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The following Latin sentence is written upon the Pope's Crown

"Vicar vis filii Dei." = "Stand ^{for} instead of the son of God"

Take out the Roman letters which are used as numbers

V = 5
C = 100
I = 1
II = 2
III = 3
IV = 4
V = 5
VI = 6
VII = 7
VIII = 8
IX = 9
X = 10
L = 50
C = 100
D = 500
M = 1000

666 Then read Rev. 13:18. "It says: Here is wisdom. Let him ^{that} hath understanding count the numbers of the beast for it is the number of a man, and his number is six hundred three score and six or 600+60+6=666

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Dec. 5, 1932 Logan, Ut.

Since the closing of my last journal a month has passed. Little of the extraordinary has happened. Of home news I, my wife, Valko and family and I went to visit my daughter Lorea and family at Rockport. We had an excellent visit for a day though Lorea was ill but nothing serious. While (while) there I gave an address to their ward conference by special request.

I went to the 11th ward by special request three wks. ago and discussed our belief of the origin of man also the theory of science as to his origin--time, place, etc.; the theory of the five races,--pithecanthropus, Neanderthal man, Piltdown, Heidelberg, Cro-Magnon before the Adamic. I discussed in brief the varying theories as to who and when. Some name the time as probably from 50,000 to 500,000 years. Now comes Dr Roy Chapman Andrews saying that he has found evidences of an erect man with perfectly developed skills who lived in Asia (Gobi desert, the first land) 60,000,000 yrs. ago. This puts the pithecanthropus (dawn man) out of the running for that would make him

of recent history, but may I say there is great doubt as to the place, identity, reliability of this dawn man.

I pointed out that God had not told us that Adam was His first effort to people the earth, but if we can rely on the scriptural utterance we would almost infer that this was not His first effort for he said to Adam now multiply and "replenish" the earth. "Re" means to try again or begin again.

It is said by the late William Clayton (the Prophet Joseph's private secretary) that Joseph confided in him that God had tried five times before to people the earth before Adam came. If this earth is as old as Scientists thinks it is (two to two & a half billion years old) then God has been a long time trying to prepare the earth for this day.

I said in conclusion that they should not be disturbed as to the theories of men for they are honest, learned men seeking for the truth, trying to find out how God did this & how long a time he had been at his task. We know science is not absolute nor wholly accurate but they are faithfully trying to approach the truth of things. I said: "Let me give you a rule you can always be safe in following and it is this; When you find God & man differing in their statements & conclusions, don't doubt God for he is the author of it all, and men are but His sons trying to find the Truth of things; therefore when they disagree put the question on what man says & not on God's revelation. Say to your self, "the scientist is either wrong or I don't understand him, so I will wait for time's further developments. If you do this, you will never go wrong. This is the rule I followed ever since God gave me my revelation in 1894 while I was a student in the Univ. of Mich. Since then I have never been disturbed or confused in my mind. I have lived to see many conflicting theories of men melt away and the theories of men drifting nearer, ever nearer to God's revelations.

Two weeks ago two car loads of us went to Washikee to visit the Indians in their worship. All who went felt well paid over what we saw & found out. From 90 to 100% attended S.S. & sacramental meetings. If only 90% attended, it was almost certain that the 10% were away from home. They are 100% tithe payers; 100% keep W. of Wisdom & so runs the story of this tribe. It was not hard to project a future of great promise if this faithfulness prevailed. The Bk. of M. says that they (the Indians) shall build the New Jerusalem and that the faithful of the gentiles shall aid them. Such a statement perturbs some of our people, but it will all come true. It may be several generations hence. That New Jerusalem will be begun before that time but before it is thru with the Lamanite, plus the Nephite will be in the lead and the faithful of gentile shall aid them.

I am now teaching the "Old Testament" class in S.S. and "Rational Theology" in the Advanced Senior class (those 35 yrs. old and above)

I learn from Vivian, my daughter in-law, Dee's wife that they had their new home in Overton dedicated two or three wks. ago. They made a real house warming, having the Stake Presidency, and wives, Patriarch & wife, Bp-ric and wives present. It was a splendid gathering for

them all The Spirit of the Lord was there and most of those present wept for joy.

A few days later my son Dee (Edwin Dee) was put in the Bp-ric, which thing gave me much joy.

I have been very much occupied with my sister Laura in rechecking and whipping my manuscript on the External Evidences of the Bk of M. into its final form. I hope that in the near future I can present it to the Authorities of the church for review.

What little writing of insurance I am doing I am turning all to Othello so he will have enough to complete his quota that he may hold his contract.

Was asked two weeks ago by Pres. Heber C. Maughan & Hume if I would deliver an address on the life and mission of the prophet Joseph before the Stake High priests' meeting which I did yesterday. I have spoken many times before that body of men (of which I am a member) in the last 18 years.

I reviewed his life, Bk. of M. (Jacob Ch.5) (D.&C.128) as well as other revelations in D. & C. reviewing the work Jos. began & what involves upon this people e.g. to save our selves, proselyte the whole earth--every nation, kindred, tongue & people in their own land & in their own tongue. That means we shall know the whole earth. We are to know their history, etc. We are to be masters of every language under heaven which are near 3000. We are to be the polyglots of the earth. All languages are ours, the Knowledge of all nations is ours, we become the earth navigators. We then become the most learned of the earth--Zion then becomes the engine house of earth's dynamic forces--awakeners of earth's sleeping nations. Zion then, (as D.&C. says), shall rebuke nations from afar. How mighty is to be purified Zion! How glorious will be her sons and daughters! We stagger at the mission bestowed upon us. Joseph laid the foundations of this work & left the keys for us to finish it. The earth & all her inhabitants were his vision & work. He established Zion as the nucleus and nucleolus of this living cell which was & is to fill the whole earth until the earth is sanctified by the the principles, Keys, & endowments given to him.

The H. Priests were greatly rejoiced over the survey of the life of the prophet and the work he established and its far-flung meaning. I thanked the Lord with all my soul for his gift & blessing to me. The Stake president (E.H. Anderson) in the benediction thanked God for the great portrayal of the work of his prophet & prayed we could fully understand it and obey it.

The weather has greatly changed the last 10 days. It has changed from Sept. weather to real mid-winter temperature 26 to 30° below zero with about 4 or 5 inches of snow.

A mild form of the flu is passing over the nation. One of this city's fine young men of promise died with the flu and pneumonia which followed. He is Cleveland Kent Dibble and he is greatly mourned by those who knew him. He was a brilliant star in his foot-ball team and

a commendale student.

Martha's health is not the best for she is bothered with rheumatism in her legs, but she toils on when others could do her work if she would agree to it. She has been a wonderful worker,--far too great for one woman. We are trying to get her to minimize her work. True, it is not $\frac{1}{2}$ as great as it was once. She is loved and idolized by her children for what she has done and for her wise counsel to them. She is so appreciated by all who know her.

I have written \$7 or \$8000 insurance of late. Was out yesterday. We wrote \$2500.00 & I have prospects of writing \$22,000 to the medical clinic at Preston this wk.

My sister Laura & I have been for wks. going over my manuscript making minor changes. It is about where I want it in form & literature. I expect to have Prof. A.C. Sorensen to give my work a reading.

Jan. 6, 1933 Logan, Ut

Have been busy reviewing & touching up my manuscript. Prof. A.N. Sorensen read with me 3 or 4 days and offered incidental corrections.

I delivered a sermon in Wellsville the second Sun. on the probable life of Jesus from infancy to manhood tho we have only a few pegs to hang our deductions upon. It was quite a revelation to some of my audience to build the Savior through the few hints and facts we have so that he stands out as a God-man before us.

I gave a sermon in the 5th ward on my reply to a scholar on the streets of Oakland, Calif. It was a defence of Joseph's mighty seer ship.

Last Sun. evening I discussed the fast and temptation of the Savior in the desert classifying all temptations into 3 classes--flesh or bodily temptations; temptations of pride; & finally temptations of wealth, power, dominion, Kingdoms, glory (& in the Savior's case) gift of worlds. I showed that the Savior's temptation was the most grilling, impelling, than any other ever offered. It was a temptation where the interest of two worlds were tensely taxed. The fate of Lucifer's kingdom was being weighed. Archangels and Gods watched and waited the conflict;--the battle was halted while a duel was waged between the generals or gods of the two worlds.

I am trying to put the last touches on my manuscript and then I hope to turn it over a committee of the brethren to go over it. I am wondering what the results will be. I hope to go down within a wk. to meet them. I paid Prof. Sorensen \$13.00 for 4 day's review with me.

I am still teaching a S.S. class & the highest adult class in the M.I.A. The subject is: "Rational Theology".

It appears as tho I am nearly thru with my ins. work. I feel I would like to rest from this toil & finish my life's work in writing gathering geneology & doing work for the dead. I seem to be impressed to do this. I pray I can. Father, guide my steps in the path Thou

desirest I shall walk from now on.

I am to deliver a short address at a missionary's farewell tonight in the 4th ward.

Jan. 9, 1933, Logan, Ut.

I delivered that address last Fri. night at Ferrill Spencer's farewell party. It was a very splendid farewell. The 4th ward hall was filled to the doors.

Yesterday I had Prof. Passey take my class in S.S. and I stayed home and finished checking (checking) my last two chaps. of my manuscript. It was the only day he could spare (Prof. Sorensen) due to school work. He is a very splendid critic and I profit by his suggestions on fine technicalities.

I attended evening meeting. We had a larger congregation than usual (147). It was about 19% of our ward. This is a big average for the Church. Zion seems to be lethargic in many ways even with all our financial distress. Of course there is some excuse for this for there are other meetings which many attend such as; S.S., M.I.A., geneological, relief society meetings, etc. etc.

Our church is stressing greater organization, greater activity in all our quorums and auxillary organizations, better and more activities & attendance to quorum meetings, etc. Surely, Zion is a great school. We are preparing our selves to be better and greater teachers for the world. The potential powers of Zion are becoming greater & greater.

We are grooming our selves to preach this gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, & people in their own land and in their own language. Isn't it staggering to contemplate? To do so our sons must treat the whole earth. We must know every nation intimately--history, laws, religions, philosophies, system of economics, languages, etc. etc. In round numbers we must learn about 3000 languages. We hold all languages in our keeping. We will be the polyglots of the earth. Will this be sufficient glory for Zion? If not, then we will have to redeem all of our numbered dead.--Zion must earn the Celestial Kingdom.

Bro. Philo D. Austin of Juniper, Ida. is staying with us a wk. or two while working in the temple. I am glad to have him come and partake of our hospitality. Years ago he cared for and provided for my wife Helen, and her little boy, Myrthus, for about 6 wks. I have longed to extend or return the courtesy and I am glad for this chance.

Jan. 15, 1933, Logan, Ut.

This wk. I have been re reading & rechecking the pages of my thesis or manuscript. I thought to be thru this week, but I will be yet another 2 or 3 days before I have things as I want them.

Last Tues. I went by request and delivered a 25 min. address before the South Cache High School. I felt my effort quite ineffectual for I did not complete my theme due to time, "The Meaning of Morality; its value in the building a career. The wreck for the want of it". Greatness rises on the basic principles of morality. For the want of it, one beats out his wings on the bars of his (of his) self created

prison. He creates his own obstacles, shackles his own power and grounds the hope of youth. He presumably is hunting life but follows a winding path that leads to sorrow. The penitentiaries of nations are filled by those who thought to prevail with out the ethics of the soul--morality and God were pushed out of their lives. They thought to build without character or common honesty.

Thos. Ballard, our former neighbor died last week in S.L. and he was brought here for funeral and burial. He was a brother to Apostle Ballard. The apostle was one of the principal speakers at the funeral. He had lived a butiful quiet life; was without sin & a friend to men.

My health is not the most robust for I am developing a tropical condition in my feet and legs due to a weak & slow heart. I have to take a stimulant to keep my heart beat above 54 or 55 a minute. Without out the stimulant my heart beat goes down to 46 and 50 per min. If my heart beat was strong it would not be so detrimental but when it is weak & lazy then I am no body.

Did I record that Radino took \$5000.00 insurance and George took \$25,000. They did so to help Othello make his quoto of \$150,000.00 for the yr. 1932.

I have done very little insurance this last year, about \$75,000.00 all told, the least I I have done since I began about 12 yrs. ago.

Jan. 24, 1933. Logan.

We have over 2½ ft. of snow on the level. Had it not sunken down into heavy, almost wet snow, we would have over 3 ft. of snow. Tho the fall had little moisture, not enough to bring up the fall grain on dry land farms, we are getting enough layed up this winter to insure good crops this coming summer as far as piling the mountians & the vallies this winter.

The weather is rather mild tho our snows lie deep. The birds would greatly suffer for food were it not for the crumbs and remnants of food. I feed about 30 of these small birds (mostly sparrows) two or three times a day. The Relief Society & the Red Cross feed the poor people so all is well.

I went yesterday to hear Mr. Chamberlain, who has spent 10 yrs. in Russia, lecture on the common people & modes of living, education, communism, etc. He has made a very intimate, first hand study of that nation. Some commendable principles are being worked out, but many undesirable features are bound up in the warp & woof of their system of government. It is not a system to be altogether to be desired unless great many improvements can be worked out.

I am virtually through my bk. now and I am waiting for a committee to be appointed by the brethren (Twelve) to read my Treatise. To me, my work seems to have many commendable features, but that may be partly due to the fact I have put so many years on this subject. It will have many features which will be a revelation to most of our people.

I am preparing to go to Overton, Nev. to stay with my son Dee's family for a month or so to see if that climate will tone me up a

little. It is being arranged, while I am there, to deliver a series of lectures, "The Psychology of the Child from a Parent's Viewpoint". I learn that Las Vegas, Nev. is also desirous of my delivering these lectures there. If so, I will try and go. I probably will not go until my book is disposed of by the brethren.

I have had to cancel two requests to have me speak this wk. (2 & 11 wards) do to my preparation to go south.

Martha is still busy in Relief Society work and in giving talks & teaching lessons. She has been going over several chapters with me in final reading. She has a very critical eye on detecting errors in spelling and metathesis (transposing letters in a word). It is a very technical process to be an accurate critic.

Feb. 2, 1933, Overton, Nev.--Fine weather tho cool.

I arrived here yesterday with Leon & Winnie from St George where I had been with them for 2 days and three nights. I found them well. They brought me here & returned a few hrs. later. It had snowed here a little last Sun. and is quite cool here of nights but pleasant in the day.

I left home (Logan) last Thurs. for S.L. I attended our Ins. Convention Fri. & Sat. I stayed with my brother Geo. F. & family. I visited my daughter Fern Sat. afternoon for a short time.

I gave a short address before our Convention. Some asked that it be published.

I delivered my manuscript (Science & Tradition Vindicate the Story or Claims of the Bk. of M.) for their reading and approval or rejection. I am anxious to learn their final judgment.

I bought my ticket thru to Los Angeles for I got it for \$8.00, the same price that I had to pay for my transportation from S.L. here. I may use it before I go back.

I have felt a little off color since leaving Logan.

Feb. 9, 1933, Overton, Nev.

I have been resting and walking about. Last Sat we went to the "Valley of Fire". It is slightly south,--of west from here about 14 mi.

Myrthus, his wife Anne, & Mr Geo. Albee came from Los Angeles. They left holly wood Fri. night at 9 P.M. & got here about 7 A.M. Sat. So they Dee, Vivian, Virl, Louise Anderson (Virl's girl) & I took a trip to the "V. of Fire". This makes the 3rd or 4th trip I have made there for study.

They returned to Calif. 2 P.M. Sun. We all had an excellent turkey dinner. Myrthus got the turky. They had gotten my letter which I wrote just before I left home and hastened to visit me here. Myrthus is being paid well for the present by the Paramount Movie Co.

I believe I am more refreshed by lying around. I sent off thru registered mail the chapter of my Treaties which I failed to leave

with Pres. Ivins. It is no "viii-a". I have not learned whether a committee has been appointed to read my work.

I have had two long talks with Patriarch Earl. I call him the Patriarch of the desert.

I got letters from Martha & Othello. I got a letter from Juanita. She is urging I come by way of Roseville & visit her & family. She feels bad that we have not been to see her since her marriage. We are also very regretful that we haven't been able to visit her. I really desire that the way will be opened so I can go that way home.

I have done little or nothing since coming. I haven't felt like doing a thing since I left home. Both brain & body revolt against any activity. But from to day I am starting in awaken brain & muscle.

By request I delivered a short address on "Patriotism" before the Parent Teachers Organization (of St. Thomas, Overton, & Logandale) last night. It is now arranged for me to deliver ten nights' lectures here for this section of Country & also in Los Vegas.

I had an other 2 hrs. talk with Patriarch Jos. Ira Earl. He and I are to have another conference this afternoon. He is one of God's noble men. He has a splendid family. He has lived the Celestial Law, including plural marriage. No one knows the sacredness of that principle except those who have sacredly lived that principle. Evil leaves regrets, but living the principle of pl. marriage leaves a feeling of gratitude with all its trials & hardships. It carries sacred memories, gratitude, devotion--it produces intelligence, spiritual power and awakens in one's soul the spirit of the prophet if not the seer.

I delivered Sun eve my first lecture on the psyc. of the child.

Felton came to see me from Panaca & to attend the district convention on recreational activities in M.I.A. He came Sun. eve. & went back Tues. morning. He is a fine clean fellow, free from any bad habits of Society. He is doing considerable work in the church. He has two little girls of promise.

I attended M.I.A. session last night. I attended Adult Class. The Subject was: "Why the Devil". It was a very interesting subject & brought some interesting questions & thoughts. I was dragged into the discussion.

Have been feeling more my self today. Have been having several long sessions with Patriarch J.I. Earl. He is well informed on the gospel and the prophecies of the future. We are to have an other sitting this afternoon on the Savior. Did he marry? Did he have offspring? Do the Scriptures substantiate such a belief? Is there modern revelation to fortify this thought? What of historic evidence have we?

Mar. 7, 1933. Boulder City, Nevada.

I have been lecturing on the Psychology of the Child in Overton and Las Vegas. I gave 6 in Vegas 8 in Overton. I will give one or

two more there then I am thru there except I am to give one address to the H. School on Fri. Then one on Thurs. in Bunkerville to the H. Sch. students. I gave a lecture here last night to almost a full house. I brought Sister Whipple with me from Vegas to sing two solos. Her accompanist came with us & 3 of her friends. It is truer to say they furnished the car and brought us over. Sister Whipple has a marvelous voice. She is expecting to come back tonight & sing for this evening's meeting. I am giving these two addresses here at the request of Bp. Bryant Bunker & the Presiding elder here (Worthy). I am doing this rather than give all to Vegas. My two lectures here are a defense & what I feel is absolute proof of Joseph Smith's seership. Some of our non-Mormon guests were deeply impressed with my address. Bro. Jos. Earl & wife were here to the meeting.

I am stopping here with Bro. & Sister Ernstrom. They are living here while the dam is building.

Dee, my son, brought me to Vegas yesterday. I go back to morrow. All my expenses are pd. here also my going and coming.

My wife, Martha, is returning from Calif. today where she went Feb. 24.

I bought me a new Stetson hat yesterday. I suppose it is almost useless to say it was a "new" hat.

I am wondering if I can make it possible to return home by way of Calif. The government has decreed a wk's moratorium on all the banks of the U.S. until a new law may be drafted wherein banks can be stabilized so they & the bank depositors may be protected from the desolation of bank failures as in the past. It is the only time in this world's history when such a thing was ever done. No bank can cash or receive a ch.; no merchant will take or give a ch. No gold can be given out from the bank until further orders. It is paralyzing every industry for the present. There has never been known such a time--such a condition-- as upon the world at present. Nations at war, nations declaring bankruptcy, nations in revolution, nations threatening anarchy. Nations distressed thru mob violence. Europe unable to pay their war debts to U.S. Then the U.S. verges on seeming bankruptcy. No one can see the end of the world's threatened chaos. Read Sec. 1,5,63,97,112 etc. of D. & C. as well as others and we may read the program ahead. Read Sec. 45, of the hour of the closing day of the gentiles. Zion will stand-- must stand or go down in the mealstrome--and triumph in the conflict.

The moratorium declared on all banks has now been recinded & about 3/4 of all banks are again opened, others may be. Pres. Roseveltdt has done wonders to stabilize the threatened chaos. He passed law that no one shall hoard gold on pain of heavy fine. Mails forbidden to transport gold. No one can ship it from the nation. The hasty law is working wonders. If he can continue his bold movements it will put new life & hope in our nation.

Mar. 19, 1933. Fresno, Calif.

I left Oveton Thurs. & reached Los Angeles that night. The next day Anne, Myrthus' wife, came & took me to Hollywood where I visited

them till yesterday morning (Sat.). He is greatly improving in his movie plays. He is with the Warner Bros. studio & he seems to be well liked. He gets \$250.00 a wk. but it takes about all that to pay expenses--home, auto, social functions, etc. I fear his hectic life will ruin his life & his career. Yet he seems to be rapidly gaining in his profession. His wife says that he becomes wonderfully wrought up with irritable emotions.

I could not get in touch with Dr. Hill as I had hoped. I left Hollywood yesterday 7:45 A.M. for this place. I got here 3:20 P.M. Fri. night. I went with Myrthus' friend to the studio & saw them "shoot pictures" especially the play Myrthus was in.

I found Kyrmel & family well. I was most happy to meet them. I came on the Bus. We have been busy talking, riding, attending S.S. & evening meeting. I spoke a few minutes in S.S. & gave the address to night on "Jos. as a Seer" & had the nations of the earth prove it. The audience was gratefully happy over my discussion.

Bp. Bryant Bunker gave me \$21.65 for my addresses in Vegas. I gave Dee \$2.65 of it for bring me over. I also gave him \$1.25 at another time; I rode with him to Vegas. I gave him \$5.00 another time. I also gave Dee my check for \$20.00 to partly pay for keeping me and told him when he got the other \$10.00 they were to pay at Overton, for him to keep \$5.00 of it. He urged I should not pay him any thing, but I felt I should

I delivered 2 lectures in Boulder City; 8 in Vegas; 9 in Overton on Psych. of Child; two to H. School students on problems to H.S. boys & girls. I was taken to Bunkerville by the Supt. Meiner's Clerk to give two lectures to the H.S. students on themes "of youth. Then the next day I went to the quarterly conference at Bunkerville by special request to deliver two addresses at the Conference--one in afternoon & the one in evening was on the liquor question, etc. I was happy to do so. Tho, I went to Overton primarily to recuperate, I gave 28 lectures while in Nev. I was treated very well during all my stay there. I was happy to be with Dee & Vivian.

