learned from Fanny Coombs Harper of Old Mex. that Pleasant was there. After a long search she pointed him out to me. When we parted 43 years ago he was a young man of 23 now I met an old man with almost white hair & mustache, but I was happy to embrace him for in the act I was hugging the memories of nearly a half century. We were together for a few brief hours then we parted probably never to meet again in this life. I still have that half aching void for him since we parted, which I have had for these many years. God bless him and fill his life with happiness for he has had many sorrows due to no conscious fault of his. He has filled 3 missions to the Mexican nations. He is one of God's humble Israelites in whom there is no guile.

While there (there) was a meeting called for all the old B.Y.A. students. We met for an hour in session.

My self & co. started home Tues morning. I forgot to say there was held an open air concert from the roof of the temple Mon. evening. The audience sat & stood upon the grounds while the choirs, soloists & musicians sat on the flat roof. It was a fine concert but the thing which impressed me most was a solo by an Indian woman (a Mormon). I think she was a Pima Indian. She had a fine contralto voice. She sang that song; "Get Ye Up O Israel." It was rendered better than any other selection. I was thrilled with its rendition.

On our return trip we went west direct to the Pacific Coast & landed at San Diego. We passed thru Yuma, the hottest place in U.S. We went up the coast to Los Angeles then to San Barinideno. We left there Sat. morning & made the run to Logan by 11 P.M. Sun. night. with only 2 hrs. sleep. It was nearly 1000 miles. Tho I felt well on the long trip & was exausted for the next 2 or 3 days after getting home.

I am very happy I had the opportunity to go. It is the only temple dedication I was ever to.

Since returning home, I have been giving my time to insurance work. I have given an address to the M.I.A classes of the 1st ward on some of the evidences of the Bk. of M. I gave a short address in fast meeting today by request of Bp. on the Dedicatory exercises of the Arizona temple. To night I spoke in Providence 2nd ward on internal evidences of the Bk. of M.

Nov. 9, 1927, Logan Ut

It is a pleasant fall weather with rains and sun shine. It is most favorable to the farmers with their beets.

I taught the H. Priests' quorum Mon. night. That evening I got a phone from Laura saying Milton Richardson, my sister Eunice's boy, was

dead. He has been sick 2 yrs. with miner's consumption. He has been much afflicted for many years since he was kicked in the head & face by a horse. Yesterday morning (Tues.) at 7 A.M. I left for Spanish Fork to attend the funeral. I got there 15 min. before the funeral. On arriving I was asked to be one of the speakers. I was blessed in my address. I dwelt upon the eternity of existence of our lives. I pointed out that we existed eternities before we came and that we worked, strove, for intelligence, power & to prepare for this life and the lives to come. Then I showed what this life meant to us and the reality of the life to come. I also stated that we could not gain here all the intelligence we had there nor that we will never know in this life how great we were there. We can with earnestness, ask our Father to give us the knowledge we had before we were born as Christ prayed before his crucifixion. I said that death gave (gave) the deepest meaning to life and that when our loved ones die we saw them grander than before, etc.

I went back to Provo and staid all night with Josephine & her family. Her husband Fred Finlayson, is in very poor health due to three paralytic strokes. He is not himself any more. He cries over every new or sudden change & is only partly able to aid himself. He is quite a care. He is not long for this earth. His brother, Frank, died last week from one paralytic stroke. He lived only 2 or 3 days after the stroke. He was a most brilliant child & youth. I felt he was the most brilliant person (when a youth) I ever knew, but he turned from the faith of his parents and the knowledge of God, & he died as he lived, most infidelic in his life. He had the mental power of mastering any truth that the earth held & was known to man, but he never built on his greatest gifts. Too bad. Zion's sons will be darkened thru sin.

I returned home this afternoon. I am going to the temple this evening. Later: I went to the temple with Martha tonight. We each did the work for one person.

Nov. 21 1927 Ogden, Ut.

The weather has been most beautiful this fall. This morning it began to snow & it is still falling tho a very wet snow.

This last wk. Othello & I hammered away at insurance but we only wrote \$1500, yet we put in over 8 hrs a day. We did get 2 or 3 renewals, but made no collections. It seemed an impossibility to make any success. We seemed to be in a doldrum and couldn't get out of it. But I have had a busy wk. in delivering addresses. A wk. ago yesterday (Sun) I came to Ogden and delivered an address on the Evidences of the Bk. of M. before the H. Priests of Mt. Ogden Stake. There were present 276 H. Priests & a few Seventies who came to hear me. I first reviewed 5th ch. of Jacob in Bk of M. showing that the servant who came with the Lord of the vineyard (earth) to view the earth & God's works several times during the centuries and at last the God of the vineyard sent his servant into the vineyard to redeem the vineyard for the last time, was Jos. Smith. It was a revelation to the audience to learned this. It gives us a greater vision who Jos. was & is than we had before. I then pointed out 4 internal evidences of the Bk. of M. (prophecies uttered which had been fulfilled when the Bk. was translated) which have been fulfilled since then. The Lord was with me & the audience.

Last Sunday evening (a wk. ago) I returned to Logan and filled an appointment in 10th ward. I spoke on the virtues & defects of our national Education system.

Last Tues. night I spoke in the 5th ward of Logan on the new evidences coming forth to verify the claims of the Bk. of M.

Last Sat. I spoke at Sister Peterson's funeral in North Logan.

Yesterday (Sun) I delivered 3 addresses--two in Logan & here in Ogden 1st ward Bro. Garner is Bp. My subjects were Thanksgiving; How to teach the Bk. of M. and Joseph, the Seer. I seemed to be much blessed with the spirit of God. Especially last night great power was with me I was reverentially grateful for the Lord's spirit. Many said it was the most wonderful speech they had ever heard. The Presidency of the Stake was there & they were very appreciative, over my address. We went to (went to) Sister Warren Hickman's home for 1½ last evening after meeting. Some of the company were Bp. Garner & wife, Bro. McGregor & wife, Miss Thompson, Leon & Bro Saxey, a few others. We had a nice lunch. I stayed at Leon's. Othello & Valko have just come from Logan to take me on to Salt Lake.

Nov. 25, 1927 Logan, Ut.

Fine weather after a day's snowing & raining. I went to S.L. with Othello & Valko. We checked up with the Company on insurance work and wrote \$5000.00 ins. We returned home Tues. night

Yesterday was thanksgiving day. We had a great day. We had Leon & family; Othello & family; Lorea & Ted, Valko & family, besides Andra Roy and Mr Barnes' (of Monticello) little son who met with such a terrible accident 2 yrs. ago when giant caps exploded near him. One eye was torn out & the other terribly injured so he can barely see out of it. His body was torn & lacerated almost from head to foot. There were 22 who sat down to dinner. It was a happy crowd who devoured 2 big turkeys which cost \$10.60.

I took most of the family (10) to the show last night. It cost me \$5.00. This thanksgiving cost me over \$40.00, but we got over \$50.00 of joy out of it so I am \$10.00 ahead after all. Lorea & Ted, her husband, Leon & family all returned home this morning. Climatic joys have their peak and recede leaving one sad tho happy memories.

Valko & I went out Wed. evening & sold \$1500.00 insurance. The next day we sold \$5000.00.

Dec. 4, 1927 Logan, Ut.

I have been about ill for over a wk. with heavy cold on my lungs. I am better now. Last Sun. I was home in bed. We sold a little insurance last wk. & made a little collections.

I went to River Heights tonight & gave a talk on Jos. the Seer & the Bk. of M. (Jacob 5 & 16th Chap. of III Nephi)

I attended S.S. & afternoon fast meeting in our ward today. I opened with prayer I also bore my testimony on the payment of tithing.

Dec. 12 1927. Logan, Ut. Weather cold but no snow.

We sold \$8000 or \$10,000 insurance. We (Othello, Valko & I) went to S.L. Fri. to sell some insurance and see to other business. We were fairly successful. I stayed all night with Leslie, my brother. We returned Sat. evening. Juanita went as far as Ogden with us & returned with us.

With Martha & Juanita, Othello & Helen I attended the Junior High School opera Sat. night. It was excellent for young people, both the acting--the sing & the dancing.

Yesterday (Sun.) I attended S.S. I always attend the Parents Class unless called to go teach some other class. Yesterday we discussed salvation for the dead, etc. I said to the class that the second resurrection or the holding of some back to the second resurrection was an act of mercy rather than one of cursing for the second resurrection gave that much more time for repentance and preparation for resurrection for thru this many a person can improve his condition so he can rise or be resurrected in a higher kingdom than he could done a 1000 yrs. before.

I had a visit from Prof. Alfred Osmond yesterday afternoon. We discussed his new book, just out, on "My Philosophy of Life".

Last night I spoke in the 12th ward (Jos.W. Linford is Bp.). I spoke on a fuller knowledge of the Bk. of M. and I left them with a bigger & broader conception of the Bk. of M. and also a greater conception of who the Prophet Jos. was and is.

Some one stole Othello's car last night while he was at meeting while in S.L. I saw Fern, Lorea & her husband (Edward).

Dec. 18 1927 Logan. Very cold & 6 in. snow.

This last wk. I have been home & work a little in the the valley. Have done very little in insurance. Last wk. I paid Mrs Dr Jones \$10,000 insurance due to Dr Jone's death.

I did not go to S.S. or afternoon meeting today for I remained home (home) and prepared for my address this evening for I was asked to speak tonight in our ward on "Jos. the Seer and the Bk. of M." which I did. The Lord was surely with me tonight in my address and also upon the audience. Many kind things were said on my words & ideas. I showed from scriptures the works he did and his own utterances, & the messengers from God to Raphael that no man ever lived who was visited by so many archangels, Gods, etc. as was the Prophet Joseph D&C. 110: 103:21:128; 18-21; Jacob 5th. & Ch. History. Bk. of M. II Nephi 3 ch-a seer. Lehi's relation of Jos. of Old's words. I also reviewed some recent discoveries which go to vindicate the claims of the Bk. of Ether.

Have recd. letters from Radino, Geo. W. Lorea, Vivian & from my sister Laura.

Radino has good work in Bk-keeping until the 2nd semester when he will begin his Uni. work.

Martha's health is not the best. My health could be better for I dropsy in my legs from ankles to knees. It began while I was in Calif.

I went thru the temple last Wed. night We got thru at 10:30 P.M. Martha & I went a month ago. For both evenings were for Logan Stake. The one I went thru for was Elijah Berrett who is dead.

Dec. 28 1927 Logan, Ut. Snow & cold

Last wk. did very little work. We rather hung around for Santa Claus. My, what a havoc he creates with one's purse. I am sure he took out of this home over \$150.00 tho some of it came back.

We had a splendid christmas tree. It reached to the ceiling. We covered it with strips of cotton covered with artificial snow & tinsil. The tree was lighted with 12 or 15 small electric globes Xmas was on Sun. None of us went to S.S. that morning. We stayed home and enjoyed the gifts.

I went to Lewiston and spoke Sun. after noon, Bp. Hyer came & got me. He also brought me back. I reviewed in brief Giovanni Papini's "Life of Christ" as an exalted conception of Jesus & his life.

At night I spoke here in Logan in the 11th ward. I took for my theme "The birth, infancy, & childhood of Jesus Christ". I tried to give a psychological conception of what his life must have been in babyhood child & youth to 12 or 13. My audience was most attentive & interested from beginning to end.

I rested & read Mon. & Tues. Today Wed. I spent 2 hrs. on my insurance work.

Othello & family went to Los Angeles, Nev. to visit Helen's mother & father.

We are all greatly shocked over a Wm. Edward Hickman, formerly from Kansas, Mo. who kidnapped a 11 yr old girl & strangled her to death & then cut her up & then got \$1500.00 from her father as a ransome. He probably is some kin to us if connectives were followed up. The earth seems full of crime of every specie known to man. It is without doubt (it is) increasing in the land. The destructive forces of the earth are also increasing. God says it will increase until men's hearts fail them.

I am adding "The World's Work" to my list of magazines which I am taking.

I get word from Vivian that Genevieve & Viri may have T.B., he in hip & she in lungs.

Jan. 2 1928 Logan, Ut

Have been some the last few days reading and writing. I have read the first third of "The Lost Books of the Bible". Some of it seems true but other portions seem to be the work of myth or imagination. The world is in need of a fuller & truer conception of chirst & his mission.

I only sold \$2500 last wk. Yesterday (Sun.) I attended S.S., fast meeting, & conjoint last night. Bro Daynes of the 5th ward gave an illustrated lecture on the Evidences of the Bk of M. It was very good. Spoke in fast meeting for a few mintues.

Martha & Juanita went to Ogden for 2 days & visited Leon & family.

I just learn Pro Jos Howell has died of heart failure. He was Prof. in A.C. for a number of yrs.

An old gentleman by the name of Neff died today He was about 83 yrs. old.

I have been reading Pres. Nicholas Murry Butler's presidential address (Annual report). His annual reports are classics. He puts his finger on the public pulse of Education and diagnoses the defects of our educational ideas and systems. He is Pres. of the Columbia Uni. It is the largest Uni. in America. There were last yr. 35, 998 students who were registered in the Uni. as regular, Summer School, non-residential, or corresponding students. It takes millions a yr to run the Uni. Last yr. it was \$12,005,670.66. The resources were \$114,153,749.87. The endowments are very large. Last yr. they amounted to \$3,498,380.20. There are over 2,200 teachers. There were 4118 degrees conferred; 169 were Ph.D degrees. It is a wonderful institution for the unfolding of the human mind.

It is now the beginning of a new yr. I hope to be more spiritually morally & intellectually awakened this yr. than any other yrs. of my life. This seems like an almost idle wish for I am not attending school; yet I am keeping abreast of the world's progress in a broad way. My reading includes The Journal of Eugenics, The Scientific Monthly; The National Geographic Magazine, World's Work, Literary Digest, The Annual Reports of the Smithsonian Inst., Two newspapers, A few of the best books with here & there the scanning of other magazines. Yes, I scan our home magazines to a greater or less degree. I am a constant reader of the scriptures. My lectures require considerable preparation. So all & all I am intellectually busy.

I hope to unfold spiritually & morally in a broader deeper sense & meaning than I have ever done in one yr. before. I hope to be a greater master of my self than ever before. I hope to be able to do greater good than ever before in one yr. God speed the desire and may I stand nearer to Him than ever before.

Dear Father, sanctify my desires to Thy good both on earth and in heaven is my humble prayer.

My health is good tho I am bothered with dropsy of my lower limbs from knees down. My heart being slow in beat (about 59) and rather weak in its beating is the cause of my dropsical tendency.

I went with Bp Worley last night to administer to Melvin Law (16 yr old) who was nearly dead with flu-pneumonia; but no sooner had we administered than he began to improve. Valko & I went back this evening and administered again. He is much better.

Logan, Jan 11 1928--Jan thaw & weather mild.

I went to S.L. Thurs. night with a Mr Clawson & wife. They were strangers to me. We went in his auto. We left here about 4 P.M. & got to S.L. about 7:30 P.M. We discussed most of the time, religion. Tho

he is a nephew of Apostle Rugder Clawson he believes nothing in religion. Our discussion was pleasant most of the time and all the time earnest. He took the stand that no one knew what he believes & that all was built on unreliable hearsay. I laid down this proposition that men in their belief based it (or could base it) on three elements of proof: 1-His-toric evidence e.g. the scriptures ancient & modern. 2-Cause & effect where in one might draw upon the discoveries of science and philosophy, etc. 3-Ones own personal experiences; e.g. special manifestations, mira-cles, special spiritual endowments that come to men like a new birth after which they know as they exist which (such endowment) the noted Jno. Fiske once had. Then there are the personal manifestations of heavenly beings in dreams or open visions--audivoyance or clairvoyance that come to many. I said that in all lines of argument these three sources are drawn upon to a greater or less degree. Before we were thru he was much disturbed and floundered in his arguments for the experience of the race was against him, science lined up against him in a great measure while my experiences could not be refuted by him. Noted astronomers claim the Universe could not exist without a God.

When I got out of the car in S.L. he and his wife were quite compli-mentary, in appreciation of what I had given them. She said: "I wish I could have the pleasure of meeting often with you and profit by your erudition. She is a Presbyterian. She was born in Indiana & raised in the east.

When I met him & his wife here in Logan just before we got in the auto he said, "Are you as bad as your name" (referring of course to the terrible deed of young Wm E. Hickman of Los Angeles). I replied, "I hope I am as good as my name".

It is a criticism on Zion's children for them not to know God nor his work here on earth. We are approaching that hour predicted by the Savior: viz."They will come from the east, etc. & settle down in Zion while the children of Zion will be cast out where there is weeping & wailing & gnashing of teeth". Mr Clawson is only one of thousands as such. God said my spirit will not always strive with men. Clawson walks the earth with head erect, eyes open, but sees not the truth of things for he walks in the night of spiritual darkness--a darkness of his own creation.

While in S.L. I met, Lorea & husband Fern & family; Francis & Laura. I wrote a little insurance and did some checking with the Co.

Jan. 15 1928, Logan, Ut.

We are having our biggest snow storm to day (Sun.) It is over 6 in.

Since returning from S.L. Othello & I have written several thousand insurance--over \$8500.

I spoke to the M.I.A. classes on the internal evidences of the Bk. of M. last Tues. night in the 1st ward.

Due to a number of deaths from spinal meningitis here in Logan & surrounding towns schools, dance halls, & public gathering are closed for a wk. It is believed that the germ is transmitted thru the mouth as

is typhoid fever in fact thru the breath. So we all stayed home today. It hardly seems like the Sabbath.

Jan. 29, 1928 Logan, Ut. (Sun.)

Weather rather mild tho we have about 5 in. of snow. We have been quarantined nearly two wks. But now the quarantine has been lifed for about a wk. We had S.S. & meeting today. I attended both. We are discussing, thru out the Church just now in all Parents' Classes, "divine authority.

Othello & I have sold about \$49,000 insurance this mo. We have sold two \$10,000 policies.

I went to S.L. about 10 days ago; Othello & wife (Helen) went also. We had business with the Co. as well as writing three persons.

Have heard from Radino, Geo, Dee & Vivian (his wife). They (Dee & V.) are in very poor financial condition. I have agreed to furnish most of the lumber for them to build a large 2 roomed house. We have decided to let the Federal Land Bank of Berkeley take Dee's land to pay the loan.

I am now asked to pay my \$3000 loan on my land also \$90.00 interest. I do not know how I will raise it.

We are well at home. I am reading considerable. That which you read & do not teach or seldom talk about tends to be forgotten quite rapidly.

Thorval in his College algebra & trigonometry comes to me quite often to aid him. I am surprised I can remember so much of it after so many years since I studied it (1892 & 3). My learning remains with me longer than with most people. A Patriarch blessed me some years ago & said that God had endowed me with a great memory & intelligence. My father before me had that tenacious memory.

I am most grateful for my life and the learning & experiences I have had. I earnestly pray I may live and do much more good & attain much more learning in the future. My Father has been kind to me. He has given me grace for grace and has not forsaken me. He has made the day equal to the evil there of "many, many, times in my life. I am grateful for my families, and most of my children give me great happiness due to their honorable & progressive lives. Kyrmel is doing better in school this yr. than ever before. Marva & Thorval are still earnest in their work.

Feb 23, 1928 Logan. Weather about as mild as Apr.

The ground has been bare for days. A rift of snow fell last night

Have been to S.L.

Dear Lorea gave birth to a stillborn babe in the Dee hospital Feb. 8. She got along very well. We brought the body here & buried it on Leon's burial lot. We brought Lorea here Feb. 17 (Fri.). She will remain here for a wk. or two before returning to her home in Coalville. Ted, her husband, came up for a few days.

I have spoken several times since last writing. I lectured in Preston before the M.I.A. conference of the Oneida Stake last Sun. night to a crowded house. It was held in the opera house. The audience was most attentive & many gathered around after meeting pressing their praises & appreciations upon me. My subject was the new discoveries which fully vindicated the claims of the Bk. of M. & especially the Bk. of Ether. How grateful I am to be able to carry new truth to our people. Our people are studying the Bk. of M. more this year than any year before.

