

**THE JOURNALS AND PERSONAL HISTORY
OF
ALFRED CORDON
1817-1871**

Alfred Cordon was baptized into the LDS “Mormon” Church on the 30th of June 1839 by Elder David Wilding in Manchester, England. He became a missionary and a significant force in the Staffordshire Potteries area. He emigrated to the United States and arrived at Nauvoo, Illinois on the 28th of September 1842. The Prophet Joseph Smith was Preaching to a large congregation in front of the Temple Block. After hearing the Prophet preach but one sermon, Alfred recorded in his journal that he had been well paid for all the trials that he had experienced since joining the Church.

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JOURNAL
1817-40**

My Fathers name was Sampson Cordon. He was Born in Toxteth Park at the Herculaneun Pottery about a mile from Liverpool, which is a seaport Town in Lancashire. Here my Father lived. His Father was a Potter of the Name of Ralph Cordon. As soon as my Father was about 12 Years of Age, he was put Apprentice to Painting on China. When he had served his Master about 4 or 5 years, he got Kicked by a horse in the face. His nose was broke and one of his Eyes hung down upon his cheek. They thought for some time he was dead, but he soon recoverd from this. But it left a verry Bad Head Ache upon him so that he was Obliged to leave Painting and he went to Printing upon the Pots. This was not so affecteing to the Eyes. Shortly after this, he got Married to My Mother whose name was Myrah Hampson.

In the year of our Lord 1816, they had a son Named Horatio Cordon, but this Died. In 1817 on February 28th, I was Born and named Alfred Cordon.

When verry Young, i was able to Read verry well and i was verry fond of reading the Bible and i committed a good portion of the Word to my Memory. I was brought up in the fear of God. I was brought up to the Church of England. My Grandfather was Clerk of Saint Michal Toxteth Park 16 years. At his Death, My Father took the Clerkship. It was at Situation of about 30£ per Year.

When about twelve Years of Age, i was put Apprentice to the Potting Bussiness at Hollow Ware Pressing, which is a verry particular Branch in this Bussiness. When i had been Apprentice about 2 Month, i had a near excape of being scalded to Death. I fell in a large Caldron of Boiling Greace from Bones. My Legs and Feet and Back was Scalded verry much. I was brought to the gates of death. I was quite willing to depart. I was perfectly Happy in my mind. My Grandfather took my case in hand and i was soon healed. I was no sooner healed and at Work again than i began to Swear and take the name of God in vain, go with wicked company and became awfully wicked.

At about 17 Years of Age, i began to Drink Ardent Spirits and in a little time i became a heavy Drunkard. During this Period, the Spirit of God sorely troubled me, but i rejected the strings of the Spirit. I made a many resolution to serve God, but the failed as fast as i made them.

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I served my apprenticeship, but through bad conduct, i left my master And i came into Staffordshire Potteries. I got a situation in Burslem at Mr. Benjamin Clutow Godwins Works. I still was as wicked as ever. I then left him and i went to work for Messe Mayers and Mawdesly, i left them throug Drinking and i went to work for Enoch Wood and Sons at Burslem. I still continued as wicked as before. I kept company with a young woman named Emma Parker.

In October (1836), i was brought to the gates of Death once more with the Small Pox. My life was despared of but i got better soon and i set of for Liverpool to my Fathers, leaving Emma Parker verry ill of the Small Pox. When i got hom, i soon got pretty well, but it left a verry bad Billious Upon me. I now got a Situation at Saint Helens which is 12 Miles from Liverpool.

In December, i came over to the Potteries and was Married to Emma Parker on 19th December 1836, at the Old Church in Burslem. We then went to Saint Helens. We remained there some time. I still led a desolate life. We then came Back to Burslem in Staffordshire. Trade was verry bad. I was 14 Weeks out of employ and my Wife was confined in the inn. We were in a verry bad state. I was troubled again and again on account of my sins, but i would not begin to serve God. I continued in this way untill about March 3rd.

On February the 24th , 1837, the little Girl that we had was took verry Ill with convulsions. It remained in this state about 12 hours and then Died. This was a great loss unto us. She was 8 Month Old. I was aroused again in my mind and i began to pray to the Lord to direct me and to have mercy upon me. When at the end of the 14 weeks out of Employment, I got a situation at Mr Thomas Godwins Navigation Road Burslem and here i have remained ever since. We buried our Daughter on Febr 27th And on the Sunday after which was March 3rd, Henry Glover, George Gibbs, John Darlington and Charles Dyteh came unto my hous and conversed with me about a future state. I was quite willing to give up my sins and to do anything to find Salvation. They invited me to the Chapel in conexion with Rev Robert Aitkin. Accordingly, i went in the Evening, all in my working Clothes. For inndeed, they were all that i had got. But I rejoice this moment whilst i am writing that ever i did go. After preaching was over, i went into the prayer meeting and i cried unto the Lord, but there was a terrible noise in the meeting So they took me over to Samuel Polls and i prayed and the Lord heard me. My burden of guilt fell of[f] me and i came home rejoicing in God, my Savior and my Reedeeme[r]. My Wife was not brought to serve the Lord a[t] present. I was fully bent on her being made happy. I began to pray and to pled with God for her. The Spirit of God came upon her and troubled her verry much till at length she Yeilded and was made happy on the 1st of April. Now we were both happy in the love of God and Drinking into one spirit and serving the same God through Jesus Christ. I joined Henry Glovers Class and i remained with him about 10 Months and then i was appointed a Leader of a Class. I got about 14 Members. When i had been a leader about 4 Month, i began to see plainly the 2nd Coming of our lord from Heaven to Earth to sit upon the Throne of David his Father. I saw this was of the greatest importance and i began to teach it to the Members of my Class. About this time, a Woman named Ma(r)y Powel, One of the Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints came from Manchester to Burslem. I got in company with her. She informed me that The Lord had set his hand again the Second time to recover the remnant of his people according to Isiah 11 Chapter 11 V. And that the Angel spoken of in Revalation 14 Chap 6 Verse and that the Lord had sent the Everlasting Gospel once more unto lost man. I rejoiced for i had many times prayed for this time to come. We began to talk about the Ordinances of the

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Gospel. I found that I was standing upon the Precepts of Men and not on the pure word of God. Away I went to my Bible and to prayer. The Spirit of God bore testimony to the truth of what she said. We conversed about the Baptism of Christ. I saw plainly it was by Immersion. Without hesitation, I made up my mind, in spite of all other things, I would obey the Gospel. As soon as the Aitkinites heard that I had been with her, they came unto me to try, if they could stop me. But it was all in vain. There was John Jones and Henry Staley and Munro, three preists, came unto me and told me she was a deluded woman. On the Friday Evening (June 28, 1839), they held a Church Meeting and John Jones brought a Tract stating the Origin of the Latter day Saints. That they were Money diggers, gipsies, Fortune tellers and any thing but a good report. One of the Preists, H Staley, came to me and asked me to go to the meeting. We began to talk about baptism. He said it was not essential before God. I did not go to the meeting. He told my wife that when I was baptized, the devil would enter into me. But, still I would go to Manchester. The next morning, before I set off my wife wished she had me asleep. She would cut my throat. This did not daunt me at all. I set off for Manchester about 10 o'clock on the Saturday the 29th day of June 1839. I went in company with Stephen Lancaster as far as Congleton. We overtook Wm Bradbury. Stephen Lancaster took the coach. And me and W B set off to walk to Manchester between Congleton and Wilmsley and we walked to Manchester. That night, by eleven o'clock, we went to Mr Smith. He gave us some supper and we went to bed. The next morning we went to a prayer Meeting in Hart Street and there we got our Breakfast at [...] Lands. We then went to the Preaching Room there we met with Stephen Lancaster. William Berry Spoke that morning. He looked at us all the time. When he had done, we presented ourselves for baptism. We went down to the water and was baptized in the Old River by David Wilding, Elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. We rejoiced that we were born in the world in these last days to come under the Everlasting Covenant of God. On July 1 [1839], We were Confirmed under the hands of David Wilding. In the Afternoon, We attended the Preaching. In the Evening, Stephen Lancaster who was with us, was not baptized. He saw it a duty, but he would not leave all Sects and Party, so he would not baptise him. W[e] Started home again on the Tuesday morning. Rejoiced abundantly in the Lord. We walked back again. Stephen Lancaster arrived back before us. He came by the Coach. The Aitkins had a tea meeting. He went there. He told them that the Saint in Manchester were hypocrites and he thanked God he had not been baptized. Our wives was there. This cut them to the quick. On the Sunday that we were baptizd, one of the Preist named John Jones got up and told the congregation that we were deluded and when we came back they must treat us as enemy of the Cross of Christ. But for all this, we rejoiced in the liberty of the Gospel. When I was baptized, the Billious Complaint that I had, left me and I have not been troubled much since. When we arrived back to Burslem, the Aitkins came around us and they began to persecute us. But we told them that we were saints of God and that none of them had such a witness. Elizth Ravenscroft, Hanah Thomas and others came to our house and asked me the state of things and how I found them at Manchester. We had no privelege of conversing with them but I promised to see them again. Even so Amen. We kept reading our Bible and Praying unto our Father who is in heaven to direct us by his Holy Spirit that we may be led into all truth. We went on day by day, meeting with a good deal of opposition and overcoming all by the blood of the Lamb. When we had been baptized about a fortnight we had a dreadful Struggle with the Devil. We felt as though God had forsaken us. In the Evening we received a letter from bro William Clayton who was at Manchester. This rejoiced our hearts abundantly and we Thanked and Praised the Lord our God. Bro William Clayton came over to Burslem on the 25th of July [1839]. On the 26th, he baptized bro Heny Glover, Emma Cordon, Emily Glover, Elizabeth Ravenscroft. On the Sunday [July 28, 1839] he preached at Hannah