I went to Panaca & visited Felton, my son, & family for two days. They were very kind to me & we had an excellent visit. I returned to Dee's for an other day & night. I furnished a fat turkey for a big dinner before I left. Dee & Vivian took me to Glendale to meet the Grayhound bus for Los Angeles.

I see on reading over my record while in Nev. it is fearfully muddled.

This City (Fresno) is situated in the Joaquin Valley & is about the most ideal valley in California. It is a beautiful city of about 85,000 people. The homes are beautiful & the verdure, trees, etc. are wonderful.

This is a beautiful state yet subjected to earthquakes. This last two wks. Long Beach, & Los Angeles suffered sevier shocks destroying millions of property, 150 lives, & hundreds mamed & fearfully injured.

I learn that our church there was just slightly injured while nearly all other buildings were either totally destroyed or fearfully injured. This seems to be no accident but divine intervention for such protection has been manifest in other places, etc.

I have had a nice quiet time. I have been to the M.I.A. meeting. The ward has all the ward organizations. They are very active in their branch. I was asked to speak to the Relief Society today which I did. I also spoke Sun. evening in Fresno. Prof. Canfield of the Fresno's Uni. was a psychologist who spoke today to the Relief Society on child learning language. He is a Mormon boy. His talk was very clear & instructive. I spoke after him on our position in the world & the prophecies now bursting upon the world & the part we play in their fulfillments.

I leave in the morning for Berkeley where I hope to meet Geo. & Reg. & many friends.

Kyrmel & Ruth are very active in the branch. Ky. is 1st counselor in S.S. also he has charge over the boy scouts also ward teacher. Ruth is 1st councellor in Relief Society, teacher, teacher in S.S. & primary & ward organist. Bro. Ensign & wife took supper with us to night. Little Kyrma-Ruth is a cute little soul--so knowing & good-natured.

Mar. 29 1933, Roseville, Calif.

After spending Thurs. evening & until yesterday morning (Tues.) in Berkley & Oakland with Geo. & family & friends I left for this city where I have met my daughter Juanita, husband (Orral), & baby (Josiah-Samuel). While there I visited friends as well as visited with Geo. & family also Reg. and his wife, Eugenia Flaville. She is a nice looking heavy set lady. I was kindly impressed with her. Reg. came three times to see me. He came & heard me speak in Oakland Sun. night. I showed the futile attempt made on the Bk. of Abraham by Rev. Spalding & Egyptologists in my sermon.

I met groups of Relief Society women in three or four long meetings discussing the scriptures, signs of the times, & prophecies being fulfilled, etc. etc. Pres. McDonald, Bp. Jacobs & 2 or 3 other brethren with women met one night for over 3 hrs., while we discussed scripture. I even stayed over Mon. to fill an other dinner party with a few women and revealed or explained other scriptures to them. They are most spiritual & hungry for truth & gospel. I was troubled over Geo's tendencies toward our gospel. I fear he will not fully realize his mission if he forgets the splendid life of youth & childhood. He is, I learn, using tobacco. It lowers any one's powers. I trust he will right himself.

Reg. visited me 3 times in Berkeley and offered to come and bring me to Roseville if I could wait till Wed. morning, but I left Tues. He tells me he believes our church far more than he does. He has read, he tells me, the Bk of M. & D. & Cov. He is going to attend our meetings in Richmond

I met with groups of Relief Society women all along my route from Overton here.

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I have had a most enjoyable visit with Juanita & family. She has such a noble child--I tell her that he is a child of promise. I pray he will have the combined spirit of those noble kings & prophets (Josiah & Samuel). I feel strongly that he will prove to be a great character in Israel. Orral & Juanita have done every thing to make my visit most pleasant while here. I leave today at 1:16 P.M. for S.L.

I lectured here Wed. night to the entire branch on "Watchman, What is the hour?" and took the scriptures (Bk of Rev ch. 9; D. & C sec. 45; also Sec 5, to aid us to discover the hour. The audience was deeply & reverently impressed over my address saying that it was the most wonderful discussion they ever heard on the Signs of the times.

I attended a cottage meeting in one of the outlying districts here & spoke for about 45 min. on the greatness of this work and our church was patterned after Christ's Ch. in meridian of time & reviewed the two patterns.

Yesterday (Sun.) I taught gospel doctrine class & then the fast meeting was turned over to me to occupy the entire time & I spoke of the infancy, childhood of the Redeemer also his temptation & showed the attempted tragedy in his temptations & then applied them to our selves, etc.

I was taken to Sacramento (Sutter branch) and spoke to a full house on the proof of Joseph's seership and showed that the entire nations of the earth acclaimed his seership, thru events in last 100 yrs. The people gathered around me with expressions of deep emotion for what they had heard. I was deeply impressed with God's blessings which had been upon me & the audience. Again & again I expressed my reverential gratitude for my Father's grateful blessing. O, Father, here again I say that my soul is full of deep reverence for the blessing conferred upon me during my speaking. O, Father, I desire to think Thy thoughts after Thee, to be endowed with power from on high and that my usefulness may increase in the earth. I was told last night that when I spoke in Sacramento 6 yrs. ago a man was converted to our church & was baptized and is today a most faithful worker in our church.

Juanita & Orral have a beautiful home & get along well.

The ward here seems to be faithful in their work & are well liked by the non-mormons who live among them.

I leave here in about 2½ hrs. for S. Lake & home.

O, Father, bless this home (Juanita's) and my loved ones who dwell here. Bless all Israel. Make Thy people mighty. Use me as Thou desireth. May I be forgiven for all wrongs. Fill me with love & mercy & pure intelligence. From a youth I have honored & prayed for God's blessings upon his leaders.

Apr. 9, 1933, Logan, Ut.

I left Roseville last Mon at 11:20 A.M. & took stage for S. Lake arriving there 24 hrs. later. I stood the trip quite well. My trip from Los Angeles to S.L. was \$20.00

I stayed in S.L. remainder of Tues. & on till Fri. 5:30 P.M. Then Radino, Leona, the two children & her sister Mrs. Hubbard, came & took me to Ogden where I left for home at 9 P.M. arriving here at 12 M. Found all well We all (Martha, Radino & Marva & self) sat up & talked until after 1 A.M.

While in S.L. I attended conference two days. Today (Sun.) I listened in over radio all day. I have a feeling that it was the most influential conference ever held. I feel much good will come from it. The great theme was the history of God's work in the earth across the ages & on to our time. The word of wisdom was stressed & what it will mean to this people if they will keep this law. It was urged that this people held the power in their own hands for temporal & spiritual salvation. God is to shake nations & bring destruction & desolation upon the earth unless nations purify them selves.

I found that my book is in the hands of Dr. J.E. Talmage for criticism. I trust it finds favor in his eyes. He will be thru in a wk. or so.

I learned, with deep regrets that Leslie has left his home, leaving his children without his care due to family troubles. I learn that he gambles & is inactive in his church duties.

I wish my health was better--not sick but dennergized.

Apr. 16, 1933, Logan, Ut.

It is the Sabbath and a pleasant day. It is my wife, Martha's birthday. She is 63 years of age today. The memories of those years that have been ours since the fall (Aug.) of 1888 come back to me with their joys and sorrows. We have seen life with her doubts and fears. We have stood with confidence & pledged our all for each other. Many tears have been shed over seeming failures and misfortunes. Yet out of them have come our successes. My problems have been great at times, but her heart-aches have been deeper than mine for her burdens were more greivous, at times, to be borne. Alone, many times, have I wept & prayed for her. With it all, she has been drawn to me with a greater tenderness. Her toil & sacrafice have hallowed her life to those for whom she toiled.

In honor, of her birthday we had Radino & family, Othello and family, also Valko & family and Margaret and Louis (Myrthus' once wife) and his son, also my sister Anna & LaCreal. We formed a company of 21.

Various presents and tokens of good wishes came to her. Marva, Thorval, & I gave her a set of tumblers as a gift with this sentiment attached to them:

Mother,

Just a small token which indicates our appreciation for your three score and three! May the future deal kindly with you so that memories of life may surge back to you as hallowed refrains. So that when you lift up your eyes and behold the reward of your labors and the gratitude of those you have

toiled for, then life will not seem like a broken vase lying at your feet; but as a priceless gift which can never be taken from you.

Since returning home the Dr. (Hanson) advises I take a rest cure for 2 or 3 months. He has advised in the past. I am beginning to see if my lazy heart will speed up with rest. I have felt for many months that I wanted to quit work & rest, read, write just as I felt like. I have carried this on for about 10 days & feel a benefit already. I have ceased to take liquids & tablets prescribed by the Drs. I have also ceased to take coffee or tea. In fact I am taking nothing except my food. I am not going out side of my home until further orders. My mind seems clearer & my exhausted feelings are not returning as much as they did.

I am trying to catch up with my neglected readings of my five Scientific journals.

I feel the urge of doing more in geneological work. I pray & trust I can yet accomplish much toward collecting our geneology & doing work for them.

Apr. 24, 1933. Logan, Ut.

It is a very pleasant Sabbath with green of spring, sunshine & pleasant temperature. I am just resting and reading trying to catch up on my back journals.

I have read the manuscript of my proposed over again. It sounds better than when I left it 3 mos. ago. I trust it will be as convincing with those who are reading it.

Othello, my son, is very ill & has been so for 3 or 4 days. He is now in the hospital. The Drs. so far can't decide the cause of his sickness. They have sent to S.L. for Dr. Tindall of the Int. Mt. Clinic. He is to be here soon for a final exam. & consultation with the hospital corps.'

The Bishop (Worley) has been in to see me for $\frac{1}{2}$ hr.

Martha & Thorval have gone to the hospital to learn what the new consultation brings out.

Since quitting insurance, my earnings become much curtailed. I trust they will always be sufficient for our needs. I have faith they will.

Marva & Thorval are working hard in school. This is her 2nd yr. & his 3rd.

My dear wife's health is not the best. She has fallen away 47 lbs. in the last few months.

The Dr. was here again to see me again. I am to obey orders and keep in the house and quiet.

I am deeply impressed with two or three articles in the Church section of the Deseret News of yesterday. Two of them are Dr Widtsoe & Galbreth.

Apr 25, 1933, Logan

Dr. Tyndall came but all Drs. are still uncertain. Mon. morning, and Othello seemingly no better. He suffers a great deal of pain more or less all over his body.

Pres. Roosevelt statesman like asking & receiving dictatoreal powers that he can stay the world crash in finances. Never in the history of our Republic has any president ever done so much in stemming the crash of things as he has done these last few weeks. He called a moratorium upon all banks of U.S. for wk. or ten days; he demanded all gold of the nation be returned to the government. The failure to do would be met with heavy fines & imprisonment. He inflated money to the billions (now being worked out) He has called representatives of 40 nations to Washington to consult over leaving gold standard as we have gone off it, also to remonatize silver, etc. also the reduction of armaments, etc. The world is agog over the bold & matchless declarations & acts of Pres. Roosevelt. For once we seem to see no trace of the slimy debauchery of the money powers of our nation..Pray God they will never will again.

I predicted a few wks. ago that never again would there be so much wealth (be) placed in any one man's hands as in the past and the the disparity between the wealth of the bonded rich & the grilling poor will never be so great again. The mountains of wealth & the vallies of poverty will approach--the one will go down while the latter will rise. "It is not pleasing that one man shall have more in temporal things than another".

The nations are astounded at Roosevelt and yet are looking with hope and admiration towards him.--a Daniel seems to have arisen who fears not the lions' den.

I say little about the world events because the world is making such detailed accounts of all the world movements. So I have been largely silent on world events.

May I say that there is an accumulation of events, movements, calamities, woes that will rock the earth. No hand can stay their enactments and encroachments. I rest my beliefs and convictions in the revelations of God's seers.

May 1 1933, Logan, Ut.

I am still under house arrest. I am taking matters very easy. I do not feel ill only at times. I feel languid when my heart gets down to 56 & on down to 48 beats per min. and that is most of the time. Then I am a fit subject for he.

I am catching up with my reading. I have pretty caught up with the Literary Digest, Science Weekly New; Journal of Heredity and American Anthropologist, but I am months behind with The Science Monthly.

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I wrote to Lorea, Myrthus, Juanita, Vivian & Dee, also wrote to Pres. Ivins about my Treatise on the Am. Indian

Othello is slowly recovering. He has been very ill. It seems that he will now completely recover. He has been brought to his own home. We are all happy over the promise of health.

Martha's health is poorly. She has fallen away about 50 lbs in the last few months. We have a beautiful home & most beautifully kept, thanks to Martha.

Are we grateful for such blessings? Yes, Do we pay our tithes & offerings? Yes for these many years. In fact ever since I was married in 1885. Do we attend to our ward duties? Yes. Do we partake of the Sacrament? Yes. Only occasionally does one of us miss. Do we aid the poor? Yes Do we have our family & Secret prayers? Yes daily. Do we keep the word of Wisdom? Yes. Do we ever have trouble with our neighbors? No. Do we keep the Sabath day holy? Yes. In fact we try with all our might to keep holy the Ten Commandments and God's enlarged and spiritualized Constitution (The Sermon on the Mount"). True, we fail in perfection hence our daily use of repentance.

Myrthus writes me that his wife Anne has left him & gone with an other man (Geo. Albee). It is probably largely Myrthus' fault for he has an ugly temper and has often offended her, by his unfeeling emotions. So there are faults on both sides. I regret for him and feel badly for what she has done. I thought much of her. She seemed so kind & friendly.

May 5 1933, Logan Ut.

We have had much rain during the last wk. yet the weather is real mild. The entire desert was needing rains. God promised that when his people served him that he would send the late & early rains. May we be worthy of this promise.

I have heard no more from Myrthus. Leon & Winnie came Wed. evening. They were on their way to Pocatello. Leon is secretary of the rotarians of Washington Co. & was chosen as their delegate to attend the regional convention of Utah & Ida. They left yesterday morning for Pocatello. Their car was not in the best condition so I let them take mine. They will be back to night but leave for S.L. Winnie has had her tonsils out and since then she has been much better. It seems that the poison from her tonsils her heart has been long effected.

I am still spending about 16 to 18 hrs. a day in bed. I do not, so far, see much change.

I have been asked several times this month to deliver lectures here & in Idaho. I may be well enough in a mo. or so to go out again.

Have written to Vivian & Dee, Juanita, Lorea & Felton.

My Apr. renewals from the California State Life were \$43.43. We
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paid one of our premiums out of it (\$37.25).

Our church is stressing the Aaronic priest hood work and also the geneological work. It is a new but a glorious departure. It is changing the spot light of interests to new fields which will be fraught with much good. It will cause a spiritual awakening not known before for many years. It is a beginning which find its fruition thruout the Millenium

Pres. Grant is stressing this work under his splendid aids in all the organizations. He is also stressing the obedience to the Word of Wisdom. We are laying great stress also upon tithing. If there ever was a time when this people should be awakened to the dire necessity of paying our tithes & offerings it is now. How darkened & lethargic a majority of our people are! How long will it be before we can & will believe God, our Father, He has promised long life--mental & spiritual power, if we keep the W. of W. He has promised bread, honor from nations, & preserving of us from burning if we pay our tithing. And yet hardly 50% of this people keep these statutes. For a time I used some tea or coffee part of the time to restore my heart beat when I would be almost incapacitated thru weakness & mental surbmersion, but I have laid that a side, also my strychnine & digitalis. Tho. they aided me for atime they did not bring satisfactory results. For the present I am using thyroid extracts. They seen to give more satisfying results.

Our tithing is our bread insurance. The W. of W. is our health & mental insurance. God will have a tried people; He will have a purified people. We will not move from these mountains until we are. It is peculiar that the warning voices of Israel's leaders do not chill & thrill us to greater faithfulness.

I am worried over some of my children for they are negligent of their duties; some are working only half heartedly. Some are very faithful.

Othello is still recovering, sat up to day a short time. He is still very weak.

May 11, 1933 Logan

I have read within the last two wks. two very very valuable books: The first one is "The Lost Empires of the Itzaes and Mayas" by Theodore A Willard." It is handling in part new conceptions & new literature concerning these peoples. He reviews some of the contents of his work "The City of the Sacred Well." The work is well written, tho I can't put my self in harmony with some of his conclusions Some of his data & conclusions roughly parallels the story of the Bk. of M. It is a work of 436 pages. I have just finished to night a classic work "British Agent" by R.H. Bruce Lockhart," which has claimed my attention for 3 or 4 days. It is the life of the young autor from childhood, the years of experience in the Orient with its tragedies & love affairs. Then his years of Embassadorship in Moscow during the World War and the near tragic end of his hectic life. A born diplomat. He does not screne him self; he reveals his weaknesses in love affairs. He has been honest with facts & history. He reveals the good & the ill. His

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work is a fine graphic contribution to history and is a classic in thought & language. He is so classed by critics.

Othello is virtually well again. I am still taking the rest cure. I feel better part of the time but my heart is still very sluggish but my tropsy is improved some.

I am rereading my life journals. They are rather attractive to me in places. I see that I have revealed my spiritual & prayerful life. They might be called my prayer books for in them I have called upon my Father so often in petition and expressions of gratitude. The intricate things of my life are hardly mentioned.

We have been having much rain & some snow for the last 10 or more days.

May 21, 1933 Logan, Ut (pleasant weather with more less rain)

I have read during the last ten days the "Life of Henry M. Stanley" by Dr Wassermann. It is considered the truest & best work on Stanley's life. It carries him from birth to death. It was a tragic life with neglect, hardships from childhood on. It trails him in to the U.S. & the part he played here. It faithfully tells his life during his three trips into and thru Africa. He's daring & sacrifice portrays him to be a most indomitable character. Fearless, humane, & god-fearing. When you are thru reading his life you are not thru with him for he seems to be with you. As he said "Africa is in me"; so after reading him you feel he walks with you or you with him. He died a sad, may say almost dishartened, if not an imbittered man. He was a man of sorrows, yet in him the world found a man it could greatly honor

Since then I have "The Lost Empires of the Itzaes and Mayas" by Theodore A. Willard which is just recently off the press. He tries to show that they were nations contemporary with Christ and yet rivaled the culture of Egypt. He holds that a more ancient nation came to central America and Yucatan. In many points he closely parallels the account in the Bk. of M. He it was who wrote the excellent work "The City of the Sacred Well" which I read in N. York. I am now in correspondence with him. He is a master of the English language. I have been catching up with my magazine reading.

My health seems better part of the time.

Lorea, husband, "Ted," Brown, his father and their three children (Nita Lee, Geraldine, and Thomas Edward Brown, Jr.) have paid us a visit from yesterday until this after noon.

To day (Sun, May 21) I blessed and named their baby (I was aided by "Ted", his father Thos. Edward Brown, & Thorval). He gave the baby the name of Thos Edward Brown Jr. This makes 3 babies for them in less than 4 years. They brought with them yesterday one of their friends Lois Gibbons from Rockport. She & Lorea had a very fine time.

I wrote & commended Apostle Smoot on his excellant address in the Tabernacle, S.L. on the Christ a wk ago last Sun. & he wrote in reply and thanked me for my appreciation.

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Martha's health is rather poorly yet she works hard for every thing must be "spic & span".

Bp. Wm. Worley & Moses Thatcher (1st councillor) came to see me to day & hoped to see me out soon.

Pres. Roosevelt is startling the world with his great ideas, laws, edicts & the pleas to the nations of the earth. It would seem more progress has been made since Mar. 4th than in any 4 years for the last 2 or 3 administrations. It has raised the hopes of the world and augurs for relief of depression.

Vivian, Dee's wife, wrote me of the last farewell meeting they held in St Thomas for the Boulder Dame reservoir will drown out their homes. The water is to stand 9 ft. deep all over the little town, built thru nearly three-quarters of a century. All the old and young of the village returned for the farewell meeting. They wept as the speakers relived their lives and struggles also their joys & woes. That once desolate waste was to them home with its memories of a life time. It was a pathetic scene as youth and the aged shed tears, their emotions were too deep for words. In reply to Vivian's letter I said: That must have been a sad farewell for St. Thomas. To think of those people who first saw the light of day in a world they had waited millions of years to see! And now to leave! There were fathers and mothers who had toiled in poverty and in want to rear their families. Their homes had been made sacred thru the birth and death of their children. It was there where many had learned that the Lord was God and that he had heard their prayers. It was there where lay loved ones in the earth and thru those tender dead they hallowed the spot.

That place is to be turned over to the water and the waves; that place which held the most sacred memories of life. All their treasures and dreams seem to linger there, what they take away with them will be as a mockery to what will remain there in memory's haunts. It was there where some took their last few steps with crutch and cane. Those streets are hallowed by the feet of those who have gone before. It was there where many had plighted their love in youth--how sacred that memory! There are those who would give all their interests in dream-land to return to that sacred place with all its stainless memories. How often one desires to relieve his or her life in solitude reliving memories tender as a dream, but how can those of St. Thomas do so now? It will be like returning to a watery grave--so chill. No wonder you people wept! I could easily have wept with you. Only the pen of a gifted poet could tell the story of that departing people as they looked back like retreating Bedowins from their abandoned homes and withered hopes.

May 30, 1933 Logan, Ut

It is Decoration day. I heard most of the exercises at Arlington Cemetery. I head most ex-gov. Geo. Dern's (now Sec. of War) speech. It was an eloquent speech. He is a splendid man who served Utah for 8 years. I feel he will fill well his post of duty as Sec. of war.

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Great sorrow has come to our ward and the entire community thru the death of Supt. Louis A. Peterson, Supt of Logan City Schools. He died of Encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). It was only 44 yrs. age. He is greatly mourned & honored. It was he who bought my \$8000.00 home about 4 or 5 yrs. ago.

This last week I have done but little other than read "Revolt in the Desert" by T.E. Lawrence. It was he who managed the Arab revolt during the "World War". He was a genius of first rank & did more to influence the Arabs than any other European. It was marvelous what he accomplished and how few errors were made. He has been known as the mytery man for these many years. His writings are abstruse and hard to keep his meaning as one reads. I did more re reading of sentences to check up his meaning than I did in reading Dr. Jno. Dewey's "The Quest of Certainty." Yet when you are thru with him you seem to relive his wierd history. He is a genius who attempts to hide under a bushel.

Spring house-cleaning is thru with after these days of work, but no honor to me for I was treated as an invalid.