I was asked before I left the rostrum to return & deliver 4 more lectures on the Bk. of M. I may do so.

I delivered an address on Washington Feb. 22 at the H.S. in this city, but I learn I shot over the heads of the pupils. There were 600 H.S. pupils present.

I went to the 8th ward two wks. ago & discussed evidences of the Bk. of M. I am being asked often to discuss the Bk. of M. in various wards & towns. I am willing to stress this work now for we are trying to honor the centennial of the coming forth of the Bk. of M. I told them in my lecture at Preston that every one who read the Bk. of M. this year, loved it, obeyed its teachings, would bring the day & hour that much closer when the untranslated portion of the Bk. of M. would be brought forth & given to us. In fact I have often told my classes in the Bk. of M. while I was still teaching, that their study of this Bk. if they loved it & obeyed it, would hasten the day when God would give us the record which has not been brought forth.

Keith Rider whom Othello & I wrote insurance the fore part of Dec. just died as a result of a long attack of spinal meningitis. The parents will be deeply grieved over his young death.

Old father Jno. Woolf died last Mon. night at 7:00 P.M. He was 85 yrs old lacking 6 days. He has been blind a number of yrs. He has been a great & good character in our church. He has been Bp. in stake presidency, mayor, & patriarch. He is the father of Zina Woolf Hickman (my brother Francis' wife). She is a very talented woman in literature, etc.

Feb. 26, 1928 Logan Ut.

It is Sun. It is slightly stormy tho almost as warm as spring.

We held funeral services last Fri. for Jno. Wolf. It was held in the 4th ward meeting house. The house was full. Splendid things were said of him. He was blessed as a little child by the prophet Joseph Smith. I offered the invocation.

To day we held funeral services for Keith Rider. They were held in River Heights ward. Bros. Karl Wood, J.A. Hume, Joel Ricks, and my self were the speakers. Excellent music was furnished by the choir & special singers. An excellent spirit was there. Splendid ideas were brought out by the speakers. (see Journal of Clippings)

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I went to the ward meeting tonight. There were 4 speakers. One was Pres. Green from Lethbridge Canada.

Othello & I have been fairly successful in insurance the last wk. I wrote \$5000.00 Sat.

I have recd. letters from Geo, Eugene, & Vivian.

I am much impressed with new discoveries in science & inventions. God's work is advancing in the earth. Many mistakes will be made but when the last error is eliminated from science it will parallel the truths of the Gospel.

Lorea is still with us and has recovered nicely.

Martha, Marva & I went to the movie last night at the Capitol theatre. It was a very entertaining play. It is called "My Best Girl" played by Mary Pickford and Rogers as leading actors.

My renewal check for last month was \$115.52. Some months it (it) is considerably larger. The largest I have ever received for one month was \$235+.

Mar 4, 1928 Logan. Ut.

Sun. night--Weather warm as Apr. No snow.

We have sold about \$15,000 insurance this wk. Of the 60 agents in the two mos. contest Othello & I stand 4th from the top.

Lorea left for home (Coalville) Fri. She is well again & happy but regretful over the loss of her baby. She bought a \$30.00 portable graphophone I paid \$8.00 on it & she paid \$5.00 and is to pay \$5.00 a mo. until pd. She got a few fine records. They will be a comfort to her and Ted.

I finished reading a most wonderful book by C.E. Ayres a young philosopher of great renown. The bk is entitled "Science; The False Messiah". It is a profound thought provoking analysis of science, invention, philosophy and religion. He has a world grasp of the depths of of science, philosophy, social & historical life of races. One wonders, as he reads, where he got it all could array it with such clarity & logic as he does. He has taught philosophy at Brown, Chicago, Amherst & Reed As he writes he strikes from the shoulder without fear or favor and avoids academic diction like the plague. He bitterly arraigns and those who worship science; yet he believes that eventually science will triumph. "He does not apologize for the acrid flavor of his dish".

I have attended S.S. afternoon & evening meeting. It was our ward annual conference. I spoke before the Parents Class on Scientific Evidences of A Universal Deluge.

I am feeling badly to night for I had to censure Marva last night for things she said & did. I am always grieved over discord I pray it shall never occur again for I love her deeply & tenderly.

Journal L Pages 161, 162, 163

My article: "An Apostrophe to the Ocean" was published in "The Era" for Feb. Two errors were made which weakened the article. They changed "tears" & put "hearts" in: "Are your briny deeps the tears of sorrowful women. Then in the sentence "Your deeps are dumb". It was published: "Your depths are dumb". It weakened my thought. In the Mar. Era the editor made an apology for the first error but not the second tho he agreed to.

I have paid \$56.00 tithing in the last few weeks.

I went to the theatre and saw the play put on by the Agri. College "The Melting Pot" Kyrmel was in it and played very well. He shows splendid talent in that line. This is the 3rd pay he has been in this school yr. He is taking a part in the play "The Sun Set" to be played in Hyrum. He is taking the leading role in the opera "The Mocking Bird"

Mar. 11 1928 Logan

It is raining but the weather is as warm as a May rain. This has been a mild winter.

This week we wrote 10000 or \$12000. Othello went to S.L. last Fri. & came back Sat. He wrote \$2,500 while in S.L. I wrote Alma Sonne \$5000; Jno Astle \$4000; Jos. K. Nelson \$1000 & F.J. Yoller \$2500.

New discoveries in science & invention are most startling and are almost undreamed of.

David Haws, my cousin died last Wed. and was buried to day. I was one of the speakers. He was a noble character, but not religious. I stressed the different Kingdoms of heaven and the state of those who die & why only those who reach the Celestial Kingdom will be permitted to perpetuate his species for only God-like men & women will be allowed to people the stellar universes.

I was taken to Providence 1st ward tonight to speak upon the Bk. of M. I dwelt mostly on the internal evidences of the Bk. of M. My audience was mostly young people. They were very attentive and appreciative.

I just bought "Maurois' life of Disraeli I am interested in knowing more of his wonderful life--the only Jew who was ever prime minister of England or any other country.

Marva and Clara Peterson went with me tonight to Providence where I spoke

Mar. 23 1928, Richfield, Ut

Since last writing I have been in S.L., Provo, here (Richfield) and Milford. I spent a wk. there with my son Eugene looking over the new land project where thousands of acres are being brought under cultivation thru pumping the waters from subterranean waters from 12 to 40 ft. under the surface of the land south of Milford. He and Mr Gardner have 160 acres. He desires I go in with him & Gardner. The project looks good to me. I have told Eugene that I would try & raise the money to go in with them. It will take over \$2000 to fence, break up, put in pump, getting teams & implements, etc.

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While there we wrote \$7000 insurance with the promise of several more thousand. So far all men, with whom we are to do business over there are to take some insurance from us.

While at Milford I spoke Sun. evening thru request of the Stake Presidency. Then the Bp. (Bird) arranged for a meeting Mon. evening at which time I occupied the entire time. The house was as completely filled Mon. night as it was Sun. evening

White at Milford Eugene had his tonsils taken out. I did the driving over here from Milford because he was so sick. He bled for about 24 hrs. He is quite weak & his throat is very sore.

A wk. ago Sun. we held David Haws' funeral in the 5th ward of Logan. He was my cousin. His father--Nathaniel Haws was my mother's brother. He was a noble fearless fellow but not religious. I was one of the speakers at his funeral.

I have finished (finished) reading Maurois "Life of Disraeli". It is a wonderful portrayal of a wonderful life. He was regal in character from childhood. Probably no one, outside of her (Queen Victoria) immediate family had such a powerful influence on her life as he. She idolized him in his later life. He was not only orator, statesman, but a noted novelist. He made his characters play the problems of life & government he wished to see enacted His reply to the House of Lords when he was gibbed as a Jew is matchless; Yes, I am a Jew and am proud of it. When your ancestors were painted savages hiding in the caves of Great Brittain my fore fathers were worshipping the true & living God in the temple at Jerusalem. I saw the play "Disraeli" yrs. ago in N. York. The play as I remember was written by Drinkwater an English novelist.

Eugene & I got here last evening My brother, Francis was here awaiting us. He and I played checkers all night until 7 A.M. this morning. I am really ashamed of killing a whole night in such a manner but it is only once in 2 or 3 yrs. we get at checkers.

April 1, 1928. Logan--Pleasant weather.

Tho Othello & I have work most of the week on insurance we have only written \$1000, but have some very good prospects. I have been aiding him in buying a house. I am also aiding Valko so he can get a better position with the Cardon Co. From now on he gets all the commission he makes where tofore he only got 60% of his commissions.

I was asked to give a short opening speech in fast meeting today. I discussed in brief Sec 45 on the day of the gentile etc. and the fulfillments.

Martha, my wife, has been ill in bed for nearly a wk. but is up again, but not well.

The Deseret News published my article on the Evidences of the Bk. of M. about 3 wks. ago

Apr 4 1928. Logan.

It is Sat. night (11:15) and I am now thru with my last revision of

the speech I am to give over the Radio (K.S.L.) in Salt Lake tomorrow night at 9 P.M. Apostle Clawson called me over the phone about 10 days ago and asked if I would give an address of 25 to 30 minutes. I was flattered at the offer & so I accepted. This will be my second attempt to speak over the Radio. The other event was a yr. ago the 7th of this month. I have written my speech because I must measure my time and second because president Clawson asked I hand it in for publication to the Deseret News. I have spent most of my time this week reading & writing my radio speech I have given my speech the title: God Vindicates His Revelations.--He Floods the Earth with Truth:--Makes Science His Hand Maid and with It All, He Causes Men to Glorify His Name" But the fact is my speech is largely the defense of Joseph as a translator & seer and the Bk. of Abraham. You can read my speech for it will be put in my Journal of clippings. I can imagine my descendants reading the speech and pointing out the changes & discoveries then made in astronomy and how the then new astronomy had changed from the astronomical knowledge of 1928. In my day a wonderful development in Astronomy has taken place since 1862. I am a great lover of Astronomy and Geology. I have been a student of these subects for 36 or 38 yrs. The awfulness of the truths of Astronomy fill me with unspeakable awe. I never grow weary of reviewing books & magazines which treat of these subjects. Prof Wm Peterson the Astonomer & Geologist of the A.C. and I often meet and thresh out the late developments along these lines.

I go to S.L. tomorrow with Othello my son, & his wife Helen. We will return Mon.

I attend the 89th Annual Conference in S.L. Fri. Sat. & Sun. I appreciated very much the conference and the splendid things said. The general priesthood meeting was the largest ever held. There must have been 6500 present. Dr Talmage was the main speaker. He reviewed the missionary work in Europe and the missionaries we send into the world It was advised that we would not in the future send missionaries to reform them nor to give them a testimony. It was also urged we send no one who did not want to go.

I attended the California reunion in Salt Lake. I met a number of my friends & missionary companions there

We have sold \$12,000 or \$14000 insurance the last 10 or 12 days.

Marva was quite severely ill for 4 or 5 days but is better again

Apr 17 1928 Logan

Well I went to S.L. on Sun. afternoon with Othello & Helen. We stopped an hr. or so in Ogden & visited Leon & family.

That evening at 9:30 P.M. I delivered my address over the Radio. It seemed very successful. Several telephone calls came in to the Radio station within (in) a few minutes after I was thru; each congratulating me on my "most wonderful" address as they put it. I have been complimented several times from Ogden & here in Logan. Some in Logan were disappointed because they could not get K.S.L. That is quite a common criticism in this County. Laura, my sister, (Laura), was at the station while I gave my address. That night I went to the Roberts Hotel with

her. I slept in her room while she went & slept with a lady friend. I had breakfast with her.

I went and visited with Apostle Whitney for nearly 2 hrs. Mon. He read me, for the second time, his thoughts in the form of a dialogue between Ephriam & Judah of the coming forth of the Gospel. He is preparing this for the 100th Anniversary of the Advent of the Gospel. It is a beautiful poetic portrayal of Ephriam's part & his urging of Judah to awaken & do his part in the restoring of the Gospel. I took him and Zina Hickman, my brother's (G.F.'s) wife to dinner.

Returned home yesterday afternoon. My speech is to be published in the Deseret News next Saturday.

I have taken a little time criticising a Miss Ruth Lochhead's (of Ogden) oration on "The Banishment of the Mormon People". It is a very good effort for a High School girl.

Apr. 24 1928 Logan

I went to Idaho last wk. for 4 days with Othello. We wrote \$22,500 insurance. We got back Sat. evening. I attended conference here Sun. Apostle Geo F. Richards was here & spoke twice Sun.

My speech given over the Radio a wk. ago Sun. was published in the Deseret News last Sat. (Apr. 20). I have received many fine compliments both thru phone messages, letters, & personal expressions both from Ut. & Ida., Arizona also from Calif.

I have been summoned on the petet jury of this Co. I served to day for the first time in my life. I was called once before but got out of serving.

I just read an article in the World's Work (for May) on Dr Henry Fairfield Osborn. He had this to say about the Mormon people: "The Mormons had the most successful form of polygamy that has been known, perhaps, but they had a very strict system, and finally abandoned it. This is proof that they knew it could be bettered. They evidently knew that only monogamous races survive and rise". He forgot to say we abandoned it because we had to.

We (Othello & I) wrote \$2500 insurance last night & \$2500 to night.

Apr. 29 1928 Logan Ut.

This last week I have been held here most of the time on the jury. I was challanged by Attorney Chambers as being a juror not fitted to sit on that case--A liquor case against Fred Blatter--because of my lectures against drink, etc. So I was excused from sitting on that case.

My son's little daughter Helen Marr was operated on last night in the Cache Valley hospital for appendicitis. To day (Sun) she is getting along very well.

Our insurance Co (Int, Mt. Life) is selling out to Calif. State Life Ins. Co. for 640% price of original stock.

The Calif. State Life will have head quarters in Sacramento, Calif. but five of our Co's officers will be retained on the new board.-- Apostle Lyman, Judge Greenwood, Dr Middleton, & others are on the new Board. I am called to go to S.L. tomorrow to meet the president of our new Co. The new Co. will now be over \$108,000000

Othello & I leave for there in the morning. They phoned that our expenses will be paid.

I rec'd a splendid letter from Geo. & Luella stating they had heard with remarkable clearness my Radio speech. Amidst other things he said: "You have a wonderful radio voice. I thought your talk showed that you had done considerable preparation and had an extensive knowledge of the subject with which you dealt. I can now see where I acquired my chief fault (in speaking or writing) long & glowing, rather oratorical sentences. Many of your sentences were beautiful from an oratorical point of view and I dare say the logic was there when analyzed, but I was taken away with these oratorical finenesses and would love to read the speech to find out whether the logic was sound. Of course there were many points where the logic was self evident. One could not have heard you thru without realizing a real master of the "Art" was before the microphone. I do not know that I can follow your inferences from your premises & conclusions.xxxx. But of course that is another matter and does not effect (the effect) the efficiency of your talk. But, father, whether I differ or not every day I realize and come more to admire the fine quality of your mind and only wish that I might develop that thirst for the fine intellectual things which you have. For he who is thirsty will drink when & where he may and at every possible opportunity and that urge is ever so important in the battle life".

Luella said: "We send our congratulations even tho delayed..It was not only beautiful in thought but also in spirit. So natural was your voice and so dear your tone that had we closed our eyes we could have easily imagined you were right in the room with us. We got every word. We are proud of you"

A letter from Fillmore said: "I can assure you that we felt also like we were playing "Blind man's Buff" when we really heard your voice and knew that you were miles away from us. It was a few min--before the thrill of the first few words left us. Then we let our imaginations carry us away in the Clouds to "KSL" where we could see your lips move as Aunt Hattie Robison said, your voice was clear and natural and your enunciation sounded as good as though you were right there with us. I think the best compliment I can give you is that your talks are of the very best given in our church, and this one was no exception, but very characteristic of you. We are certainly glad that you let us know of your appointment to speak over "K S L" and we congratulate you for the honor bestowed upon you and for the splendid way in which you filled this appointment." Lily Rogers.

From Thornton, Ida. the letter said: My husband and I listened to your talk Sun. eve with great interest and pleasure. It came in clearly; we heard every work. The theme was beautiful. Mrs Jacob Mogleby.

May 7 1928 Richfield, Ut.

Since last writing I have been in Idaho for 2 or 3 days. I was called to Mink Creek, Ida. to speak at the funeral of my friend Amos Keller. He dropped dead at the conclusion of a speech in Montpelier, Ida. It is said he had given an excellent speech which produced a splendid effect on the audience. I spoke of his excellent character and his faithfulness to God's laws. He was a philosopher. He had been on two missions. I reviewed in brief the lives we lived before we came here. That here is where Gods are made men (Jesus, Adam etc) & near gods great seers, etc. and that we could never attain here the greatness, wisdom, learning that was ours there. Jesus was no exception. A few weeks before his crucifixion we hear him saying: "O, Father, glorify thou me with the glory I had with thee before the world was".

Helen Mar is nearly well again. I left home yesterday afternoon. I rode with Leon & Winnie to Ogden where I gave an address per appointment (9 ward). I spoke upon the Psychology of love & hate--showing the physical, chemical, & mental & spiritual effects I left there at 6:30 A.M. & arrived here about 2 P.M.

Eugene & I leave for Milford tomorrow morning where we will look over work being done on our land. We will remain & write insurance for 2 or 3 wks.

I met here, Maurine Hickman Hiskey (Eugene's oldest daughter) and her husband and baby. They named him John Eugene after his two grandfathers. He is a fine 9 mos. baby. He is my first great-grandchild. Eugene was a grandfather at 36 and I great grandfather at 64.

Milford, Ut. May 13, 1928

Eugene and I arrived here last Tues. We have been getting men to dig well & sump also build $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi. of high power line to our line. We have ordered, transformers pump, dynamo, etc. Our expenses are very heavy to begin with. The land is mostly plowed. We have arranged with Mr Orsin Williams to finish work & put in 20 acres of potatoes & tend them till fall.

We have sold \$8000.00 insurance to men who are working for us so that helps some. I attended S.S. here today. They had Mother's day exercises and they were very appropriate. Ex-Pres. J.F. Tolton gave the address. I slept this afternoon for over 2 hrs. I seemed to need the rest. I was asked this forenoon to speak to night which I did. My address was on the theme of Jos. the Seer & proofs of same. It is now only 2 days until 99 yrs. since the Angel, John the Baptist, conferred upon Jos. & Oliver the Aronic priesthood.

May 20 1928 Milford.

Have been here the entire wk. We sold some insurance (\$16,000) since we came.

Eugene went back to Richfield to the graduating exercises of his daughter Renon. While there he bought 240 bu. of certified seed potatoes. He got them delivered here for 2¢ a lb.

I remained here & worked but sold no ins.

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The workman on the line we are putting up are progressing. Mr Kesler & men are progressing on the well. They will have it finished this coming wk. He struck water at 15 ft.

I had Eugene Kirkand & wife as my guests for supper & at the theatre. It cost me \$3.65. I didn't care very much for the show tho the night before it was very good.

I attended S.S. this forenoon & taught the Theological Class. It was not very satisfactory to me for part of the class inclined to be listless. To over come this condition I kept putting questions back to them until they had to pay attention in self defense.

This after noon I slept & read some I read a wonderful analysis by J.H. Jeans on "The New Outlook in Cosmogony". It was published in "The Annual Report of the Smithsonian Institution for 1926 It was a keen analysis of the stellar universes--their origin, cause, & destiny. I hope some one of my descendants will take the time to re read it some 50 or 100 yrs hence and see how much the theory of the Cosmogony of the universe has changed. Even now two years later finds some change from his view. It is a splendid analysis but new theories in some respects will come in and modify this entire body of conclusions.

I attended meeting tonight. Home missionaries (Bro. Griffiths & Sister Bay) were the speakers.