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Averilles [TRASOVY] Square Burslem in the Morning and Evening. He was Opposed by John Jones. In the Afternoon he broke bread at bro Henry Glovers and he confirmed those that were baptized and he Ordained me to be a Preist. This was, the 28th day. In the Evening he baptized William Smith and George Simpson and Maria Battleby. He left us on the Tuesday and went back to Manchester. We opened a Preaching room in High Street. I commenced Preaching On the Monday. I baptized Jemima Mellor. She had been ill of a consumption 16 months. She could hardly walk there but she came back rejoiced, a leaped and praised the Lord. I went on labouring in the cause of God, preaching and baptizing and meeting with a good deal of Opposition. On October the 20th, I baptized James Spencer Walker. On the 24th, i baptized bro George Lee. On the 25, i baptized Richard Cooper and Mary Mellor. On November 17, I baptized Walter Nixon. On the 18, i bap Edward Parker. On the 19th, i set out for Liverpool in company with George Simpson and Edward Parker. We went to Delamere Forest to a Relation of bro George Simpsons. I preached to a good number of them and they received the word. We, then went unto Liverpool to My Parents. We staid there untill Saturday. We then came back to Burslem and bro David Wilding baptized 11 while i was away. My heart rejoiced in the Lord our God. Bro David Wilding staid with us untill about December 12th and he baptized 26 from November 11th. When he left, bro William Clayton came over and he baptized 2. He left us on the 23rd. I was now left by myself to attend and watch over the flock of Christ. The same day I went to Lane End in the Evening. Staid at Botchley near Hanley and baptized Thomas Anderson and his Wife.

December 24, 1839

On the 24th, I preached at Burslem. There was Opposition.

December 25, 1839

On the 25th, I went to Burslem in the Morning and preached in the Afternoon. I went over to Newcastle and Preached in the Evening. Bro Henry Glover baptized bro Daniel Bowers, Charles Hawthorne and Richard Wainwright.

December 27, 1839

On the 27th, I went to Stoke and Preached in the Evening.

December 28, 1839

On the 29th, I went to Burslem and I Preached in the Morning and Evening. Broke Bread in the Afternoon and Confirmed those that were baptized. In the Evening I baptized Elizabeth Dennis. She came from Lane End. On the 22nd of December, Whilst bro William Clayton was here, we went to the Afternoon Meeting. He broke bread. The Spirit of God came upon me and told me I must be Ordained to an Elder. I trembled and I began to Sweat. In a little time he got up and said the Spirit had made it Manifest to Him that i must be Ordained to the Office of an Elder bro Henry Glover to be a Preist, bro George Simpson, bro William Hulm, bro Thomas Anuson to be Teacher. We rejoiced abundantly in the Lord.

December 30, 1839

On the 30th, I went over unto Lane End an Preache and baptized Elizabeth Smallwood and Sarah Spragg.

December 31, 1839

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O the 31st, I preached at Burslem and baptized Charles Stevenson. This was the first time that I had to break the Ice. When I came home My Wife was very unwell and near to delivered of a Child. She grew worse. About eleven O'clock she was very ill. Sister Elizabeth Ravenscroft and Sister Fanny Bradbury was with her. I came down stairs and i said to Elizth Ravenscroft the Devil had got Possesion of her Body. Now the Lord was about to try our Faith. I talked to her, but her confidence was gone. About Midnight, Emily Glover one of the Sisters came to our house. My Wife got worse and worse. She was possessed of a devil which was writhing and twisting her body in a many dreadful ways. I went to Prayer. I was tempted very much to think that there was no God. She still got worse. About Five o Clock in the morning I was sorely harrassed and tried by the Devil that there was no God and that the Religion of Jesus Chris twas all a Delusion. I reasoned within myself then that i believed in a God and I professed to beleive the Bible. For i had obeyed its Precepts and i had Found happiness and Peace. So I was determined to stand upon it if I was Damnd at last. I now found that the Trial of My Faith was more Precious than Gold. I went up Stairs I was determined to have the Victory. The Sisters were troubled sorely. Sister Elizabeth stood by me like a Woman of God. I laid hands upon her. We prayed. She began to exercise Faith in the promises of God. I rebuked the Devil in the name of Jesus Christ and he departed. Her pain left her and she was deliverd of a Man Child without much pain but the Child was Dead. The Devil had destroyed it and he all he could to put an end to the Mother. But Praise the Lord for his Goodness. This learned me such a lesen as i never learned before.

January 2, 1840

On Thursday I went in the Evening to William Benbow, Shop Keeper, at Hanley and conversed with him and his Wife. They received the truth joyfully.

January 3, 1840

On Fryday, January 3rd, I went to Stoke in the Evening and Preached.

January 5, 1840

On Sunday, I preached at Burslem Morning and Evening, Broke Bread in the Afternoon, and Confirmed one.

January 6, 1840

On Monday, I went to Lane End and Preached. I saw a young woman named Anna Wagstaff. The Spirit made it Manifest to me that she would be baptized.

January 7, 1840

On Tuesday, I Preached at Burslem. I was clothed with the Spirit of the Lord. The truth rather hurt them. I was opposed by John Jones. He was full of a Wicked Spirit as well as the People. They began to be very rough. Someone took a Candlestick of the nail that it was hung upon and threw it at me, but i did no harm. A lighted Candle was thrown at me and caught me in the Bosom, another caught George Simpson on his side. The pushed bro William Bradbury about and some one hit him in the mouth. Yet for all this, we rejoiced because it was for the Sake of the Gospel of Christ.

January 8, 1840

On Wednesday, I went to Newcastle and Preached.

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January 10, 1840

Fryday, I went to Stoke and Preached.

January 12, 1840

On Sunday at Burselm, I Preached in the Morning and Evening, attended to the Breaking of Bread in the Afternoon. After Preaching was over in the Evening, I was invited to William Vernon. Alexander Harrison and there wives was there. I pressed upon them to go to the water. Alexander profferd to go. He had previous to this been a Infidel for he had looked at the Religionist of the day and the Bible and he found far different. He and William Vernon went. I baptized them at Midnight.

January 13, 1840

On the Monday, I Started for Lane end. Called at Stoke and baptized Sampson Stanaway, his Maria and Mary Smallman, William Benbows Servant. Went to Lane End and Preached.

January 14, 1840

Tuesday at Burslem, I preached. There was a rough company present. No harm done.

January 15, 1840

Wednesday, I Preached at Newcastle.

January 17, 1840

Fryday, at Stoke and baptized Isaac Whitaker

January 18, 1840

On the Saturday Evening, I baptized Eliza Parker, my Wifes Sister. The same Evening, I went to Hanley to William Benbow. Him and his wife was willing to take upon them the name of Christ Jesus. After he had Closed the Shop, we went down to Stoke in company with bro George Simpson, William Bradbury, Thomas Anison. We met with the Stoke Brethring and Sisters and the were baptized at Midnight. A most precious season. I wrought home about 4 o Clock in the Morning.