School is out. Thorval & Marva got thru. I have had several persons to see me since I have been confined to my home. Some were: Bp. Worley & Thatcher, Bro. Sutton & wife; Relief Society officers: Pres. Anderson & Dunn; Pres. E.G. Peterson & Ray his brs. and others.

Have recd. letters from George, my son, also Myrthus, Kyrmel, Felton, Lorea, Vivian, Laura & Josephine, my sisters.

I see I have failed to record the fact that I got a copy of the long desired article by the prophet Joseph entitled "Paracletes" (the holy ones) from patriarch Earl. It is a copy from the Times & Seasons also from "Millenium Star" I read the article about 26 years ago and had longed to get a copy. Tho the prophet says that it is not a revelation yet I considered it the greatest historic revelation ever revealed from God. It dips into the eternity of things. It gives reigns to my longing thoughts and yearnings for the hidden past. It is food to my soul. It fills a void in my soul which I had been trying to plot out for many years. My soul from youth has been unfolding gradually along that line. Astronomy with her far-flung lines of revelations & deductions has not thrown lines beyond my unfolding mind. "Paracles" only gives my searching mind assurances, & confirms & enlightens my endless querries. Joseph is the greatest seer of the ages. Well he might be, for he had for his companions and revelators all the arch-angels of the Earth from Adam down, including translated beings and also Jehovah & Eloheim aside from these sources of endless revelations he was given the Urim & Thumin which the brother Jared had given to him no the mount.

June 4, 1933 Logan, Ut. Pleasant weather with cloudy mists.

Felton, my son, came last evening from Panaca Nev. He has come, thru my request, to attend a six weeks summer school here at the U.A. College. I am pleased to have him come and stay with us. I regret he has been more or less shut out of my life due to conditions that were

more or less out of my jurisdiction. I have helped him some in the past in his education also in his sickness a few years ago. He has been to visit me a few times in his life.

I have done little this week except read journals, review Journal D. I am putting in sub headings on the margin of the pages so it can be easier read. I am slowly reviewing the D. & C. for the 4 or 5 time in my life. Tho I have read it in parts just as I needed for these forty or fifty odd years I find in reviewing my journals that I have had a most busy life. I almost wonder how I accomplished so much. Yet as I look over what I know I wonder why I have done so little. If in the morning of the resurrection we can recall all we learned here it will not be so bad.

Martha's health is not the best.

The movement of our nation is struggling with the world for the adoption of world peace & the destruction of all their implements of war for offensive purposes. The world court at Geneva is struggling to get nations to accept Pres. Roosevelt's recommendation. Tho the world for the last 2 or 3 mos. seem to be more at rest with a gleam of day light. Fewer millions need to be fed. Our nation is passing laws to aid farmers & all laboring men; to stablize industries & feed the hungry which is giving hope for the future.

China & Japan have ceased war, yet Asia & the other nations of the earth are to be dragged into the maelstrom of war unless we can forge the chains for peace stronger than for war.

June 11, 1933, Logan--Delightful weather with sun shine and shade. I haven't done much this week other than read a few journals, the Doc & Cov. (a few sec) and rechecked three chaps. of my Treatise. It reads well to me; certainly I find a few incidental errors in punctuation, spelling, etc, yet my sister Laura, Prof. A.N. Sorensen & my self had gone over the manuscript separately before. None but the most immaculate critics can (they) feel absolutely safe and then not till two, three, or more readings with several days or weeks intervening between readings.

I had to cancel requests & partial promise to lecture in Preston Opera house on some phase of my new work with special reference to the relationship between the American Indian & the Pacific Islanders. They had promised to fill the Opera house if I would come. For many years I have often been unable to comply with many requests made of me. Now not able to comply at all, for how many months, I do not know, makes me feel that my usefulness is much curtailed.

My heart-beat is some what improved, but my dropsy seems to increase. I had the sudden bleeding of either my bladder or kidneys the other day for 24 hrs, but that trouble has cleared up again.

I have been looking up some geneology work. In fact I spent two half days at it. It seems that I will be able to get a new line on

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the Hickmans. The patriarch promised that I would be able to do the work for my dead kindred back to the time when the gospel was upon the earth before. I trust I can live to fill this promise.

Have recd. letters from Vivian, Dee, Ella (Vivian's daughter, my granddaughter), my daughters Fern & Lorea. They are well but worried over my passing ailment.

I am helping Felton some with his college algebra but I find I am very "rusty" due to not having that course since 1894. Of course I have helped the children in H.S. algebra off and on or years back all of which helps some.

Pres. Grant gave an excellent address to day in the tabernacle at S.L. before the M.I.A. officers & public. I listened in from here. It was an excellent address on our history & the stand of the world against us in the past & how God was vindicating his church. He quoted history--present day and ancient.

June 18, 1933, Logan. (warm weather)

This wk. has been spent largely in resting & magazine reading. I have checked over 2 or three chaps. of my treatise.

I can't understand why Elder Talmage is so long in reviewing my treatise. I almost feel at times as though my work is being neglected. I trust not however. Pres. Heber J. Grant acknowledged my letter of appreciation & expressed his deep appreciation for same. His speech was published in last night's Deseret News (the church Section). I have pasted his letter in my Journal of Clippings. I feel better the last 3 days tho my ft. swell much With the tablets I am taking I find my heart is increasing in its beating.

Radino has been up twice this wk. to fish with Valko & to get his wife and children at Kelley, Idaho. He and Valko are good fishers. Kyrmel seems to be the King of fishers & hunter in our family tho Valko is a whirl wind him self. Kyrmel's friends claim that he can catch fish when none are in the stream & kill ducks when there none around. Felton is working hard.

It was father's day to day (June 18) and Othello & Helen brought me ice cream & root beer while Valko brought me a fine box of candy. Father's day hasn't in it what we find & feel in Mother's day. Man hasn't suffered & sacrificed yet enough thru the ages that which women have. The nation is trying to make it a sacred or honored day, but it lacks soul. O, it may win in time, but up to the present it is a gesture with out a throb, or an observation without a soul. I have said that we will awaken to the thought of observing a neighbor's day, then a stranger's day & finally an enemy's day, probably the most glorious thought of the ages, for destroying the enmity between men. When that day comes, then hell has lost its power.

Martha is not feeling well of late. She is getting very poor.

Thorval is to begin work to morrow in the beet fields for a short time.

June 26, 1933 Logan.
Thorval only worked for a day.

This last wk. I have not been feeling so well. My dropsy seems to be worse and I am more groggy & languid. I lay down the biggest part of the 24 hrs. each day. I can't concentrate so well in my reading. This Monday morning & am still groggy & off color.

Eugene came in for a few minutes this morning on his way back from Butte, Montana where he & a friend had been to look over the insurance field, but it did not look good as nearly all the mines were shut-down.

Felton is doing well in his studies--college algebra and Geology. He is naturally bright & makes a good student. He is to be principal of the grade school in Panaca this yr. He is to get \$165.00 a mo. Myrthus, in the movie picture, "Working Men" is now on the scene here. Those seeing it say that it is very good.

We are expecting Kyrmel, Ruth & the baby (Kyrma Ruth) here to day from California. They are coming for their vacation.

Martha is not in good health. She has fallen away 40 or 50 lbs. the last few mos. I have been in doors over 2½ mos.

I am checking over my manuscript again to tone it up a little, principally on typographical errors,--spelling, punctuation, etc.

Radino & Leona were here an hr or so this last week. Radino has been up fishing twice.

July 3, 1933, Logan, Ut.--Pleasant weather.
We have had a wk. of visiting with Kyrmel, Ruth, & baby (Kyrma Ruth). Leon, Radino & family came up yesterday morning & returned last evening. Leon has been called to Morgan to take charge & the Z.C.M.I. store there. He can't tell whether he is to remain there or be called back to St Geo. Kyrmel & family left this morning for California. It left us all sad. Othello & family left for Las Vegas, Nev. to visit Helen's folks.

I have been feeling better the last few days, but today (Mon.) I am not feeling so well. My pulse is about 56 & 8 today.

I am slowly re checking over my thesis comparing two copies.

I am not reading much of late except 2 or 3 journals except the daily papers. My concentration is poor due to my degenerization. Martha's health is not the best, due to so much work in the home.

Had a nice letter from Lorea to day. With her 3 babies & all her house work she is overworked.

July 11 1933. Logan--Warm weather. Too warm some days
We have had 2 or 3 showers the last wk. & it has helped very much.

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Kyrmel & Ruth drove from here to Roseville, Calif. from 9 A.M. here by 3 A.M. the next morning, yet they stopped about 2 hrs. They were very tired on arriving to Juanita's

This week I have felt better than last wk. The claim man from the Mutual Benefit was here to day to try & make settlement with me for my disability for the last 3 mos. It was not settled but promised to be.

I have finished reading "Death Comes for the Archbishop" by Willa Pather. It is the tracing of the life's work of a few Roman Catholics who spent their lives here in America amidst the Indians and the Mexicans. The scene is layed in New Mexico. The main priest was father Juan Latour. The auther gives a splendid description of the lives & sacrifices made by those early Catholic fathers. The author has a very intricate knowledge of New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona & northern part of Old Mexico.

My sympathy & compassion is softened toward the Catholic priests since reading the Bk. I had had no love for them due to their early Jesuits' treatment of the natives of Mexico & S. Am. But God, must have had respect for those who were sincere & holy in their lives.

Dr. Hanson is my Dr. He came into see to night. He makes wk'ly visits to me. My pulse ran from 67 down to 50 beats a min. It goes up when I eat. Martha, Marva, Thorval & Felton have been attending the public lectures at the A.C. this last week or two.

Have recd a letter to day from Juanita. She expects to be here by July 24 to visit us.

July 23, 1933, Logan. Weather too warm for comfort.

I have been negligent due to physical indisposition and some other work needing my attention. Since last writing Felton has returned home. He got "A" in College Algebra & "B"+ in Geology. He is a bright boy learns easily. He leaves me with bigger thoughts & extended vision. He is going for his degree tho he has to teach this yr. at Panaca. He gets \$165.00 a mo.

Myrthus, having a 3 days vacation, came from Holly wood in his car to visit us & his mother. He was here about 20 hrs. He made the drive from Calif. to Levan in 13 hrs. He tells me that my letters sustain him & give him new ideals. His health is better. While here he met & visited with his former wife (Margaret Cardon) & son (Louis) Their meeting was, seemingly, quite enjoyed.

I trust & pray that our experiences will school us & prepare us for life to come. **Martha's extra labors are hard on her.** I regret this very much. I would like to make her future days as easy as they have been hard on her in the past.

We had two couples here from S. Lake last night--friends who brought Thorval from S.L. last night.

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My sister, Josephine, daughter & husband (Graham) stopped for an hr. to visit us on their way to Idaho.

I have not been feeling so well the last two days.

Kyrmel, Ruth & baby returned after a wk's visit. They drove from here to Roseville from 10 M.A. to 3 A.M. next morning with out stopping except in S.L. for an hr. It was a most strenuous trip. They got home O.K. Juanita & babe are to be here in a few days.

I received a rather flattering report on my "Treatise" which Dr. Talmage made to the First Presidency of the Church. Part of his report is this: "In my opinion the author deserves high commendation for the industry & skill devoted to the assembling of valuable data relating to the earlier, if not aboriginal, inhabitants of the Western Continent. I think it possible that this compilation is the most (is the most) extensive and therefore the most nearly comprehensive presentation of important records on this subject thus far brought together in a single volume. The manuscript shows wide and careful reading, long-continued research and an attempt to present the evident in a convincing way. The style of writing is in general pleasing, and if the material is eventually brought out in print the book will be to its readers interesting and instructive."

He pointed out what might be 3 or 4 errors due to over certainty, but in rechecking I find only one or two that might be changed for the better. He recommends that my work be published. I shall file his letter away for future reference.

A few days after his review & criticism Dr. J. E. Talmage died. It was a great blow to Israel. Probably no authority has died in 25 years who will be so greatly missed for his intellectual worth as Elder Talmage. He has been styled by me & others as a Paul among the Apostles. It is good to have had him (him) as an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ. I learned many years ago that an old lady prophecied that he would be an apostle. True he had his faults but they were few. His worth & gift to the world would blot out from memory sins or faults a thousand times greater than his. At one time in my life he was my ideal. He was once my teacher in the B.Y.A. and I greatly appreciated him. His mighty gifts were as a teacher, a writer, analyzer of a theme in hand and his immaculate English He was a past master in it.

Aug 13, 1933, Logan, Ut

I was 71 Aug. 3. I feel the energy of youth at times flowing in my veins, yet I am condemned to absolute house arrest until my heart whips up its muffled beat which like a drum beats me a march to the toomb. I feel my work is not done. I must do more or I feel I will leave my task (is) unfinished. But all my life I seldom finished any thing in a glorious way. There were odds and ends not quite knit up. It seemed to lack "finis" at the end. At least this is the way I feel.

My children sent letters, telegrams, silk hoes, fine boxes of candy, etc. Why is it I have always appreciated a kindly word more than a material gift. Is it because I love flattery? Probably the greatest

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gift of the ages will be the kindly praise of our fellow men and our God's ("Well done"). The greatest thrill of my life was given (to) me by an old Norwegian in an address with his pronounced dialect, as he told of his impressions of me and what I would yet become. I felt then and do now that I would not blight that confidence for any thing in the world. It charmed me with a vision bigger than I had ever known. If I could thrill the world by my words, as he did me, there would be no wasted or blighted lives. As I sit here to night writing this, I feel that same divine burning. No wonder God asks us to bless & be charitable & condemn not.--Heaven praises & blesses and gives gifts but hell criticises & robs. If you would lead, praise. If you would be beloved, pour out your soul in loving kindness. If you would wreck or blight the life of a friend, stab him in the dark with treacherous lips and sow his weaknesses to the whirl wind. You may ask, who could the stranger be? His name was Zabell of Lake View. I was then 22 years of age. I love his memory. No angel who has walked by my side thrilled me more. To me he was one of God's noblemen. Curse or be-rate me and I will believe half you say; love me and praise me and I will believe all you say and more. Take the dagger out of your own heart and it is hard to find it in another's (heart).

C.L. Christensen of Moab has been sending me some of his writings on the Navaho & Hopi Indians. I have used some of it in my treatise. He was a missionary among them & the Utes for 27 years as well.

Att. C.W. Dunn tells me that my chapt. on the prophet Josiph is a masterpiece and he could not add to or criticise it in any way.

My daughter Fern has come to visit us for a wk. or more. She need a rest from her arduous work. She has a nice family of children. I pray they will always be so.

Aug. 20, 1933, Logan, Ut

It has been a wk. since I wrote. Since then my daughter Fern has returned home and my daughter Lorea has come from Rockport with her three babies--Nita Lee, Gareldine, & Thos. Edward--for a few days' visit with us. Her children are beautiful, bright, & healthy.

Juanita has had to postpone her trip home until in Sept.

Radino & Leona visited Yellow Stone Park for a wk.

I have rec'd letters from Felton, Myrthus, & George.

My health is some better the last few days. Marva & Thorval are now working as a secretary in Prosperity Festival of this co. She is not only sec. but stenographer type writer, etc. Thorval has had only about 2 wks. work this summer. He is now working at Piggly Wiggly's. I spoke harsh to Marva a few days ago and it nearly broke my heart. I apologized to her I told her I hoped I would never need to do so again. She is beautiful, intelligent, and a noble character. In her intelligence she is above 9 out of 10. That is putting it mild.

The agent of the Health & Accident Co. was here again to day trying to get me to make a cheap settlement with the Co. for my long

illness, but I will not agree to their terms.

We had our Aug. rain last wk. and it has run the temperature from 92° down to 69°. A fire feels pleasant in the fore noon.

Aug. 31, 1933, Logan,

Have done little, or read little, except the SC. journals.

I have made a check on Dr. Talmage's suggestions & criticisms; most of them were typographical errors (spelling errors). There were few others. I am grateful he went over my work for he is a past master in that line.

The nation is making a desperate effort to put over the NRA (National Recovery Activities). Its effort is to put the industrial activities on a just & humane basis (where) from great wealth to the common laborer. Every specie of attempt to crush, rob, crowd out, charge exorbitant prices are all being wiped out. It is the greatest move for justice in the labor & industrial world known in ages. If it works, then the nation will right itself & we can live. It tends to drag down the money barrons & lift up the oppressed or common man. It is a far cry from the methods of the past. Wages are to be brought up, working hours reduced to about 6½ hrs. a day or 40 hrs. a wk. in nearly every industry. Hugh Johnson of Oklahoma is at the head of this work under the direction of Pres. Roosevelt God grant it may succeed.

My nephew (Birdwell Finlayson) and wife from Pocatello called to visit us yesterday after noon for an hr. or so. He is, & has been for yrs, Bp. of one of the wards in Pocatello.

Marva has a position as stenographer, bk. keeper for the "Prosperity Campaign" here in Cache Co. She is well liked.

Thorval is clerking at the Piggly-Wigly most of the time of late.

I am holding my own in health tho I still have a very slow heart which beats from 51 or 2 up to 60 a min most of the time. My dropsy is some better. I feel quite degenerized most of the time and lie down considerable of my time. It is hard for me to read much for my concentration is so poor.

My wife, Martha's health is not the best.

Sept. 3, 1933, Logan, Ut

I have spent much of my time in bed the last wk. to help my dropsical condition. My heart is slow. I have also been reviewing my science journals. It keeps me quite busy to keep abreast with the rapid march of science and other news especially the world movements & especially our own nation. What we are now doing is the greatest effort made since the Savior to demand & force common justice between the money powers & the common people. It is forcing of Christ's doctrines as never before. May God grant this noble experiment will prevail. I feel that Pres. F.C. Roosevelt has shown more of the Christ spirit in attempting to rule the nation than any President before him.

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O God, crush the evil of the world. Vindicate the poor. Level the wealth of the world. Hasten the day when Zion will take up again the Order of Enoch that we may be prepared to meet our Redeemer, as Enoch prepared his people to woo God from his heavens to live with them.

Bro. F. B. Mitton called to see me to day. He is a sweet spirited and lovable man.

I rec'd a letter from Mrs. Bessie Felt. She was Bessie Tanner. She was my sweet heart of youthful days. She had learned of my illness & had written me from Los Angeles where she lives. She is a sister to the late J.M. Tanner who for years was the church Supt. of our schools.

Sept. 15, 1933--(Saturday) Logan, Ut

I rec'd a visit from Bessie Tanner Felt. She has come from Calif. & was here with her husband on busines. He owns stock in the Lundstrom Furniture Co. She is greatly crippled up due to sickness. Prof. A.N. Sorensen came & he & I reviewed again my manuscript of my Treatise (Science and Tradition vs. the Book of Mormon). We found a few places where we felt a change would be better.

I am now having Mrs Charlotte C. Lunt re type my entire Treatise. She is excellent & doesn't make an error, on an average, of one in 3 or 4 pages.

Juanita & baby (Josiah-Samuel-(the prophet) We are so happy to have them here. They are happy & well. The babe is a yr old (Sept 2) and now ways over 35 lbs. He is perfect physically & mentally. He has to wear 4 yr. old clothes, shoes, etc. Nothing smaller will fit him. My prayer is that his name is prophetic and that greatness in God's kingdom will be his heritage.

Radino & family were here last Sun. to visit us. Yesterday after noon Martha, Marva, Juanita, and babe went to Ogden to visit there. Othello & Helen; Valko & Rebecca also Thorval all go to morrow morning to Ogden to visit with Radino, Leon & Winnie; Lorea & Ted are also to be there. I, of course, can't be there because of my house arrest. I am however, feeling better. They will have a splendid time.

I am now reviewing "The Great Migration" by J. Fitzgerald Lee. It is a new and weird theory of the origin of man in America.

Dr. E.L. Hanson was here last night to go over me again. The Mutual Ins. Co. are disclaiming that my sickness deserves payment. The Dr. orders me to obey his instructions.

Oct. 7, 1933, Logan Ut.

My Treatise or book is beautifully copied but I am including one more chap. which Mrs. Lunt will copy to morrow & a few other odd pages then I am ready to send it to D. Appleton & co. when they ans. me. I am quite happy over my manuscript.

I finished "The Great Mygration" by J. Fitzgerald Lee. It is a work freighted with new truths, theories, and strange conclusion. In

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his work he claims that the Hebrew race or their ancestors had their origin in America--Central America & went up the Pacific Coast & crossed over at or near Bering Strait & went down the Asiatic coast & turned in a south western direction crossing the deserts of Mesopotamia & Arabia deserts & on to Egypt, etc. & that their (Hebrew) ancestors populated the world. His work shows great erudition. He seems to be conversant with Greek, Hebrew, Latin, Sanskrit, Egyptian, Keltic, French, German, Chaldaic, and Myan. He seems to be a veritable polyglot. His theory of autochthonous origin being America will probably not gather many thinkers for he has too many known facts to overcome. There are other theories akin this one tho from a different approach but claiming autochthony for America. (I arose or began on the land, or originated with the land) I wonder at Lee's erudition. When I was thru with his book, I wrote on the last page these words: "The author shows great erudition; he seems to be a veritable polyglot. I marvel at his weird theories and his broad re-research. I feel he will beat out his wings as he flutters against adamant bars beyond which he can never pass, for reason, science, and history will not walk farther with him. His theory is slightly akin to others who claim America as indigenous to the American race. Anthropology breaks down his conclusions, and revelation lays a kindly hand upon his shoulder and asks: "Whither goest thou"? I probably should not have written this in the book for it was Nephi L. Morris'. I wrote Pres Nephi L. Morris that it is true that America nursed the first of the Adamic race & that they came to Asia by the watery route of the Great Deluge while Lee lead them over stony paths, rugged lands, and sandy wastes. I read his book in about 12 hrs. (& some of it 2 or 3 times) at 3 or 4 sittings. The author has a great mastery of the English language. He has an easy style and terse perspicuity.

Juanita & the baby went back to Calif. & arrived safe & well. She has just sent us a box (about 40 lbs) of mixed grapes. They are excellent.

Auntie Mary Orser from Roosevelt came & visited us for about 6 hrs. Her daughter Alta teaches here in the A.C. She is in the Home Economics Dept. & is well liked.

The Mutual Life Health & Accident Ins. Co. were here today trying to get me to accept \$1500.00 as full settlement for my sickness or disability. I have been in the house for now 6 mos. but I agreed to settle for \$2000.00 sick or well in the future, but they went to S.L. to think it over and talk it over with the Insurance Commissioner again. They are to be back again about Tues. or Wed.