I have been lonesome today. There are moments in one's life when the glad visions of hope and happiness seem to be swallowed up in sadness and he feels probably his hopes & plans are in vain--his thoughts are somber & he longs for home & loved ones. He yearns for kind words and spiritual assurance. In such conditions I pray & wait for the passing of the cloud of forbodings.

I borrowed \$300.00 from my bank (Cache Valley Bank). I will need to borrow more in a few days.

Martha wrote me a letter this wk.

June 2 1928 Milford.

Since last writing Eugene & I have written some insurance. He has been to Circleville & bought 240 bu. of certified seed potatoes, (Russets). They are all delivered.

We went to Beaver for 2 or 3 days but did not write any ins. I was asked to speak there a wk ago to night (Sun.)--the two wards met together. I reviewed the attack upon the Bk. of A. made by the late Rev. Spalding & his failure I then showed that the sys. of Ast. recorded in Bk. of A. proved the authenticity of the Bk. I had excellent freedom & my audience was intensely interested & very appreciative

Eugene & I left last Tues. for Garfield & Wayne Cos. Tues. night we stayed in Cannonville with Bro. & Sister Davis--Dicy's parents. Eugene's children were there & we took them to Teasdale with us.

While in Marysvale I met my cousin Geo. Haws whom I have not seen since he was 9 & I was 10 yrs. of age. I tried hard to see some trace

of that little boy I knew long yrs. ago when we herded cows together, but the only vestige left of the wreck of 57 yrs. was his black eyes. What a void awakens in my mind as I think of the long past and the faded memories and the half forgotten loves of innocent childhood. Just a brief meeting of a half hr.--a rapid review of tattered recollection, a hasty summing up of some events & happenings since our separation then an other hand-shake, a wishing well, and we separated again probably never to meet again in this life. It makes me sadder than if we had not met.

Then I went & visited my friend of long ago, Josiah Gibbs. We had a pleasant chat for a half hr. or so and we (Eugene & I) sped on our way to Cannonville. We turned off our course to visit Brice's Canyon. It is a marvel in fantastic forms & colors.

The next day we went to Teasdale & stayed there a part of two days & 2 nights. While there we visited Bp. Pectrol & wife (my cousin) also Will Hickman & family also Melvina Durfey (my cousin)

We took flowers to Dicy and her children's graves. I was saddened as I stood beside her silent grave. I loved her for her splendid character. I knew (how) how grief stricken Eugene & his children were. I am glad I could visit her resting place beside her three babes tho it awakened within me a deep solemnity pervaded with love and devotion.

While in Torrey at Bp. Pectrol's place he showed me us many Indian relics. It would seem that one robe had totem markings on it. If so, then the Indian once knew the sacred temple work.

Eugene & I came back to Beaver May 31. We came here Fri. We found that Mr Kesler had gotten casing fast in the well & tho he has been working for days he & all help can not draw it out. I hope it can be accomplished by tomorrow.

We are worried over the situation and because our potatoe planting is jeopardized

A wk. ago last Thurs. I with Pres. J.F. Tolton delivered the funeral sermon over the remains of Geo. Singleton.

I believe this is in brief what I have done & experienced in the last 12 days. O, yes, to night I gave the address here in Milford ward on the various estimates the chemist, physiologist, psychologist & God put upon us. My audience were much impressed over the new line of my thoughts.

June 24 1928 Salt Lake. Ut.

I am at Fern's place. Eugene & I got here about 12:30 P.M. today. We came from Beaver yesterday to Provo last night. We left Beaver at 2 P.M.--got Richfield at 4:00 left there at 6 P.M. for Provo and we got there at 8:50 P.M.

Since I last wrote I with Eugene worked on our farm helping to make ditches, levies, also helped irrigate about 7 Acres of our land. We hired men to put in 20 cres. of potatoes. We bought 245 bu. of certified Idaho

Russetts for about \$500.00. We got the last of them in about June 19.

Our well flows about 800 gal. per min. Our costs each to the present on the farm is \$1017.00 on work done this spring. We will have to pay about \$150.00 to sq. our accounts. We have hired Mr. Williams for \$100.00 a mo. to tend our land, which is in potatoes and do other work needed even fincing, etc. I have been gone from home about 7 wks.

I spoke in Milford again on the sacrament & on the Second Coming of the Savior.

I did some insurance work. Eugene & I sold only about \$40,000 ins. (work) all the time we were in Beaver Co. both this time & the time before.

Juanita has gone to Uni. of Calif. to attend Summer School.

Lorea sent me a box of candy for Father's day, Fern sent me a fine card of remembrance. Juanita & Marva gave me a box of candy.

I put in six days ditching, leveying, etc. from 7 to 9 hrs. a day. It is more work of its kind I have done for yrs. I was extremely sore all over & weary. It started my kidneys to bleeding again & that considerable. I am feeling better now.

I have read but little since I have been away. My life has been quite changed due to new toil, new problems, new environment. My thoughts have been of the earth, earthy yet each Sun. I have partaken of the sacrament. I needed the Lord's aid and I was prayerful.

July 8 1928 Logan, Ut.

I have been selling insurance. Have been in S.L. twice in last 2 wks. I attended fast meeting a wk. today & spoke for a short time thru request of Bp.

To-day I attended Conference, & tonight I spoke in the 12th ward thru request of the Bp. I spoke on the 14 ch. of 1st Nephi. on the two churches and the developing of events since the beginning of God's work on earth in this dispensation. Valko went with me. He offered opening prayer.

Bro. H.S. Hatch has died & was buried last Thurs. The services were held in the tabernacle. He has been a banker here for over 40 yrs. He has been a very careful business man--a good neighbor & Latterday Saint.

I have read another article by J.H. Jeans on a broader interpretation of Cosmogony. It is a most wonderful analysis of the universes. I can't agree with all he says, but it is a wonderful survey. It is published in the May number of Scientific Monthly. You who revel in the awfulness and grandeur of God's creations should read it. He is secretary of the Royal Society of London.

July 17 1928 Logan.

Since last writing Othello & I have been in Idaho 4 days. We went to Preston, Downey, Lava, Bancroft, Kelley, Grace & Treasureton & home.

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We only sold \$1000 ins. but we got some good prospects. We are to go back Aug. 7 & 8.

I am asked to deliver two addresses in Malad in Aug. but will have to put them off until I return from Calif.

Othello & I have won a trip to Calif by selling \$125,000 in a yr. We far exceeded this amount.

The Ins. Co. pays all our expenses going & returning also while there. So we will take that amt. and go in Othello's & take our wives also for we can do this for what the Co. pays us.

I have been catching up with my magazine readings.

I have not been well for a wk or so due to a bleeding of my kidney or bladder. It has been painful & weakening.

President elect, Alvaro Obregon, of Mexico has been killed by an assin. This is a sample of such crimes for the future. The days are coming when it will be almost as good as a man's life for him to accept any high position in any nation.

It is for this generation. Such things will be more in the Gentile nations than other nations. It will be even worse than it was with the Nephite nations previous to Christ's crucifixion, etc.

July 28 1928 Milford, Ut.

It is 7:20 A.M. I have not been up many minutes. Eugene is still sleeping. We are stopping at the Milford hotel. It is extremely hot here. I left home Tues. at 12:25 P.M.; went to S.L. stayed with my daughter, Fern McGarry and went to Richfield Thurs with my brother Francis in his auto.

My son, Eugene & I came here yesterday. We went out to our farm and saw our potatoes. Most of them are very good. Our well does not furnish enough water to keep the pump agoing quite all the time. I am disappointed in it.

Aug. 2, 1928 Richfield, Ut

Eugene and I just got here from Beaver. While there and at Milford we sold \$10,000 insurance.

We took Walter Weber out to see our pump. He found the trouble--stopped the leak of air & our well is doing fine now pumping a large stream. The potatoes are looking much better & are beginning to bloom. The tubers are beginning to form. I am quite pleased over prospects.

We did not get here in time for me to take the train north to day. I spoke in Milford Sun. night on faith as an infinite power & gave some examples to illustrate my discussion. I was also asked to discuss before the Advanced Class (Parents) their lesson in Old Test. so I did.

Logan--Aug. 12-28--Very warm in day time.

I came home last Mon. I came from Richfield to S.L. checked

up word in office on Sat. but Fri. afternoon I visited my sister Josephine Finlayson & her husband. He is very bad with paraletic stroke. I stayed over Sun. in S.L. to deliver an address to 3 combined S.S. classes in Sun. School on my research work--Effect of Narco-Stimulants on user as well as unborn offspring. I then went to my daughter Fern's place & ate dinner & came home that night with Othello in his car.

Aug. 24, 1928 Del Monte, Calif.

Here we are in Del Monte, the shrine of forgetfulness. While you are here the rest of the world seems but a vague memory with recollections. It is a good thing we are ready to check out lest we want to settle here and let the rest of the world go by.

We are & have been staying at the Del Monte hotel. The daily cost for room & meals is \$12.00 a day. But the Calif. State Life Ins. Co. pays my expenses besides they gave me \$90.00 to pay my trip to Calif & return. Othello recd. same.

Othello and wife (Helen) and my self & wife (Martha) came in Othello's car from home. I pay for gas & oil on the trip while he pays all car expenses.

Helen & Martha stayed in Berkeley & visited my sons (George & Radino) & families, also my son Reginald came over several times from Richmond (where he works) & visited with them. Othello & I have been here 4 days attending the El Capitan Convention of Calif. St. Life Ins. Co. Helen & Martha came here yesterday to visit us and attend the big reception given to all the agents of the co. who had won a trip here. The big reception was last night. Judge C.E. McLaughlin and I were the speakers of the evening. My subject was: "Who can really put a true estimate upon the value of a man." I received many warm compliments on my speech. Some said it was the best thing of the evening. One of the officers of the Calif. State Life Co. said he had learned more about him self thru my speech than he had ever known before.

At the supper table the co. gave each of our wives a clock ("Tiny Tim") as a gift of appreciation.

Aug. 25, 1928 Berkeley, Calif.

We left Del Monte Fri. at 10 A.M. on Fri. and returned to Berkeley and visited with our loved ones until morning Aug. 27. Before leaving Del Monte we drove around the 17 mi. drive two different days. On the trip we visited or went thru Monterey, & Carmel. This last place was made notorious thru the hiding up there of Amy Emple McPhearson with her consort for 2 wks. while the entire public was dredging the sea for her supposed dead body.

Logan, Ut. Sept. 3, 1928

We arrived home Sat 9 P.M. (Sept. 1) O.K. having had very little car trouble on the way & none going out there. We went from Berkeley to Los Angeles. The first night out we stayed at La Costa Robles. The next day we arrived in Los Angeles at about 4 P.M. We visited my wife's brother Geo. & his wife (Mae) for two days & nights. Then we left for home going via San Barnadino and on to Las Vagas, Nev. We

stayed there over night and left for Overton next morning about 10 A.M. We got to Overton at 12 P.M. There we visited with Dee & family for 3 hrs. then we drove to St. George by 8:30 P.M. There we visited Leon & wife (Winnie) for an hr or so then we went to bed & left for home 6:20 A.M. We arrived here 9 P.M. We found all well. Only Kyrmel & Thorval were home. We had taken Marva up to Coalville to stay with Lorea until we returned. She is still there.

While in Calif. I spoke one Sun. night in San Francisco. The next Sun. I spoke in Oakland.

I saw many of my friends whom I met while on my mission. I could not fill all requests for dinners and requests to speak due to my limited time.

While we were there my son Geo. W. who is now community judge was running for Assembly man from Oakland Berkeley & surrounding country. This office is what we term here in Utah state representative. He was beaten in the race by 400 votes.

There are now three stakes in Calif. and prospects for more. Zion is growing. My son Thorval is called to go to the German-Austrian mission. He will go to S.L. Oct. 8 to attend 10 day school of preparatory instructions pertaining to his mission, etc. He is enthused over his call and we are all happy over it.

We have written a little insurance (\$7000) since we returned from Calif.

Sept. 8 1928 Richfield.

I left home Thurs. evening stayed with Leon over night. Came to S.L. yesterday morning attended to business in our insurance office till 2 P.M. and we (Eugene & I) came to Provo & visited my sister Josephine & husband for ½ hr. He is very bad. Then Eugene & I came to Benjamin and stayed all night with my sister Eunice & family. We had a nice visit. Then Eugene & I visited my bro. Chas & family for an hr. & then came here to Richfield. Only two of his girls (Renon & Guenavire) are staying here. Evelyn has gone to stay with her sister in Teasdale for the winter & the two little boys (Maynard & Darell) are to live with my daughter Lorea in Coalville. His home is pretty well broken up. I sympathize with him in his trial. May great blessings come to him & his family thru their trials & misfortunes. ✓

Sept. 16, 1928 Moab. Ut.

Eugene & I left Richfield Thurs. morning for here. We got here Fri. afternoon. We stayed in Castle Dale Thurs. night with Hattie Hickman (my bro. Francis' former wife). She will be his in the next world. Unfortunate conditions brought about the separation. She still loves him and my heart was made very sad to talk over their case. I pray they will be reconciled if not here in the next life.

We (Eugene & I) had supper with her, bed & breakfast. I left a \$1.00 under my plate at the breakfast table. We went from there to Price & then to Green River. We picked up a man (about 8 miles east

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of Price) from Mo. 66 yrs. of age who was returning from Calif. He rode to Green river with us. We talked on the Mormon question & discussed the scriptures which he knew quite well, and I showed how we as a church believed & lived the scriptures more literally than any other creed. I explained the Bk of M. & proofs of its authenticity. I reviewed with him the story of my people in his state, in Ill. & here in the desert.

It is now nearly 9 P.M. We went to S.L. this forenoon & meeting. We (Eugene & I) stayed over to night by request and spoke in in this evening's meeting. Eugene gave a very good talk on our social relations to man & our relation to God & explained how the radio could teach us a lesson how we might get in harmony with God if our souls were in attune with Him.

I spoke on the signs of Christ's coming and reviewed prophecies in D.&C. I said as a final word that whether he should come in a few yrs. or more it would take the Saints all their time to prepare to meet him.

We leave in the morning for Monticello. While here we only sold \$1000.00 insurance.

Have recd. no word from home. How my soul yearns for the privilege and authority to give my entire life in going amidst our people & the nations of the earth to preach & warn & prepare them for the coming of the Savior.

Monticello, Ut. Sept 22-28

Eugene and I came here last Monday morning. We got here from Moab at 8:30 A.M. We work here some. Eugene & Roe Redd went to Bluff & they sold \$20,500 ins. & went to Blanding last Thurs. & we came back here last night (Sat.) I have sold \$11000. I am very grateful for our success. I pray that we may be able to sell much more before returning home.

We attended S.S. this forenoon. I am asked to speak here to night.

I had a very pleasant chat this afternoon with Miss Juve, a Red Cross nurse. We are stopping at the Navajo Trail hotel. (Mr & Mrs Roe & Anna Redd run it).

We (Eugene & I) went & visited the Exp. station also the Boulder Knoll well. It is still throwing off wet gas. The oil experts claim it is a 100 to 1 bet that they will get "a gusher."

Sept. 29, 1928 Logan

I spoke Sun. evening by request in Monticello. The meeting house was filled. The Bp. said that was an honor they showed me. I spoke on the meaning & fulfillment of prophecies. I reviewed some noted prophecies of the Old & New Test. Bk of M. and Doc & Cov. The audience were much impressed over my address and many gathered about me to praise & ask questions. I told them I was reverently grateful that

God inspired me to say that which caused them to glorify his name. Tho I spoke an hr. & 15 min. a number said they would have stayed gladly 2 more hrs. Miss Juve', the Red Cross nurse, from Texas was much impressed. Why do I write this? Well, it is that you of later generations might see & realize some things that others may do & say. It is that you may get a glimpse of the past, etc.

Eugene & I left for La Sal and stayed there one night & wrote \$5000 insurance. While on our trip the 2 wks. we were gone we wrote \$64,500. I am grateful for these blessings. We parted ways at Price, he going to Tory, Wayne Co. & I took train for home. I stopped off in Provo to see my sister Josephine & her husband, Fred Finlayson, who is very ill with a paraletic stroke & is as helpless as a child of 9 mos. old.

I came to S.L. and stayed over night with Fern & family. I arrived home Fri. night and found all well. Thorval is preparing for his mission (German-Austrian). We had a nice gathering for him last night at Othello & Helen's place. Leon & family came up from Ogden to the supper.

I had an examination by Dr. Hatch in S.L. to find out the cause of the bleeding which some doctors thought was my kidney, but he found it was do to a tumorous growth of my bladder. He says that an operation is necessary to prevent an increased growth of the same & probably would turn to cancer. But I believe the Lord will heal me if my faith will not fail me.

The examination was very painful & I lost much blood.

Oct. 6, 1928 Logan

I attended S.S. today & meeting this evening. Ex bishop Merkeley gave a very fine address to night.

Bro. Lewis Cardon & I were called to administer to Morgan Blair who is ill.

Oct. 14, 1928 Logan, Ut.

I attended Semi annual conference in S.L. Sat. Oct. 6 & Sun. Oct. 7. I think it was one of the best conferences I have ever attended. The brethren spoke with influence & power. The themes were on the Word of Wisdom, obedience to the laws of God & the laws of the nation, chastity, virtue, honor, charity, the dignity of work, the glory of God is intelligence, value of learning, prophecies and their fulfillment, tithing, the preaching of the gospel as all important as recorded in the D. & Cov, Our conception of the Godhead as compared to the vague views held by the creeds.

There was rather a marked change in the manner of delivering of sermons for a number of them (apostles) read their sermons. Apostle Smoot read his entire sermon. It lacked inspiration. I feel that it would be a good thing for him, if he is to lead Israel, for him to return home & live with the people in order to get the spiritual contact which I feel he needs. It is only natural that his long absence from the people with state & world matters would cool one's ardor for religious things.

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I stayed over Mon. to meet Thorval who had gone to S.L. to enter the 2 wks school for missionaries. While in S.L. I spent a ½ day in our Co.'s office on business. I also went out to Nathaniel Baldwin's plant & had an hr's chat with him. I am trying to sell him \$100,000 insurance. I may do so in Dec.

I came home last Tues. & have done a very little work on insurance.

Thorval came home for his farewell party Fri. night which was held in our ward (1st ward). We had a meeting for nearly 2 hrs. were songs, addresses were made. Thorval gave very fine & splendid spiritual address. He is full of the spirit of his mission. Then we adjourned to the amusement hall where a large crowd of young & old people met in a fine dance. In the meeting I gave a short address on the value of missions to our people & the world & my appreciation to know I had a son who was willing & worthy to go. I pointed out that this life is the working out & fulfilling of preparation we made in the other world. The Prophet Jos. said that all in this generation who had or would go on missions were so ordained before we came here. We find this truth in the 5th Chap. of Jacob in Bk. of M. also.

Thorval remained & visited here until 3:30 this after noon when he with his girl, Arpha Taylor, returned to S.L. He with other missionaries are to be set apart next Tues. for their missions. I hope to go down and be there when this is done.

Oct 20, 1928 Logan, Ut

Martha & I went with Mr Humphry and son, last Tues to S.L. We got there in time to see the Missionaries set apart. Apostle Whitney ordained Thorval. I was asked by bro. Whitney to aid him in the setting of Thorval apart. He gave Thorval fine blessing.

Martha & I came back that same afternoon. We got here 10:10 P.M.

Thursday (Oct.18) Martha, Marva, Othello & I went in his car to Ogden to see Thorval leave for his mission. He with others left 10:30 P.M. We all went to the depot including Leon & family & Juanita. It was a sad moment for us all to see him go. He was deeply affected. We all silently wept tho we were glad to see him go. Kyrmel came also to the depot to see Thorval off. Othello, Martha, Marva & I came back that same night. We got here at 12:05 A.M.

We are prayerfully hopeful Thorval will be greatly blessed in his mission. We are glad that he was called to Germany for he can learn that language while he preaches the gospel. This language will serve him well in his life's work. I am so hopeful that we can all live to see his return.