January 19, 1840

I preached twice on the Sunday, broke bread and confirmed 3. Same Evening baptized Samuel Hancock and George Wainwright.

January 20, 1840

On Monday 20th, I went to Lane End, preached and baptize James Rusten, ### rejected my testimony.

January 21, 1840

Tuesday Evening, I Preached at Burslem. There was a Wicked Spirit made manifest. This Evening bro Wilford Woodruff, one of the twelve, and bro Turley, one of the Seventies, Some men saw me and the fell against me and knocked me backwards of. There was no harm done.

February 7, 1840

Friday, I laid hands on Sister Eliza Parker that was Sick.

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February 8, 1840

On Saturday, 8th, I received a letter from Sister Mary Powel. Laid hands on three that were sick.

February 9, 1840

On Sunday, 9th, I went to Hanley and Preached Morning and Evening. Attended to the breaking of bread in the Afternoon and Confirmed one.

February 10, 1840

On Monday, 10th, which was the Queen of England Wedding to Prince Albert, I went to Lane End to bro Woodruffs. We went into the Market Place in the Afternoon. I and bro Woodruff Preached. My Wife and Sister Maria Battleby, bro George Simpson, and William Bradbury was with us. We preached in the Evening and I baptized Jonathan Lockett.

February 11, 1840

On Tuesday, 11th, I preached at Stoke Lane in the Evening.

February 13, 1840

Thursday, 13th, I went over to Hanley with bro Woodruff. There was a deal of Unbelief made manifest.

February 16, 1840

On Sunday, Febr 16th, I went over to Stoke and Preached in the Morning. I was Opposed by #####. Then went to Lane End and broke bread in the Afternoon and Preached in the Evening.

February 17, 1840

Monday, I went again to Lane End and Preached and baptized George Lockett, brother to Jonothan Lockett.

February 18, 1840

Tuesday Evening, I preached at Burslem.

February 20, 1840

On Thursday, I went to Hanley. Bro Woodruff Preached.

February 21, 1840

Friday, 21st, I went and Opened a New Door at Henry Lewis at Longport. There was a good congregation. Several received the truth.

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February 23, 1840

Sunday, 23rd, I went to Hanley. Preached Morning and Evening. Presided over the Meeting in the Afternoon. I and my Wife went to bro Benbow for Dinner and Tea.

February 24, 1840

On Monday Evening, I went to Lane End and Preached. Bro William Bradbury and John Bourne was with me. We called at bro John Rowley. He had a verry large family. The were verry badly of, but bro William Bradbury was worse of than them so they would force him to take a loaf of Bredd with him home to his wife and family, for they had nothing to eat. Such a Spirit made my heart to rejoice.

February 26, 1840

Wednesday Evening, I went to a small Village named Red Street in Company with bro Daniel Bowers, James Johnson and Richard Steele, to a Gentleman named Allen Booth. We saw him and his nephew and niece. We had a good deal of conversation with them. They received the truth. I left them to prove all things. They was to send me a note when I must see them again. They were Unitarians.

February 27, 1840

On Thursday, 27th, Evening, I Preached at Hanley. There was great attention paid. At the close of the Meeting, bro William Vernon came to us. He had Opened a door at Leek, a town 10 Miles North of Burslem. He wanted some one to go there on Sunday. There was several of the bretheren and Sisters went down with us to bro and Sister Benbow. The Holy Ghost said separate William Vernon for the Ministry. Bro Woodrough Ordained him to be a Preist. He pronounced a great many blessing upon him. By the Spirit of Prophecy and of Revelation, he told him that he was of the Blood of Ephraim and that he should and behold nations fall and he should see the winding up Scene and he should stand upon Mount Zion with the one hundred and Forty Four Thousand and a many other blessings and that the Patriarch should pronounce the same blessing upon him and a great many more Blessings should be Confirmed upon him.

February 28, 1840

On Friday, 28th, I went to Longport and Preached and baptized Harriet Parker. This was my birth day. I was 23 Years Old.

March 1, 1840

On Sunday, I went to Leek in Company with br William Vernon, Preist; bro William Bradbury, Deacon; bro John Bourne and Samuel Johnson. We went to Mark Washingtons in Stockwell Street. He was verry poor. They had verry little to eat in the House. We had no opportunity of getting a congregation of people together so I commenced talking to all that came to his house. One named Isaac Birneachough came. I shewed him the Gospel of Christ. He was a Ranter Preist. He said I was right and that the Doctrine I taught was right. We went in the Afternoon to Preach in the Pig Market, but it was verry cold. The people whould not have stood Out of Doors. I went to Friend Isaacs. His wife was a preacher. They invited me to Sit down. I began to talk to them about the Gospel of Christ. His wife was not so open to Conviction as him. After talking a little they asked me to pray with them. When I had Ceased, they told me that I might Preach to them. He went out and brought a good number together. I preached to them the Gospel of Christ Jesus. There was a good Spirit made manifest. They invited us to take some Tea with them. We did so. Isaac had to go and Preach this Evening. The Spirit had sorely

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troubled him. Bro William Bradbury told him that he must ##### how he handled the word of God. He said he would tell them he was happy. I told him he could not offer the people Salvation on Faith and Repentance alone. He said he would tell them that the must be Converted to God. We left his house and came to Mark Washingtons. I preached to a company. In the Evening bro William Vernon went and preached in another part of Leek. After I had done preaching, a Young Man came to me. He wished to have My Company a little way home. His name was William Jackson. He said that what he had heard was the truth. He belonged to no Sect or party. He insisted on us calling at his house and to have something to Eat. He was very poor. He said he would begin to pray for the Lord to let his blessing rest upon him. As soon as I left him, the Spirit made it Manifest to me that he would be baptized and that I should baptize him. I told this to the brethren. We came home rejoicing in the Lord.

March 2, 1840

On Monday Evening, I baptized Sarah Turner and Eleanor Johnson.

March 4, 1840

On Wednesday, 4th, I attended at a Meeting at Burslem. A refreshing season we had.

March 5, 1840

On Thursday, I went over to Hanley and preached and baptized Joseph Plant and Joseph Booth.

March 6, 1840

On Friday Evening, I went to Longport and Preached to them.

March 8, 1840

Sunday, 8th, this Morning, I got ready to start for Leek with bro William Vernon Preist. It was as beautiful a day as ever was upon the earth. Before I started, I told several of them that before I came back I should baptize one or more. We went, we got there about noon. We went to William Jacksons, he went and called the Neighbours together to come to the Meeting, there was about twenty present. I preached to them. Several received the truth. We had our Tea at William Jacksons. I and bro William Vernon took a walk after our Tea. I was sorely harrassed in my mind because there was no sign of any being baptized. I asked bro William what he thought about things. I told him they Devil must not Deceive us. He said that the promise was that whatsoever two or three agreed upon, it, should be given them. We agreed in spite of all things that we would baptize Wm Jackson. We went to the Meeting. There was a good number present. I preached to them. They received the truth. One old Man told me that he had lived threescore and three Years but he never heard anything like it before. Whilst I was preaching, I called out for Volunteers to obey the Gospel. William Jackson got up and said he would be baptized. I went over to an Old woman named Nixon. We had some supper with her. We then went down to the water and I baptized him. He went on his way rejoicing, when he came out of the water, he stood and Praised the lord. I Confirmed at the water side, here was Evidence enough for me to believe in a God of Revelation.

March 9, 1840

On Monday Evening, I went over to Lane End and preached and laid hands on Sister Myrah Amison.

March 10, 1840

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On Tuesday, I went to Burslem with bro Turley. He preached. John Jones came to the Meeting and he brought one of the Police with him but walked of without speaking a word to us. After preaching was over, I went and baptized Joseph Blaize. Their were four of the brethren with us, four Young Woman and two other boys with us. I and bro William Bradbury saw something stand upon the water in the form of a White Pillar. We shewed it to the brethren, the Young womans and boys saw it. We thought at first it had been a showday of something or other, but we could not find any thing to cast such a Reflection. As it was, I went in and baptized close to it. The Young woman began to Sigh and weep much. They were verry much alarmed. It stood there all the time that we were there and what made the thing more strange was that when we walked of, it walked of the water into a feild close by. We saw it no more, When I came home, I told bro Turley we had seen something. He asked me wether it was like a white pillar. He told me things were often seen by the Elder of the Church. It was a strange sight.