Thorval & Marva are busy with their college work.

We are having fine fall weather. The nation is busy trying to readjust our national economics, put business & lively hood on a new basis where we can live & help live; and help until it hurts if necessary. It is the noblest, holiest & most humane movement ever made by a nation. I can & do pray for Pres. Roosevelt & his working forces as never before. The kingship of wealth must pass as did the divine rights of kings disappear & we shifted it to the divine rights

of the people.

I am starting to read Jno Lords "Beacon Lights of History. I did some of this when I bought them years ago, but laid them aside. They are masterpieces.

I am in a small way catching up in my readings.

My heart beat does not improve much and the dropsy in my feet & legs seems about the same.

I have read most of 2 vols. of Lord's "Beacon Lights of History." His work is of a high order and dignified.

Oct. 21, 1933, Logan, Ut.

I have sent one copy of my bk (Sc. and Tradition vs the Bk of M) to D. Appleton-Century Co. N.Y. for them to read & bid on it if they like it.

I sent Laura, my sister, one copy to again review since my re-checking, etc. She is to present it to Pres. Ivins again & see if they desire to have an other committee go over it.

The Mutual Life & Accident Ins. Co. has given me \$1900.00 to liberate them from farther responsibility of paying me for total disability.

It has now been nearly 6½ mos. since I have been out of my home. I am trying to get up strength so I can go out. I feel quite shakey & weak. I have agreed to give that lecture so long promised in Preston. It will be the 1st wk. in Dec. Our Bp. (Worley) asks that I make my 1st address in our ward (1st).

Duck season is now on & Valko has kept us in wild ducks for several days. It makes me recall my days of youth when I killed many hundreds of ducks, geese, and hill cranes, white brants, prairie chickens, rabbits, etc. I have heard mother say that she had feathers from ducks & geese to make 2 or 3 feather beds & a number of pillows.

But, O my, what old delapidated muzzle loading shot guns! If I could have had one of these automatic repeaters & plenty of amunition & hip boots, the offer to have been president of the U.S. would have had no charms for me, even if my preparation for being president was as expert as it was for shooting game.

But now Valko & Kyrmel are better than I was. Their prowess in killing deer is par excellent so is my brother Charlie. So was my father in his early manhood. He was at one time (tho a Dr.) the hunter & meat supplier for the Y-X Co (B. Young's Express Co.). His aim was deadly. One of my little grand son's ("Buddie" (Winston) age 10 took first in a shooting contest with boys 15, 16, & 17 yrs of age. Well, deer season is now on & Valko & Othello are out trying to kill their deer.

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I have read "The Heart of Mormonism" by Jno. Henry Evans. It is excellent in its treatment of the history & doctrine of our people. It has a soul appeal rarely found in any other of our writers. It is a fireside conversation. The influence of the bk. lingers in your heart even longer than it does in one's brain.

Nov. 6, 1933, Logan, Ut.

I have been negligent in writing. My health has not been the best yet I am slowly improving. I learn my kindred in Utah Co. S.L. Co. & else where joined in 24 hr. fast for my improvement last Sun. and feel better as a result. I trust I may be my self again so I can continue my mental work. I probably will not return to the insurance work again. I trust we will never want. If I can get back from Western Loan & Bldg Co. what I have paid in (\$1440+) tho in 4 more years they were to pay me \$4000.00 by my continuing my payments of \$144.00 a yr. for 4 more yrs., we probably will have enough on thru my insurance which will amount to \$6500.00 plus our monthly income of \$57.50 plus a small income from the insurance Cos. (Calif. & Pacific Nat.) for a few more years.

I am waiting for final ans. from N.Y. pub. Co.

Dr Romney has read my work & is very prolific in his praise to me & others. I am looking ahead for greater success than I have had in the past, tho I may look in vain. My hope leads me on.

I feel that the four great assets of my life have been my seeming unpopularity, my poverty, my unconquerable will, and my inborn power to believe. I always felt more than I knew; believed more than I could prove, and thirsted for that I did not know, yet I felt that it lay pulsating about me like a mighty ocean of truth.

Hope has been my guiding star and faith my power. Read in my second Journal of Clippings on "Hope" (p35). It is a modification of what I wrote about 7 years ago. I rather like it better than the first one.

I have been wringing the juice out the 23 & 29th vols. of Smithsonian Inst. Very fine vols for knowledge.

I got a fine letter from my son Geo. He wants to know if I am in want in any way. If so, he will come to my rescue, but I assured him that there is no want in our home and hardly felt there ever would be any for I had paid an honest tithing from my youth; we had also been faithful in paying our fast offerings.

I have urged that all my children do like wise that they should never want. If they did, it would be Zion to them (Sec. 119) Most of my children have followed my advice. Tithing has been more or less a joy all my earning days. It seems that my earnings or income will be but little from now on.

Our nation is in a great financial distress--loss of most or all their properties. From 16,000,000 to 20,000,000 will have to be fed

and clothed this fall & winter. Pres. Franklin Roosevelt has just announced that the people of our nation should go without food or clothing. \$1,000,000,000 have been set aside to feed them beside what will be collected from all other sources.

Our church is trying as far as it is possible to feed all our needy. I feel we will nearly if not succeed.

I just some information on the Hickman and Walters' genealogy. It seems to give me a better key to our (Hickman) line.

Nov. 14, 1933, Logan, Ut.

I went to Sun. eve. meeting. I have been out for a short walk or ride nearly every day for nearly two wks. But now I find my eyes fast failing (on) me. The Dr. says that it is the retina failing to function. So he has forbidden my reading any thing for two wks. & mean time, take 3 twenty min. treatments each day (for that time) with hot boric acid packs. I am just a "bit" alarmed to find my eyes failing at this hour of life. I shall rigidly follow(ing) instructions for sight is too precious to lose at any time of life.

Have just written C.L. Christensen of Moab in reply to his kindly letter. He said in his letter that my last letter (to him) has given him new hope & courage to live and that he feels better. He is one of God's faithful pioneers & Indian teacher and director. When I think of the mighty sacrifice that two generations have made to redeem a desert & make it possible for a bigger & broader civilization where comfort, learning, privileges, worship & peace may be had, I feel like blessing the life & memory of every one of them, tho a few lost their way and forgot the sacredness of their trust, yet the Lord will lift them up & give them a kindly chance to foot up accounts and balance all accounts.

I am getting more genealogical data which promises to broaden our vision concerning our lineage, etc. It comes from Lorenzo D. Walters of Tucson, Ariz. It is going to be a big help to us for his line of geneology helps connect & verify our line. He is a descent of Hickmans. I am also getting a line of Hickmans from England. Have rec'd several letters from our children and my sister Josephine Finlayson and my cousin Minnie Tanner Fairbanks.

It seems that I have failed to record a fine visit from my sisters, Eunice and Laura, also Eunice's youngest daughter, (Eunice). She is married and lives in Springville. We had them for dinner also my sister Anna & her daughter LaPriel

Nov. 19, 1933, Logan, Ut.

I went to see the Foot ball game at our A.C. Stadium yesterday after noon between A.C.'s team & the B.Y.U.'s team. We beat the B.Y.U.'s 14 to 0. It is not always so when we play B.Y.U.

I am taking my eye treatment but so far I see no particular change.

I attended Primary conference of our ward to night. The children did well as children. Our house was filled.

I recd. a letter from D. App. Century Co. this wk, that my line of work did not fall in with their line of publications & therefore could not publish it. I felt that it was a diplomatic way of saying that they were fearful of results if they did publish.

Martha not well to night.

A brother Lundberg of River Heights sent for me to come & see him. He is dying of cancer of the stomach & wanted to see me again before he died. I went & visited him for a ½ hr. He is very bad & has to be kept under opiates most of the time so he can rest. It was pathetic to see him, he is mere skin & bones. He asked if I would speak at his funeral. I promised to do so & he was happy. I wrote him \$1000.00 about 8 years ago. He still keeps it up. He has lived a clean & harmless life. He has been an incessant worker, harms no one & is devout in his belief. His dear wife wept as we talked to night. I comforted them as best I could & then returned home.

Dec. 20, 1933 Logan,

Considerable water has run over the wheel of time since I last wrote. Jno. Lundberg died and I was one who at his funeral (Dec. 6). I spoke of his faithfulness to God and man. I referred to our mortal sleep, that our infinite spirits are wrapped in a lump of clay called a mortal body. But to do so, it stills the mental vision of our almost infinite progress and our almost infinite existence thru varied changes and estates. It is the miracle of the ages to awaken again this stilled vision to again feel think, remember, and turn our faces from the clod and feel anew the divine throb in our souls. We then again begin to carve our path toward our God. After the funeral I hurried and to the train for Benjamin to speak at the funeral of my cousin, Catharine Haskell Stewart. The phone call said that it was the desire of the entire family that I come & speak. It was her son Dr. Lynn Stewart who called. When I got there he said that it was his mother's dying wish that I come & speak as well as the family. The funeral was Thurs. Dec 7. At the funeral the house was filled to the doors. Patriarch Hill of Payson & myself were the two speakers. A great & good spirit was present and I had a great out pouring on me. The audience was gripped with deep emotion. Some approached me after the meeting saying that they had never been so wrought on before by such a spirit and thoughts as they had been then. (What I say here is for home consumption that my descendants may more fully realize the soul & spirit of generations who had gone before.)

My brother Geo. F. & my sister Laura went with me from S. Lake to Benj. & Payson. He took us in his new Hupmobile. It is a beautiful car. We drove from S.L. to Benj. in an hr. & 17 min. yet we did not seem to be hurrying. After visiting with my sister Eunice & family & bro. Chas. & family for 2 or 3 hrs. we returned to S.L. that evening. After the funeral we went to Payson while I got an affidavit from Jos. W. Bates concerning wheat that was found in a large mound north of Payson. The wheat, also corn, were dug out of the mound by Amosa Potter & Jno. Mikesall about 1872 or 4. The wheat was in a small jar with a sealed or tightly fitting lid. There was about a pt. of wheat in the jar. The reason for getting this affidavit is that

anthropologists claim that no trace of wheat was found on this continent before brought here by the Europeans. I have been in correspondence for about 2 years with government scientists on this subject. I am just now in correspondence with Dr M.R. Gilmore of Uni. of Mich. Not until about a yr. ago had ancient wheat been found in Old Bybolonia. That is a rev. to the present scientists. If that is true & we have the proof then we can expect to find it in America for the Jaredites came fromBabylonia & they brought wheat with them.

While I was in S.L. I went Fri. with G.F. & Laura to visit my cousin Minnie Tanner Fairbanks who had her back broken away last spring or early summer, but is improved that she can walk again. She is a wonderful woman--she has the energy & push of two women. She is the brains & director of the EXcelsor Products Co. Our visit with her was very enjoyable.

I returned home Fri. evening. Sunday evening I went to Preston & delivered an address to a large audience of the Oneida Stake. The meeting was under the direction of the Genealogical society of that. The house was crouded to the door. It was held in 3rd W. meeting house. There were about 400 people I had been asked to lecture on the Origin of the Pacific Islanders especially the Moaries & Hawaiians. I did so; then gave the evidences of the Savior on this continent as well. My lecture was appreciated and I was asked if I would give one more.

Valko, Rebecca, (his wife) & Margaret went with me to Preston. We returned that eve.

Then Mon, Tues, & Wed I was off-color. I had the bleeding of the bladder. I supposed the strenuous wk. was a little too much for me. Last Sun I went to Sun. Sch but not to meeting This wk. I have done little.

During the last 6 or 8 days, I read the entire bk of John Henry Evans--Joseph Smith an American Prophet.

I greatly enjoyed his analysis. He wrote as a historian not a Mormon or an enemy. He gave a hearing to the writings of Mormon & non-Mormon. He wrote as one who wished to give an unbiased biography. He analyzed him (Jos) from the standpoint of a man with talent, & genius, rather than a seer. He did the prophet, in the end, justice for he showed what he taught & what he did & what philosophy he left the world.

The late Dr Wm James said over 30 years ago that no one had written the life of the prophet & his work as an unbiased writer; Either his enemies wrote with bitter prejudice or a friend who wrote as an advocate, hence it was hard to get a real, unprejudiced history of the prophet or his doctrines. Evans has come nearer filling the part of an unprejudiced writer than any one before.

His survey of the prophet was a rich & a far-flung analysis of the prophet. He surely did not write as an enemy but as a friendly

historian who wished to marshal evidence--pro & con--that bore upon the prophet's life whether to his hurt or his advantage. Sure it will make a L.D.S. (who sees Jos. S. as a prophet & Seer) raise his eye brows at times when he sees the prophet criticised for seeming weaknesses (at least) or short sightedness. But when Evans is thru with his analysis the prophet stands as more than a peer of any reformer or prophet since the Savior.

It is a most refreshing & detailed biography. Jos. is measured (from) by a new measuring rod but little to his detriment. I feel that Evans did him self proud in the servey of one of the greatest characters of the ages. I commend the bk. Evans has been a mediating historian who seems to ask the rabid historian & the Mormon defender to meet on common ground and arbitrate their conclusions in the halls of justice with God only on the horizon. They can meet as friends and pool their facts without rancor--state facts, omit opinions.

The four publishing cos. whom I wrote have declined printing my work on a royalty. Some felt publishing now was too precarious, that my bk. was out of their line of publishings, etc. So I must look else where.

Eugene came with his two small boys (Maynard & Darrell) and visited us Sat. & Sun. two wks ago. His boys are studying at the Lund School at Centerville. They enjoyed their visit. They are both myopic & have to wear glasses.

Dec. 26, 1933, Logan, Ut.

I was called to S.L. by my brother, G.F. as our sister Laura had over work and almost broke, metal & physical. The Dr. psychiatrist examined her & said that absolute rest in some quiet place would be necessary to restore her health. He & I went to Benjamin to see if our sister Eunice Richardson would be willing to have Laura come there. She even asked that she be permitted to take her (Laura). Geo. F., Chas. and I are to pay Eunice for Laura's board. We went back the same day to S.L. We talked it over with Laura & he agreed to go, tho she wanted to stay in S.L. & finish some work she & others were on in civic propositions. We urged to rest which she will. I returned home last night. Geo. F. is to take Laura to Benj. tomorrow.

We all had a fine Christmas turkey dinner Pres Marcusen & Nephi L. Morris sent us a splendid fat turkey. They have done this for three years, tho I have done no work for two years. The co. has been kind to me during my indisposition.

Last Fri. I went to Daton, Ida. to attend and speak at the funeral of my dear friend Eza Woolley who died of pneumonia & complications. He was 68 years of age. For years he had asked I speak at his funeral if he died first and he at mine if I died first. He has a splendid family of 5 girls & one son. Bro. Metthias F. Cowley & I were the speakers. It was a beautiful funeral. Many words of Eulogy and comfort were spoken. I dwelt upon the greatness of the human soul and of its almost infinite existances and of its power of eternal existence.

My neighbor Brigham Pond died last night. He has been affected mentally & physically for several years. He had lived a splendid life, but his financial losses in sugar factories ruined his physical & mental balance. Death came as an angel of mercy and liberated him from a wrecked prison house. God bless his memory. He has a wonderful family without a wayward child that I know of. He has 16 living children & 49 grand children.

My health seems to be just a little spotted for some days I feel fine & others rather off color.

Our children sent us such nice gifts. Back on pp 54 and 55 I expressed my preference for a few kind words rather than material gifts. I had written this to some of them, but it seems of no avail for gifts of choice candy, house slippers, ties, suspenders, handkerchiefs, collar boxes, hoes, etc, etc. My son George W. at Berkeley, Calif. called us up last night at 12 M. over the phone & we had a 5 or 6 min. talk. He is well but financial affairs are going hard with him. He says every thing is turning to brass. I replied: live close to the Lord and ask him to turn the brass to gold.

We got many kindly Xmas cards from kindred & friends.

Jan. 10, 1934, Logan, Ut.

We are having Jan. weather like later Mar or Apr. weather. We have had some rain & a little snow which disappeared in a day or so. The temperature falls at night to about 27 to 28° Fh. This has been so all Dec & so far in Jan. It seems this is unknown since the coming of the pioneers. Yet in the New England States, N. York and other states have been held in the grip of 40° to 60° below zero. Much suffering has resulted from such unknown weather in the east & north.

This nation of late has had floods in Denver, on the Atlantic coast, Washington & Oregon in the north west where millions upon millions were destroyed and many lives lost. Within the last wk. terrific floods swept Los Angeles & outlying districts at a cost of over 40 people and over \$5,000,000. In all the above disasters, unless it be Denver the governors have asked the nation to aid them in their distress. It is said that the destruction in Los Angeles caused by the flood has cosed more destruction than did the earthquake some 9 or 10 mos. ago. I tremble at times, when I realize what is ahead in the in the way of desolation, want, war & waste.

I went to the Pacific Nat. Life Assurance Ass.'s annual convention at S.L. I didn't deserve an invitation but Pres. Marcusen, Morris, & Ray Peterson were most urgent I go. It was an excellent two day's convention. I can see much growth in our co. tho I have done nothing to aid it this last yr. and a half.

My sons--Othello & Eugene also my brother, Geo. F. were three of the 5 largest producers of the many agents. Othello was the greatest producer of them all. As a result he got a silver candy bowl, \$50.00 in cash, a silver set of 34 pieces; the Pres.' life sized bust & his

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name on the large 3 ft. silver loving cup. It has about \$390.00 in silver in the cup. Othello was the hero of the hour; he was the toast master at the banquet in the Hotel Utah. If he leads two more years, then he takes the cup as his property. The silver set was \$50.00.

If you praise a lady's hat, she swells up with pride & takes the praise to her self. What is the attitude a parent takes when you praise his children?

My sister Laura decided she preferred to come and stay with my sister Annie rather than go to my sister Eunice's place. So she has been here for about a week. She is weak in body & mind and is somewhat eccentric; we hope she will improve. While in S.L. I took my daughter Fern to two of the 3 banquets given by our co.

While in S.L. I went & visited my sister Josephine at her daughter's Lisle Graham for an hr. or so. Josephine is doing much in the line of genealogy especially along the line of the Pease's & Hawes.

I visited Pres. Ivins concerning have another committee go over my work since my slight improvement in some parts.

I have failed so far in getting an eastern bk. co. to publish my work on a royalty basis.

I have read Jno. Henry Evans' biography--"Joseph Smith--An American Prophet." He has handled the theme as a historian trying to handle the subject without fear or favor--neither praising nor criticising unless rightly merited, but telling the facts as he sees them. It is a masterly treatise. He handles the prophet as a man of genius & foresight rather than an inspired seer & prophet of God. Tho in his handling of the theme some of our people will criticise him for his interpretation of the Prophet, yet as a historian he has to take rather neutral ground. But before he was thru with his subject, the prophet stands out before the world as the greatest reformer, teacher of a true religion, benefactor of his fellowmen, in all ages since the Christ, (I see I have written my opinion of the Bk. on pp 74, & 5)

Evans has exhausted the resources before him. Whether the reader believes or rejects, he is by far the wiser for the reading. His analysis was deep and far-flung; when he was thru with his task the stranger & critic saw in Joseph Smith originality and genius while his followers still saw their prophet. (See p. 74)

Feb. 11, 1934, Logan

Ideal weather, no snow; a little rain; temperatures above freezing except some nights it falls a little below 32° Fh. It seems like a winter in a subtropical climate. Such a condition have never been known since the landing of the pioneers.

I have been in S.L. getting photo static copies made of Aztec codices. I am to put them in my thesis.

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I had a nice visit with Fern & her daughter "Curley Locks" (Fern). I also had a nice visit with my brother G.F. & my son Eugene. I had a short interview with Apostle Lyman & a communication over the phone with Pres. Ivins. He is to get one or two of the apostles to read my bks.

I see I have forgotten to record that my youngest daughters, Marva, was married to Ellis Hanson of Paradise. They were married Jan 24, by Bp. Gibbons of Rockport. They were married at Lorea's home. Then they went to S.L. and spent a few days there then came home & we had a nice reception for them. We had about 47 persons here including his father, mother, & two sisters.

She has a fine young man of good habits. He & she were on their 3rd year in college when they felt they would prefer to be married. She is 20 years. old and he is 21. His father was Bp. 15 yrs. at Paradise & is now president of the High Council. They have moved by themselves and are fixed up very comfortably. They are to go thru the temple in 2 or 3 mos. God bless them forever. All of our children are now (Myrthus has been) married but Thorval.

I attended S.S. to day & monthly H. Priests' meeting. We are now proceeding to have lessons taught by Prof. Passy on Prophet Jos., also each meeting we have 15 min. given by Bro. Hume on the world movements or great discoveries. It has turned our rather humdrum methods of "talky-talks," by men poorly prepared & often worn out subjects, into scholarly treatment of subjects in a new & scholarly way. Our meetings are and will be immensely worth while--interesting & instructive. It is carrying out, largely, what I have been urging Pres. H.C. Maughn to do for 3 or 4 yrs. Indeed he was eager for this improvement of method, etc. This puts our quorum on a footing of progressive development.

Dr Thomas Romney read my Treatise and gave a splending written comment. He was loud in his praise to friends of my work. But so far I have been unable to get a publishing Co. to publish my bk. Yet I hope to succeed.

Martha's health is not the best but mine is on the improve. My sister Laura is much improved. She has been on the improve since she was administered to by Pres. J.E. Cardon & my self.

Mar 3, 1934 Logan

Due to neglect, illness, trip to S.L. I have again neglected my Journal.

It is still the most phenomenally weather for warmth and rain the pioneers ever saw in the desert. While we have had weather like they have in Calif., yet in the east & north they have been visited with the most terrible blizzards & lowest temperatures this nation has ever known. What does it mean? Can it be that God, or his divine meterologist pushed a button on which has changed the entire law of past conditions? Some time this is to be done (Sec. 133). May the life of this people merriit such a change for the desert that the thirsty

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"land will no more be a thirst." All this winter we would not have crossed the street to visit Calif. Hardly a time this winter when the temperature ever went to freezing at night.

Heber C. Kimball said in the early days of Utah that he ventured to say that when God had tried this people & found that they were willing to serve him at all hazards that he would withhold the copious rains of the nation & send them here to the desert. May this come true & then may he send the nations something better if they deserve it.

Laura had one relapse for 2 or 3 days but is better again.

I have revised my last chapter on the codices and completed copies of codices. It makes quite an improvement.

Have been attending my meetings of late. For mos. I attended none.