Today we had 1st day of our quarterly conference. I was one of five speakers who spoke on some phase of the High Priest. Apostel Whitney was the visiting brethren. He walked home with me after the afternoon meeting. Then Sun. morning he and I walked thru the town until we were late for the 10 A.M. meeting. We were giving our views on great religious truths--thoughts and truths far flung that it would be unwise to talk in public or even promiscuously. I again met Bro. W. Mon. morning before he took the Interurban for S.L. I still plied him with more

questions in turn gave my views. Our spirits are quite kindred in our thoughts and judgments. He has a revealing mind to that degree that few ever possess.

Nov. 17 1928 Logan. Ut

I wish to carry over from my last writing this thought: It is this revealing mind that makes the scientist; the discoverer of new mathematical truths; the inventor, the poet, the seer. Such minds are God-given. They add new light to this benighted world. They gladden the hearts of men and bring the earth a little nearer heaven's plain.

I was called to S.L. to Sister Bessie Hughes' son's funeral. He died of heart trouble in Oakland, Calif where they lived. I went to S.L. at her request--I dedicated the grave. I have been in S.L. once since then. Sister Hughes is to sell out out and come to S.L. & live for the spiritual salvation of her two young daughters.

Leon and his family came up and visited us last Sat eve and Sun.

Aunt Mary Orser & her daughter visited us Sun. also. Her daughter, Alta, is attending school here. Aunt Mary (my wife Ella's sister) is here for a two wks session for parents. She has been a teacher virtually all her life since she was 21 yrs. of age until about 2 years ago. She is very talented & a public worker.

Thorval has kept us posted from various stations--Cheyenne, Chicago, N.Y. & England--on his way to Germany. He arrived O.K. in London.

Our hearts & the hearts of all Israel are plunged into great grief over the drowning of one of our young elders while going on his mission to S. Am. His name is Burt, from Canada. His companion, Elder Huish, from Payson, was saved tho he was nearly drowned. The ship, Vestris, sprung a leak & sunk at sea. Over 130 were drowned. Elder Burt is the first elder or Saint ever drowned at sea while going or returning from a mission field.

Othello and I have been doing poorly in insurance tho we have been busy. We each have bought 1000 shares in the Little Flower Mining Co.--a manganisium proposition. It is preparing for operation at the mouth of Greenville Canyon. The Co. expects to be operating by Jan. 1929.

I gave an address on "Franchise and Freedom" in the 1st ward (my ward) by special request before the Conjoint M.I.A. Associations Nov 4. In as much as it was only a day before our national election I wrote my speech so I would be a "bit" guarded lest I might give an offense to some oversensitive partisan and I learn that some Democrates did take offense after all, yet I have been asked to let the M.I.A. take it and they will have it published in the Era. I have agreed to tone it up a little & let them have it. I have never aligned my self with any party. I have voted for men & principle whether they be in the Democratic or Republican parties. At this election I was in favor of nearly every democratic candidate, but I stood for Hoover and the principles he stood for. Most all those I voted for were elected.

Last Sun. (Nov. 11) I gave the Peace address in the 4th ward. The house was full and a splendid spirit prevailed. I reveiwed the scenes

just before the bursting of the World-wide war upon the earth and the theory of great men that there never could be another great war. Then I reviewed the causes of the war and its development until we were dragged in it and why we entered. I also showed that it fulfilled many prophecies concerning that day. I pointed out what is ahead of us in the way of a greater war. Then I reviewed the League of Nations & the part that Pres. Wilson played in it. I also pointed that liberty & freedom can never last without increased righteousness. I pointed out the stand taken by millions in our nation on the prohibition question and the increasing debauchery, and that most of us are only negatively moral on the crime-of-crimes-the drink problem.

I was greatly endowed with the Spirit of the Lord. The same influence pervaded the audience for a profound silence was upon the audience as they hung upon every sentence. Many kind words, of appreciation were offered me. I hurriedly left the audience. It had not proceeded far until I was taken severely ill with aching from head to foot and a sense of dizziness. I went to bed but chilled & ached all night. There seemed an almost a complete cessation of all metabolism. In the morning I found that I was yellow all over. It was my liver that must have been affected. I have been in bed most of this week, but I am virtually well now (Sat.). I am to discuss the Bk. of Araham this after noon (at 3 P.M.) before the Stake Relief society session.

I am asked to speak in the 3rd ward tomorrow evening.

I have just completed reading the life of Dr Michael I. Pupin entitled "From Immigrate to Inventor". It is a most charming auto-biography that I have ever read. He tells of his life from a Serbian herd's boy to a nowmighty teacher and discoverer in the Columbia University. He took his degrees in Columbia Uni. Cambridge of Eng. and Ph.D. in Germany. His life had its tragedies, its triumphs. It reads like romance. I admire the loftiness of his mind and the great moral & the spiritual conviction. I feel that he is one of God's noble men. Every one should read it.

Nov. 23 1928 Logan, Ut.

Well, I gave the sermon in the 3rd ward last Sun. evening. I spoke on the fulfillment of prophecy. I pointed out that more prophecies are now being fulfilled now & more are about to burst upon the earth than any other period of the world's history! I reviewed some events that tried to undo or change prophecies, etc. & their failure. The Lord magnified my theme & words in the hearts of my hearers.

Martha (my wife) has been asked to run for City School trustee. She has accepted. She is running against Louis Cardon, our neighbor. He has done well in this work. It is a protest of the women of the city because there is not a woman on the board and they are crowding and agitating this move that the women may have a voice in school affairs.

We have received a letter from Thorval saying that he has arrived in Germany and has been sent to Weimar to labor.

Dec. 9 1928 Logan, Ut. (Sun)

Martha was beaten in the votes for trustee, but was due to the other side working every scheme possible to get votes.

We have just rec'd a telegram from my sister Josephine saying Fred her husband is dead. He died this morning. The funeral is to be Tues. 12:30 P.M. I will go down to morrow.

We received another letter from Thorval. He is in his missionary work (tracting). He only needs a few sentences to pass tracts. He started out with a knowledge of three sentences asking the person to accept tract & read it. Then he says: "Guten Tag" and beats it to the next door.

I visited my sister Anna & her daughter La Preal here in Logan last Wed. afternoon & evening for 3 hrs. I occasionally call & chat for hrs. at a time.

Othello has been ill with the flu, but is out again. I did not sell any ins. this last wk tho I tried quite earnestly. I make some collections. I put a few of the notes I hold in the hands of my attorneys to force collections. I dread to do this most fearfully but it is either this or lose my money entirely. Some of them have been owing me nearly eight years & fail to pay me. Each time I have to place a note for collection, I pray earnestly that it will be the last one I will ever need to do so.

I have just finished (finished) reading Parley P. Pratt's Autobiography. I have read about P.P.P. and had read various books & pamphlets, etc. of his but it is the first time I had ever read his Autobiography. It is an excellent work that reveals the soul of a great man from boy hood to martyrdom. In his youth his soul was obsessed with his great mission. It was the surge of his past life (primeval) struggling for interpretation and a finding of one's self. Great spirits, coming to earth, feel the urge of some nameless or wordless impulses of a dim awakening of a forgotten intelligence. Often it is attained by a circuitous route, eye, the traveling of many roads some of which end in blind allies or the end of the trails. Then their (awakening genius) route is changed often following devious courses till at last they reach the great high way which leads them to their destined end. Such was the tortuous paths followed by this prophet and seer. His youth was a tragedy while his soul was hunting some hidden mystery--some transcendental intuition. No rainbow lead to the place or revealed what it was yet each trail--each effort--perpared him for a little broader conception of the wordless something he was hunting. He had forgotten the hidden past yet the troubled dreams of mortality were trying to awaken him so they could speak a new language to his yearning soul. His soul was athirst and God gave him drink.

Youth, read his life and be made better. Greatness is never attained thru easy paths where there is little that is grand or new. "It is the toilsome ascent that leads on to a grander and nobler view."

Dec. 16-28 Logan, Ut.

Since last writing, Fredrick J. Finlayson of Provo died a wk. ago today. He is the husband of my sister--Josephine. He died of a stroke or strokes. He has been more or less invalidic for over 5 or 6 years.

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I left here last Mon. afternoon (4 P.M.) for S.L. I went with Ernest Cutler & wife and got at my brother, G.F.'s home at 8 P.M. No sooner had I arrived when I began to feel half it. By morning I had a temperature of 101½ but I felt I must go to attend Fred's funeral for few relatives were going due to sickness. I felt he would expect me for he & I had been boon friends since I was 17 yrs. of age, so I went. I was quite ill all day. I attended funeral but too ill to go to cemetery.

When I got to Provo I found I was scheduled to be one of the speakers. So I did. He had dreamed some months before he died that I had died & could not speak at his funeral & wept bitterly. There were 5 speakers including Bp. Cannon. Splendid things were said of Fred and his family and especially of Josephine for what she had done to make his yrs. of sickness pleasant.

I returned with G.F. & Olive (Leslie's wife) soon after the funeral was over. We got in S.L. about dark. I went immediately to bed sick. By the next morning I had a temperature of 103 3/4. We had Nephi Cottam a chiropractor come & treatment each day for three days. I got up Fri. & came home Fri. afternoon. I kept my self warm. G.F. took me to the steam line depot (O.S.L.). I got home 5 P.M. I felt quite well tho 4 days of illness made me quite weak. I have been in the house since then. My lungs are quite congested. I hope to be out in a day or so more. For some reason I feel like a man waiting for an out-going train. I find weakness tends to bring despondency.

Martha has been affected by the flu also but is better again.

Othello is well again & is working hard on insurance.

I expect to pay a death claim of Loretta S. Nelson of Cleveland in a few days.

There are funerals for 5 or 6 persons here in Logan today. This flu is causing havoc in all the western states. It is said that about half of the pupils & students are out of school in Ida & Ut. on account of sickness.

Dec. 24, 1928 Logan, Ut.

It is Mon. morning and two of the taps are frozen & broken & the plumber is down here early putting in new taps, etc. It is a severely cold Dec., the temperature has gone 15⁰ below zero.

Othello & I went to Idaho Fri & returned Sat. afternoon. It was very cold. We did but little business. I bought two big turkeys (24 lbs.) the two at a cost of \$7.50. Yesterday we had a big dinner for Leon and family, Othello & family (including Anna Shipley and her husband & babe. Hellen's sister), and Valko, Rebecca & Joyce (their 3 yr old girl). There were 22 of us present. It was a splendid gathering, but we longingly thought of the others of our children & their families.

Dec. 26, 1928. Logan Ut.

We had a happy Xmas. Santa Claus was lavish in his gifts. I gave in money \$13.75 and a \$210.00 Radio for the family. Juanita gave \$30.00

toward it. She is a most wonderful giver.

We went to Othello & Helen's for turkey dinner. It was a fine dinner. I have been writing to Thorval most of the day & outlining the theme of prophecies--where to find them--interpretation--value of prophecies--difference between prophecy & history--Julian, Roman Emperor's attempt to set aside the prophecy of dispersion of the Jews, etc. & his failure, etc.

Juanita started to Calif. this morning to visit with Geo, Radino, Reginald & families, also to see her sweet heart. He telegraphed for her to come as he could not get away.

The Radio is the "Freed Eismann." It is an excellent instrument. We get stations from coast to coast.

It (Radio) is the marvel of the ages. It is only a matter of time until we will get television in every home in the civilized world where they desire it & pay the price.

Christ said, "You can do that which I have done and more for I go to the Father." Just recently chemists have taken oxygen nitrogen carbon & hydrogen & electricity & made pure benzine & alcohol. The latest is that they now turn water into wine & wine into water.

Lorea phoned us to night saying all was well. Eugene's two little boys (Maynard & Darrell) are living with Lorea. (She called to me over the phone to night).

I greatly desire to have enough means so I can spend the remainder of my days writing, reading, speaking, going upon short missions, working for the dead, etc. If my Father will touch the little I have & greatly increase it in my hands, then I can & will. Father, thy will not mine, in my desires.

Othello & I go to Cleveland, Ida. tomorrow to pay a death claim on Loretta S. Nelson.

Jan 20-29 Logan. We have about 7 or 8 in. snow.

We paid death claim & wrote \$6500 ins. Juanita returned from Calif. about Jan. 6. Her fellow (Thos. Whitehead) came a few days later from Calif. He stayed here 2 or 3 days. He seems a very fine fellow.

I went to S.L. on business & wrote \$5000 ins. while there.

I paid \$250.00 tithing this year. I paid \$11.00 donation & \$10.00 on ward expense & am to pay \$10.00 more.

We (Othello & I) have stuck rather closely around home since the new yr. It takes considerable of our time getting people to renew & to pay their notes. I have over \$7000.00 of notes still out. They are hard to collect. Men are not as honest as they should be.

I gave a talk before the Priesthood S.S. class (used to be Parents' class) in the 3rd ward two Sun. ago. Last Sun. I went to the Seminary

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Sun. School at the college. Dr W.W. Henderson has charge of the Seminary. Dr E.E. Erickson of U. OF U. was the speaker. There were present over 250 present. The S.S. is growing for the teachers are giving the audience something new or are putting in a new interesting light. That counts so much. We have got to improve in our teaching & preaching or the people will grow more indifferent to our meetings.

I went by request and discussed the Evidences of the authenticity of the Bk. of Ether in the 5th ward M.I.A.

I attended our quarterly conference today. Elder B.H. Roberts was here. He gave two wonderful sermons. He is an excellent orator and a profound scholar on religious themes & very good on western history.

I was asked to speak in our ward (1st) to night. I reviewed some reasons why our people were slack to our meetings. It was not wholly their fault, but to poor teachers, dry & uninspired speakers; and I reviewed my experience in Beaver when Pres. Tolton asked me to address all home missionaries, Bps. Councillors, ward clerks, High councillors, & presidency, and tell them what was the matter.

I linked this in with a number of things Elder Roberts talked on today.

I explained that all truth belonged to our gospel but we were ignorant of most of these truths even many that were recorded in the scriptures. I ventured to say that the day will come when parents & grand parents will be so a thirst for truth & righteousness that they will attend school as youth do today. I said much more but I can't take time to record it.

I have sold our home to Supt. of city schools, Prof. Peterson. He gives \$6000 for the place. I gave \$8000 for it. I regret to let it go but is so large (9 rooms) & 5 rooms in the basement all cemented. It is a beautiful home Martha is wearing out her life trying to keep it up. She keeps it spick-and-span. So I am willing to sell (to sell) it so her labors will be much less. We will now buy a smaller & cheaper house.

I am owning about 2422 shares of stock in "The Little Flour Mining Co" located at the mouth of Green canyon. They are almost ready to begin the extraction of magnesium from dolomite lime stone.

We have now gotten a few hundred names of the Hickman genealogy and we are beginning to do the work. Seven or eight of us went thru the temple last Fri. night for our dead. I am very happy that we have at last gotten this work underway. Pearl Hickman Hyde has been most active in getting this work under way.

We have received 2 or 3 letters from Thorval since I last wrote. He is unfolding & working hard. The language is being mastered little by little.

Have recd. letters from Thorval, Lorea, Fern, Vivian & Dee, Laura (my sister), Radino & George.

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Feb. 10, 1929 Logan, Ut

I gave two discussions on the Bk of Isaiah before the adult lady's class in M.I.A. in our ward.

A wk. ago to day I addressed a class in 4th ward S.S. of about 300. The three advanced classes met together. The subject was Bk. of M. (Bk. of Jacob & some prophecies in Nephi. I turned my attention to 4 prophecies in Nephi (I & II) which have been fulfilled since Bk. of M. was published. I also analyzed in brief Jacob v ch. especially the Lord of the Vineyard & the Servant he brought with him at various times when he visited the vineyard (Earth) and the final sending the Servant into the vineyard to purify it for the last time. Many gathered me at the close of S.S. saying the things I discussed gave them a new incite into the Bk. of M.

Othello & I went to S.L. last Mon. morning. We were there until Sat. afternoon. We were there considering the proposition made us by the Pacific National Assurance Co. a new insurance Co. now organized. They have organized this co. with \$300,000 capital. I learn that this is the "largest capitalized Insurance Co. ever organized in the U.S." Most of them organized with a capital from \$100,000 to a half million.

They offered us \$100.00 a month besides our 80% commission with other advantages over our Calif. Ins. Co. We gave the Calif. Co a chance to duplicate the new offer but they refused so we (my brother Geo. F., my sons Othello & Eugene) all signed contracts to go with The Pacific National Assurance Co." We begin in earnest tomorrow (Mon.) I regretted to leave my co. (Calif. State Life Co). We will also sell some stock in our new co.

It is yet to be seen whether we will do better in the new change.

I attended S.S. today, but no meetings. I stayed home & heard the 2 P.M. services in the S.L. tabernacle over our Radio.

While in S.L. I stayed at my brother Leslie's place. I took supper with my daughter Fern. Vera Stout (her oldest daughter) has a babe. Durell's wife (Fern's oldest son) has a babe. This makes three great grand children for me. My first grand child was about 20 yrs. ago. Now I have about 40 grand children & 3 great grand children.

We are have a great deal of snow & very cold weather 21^o below zero.

I have been much depressed in my mind today as tho something was (was) wrong or some disappointment or sorrow was a head.

I received two letters from my sister Laura in Los Angeles.

I had a long talk with Apostle Whitney while I was in S.L. He had been in Los Angeles attending conference.

Feb. 17, 1929 Logan, Ut. We have deep snows & cold weather
The U.S. & Europe are experiencing the greatest storms & extreme

low temperatures for at least 200 or more yrs. Snows are beginning to melt.

I have been home this week lining up some business in insurance & of selling of stock in our new Co.

Last Tues. I went to the 8th ward & gave two addresses. One on the meaning & interpreting of John's visions. I have read Revelations for yrs trying to interpret John's visions. At last I can largely understand him now. A person needs the spirit of a Seer to understand well. We are now in the melsrome of the fulfillment of those visions. They shall not cease for centuries to come only to be taken up again in the centuries to come.

Then I gave an address or a discussion of "From thought to action."--tracing the mental changes from thought to action--the effect our thoughts have upon us--making or braking us. Thoughts are the warp & woof of all conduct. They are more powerful than dynamite--they change the meaning of life. If sane, we are the master of our thought, hence we are responsible for them and are rewarded or condemned for them.--Thoughts impel actions when the bi-product of thought (emotions) are awakened, etc, etc. I also reviewed some historic examples.

The class was profoundly impressed & said that it was a revelation to them & from then on they would guard their thoughts more than they had ever done before.

To day I discussed the P. of Great Price before the Seventies of this (Logan) stake. I reviewed how we got Bk. of Moses & Bk. of Abraham; the big points contained in each bk. The P. of G.P. contains more fundamental truth than any other bk. of many times its size. I pointed out or reviewed those points.

This after noon Jno. G. McQuarrie & his son Dr. Edward McQ. came to visit me. To night I went to the 7th ward to hear Bro. McQuarrie speak. His discussion was very broad & far reaching.

Erma Finlayson Roskelley from Calif. has been visiting us for several days.

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Erma went back to Calif.

I have been the entire week trying to sell stock in our life insurance co. (Pacific National Life Ins. Ass.) but so far I have closed no sale tho I have some good promises. I have been going with Mr. Mayo for 4 days and Othello has gone with Mr Omstead. They have been unable to sell any so far. My cousin, Jas. Haskel, & his grandson--Peterson stayed with us for two nights. They were here for treatment by the chiropracter.

Today (Sun) I only attended S. School. I stayed home the rest of the day, read, wrote, slept, listened to speeches over the radio. It is now 11:30 P.M. and I am listening to music from Los Angeles, Calif.

What a marvel! We pick up music, speeches, etc. from all over the U.S. It is only a matter of time when we will not only be able to hear but to see the performers as well. Tho I follow carefully much of the progress of science, invention, etc. I do not record these things in my journal for they can be had else where. Modern science & invention are advancing with giganitic strides. It is an age of miracle wherein intelligence is covering the earth as the waters cover the mighty deeps.