March 13, 1840

On Friday Evening, I went to Stoke with bro Clark from Manchester. We preached to them, laid hands on four that were sick,

March 15, 1840

Sunday, March 15th, I went and baptized Alice Hulme, Rebakah Grocot from Stoke. The rejoiced greatly in the water. I went to bro Benbow for Breakfast. In Company with Turley, we attended to the Ordinance of Consecrating of Oil for the Healing of the Sick. Then went down to Stoke to bro Sampson Stanaway. Annointed his Child that was Sick, went to bro Hulme and preached, went to dinner in Company with Maria Rowley to bro Sampson. Then went to Lane End and Preached in the Open Air. Attended the Meeting. In the Afternoon Confirmed two. Preached in the Evening. A Good Spirit made manifest. John Jones came to Hanley to bro Turley and conversed with him. He told some of the brethren that bro Turley would not preach many more times.

March 16th, 1840

Monday, 16th, A ##### the Sheriff came from Newcastle to Hanley and arrested Bro Turley for something or other that happend before he went for America. I went to Lane End and preached In the Evening and baptized John Johnson, Ruth Ridge and Mary Ann Burton.

March 17, 1840

Tuesday Morning, bro Turley was removed to Stafford. I went and preached at Burslem.

March 18, 1840

Wednesday, I went and preached at Newcastle. A poor porspect.

March 19, 1840

Thursday Morning, I was verry Ill. I could not follow my Employment. I went and Preached at Hanley. The Lord supported me abundantly.

March 20, 1840

On Friday, 20th, I went and Preached at Stoke. I was verry Ill. This day We had a letter from bro Turley. He was in the Debtors Ward. He had neither Meat, Bed nor Fire nor none he could get without Money and he was destitute of this. Yet still he was happy. He was preaching to the Bodies of men in Prisons. They gave me Seven Shillings and three pence at Stoke for to send to

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bro Turley. Ten Shillings they Got at Burslem. And, bro Edward Parker and bro William Bradbury Started at One o Clock this Morning for Stafford to see him and to adminster to his wants. They came back in the Evening. He was glad to see them. He was verry happy. He said he did not owe any Man a penny justly.

March 22, 1840

On Sunday, I went to Hanley and Preached in the Morning and Evening. Attended to the Breaking of bread in the Afternoon. Alice Chetwin, George Plant, Mary Ann Smith, Martha Taylor were Cut of from the Church of Christ. One Confirmed. Laid hands on one that was sick.

March 23, 1840

Monday Evening, I went to Lane End. Preached and baptized Sarah #####.

March 24, 1840

Tuesday, March 24th, I received a letter from bro Turley. He was verry well. In the Evening I Preached at Burslem.

March 25, 1840

Wednesday, I Preached at Newcastle.

March 26, 1840

Thursday Evening, I preached at Hanley to a good Conregation. Recieved a letter from bro Woodrough. He had been in Herefordshire twently days and had baptized Sixty persons, twentyone preacher of Gospels. This caused my heart to rejoice in the Lord. He baptized Thomas Kingson, Superintendent Minister, and he delivered 45 preaching Places, most of them Licensed.

March 29, 1840

Sunday, March 29th, I went to Leek in Company with bro William Bradbury. We had a verry fine Morning. We went along, joyfully conversing about the things of the Kingdom of God. We went to bro William Jacksons for Dinner. I preached in the Afternoon to an attentive Congregations. They received the truth. I went to Tea with Michael #####. Him and his Wife received the truth. They were about being baptized. I preached in the Evening to a Crowded house, and a many were Believing the Works. Several staid after the Service was over in the house, but there was none baptized. We conversed with a Young man named #####Rushton. He was full of faith. He promised that he would be baptized. We slept at Freind Michaels. He treated us kindly.

March 30, 1840

The next Morning we went through a Silk Manufactory, and a curious peice of Machinery it was. We started for Land End about half past nine O Clock, a fine Morn. As we sent along the Road, Enjoying ourselves in conversation about the things of God, bro William asked me to compose a verse of Poetry and he would compose another. I comenced.

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My Dear bro William the times near at
hand
When we shall not be walking in this
land
But we shall be removed to a land prized
of God
And there be preserved from all that
is bad

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We arrived at Lane End for Dinner at bro Isaac Whittaker. We then went to his Wifes Mothers for to baptize her. She was putting bread in the Oven to bake, as soon as she had done, she got ready for baptizm, the water was close to her house. She ran praying all the way down to the water and I baptized her and she came home again rejoicing and praised the Lord. I confirmed her. Her name was Sarah Ward. We took Tea with her. We then went to the preaching. I preached to a good congregation. There was some Opposition. #####rejected my testimony.

March 31, 1840

Tuesday, March 31st, I preached at Burslem to good congregation.

April 1, 1840

Wednesday Evening, I preached at Newcastle and I baptized three.

April 2, 1840

Thursday Evening, I preached at Hanley to a good congregation. There was a good Spirit Made Manifest. I went and baptized Eliza ###. When we came to the water, a person asked me if I believed she would find a remission of her sins through being baptized, I said that I did. He asked whether the thief on the Cross was baptized, I said, I had nothing at all to do with him, but I told him that the Saviour said Except a Man was Born of Water and the Spirit he could not enter into the kingdom, He said he did not believe that. I saw there was different kinds of Infidels on the Earth.

April 3, 1840

Friday, I went and preached at Stoke. A very hard Stubborne Spirit made manifest.

April 4, 1840

My wife went to see bro Turley. She was with him on the Saturday and he was very happy and comfortable in spirit.

April 5, 1840

Sunday, April 5th, I went to Stoke and preached in the open air. The people were very hard and stubborn. Took dinner with Sampson Stanaway. Then went to Lane End. Attended the Afternoon Meeting. Broke bread to them. Took tea with bro Thomas Amison. Attended the Evening Meeting. A good Congregation and a good Spirit made manifest.

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April 7, 1840

Tuesday, I went to new Castle in Company with Wm Vernon Preist to obtain Licences for preaching. We went to the Session Meeting and he told us it did not need a Session Meeting to grant one. For any Magistrate could grant a Licence. In the Afternoon, We went through a Silk Factory then went to Tea with bro. John Wood, then came to the preaching at Burslem in the Evening.

April 9, 1840

Thursday, I went in Company with bro William Vernon Preist to Tunstall to Thomas Rose Bailey, one of her Majestys Justice of the Peace for a Licences to preach the Gospell. He said if we would appear before him on the morrow at Fenton he would grant us one a peice. In the Evening, I went to Hanley to preach, the Congregation was verry rough. They laughed and shouted at me a great many times. They blew the Candles out and they pushed bro William Bradbury on the floor. But for all this I baptized on named Jane #####.

April 10, 1840

Friday 10, We appeared before the Magistrate for a Licence. We obtained one and we paid 2/6 for it. We then went to Trentham and we had a view of the Hall which is building by the Duke of Sutherland. We then had a View of the large Monument Erected in lasting memorial of the Late Duke, the Father of the present Duke. It stands on a verry large Hill. From this place we could see a many large Towns such as Stafford, Stone, Lane End, Fenton, Stoke, Newcastle, Wolstanton, Hanley, and Shelton and a many small Villages. I then came in the Evening to Longport to preach. I preached in the Open to a good congregation in the large Square. When the Service was over, they began to laugh and to push us about. There was about 2 or 300 followed us up the Road and they Shouted and threw Several stones after us and some dirt, but there was no harm done. We rejoiced in the Lord our God.