Read Zane Gray's "Robber's Roost." It is about the only one of his novels I have read.

Martha's health has been very poor. She has been bed fast for several days. It may be due to a chronic gall bladder trouble. Marva came home & helped for a few days.

Millie Haws Curtis, my cousin, died Feb. 23 and was buried Sun. after noon. I chose not to speak at the funeral, tho I had spoken to nearly all the funerals of Uncle Nathaniel's family--himself, two sons, one daughter, grandson & a daughter-in-law (Thalie).

I went to Orange Warner's funeral at Grace, Ida. last Tues. He had been my hero during my childhood and youth. He was the strongest, bravest man I ever knew. At his funeral the tabernacle was filled to the doors. He was 87 years old. He has raised a splendid family. He has one son almost a prototype of himself. He (son, Wm.) attended the B.Y.C. while I taught there in 1914 & 15. I was one of the four who spoke at the funeral. His family were very grateful for my address.

I am asked to speak in Ogden Sun. eve. I leave here tomorrow morning.

We (Pearl Hyde) & I are working at genealogy data.

Mar. 12, 1934 Logan. Still most ideal weather.

This morning we had quite a hard earthquake. It rocked the whole city very visably.

I spoke in Ogden, 6th ward, before the M.I.A. conjoint Mar. 4. Subject, "Evidences of a Messiah visiting the ancestors of the American Indian in the forgotten ages of the past. I followed the trail & evidences from southern Peru to Central Canada. Many flattering comments were given to me & many were heard to express gratitude for what they felt was a revelation to them. One man was heard to say: "My God, I could have sat & listened all night to that man." I talked 50 min.

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Pres. ... of the stake was most commendary in his praise & appreciation of what he heard. (All of this is for home consumption for in yrs. yes, ages to come, there will be heard such ques. as these; I wonder what effect his address upon the audience? Did they sleep on him? Was his theme well handled? Did he set on fire his words, etc, etc. Well the above gives you a glimps of the scene of the evening's meeting.)

I spoke last night (Mar. 11) in Millville to the M.I.A. conjoint on "Why Can't the World believe Jos. Smith a Seer?"

While in Ogden I took dinner with Leon & family also Radino & family. That night I stayed at Radino's & came home Mon. Yesterday Leon, Radino & their wives came & visited us. We had a nice dinner and we were all very happy.

My bk. is now revised & completed with all the cuts, hieroglyphics, photos, Codices, etc. waiting for a publisher. I hope I will be successful. I am happy of seeming success to date.

Martha's health has been very poor, but my health is on the improve.

Kyrmel phoned us from Fresno, Calif. Sat. night. They are all well & happy.

I read a novel entitled "White Bird flying." The scene & plot were laid in Nebraska, and worked out within a radius of 50 miles. It was the unfolding of pioneer life with the life of the 2nd & 3rd generation. The author was also author of "The Lantern in Her Hand."

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Went to S.L. again yesterday concerning my uncle Wm Hickman who was excommunicated from the church about 1868 or 69. He died at Lander, Sweet Water, Wy. Tuesday, Aug 21, 1883. He had 10 wives 6 of whom were divorced from him. I went to S.L. yesterday to see Pres. Grant to get his sanction to restate (rebaptize) my uncle. Pres. Grant, A.W. Ivins & Geo. F. Richards all freely gave me the permission to do his work, feeling that he had, for years, done much good for the church but had fallen away. I am authorized to have all former blessings bestowed on him. Apostle Richards urges that I have those wives who left him & got divorces, be resealed to him where in they had not been sealed to some one else for eternity. Pres. Grant gave a letter of authorization to Apostle Richards to grant all requests. Apostle Richards, after reading letter, turned it over to me as a record. I am filing it away in my Journal of Clippings.

I am most happy I can do this work for my uncle. I feel great & happy impulse, in my soul at the thought of doing this work. It must be a great joy to uncle. His wives were: Brenhetta Waters; Minerva Wade; Sarah Mecham; Mary Lucretia & Hannah D. Hoer; Margaret, the Shoshone Indian woman (who was raised in Pres. Young's home), Martha Diana Case; Lucretia Horr; Sarah E. Johnson; Mary Jane Hetherington. They were all sealed by Pres. Young except one & that was by Pres. H. C. Kimball. The sealings were all from 1846 to 1859.

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This makes two trips made in a wk's time to get this matter fixed, but I am so happy over results. I feel the influence of unseen forces as tho my work is joyfully recd. by uncle & my father.

Deaths (Sister Tarbet & Bro. & Sister Mallenburg's daughter died in child birth this morning. They are our neighbors. Sister Tarbet to be buried to day. Am to speak in our S.S. Apr. 1 & in 11th ward Apr. 3. Couldn't grant request to speak in 2nd ward on Easter day.

My visits with Pres. Grant, Ivins, & Richards most pleasant and congenial. I also visited Jos. F. Smith, the historian (church) and two of his assistants. They turned to the Hickman name & I find that it says that Wm Hickman risked his life for the prophet Joseph. I find that they had recorded nearly every article I have published. They have the account of my son's (Levon) death, when & where, etc. etc. The record says that my uncle, Wm. was arrested on suspicion of stealing horses 1855, but as no farther history of that event, we took it for granted that nothing came of the charge.

Have finished "The Greek Coffin Mystery by Ellery Queen". It is the keenest & shrudest detective story I ever read. It was what might be called classic. "It was a problem in deduction" says the title. The scene is layed in New York City.

A wk. ago to-day (Sun) Valko, Rebecca, his wife, Margaret Cardon Hickman, Joyce, Thorval & I went to Komo, north of Great Salt Lake to see where the earth quake did the most damage as to quaking, faulting, & fissuring. It was felt from Reno, Nev. on the west to Laramy, Wy. But the epi-centrum was out west of us about 76 mi. Our home was furiously shaken but no cracks. In fact no house was thrown down, in the entire region of the quakes for there were several of them.

Mar. 24, 1934, Logan. Ut.

It is still semi-tropical weather in the desert all over Utah & largely the west. We have had two good rains the last week and more threatening tho the moisture is not up to normal for most years.

The S.S. superintendency joined classes of young people of 16 to 20 of age and asked I deliver a talk on chastity. The regular felt timid hence I was chosen to deliver it. At the close of my talk I was asked continue that subject the 2nd Sun. in Apr. which I have agreed to do. Probably there is no subject which deserves & needs to be discussed among our young. I handled it from the scientific & theological phases. I had some telling data.

Rec'd letters from the following children; Geo. W., Juanita (They had an auto accident but the baby was not hurt nor none of the rest much), Lorea, Vivian. She has another baby boy; 10 lbs.

Martha's health is better, so am I.

Apr. 1, 1934, Logan, Ut.

I attended S.S. today also fast meeting & evening meeting & opened this evening's meeting with prayer.

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I was asked last Sun. to prepare a monologue on the resurrection, accompanied with music. So I did. I read Jesus' words to the Nephites as he appeared before them III Nephi (ch 17:6-24; 19:29-36; 26:14-16) Before reading the above, I prefaced it with the following: It was the morning of the resurrection and the 3 days & nights of immeasurable blackness had passed away. This almost God-destroyed nation were standing about bewildered, recounting the scene of desolation that lay before them like a wrecked vision. The hideous night of blackness, with the wailing of a nation, tumbling of mountains, groaning of the breaking of earth's immeasurable strata; the roar of the storm, the crashing of mountainous waves, running mad with gravity's surge, breaking upon adamant cliffs, and then thrown back with madning fury only to repeat its blind madness until its furry was wasted--spent; at last calmed by gravity's stabling hand, the earth lay calm tho in utter ruin. Mountains had disappeared while valleys had risen to towering summits. Their high ways were fissured and broken. Cities were burned, sunken, covered by mountains or engulfed by the ocean. The living saw, lying about them their dead and their dying. The living, bowed, broken, half starved, covered with dust and ashes, stood about half dazed, peering into each other's faces which seemed years older. In that God forsaken night, they had shed oceans of tears. This was the scene which presented itself before the risen Redeemer. No wonder he said: "Behold my bowels are filled with compassion towards you." His heart was almost broken. They had not suffered alone. During this introduction and the reading of the above mentioned paragraphs, Bro. Mitton accompanied me with soft music. The Sun. School sat in utter silence during the monologue.

This last wk. I have prepared letters to send to publishers to see if I can get a company to publish my work.

I do not feel in the best of health either mental or physical. I seem so stupid & submerged most of the time. It may be due to the poison in my system caused by my dropsical condition.

Marva and Ellis, her husband, have been to see us twice this passing wk.

Apr. 15, 1934, Logan.

I went to S.L. for Apr. conference with Moses Thatcher, wife and friend. We got there late in the afternoon of Fri. The conference began Fri. morning. My son Dee came from Moapa (Overton) to visit us the day before conference & returned to S.L. Fri. morning. He & I stayed at the Wilson hotel. I stayed there until Mon. morning.

I attended 4 sessions of the conference. Sun fore noon, I rode with Supt. Mynier from Overton & my son Dee all over the northern & eastern part of S.L. in Supt's car. He had a radio in it & we heard much plainer than we could have heard in the tabernacle. It was a marvel to me. I couldn't help thinking of Isaiah (35 ch) when he said that the deseret would be glad of the coming of the banished and that the desert would rejoice & be exceedingly glad at their coming. The desert has bloomed as a rose and given forth springs & pools of living water. It rejoices with the voices of the earth resounding in the

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desert. Isaiah, you were & are God's holy seer. I love your memory and your vivid prophecies. I have lived to see many of your prophecies come true and others about to be fulfilled. Many beautiful & timely truths were uttered at conference. I made a note of a number of them but will not record here as all said is to be published in pamphlet form and can be had for nominal price. I wrote apostle Lyman my appreciation of his eulogy of Pres. Grant & his integrity. I learn with deep regrets that there is much discension in the church over the leaders of the church. Some feeling that Pres. Grant is not worthy or capable of leading the church. One group of return missionaries have sent a protest of four of the twelve to be longer sustained. Such mutterings deeply distress me. I have felt that the day would come when there would be discension, but I did not feel it would come so soon. Yet I feel that it will come worse some day. May I not behold it. Father, steady our church. Purify us & may we prove true when the awful hour of apostacy rears its head.

While in S.L. I visited my sister Josephine & her daughters--Lisle & Hazel. I had a few minutes with Fern, my daughter, also Francis my brother. He was ill. I was with my sons Dee & Eugene much while there.

I am in correspondence with Pub. Cos. Some feel that my work may be too technical for common readers. It is partly true.

We, my self, & four of my children & families met here & celebrated Martha's birth day & made her a present of a modern electric stove. All of our children, whom they asked, donated from \$5.00 to \$10.00--Geo. gave \$10.00. We didn't ask Fern or Felton to donate. The electric stove costs \$110.00. Martha is 64 tomorrow, but we celebrated today (Sun.) Radino & Valko could not be here tomorrow. All the children we asked were most happy to give. There were 14 of us present to-day. The children paid \$70.00 and I \$30.00

May 2, 1934, Logan, Ut.

Since last writing I have been in S.L. and got permission from Pres. Grant & Ivins to be rebaptized for my uncle Wm Hickman and have his endowments & sealings done. I have been to Franklin, Ida. also Marsh valley Inkum, & Am. Falls to and got new data on the condition of Uncle's families. I think I have the matters in hand so I can his work all done over for him.

I visited my cousins Brenetta Hickman Allen Shelton and Sally Hickman Francis.

I leave for S.L. Fri. to do the work for uncle Wm. I am so thrilled to do this work for uncle. I feel his and father's influence about me rejoicing in what I am preparing to do.

I gave two addresses before the 3 combined classes in S.S. on Chastity.

I went to Mendon Sun. & delivered an address before two combined S.S. classes of about 100 young & old people on, "Did the Messiah visit this continent after resurrection: When and what are the evidences"

I went Sun. eve and spoke in the 2nd ward of Providence on genealogy. I reviewed the meaning of Kirtland temple & its purposes also the one at Nauvoo. The one was to receive Christ, Moses, Elijah, & Elias & receive keys. The one at Nauvoo was to receive endowments, principles, mysteries, revelation of truths powers, etc. which had not been revealed since the earth stood. After that let mobs rage, drive, kill, banish, this people held keys, powers, mysteries, knowledge to build up God's kingdom on earth; to save the living and the dead. In all, Our Father asked that we be the salt of the earth--to save our selves and preach this gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, people in their own land & in their own tongue & then save our countless dead. It is the greatest mission ever given to the human race. We must not--aye, we can not--fail. In redeeming all nations, we must, as a people, speak about 3000 languages & tongues, learn the history, philosophy, religion of all nations, etc. We will be the most learned thru it, and become the polyglots of the earth. Thru it all, we will learn a love never before known on earth. We stagger at the thought; we tremble before our mission. Our work combines the vision of earth and heaven and robs Hell of its deadly power. To do it all, we will missionary the earth, build temples all over the earth and fill them night & day with saviors of the countless dead, and sealing up the living that they may become Gods and dwell with Eloheim & the Redeemer. My audience was deeply impressed.

Othello went to Idaho with me to get the data from some of Wm Hickman's children, etc.

Marva has been having bladder trouble of late & has been here off an on for 2 or 3 wks. Martha's health is very poor due to rheumatism in her hips, arms, & hands. My health is slowly improving. I hope to be my self again.

My cousin Brenetta Hickman Shelton is a Josephite and an ardent one at that. I wrote her to day to get some more data concerning her father. She is 87 year's old and she is very spry & has a marvelous memory, so has Sally Hickman Francis (84 yrs. of age).

The temple is being illuminated from without by search lights turned on it from all sides for a wk or so. A great semi-centennial commences May 13.

I spoke yesterday before the relief Society of the 2nd ward on, "Zion, Jerusalem, the New Jerusalem, and the transfigured Jerusalem to be let down from heaven. It was a vast theme and could not be completely covered in an hr.

May 20, 1934, Logan, Ut.

The semi-centennial pageant of Logan is now on & will run 8 more days (to May 28). It is a very commendable effort. Prof. Carl Wood wrote the theme of the pageant and trained all the actors. I learn that a number of non-Mormons have attended the pageant & some now are converted to Mormonism. I learn some wept as they beheld the pageant. My soul was deeply moved at what I saw. I was deeply impressed the night Martha and I saw it. I offered the opening prayer that night.

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The pageant portrays the dedication of the ground for the temple, its construction, its dedication and its purpose; it includes the scene behind the veil--the preaching to the dead & their joys at learning of their hope, etc, etc. The influence is more than human.

I went to S.L. with my second cousin, Pearl Hyde, her daughter & her betrothed May 11 and on Sat we (I) was rebaptized for my uncle Wm H. and had all his former blessings, gifts, powers, endowments which were ever his resealed upon him. Then we had him resealed to 3 of his wives who were released from him while they lived, but who were never sealed for eternity to any one else; four had never been released from him. So he now has 7 wives to him for eternity & his 31 or 32 children. While I did this work, I felt, or seemed to feel, his & father's presence about me.' Pearl stood proxy with me in the sealing. We are most happy over our work.'

I then proposed to her & her sister, Eva, that the children & grand children of his go with me (at least a committee) to see if we could find uncle Wm's grave & place a granit monument at his grave. This thing we are now trying to do.

I may say that 3 of uncle's wives (were sealed for eternity to other men: Martha Diana Case was, or had been, sealed to her first husband (Howland). He had died on the plains. Minerva Wade had been sealed to Geo. A. Smith for eternity; The two Horr sisters had been sealed to Hy. E. Byington, but one of these women (Mary L.) was never released from uncle so at the temple it was decided that this matter would be left to the decision of the other world. If Mary L. chooses to remain with Hiram E.B. then uncle will have only 6 wives, other wise he will have seven. For information on uncle's wives & children see the temple records filed away with the records we keep filed away in a big envelope.

I have been reviewing my bk. making a few minor changes. I will send it off in 2 or 3 days to the publishers who have asked to review it.

Rec'd letter from cousin Brenetta Shelton & have answered it.

Bp Wm Worley & I went to S.L. and on to Salem (Utah Co.) to see the "Dream Mine" which has been worked for 40 yrs. trying to attain to what Wm Coyle saw in a dream or vision 40 yrs ago. It is still "a dream" with incidentals fulfilled, which have given faith to work on. The guide took us thru the mill & the mine. They claim to be within 100 ft. or so from the place where the great wealth of gold is located. I learn that litterally hundreds, if not thousands, believe with all their souls in the complete fulfillment of all Bro. Coyle saw in his vision. No one can believe more than he in the fulfillment of what he saw. The endless toil by the believers has cost much comment and discord. The authorities of the church have tried to discourage its patronage, but it has had little influence on the converts so far. It is largely the L.D.S. people who have taken stock in it, tho there many non-mormons who have taken stock. Many who once believed have given up the idea. Tho I have been approached a number of times in the last

30 yrs yet it has never impressed me. So to get first hand information of a matter that has had such an influence on men, we decided we would go & get first hand information. I, or shall I say we, came away unimpressed with the weird story. If it comes true, God be praised; if not, too bad for those who have believed in vain.

It is rather a strange thing, but I learn that those who have worked there (and they are hundreds) become very much spiritualized in thought & conduct. This Bro. Coyle is a very devout L.D.S. & has been a dreamer from almost a youth. It is also remarkable that his dreams or visions have been literally fulfilled. Didn't Moses say that he would to God that all Israel were prophets? So say I. Yet that Dream mine is still a dream.

Martha's health is very poor, due to rheumatism.

Thorval is working very hard to graduate from College, so he can start for Washington D.C. to begin work to earn money to study medicine. It has been his dream from childhood to study medicine. I hope it can be realized. I also pray that Martha & I shall live to see his & our desires fulfilled. May he be faithful in his religion, true to covenants. If so, he will not fail.

June 19, 1934, Logan. Pleasant weather & little rain

I have woefully neglected my journal, but will try to give an accounting of my self and doings where-about.

My self, Othello, Marva & husband (Ellis Hanson,) Margine (Radino's daughter) and Ferron Hickman, my bro. Leslie's son all went to Provo & Payson Cemeteries to visit the graves of our loved ones decoration day. We left a little after 6 a.m. & got home about 7:30 P.M. Othello drove his new car. Martha didn't go with us due to her poor health.

Payson cemetery has been greatly improved. My sister Josephine put flowers on our family's graves in Provo also on Sister & bro. Lawisch's and their son Rheinard graves. She with some of her children went also to Payson & placed flowers on our parents & children's graves also upon grand parents & other kindred's graves. She is & has been very tender hearted toward her kindred. My sister Eunice also brought flowers for our loved ones in Payson cemetery.

June 3 our stake had a special fast day for the removal of the terrible drouth gripping this desert land and the nation as well. Six stakes in this northern part of Utah & Southern Ida. held fast day either May 27 or June 3. We got more or less all over this region & else where in Ut. & Ida. It has rained since then in various places here in the west & has done much good for which there is much gratitude. By special request I made the opening speech at our ward's fast meeting. That same evening I delivered an address in 12th ward on the Melchisedek priesthood--its meaning--power--purpose--gifts, etc. with special emphasis on its power in calling on the heavens for blessings in hours of distress, etc. The Lord was with me and the audience. Some shed tears of joy in their trying to express their gratitude over what I had said.

By special request I went to the 12th ward in Ogden and delivered the address June 6. My subject was a review of Rev. Spaulding's attempt to wreck our church in 1913 thru the Bk. of Abraham characters & the consensus opinion of 8 Egyptologists, etc. I showed his failure & why. I took the astronomy revealed in that bk. which was unknown then. I showed that all the progress in Ast. since then has been an almost perfect vindication of the staggering truths set forth in the Bk. of Ab. As far as I am concerned, it is the most perfect wrecking of Spaulding's effort that could be brought forth.

Amidst others who gathered about the speaker's platform after meeting were, as I remember, three attorneys. They said that my address & argument were a revelation to them & that my argument was masterly. The president of the stake was also very earnest in expressing his gratitude & appreciation for my address. Why am I telling this? that my descendants may see, in brief, what we did and the deep & earnest emotions awakened when truth is set forth, also that they may realize the problems we met & grappled to death. My kindred may see in my "Journal of Clippings" a brief attack of mine on the Right Rev. Spaulding and his co-laborators. Much has been discovered since then (1913) in Ast. which more completely vindicates the Ast. in Bk. of Ab. My descendants will live to see still more astronomical evidences that we now have. Being a student of ast. since I was a student of 22 yrs of age, I revel in God's glorious heavens for they reveal his glory, etc. I was most reverential for my Father's blessing that Sun. night.

My wife Martha, Kyrmel, Ruth, his wife, Marva & husband, Valko & wife (Rebecca) all went to Ogden with me for we spent the Sun. with Radino & family also Leon & family visiting. Then we came home that evening after meeting. It was a day of joy and rejoicing with our loved ones.

I went to the fore noon meeting of the Cache Stake conference. (I live in the Logan Stake) especially to hear apostle Ballard. He gave a wonderful address & the audience was thrilled with his theme & the spirit of his delivery. I learn (for I didn't attend) that his afternoon & evening addresses were splendid beyond description. I attended our own ward meeting & opened the meeting with prayer.

During the month I have been asked to make other addresses but were engaged else where.

For father's day I recd cards & letters & a telegram from George. Thorval recd his B.S. degree from the A.C. but was not here for he had already gone to Washington D.C. with a train of sheep as far as Chicago. The rest of the way he rode the Bus. He was a wk. on the road. We have heard from him several times since he left. He is trying to get a job which was promised him by Bp. Abe Murdock. We are praying that he may get such a job which will enable to work his way thru college (Medical)

Kyrmel & family have returned to Fresino, California They visited with us a wk.

Last Wed. Othello & family, Kyrmel & family, Marva & husband & my self & Martha all went to visit Lorea & family at Rock Port, Summit Co. for a day. We had an excellent visit from 9 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. & got home here at about 10 P.M.

June 22, 1934, Logan.

I have been in communication with E.P. Dutton & Co. Inc. Publishers, N. York concerning my bk. I will know in a few days the results.

June 24, We have been anxiously waiting for the arrival of my son Geo. & family. They have been halted in S. Lake due to slight illness of their son Richard. In as much as there is a great scare & spreading of infantile paralysis they are staying in S.L. till he is well. They think they can come tomorrow. Ky. & family arrived home (Fresno) O.K.