Mar. 10, 1929, Logan. Ut.

Have been selling our insurance stock. I with Othello have closed over \$30,000 in the last 2 wks. We have not written much insurance so far. We expect to do better.

I went to S.L. last Fri. to see the co. on stock sold, etc. I took in the salesmanship lecture by Mr. Mark Robinson. I stayed with my daughter Fern. I paid Leslie \$9.00 to settle her (Fern's) account with him. He has loaned her this some months ago. I help her with a dollar or so nearly every time I go down. She is a good soul economising & earning means to support her family.

I have finished paying the loan on our home. Now it is paid we are selling it to Supt. Peterson for \$6000.00. We are not quite certain whether we will build or buy a home, but will know in a day or so.

My son Geo. W. has been in a serious auto accident. His head & face were badly cut and his left arm above his elbow had a multiple compound fracture. The last word we had from him was that he was doing as well as could be expected. He is in the San Jose hospital, for his accident was within 1½ mi from there. Luella telegraphed us & we a few hr's later telephoned to Calif. to learn particulars of Geo's accident.

I spoke last Sun. in the 2nd ward on the P. of Great Price. Many were most profoundly impressed to learn the bk. contained such profound fundamental truths. It is one thing to read the words & see their meeting, but quite another thing to link these mere statements to far reaching meanings, etc. and truths which bear on them.

I gave an address on Bk. of Abraham last Tues. night before a large class of priesthood & M.I.A. members. There were over 100 present. I finish my 4th talk on the P. of G. Price before the same class Tues. night. It is the Sabbath day (about 1 mid night). I attended S.S. & taught Prof. Southwick's class as he was absent.

I attend evening meeting. The seminary class took charge of the meeting & gave all the addresses also furnished the musical entertainment. The addresses & music were excellent. My daughter Marva did splendidly with her address.

As I sit here and write my radio is flooding my room with divine music from Los Angeles, Calif. What a divine gift God made possible thru mighty spirits he sent on earth. I think back of the gigantic stride science & invention have made since I was a child. Tho it is all here yet it is still miraculous. What is in store for the human

race in the next 20 or 30 yrs? I venture to say that we can sit in our homes & see the world & hear them; & converse with them as though we were in their presence. We can then see & hear the Niagara falls as they roll & roar; we can see the mighty ocean as she throws her waves mountain high & hear the thunderous roaring of waves as they hurl themselves upon some rock-bound beach. We may be able to see & converse with our friends or loved ones in far-off lands as tho they were present with us. Progress shall be infinite so says my soul. I feel more than I dare write.

I think of the sterility & stupidity of my childhood. O, what a miraculous change! I can not help feeling divinely gratefully for this age of miracle in which I live and find myself a partaker of much of this progress--not only I but mine as well. The human race in many ways are thinking God's thoughts after him. Truly intelligence is flooding the earth as the waters cover the mighty deep.

Jas. Haskel & his wife Rose came & took supper with us Thurs. night. They are here working in the temple and taking treatment for their health.

We got a letter from Thorval a wk. ago. He is struggling with the German language It seems hard for him.

Mar. 26, 1929 Logan, Ut.

Two wks. since I wrote before. It has been stormy at time still more has fallen tho the winter snows had gone. The weather was quite pleasant today.

I have been to Salt Lake again to aid in getting L.E. Nelson 20 more shares of stock in our assurance Co. I succeed. He has now taken 25 shares. I have also sold Leon Fannesbeck 89 shares or \$20,025.00 of stock I have also sold Dr Merrill \$2250 stock & Dr E.L. Hanson \$450.00 more stock. These are only a part of those Othello have sold, Dr. Pack

I have been coaching Don Lybbert as one of our agents. I have been out with him for 3 or 4 days and we wrote \$7000.00 insurance & got the money for most of it. We have gotten contracts for Jos. R. Jensen, ---- Rigby, Wm Harrison, Don Lybbert, Clarence Nisson, & Fifield.

I have delivered an other lecture on Bk. of Abraham before the combined priesthood quorums & M.I.A. classes.

I gave an address before the Senior H.S. students of Logan about 12 days ago.

I was taken to the South Cache H.S. today and delivered an address on the effects of tobacco--physical, mental, moral, & spiritual.

Have recd two more letters from Thorval. He is working hard on his mission.

I got an other letter from Luella saying that George's arm was set at last. He had to undergo an operation on his arm a few days after it was set because inflammation, etc. He was on the operating table for 2:30 hrs. It seems that when he was first put upon the operating table to

dress his wounds that nurses & doctors had almost despaired of his life so related one of the nurses to Luella, George's wife. He is now on a fair way to recovery.

Our house is sold and we are to be moved into other quarters by Mar. 30. We are have a house built for us but it will not be finished for about 2 mos. The house will cost \$4100.00 & the lot cost \$650.00 (3 by 9 rods).

Mar 31--29 Logan

My sister Anna's daughter Fay died in Centralia, Washington last Tues. of blood poison. She married a Mr. Berg. She had three children. Her body was brought here for burial. Her funeral was held today in the 5th ward. Dr N.A. Pederson & I were the speakers. My brother Leslie & his wife, Olive sang a beautiful solo. There was not a very large audience, probably because it was held at 1 P.M. (Sun) and Pres. Grant Ivins & Nibley were here to the dedication of the new Seminar building & a general meeting in the tabernacle building, held at 2 P.M.

I gave the Easter address to night in the 4th ward. The first 45 min. was taken up with the Cantata (The Crucifixion). It was well rendered by a large Choir. The large assembly hall with additional room was full to the doors. The audience seemed interested thru out the entire meeting. The Lord inspired me & he did the singers.

My daughter Lorea with Eugene's two little boys, has been visiting with us for 10 days. Her husband was with us two days. They went back yesterday afternoon. My brothers G.F. & Leslie came up from S.L. to the funeral. Olive, Leslie's wife & my sister Laura came with them.

I have been coaching Don Lybbert in selling of insurance. In ten days we sold \$6,000 insurance. Othello & I are now to coach other agents of ours.

Apr. 5, 1929 Logan, Ut.

The 99th Annual Conference is now in session at S.L. and I am sitting here listening in. This is my first experience. Here to-fore I have nearly always been there. The Conference opened by singing, We Thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet. Prayer by Pres. Hugh J. Cannon & Choir is now singing, "Guide Us O, Thou Great Jehovah". I get the thrill of it all. Pres. Heber J. Grant is now speaking (a storm is on here & there). He reports that our missionary work thru out the world is progress favorably.

Have spent over \$7,250,00 for buildings church edificies, etc. Tithing has increased but little. Total expendature \$ Over 2000 missionaries in field. Cause of our religious education--colleges, & Uni. & seminaries. We are expending more than all tithes in our education. Talking of closing our schools as can educate 10 times as many in the Seminaries for same price as in our church schools. He regrets the closing of our church schools, but must do so.

We have 101 stakes. Missions 27; children baptize 15,073; 6040 converts; 2179 missionaries; home missionaries & all = 3,085

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Marriage--

Deaths

Families own homes.

Morality needs a religious base. To do otherwise is to build on the sand (See Davis) Our religion is of greatest worth to us. Pres. Grant's gratitude for this church, for the Prophet Jos. Smith & missionaries in earth. Pres. Anthony W. Ivins: Expressed his sincere gratitude to meet again in conference. God will throw about us the mantle of the gospel & the church to protect. Our ch. has been criticised from high & low. They have tried to misrepresent in every form. He referred to the Bk. of M & its divine authenticity (Bk Sketches from Mexico by Buttler). Origin of aborigines of this continent. He criticises Bk of M. Even Jno. Fisk criticises Bk. of M. as defective & inaccurate, speaking of cattle, sheep, etc. Then Pres. Ivins quoted from Hyatt "Veril in Worlds Work (I have the article) Article of Los Angeles Museum is skeleton of an ox of prehistoric time (It is numbered 18) Skeleton of a horse in same pete bed tho slightly different than modern horse.

Bk. of M. speaks of pearls, rich fabrics, etc.

Currier Journal Ohio, 1925 & Lit Digest 1925 It says: Ancient Amicans had bushels of pearls which probably in robes of burrial. As-tects handled gold in workmanship. Articles made from gold.--One large as a cart wheel (\$30,000). Made almost all kinds of birds made in gold.

The Saniards took many millions in gold mostly in some art forms from Mexico. In BritishMuseum are plates of gold & silver from Asia which were used as plates to write upon & held together with metal rings showing that it agrees with what the Prophet Jos. said about the plates given him by Angel Moroni. He (Pres. I.) pleads for all to read Bk. of M. whether he be in the church or out of it. It is a christian bk. It testifies of the Savior of the World. He prays for blessings upon all Israel. The war is still on between write & wrong. Pres. of missions to speak 10 min. each: Pres of Central states mission. Bore testimony of this work; Pres. Jas. H. Moyle of Eastern states; He pointed out our students go east to study do not ally them selves with the church in the east. He also pointed out discoveries made from Am. proves Bk. of M.

Pres. Challis of Southern States bore strong testimony & gave same of elders in south, etc. Choir sang "O ye Mountains High." Benediction by Pres. Henry H. Blood of North Weber Stake. This is the first time I ever took notes of the speakers 90 miles away. It is a novelty to sit here and hear the word of God sent thruout the earth. Will the time ever come when the human soul shall be able to hear the Voice of God which is now being sent (sent) out thru the infinite deeps?

I felt deeply the spirit of the conference and was melted to tears. My soul responds to the things of God. It is my food & my joy. I long for this righteousness; I hunger for truths of earth & heaven; I long to become like Him who gave his life for me.

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Apr. 17, 1929 Logan, Ut.

Over a wk. has passed since I last wrote in my journal. Since then I have sold several thousand dollars in Insurance stock for our co. (Pacific National Life Ass. Co) and have sold several thousand in insurance.

Last Sun. forenoon I went to the 7th ward S.S. and discussed the resurrection: (1) What is a resurrection? (2) Why is it necessary? (3) How many resurrections are there or will there be? (4) Why is there a second resurrection? (5) It is an act of infinite mercy for those who could not come forth in the 1st resurrection without great harm to such.

(6) Alma's conception (chap. 40 & 41) of the resurrection of those who died before Christ's resurrection.

My conception or Alma's conception caused considerable comment & some were not converted to Alma's idea.

Spoke in 1st ward of Providence Sun night on the Easter conception & what it means to the Christian world.

My friend and neighbor, Willard Ballard, brother of apostle Melvin Ballard, died last Fri. night and he was buried today. The speakers were Newel Kimball, Wm Wallace, of the water storage commission, also Prof. Wm Peterson of that com. were speakers, also Apostles Geo. Albert Smith, Richard R. Lyman, & Melvin Ballard. Excellent things were said of the deceased. Excellent music was produced. Bro. Willard Ballard was a most excellent character--spiritually, morally, intellectually. He was one of God's noblemen who left the world better by his having lived.

His death has produced a great & profound sorrow upon those who know him.

Have recd. letters from, Lorea, Eugene, Thorval, & George W.

Apr. 21-29 Logan. Spring at last.
Our house is progressing nicely.

I did very little insurance tho I got some good prospects.

We have had quarterly conference in our Stake. Apostle McKay. I attended the priesthood last night. He spoke very well. This forenoon Pres. Christiansen & Apostle spoke. Bro. McKay's address was excellent.

This afternoon & evening I went with the 4th ward glee club of about 45 or 50 voices to Brigham City & Tremonton. The glee club rendered the sacred Cantata--"The Story of the Cross" in both those places. I gave a 45 min. address in each place on the trial & crucifixion of the Savior. My theme was (was) quite varied in each place. The audiences were very enthusiastic in their praise for my speeches also the Cantata. Our meeting in Brigham City was from 3 P.M. to

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4:30: Tremonton was from 7:45 to 9:15 P.M. We had big audiences & most appreciative.

I am engaged to speak in the 4th ward S.S. next Sun. on prophets & prophecies. I am engaged to give 5 or 6 addresses to the two Seventy quorums of Cache Stake on the Evidences of the Bk. of M. I am also engaged to give Mother's day May 12 at Benson ward.

I wrote to Thorval again

I recd a letter from my son Geo W. He is recovering. He nearly lost his life in the auto mashup. An other 10 or 15 min longer of bleeding & he would have been dead. The Lord spared his life again. His work is not done so his life was spared again. At Fort Duchesne when a child and once in France when his life was dispaired of.

Apr. 28, 1929 Logan, Ut.

It is fair & warm the last 2 or 3 days. It is the strangest spring Utah probably ever new. It is now nearly 1st of May & only a few trees from Brigham City south are in bloom.

I went to S.L. for Fri. & Sat. on business. Othello & I went together.

I wrote Denzel Allen of Logan \$10,000 insurance and I am to take A sedan Pontiac Car (\$1081). I dislike to pay so much for a car but I am taking this high priced car because he is taking ins. of me. By so doing, it makes it nearly as cheap as a Ford sedan. We stayed all night at Fern's place.

To day Sun, I have delivered two addresses in the 4th ward--One in the S.S. to over a 100 people in Jos. Hanson's class. My subject was "Prophets and prophecies." In the after noon I gave the first lecture (of a series of 5 or 6) to the two seventy's quorums in Cache Stake. My subjects are to be on the Bk. of M.--its coming forth--internal and external evidences. My next lecture will be May 23 and every two weeks following until I am thru with the subject.

I bo't me a new car. I have bought 5 shares of The Pacific National Life Assurance stock at \$225.00 a share=\$1125.00. I also paid \$112.00 on my note of \$843.75. So I still owe \$731.75 more on my stock. I hope I live long enough to reap many blessings from dividends.

May 5, 1929 Logan, Ut.

The weather is still streaky--warm & cold due to rain every 2 or 3 days. Our home is progressing. It will be finished in about 4 weeks or less.

Last Monday evening Elmer Johnson died suddenly from either tomaine poisoning or meningitis. Opinion is divided on his death. The funeral was held at the home. I was one of the speakers. He was an excellent young man.

When he was a little fellow about 6 yrs. of age I was called to administer to his sick mother. I was sitting quietly a lone in the

front room with the exception of this little fellow who sat off a cross the room looking earnestly at me with his dark eyes, but saying nothing. This silent observation continued some 10 or 15 minutes--not a word was spoken by either of us. I was awaiting the arrival of an other elder who was to aid me in the administration. I occasionally glanced out of the corner of my eye at him. I knew he was full of wonderment while watching me, a stranger. At last I said to him in a quiet way: "What would like be when you grow up to be a man"? Without a breath's hesitation he said: "I would like to be a conductor on a train." I said that would be a splendid thing for you. "Well," said I, "if you could not be a conductor what then would you like to be"? Just as readily came the reply: "I would like to be president of the United States." He was most earnest & did not smile or change his position. The moment was too sacred for (for) jest or a laughter. "Splendid," I said.

But at the age of 20 at which he died, he told his mother some few wks. ago that he would give any thing earth held for him if he could go upon a mission.

In that 14 years of development, he had passed thru stages of ideals from menial position to intellectual power and on to the longing of human regeneration of the race.-- He longed for the work of Arch angels and the Gods even the redeeming of souls.

Othello & I sold \$13500 in insurance.

To day I attended S.S. and fast meeting. At the fast meeting I was mouth in blessing two babes & ordaining my son Kyrmel a priest. Mrs. Heward's baby was named Alma Melvin. Mrs. Pearl Hickman Hyde's babe was named Coleen Ruth. I was happy to ordain my son a priest. I trust he will ever honor this holy priesthood. It is a sacred trust and should be sacredly honored.

To night I went with the 4th ward Cantata--"The Crucifixion" to Smithfield. I delivered an other 45 min. address on The Christ. I have given largely a different address each of the four addresses I have given while with the Cantata. I felt they were worthy of it. One of the soloists said where do you get it all & how can you remember so much? It is the cumulation of years. The audiences have been most apprecative over my addresses on the life trial, & crucifixion.

We are all well at home & happy. I hope we shall remain so.

Lorea & hursband "Ted" have gone to Calif. to live so he could get constant work. They have located at Roseville.

The Era published my Radio speech this month some what modified. The reason they published it is because so many were asking for it and none could be had for all copies published by the Radio station were long since exausted. It is entitled "The Greatest Seer of the Ages."

May 9, 1929 Logan, Ut.

Last Tues. evening by special request, I went to the 6th ward

M.I.A. and discuss the Psychology of Love and its value in the development of the race.

To night I delivered a Mother's day address at the Odd Fellow's Lodge. The Lodge had a very fine program. This is the 1st time I ever spoke in or before any Lodge. Many kind words of appreciation were offered.

May 12-29 Logan--Weather fine and blossoms just coming on

It is Sun. night nearly 12 M. I have been reading & listening to the radio. I went to Benson ward and spoke to S. School to 201 congregation on Mother's day. They came & got me & returned me from there. I have not been feeling the best due to neuritis in my left arm & my shoulders. I slept most of the afternoon. I went to meeting this evening and heard the program put over by members of the Aaronic priesthood. It was in commemoration of the centennial of the conferring of the Keys of the Aaronic priesthood upon Jos. S. & O. Cowdry. At least it will be a 100 yrs. next Wed. (May 15).

My wife Martha has been recipient of letters, telegram, flowers, poems etc. from our many children, coming from Ogden, California & Germany. They all expressed tender love & appreciation for her & for what she had done for them.

June 1 1929 Logan, Ut.

It has been over two wks. since I wrote. Since writing I have been busy with insurance.

Martha, Juanita, Marva, Valko & wife & I went to Ogden to the Vitaphone show. It was worth the seeing but it is any thing but perfect; the synchronization was poor, the voices sound hollow & barrelly. Martha, Juanita, Marva, & I went last Wed. evening as far as Ogden & stayed at Leon's place over night tho he & family had gone to St. George for the summer. While in Ogden we attended another Vitaphone picture. It was some better. The next morning we went on to Provo and honored Memorial day. We visited the graves of our loved ones. In our lot lies Ella, my wife, Levon & Rienna. Martha's father, mother & her brother, Reinhardt, lie in their lot. We stayed there an hour or so & then went & visited the cemetery at Benjamin where my brother-in-law & friend & boyhood companion, Thos. Richardson, is buried. We placed flowers on his & his little sons graves; then we went to Payson & visited father's & mother's graves also the graves of my two sisters (Ella & Edna) & my three little brothers (Wallace, Mordecia, & Thos. Jefferson) graves & placed flowers on them. Then we returned to Provo. Brother & sister Simmons of Provo went with us to Payson & Benjamin. We left Provo about 5 P.M. & got here at 10 P.M. We all enjoyed our trip. While in Provo we visited my sister Josephine, & at Benjamin we visited my brother Chas. for a few minutes. He is not well at present.

I delivered an address to the advance classes in the 4th ward on "The Prophets" & their prophecies. I also gave my second address or lecture on the Bk. of M. Evidences to the two Seventy Quorums of Cache Stake. The public was envited to attend but only a few were out, due to two other important meetings.

I went to Newton and gave the commencement address of the 9th Grade graduation exercises May 19th. On May 14th I gave an address to the Relief Society of about 60 women on Industry--occupation & the new conception on toil & choosing of a life's occupation.

I went to Preston (May 24) & delivered a lecture at the graduation exercises of the Seminary. The exercises were held in the opera house. My subject was: "Prophecies and their fulfillment." Valko & Marva went with me.

I taught the High Priests' Quorum in our ward last Tues. night. My subject was: "The Ten Tribes--Are they in existence? Where are they? What evidences have we of their existence & whereabouts? What are the theories pro & con concerning them? Finally when will they return?"

It has been a late spring but the country is beautiful but none too warm tho only a little frost.

Our new home is about finished. The painters are nearly thru. We begin to move in it Mon., June 3rd. It is going to be a very beautiful place. It will cost me over \$5000 to build & put in fixtures, level & plant laws, etc. I will come out over \$1500 behind when we are thru.