On Thursday Afternoon, about half past four, bro Daniel Bowers sent for me. He was taken Ill of a Inflammation down one side of his body. His Wife had no faith in the Ordinaces of the Gospel. She was not baptized. She went for a Docter. He came. Bro Daniel would not take any Medicne but he Sufferd the Doctor to take three half pints of blood from him. He did not suffer this to be done because he had no faith in the Ordinance of the Gospel but he thought that losing a little blood was a good thing for a Inflammation. But instead of getting better, he got worse and worse. But, however, I went to him and I told him the Lord would grant him a blessing. I administerd to him some Oil and Anointed him in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I laid my hands upon him and Rebuked the Desease in the name of the Lord and in a moment, the Desease was stopt and he was perfectly healed and made whole. He wept for Joy. One of the brethren named Joseph Booth, he exhorted him to stand fast and never to fall back. He called his Wife up Stairs and he asked her to be baptized. He said it was a great Miracle and he should go to Hanley and tell about it on Sunday.

April 12, 1840

On Sunday, April 12th, I went over to Leek in Company with bro Joseph Blaze and William Bradbury. It was a wet Morning. We met bro Benjamin Mycha at Endon to be baptized. I baptzed him and he went back with us to Leek, rejoicing abundantly. We got to Leek. Took Dinner with bro William Jackson. Preached in the Evening and Afternoon to good Congregations. Many received the truth. I Confirmed bro Benjamin. I baptized Rushton, Joseph Hudson, Tather. We rejoiced. As soon as I had baptized them, I was taken with a Voilent pain in my

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Gume. It began to Gather and it pained me verry much. My face began to Swell. We arrived hom about half past one in the Morning. Thursday, bro Woodruff arrived at Hanley from Herefordshire. He had been doing verry well. He had baptized 160 and 200 more were ready in about 6 weeks.

April 13, 1840

Monday Morning, about half past five O clock, in Company with bro Clark, br Woodruff came to our house. He took breakfast with us. They set of for Preston. Five of the twelve and one High Preist had come over from America. They Called a many of the Officers together to hold a Conference at Preston. My face was more painful than ever. I could not go to work at my Employment. My pain grew worse untill about four O clock in the Afternoon my Gathering broke. I could not go to Lane End to preach in the Evening.

April 14, 1840

Tuesday Morning, I was a little better. I went in the Evening and preached in Masseys Square in the Open Air. I was Opposed by George Wood. He Rejected my Testimony. He gave out that he would preach in the same place tomorrow evening at half past Seven.

April 15, 1840

Wednesday Evening, I went to Newcastle and preached. There was verry few there.

April 16, 1840

Thursday Evening, I went to Hanley and preached. There was great disturbance. I told them not to reject my Testimony, but a many cried aloud that they did. I read my License to them and this qwelled them a little. The Chief Constable came and they dismissed quietly.

April 17, 1840

Friday, Two of the Sisters came from Manchester to Burslem, Mary Powel and Betsy Poole. They took Tea with me. We went to Longport to preach. I preached in the Open air to A good Congregation of People.

April 18, 1840

Saturday, April 18th, Bro Woodruff and bro Young two of the twelve, call to see us as the were going to Herefordshire. I went and to baptize a man. He came from Newcastle to Burslem to be baptized. We went to the water. We got ready for baptizm and when we got in the water he was so Nervous he durst not be babtized. So We went home again.

April 19, 1840

On Sunday, Brigham Young and Mary Wyche came to our house and took Breakfast with me. Bro Woodruff called. The laid their hands upon the head of Sister Eliza Parker. We then went over to Hanley and bro Young Preached. In the Afternoon he broke bread to them. He preached in the Evening. I went over to Lane End and Preached. Bro Henry Glover Babtized 2.

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April 20, 1840

Monday, I went over to Lane End with my wife and Mary Powel and Betsy Poole, George Simpson and William Bradbury. We went over to Sarah Ward at Red Bank and baptized #####. We then went to Lane End. I preached to them. I and bro George Simpson, Charles Hawthorn, John Bourne staid at bro Isaac Whittaker all night.

April 21, 1840

At about alf past 4 o clock, we set of for Stafford and bro Thomas Amison with us to see bro Turley. We arrived there about 9 o clock and we staid with him untill about 12 O clock. He was verry well and verry comfortable. He expected to be at liberty in a few days. We came back through Springvale and through Trentham. We called to see Sister Hannah Wagstaff. She was verry well. We then came on to Stoke. We took some refreshment at bro Thomas Anderson. We then came to Burslem. Bro Henry Glover preached.

April 22, 1840

Wednesday, I went to Newcastle and preached for the first time in the Open Air to an attentive congregation.

April 23, 1840

Thursday, bro George Smith, one of the twelve, came to Burslem. We went to Hanley. Bro GA Smith preached. I went this day and appeared befor Thomas Bailey Rose, a Justice of the Peace, for to obtain a Licence for a Preaching Room in Hanley. Bro William Bradbury asked him for one on Tuesday, but he could not obtain one. The Justice said he could not grant me one for he had not got it in is power. He said he did not understand our principles and there were Churches and Chapels enough. He Asked were we latter Day Saints. He did not understand the Term. I said we were a Sect raised up by the Lord in these Last Days. I said it seemed as though the Lord was not well pleased with them, for he had raised us up. I said the principle we taught were the Doctrines of the Bible. He said the Church of England taught the same. When I examined the Bible, I said, I find that the Church of England and all other Sects and parties under heaven had Changed Gods Ordinances. He said he belonged to the Church of England. He had not Eloquence enough to understand our Doctrine. They had Eloquent Learned men that Employed there Whole tim in Searching the Scriptures and he should depend upon them. I then gave him a Timely Warning. He asked what it was. I told him. He gave it to me again and said he did not want it. He asked wether we thought the Almighty himself had given us Authority, wether he himself had spoken to us. I answered. Yes. I can have nothing at all to do with You, he replied. I bid him Good Morning.

April 24, 1840

Friday Evening, I went to Stoke and Preached in the Open air, a Stubborn Congregation. I called the Church together and exhorted them. Laid hands on William Hulme that was Sick.

April 26, 1840

Sunday Morning, I arose and went to Hanley be half past six O clock to baptize a man. But his mind had got disturbed, so he had rather let it be a little while. I went for breakfast at his house In Company with George Simpson and bro John Rowley. We then went down to the Abbey to meet James Lockett and I babtized him. Bro John Rowley and we went on to Leek. Freind TRAFOCK met us on our way. I went and took Dinner with him. I then went and preached in the Afternoon in the Open Air, then went to tea with ###. Came and preached in the Evening in

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the Open Air. Confirmed three and 4 gave in there names to be baptized. I prayed with bro William Jacksons Wife and laid hand on his Child that was Sick. I and bro John Rowley started home. When We got about 4 Miles on our journey, I could hardly walk along the road. With difficulty, I got home about Midnight

April 27, 1840

Monday Morning, April 27, I went to my Employment. In the Evening I went to Lane End to bro Richards who had called upon us as he was going to Herefordshire to bro Woodruff and bro Young. G A Smith and Sister Elizabeth Ravenscroft was with him. I arrived there just in time for preaching. I preached to them. There was a good Conregation. Bro Richards staid here. He had to start for Herefordshire. I and Elizabeth came home together. We was quite tired. When I got home and got into bed, my Ankles pained me the same as if they had been Strained, but in a little time I fell asleep and in the Morning I was better.

April 28, 1840

Tuesday, I had a verry powerfull Impression that I must go and preach at Tunstall in the Evening, So I went and preached and there was a good congregation. Bro Henry Glover preached at Burslem.

April 29, 1840

Wednesday, I went over to Newcastle and preached out of Doors in the Green to a good congregation.

April 30, 1840

Thursday Evening, April 30th, I went to Hanley. G A Smith preached to them, a good congregation.

May 1, 1840

Friday, May 1st, Inn the Evening I went to Stoke. Sister Sarah Anderson was verry ill of a fever. She was waiting for me to come that I might attend to the Ordinance of the Gospel. I administered unto her. I preached out of doors. When I left Stoke, Sister Sarah was a deal better. When I came home, bro Henry Glover was verry Ill. I administred to him also.

May 3, 1840

Sunday, May 3rd, I went to Hanley and preached In the Morning. Took dinner at Mrs Ravenscroft. Attended the Afternoon Meeting and a precious meeting there was. I confirmed one. In the Evenening, I preached to a good congregations. We went to Eliza Keeling and confirmed James Lockett. I then went at baptized ### And then went to Stoke. Sister Anderson had sent for me. She was taken verry Ill. I administered to her in the name of the Lord Jesus and I left her a great deal better. I arrived home about twelve o clock.