I have been attending a few public lectures at Ag. College. The two speakers were Dr Michieljohn and Dr Jno. Sundewall of the Uni. of Mich. He is a native of Utah & Mormon raised. He is a very profound student. He holds degrees Ph.D. & M.D. He is going to try & see if he can't get a position for Thorval at their Uni. so he can work his way thru college to get his M.D. This Dr. was to have married my sister Laura, yrs. ago, but due to her reticence it failed.

July 12, 1934 Logan, Ut.--warm weather

Dutton & Co. have returned my M.S. This is what the editor in chief says: "I have personally enjoyed your work "Science & Tradition Versus the Bk of M." As a student of Comparative Religion, I was particularly pleased with the way in which you present the Bk of M. It really should be published, but we fear that its sale should be limited to Mormons and students. As general publishers we do not believe the book would have sufficient sale in the regular commercial channels to warrent our publishing it, and we are therefore declining the book. But in returning the M.S., we wish to express our thanks for your having sent it and our appceiation of the fine work you have done of interpreting the Monmon's belief and their Sacred Writing. Signed: Merton S Yewdale, Editor. He further says: "I have a strong feeling that your book will perhaps take its place along with the other historical writings concerning the works of revelation. When it is published, I would like very much to buy a copy & I shall be most obliged if you will let me know how much it is."

George & family came 2 wks. last Mon all well. He & I went to Roosevelt to visit his Aunt Mary, his mother's sister. We went by way of Lorea's & took her and her 3 babies. We had a great trip & visit. We found Mary's home crouded with ten people & we made 16. We stadyed 2 nights & a day & returned home. Geo. & family left for home last Thursday. While they were here Radino & family, Leon & family, also all of us here (Othello & Valko & families) Aunt Ann & Lapreal) went up the Canyon (Cardon's Camp)

The weather is quite warm (over 95°). The drought is very bad over nearly this desert land. Six stakes fasted & prayed for rain & we get more rain than any other place. As a result of our fast we got

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more rain than we had in 3 mos. last yr. (June, July & Aug.). I was asked by the Bp. to talk the Sun of our fast (June 3) also a mo. later at regular fast day (July 1). I reviewed the results of fast also the powers that are ours if we live for these blessings. I reviewed some historic cases which were ours thru fasting & prayer.

I am asked if I will go again to Ogden July 29 & deliver an address in the Wilson ward. The Lord willing I will go.

I have been attending lectures at the U.A.C. here in Logan of Micklejohn. He pointed out that the race had grown physically & mentally but not morally or spiritually, etc. for a wk.

Dr Gould lectured a wk. on the Arctic & the antarctic poles, etc. He has been to both. He is a graduate of Mich. Uni. I had the honor of meeting all these lecturers.

I am at present listening to Dr Hoover on Germany & Russia. Germany is doomed for failure unless a radical change takes place. This is also true with Russia. Their five yr. plans have largely failed.

I go to night to hear Dr Thos. Nixon Carver from Harvard on "What is this thing we call capitalism?" Later: It was a splendid lecture. It was a new approach. He is a wonderful scholar. He is emeritus professor with life endowment. He, it is, who fell you exemplify the principle of empire building as found no where else in the world.

Martha's health is very poor due to rheumatism of hands, arms, feet & legs. She has been virtually helpless for about 10 days, but is better again. Marva has been over 2 or 3 times for 2 or 3 days at a time to take care of the home, & look after mother. It is a great help to us.

I blessed & named Bro. & Sister Mark Painter's little baby a wk. ago last Sun (fast meeting) I named her "Marva"--their choosing--in honor of our Marva. It is a beautiful knowing babe.

July 1934, Logan.

The lectures at A.C.U. are over. Dr E.E. Erickson gave the last public lecture. His subject was: "Our philosophies." I was mentioned in his lecture. He classed me as an Idealist. Dr Geddies, introducing the speaker, claimed I had inspired the life of the speaker to greatness. Pres. E.G. Peterson of the A.C. said that of all his life's teachers, I had inspired him more than any other professor who had taught him.

Aug. 20, 1934, Logan

I went to Ogden and delivered a sermon on "A Prophecy and Its Infinite Power of Fulfillment" (Prophecy of this nation being lifted up above every other nation under heaven, etc. (3 Ne 16 ch)

I delivered an address in Logan 11 ward July 22 What is the value of a man?--chemists, physiologist, Psychologists and finally God's value of man, etc. (See outline). Great appreciation of audience. I was grateful to my Father in heaven.

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Dr. Widtsoe read my manuscript & complimented me for the work I had done & hopes to see it brought to print for Israel needs it. He said that much of it was entirely new to him.

I have failed so far to get a national publisher to print my Bk on a royalty. In these hard times of money stringency they are fearful of attempting it. They fear it is a little too critical for the common reader. They fear that it will appeal to only to L.D.S. & scholars.

Martha's health is very poorly. She is all crippled up with rheumatism.

My nephew, Sterling Richardson, my sister Eunice's son died of heart trouble a wk. last Tues. My sister requested that I come (to Benjamin) and speak at the funeral. My sister Annie & her daughter LaPriel and my son Othello went with. Othello drove his car. Sterling was 42 yrs of age & had been ailing for many years, yet he worked all the time with exceptions. Probably no more noble child and manhood's life were ever lived than the one he lived. Due to bronchil & heart trouble he never married. Those who were raised with him at Benjamin testified they had never known a more perfect child, youth-man than he had been. He was so in my eyes from his baby hood. He was his mother's light & life. She is now nearly heart-broken over his death. The funeral was over flowing with hundreds of friends and relatives. God bless his memory. He has returned to his Maker without (out) spot or blemish. We went & returned the same day.

Vivian, Dee's wife & baby & her oldest daughter, Genevieve, came for two wks. & visited us here. Their stay was pleasant. That little baby (5 mos. old) just won my heart. He was so beautiful and heart-winning. They all left for home Aug. 18. It was a rest for them from that terribly hot climate of Overton (120°).

We recd letters from Myrthus, Lorea, Juanita, Thorval and Sister Breck of Calif. She is a very faithful L.D.S. Tho. Thorval has a \$120.00 a mo. job yet it will not permit him to go to school because of long hrs.

Sept 2, 1934, Logan, Ut.

Have been reviewing my manuscript for possibly defects or errors. I am able to find some technicle errors. I have recd. a letter stating that they would be willing to review my work with a view to publishing it. I may send it. It is the Oxford University Press of N. York.

I spoke to night in the M.I.A. Conjoint on "The Constructive use of Leisure Time." It was rather a new theme for me. I analyzed from the view point of Psychology & Sociology. I am putting my notes aside for they contain new thoughts & conclusions. Many were deeply impressed with my handling of the subject and conclusions drawn.

Martha is no better tho she has been under treatment by Dr. Amussen for two wks.

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I learn my son Geo. has been chosen to take over the judgship of the city court of the City of Oakland. Othello was delegate from here to Provo for the State Democratic primary. My special friends were moninated Sen. & Representatives (King & Murdock)

Sept. 24, 1934, Logan.

Since last writing I have been busy reviewing my M.S. Am now thru. Leon & Radino & wives came & visited us & the boys did some fishing. Othello & Valko have been chosen candidates to the Democratic convention of this co.

I delivered an address in the 5th ward by request a wk. ago last night. My theme was "Did the Messiah visit the Ancestors of the Red Man after his crucifixion? What are the evidences?" My address, I learn was deeply enjoyed. I reviewed the proofs from Peru to Canada. I may say that the evidences are voluminous and overwhelming in proof.

Yesterday, I spoke before the stake Relief societies officers and teachers on the evidences of the coming of the Messiah and what prophesies are now being fulfilled which were to be fulfilled just before the coming of the Savior.

Pres. O.H. Budge & family have returned from Germany where he has had charge of the Austro-German mission for about 4 yrs.

We have been having dry warm weather for a number of wks. but it began to rain yesterday evening & has hardly ceased. I am grateful for it helps to stay the drouth condition. It is terrible over more than $\frac{1}{2}$ the U.S. It seems almost impossible to get feed for range as well as fed animals. If you are interested in the terribleness of conditions upon us & yet to come, read Joel 1 & 2nd chaps. The world has given little or no heed to him, but from now on he will be before us from now until the coming of the Messiah. (The Angel Moroni quoted Joel (ch. 2:28-32 to the prophet Jos.). When ever God gives a prophet or seer a vision of the future time does not dim the vision. What Joel he probably did not know when it would be fulfilled except by over events.

Tho Dr Amussen has been giving Martha Osteopic treatments for over 3 wks. yet she seems no better or at least only a little better now & again. I had had considerable faith in his treatment. I hope he will have more success in the future.

Helen's (Othello's wife) mother died from a stroke. Her death was but a sleep. Othello, Helen, her sister Anna & husband (Shipley) went to Las Vegas to the funeral. They drove it in 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. & stopped 2 hrs. on the way,

My sister Annie & her daughter, LaPriel are with no means to live ex thru gifts. I have aided with a few dollars a mo. for a number of months. We are trying to get them aid from the City & co. Those organizations are for that purpose.

I have accepted the request that I teach the adult class in the M.I.A. Subject the first quarter is "Hobbies" or avocations. Later

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I discuss the the theme of "Readings for pleasure"

Marva and Ellis Hanson were sealed in the temple last Tues. They are most happy over their marriage for time & eternity. She comes over every week and helps her mother a day.

I went thru the temple also last Tues. and did the work (endowments) for James P. Hickman. Supposedly one of my kindred.

Oct 11, 1934, Logan. Ut

I delivered an address in 2nd ward a wk. ago last Sun. "Did the Messiah visit ancestor of Redman? If so, When?"

I lectured before 11th ward Relief Society by special request on "The Coming of the Christ & signs to precede."

My son E.D. Hickman came from Overton, Nev. to L.D.S. hospital Salt Lake to be operated on for gall stones & appendicitis. The operation was seemingly successful, but he had a relapse the 3rd day after operation & his like was almost despaired by Dr. Hatch who did the operation. Phoned for myself & Othello to come by 7 a.m. It was then 11:30 P.M. We left at 11 M & ran the distance in 1 3/4 hrs. I hope never to drive so fast again. We administered to him & he revived but the next forenoon he took a chill which the Dr. felt was a critical moment. I stayed there until the next Sun after noon & he had so improved it was felt I could return home. He is still improving. Vivian his wife becoming much alarmed came to S.L. but has now returned.

I taught or gave the 1st address to the H. Priests Mon. night. Subject; Fatherhood. I reviewed it from grandfather on to grand child. The influence before birth of parent & well as after. The undesirability of offspring has its damning influence upon the unborn children. The mother fed the unborn child upon the poison of hate. No wonder the youth of the generation are growing worse.

The Indian like the Hebrews of old, loved their children into the world & blessed their coming. I reviewed certain passages of scripture and revealed the doctrine taught by Brigham Young & the earlier apostles to men who entered the principle of plural marriage. The brethren were deeply impressed with my handling of the theme. I reviewed things they had never heard before. They are now asking I be their teacher this winter (each Mon. night) but I felt it would be too much for me in as much as I am instructor in M.I.A. adult class on Hobbies, etc.

Martha does not seem to improve but very little thru her osteopic treatments.

I attended 3 sessions of the semi annual conference at S.L. Alonzo Hinckley was chosen as an apostle. He is a noble character will be a most holy apostle. He was one of my students in the Millard Academy in 1888 & 9. In casting about in my mind as to who would make a good apostle when a vacancy would occur. I had often thought of him as a possible choice tho I felt his brother Bryan Hinckley would be

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more likely to be chosen. I am happy to know I taught men who became apostles. Drs. R.R. Lyman & Jos. F. Merrill were with me in the Uni. of Mich. It is good to know that you have been worthy of teacher or class mates with 4 of the apostles for Melvin Ballard was a student of mine in the B.Y. College in 1895 & 6.

My son George is not only Judge of Albany but of Oakland until next election. He has been chosen 1st vice president of the police organization of Calif, & 1st vice Pres. of the Judges of Calif.

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Have accepted to be the teacher of the weekly H.P.'s meeting. We had our 2nd meeting last night. We have adopted the plan of the Relief Society & priesthood Quorums meeting together each Mon. eve as we had it 2 or 3 yrs. ago and it is greatly increasing the attendance of both organizations. It is far better than the plan we have been puttering along with for 3 or 4 yrs. working on the trial & error plan.

This wk have been putting on some finishing touches on my M.S. It now looks very good to me. I do so desire to get some national pub. co. to accept.

Had a phone from Lorea saying Dee is still improving.

In correspondance with a Hickman in Arizona who is enquiring about the Hickmans, getting information and giving it.

I gave a talk on the Era Sun. eve before the M.I.A. conjoint which appealed very enthusiastically to the audience.

I failed to record that Eugene & wife brought me from S.L. to Ogden & Radino & friends brought me from there here. Wrote to Thorval & Juanita.

Have read & scanned the Bk. Holy Murder by two Irish writers. It is a scandal of our people--a rehash of the old anti-Mormon wherein somethings are true and much of it false. Porter Rockwell & my uncle Wm. A. Hickman when ever the church or people of the territory prosecuted the law--crowded justice & execution the writes tried to claim that it was the work of the "Danites." Time, history, justice have long since showed that this rehash of old scandals is a dying wail of a speckled rat.

We hear often from our children scattered over 4 states.

My 1st wife's mother was Ellen Bennett, born in Eng. 1832, died Feb. 6, 1889. She married Edward Darnley, had two children girl & son, Wm. Her husband & daughter died in N.Y. on way to Utah. She carried her boy, 1 yr. old, from Omaha to S. Lake. She married David Rogers & had 5 children--Mary, Ellen, John, & twins (died in infancy). She was a beautiful character.

Oct. 30, 1934 Logan

Dee recovered, came & stayed with for a few days & returned home.

Have talked on the "signs of the Saviors coming by special request to the Relief Society stake officers & teachers of Logan Stake, then to a special group of women & some men, then to the Relief Society of 11 ward then of the 2nd ward & finally the 9th ward. I discussed some phases of the Bk. of M. Evidences before the Cache Stake Prim. stake Officers & teachers after which we had a very tasty lunch.

Nov. 20, 1934, Logan.

Leon & wife also Radino & wife came to visit us.

Rebecca, Valko's wife, gave birth to a fine baby boy Oct. 20. He is a bright beautiful babe. He weighed 8 lbs. Marva (Hanson) my youngest daughter gave birth to a beautiful baby boy Nov. 7 7½ lbs. How happy we all are for the birth of two more babes in our family. They are full of noble possibilities. Fifty years hence the land may be vibrant with the deeds, accomplishments, which place them above many of their fellowmen and their fame spreads far & near and many call their names blessed.

I see I have omitted recording the birth of a fine baby girl. Eloise went to Cedar City hospital. Felton & Eloise were hoping for a boy, but I write them that the baby girl; now they have the their three graces, so charming to have in a home. The babe weighed 8 lbs. She was born Fri. Sept. 28. The call her "Mickie" Felton is not teaching this year due to a divided school board. They hired him as prin. but a new board got in at election day & reversed all contracts.

We have heard from Felton, Myrthus, Geo, Reginald, Juanita, Lorea, Fern, Thorval, and Kyrmel & family since last Sept.

I went to Hyrum stake and spoke to the H. Priests monthly meeting last Sun. There were about 75 of them. My subject was: Who is Jos. Smith whom they call a prophet and Seer?" Zion will be another 100 yrs. in discovering his greatness.

I see I failed to record the fact that Juanita and her dear little (big) boy Josiah-Samuel visited the last two wks. of Oct. We had a most pleasant time. Her boy is 2 yrs. (Sept) old & weighs 39 lbs. He is remarkable baby. He is brave, fearless, dynamic and most congenial & loving.

Fern came & visited us for a wk. Lorea & Ted & Nita Lee (their oldest baby girl" (nearly 4 yrs old), a most beautiful & model child, Marva visits us about twice a wk. She & her husband live at Paradise.

By request I sent my M.S. to the Atlantic Pub. Company, Boston, Mass. for their review with a possibility of their publishing my work.

I think I failed to record that Chas W. Hart, seven president of Seventies. He was a noble and intellectual & served his God & his country well. He died a wk or so after Pres. Ivins. I failed to record that Alonzo Hinckley was chosen as one of the apostles. He has been a noble man from child hood and youth. He was once my student in Millard Stake Ac.

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Dec. 14, 1934 Logan,

I am much pleased to learn of the new stakes in California & the New York stake. Zion is growing. It is only a matter of time when there will be Stakes of Zion all over North America & eventually in South America & the end is not yet for they will be formed in Europe, Asia, & the Isles of the sea.

Martha's health is still very poor. She can only cripple around with one crutch. She can work some with her hands also. I pd., last night, my ward assessment of \$10.00.

Dec. 28, 1934.

I went & finished settling tithing & donations in our ward. I pd. \$59.05 tithing this year. This is the smallest tithing have pd. since I was 24 years of age except when I was away studying in Mich. Uni and at Columbia Uni.

I paid this year \$7.50 ward donations and \$10.00 ward budget. I pd. full tithing, full donations & full budget assessment. But I have paid beside this many dollars to my sister Annie & Laura. I also donated to the Red cross & the cause of tuberlocus patients. I have given freely to aid Othello in his sickness and also to Dee's hospital fees. \$25.00 to O. & \$59.00 to Dee. George gave \$20.00. Kyrn, \$5; Radino \$10.00 to help Dee in his operation & hospital fee. So we have been kind to each other.

Jan. 8, 1935, Logan, Ut.

I went to S.L. to see about my Bk etc, also I visited one session of The Pacific Nat. Life's annual convention at S.L. Othello & Eugene were among the 8 highest producers this last yr.

I went to a picture show & to the famous wrestling matchess in S.L. I stayed over Fri. to be with my brother Geo. F. at his operation for bladder & postate gland trouble. Only part of the operation could be completed then. In about a wk the rest of the operation will be completed.

I have given three, yes, four lectures in Logan the last 6 wks. --two in the 9th ward and two in the 2nd ward and one to the missionary women's club.

I also delivered two addresses at the Hyrum Stake's monthly priesthood quorums & auxilary organizations on last sign before Christ's coming and "Who is Jos. Smith?"

My sister Annie has been ill for 2 wks but is on the improve. My sister Laura is in poor health & is in want finincially. I gave her \$2.00 and I signed a check & gave her to fill out so she could pay her debts & get provisions for her self.

Martha, my wife, is some better tho her arthristis & rheumatism are still bad.

I finally answered my cousin Walters of Tucson, Ariz. He is either a son or a grand son of my father's sister. I am happy to get

a hurry-up reply to my letter. He is much interested in our genealogy.

Jan. 18-35 Logan

Since I last wrote in my journal, we have had considerable snow but it has been rather warm most of the time so the snow has more than half melted. It looks like an old time winter for Cache Valley, but not near so cold.

I have taught my classes (H. Priest & M.I.A.) but have done little else. I went out last night to the meeting held in the Sen. H.S. Library last night on the "Old Age pension plans in Europe & Am.

I did not go out to our Stake conference last Sun. due to indisposition--I had the bleeding of the bladder.

I have recd a letter & two post cards from my sister Laura informing me of my brother GF's condition. The Drs. finished the two operations for removal of prostate gland. It seems that he has been very ill but now on improve. Martha's health is but little better.

I learned while in S.L. that at Bro. Methias F. Cowley's son's funeral that it was said that it (his family) was one of the most perfect families in the church. He hasn't a black sheep in his family--every son had been on a mission & all were faithful to the gospel & all were prominent men & women.

It looks as tho I can't get my M.S. published by a national pub. Co. There is about one or two more possibilities for its pub. Bro. Whooper & Dr Widtsoe are taking a hand in aiding me. I know my M.S. is of great worth to our people & those who desire to know the strength of the Bk. of M. claims, etc.

Jan. 29, 1935 Logan.

Weather at nights from 5 to 10° below freezing.

Nephi P. Heward did the work (Endowment) in our temple to day for my kindred, Thos. Holton, who married a Hickman woman (a kin of mine)

Through the Efforts of T. Albert Hooper, manager of Deseret Bk. Co., I have requests from Macmillan Pub. Co & Oxford Pub. Co. to send my M.S. to them for review with a view of making me an offer for publication if it suits them.

Martha is better & we are in hopes she will entirely recover. My brother, G.F. is improving from a very severe operation of prostate removal.

I am to go to Black Smith's Fork to address the boys of the C.C.C. camp Thurs. night.

I have an other letter from my second cousin, Lorenzo D. Walters, also genealogical data. Have been attending several basket ball games (H.S. & also college(A.C.) & B.Y.U.)

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I still teach H. Priests & M.I.A. Adults.

Feb. 1, 1935, Logan, Ut--Its a beautiful morning and mild just a degree or so below freezing point.

Well, I was taken to Blacksmith Fork to the CCC camp & delivered my 30 min talk, "The Value of a Man." I reviewed the value of a man as found by a German chemist in terms of greece, salt, sugar, iron, lime, phosphorus, sulphur, etc and placed the value at 98¢, then placed value from a physiologist's revelation of man; then the value of a man from the sublime revelation of the psychologist and finally the value God placed upon man and his divine achievements, etc. I thought I was approaching a divine theme from a new and attractive angle. I must have shot over their heads for 6 or 8 of the 100 walked out on me, tho. when I was thru several came up & expressed great appreciation for the splendid things I had said.

We took 4 young women with us--Sister Redfords two daughters, who sang accompanied with the piano & two (Bailey sisters) who sang with violin accompaniment. It was a good entertainment tho some of the audience, 4 or 5, walked out while the musical part of the program was being rendered. So I decided it was the lack of brains rather than the fault of the program.

Martha is better.

Pres. Jos. R. Shepherd died and was buried this wk. I went to the home and paid my respects the day of the funeral. I did not attend the funeral due to ill health that day. The tabernacle was overflowing with over 2000 friends & relatives. Many could not get entrance. He had been pres. of the temple 17 or 18 yrs. He was also patriarch. He surely was one of God's noble men whom God designated to Abraham as He show those whom He was to make his leaders.

Feb. 26, 1935 Logan, Ut,

I am staying quite close at home going only up in town 2 or 3 times a wk. My errands are but few. However I feel better physically and mentally. I am teaching H. Priests weekly also M.I.A. adult class "Hobbies and appreciation of literature. Members of my classes make reports on bks. and short stories which include some very choice literature. I have discussed various phases of hobbies and their meaning in the lives of the hobbists & the value to the world. Why hobbies? Their value to the world. Hobbies often reveal the fact that we did not choose our highest ideals or greatest gifts as our life's work.