I have been kept very busy of late trying to do my own work and responding to requests to give lectures & addresses here & there. I have had to decline a few requests the last few months. The American Legion asked that I give the Memorial address here in Logan at the Cemetery but my self & family had decided to go to Provo for that day.

I have just bo't A.S. Eddington's work on Astronomy, "The Nature of the Physical World." I will write my opinion when I have read it.

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We have moved into our new home on 3rd West & 54 S. It looks neat and very pretty within. A few more touches of paint within & without are needed to make it quite complete & home like. We have 5 rooms hall ways, big closets & bathroom on the ground floor. There are in the basement wash room, coal room, fruit room, vegetable room & two large bed rooms. I hope will ever be happy here and we will live the happiest we have ever been. I pray we shall not know want but that our lives shall be eventful & happifying.

Valko & I went to S.L. Juanita went as far as Ogden with us. She was on her way to Calif. where she is to study this summer.

Othello & wife went in their car to S.L. He & I attended the meeting of general agents at the home office on Fri. I gave an address on problems of selling insurance. They paid our expenses.

Valko & I attended a theatre also a meeting of the Haws descendants held at Minnie Fairbanks' place.

I recd. \$484.94 for selling Insurance stock. We got back last night (Sat.) at 6 P.M.

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By request I spoke on the tobacco question before the Stake Priesthood meeting at Hyrum this afternoon. They came & got me & returned me to my home

I attended our ward meeting this evening. It was the ward S.S. conference. Valko presided for he is Supt. of the S.S. We took dinner today at Valko's place.

June 24 1929 Logan

I went to Hyrum June 16 and spoke on geneology and principles connected with it. I reviewed the great steps of advancement & preparation for this work from Martin Luther, discovery of Am. our liberty, constitution, coming forth of Bk. of M. organization of the church; the Kirtland temple & the Nauvoo as great strides before we could begin to do work for our dead etc. Geneology work seems to indicate the highest stages of the development of the race. Valko went with me to Hyrum

I am the chairman of the personal welefare work & personal improvement of the High Priests of our stake (Logan). I am choosing for the present subjects to be discussed before that quorum. I am also securing speakers. Dr. Merrill & Prof Young have been the speakers so far. We had our meeting last Sun. a wk ago We hold on 3rd Sun. of the month.

I gave my third address yesterday Sun. before the 70's quorums of Cache Stake. They have arranged for the elder's quorum to join them. Some women are also attending. I am from now on to give two addresses a wk. My subjects are the evedences of the Bk of M.--internal & external. I attended our ward meeting last night.

I also heard B.H. Roberts deliver his 14th address over the radio last night. They are the most wonderful arraignments against the Catholics & protestant churches that have ever put forth by our church. He has now turned to the validity of the claims of our church & how our claims & tenits of our religion dovetail in with all former prophets & prophecies & the plan laid down by the Savior & the apostles.

I spent 2½ days in Brigham city & Boxelder Co. last wk. trying to write ins. & get agents to write for us.

My health is not good of late. My pulse are very slow & my heart beat is rather weak. When my pulse get down to 50 & 55 I feel exausted. I am trying to adjust my life so I can overcome this growing defect.

Martha's health is also poor due more or less of a rhumatic condition in her ft. & legs also a nerve trouble in her right arm.

We have recd letters from Kyrmel, Thorval, Radino & Juanita the last few days. They often write, but I am making mention of it as a matter of passing events. Juanita is having a most enjoy-able time in Calif. Radino is coming back for a 2 wk's vacation. Kyrmel is having hard sledging in the selling game. Thorval is working hard in his mission. He was quite discouraged due to a new companion who is indifferent to his mission, halfhearted in his work; pull of adverse criticism about the Ch. work & in fact has but poor testimony of the gospel. I wrote immediately to Thorval and told him to pray more, work hard; hold his course for the Gospel is most sacred & true.

Last wk. Thorval's senior companion (Elder Bohn) came to see us; he had just returned from his mission. He was full of praise for Thorval's earnestness, intelligence, and noble spirit. He thinks Thorval the most wonderful companion he had while on his mission. Thorval has been changed from Weimar to Gera. He (Elder Bohn) says Thorval is progressing very well in the language

July 7 1929 Logan, Ut.

It has been over two weeks since I wrote. Since then I have made two trips to S.L. I saw Fern my daughter & gave her \$5.00 to aid her. She is in the Telegram contest selling subscriptions; she bids fair so far in being with the best sellers.

Othello & I have sold about \$58,000 insurance in the last 3 wks. We are having little or no success in getting insurance agents. I have sold 10 more shares of insurance stock in the last two weeks.

Leona & her two little children (Margine & "Buddie") have been here visiting several days.

Eugene, his wife (Lulu), & four of his children came up for the 4th of July. We had a nice visit.

Juanita is now in Berkeley. She sent me a nice box of candy for "fathers day". I wrote her a letter of deep appreciation for her kindness and the great love I had for her & her beautiful life.

We all have been to two or three shows of late.

I find that the Southern Calif. Investment Corporation is a deception in claims made for it & that my Western Loan Bldg. Co certificate which I signed over to them is in jeopardy of being cashed in & used. We (several) from Logan & Brigham have served an injunction upon the Western Loan & Bldg. Co. not to turn over certificates to the Bank of Los Angeles. We are preparing to swear out a criminal charge against the Investment Co's officers.

I have been to Preston twice of late on business.

The weather is quite warm of late.

Kyrmel writes from North Dakota that he is having a hard time selling.

We have had another good letter from Thorval. He is feeling better.

We are having conference in our Stake (Logan) to day. Apostle Richards (Stephen L.) is in attendance. This afternoon speech was excellent.

I am feeling some better. The analysis of my urea revealed that I had album, pus, blood & casts in it. That has largely been the cause of my degenerization.

I have been pasting in my 2nd Journal of clippings quite a number
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of news paper comments. This is one phase of my life which the press is writing. They can praise and criticise me stronger than I would like to do so I am pasting clippings or comments in my journal which will in a brief way tell the generations to come some things I have done.

July 14--29 Logan--Weather very warm

It is the Sabbath day. It is afer half past 9 P.M. I have been to evening evening meeting.

This after noon I delivered my 4th address on the Evidences of the Bk of M. It was a very hot day, that and the Swiss & German conference were not conducive of a large audience

Valko, Leona, & Martha (my wife) have gone to Ogden to get Radino. He is coming from Calif for a two wks'. vacation. He is to arrive there about 9:15 P.M. They will get back here a little after 11 P.M.

I learn that my son's arm is not healing & the Drs may have to cut into the arm again & take out a piece of bone & graft a piece of the shin bone on the arm bone before recovery is possible.

This last wk Othello have sold \$13,000 insurance.

I am asked to deliver the 24th address at Oxford, Ida

July 30--29 Logan

Radino came & we visited & fished & went to the Canyon for 2 or 3 nights. He spent 4 or 5 days at Kelley ward visiting Leona's folks.

He left last Fri. for Calif. with his wife, & two little children--Margean & "Buddie" (LaMoyne). We were sad at their leaving. As they sped away in a friend's car for S. Lake I said to Martha, "Well, this is the sorrows of old age when our children leave us". We turned our foot-steps back to the house not risking further comment lest tears express our sorrow. Thus we smothered our grief and will hopefully wait their return in a yr. or so. What shall the hour-glass hold for us all during this time?

Othello & family have gone to Monticello for 2 or 3 weeks for a visit & to write insurance. I have done little or no business for two weeks.

We have recd. letters from Juanita in Calif. also Geo. Kyrmel in N. Dakota & Thorval. Geo's arm is still in a cast & will be so far 2 more months, making 6 mos. in all. He is worried over his arm.

Kyrmel had an attack of appendicitis for 4 or 5 day but is well again. He is working hard selling knit goods, but is not having the best results, tho, he is doing better than most of those in that state.

Thorval has a missionary companion who is only half hearted in his work & believes very little in the Gospel. He is one of the Bp. Nibley's grandsons. It is quite a trial to Thorval.

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I received a nice letter from Lorea who is in Calif. with her husband. They are getting along quiet well.

There are only three of us home now--Martha (my wife), Marva (my youngest child & my self. We have a beautiful home We have a nice lawn coming up both from & back of the house. I have a small part at the back of the 9 rd. lot reserved for a garden spot; the rest is in lawn & flowers I had to pay contractor & builder of my home \$800.00 which I borrowed from the bank. I still owe him about \$333.00 more. I paid the bank back \$200 the other day

I am behind in my reading. I delivered a sermon in the 12th ward a wk. ago Sun. on the meaning & power of faith.

I delivered the 24th of July address at Oxford. It was an excellent celebration. See Journal of clippings for comments.

I gave my 5th lecture on the Evidences of the divine authenticity of the Bk. of M. last Sun. at 2 P.M. in the 9th ward to the 70 & elders' quorums & a number of women who are attending.

Aug. 18--29 Logan, Ut.

It has been nearly three wks since I wrote in my journal. I have been to S.L. Took ill & went to the S.L. Clinic for an examination to find out the cause of my pain all over my body, and dullness of mind, etc. They (Dr. Nebecker) found I had a high fever and that my white blood corpuscles had increased very greatly, but could not tell the cause. I asked him to dope me up so I could get home. So he gave me two tablets to kill the pain. He phoned ahead to the Cache Valley hospital my condition. Dr Randall came down & found that I had blood poisoning due to a sore on my shin bone & puss was being emptied into my system. Thru the use of hot packs on my ft. & ice on my thy the inflammation was reduced. The Dr. gave me some sedatives & I get along quite well. I got out of bed Sun. after noon & went to Smithfield and delivered an address to Bp. Plowman's ward per previous appointment.

I went to Preston, Ida. today & delivered an address to the H. Priests of Franklin Stake and also got a questionnaire filled out on the Word of Wisdom. I am getting data from 4 or 5 stakes along this line. The questionnaire contains 13 ques. So far I have gotten the data from Oneida & Franklin Stakes.

I went from here last wk. or rather Aug. 5 and picked up attorney Condie at Preston & we went up thru Gentile valley around thru Lava Hot Springs down to Arimo, Downey & Grant, to see persons who owe me. We made a rather a successful trip Tho we got no money we got satisfactorily arrangements in most cases for settlement. I made the trip back home the same night Attorney Condie has quite a few of my notes for collection. I went back to Preston again yesterday on business.

I have done very little or no business for over a wk. It is now Sun. evening (11:50 P.M.) I attended S.S. today & evening meeting in my own ward aside from my trip to Preston & return.

We got letters from Thorval, Kyrmel, Radino, Juanita, & Lorea.

Kyrmel is having hard time selling of late. I am hard-run for money just now.

Sept. 27--29 Logan Ut.

Here it has been over 5 wks since I have written in my Journal. Since that time Othello & I have sold over \$130,000 of insurance I have also sold ten shares of Insurance stock in our Co. at \$250.00 a share. So far he & I with our agents have written about \$350,000 of ins. since Feb. 15.

I wrote one fellow in Preston whom I had worked on for 8 years. It was a long educative process.

Since I last wrote I have delivered lectures in Cache Stake to the Seventies & elders' quorum. A number of the public came out including women.

I lectured twice in our own ward--once to M.I.A. Conjoint on "Character" and once in afternoon at the Sacramental meeting.

I went to Malad Stake by special request and delivered two lectures--one in Pleasantview ward & one in Malad tabernacle. He house was full. See Journal of clippings, for comment.

Marva, my daughter, & her friend Loraine Richards went to Malad with me. Marva did all the driving. She drives very well.

I was asked by Pres. Rudger Clawson to speak over the Station K.S.L. at S. Lake City Sept. 15. I gave the same address which I gave over K.T.A.B. in Oakland, Calif. with slight modifications. It seems to have made a great impression upon my Radio audience judging from phone calls in S.L.; many personal congratulations in S.L. Ogden, Logan & else where. Also from letters from S.Lake, Calif. & else where expressing deep appreciation and warm affection for my speech. Some of the letters were from Pres. Clawson, Apostle R.R. Lyman Pres. Nephi L. Morris. It made my heart glad to know my address had awakened such appreciation.

A few days later I was asked over phone from Ogden if I would give the same address before the "Daughters of the Pioneers" of Weber Co. I addressed them yesterday (Sept 26) bud modified my speech giving mostly new material.

I have accepted the request to teach the Advance Senior Class in the M.I.A. of our ward this year. (I have accepted the same).

I have made out a questionnaire to be filled out by the H. Priests of Cache Valley--6 stakes on the Word of Wisdom. I was much chagrined to know the Stake Presidency of my stake forbid my getting the data from the High Priests of this stake while the Presidents of other stakes gladly granted it. I took the questionnaire to Pres. (Apostle) Clawson & he thought it an excellent idea and asked that I write him a brief of my findings.

I have been to S.L. several times of late. While in S.L. two wks. ago I had an accident with my car. It was mostly my fault so I paid al

damages which are about \$30.00. Eugene & Mr Coray had an accident with his car. The car went over the grade & turned over 3 times & badly bruised them. The car was burned up. It was a new Dodge. My son had insurance on it.

Othello & I went to Pocatello last wk. While away we wrote \$33,500 insurance. I wrote Mrs Eastinan \$30,000 insurance. Day before yesterday I wrote Dr J.C. Hayward \$20,000 ins. These are the largest I have ever written.

My health is some better. Juanita is teaching in Ogden this yr.

My son George has had an other operation on his arm which has been in a cast for about 5 mos. The arm was split open and the silver plate removed & a piece of bone from his shin bone was grafted in his arm. He is now in a cast from his hips to his chin. He will be in this cast for an other 6 wks. or two mos. It has been a terrible ordeal for George.

Kyrmel & Marva are in school again. This is K's 2nd yr. in college & Marva's 3rd yr. in H. School.

Have rec'd letters from Vivian & Dee; George & Luella; Lorea & Ted (her husband); Juanita, Leon, & Thorval. His german is still hard for him.

A great desire has come on me the last wk. or so to go back to New York and write a bk. on the evidences of the Bk. of M. I have had this desire for years, but the spirit of it is on me stronger than ever before. If I can arrange my affairs I hope to go back the fore part of Jan. The reason I desire to go to N.Y. to do my work is that in the Lenox Library they have a library of over 70,000 volumes on the American Indian. I made a somewhat of a study of this library when I was there 17 yrs. ago. I spent 6 days there with a reader to aid me.

Oct. 7 1929 Logan.

I left for Salt Lake last Fri. morning at 7:10 A.M. Othello went with me. We stopped in Ogden to see Leon & give him 4 ducks which Kyrmel had killed. He has kept us supplied with ducks for a week or more

We got to S.L. in time for conference. I attended all sessions except Fri. afternoon. I also attended the priesthood meeting Sat. night. It was the largest priesthood meeting in the church. The lower part of the house was filled and a fourth or more of the galleries were filled as well. Some of the mission presidents spoke also Pres. A.W. Ivins. He referred to the insistance of some persons in the church on entering plural marriage. Some writing (of) pamphlets on pl. marriages & urging their continuance; some of entering of marriages even in one case slipping thru the temple under desception & being sealed. Pres. Grant deplored the fact that some innocent girls being deceived and led into these marriages. Many things were said at conference some of them rather new.

Pres. Ivins in his sermon carried the idea that God, due to our enemies driving us from Mo., would not hold us or require us to build the temple in Jackson Co. as commanded. He says a temple will be built

there but not under command of God (he was referring to the temple being built there by the Hedrekites).

I can not feel this is the entire truth of things but he may be right for all that. Patriarchs have given hundreds if not thousands of blessings promising that the ones blessed should aid to build that temple. I am one of those who has been given that promise. (See one of my Patriarchal blessing). Yet there is a passage in the Bk. of M. that infers that the Lamanites or remnant of the Nephrite race should build the New Jerusalem probably & the temple & that the faithful of the Gentiles should aid them. I find we did not all understand Pres. Ivins alike. I will write more when I get the printed sermon of his.

Othello & I stayed at Fern's home. I took her 5 watermelons and 100 lbs of onions.

I met a number of my California friends whom I met on my mission. Some of them were; Pres. McDonald, Bp. Carr, son, & wife; Bro. & Sister Gleason, & others. I was happy to see them and they were happy to see me. I find that all my Calif. friends heard my Radio address.

Oct. 22--29 Logan.

I see from Pres. Ivins' printed sermon that he feels we will build that temple there in Jackson Co. but not until God gives us another revelation when to begin. I agree. I feel that where in God said that in this generation that temple will be built, I still believe He means it for he can push our enemies aside when he is ready for us to begin work. I think my self that He will indicate to our leaders when this shall be done. My faith is unshaken as to our building that temple and in this generation.

I have made a trip to S.L. since last writing. I have written \$40,000 insurance since last writing.

We have Dr & Sister Ammusen's little 3 mos. baby (girl, Ruth) while its mother is ill, with scarlet fever & under quarantine. We have had it about 2 wks & will have it 2 or 3 more wks. It has won our hearts & we love it as tho it were our own. Kyrmel says father is going daffy over the babe. We all make a great to do over it. Babies in a home tend to make it a divine institution. In fact had there not been babies with long infancy & childhood there would have been no sacredness of a home as we now know it.

Thorval writing from Germany said that it would not be long before all our children would be gone and only occasionally would they return to visit our home.

In my reply I said to him that I had said recently to his mother that it was getting down to a quartet in our home and some times only a trio. Yes, I said that it would not be long until it would be only a duet with one voice a little off tune and the other with a cracked voice. What a pathetic scene!

Yes, our home will be somber except when our children would return with their children and our walls would echo with merriment for a time

& then quiet would reign again. But then there will be two sad home-comings, one following the other, then when you depart, after turning the key in the door, you will say: "God bless their memory". Then you will lift your faces toward the heavens and they will seem a little lower and kindlier for you will know that we will be waiting for you. Life begins with cries and laughter and ends with tears and solemnity. Death then is the revelator of life's glory and life's pathos. Without death the sublimity and greatness of life would not be known.

A wk. ago last Sun. I was asked to speak in the 8th Ward on the same subject I delivered over KSL. So I did but took in part new material.

Last Sun. evening I delivered the address in the 9th Ward. My address was woven around the great pioneer painting by Heni Moser. It is a life size-painting and portrays a scene in the great hejira of the Mormon people. The house was full and the audience very attentive. Many wept as I portrayed the scenes upon the plains especially of the handcart companies. Various ones said it was the best address they ever heard.

I have received two splendid letters from Apostle Richard R. Lyman on my KSL address & my oration in Ann Arbor.

Oct. 28 1929. Logan

I have been to Pocatello for 3 days I went alone in my car.

Othello and I have not sold any insurance for about 10 days until today. To day we wrote \$16,500.00 I failed to get any agents for Idaho.

We are having our first snowstorm this fall. If it had not melted so fast we would have over a ft. of snow.

Kyrmel & I went hunting ducks for 2 or 3 hrs. yesterday. He killed two & I three. This morning he took my car and went up Logan Canyon about 18 or 20 miles & killed a deer (a young buck). He wounded another

Bro. Edwards our neighbor is very ill.

I delivered my 7th lecture in the 9th ward (Cache Stake) on the Bk. of M. evidences. My audience was not as large as usual. I will give one or two more and close the series.

I have written letters to Thorval, Geo, & Lorea.

I expect to go Moopa (Kaolin) to visit Dee & family. While on this southern trip I hope to write some insurance.

I have recd letters from Geo, Thorval & Lorea. I am keeping the last few years all the letters from my children. They are a part of our family history which should not be lost.

The wife of my old friend J.Z. Stewart Jr. who has been dead 15 yrs. was accidentally by a boy riding a bicycle. She is to be buried tomorrow.

I have been reading the last few wks. Haines "American Indians".

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It is a good treatise on the Indian. I have read it for many years but never finished it. These are a few of the scraggling things I have done the last week.

Nov. 17 1929 Cedar Ut.