May 4, 1840

Monday Afternoon, I went to Lane End. Bro John Bourne went with me. We took Tea at bro Isaac Whittakers. I then went to Red Bank and baptized ##### Shenton. I then came back to Lane End and preached to a good congregation. There was a many watching for Iniquity. The were trying to make a man Offender for a word, but the Lord put it out of their power. Reptin, the blind preacher, was there. When I had done, he said, My Christian freinds I acknowledge that these are the Last Days and in the last days false prophets and false Teachers should come

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And I was a false prophet and what they had heard was false teaching, and what I had said was false, and next Wednesday but one, he would preach and expose my error. I confirmed one. Laid hands on two that was Sick. One was healed in a moment. For this I rejoiced.

May 5, 1840

Tuesday Evening, I went to Tunstall and preached In the Open Air to a good congregation.

May 6, 1840

Wednesday Evening, May 6, I went to Newcastle and preached in the Open Air. Bro Smith bore his Testimony. We called the Church together and bro Wm Smith and Jno Wood were Ordained. Smith to the Preisthood of Aron and a bro Wood, a Teacher.

May 7, 1840

Thursday Evening, I went to Hanley and bro Smith preached.

May 9, 1840

Saturday, May 9, bro Turley was released from prison. He met with I, bro Smith and seven more Officers in Council at bro George Simpsons. I arose and proposed bro Smith to take the Chair. I was proposed Secretary, both Unanimously. After bro Smith Opening the Meeting with prayer to our Father for his Spirit to be upon us to direct us, after prayer, bro Smith addressed us on the nature of Preisthood, verry simply and plainly. He proposed bro George Simpson be Ordained to the Office of an Elder. It was seconded and Unanimously carried. It was moved and seconded that H Glover be Ordained and Elder, also Unanimously carried. It was moved and seconded that bro Willaim Bradbury and bro Edward Parker be Ordained Teachers, Unaimously carried. It was moved and seconded that bro Daniel Bowers be Ordained Deacon, Unanimously carried. The Meeting was Adjourned untill the sixth of May. Bro Turley returned thanks.

May 10, 1840

Sunday, 10th, I went to Leek in Company with bro William Vernon. It was a verry wet day. We took dinner with bro Mycock. We broke bread in the Afternon and I Confirmed four. We went for Tea with bro Tattler. I preached to them in the Evening. A good Spirit made manifest. We untill about Midnight and then I baptized bro Mycock Wife. We arrived home about half past two O clock. This day bro Turley was at Hanley. He was loosed from prison. This week was a week of rest to me.

May 12, 1840

On the Tuesday Evening, I went to Penkall and addressed the Meeting on the Subject of Temperance. Bro Smith addressed the Meeting, we were highly received.

May 17, 1840

Sunday, 17th, I went down to Stoke and preached in the Morning. Took dinner at bro John Rowley. My wife was with me. We then went to Lane End. Sister Elizabeth Ravenscroft was with us. I hesitated about going. I felt as though I must go to Hanley. My Wife said she thought that when I got to Lane End I should find bro Smith wanted me. I said that when I got there I should find that I had to come back. I had not been there long before three of the brethren came for me to got to Hanley. I went and preached. Confirmed six and baptized William Williams. As I was coming home, I called to see Sarah Turner and Elenor Johnson. The were ill of the Small pox. They was in possession of no faith.

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May 19, 1840

Tuesday Evening, I went to Tunstall and preached in the Open Air to a good congregation. There was great Attention. The Spirit of the Lord was upon me. Several received the truth. I called to see bro Walkers wife. She had been delivered of a Daughter. I prayed with her.

May 20, 1840

Wednesday, 20th of May, I went over to Newcastle and preached at bro Woods. Laid hand on one that was Sick.

May 21, 1840

Thursday, bro Young came to burslem from Herefordshire. The work had began about three months and nearly four hundred had been baptized and upwards of twenty Ordained Officers. He went to Hanley in Company with bro Smith. Bro Turley was there. He and bro Smith preached. We then came to Burslem to Sister Johnson. Laid hand bro Bowers Child and on Eliza Parker.

May 22, 1840

Friday, I went over to Newcastle and preached at bro Woods. Laid hand on one that was Sick.

May 23, 1840

Saturday, I went to Longport and preached in the Open Air to A good congregation. After preaching I went and baptized Sarah Johnson in the Keepoff. When I came back, bro Smith asked me to go to Leek on Saturday. He was going in Company with Sister Ravenscroft and Sister Johnson. My Wife wanted to go with them. I promised her she should go if I went. The set of about three O clock in the Afternoon. My Wife and I set of about seven o Clock at night. We arrive there about O Clock. We met with bro Smith. He was glad to see us. We took some Supper and went to bed at bro Tattons, but there was no rest for us there. It was an Old Thatch hous and there was swarms of Fleas. Every thing was verry clean about us, but the fleas attacked us and a dreadful persecution took place. I slept but about two hours. Bro Smith was tired, so they did not punish him so much. My wife never slept a minute. The affray ended with about ten or a dozen fleas being Slain.

May 24, 1840

We arose in the Morning, took breakfast with bro Tatton then went to the Meeting. Broke bread in Company with Elder Smith. Confirmed Seven. Took Dinner with Sister Wardle. Went to Meeting in the Afternoon and Preached to them. Took Tea with bro and Sister Rushton. Went to Meeting, Elder Smith Preached to them. It began to rain verry heavey and we set of home in the wet about nine O Clock. We got home about half past twelve.

May 26, 1840

Tuesday, 26, evening I went to Tunstall and preached in the Open Air. I was Oposed by John Hough.

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May 28, 1840

Thursday, I went to Hanley and bro Simpson preached to them. I bore my Testimony to them.

May 29, 1840

Friday, 29, I went to Stoke and preached to them. Laid hand on three that was Sick.

May 30, 1840

On Saturday, 30th, Afternoon, I started for Cheadle. I had an Impression on my mind for some time to carry the Everlasting Gospel to this place. I called at Stoke. Sister Alice Hulme went with me. We went through Trentham. Called to see my Beloved Sister Hannah Wagstaff. She was verry well and happy. The rejoiced to see us. We left her and proceeded to Lane End. We called at bro Whittaker. I went to see bro Jonothan Lockett, he was verry Ill. I administerd unto him in the name of the Lord and in a little time he was easier. He got up and sat by the Fire. I slept at bro Whittakers.

May 31, 1840

We arose in the Morning to breakfast. Called to see bro Lockett. He was verry Ill. We prayed with him. He rejoiced that ere long he should come again and reign upon the Earth. I then went to Cheadle. There was a many people waiting for us at the Cross. We then went to the Markett place. I Preached to them. Their was a good Spirit made manifest. When I had done preaching, an Old Gentleman named Lees and offered us half Crown to get some refreshment. I told him I did not preach for Money. He asked us to go and get some refreshment with him. We went. They treated us verry kindly. He went with us to meeting in the Afternoon. I preached to them, a many received the word. We came to Lane End. Elder Simpson was preaching. I bore Testimony to the truth of the work. We then went to see bro Lockett. He was dying. He could not speak to us. We prayed with him. He went easier and in a few minu his Spirits went to his native place. It was a Solemn season.

June 2, 1840

Tuesday, I went over to Tunstall. Preached to the. Was Opposed by John Boon. He read a pamphlet that had been wrote against us. There was a little disturbance.

June 3, 1840

Wednesday, I went to Newcastle and Preached to them. The Lord helped me abundantly.

June 4, 1840

Thursday, I went to Hanley and preached to them. A good time.

June 6, 1840

Saturday, I attended a Councill Meeting at Elder Simpson. I was Chairman, Preist Needham Secretary. After I had been at the Meeting, Wm Bradbury came for me to go and baptize Elizabeth Brooks & Ann Baily.

My heart rejoiced and I praised the Lord
Because of his Goodness in fullfilling his Word.