I am doing a little in geneological research. Am still in correspondence with my second cousin L. Dee Walters on genealogy.

Martha's health is better? Our children here & in Ogden visit us often.

I spoke in our ward last Sun. eve by special request. My theme was: "Joseph Smith. Who is he"? I pointed out that we would be

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another 40 or 50 years in discovering his greatness & mightiness of his life & mission. He is to be mighty in God's eyes: He is to hold the keys of all the dispensations of this earth: All the mighty angels from Michael down--including every one who had a mission or special work as Raphael, Noah (Gabriel), Moses, Abraham, Elias, Elijah, John the Baptist, Peter, James, John, Moroni, Jehovah & Eloheim, aside from visions of all kingdoms of heaven, etc, etc. No one else in all this earth has been so honored (D&C Sec 128). God revealed to Joseph truths, myseries, gifts, keys, endowments, etc which had never been revealed since the creation of this earth (Sec. 128). (Sec. 133) Bk of M. (Jacob 5th chapt). A mighty spirit rested on me and the audience & a number gathered around me expressing their deep appreciations when meeting was over. It would seem that he is the greatest character who ever graced this earth except the Savior. It is also so expressed by Pres. Grant. Ruben Jolley, at McCarmel, said he heard Joseph so state in the presence of several faithful brethren at the North East corner of the Mansion house in Nauvoo. He was then about 18 yrs. of age.

Mar. 15, 1935. Logan,

Went to S.L. last Sat. I visited with my sister Laura at the Capitol & visited the Senate & the House. Laura is aiding a number of those Senators & Representatives with first hand information on urgent bills before the legislators. I gave her \$5.00 for she is not earning now.

I made enquiry of my M.S. now in hands of Oxford Pub. Co. of N.Y. No report. Supt. Hooper felt a good sign.

I and Prof. L. Ray Robinson filled an appointment at Providence 1st Ward made by the Stake Pres. I am at genealogy of my kindred thru correspondence in Calif. N. York, Arizona & Bingham Canyon. I am getting new data.

Bro. Neph P. Heward has offered to aid me in endowment work.

Marva & her husband Ellis come to see us about twice a wk. I get so home-sick to see that baby I become restless. I can see Valko, & Rebecca's baby virtually every day.

Martha is very much improved of late. My eyes are slowly failing me so I can't read near as much as I did, but my health otherwise is improving. Martha & I do much correspondence with our children & kindred. Juanita is having considerable trouble with her teeth & she feels they must all be drawn due to terrific aching. She writes so interesting about her baby boy as to his says & doings. It makes us so home-sick to see him again. Lorea & children are well. Radino & family came & visited us last Sun. How happy we are to have our children come. Leon has been asked to go to St George & run the new hotel. It is a very attractive offer, but we rather hesitate to have him go.

Apr. 19-35 Logan, Ut.

It has been a mo. since I wrote before. I have done little aside from geneological work. I have corresponded with a kin of mine. We

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are trying to trace the ancestry of her father Jos. B. Hickman & his father Jas. Hickman. So far we can go no farther back. The daughter I am corresponding with is Conception Hickman, a girl of about 16 yrs. of age. Her father recently died in Birtleville, Ariz. He is my age within about 3 or 4 wks. I also learn that my uncle Dr Jos. B. Hickman's only son is Edwin Cardon Hickman. He lives in Colo. & is 53 yrs of age. My second cousin, Lorenzo D. Hickman is furnishing me with many names & data on our kindred.

Martha's health is better & it looks as tho she will entirely recover from her rheumatism and arthritis.

I have got in correspondence & genealogical data from a kindred of mine by the name of C.N. Hickman. He is a Ph. D. man & has considerable data of our kindred. His address is 3536-79th St. Jackson Heights, N.Y. He gave me data from 1656; one Nathaniel Hickman b. in Eng. and descendants down to present time.

I trust my health improves so I can finish this work and also to get my M.S. published.

I was asked to talk to about 180 Stake officers for $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hr. I took for my theme of Joel & Matt. 23 ch. also Deuteronomy 28:23--showing how Joel's words are crying in ours from high heaven. How that they are being fulfilled last yr. & this: also Moses' words just now sweeping the earth & that the period of God's waiting (as at Deluge) with all the prophecy being fulfilled & the coming of Christ crowding upon us, etc.

I have had to cancel two requests to speak Sun. evening--in 4th Ward & Stake Tabernacle at M.I.A. Conjoint due to my indisposition.

June 18-35 Logan, Ut

I was operated on in the Cache Valley Gen. Hospital for bladder & glandular trouble. It was minor operation. It was on Apr 25 or 26th. I left the hospital 8 days later (May 3). I have been confined to my home most of the time since. I have been up in town 3 or 4 times since then.

My sons Othello, Leon, Radino, Valko & Eugene came to be with me in my operation. My brother G.F. came with Eugene from S. Lake to be by my bedside & at the operation.

I was given a spinal anathesia so that I was perfectly conscious & free from pain. The operation took a little over an hour. My water flows freely, and my dropy has so far disappeared. My eye sight is some what improved. I trust my various improvements will be permanent.

Last Wed. I went by auto to Benjamin annual home coming. It was a little too strenuous for me & I have been largely confined to the house since then. Othello took me to Ogden, but Leon & Radino's wives (Winnie & Leona) took me from there to Benjamin & back to Ogden.

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I have taught my H. Priest's Quorum class twice of late & spoke to & taught the Stake H. Priest's monthly meeting a wk. ago last Sun.

I have done no writing for 2 mos. or more on genealogy work.

Juanita & family came & visited us for a wk from Calif. We were happy to see them.

Thorval was married to Vera Armstrong June 8 in Washington D.C. Pres. Ed. Kimball (He is president of that district). We are happy over his (Thorval's) marriage. All of our children have now been married. We have 18 children; 56 or 57 grand children & 8 g. grand children.

The following is the brief letter I wrote to Thorval and his bride, Vera:

Dear Thorval and Vera: Blessed be your union; peace be your life. Remember always that your home, no matter how humble, is never too small to ask God to dwell with you; your food never too meager to gratefully ask His blessings upon it. Then it becomes manna upon your lips, and will assure you that bread shall never depart from your home.

May life never grow so dark, but each other's presence may enlighten the gloom until you can say to each other; "Isn't there a light beginning to shine about us? And so shall it be!"

Pres. Geo. W. Lindquist (In presidency of Cache Stake) was buried yesterday from the tabernacle. There were present 1800 people. There was a wilderness of flowers, probably running into a \$1,000.00 or more. I never heard finer things ever said of any one. They (speakers) named him the Israelite in whom there was no guile."

July 31, 1935, Logan, Ut.

It has now been more than 5 wks. since I wrote. Ill health and languidness were causes. I am beginning to feel better again.

I went to Benj. 2 days & visited my sister Eunice & my bro. Chas, & family. Then I returned to Provo for 2 days contacting Drs. Geo Hanson, Sperry, De John (?) & Reagan (anthropologist) on my manuscript. I met there the only real criticism on my work. Dr. Hanson is to finish criticism of my M.S. & return in the near future.

We had a complete change in our Bp-ric last Sun. night. Bro. Sutton was made Bp. with Bro. Ben Roberts & Needham as counsellors. The old Bp-ric were very fine workers, but changes are needed to give more a chance. Bp. Worley has been in the Bp-ric about 35 yrs.

By special request I went to the 12th ward & spoke Sun. night. It is the first address I have given for over 4 mos. I have been feeling I should cease to give any more addresses.

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Martha is much better than she was. Luella & children have come from Calif. to visit her parents & us all. Geo. expects to be here soon.

Aug. 3, 1935, Logan,

It is my birth-day to day. I am now 73 yrs. of age. I am feeling very well at present tho I have to take a stimulent nearly every day. Either a thyroid tablet or a cup of tea or coffee.

I am receiving letters & telegrams from my loved ones. Some are coming in person So far Fern, Marva, Rebecca have come in. Geo. and Thorval & Vera also Krymel & Ruth (wife) have sent telegrams. Fern & here little son, Dexter, are staying with us for a few days. We are happy to have them here. He is a bright boy & will make a good man.

In the afternoon of Aug. 3, we all (32 of us) went up Logan Canyon for the late afternoon & evening. We had splendid chicken supper and returned home about 10 P.M.

My children present were Leon & family; Radino & family; Valko & family; Othello & family; Marva & family (Ellis & baby) also Fern & Dexter also Margaret & Lewis (her son). We got letters from Vivian & her daughter Ella.

By request I spoke to my gathered family (32) of the past & future. I am grateful for my life in Zion & in this dispensation. I am grateful that my love has been for God & his church & kingdom. I am not conscious of wilful wrong since a youth & little of that. I have hungered for truth & righteousness since a child. Yet I feel so humble & depressed that I could not or did not more in this long life.

I went yesterday & spoke before a Sun. School class of Miss Woodland's on two or three external evidences of B. of M. I attended our fast meeting yesterday

O, yes, I forgot to say the Luella, George's wife also little Georgie & Joohn, her son & daughter, were with us on my birth day.

Aug. 20, Logan, Ut.

A week ago last Sun. evening I spoke in our ward by appointment of Bp-ric. My subject was the last stretches of our banishment & flight; Reviewed Pres. Young's statement, on landing in S.L. valley: "Now let this gov. & mobs leave us alone for ten years & we will ask no odds of them" and the scene 10 yrs from that date (1857), etc. And results, etc etc, It was largely a revelation to most of my audience & I reviewed the event of my father & his bro. Jefferson being arrested as spies while they were trying to get back to Mo. before war was declared. Jef. by their conneiving got away one dark night. I review a few events while father was there as prisoner. One was when the army had decided to flee down Weber Canyon, leaving (or to leave at 4 a.m.), capture women & children & play the part of libertines at their pleasure against helpless women.

Father told me that the soldiers (his guards) revealed the plan to him for he being a helpless prisoner, could do nothing to check the

plan. The order was for the bugle to sound at 4 a.m. & in 15 min. every wheel would be on the roll toward Ogden & then to S.L. The horses & mules were already harnessed & tied to the wheels of wagons in feed to their knees. Father said he was much distressed over their damnable plans tho he had nothing in common with the people except his bro. Wm Hickman Father was then not a Mormon. He said that tho I was a stranger to virtually all the Mormon people, I was much distressed & could not sleep. At 12 M. I arose & look out of my prison quarters, the heavens were calm & warm as a summer's night tho it was early Nov. Again I arose at 1 a.m. & looked out but no change in the serenity of the night. At 2 I arose again & looked out. I thought: "Could it be possible that God & all nature were peacefully applauding such a damnable deed. At 3 a.m. I again I looked out & the heavens were clear & warm & not a breeze to be felt." I again said to my self, "Can it be possible that the God of heaven is sancioning this heneous deed."? But about 3:30 a.m. a sudden wind arose for a few min. & then subsided, but in a few min. later the wind arose with a sudden bluster. In a few min. it attained almost the fury of a tornado, and in 15 or 20 min later a blizzar of wind, rain & snow swept the plains. It increased its fury to snow & sleet. It was the worst storm I had ever known. The fury of the storm continues till morning. And at 6 a.m. half their mules & horses lay dead in their harnesses. Not a wheeled was turned nor could there be for routes were blockaded. "That was how God applauded their damnable crime," said my father in a quiet voice.

Some time I must write the complete story of his capture, imprisonment, his final release and his return to Utah and a year later he joined the church after reading the entire literature of the L.D.S. church including, Bible, Bk. of M.; Doc & Cov. Pearl of G. Price, Journals of Discourses including tracts & the many sermons & conversations, etc. All of these sources took nearly a year's time. "I knew then, said father, that this was God's church and I joined it." Tho. my father was a medical student & practitioner, he once said to me "I have long since learned to have more faith in the power of healing of the elders than I did in my medicines."

Sept. 20, 1935, Logan.

It has been a mo. since writing. Since then I gave two addresses in the genelological society of the second ward. We had about 35 the 1st night over 40 the second night. I spoke for an hr. and was "quized" for more than an hr. The second night it was the same. I was asked by the presidency of our stake to go to 8th ward and aid Prof. Robinson in speaking to the sacramental meeting.

I am teaching the H. Priest's Quorum of our ward. I did so last yr. as well. I am again taking charge of the Adult Senior class of the M.I.A. This yr. we are to review the life of Pres. Brigham Young, also Hobbies & appreciating of good literature.

Sep 26-35 Logan.

My cousin, Liddia Haws Toombs's son died in Arco Ida., last wk. They (family) brought him here for burial. Services were held in Arco,

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& also here at the cemetery at 6:30 p.m. I was the speaker here. He was 29 yrs. old & married.

Last Sun. (25th) Geo. Hone was killed in a car wreck between Tremonton & Brigham. His son was badly injured as well. I had prepared to attend the funeral yesterday, but a few minutes before starting with Othello, we got a phone from Paradise that Marva's baby, Ellis Spencer Hanson, had been severely scalded so I rushed to Paradise and we found the babe was more or less scalded from head to foot. It was terrible. His head, face, hands, arms, back, one ft. & leg. The skin was lifted from most of his body by the Dr. It was fearfully painful. A half hr. after wards we administered to the baby & before night a rapid healing was noticed. He was kept more or less under opiates yesterday & last night. The Dr. (Burgess) came last evening to see & make some changes & found that the baby was marvelously improved. This morning he felt the healing was miraculous beyond explanation. Personally, I feel that it was God's power that produced such a change. My self, Bp. Peter Hanson, Geo. S. O Bray & Ellis Hanson (the baby's father) and my son, Othello administered to the baby. We prayed as servants who had no help except from our Father in heaven. The heavens bowed down--our prayer was heard. My father, thy name be glorified forever and ever.

(Later in the day) I must record that the baby developed spasms about the time I wrote the above and all our efforts were of no avail & he died at 4 p.m. Our joy our hopes, our faith, were blighted for God called our loved one. We are bowed in tearful grief. It must have been for the best. God says he does all things for the best. I bow to his devine will though I am heart broken and weep as a heart broken child. Dear Marva is desolate. Her grief is terrible tho she is struggling to compose her self and say "Father, thy will be done." O, Father, bless her and Ellis. Open the visions of heaven to them that they may find peace thru Thy mercy. We poured out our souls in administrations time after time but God willed it otherwise due to his greater mercy & intelligence. O, Father, thy will be done tho we walk the earth in grief, but, O, Father, show us thy mercy & and teach us wisdom. So may it be. Martha is broke & composed while she gives comfort. I am so crushed in my uncontroled grief I can give poor comfort until my grief is assuaged apace. O, Father, may our joys be greater than our griefs. The cause of death was due to developing spasms.

Oct. 12,-35 Logan, Ut.

Marva & Ellis went to Colo. with Ellis' bro. the Dr. for a wk. or so. They will return Mon. The trip was a blessing to Marva & Ellis for it helped to bear their sorrow until the Lord eased their sorrow.

I went to semi-annual converence at S.L. but I only attended three sessions, but one of them was on the bed at Eugene's place. I felt quite miserable while in S.L.

I took my daughter, Fern, & her daughter (Fern) "Curley Locks," to dinner. I took Eugene & Leta his wife to the show.

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How our hearts ache over the death of our beautiful, knowing baby. O, Father, may he be tenderly cared for. He is free from disease, accident, and pain. Dear Father, I was always grieved over the feeling he was to be taken from us & as I would depart from them, "I would say, be careful over him that no harm comes. In a dream, 3 or 4 mos. ago I dreamed he had died & I was always grieved over my dream. Father, he is in the Celestial realm. May our loved ones care & nurture our darling boy and may we become more holy over the death of our darling. One by one our loved ones are called home where there is no sorrow.

I am just finishing the reading of the Archko Vol. or the Archeological Writings of the Sanhedrin and (the) Talmuds of the Jews. These are the official documents made in these courts in the days of Jesus Christ. They were translated by Drs. McIntosh & Twyman. This little volume contains marvelous knowledge concerning the Life of the Sactor.--birth, life, death, doctrines & resurrection, etc. I have the bk. So read it.

Dec. 14,-35; Logan, Ut.

Our sorrows continue, My son Myrthus, the movie star, was killed due to his horse falling on him in a polo game at or in Hollywood Oct 26 and died Wed. 30th from brain hemerage. My son (the Judge) went, with is wife, to his bed side a few hrs. after the injury & remained there until after Mrythus' death & burial. He had the finest brain specialists (3) that our nation had. There were his mother, Felton, his half bro. & sister, Betzie, Geo. & Luella. I could not go to funeral due to the long ride on bus. I was forbidden by my Dr. (Hanson) to attempt the plane for it would be almost sure death for me to try it as at that time they (the pilots) had to fly so high to keep above the clouds & storms were on then, my heart is considerably enlarged & very slow (from 50 to 54 beats a min.). I had told my son the Judge, of my intention to go on the plane, but he urged that I must not try for of the great danger to me. He assured me he would remain there till after burial. Before his accident, Myrthus had a premonition that he would die an accidental death and gave instructions to his mannigers that his body be cremated & his ashes be strewn from a flying plane all over Hollywood. It was so done. It was at least romantic tho unpleasing to me.

A few wks. before his death I had written him that he was my son of promise whom I urged to keep God's commandments for I would walk thru the gates of heaven and claim him & his mother & children as mine for those born under the everlasting covenant would be claimed by the parents who went to the Celestial Kingdom. (Gems in the Compendium) Myrthus had not answered me before the accidental death, but I was expecting reply most any time. He had, at 2 or 3 different times, tried to talk to me of his errors & express deep regrets & request for forgiveness, but at each time he would choke up with grief & tears that he could not talk until at last I said: "Well, Myrthus, I understand and we will blot out the past & forget any error. He then became calm and seemed reconciled. I forgave him with all my soul and so treated him. He has a son Louis, who will be a great honor to Myrthus & his

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mother. He is brilliant & pure of soul. I feel like claiming Margaret, Louis' mother, as my daughter forever. May it so be.

I find that I am in some ways losing out in physical & mental alertness, due to blood poisoning. I hope to over-come this condition. I feel my work is not yet done.

The manuscript of my Bk. is in the hands of the critics. All who have criticised it are loud with praise to the present.

Little by little I am getting more genealogical data from Arizona, New York & New England & elsewhere.

I have delivered four addresses before the monthly officers' meeting in Hyrum Stake during the last two mos. also in the 11th ward also in the 8th ward (2 mos. ago) and am to speak there again a wk. from to morrow (Xmas talk in the general meeting).

Jan. 14, 1936, Logan.

Pleasant weather--considerable rain and snow but not cold as we expect of Jan. Dec 14, was my last date of writing--a mo. ago.

We all had an excellent Xmas & Santa was profuse with his gifts--not alone our family, but all over the land. The poor were not forgotten.

The world is full of war & commotion; the calamities of nature & the elements are furious with destruction. The elements of earth and heaven are warring--the threatened conditions are of men making preparations for world commotion & destruction. Our nation feels the gravity of the world situation and are preparing for strict & rigid neutrality. But Europe is desperate to have us join them in their struggle for forced peace & justice.

I spoke in 10th ward two wks. ago on the Christ--birth--childhood--youth & maturity. I went to S.L. and spoke at the funeral of my life-long friend (Mrs Ida Coombs, Lund). She was 76 yrs. old. A most puretanic soul. Wonderful things were said of her and all true.

Made another trip to S.L. to see about my M.S. It is now in the hands of apostles, Stephen L. Richards and Melvin J. Ballard. When they are thru then only Bro. Hooper to review the same then it will be for them to vote the disposition of my M.S. I shall be very grateful if it is favorably received. It is the conclusion of 35 to 40 years of study and research. I feel I can say here without boasting that I have put much more study on the Bk. of M. and evidences of its truthful claims than any other human being of this generation. Father, my time and experiences vindicate my sincere study.

Feb. 24, 1936, Logan.

We have had very heavy snows the last 3 wks. There were 2 ft. at one time, but warmer weather has melted most of the snow. We had an inch or so the last 36 hrs, but the weather is rather mild especially to the one who sits in the house most of the time which I do--

not idle but reading or writing most of the time. Did I say sleep? Well I take an hr. or more nearly every day. I am not robust in health nor have I been for over 5 years. My operation for glandular trouble has not brought me back to normal, tho I feel of late some better. Of late my "forgettery" is out-doing my memory which irritates me very much. In my lectures or sermons I find that memory leaves me feeling stupid for a few moments then mental reflexes snap into action and I go on with my reason or reminiscences, etc. as of your. I shall feel badly if my mental elertness is encroached upon; but why worry, the twilight of life comes to most of us if we live too long. My friends, scholars, and humbler friends often remarked what a tenacity of memory I possessed, but now it is otherwise at times

Feb. 29, 1935, Logan, Ut.

Since last writing I made a trip to S.L. on business of my M.S. I find apostles Ballard and Steven L. Richards are still reviewing my work. I stayed at Eugene's home the night I was there. I called up Laura (my sister) & talked to her over phone. I went & visited my sister Josephine (who is living at her daughter's (Lysle) place. Josephine is in poor health partly due to an accident.

I took my daughter, Fern, to a movie & and next day took dinner with her & family. That after noon I took a public coach to Rockport to visit Lorea & family. I had a splendid visit with her & family. Yes, she has three children, two beautiful daughters & a brilliant son. Lorea, children, husband & his father took me to Echo to catch the thru stage to Ogden. I came from there home last evening. Found Martha well.

I learn from Dee Walters, a second cousin of mine at Tucson, Ariz. has some evidence that we are akin to Theodore & Franklyn Roosevelt. He has some evidence also that we are kindred to the late King George of Eng. He decended from duke Windsor. A Hickman of the 14 or 15th century who was knighted "Duke of Windsor." He is working to get fuller evidence. One of the present King's name is Duke of Winsdors.

Mar. 22, 1936, Logan.

I have been feeling quite well of late tho I am having some trouble with my eyes. They are growing dim on me, tho better the last day or so. I am trying to increase my faith so my eyes will not fail me.

I delivered a lecture a wk. ago last Tues. on Astronomy with ster-eoplican views. That was given for all the M.I.A. members & friends We had a large audience. It seemed to be well received. This was to be one of our hobbies from our adult senior class (Astronomy had been of my hobbies or avocations ever since I was 24 or 25 yrs. of age. It has always thrilled me as does my religion. I see God in his glory thru it all.

I delivered two addresses the last 4 wks. before G. men of 7th ward & 11 ward on the External Evidences of Bk of M. and fall of Adam & sacrafice of Jesus. It is surprising with what avidity those young

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drank in my talks. They are high school & college students. They came up after my talk & said it surpassed any thing they had ever heard. I was gratefully pleased to realize that I could feed their souls with things they were hungry to learn. I was greatly thrilled with the Spirit of God and was grateful for my Father's blessings.