I left home Nov. 5 and stopped in S.L. a or so attending to business. Then I took my daughter Fern and her little boy Dexter and started for Kaolin, Nev. where my son Dee & family are living. We went to Benjamin Tues. night & stayed with my brother Charles & my sister Eunice. We left for St George Wed. morning & got there about 5 P.M. We stayed with Dr McGregor and family that night. The next day Tues., we went to Kaolin & got there about 3 P.M. The next day we went to see the salt mines. The next day Sat. we went to see the hieroglyphics south and west of Overton. There are an immense amount of glyphs. I felt I looked upon a national library of a forgotten race of Indians. I found a number of characters that were similar and some were identical with those given to the world by the Prophet Jos. Smith which he copied from the gold plate. I copied some of them down with a view of comparing them with the characters Jos. gave. These hieroglyphics covered whole faces faces of perpendicular cliffs.

We had a fine visit with Dee & family while there. The Bp. (Bryant Bunker) wrote & asked me if I would come Sun. night & address his ward at Los Vegas, Nev. so Dee, Vivian, Fern & my self took my car and drove to the Vegas in about 2½ hrs We drove back in about 2 hrs. getting home about 2 A.M.

The meeting house was filled & a most interested audience seemed to hang upon every word of my speech. I took for my subject "Joseph, the Seer" and that he filled all the qualifications of all the prophets & seers of the past (1) He was disbelieved by the generation in which he lived except a righteous few. (2) His doctrines were rejected. (3) They hated the seer & his doctrines. (4) They tried where it was in their power to kill the seer & blot out his doctrines. (5) His prophecies have & are coming true in spite of all his enemies could do. I took the 16th Chap. of III Nephi as the prophecy for the world insist that the Bk of M. was the product of his brain.

Many said it was the most wonderful sermon they ever heard. They felt that way for the spirit of God filled the building How grateful I am when my words cause men to glorify the name of God. They went home filled with a glorified feeling. So did I for I knew I was filled with his spirit

On Mon. Dee, Vivian Fern & I went to the "Lost City below Kaolin.

Tues. morning we started for home. We got to St George about 4 P.M. & stayed at Dr. McGregor's. I put Fern & her baby boy Dexter on the Pickwick Coach and they continued their journey to S.L. getting home about 5 A.M. I remained in St. George two nights & days.

I gave an address to the students & faculty of Dixy College by request. I did no business there but probably I will a little later. I left there & went to New Harmony I was there two days & nights & wrote a few thousand of insurance.

The Bp. (Taylor) called a special meeting that I would address them which I did. Some said it was the best address they ever heard.

I came here 12 M. last night. I went to S.S. to day but have been in my room the rest of the day. I felt a bit languid & caught up with my sleep. I have read the Des. News to day & 7 or 8 sec. of the Doc. & Cov. I have also written three letters to night.

I learn with deep regret the death of Prof. E. S. Hinckley who was once my student & after my assistant teacher in the Millard Stake Academy. Then he & I went to Ann Arbor and attended the university. We taught to gether in the B.Y.U. for a number of years. He died of cancer of the stomach. He was an excellent character. He will be mourned by many thousands of those who know him. I wish it had been in my power to attend his funeral, but I didn't learn of his death until late last night & he was buried to day at 2 P.M. God bless his memory and those of his loved ones he has left behind.

I am staying at Le Escalante Hotel while here in Cedar City.

It seems like a dream when I think of my visit at my son's (Dee) place. My joy was turned to sorrow when I had to leave them. I left Jennivive and Ella in tears. It grieves me to have my children scattered so far away. George, Radino, Reginald & Lorea are in Calif. Dee & Felton are in Nevada. Fern & Eugene are in S.L. Leon & Juanita are in Ogden, Myrthus is in N.York playing on Broadway while Thorval is in far away Germany on his mission. Therefore I am sad to know my children are so far away.

Dec. 17, 1929, Beaver, Ut

It is a month to day since I wrote in my journal. I left Cedar for home a month ago. I sold over \$30,000 insurance while on that trip. But I had to come back to get it thru. People are often very changable if the work is not all completed & payment in had and examination completed. Even then some try to squirm out of (of) it and make all kind of excuses. One woman in Pocatello (merchant) took \$30,000.00 insurance and afterwards tried to quirm out of it & denied she had been examined by a Dr. tho she had taken two examinations paid a check of \$497.00 & had given me a note of over \$1400.00 to pay premium.

Yet in my selling I sit down with people and make it a matter of education rather (rather) than a high presure of salesmanship. So that when they have taken they have sold themselves.

While home these last weeks I sold ins. & made a trip or two to Idaho. I have been helping the Co. to make some big loans in Preston, & Cache vally.

Ten days ago I started back in this country to meet up with stock holders and report progress in our co. & urge them to take out insurance in their own co. On this trip I completed and adjusted some of their insurance I sold before. I have also so far sold \$29,000 more.

I am here waiting for my son Eugene to meet me & go to Wilford with me on some of our business there.

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While on this trip I spoke by special request in New Harmony, Virgin City & Kanarrah. The audiences seemed to be most profoundly impressed & so said. I am urged to let them know when I will come again for they desire to have me speak again in their wards. I went as far as St. George.

Never in my life have I had so many of my intimate acquaintances die in so short a time. They are; Prof. Hinckley (whom I mentioned in my last writing) my neighbor brother Edwards, Moses Cowley, Pres. Wm. C Parkinson, Pres. C.M. Christians, of Logan Stake, Gus. Gordan (Editor of Logan Journal) Sister Jane Thatcher of Logan & David Micksel of Benj. All of these in about 4 wks.

While on my way south I stopped at Benjamin at my sister Eunice's place. I was asked to stay to the funeral next day & speak. So I did and that afternoon after the funeral I drove to Fillmore. All these were my most intimate acquaintances & most of them very prominent.

Since last writing I have rec'd letters from Geo, Radino, Lorea, & Thorval. Geo. is improving, the rest are well. Thorval is gaining the mastery of the German language.

At New Harmony I spoke on the Christ Child & on to his ministry. At Virgin I spoke on Jos. the Seer & gave evidences of my claim even to the fulfillment of his great prophecies. In Kanarrah I spoke on the prophecies that are being fulfilled & those about to burst upon the earth.

I am staying here at the Pierce Hotel. I am not feeling well. I have had a bad cold for 3 or 4 days. I think I caught it from Dr. McGregor who was suffering from a very heavy cold when he & I talked for a hr. in his office. The Dr. at Cedar packed my nostrils with medicated rags yesterday.

I have got to go to Milford to see Dr. Parrish, Sam Cline & Orin Williams & others.

I have not heard from home since I left nor have I written. It is negligence on my part.

Before leaving home I spoke in the 11th ward S.S. Senior class on The Sin of Non-progression.

While south I spoke in New Harmony by special request. I also gave the Sun. after noon address at Virgin City. In the evening I spoke in Kanarra I was greatly blessed in my sermon. Many were warmly expressive in their gratitude for what I said.

Dec. 25, 1929, Logan Ut

I left Beaver & went to Milford to see stock holders but all--only two--had let stock go.

I looked into our land affairs at Milford & am discouraged over it.

I left same day for Fillmore. I stopped at Lilly Powell Roger's
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place. The next day I left for S.L. having not done any business, but I wrote \$7000 at Holden.

Then I came on the same day to S. Lake. I stayed two nights at my daughter Fern's place. I left \$7.00 to aid her.

We (Pacific National Life Assurance Co) had a two day's convention. It was a real success. I gave a short address along with a number of other agents. All our expenses were paid to & from the convention.

While on my last trip I wrote about \$47,000, some little of it may not go thru which is generally the case when one writes so much in so short a time.

The Co. gave all agents there a great turkey banquet at the Hotel Utah on the mezzanine floor of the Hotel. The Governor (Dern) & Ins. Com. (McQuarrie) were the speakers.

The co. sent me two turkeys also two to Othello for Xmas.

I spent most of Sat. at co's office & got home here about 6:30 P.M. found all well.

Last Sun. 2 P.M. I delivered my long promised address to the High Priests of Logan Stake on "the prophecies that of recent date been fulfilled; those being fulfilled & those about to burst upon the earth." I pointed out those which were been fulfilled for over 100 yrs (Isaiah 29 ch.) some which were fulfilled in last world war also others which were fulfilled in a decade or so. They produced much comment & my address was much appreciated so I learn.

Yesterday I delivered an address to the Kiwanis Club's banquet at the "Blue Bird."

To day is Xmas. We are all happy for Santa Claus left us his rich gifts as usual.

We have been listening at the broad castings from N.York, Holland, Belgium Germany & England. It was an inter-national hook-up.

How glorious! God said he would flood the earth with intelligence. We are experiencing that fulfillment. Glory to God in the highest!

I am happy over peace in my soul & peace in my home, yet there is a nameless dread that comes to me over & over. Is it the shadow of national or world events or is it events nearer at home. I sit, watch, wait for what--I know not. I pray I shall be prepared for any event or events which may come. May I feel & know that God knows & permits.

My sister Laura has sent me for Xmas "The New Decalogue of Science" by Albert Edward Wiggom. It is freighted with new thought and new conceptions.

Jan. 10, 1930, Logan.

The last two weeks have been spent in rest, reading, addresses,

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and insurance Othello & I have sold \$29,000 during this time. Our three agents--Lloyd Hanson of Monticello, Grant Broadhead of Brigham City & Alpheus Rawlins of Lewiston have all been producing some insurance. Othello and I produced since last Feb. 15, over \$520,000 in insurance. Our agents have produced over \$30,000 besides.

We are getting two more agents. It is hard to get a good agent.

We hope to do better this yr.

I had my attorney sue Christian Peterson of Mantua for a check he gave me & would not make it good. The judge gave the decision in my favor. I dread to do this but occasionally--about 3 cases all told--I have been forced to do this.

I paid \$419.00 tithing last year that is the best I had ever done for two reasons. I could not make all my collections, and second I have been so heavily involved financially. I am getting freer from debts. I hope to live to see the day when I can double and trebble this amount of tithing.

I have made a trip to S.L. this last wk on business.

I have given two addresses since Xmas. One in 11 ward in S.S. and one before the Kiwanis Club. (I see I have recorded this) I am the class teacher for the high priesthood & the advanced M.I.A. members. Dr Jacobsen is my aid. We are discussing this year the progress in Science & invention during the last 100 yrs. I have been making a survey of the High priests of Oneida, Franklin, Benson, Cache, & Hyrum stakes, on the keeping of the Word of Wisdom. It is interesting to find quite a % of the High priests use tea or coffee, very few use tobacco. All except one uses meat and that from once to 12 or 15 times a wk. A large % do not believe in keeping the word of wisdom as laid out in the 89 Sec. of D.&C.

Jan. 19, 1930. Logan, Ut,

Since last writing have been in S.L. Brigham & Boxelder Co. on insurance work. Othello & I have sold about \$25,000 insurance in last 8 or 10 days.

I am called by the Pres. of our co. to go with Nephi L. Morris to Cedar City & Cane Co. on insurance work & stock held by Esphin & others. We are leaving tomorrow. I start at 7 A.M. for S.L.

I am happy over the prospects ahead of us.

I have given to day (Sun. 2 P.M.) my last lecture to the 70ties on evidences of Bk. of M. The theme today was evidences of a Savior or Christ visiting this continent. Various tribes have legends of his visiting this continent after his resurrection. These tribes live from S Am. to the Iroquois of Canada. I should write here some of the evidences. I would but I hope to write a book on these evidences in a few months.

I gave an address (to night) or sermon on Joseph Smith the Seer in 3rd ward. It was much appreciated. We had a large audience.

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Last Sun. night I gave a lecture on our pioneers from the time we entered the valley until after Johnston's army came here in Logan 1st ward. It was a new line of thought to most of my audience.

I am getting behind in my scientific reading.

Our stake had quarterly conference to day. Bro. Jos. Quinary was made 2nd councillor to Pres. O.H. Budge. He is a very good man. He took the place of C. W. Christensen who died a few wks. since. Since then his son Cecil also died. It has caused much sorrow to their loved ones.

I am writing Thorval to night & sending him \$40.00.

Feb. 9, 1930, Logan, Ut.

I have been three weeks since I last wrote in my journal. I regret the delay but neglect & rush of work & oversight I often neglect my duty to my journal. I went to Cedar City with Pres. Nephi L. Morris on work for the Co. We found on getting there wrong information was given to Pres. Carl C. Marcusen & Nephi L. Morris. So we only did part what we went for. We fixed up about son misurance stock & I wrote \$5000.00 insurance.

I had several long talks with Bro. Morris. I got considerable information from him on affairs pertaining to church history & inside information. We found many things of interest in common.

Since then I have been writing some insurance. Othello has written more than I have of late.

I have been to S.L. twice on business of late. Othello & I with our agency have written over \$100,000 insurance since Jan 1.

Since last writing I have given two addresses in our ward (1st) on in 11th ward; one to the Relief Societies of Logan stake; one in the 4th ward on Juvenile delinquency causes & coures; also one to the S. School workers of Cache Stake. I am kept quite busy preparing & delivering lectures here and elsewhere. I have four or five addresses in the near future.

I am trying to keep up with my reading of the Journal of Heredity Popular Sc. Monthly, The Weekly News Letter (a weekly Journal that gives a gist of the advance discoveries in the various fields of Science), also The National Geographical Magazine.

I am still reading from time to time Eddington's Physical Universe & Wiggins' Decalogue of Science.

I try to keep abreast with the Era, our home journal. I have recd. several letters from our children in Nevada, Calif, & Thorval in Germany.

Leon's little boy, "Buddie" (Winston) was badly scalded but has completely recovered.

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While in S.L. last Fri & Sat. I had a talk with Pres. Ivins on the advisability of my going to N. York to write my bk. on the Evidences of the Bk of M. He felt it would be a noble undertaking.

Feb. 19 1930 Logan, Ut.

Have delivered lectures in 1st ward and 2nd ward on Juvenile delinquency: cause & cure.

I went to Hyrum last Tues. night and delivered an address to the Seventies of Hyrum Stake on the Efforts made from every angle of the opposing world against our people and wherein they failed in their efforts due to false premises; false charges. Time and experience over threw the attacks, Science vindicated the claims of our Church & its doctrines. Two noted charges in the last 25 years were from Dr. I. W. Riley--"Founder of Mormonism" & Rev. Spaulding of S.L.--"His attack on the Bk. of Abraham." Spaulding hardly lived long enough to learn his ignominious failure for he was accidentally killed by an auto, driven by Senator W. H. King's daughter.

Othello & I have sold only a very little insurance in the last 10 days. I sold two shares of Insurance stock.

Have recd. two or three letters from Thorval. He is working hard & gradually mastering the German language. He has charge of a district. He is working hard.

I learn Geo's arm is still in the cast and it is supperating still but Dr is quite hopeful of is healing. I also learn that he settled his case out of court and got \$15,000 for his injury.

I have had to turn down three recent requests to deliver lectures or addresses.

To day I was taken to dinner at the Rotery Club at Preston by Dr. Worley. I made a short address. They had a fine program furnished by the H. School students.

Two of our neighbors sisters Hayball & Kimball are very low. Their lives are despaired of. I was called in to administer to sister Newal Kimball yesterday noon with Bp. Merkeley. I felt a calm and may I say an assuring feeling when we administered.

Marva got 6 "As" on her term report. That was a perfect record. Kyrmel is not doing so well. He has spent considerable time this year with a drama & an opera. The drama was played two nights. The Opera is yet to be played.

As far as I know all my family & their children & all my brothers & sisters families are well. My father and mother's descendents are becoming numerous. My own are over 65 (of my own) descendents.

My health is real good for the present. Martha's health is just fair.

Mar. 9, 1930 Logan, Ut.

Sister Kimball died & was buried a week ago today.

I went to S.L. a week ago last Fri. I did some business at our home office & the Calif. State Life.

Last Mon. I went north--stayed at Grace, Ida. and did some business on insurance & selling of insurance stock. Then I went to Montpelier Tues. & met Mr Sam Kellock of the home office met me there. We had met there to get Mr Berrey to write insurance for our co. I think we succeed with him. Then Mr K. & I went to Pocatello. We completed no definite arrangements, yet probably we will get one or two agents there. I came home Thurs.

To-day (Sun.) I attended S.S. & two meetings,--it was ward conference in our ward. Good reports were given by various organizations & the bishop (Bp. Wm Worley). He is a most excellent bishop & leaves nothing undone.

My wife, Martha, is president of the Relief Society of our ward. She gave a splendid report. Her society are doing very well in their work.

Othello & I are not doing much in insurance of late tho we are quite busy trying.

Two weeks or a little over I had a long interview with Pres. Ivins about going east to write my book on External Evidences but I seem not to be able to get any one to take my place while I will be away. But I am still praying and trying to get matters adjusted. I trust that the Lord will aid me if it is well for me to go.

I am asking the Lord to increase the little I own in value so I can accomplish that which I desire in righteousness to do.

I am to go to Hyrum tomorrow night & speak to the Priesthood & M.I.A. classes on the Progress of learning in the last 100 yrs.

Our weather is mild again and the snow gone.

Have recd. letters from Thorval, Lorea, and Vivian. All are well. Thorval is improving all the time in German.

The Gospel doctrine S.S. class is handling the subjects largely from a scientific view point. The lessons are trying to bring our own power of analysis & reason. It is a splendid thing for we had gotten too much in a rut where we looked for scriptural proof. Last Sun. I taught the class.

While in Pocatello I went & took supper with Birdwell Tinleyson, my nephew (Josephine's son). He is bishop of one of the wards there. He has a fine family & a beautiful home.

Mar. 16, 1930 Logan,
Very fine weather--warm & some rain.

We have written Thorval & sent him \$50.00. We recd two letters from him this last wk. He is getting along better with the German language.

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This last week we sold only 4 or 5 thousand of insurance. I sold three shares of insurance stock to Dr Rees of Smithfield.

Last Mon. night I went to Millville to speak to the Seventies of Hyrum Stake. I was to speak on my research work on the Word of Wisdom.

Tues. night I went to Smithfield 2nd ward & spoke on the progress of Science & invention the last 100 yrs.

I went to Preston today (Sun) and spoke to the H. Priests on my research work on how the H. Priests of Hyrum stake, Cache Stake, Benson Stake, Franklin Stake & Oneida Stake kept the W. of wisdom. To night I went to the 2nd ward of Hyrum stake & talked on the W. of Wisdom and what I discovered after 5 years of work on that subject.

I attended this forenoon our S.S. We are having some very earnest subjects discussed by class & teacher (Louis S. Cardon). We are using our brains more & relying less on the text.

Juanita came up from Ogden this wk. end for a rest. Her health is very poor.

I am still reading Eddington Physical Universe. It is sure abstruse if not lurid imagination in some things. I confess that in some things I can't follow him.

I am most interested in the new discoveries. I am trying hard to keep up with my journals so much so that I neglect my daily work. Kyrmel is doing much better in his school work. Marva is excellent in her work.

The astronomers have found the 9th planet of our solar system. They will yet discover three more before they are thru.

Did I record that I had spoken to the Senior H. School students a few wks ago?

The Hickman Organization is doing work for our dead. I only go a few times a year, but considerable is being done by Pearl Hickman Hyde and her family also others. I went again to the temple last Wed. night for Fielding A. Hickman. I have delivered a number of addresses the last 4 or 5 years on genealogical work, etc. We have done the work for most of the Hickmans whose names & history we can get.

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Othello & I have done only moderately this month. Both of us together have written only a little over \$30,000.00. We should sell over \$40,000 a month to do well.

I went to Franklin Stake, Ida. and discussed the W. of Wisdom and the result of my survey on the High Priests of 5 stakes. I find that 16.8% use tea or coffee regularly & 5.7% part of the time. Only about 3% use tobacco. Of the 276 H. Priests only three go without meat. I

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find we pay a very little attention to the keeping of the W. of Wisdom. We probably eat as much meat as the gentile world do. Quite a per cent of our H. Priests were opposed to going without meat "except in cold or famine." And a still larger % were opposed to going without except in case "of extreme hunger and famine." I confess I was surprised at my findings. I really felt that the H. Priests come nearer living the W. of W. than they do. There is a chance for considerable improvement amidst us H. Priests.