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Church at Leek

Moved and carried that Elder Alfred Cordon be the Presiding Elder over the Districts Comprising this Conference Also Osmond Shaw be the Standing Clerk for the same Moved and Carried that Elder Alfred be a Delegate to represent this Conference to the general Conference at Manchester on the 6th day of July next Moved and Carried that the Delegate present the Minutes of this Conference before the General Conference These Minutes were then read and accepted by the Conference Moved and Carried that this Conference Adjourn to the 28th of September Conference closed by prayer by the President (President = George A Smith Clerk = Alfred Cordon)

After the Meeting was closed I and my Wife went to bro Samuel Hancock for Dinner in Company with bro and Sister Rushtons Needham and Several others and a verry good Dinner we had and we Enjoyed our selves verry much.

The Officers met together again at Five O clock in the Evening bro Smith Wooruff Turley Exhorted us to stand fast in the Lord and in the power of his might. Preaching commenced at Seven o Clock in the Evening a good Spirit Elder Woodruff Preached.

June 30, 1840

Tuesday Evening I went to Tunstall with bro and Sister Rushton We took Tea at bro S Walker. I went to Clay Hill and preached the Spirit of the Lord rested upon me and the truth was made verry plain and we rejoiced.

July 1, 1840

Wednesday 1st of July bro and Sister Rushton returned home to Leek in the Afternoon We accompanied them about three miles and a half They are loving creatures Indeed In the Evening Sister Ann Bailey came to me and asked me to write her a letter to a young Man she was about being Married too She was willing to give him up if he would no obey the Gospel and serve the Lord faithfully I rejoiced to See this Spirit made manifest

Thursday Evening July 2nd 1840

I staid at home Conversing about the things of the Kingdom of God. Sister Mary Mellor washed my feet.

Friday 3rd of July 1840

Sister Ann Simpson sent for me she was taken verry Ill with a violent Inflammation In Company with Elder Simpson I anointed her rebuked the Disease and in a moment she was perfectly healed We rejoiced together abundantly.

Saturday 4th

I arose and Started for Manchester at a Quarter to Five O Clock in the Morn walked to Cheadle a distance of 30 miles then took the Omnibus and came to Manchester went in Search of bro Clayton was not at home went to bro Pauls he was the first man that Opened his house for the Saints in Manchester his Sister was verry sick Laid my hand upon her in the name of Jesus Christ and she was restored Imediately I then went to PP Pratt office and there I found the brethern in good health

Sunday 5th July 1840

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We assembled together in the Carpenter Hall for Worship it is a verry large place Elder W Woodruff preached to them In the Afternoon we met with the Saints in breaking of Bread there was a great number present Elders Feilding Clark and R Hadlock addressed the Meeting In the Evening we assemble together again Elders Woodruff and Pratt desire me to preach to them I preached to them the principals of the Gospel There was a good Number present After meeting I went to Maria Street heard many Sister Speaking and Singing in Tounges for the Lord had poured this Gift out upon his People.

Monday 6th

We met in Conference in the Carpenters Hall Manchester at Ten 0 Clock forenoon Meeting was opened by PP Pratt he was chosen President William Clayton Clerk Elder Taylor Preached in the Evening We went and Slept at bro Walker In the morning We went to Meeting Elder Pratt President Elder Clayton Clerk—I set of [sic] home about ½ past 3 Arrived home at 20 Mintes past 9 0 Clock

Wednesday 8th July 1840

I arose and was verry poorley and fatuiged with my Journey I sat Down and Composed the following Verses II Meter

The Glorious Gospels rolling forth
Among the nations of the Earth
To make the Sons of men rejoice
And Glory in a Saviour voice

2nd

Rejoice. Rejoice. the time has come
When wars must ceas and all be gone
For soon the Lord shall be supreme
And Jesus shall for ever reign

3rd

We soon shall have one fold one home
For all the sons of God shall come
To dwell in Zion with their God
Be one in heart and one in love

4th

The Gospel power is now received
By all the Saints who will believe
The Gift have come upon their heads
And by Gods Spirit they are led

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5

To speak with Toungs and prophecy
To know the minds of the God most high
To know by vision of a Dearth
Which soon will come upon the earth

6th

Therefore ye Sons of Men take heed
To what the Lord our god decreed
That all of those men who do reject
this work must down to hell be sent

S M 1st

That Blessed Blessed time
Will speedily arrive
When Jessus [sic] shall in glory shine
And all the Saints shall live

2nd

To dwell with him on earth
And in his presence stand
And praise his name in songs
On Zions happy land

3rd

There we shall all rejoice
And Magnify His name
And unite to hear our Saviours voice
When he shall peace proclaim

4th

When Satan shall be bound
A Thousand Years in Hell
By the Archangels mighty power
No more on Earth to dwell

5th

Until the Lord our God
As reigned in Mighty power
And all the Saints are Glorified
And have their hearts Desire

6th

Therefore rejoice and Sing
Salvation to our God
For he's the Sheppard [sic] and the King
Which cometh from above
Thursday July 9th 1840

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Thursday I went to Hanley and preached in the Evening a good Spirit made manifest

July 10th 1840

Friday Evening I went to Stoke and preached to them the Lord was with us abundantly.

July 12th

Sunday I and my Wife went to Lane End I preached twice broke bread in the Afternoon, Maria Rowley cut of from the Church

July 12th

Monday Evening I attended a Meeting at bro Bradbury we had a precious Season A refreshing time

July 14th

Tuesday I went to Tunstall and preached a good prospect—— At the Generall [sic] Conference held at Manchester There was represented 85 Churches 2513 Members 59 Elders 122 Priests 61 Teachers 13 Deacons There was 7 of the High Travelling [sic] Council 5 High Priesthood 19 Elders 15 Priests 11 Teachers 3 Deacons Elder Young arose and Spoke of their being some Officers Ordained the Spirit of the Lord came upon me and reveled to me that I must be Ordained to the High Priesthood Imediately [sic] it was Moved and Seconded and Carried that S Kington and myself and Thomas Smith be Ordained to the High Priesthood That John Albiston also John Blezzard and William Berry also John Parkinson and James Worsley Also that Joseph Slinger and George Walker. John Smith. Robert Williams. William Black. John Melling and John Swindlehurst be ordained Priest That John Saunders and John Altan be Ordained Elders The above were then under the hands of Elder Young and Richards [Richardson?]

Thursday July 9th 1840

after I had been Preaching at Hanley bro Wm Barratt came to our house and told me that he expected he was going to South Australlia he was about 17 Years of Age he had a Mother and a Step Father he was to have started on the Saturday The Spirit made it manifest to me that if he went he must be Ordained to the Office of an Elder On Friday Morning while Elder Smith was at Manchester he was impressed upon to come to Burslem he had a Coat part made at the Tailor and he went and fetchd it from him just as it was And he arrived at Burslem at nine 0 Clock in the Evening When he had been here about Twenty Minutes he had it Manifested to him that he had come for the verry purpose of Ordaining William Barratt an Elder We held a Council Meeting on Saturday Evening at Hanley Bro Barratt was present he was Ordained an Elder and Blessed under the hands of G A Smith and myself I gave a Number of Address and a few Timely Warnings and two Numbers of the Starr Friday I received a letter from bro Barrett Dated Detpford (?) July 15'40 Dear brother in Christ I write these few lines to inform you of my arrival this Morning After A tedious Journey with much profaneness and Swearing as I never heard in my life before. I often went about the boat for the purpose of reading during which my bible fell into the Canal but I got it out again. I have felt the Importance Of my Office but I have felt the power also I have said nothing on board respecting the Gospel because of their Mockery I have felt the loss of the Saints to be my greatest trial Yet But I think this to be verry proffitable unto me that I may be the more Zealous in good works brethern I feel just as the Apostles were as a Lamb among Wolves going in a land of Strangers to preach the Gospel I desire greatly to see you all for the sake of the Gospel I Therefore desire Your prayers in my Behalf I have wittnessed much of the Spirit of Revelation since Sunday in fact I only thought it a mere thought when the

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Elders testified with other they were called by Revelation But now I know the truth of the Assertion which proves to me who ought to preach and and [sic] that none ought to preach without They are called by Revalation [sic] Dear brother Give my love to all the Saints and tell them that as many as are faithful I will meet them at Zion bringing my Sheaves with me. If they are willing to do these things tell them my faith is fixed and my resolution strong to meet you all their whom I love in the Lord Tell bro Smith I have found that Courage is verry Serviceable already now brethern and Sisters again I say pray for me that a door of utterance may be given unto me in a Foreign land to preach the Gospel Now brethern rejoice with me for his blessing he has bestowed upon us whom are come the End of all things even the Coming of the Lord to his Saints Brethern Sorrow not for me as those that have no hope. but we have an hope of Living and Eating and drinking together in. the Kingdom of our God. I have not much to say now Only excort [sic] thee to be Steadfast and pray for me that I may be humble for I feel at this Moment as Clay in the hands of the Potter that I may be Moulded and Fashioned as he will for I feel that my will is lost in the will of the Lord Now may the very God of peace Keep your whole Soul blameless untill the Coming of the Lord Brethern I rejoice with you as though present with you Grace to the brethern with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ Grace be with all them that bore our Lord Jesus Christ in Sincerity Amen. To A Cordon, W J Barratt

On the 12 of July 1840 I went to Lane End preached twice and broke bread Marice Rowley was Cut of [sic] from the Church A poor barren time verry few people attended

Sunday 19th July 1840

I was at Hanley preached twice brok [sic] bread in the Afternoon. Maria Stanaway (sp?) was cut of from the Church.