The H. Priests in my class were most happy to day over my new analysis of faith & repentance. They are all old or mature men of many years. of experience in the gospel and I am attempting to analyze our subjects so they can see our themes from a broader and inspiring view. They seem so expressive over the new points of view tho true from God's revelation. I wish I felt better so I could analyze and review some of the new and interesting points of our subjects.

While analyzing the field of Faith to day, the Lord revealed to me that, during the millium, classes or schools would be had where in young men would study Faith--its scope, mission, power, etc. and how it can be developed, thus becoming profound in its mission, its powers, how developed, how analyzed, how to develop it & use faith in our work & unfoldment, even to measure its power, etc. I was much thrilled over my spiritual awakening. Thanks, my dear Father and God.

My eyes are failing so I am reading less of my scientific magazines. My two last works on Astronomy by James Jeans are only partly read, tho charming as they are. I read a good novel occasionally. While I live I pray for good sight & hearing, good health and memory; may my mentality be keen and may my thirst for knowledge ever be keen. Then I shall continue.

I scarcely ever speak of the calamities that are vexing nations for their name & number are legion. War and the threat of war are vexing most all nations. Europe are rocking their genius to know how to drag in the U.S. into their threatening war problems. We are more determined than ever before that we will not be dragged into the threatening old world wars, etc. But the program is all nations will be dragged in a world war (Rev. ch 9. last $\frac{1}{2}$ of ch). (The Second woe). We are now the most wicked nation in the world if crime is the measure of wickedness. We now lead all nations of the earth in 15 world crimes, and our increase of crime is growing by leaps and bounds. Yet, here is where a nucleus for peace shall be & is being established. Zion must "come out of her" that she will not partake of the world's crimes nor partakers of their plagues.

If I have the vision of things as they are and as they are to be, the greatest calamities since the deluge are to be and all by 1950 A.D. Several bks and pamphlets have been written the last 4 or 5 yrs. showing or claiming that the most terrific destructions will be by 1940. It seems to me that it will be 10 yrs longer (1950). They may be nearly right than I tho I claim that all the yrs from 1931 or 2 on until the Redeemer comes will be the most terrible since the deluge. Israel must pledge herself anew or she will be woefully distressed herself. We will be spared in a reversed ratio to our crimes.

Just this last wk. the eastern states have suffered the greatest thru terrific floods & drownings in the history of the U.S. Thru

drownings & deaths from disease due to exposures are running into hundreds. The damages due to destructions of homes, land, property, business will be near \$5,000,000,000.00 and the desolation is still going on. Every true L.D.S. knows this is the beginning of greater woes. These destructions (woes) are to pass over the earth by night & by day & the report of them will vex all peoples (nations). Israel only to be protected from destructions if we obey God in all things. If not, then woe be unto Zion. O God, make us holy. (Doc & Cov Sec 97:21-27)

May 11, 1936, Logan, Ut. (Pleasant weather)

It has now been nearly 2 mos. since I last wrote in my journal. Indifference and slightly off color in health is my lame excuse. My eyes are still defective I can still read but my sight is quite defective at times.

By special request I went to S.L. and spoke in the Uni. ward May 26. The spirit of the Lord was with me and the people were very expressive in telling of the joy they had in hearing me. The Bp.-ric paid my expenses. My theme: Why can't the world believe that Jos. Smith is a Seer of God? He fills every requirement of a Seer. I handled the theme from a new angle.

Since last writing I have delivered addresses in the 8th ward, 11th ward, 7th ward, 2nd ward, Yesterday I delivered Mother's day address in the 5th ward.

Martha was full of gratitude for the various letters & telegrams from the children in Washington, S.L. Rockport, Overton, Hollywood, Berkeley & Richmond Calif. Then Leon & family, Rodino & family also Othello & family came & visited besides.

Bro. Jesse Earl died & was buried yesterday from the tabernacle. One by one the aged walk off and leave us.

O, yes, I have recently spoken in Benson and Lewiston.

My M.S. is still in the hands of two of the apostles. They are too busy to read the M.S. it seems. Well, it seems I have not been idle tho my health is not the best.

Destruction has been sweeping our nation & foreign lands of late. Italy triumphed over Ethopia.

Logan, July 21,-36

It has been wks. since I wrote before. I have been busy doing nothing worth speaking of. O, I have been to S.L. 2 or 3 times since last writing. My M.S. is nearly thru with. Elder Ballard is the last to criticize my M.S. There seemed to be some friction among the readers. Dr Widtsoe is my strongest advocate & regrets the attitude of Stephen L. Richards's. There is probably a reason.

My son Geo. is in a threatened lawsuit due to the acts of Geo's political enemies. Lorea & children have been to see us. She is a

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noble girl & is faithful in all her church duties, tho Ted is quite in different. I trust he will change.

Kyrmel & family were here to see us for a few days last of May. He has a very excellent position with the Icing Industry of Calif. Marva comes often to visit us. She has a charming baby (Gordon H.)

I seem so desolate today. When my physical energy is low so is my mental. I do not read much of late. The Townsend Plan is growing fast, but prejudice, opposition, etc, is holding it back some. I am taking no part in the work in it now. I have been appointed a regional lecture but my health is too poor to act.

Thorval is having a hard time in Washington, D.C. God be with our home--blessings upon on our children. Othello & family are now visiting Yellow Stone Park for a wk. Leon & family made the trip about 2 wks. ago. Leona's (Radino's wife) mother died. I went to funeral at Kelley & Bancroft. Father, bless me with courage, hope, peace & happiness.

Oct. 7, -36, Logan, Ut.

I see I have neglected writing since July 21 My neglect has been due largely to poor health and my interest in my M.S. which seems never to get final action from the committee of 4 of the apostles who are the committee to read and give their final opinion as to value of my M.S. Their seeming neglect is due to over work. Critics praise my work very highly.

All of our family have been in good health & busy. Lorea & family, Fern, Radino & family, Leon & family have visited us. Of course those who are near us (Valko, Othello & Marva come often.

My health has been & is poor. My eyes are failing me also. Martha is in poor health but is better.

I have delivered but only 3 or 4 talks since last writing. For the first time in many yrs. I have been compelled to refuse to talk. I suppose I am about to the end of my useful ness in a public way. I resigned my teaching in Adult M.I.A. class due to indisposition, principally due to physical cause.

Dec. 7-36 Logan, Ut.

Yes, Martha (my wife) and I went to California for a little over 3 wks. We stayed at Juanita's home. While there, we visited George & family & Reginald in Berkley. We visited the world renowned bridge at San Francisco. It is the greatest in the world, & the greatest attempt in massive engineering on earth. Its destiny is to be destroyed if I am not mistaken. But it stands not alone in the realm of destruction. It is a marvel to behold. God, if possible, preserve it in your divine economy. We also visited San Francisco with her beauty and paump. Geo. & family with Reginald visited us twice as Juanita's place & took Thanksgiving dinner there (Roseville)

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Josiah-Samuel cried a half day after we left. Our hearts went out to them. Our children here & Ogden were most happy to see us again.

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Father, I was born with a covenant with thee to give my life to thee. May I not fail. My father, covenanted with his God to dedicate my life to him. From my early youth, I have rededicated my life to my Father in heaven and from a child I have felt the sacredness of a rededication to him.

Father, there are promises not yet fulfilled, will you in mercy, grant me faith to fulfill this work in mortality or shall it be done in immortality?

JOSIAH EDWIN HICKMAN...DIED OCTOBER 5, 1937...LOGAN, UTAH

NOTE: THIS WAS WRITTEN IN THE MARGIN OF PAGE 21, JOURNAL N...

I see that failed to record that I visited Myrthus & Anne for 18 hrs. The next night after I left there Anne left & went with off with Geo. Albee. Myrthus is frantic over the turn of things.

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Died October 5, 1937

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B-April 2, 1866
D-November 2, 1900
M-February 18, 1885

MARTHA AUGUSTA LAWISCH
B-April 16, 1870
D-June 8, 1945
M-June 7, 1890

HELEN JOSEPHINE HANSEN
B-January 21, 1881
D-April 1964
M-January 1902

1886 FERN ELLEN

June 11-May 23, 1974

1888 EDWIN DEE

January 10-November 20, 1958

1889 OTHELLO

December 20-September 1, 1958

1891 JOSIAH EUGENE

November 22-June 25, 1962

LEONIDAS MARION

September 10-January 8, 1956

1895 GEORGE WASHINGTON

January 21-November 29, 1954

1896

REGINALD LAWISCH

October 8-April 30, 1968

1897 LAVON ROGERS

May 1-November 22, 1922

1898

JUANITA LAWISCH

November 7-September 8, 1989

1900 LOREA LEE

April 9-

1901

RADINO LAWISCH

August 6-May 23, 1967

1902

MYRTHUS HANSEN HICKMAN

November 6-October 30, 1935

1903

VALKO LAWISCH

October 10-February 4, 1961

1905

FELTON HANSEN HICKMAN

April 24-October 16, 1976

1906

RIENNA LAWISCH

March 25-December 1, 1907

1908

THORVAL LAWISCH

July 7-April 28, 1978

1909

KYRMEL LAWISCH

September 3-January 1, 1987

1913

MARVA LAWISCH

April 13-March 19, 1980

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HOPE

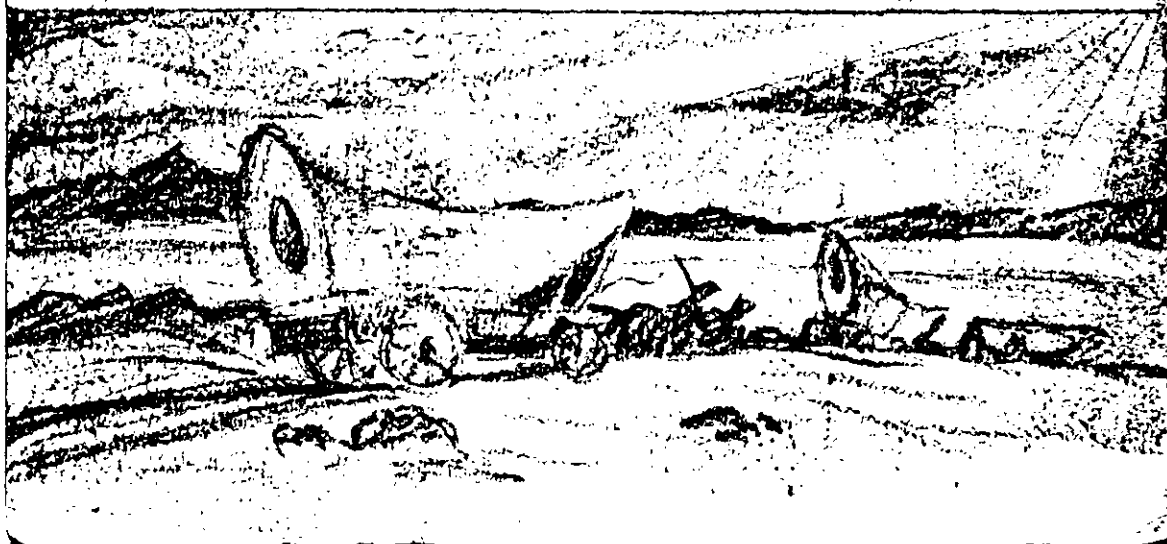
Hope, that eternal comfort-
er! Blessed are his words of peace
to the distressed and faith-
less. He walks beside the spiritless
and cheers them even when
desolation promises to be the only
reward. Hope kneels with us
in the land of lean want and torch-
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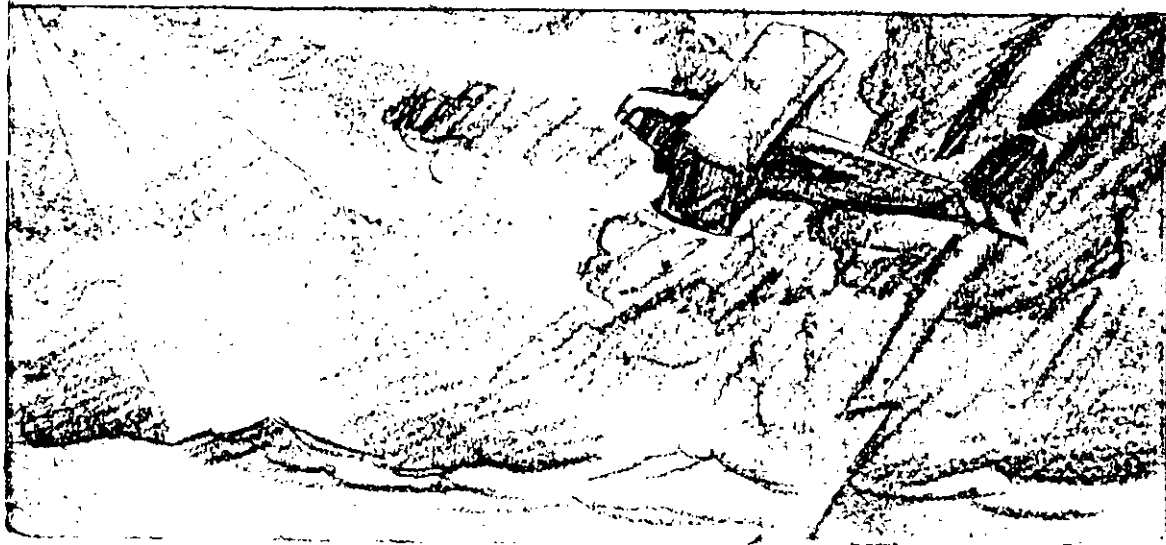
"USED AS A XMAS BROCHURE IN EARLY 30's..."

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Hope soothes when we are
heart-sick and disconsolate. He leads
us to believe we may attain
to all that we desire. He leads the
explorer to the ends of the
earth, and the banished towards a
phantom home.



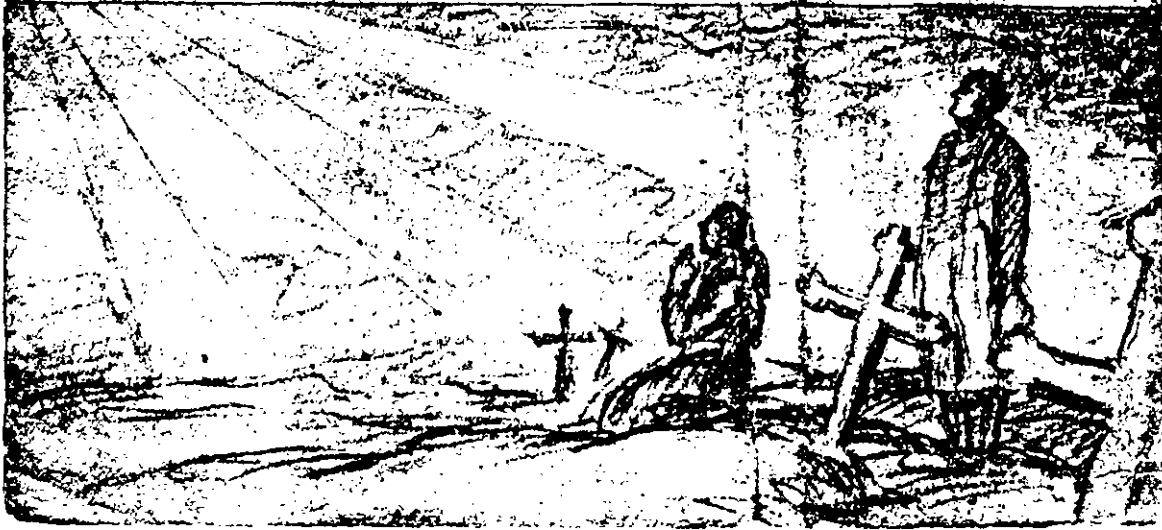
He returns with memories of
lost ideals and points out to us a
new star of promise. If we
push him aside, he returns again,
after many days, with even
a kindlier and more cheerful light.



He walks with us in the
desert of desolation, and like a mir-
age he leads us on and on
until the last ounce of energy is
gone. When the last friend
has deserted and the stars are dead,
Hope lifts us up and casts
a beam of light across the midnight
of gloom until we see again
our course anew.



Aye, more, he stands by the
death couch while Death stands at
the door. And when, at last,
Death conquers even them hope, with
solemn mien, points, with
trembling hand, beyond the grave and
bids us believe in him.



Blessing Given to Frances Maughan by
Bro. Hickmann May 10, 1896

Sister Frances Maughan in the name of
the Lord J. C. and by power and virtue of
the Priesthood in me vested I lay my
hands upon your head to confer upon you
a blessing that your heart desires & speak the
words that our Father shall ~~inspire me to~~
say for you are one of the chosen daughters ^{of Zion} having
come forth in this dispensation according to
the promise of our Father & your faithfulness
in your primeval childhood. You are of the
House of Israel & the spirit of God has been upon
you ~~since~~ ^{from} your birth. You were born with a testimony
of Jesus Christ & at its first sound you knew the
truthfulness of it Our Father has a great mission
for you to perform & you have felt in your past life
~~from time to time that there was a divine~~
mission for you upon this earth and in
view of this spirit upon you, you have been
filled with humility from childhood &
sought to keep the commandments of God.
Your youth has been spent in prayer and
God has heard your pleadings. You were born
to be a mother in Zion and your lineage
and posterity shall be numerous and thousands
shall be blessed at your hands, Your example
has been worthy of admiration. You are a
teacher in Zion & you implant your
character upon all whom you meet &
instruct which is that of gentleness and
meekness. I bless you with greater power

and greater light saying that "your future shall be brighter than the past - and the sorrows that have darkened your life shall pass away. Your influence shall be for good throughout all Zion & as you are

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a noble spirit of Heaven so will you be known upon this earth and you shall be blessed with intelligence and wisdom sufficient to choose well your part upon this earth. You shall sit in council with the daughters of Zion and will be known for your just & righteous counsel.

The visions of your mind shall be purified & you shall know the will of your father in Heaven. You shall have power over sickness, ^{& death} in your own home and you will be looked to from your brothers & sisters for counsel and I bless you with power to withstand the adversary and with power to grasp any truth on this earth and any truth that is revealed from Heaven & I bless you with health & strength & with power to pursue your studies and I promise you that you shall be known in Israel for your nobility & purity & I seal them upon you with a promise, if you keep the commandments of God all these blessings shall be fulfilled upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
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47 E. SOUTH TEMPLE STREET, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

DATE November 2nd, 1926.

NUMBER 16068.

A BLESSING GIVEN BY HYRUM G. SMITH, PATRIARCH, UPON THE HEAD OF

J O S I A H E D W I N H I C K M A N,

son of GEORGE WASHINGTON HICKMAN and LUCY ANN (HAWES) HICKMAN.

born AUGUST 3rd, 1862, at SALEM, UTAH COUNTY, UTAH.

DEAR BROTHER HICKMAN: In humility and by virtue and authority of the Holy Priesthood I place my hands upon thy head and pronounce and seal a blessing which I pray the Lord to direct. And I say unto thee be of good cheer, for the Lord has accepted of thy faith; He has sanctified unto thee thy labors in righteousness; He has remembered thee in mercy, and He has strengthened thy faith; He has accepted of thy sacrifices. Therefore, continue to put thy trust in the Giver of thy blessings. Continue also to acknowledge His hand by day and by night; and thy faith shall continue to prevail for good, and thy testimonies bear fruits that will gladden and comfort thy heart. Thou shalt enjoy a continuation of the preserving, protecting and providing care of the Lord.

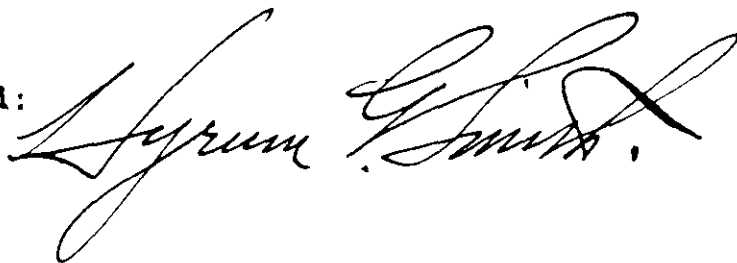
And in answer to thy prayers thou shalt be assured of the welfare of thy loved ones, and they in turn shall receive comfort and assurance in answer to their prayers concerning thy welfare. Thou shalt also live yet a goodly number of years to enjoy health and strength for the accomplishment of thy righteous purposes and the fulfilment of the mission which was given thee at an early period in thy life. Therefore, continue to cultivate and use thy talents which have been of great value in thy possession. Honor the Holy Priesthood, for it will be further magnified in thy possession, the gifts thereof will be made manifest through thy humility and thy opportunities to further serve the Giver of thy blessings; and thou shalt have an influence and a power for good in teaching and defending the Truth. Thou shalt be remembered with such gifts and powers as will be necessary and needful to overcome prejudice, and to overcome the agencies of evil and ill. And thou need not be put to shame by the enemies of thy mission, nor the enemies of thy testimonies, nor the enemies of thy faith. For thou shalt enjoy a continuation of the spirit of Discernment, which will guide thee in the ways of safety and enable thee to avoid dangers, real dangers.

Therefore, hearken unto those sweet and peaceful promptings and they will be a further guide and a protection unto thee. Thou shalt also be further remembered with the blessings of health, which will enable thee to enjoy thy responsibilities and the labors thereof, both temporal and spiritual. Therefore, be of good cheer; for the Lord has remembered thee in mercy and He has spared thee to live and see this day and age in the world.

Thou art of the lineage of Ephraim and shall receive a worthy inheritance among the Saints, and shall stand as a savior upon Mount Zion in thy father's household. Therefore, take advantage of thy opportunities, and be bold in thy defense of the Truth, and the blessings of the Lord will come to thy rescue according to thy righteous needs, both temporal and spiritual. Thy testimonies will bear fruits that will gladden and comfort thy heart, and thy labors in the interest of both the living and the dead will be a great comfort and solace unto thy heart.

I seal these blessings upon thy head through thy faithfulness. And I seal upon thee every gift and power and privilege and blessing needful to fully accomplish thy mission and enjoy thy labors; I do it by virtue and authority of the Holy Priesthood and in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Approved:

A large, flowing handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Lyman G. Smith". The signature is written over the word "Approved:".

*This was given just as I left for my
7 mos. mission Oct. 3/1926*