I went yesterday (Sun) to Richmond and filled my promise to discuss my findings before the H. Priests of Benson stake. I have given considerable time to this survey and to giving my results to these stakes. I have spent probably what is equal to two weeks' time and also paid all my own expenses. Yet I am glad to do this to learn the truth of things.

Last night I spoke in the 9th ward M.I.A. conjoint on the subject of Youth and their problems--elements that produced success or failure--triumph or defeat. I reviewed a few historic incidents to fortify or illumine my discussion. I learn my address was most heartily appreciated.

I did the work for Richard W. L. Hickman who is dead in Logan temple last Wed. evening.

Apr. 11 1930 Logan, Ut.

Othello & I have done better of late in insurance work. We went this morning to Pocatello. We left 5:15 A.M. & drove to Pocatello in 2½ hrs. Othello is a fast driver in fact too fast for me.

We made a trip to Preston last wk. I sold 5 more shares of insurance stock. We get \$36.00 a share for all we sell.

Martha (my wife) went to S.L. to the Relief Society Conference. She was gone from Thurs. to Sat. night.

Marva, my daughter, & Helen, Othello's wife & I left for conference Sun. morning at 7:12 A.M. & got to S.L. by 9:30 A.M. I attended the first session. Only those who had tickets could attend the first conference, & only the Priesthood had the tickets. Each ward were only allotted from 3 to 6 tickets. At this there were about 12000 present. There were about 8000 high priests present.

One of the first things done after opening exercises was the reading by Pres. Grant, the address the First Presidency had written for all Israel and the world. It is a very comprehensive address of the past, the present & God's work in the earth.

Then he spoke a short time telling of his happiness in this centennial hour. He reviewed the progress of our church & of its coming forth. He reviewed Jos' two first visions.

Then the Choir or chorus, sang "Hozannah, Hozannah". Pres. Ivins spoke of God's work from Noah, Babylon, Abraham, God's Covenant with

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Abraham & his seed and then followed by large steps the religious movements in Israel. I only give a mere reference to the addresses as they will be published in full in pamphlet form.

Then the audience was called upon to vote for the general authorities. The councillors of Pres. Grant were asked to arise and were asked if they would sustain him as president of the Church. If so, to manifest it by raising their right hands. Then the Twelve apostles were called upon to do the same and so on down to the elders of the church each quorum rising in its turn & voting to sustain the authorities. I was with the great body of H. Priests sitting on the 3rd row from the front, and 8000 of us arose & voted unanimously for Pres. Grant, the Twelve & the First Seven Presidents of the Seventies. All the voting was unanimous. Then the United audience arose & with the waving of white handkerchieves, shouted "Hozannah, Hozannah, Hozannah, to God & the Lamb and repeated it 3 times then cried: "Amen, Amen, Amen." At each shouting we would wave those 12,000 handkerchiefs. It was a most (a most) God-inspired moment. Many wept for joy, nor could I keep back the tears. Then President Heber J. Grant blessed the First Presidency; then the Twelve; then the Seven Presidents of Seventies; then the High Priests; then the Seventies & so on down to the last quorum. Then he blessed all quorums & organizations, mothers of Israel etc. Again the audience wept for the spirit of God was upon us. It was a sacred moment; and I believe & then believed, that a vast unseen audience was present with us, including the dead prophets of this generation and probably the Redeemer of the world. We were there because we loved this work; we were there to celebrate the centennial of God's work upon the earth in this dispensation. No one on earth could be more joyous over this century of God's work than were the Redeemer & and those who had given their lives to establish this work; therefore I felt in my soul they were there present rejoicing with us.

Then followed four days of conference. Each session the tabernacle was full. On Sunday there were probably present in the tabernacle, the assembly hall & Barrett Hall & on the grounds 50,000 or 50,000 people.

Last Sun after noon I went to Ogden because I could not get in the tabernacle or assembly hall and my daughter Juanita was calling me. She was troubled in her mind & wished comfort & advice from me.

While in S.L. I did business at our co's office. I also was invited to attend two dinners at the Hotel Utah. Well, one was a dinner & the other was a breakfast. At these banquets we discussed matters pertaining to our company and our work.

I stayed at nights with Fern and her children.

I paid \$126.00 more on my stock while in S.L.

Apr 24, 1930 Logan Ut

We have had most pleasant weather this month. The rains were held off until our 4 day's conference was over. It has rained (rained) since then 2 or 3 times. It is raining again to day. The weather is almost

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as warm as June. It is said that this is the most propitious spring for crops in many years.

Othello & I have been busy with insurance & getting agents tho we have written but little the last 3 weeks.

The pageant is still being given and will until about May 3. The spirit of the conference is still lingering in our hearts and minds. I wrote to Thorval, my son, on his mission and described the mighty outpouring of God's spirit on us.

Probably never in the history of this church was ever such a mighty priesthood assembled as on Sun (1st day of conference) and never did such a body of men weap in silence as we did on that occasion. I take it that when Adam met with God's high priests, the residue of his race, in the Valley of Adam OndiAhman there was not such a great gathering. Probably this was the greatest since then for then they fell down & worshipped Adam, etc.

I feel that this conference pageant, & our centeniary will produce the greatest influence in the nation than any other thing that has happened. I feel we will have greater power with & in the world than ever before. We will have the veil lifted so we may be seen more nearly as & who we are.

I went by request & spoke to H. Priests of Benson stake on my survey made upon the H.P's of 5 stakes.

I went thru the temple for Francis L. Hickman. I did his endowments for him.

I attended our quarterly conference last Sat. evening & Sun. Apostle R.R. Lyman was with us. I went to hotel by request & visited a short time with him. He and I graduated at Uni. of Mich. the same yr. (he in June & I in Aug). He had taken 4 yrs. to get thru & I had taken 3 years. He is a very learned man as an engineer. He has had a number of honors conferred on him thru his engineering skill.

Leon & family & Juanita all came up to visit us last Fri. eve, Sat. & Sun.

Bp. Wm Worley has been operated on for appendicitis. He was very ill but he is recovering.

My sister Annie is about well again after 5 or 6 wks. of illness due to gall stones.

I helped my niece, Eunice Richardson, with an oration which she is to give in M.I.A. contest.

Virgin City, Ut. May 11-30

Since last writing have been crouding insurance work.

Spoke before the Stake meeting of the H. Priests on the judicial reasons for choosing the 3 witnesses--Cowadry, Harris, & Whitmer also

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some of the new discoveries which verify the claims of the Bk. of Ether.

I left home a wk. ago last Fri. for this country. Was in S.L. for a day & a half & then went to Benj. Sat. evening & stayed till Mon. morning. I was asked to speak Sun. night which I did. It was a defence and proof of Joseph Smith's seer ship. My audience was profoundly impressed, so I am told, over the new line of argument.

While at my sister Eunice's place Sat. night & Sun. I helped my niece Eunice some with her oration.

I left Mon. morning for the south. I stayed over night in Fillmore but did no business. I went to Beaver & stayed over night but did no business. I came to Cedar City. I wrote two persons and sold some Insurance stock. I then went to La Virkin & stayed all night; had a long talk with Bp. Morris Wilson, Jr, & family. Sold him 10 more shares of ins. stock. He told me of the mobbings while on his mission in the south. He related of the time when he and his companion were whipped by 12 or more men with great straps until the men wore them selves out & went away cursing and threatening to kill the missionaries unless they left that state (West Virginia). Bp. Wilson said of all the whipping & striking them with their fists that the next morning there was scarce a trace of the whipping on their bodies. He said that it seems strange to say so, yet they were so preserved that they did not suffer with the strokes of the great leather straps or tugs. He also told me that a few years after this when the people of that town or city were celebrating in their school house, over a thousand of the people & their children were burned to death & that most of the families who whipped the elders were burned in that building and all their families. It is a tragic story & told the Bp. that he should write in detail.

I left for here yesterday. Mr Cornelius & I went to Rockville yesterday but didn't sell any insurance. I could sell considerable but men have no money.

I attended Sun. School to day. It was Mother's day & I was asked to deliver the address without a moment's notice. In this small village there are only about 169 Saints. There were present 61 in the S.S. The meeting house is delapidated--old & mean, but the Spirit of God was with us and we partook the Sacrament humbly thinking of our Savior and the infinite sacrafice made for us. I was melted to tears thru the spirit upon me. Others were likewise impressed.

I wrote my wife, Martha, a brief letter as a mother's day remembrance.

In the evening, I spoke after two men who were ministers of a seemingly new religion of faith, love of christ. They believed in prayer healing.

In my address I pointed out that men did not all see alike and that is why we had different creeds, but God could only be the author of one. I then reviewed our belief and the scriptual backing for our belief. I pointed out that we were fulfilling more scripture in a

wholesome & constructive way than all other creeds. I reviewed a number of chapters in proof of my assertion.

On Tues. I was asked by Bp Flannigan if I would deliver a lecture that evening. So I did. I took for my subject the coming forth of the Bk. of M. and the proofs of its claims. On Mon. Mr Cornelius & wife & a Mrs Lillywhile, an aunt of Mrs. Cornelius, and I went thru the great tunnels leading thru the mountains to Cane Co. We then came back and went to Zion's Canyon and beheld the great & precipitous Mountains. We saw the great White throne with other wonders of the canyon. We came back to Springdale and saw Mrs. Florence Gifford Fairbanks and family. She was Miss Gifford of that place when she was one of my students in the Murdock Academy. She married John Fairbanks the artist. I have known him since I was a boy. He is a splendid man with two very gifted sons--one a painter & the other (Avard) a renowned sculptor now a professor of art in the Uni. of Michigan.

I left Virgin City--a city that has lost its vision; at least a majority of the people have. More men use tobacco there according to the size of the village than any other place I have ever visited in Zion. I so told them and warned them that it was the means of turning them from God and a love of his work.

I went from there to Hurricane & La Verkin, but I did no business there except to get Reed Wilson examined for insurance. I then left for home.

While away for 2 wks. I wrote \$18,500 insurance & sold 14 shares of insurance stock. If all get thru and pay for their insurance, I will have done fairly well.

When I got back to S.L. I found my brother, Francis, very sick with an ulsered stomach. He is now in the hospital and is to be operated on for those ulsers. I am going down to the operation at his request.

Martha has been ill for two days from over work cleaning house. She is better to night.

Bp. Worley is improving. He is home from the hospital after six weeks there.

I stopped over in Benjamin on my return at my sister Eunice's place for 2 or 3 hrs. Her daughter Lucy is some better. Her youngest daughter, Eunice won the oratorical contest of their stake. She is very happy over it. She was to contest again with the winners from 5 other southern stakes last Sat. night. The contest was to be held at Nephi. I am anxious to learn the results of that contest.

Yesterday, Sun, I attended three meetings.

May 25-30 Logan Ut.

This week I spent Teusday & Wed. in Brigham with Geo L. Johnson (Bp's Councellor) one of our agents in writing insurance. We closed no cases tho we have applications made out for two men and prospects

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For two more. I left for S.L. Wed. at 5 P.M. to be at the operation of my brother Geo. F. It took place Thurs. morning in the L.D.S. hospital. The operation showed that he didn't have stomach trouble but it was a bad case of largely distended gall bladder which was filled with a tea cup of pus and a gall stone nearly the size of the end of one's thumb. The pus was pumped out & stone removed. The incision had to be large because the layer of fat was so thick (over 4 inches) it was hard to make complete exam. My brother was some what improved yesterday (Sat.) so I came home.

I wrote \$2500 insurance on the way home & \$1000 to day. This was an immergency case or I would not have written this case today.

Some of our agents are doing well & some are not. Othello & I are nearly to the head of all our agencies, tho we should be ahead of what we are.

I attended three meetings to day.

My friend Hakeson's wife was killed last Thurs. in S.L. by a care-less auto driver.

My niece Eunice Richardson, did not get first place in the 6 Stakes' contest, but she got 2nd place & honorable mention. I think that was well, for her. It is an honor to be in such a contest.

When I left here last week Martha was ill but is better again. I stopped off at Leon's place in Ogden yesterday & had dinner. I got here at 7 P.M.

Juanita came home this wk. end. Our Bp. is still improving. We are well at home.

I taught bro. Merkeley's class to day in S.S. I reviewed the lives of Parley P. and Orson Pratt and the great things they did. They were lives of inspiration.

June 11-30 Logan, Ut

I taught, a wk. ago last Sun. Bp. Merkeley's & Cooley's theological classes. I reviewed in brief the outstanding elements of the lives of David Patten, Thos. B. Marsh & Orson Hyde.

A wk. ago Mon. I went to S.L. and visited my brother Geo. F. who is convalesing in hospital. He is doing fine. I also visited with Sister Breck of Oakland, Calif. I met her at the co's offices. She sat & questioned me for over an hour on religious topics. She is very religious and intelligent.

I left that evening & came to Brigham City. I left next morning for Tremonton, Garland & Malad. I was in Malad until last Mon. I wrote but little insurance (6000). I coached up Jno. O. Thomas of Malad as one of our agents. I may get Bro. Gibbs of Malad & ex Bp. Jones of Pleasantview as agents also.

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I got acquainted with (a) quite a number of new persons.

Bp. Ipsen of Pleasant view said that if I would come & preach on Sun. in their ward that he would take \$1000 insurance for his wife. I told him that I had never swaped before but if I could I would stay over & speak. My work kept me there till Mon. afternoon, so I went & spoke in the Sacramental meeting. About 65% of his ward was present. I spoke on prophecies that were being fulfilled & others about to burst upon the earth.

In the afternoon I spoke to the High Priests of the Malad stake on the word of wisdom & my recent work on the per cent of H. P's who keep the Word of Wisdom and those who didn't.

In the evening I gave a sermon in the 1st ward at Malad. I was much blessed in my three addresses on Sun. Many said that the contents & spirit of my addresses were the best they ever heard. If I can so live that my life & my teachings cause men to glorify the name of my Father in heaven then I feel my life shall not be in vain.

June 22, 1930 Logan

I went to Montpelier a week ago last Thurs.

Radino's wife Leona, & children came to visit us for 2 days. I took her with me as far as Niter, in Gentile valley, and left her with her sister, Mrs. Hubbard. I then went on that same after noon to Montpelier. I soon got in touch with A. L. Berrey, my agent, who has written a little insurance for us. I wrote with him until yesterday afternoon (Sat June 21). We closed \$27,000 in about 7½ days. We have \$10,000 more written up but will not be signed up for 4 or 5 more days. We have some other good prospects. He is quite encouraged over our work & expects to crowd his work. I got home here about 9:30 P.M. last night.

I found the family well, but last night Marva with her young man (Jas. Maughn) and his friend (Rose) went to Millville to take Mr Rose's girl home. When they got there Marva had what might be a heart attack and went unconscious & they rushed her back here & to the Cache Valley hospital. She was there until about 5 A.M. & we brought her home. She has been in bed all day but is now much better.

I attended S.S. this fore noon, H. Priests stake meeting. We had testimony meeting. I bore my testimony with others. This evening I attended our Sacramental meeting to night.

A week ago to night, by special request of Pres. Rich of Montpelier Stake, I delivered the address before their Stake conference conjoint meeting. I was much blessed in my address on Joseph the Seer & proofs of his divine mission. Many gathered around me at close of the meeting and said it was the best sermon they ever heard. I tell this as a matter of record for my loved ones. I was so thankful to feel the Lord was with me. At the close of the afternoon conference, Apostle Jos. F. Smith came to me and expressed his regrets that he could not stay & hear me in my address. I was grateful for his words of kindness.

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I learn my brother Francis is up and around again but his children have been ill.

I am almost to finish this journal. I was quite in doubt when I began it about 5 yrs. ago, whether the Lord would spare my life long enough to finish it but He has and I am grateful for the same.

July 10, 1930 Malad, Idaho.

It has been over two weeks since I last wrote in my journal. The rush of business and neglect are the causes of my delay in writing. Since last writting Juanita has gone to Calif. My wife Martha, Rebecca (Valko's wife) and Marva took her in my car to Ogden. On the way back Marva was driving & going about 50 mi. an hour & she suddenly went unconscious again. Rebecca who sat by her grabbed the wheel, threw off the ignition & applied the brakes & avoided what might have been a serious accident. Marva soon recovered & has been apparently well since except she is quite weak.

Lorea Hickman Brown's mother in law died at Rockport, Summit Co. & Lorea & her husband came home for the funeral from Calif. Martha, Valko & Rebecca & I went to the funeral a wk. ago last Sun. The people filled the meeting house to overflowing. It was a great respect shown Mrs. Brown.

Lorea has a very pretty baby and it is so good natured. We are all in love with it. She is named Juanita Lee after her mother & her aunt Juanita.

Last Fri. (July 4) I gave the oration at Mendon. Celebrations were held at Hyrum, Mendon, Lewiston & Preston. Big crowds attended & yet all the canyon's were filled with pleasure seekers besides.

I went to hear a reading of the bk. Green Pastures by a noted reader from the east. It was well rendered.

I attended our quarterly conference Sat. night & Sun. fore noon. Elder Jonathan Kimball was the visiting brother. In his charastic way he gave good advice thru pathos & humor.

Sun. evening I went to Garland and gave the address before their conjoint M.I.A. The audience was small due to the excesive heat. I stayed there Sun. night & came on here Mon. morning. I have been working hard with Jno O. Thomas in insurance. We have worked furiously hard & have only sold 2 or 3000 insurance.

I have just finished a 38 paged typewritten article by Thos. S. Thomas of St. John (Malad RFD No 1) which gives an account of his being dead about 24 or 26 hrs. and what he saw, the things he learned of this earth, the other worlds & the inhabitants. Some of his ideas would undo all the things God has revealed to mankind. Much of the things he tells seem true but some are far from the truth of things. Since that experience he has left this Church, uses tobacco & drinks. His experience has not elevated him. I put little credence in what he describes tho I take

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it he is telling what he thinks is true. He titles his experience "The Endless Trail"

July 14, 1930 Logan.

I left Malad Sat. 5:45 P.M. Bro. Thomas & I sold \$11,500 insurance & have some other cases to close up in the near future. I found all well at home. Leona & children had come from Bancroft, but Radino has not arrived from Calif. but expect him today or to morrow. Lorea & her cute little baby are still with us. We have another fine letter from Thorval. He is working hard on his mission. He has been gone now about 21 mos.

At last I have lived to finish this book. I have been nearly 5 years in writing it. I have had many experiences during this time. My life has been a busy one, working for my self & my loved ones and giving my time & my talent for others gratis. No one ever comes to me for aid whom I turn away empty. I have given gratis hundreds of lectures, sermons, addresses, speeches, etc, in the last 5 years (gratis) and traveled thousands of miles to do so. I never give an address which I do not work on, gather data, out-line, more or less, diagram, writing down the main points, classifying my ideas, asking my Father to inspire me what to say and how to say it.

I have helped many how to write their speeches, debates, etc. Generally, when I do, they are very successful.

I am now closing this volume which has taken nearly 5 years. There is always a pathetic sentiment in my mind when ever I finish a vol. of my history. I feel much the same as when I am parting from a loved one or some dear friend.

Aside from earning a living I have tried to be of service to my loved ones. May my prayers be heard in heaven and may I live to see them fulfilled. I keenly realize that my salvation can not be realized without theirs for their salvation is my glory and my happiness. O Father, may they all be lovers of Thee and Thy work as I have been. Let none be cast off from Thy presence tho they should walk for a time without Thee. I pray they will hear and open the door when Thou standest by the door and knock.

May I live to accomplish all you did send me to do. I shall be sorrowful to return without having completed my work. Strengthen my failing body and my mind so I can more perfectly glorify Thy name in the earth. May I be magnified before my fellow men for good and Thy name & thy work be held more sacred thru my life.