Sunday 26th July 1849

I was at Badduly Edge in the Morning preached Confirmed 2 Ordained Hugh Booth to the Office of a Priest In the Afternoon I was at Hanley brother Charles Hawthorne George Edge Joseph White were Ordained Priests James Johnson Ordained a Teacher bro Feilding preached in the Evening

Tuesday Evening 28th July 1840

I went to Tunstall and preached

Thursday Evening 30 July 1840

Preached Friday I baptized

Saturday Afternoon August 1st 1840

I set of for Leek in Company with my Wife and her Sister Eliza I preached three times on the

Sunday Aug 2, 1840

[sic] and broke bread to them and Confirmed three arrived home on the Monday about half past two O Clock

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Tuesday Evening Aug 4

I went to Tunstall and preached bro Heber C Kemble [sic] came from Manchester

Wednesday Aug 5

I and my Wife with a Company of Saints to Trenthorn (sp?) there was about sixty Saints assembled at one time. We had a verry good Elder Kemble Treated us he preached to us and we rejoiced We Assembled together again and I preached to them we saw Sister Hannah Wagstaff She rejoiced together bro Kemble said we should talk about this in America. He said he would come to my house in America and I should make a feast for them. As we Journed home we staid at Stoke their was about thirty Saints present. brother Kemble Conversed with us about the things of the Kingdom he was talking about the Faith that the Saints whould [sic] be in possession of that the [sic] would raise the Dead remove Mountains pluck up Trees and have power to ??aft themselves from Sea to Sea and he said I should have that power. He asked me wether [sic] I should like him to prophesy Upon my head I said I should, he said he could tell me things that whould [sic] make my hair stand upright on my head After Singing and prayer we broke up and returned home It was one of the pleasentest [sic] Days that Ever I enjoyed in my life When I looked upon the Saints and beheld the love and power and Joy that manifested and shewed to God and to one another Thursday Evening I went to Hanley bro Kemble and I preached to them In the Afternoon I took bro Kemble through our Pot work he adviced me to leave potting business and to go and make earthen Vessels for God The Spirit bore the same testimony to me so I went and Closed at my work left all to followed [sic] Christ

Friday Evening Aug 7th 1840

We held a Council Meeting at Burslem a Charge brought against bro Bernon for being led by a false Spirit and for abusing the people After a little debate he Acknowledged himself in a fault and the brethren was satisfied

Saturday Morning Aug 8th 1840

I started my first Mission with bro Kimball to Westbromwich [sic] I left them in a verry Sorrowful state as though I was going to the Utmost bounds of the Earth. It caused me to rejoice to see the love and affection that there was among the brethren and Sisters My Wife manifested a Noble and a Celestial Spirit She [sic] seemed to say go forth in the name of God and gather his Children. We arrived at Greets Green about 2 miles from Westbromwich at twenty Minutes after three My heart rejoice to see so many towns and Villages so Close to each Other. I felt moved with compassion for the people and I rejoiced that I had come that the poor amongst men might rejoice in the Holy One of Israel and have joy in the Gospel of the Saviour. We staid at bro John Robinson He and his Wife and brethren and Sisters received us joyfully. We found here bro Needham his heart rejoiced abundantly to see us I and bro Needham staid here On Sunday 9th we arose took Breakfast attended to the breaking of bread Thoms Taylor was Ordained a Preist and George Wood a Teacher In the Afternoon I and brother Kimball preached at bro Painters In the Evening I preached at Westbroomwhich very few attended I Slept this night with bro Kimball at bro Mathews We were verry comfortable.

Monday Morning 10th Aug. 1840

We took breakfast and started for Birmingham In a Spring Cart We had a pleasant Journey Saw Sister Sharlott Turley she took Elder Kimball bro Needham and myself through the Town Hall It was a verry beautifull Building We took Tea with her before Tea Elder Kimball laid hands on me bro Needham and Sister Sharlott Turley he blessed me with A many great blessings That I

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Should become a Mighty man and Enjoy much of the power of God That I should Preach the Gospel from nation to nation and from land to land. That I should have great Wisdom. That My Tounge should be unloosed and that no man should be able to Confound me but I should See every man brought to nought that lifted up his hand against me. That I should go to the land of Zion and take my Wife with me That I should be in the house of the Lord. That my feet should be Washed by the Servants of God and I should be Anointed with an Holy Anointing And I should have a posterity upon the Earth that should arise and call me blessed That I should have the spirit of Prophecy and I should predict a many thing which should come to pass That I should have the Gift of Tounques and Interpretation of Tongues That I should heal the Sick cast out Devils that the blind should See that the Lame should Wak and that the time would come when they should bring the Dead unto me And I should cry in the name of Jesus (Come Forth) and they should come forth and rejoice and stand upon their feet before me be Sealed up unto Eternal Life. Amen We then returned home we had a pleasant time. I sat Down and wrote a letter to my Wife After Dinner I and bro Needham went to Wednesday to see if we could Open a Door for preaching but we failed In the Attempt We then went unto Darleston (sp?) We called at two Houses and the person at the Second House Opened his Door his name was John Forman We gave out an appointment for Friday Evening 2 from Mr Darleston (sp?) We then went to Bilston to bro Walker Fathers he had Opened his Door for preaching We found his Grandfather Dying he was a verry old man upwards of ninety one Years of Age he was in great Agony We Kneeled down an asked the Lord to take his Spirit from the Body in about two hours after he did so and we rejoiced I preached out of Doors there was but few to hear We then returned home to see the fires burning in all Directions from the Various Furnaces and Coal Pits I realy looked Aful [sic] I put me in mind of the rejon of Darkness as I have heard it described by the Sectarian Preists

Wednesday 12th Aug 1840

I and brother Needham went to call at some of the Ministers We called at Jeremiah Richards declared unto him that the Lord has Spoken from the Heavens and had restored the Ancient order of things he said he did not believe that I asked him to read the Testimony of the Eleven Witnesses he said he would not for it was mans work he was a Baptist I asked him about Baptism He said it was not essential to Salvation people could do either with or without it His Wife said that just such Characters was to come for the Bible declared that False prophets was to come and deceive many We exhorted them to repent and be baptized for the remission of their sins And left them We called at Mr Munsden left a Timely Warning promised to see him in a few days Also at Mr Julme and Mr Franks left them Timely Warning promised to call upon them in a few days. In the Evening I preached at Greets Green the Saints rejoiced abundantly. I just remember a Circumstance which happened about 6 Years ago I had two Companions Thomas Bolton and Thomas Howson we agreed to go one night into the woods to catch a hare It was Situated upon the Sea Shore about half mile from my Fathers House At about twelve O Clock We heard something coming towards us We looked and we saw a woman verry Tall Dressed in Black She came and stood before us and looked at us awhile and then walked into a log house and one of the Dogs which we had Screamed out and has been blind ever since We say [sic] her no more This rather alarmed us how it could be a Woman I do not Know for it was a Quarter of a Mile of any road or house We concluded It was the Devil

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Thursday Aug 13, 1840

We started for Dudley but we had not gone far before Joseph Wood rode after us to Inform us that Elder Turley had come to Greets Green and he wanted to see us we came back and had a joyful time together he laid his hands upon me and blessed me he was going to America with a Company of Saints, he set off about three O' Clock In the Evening we went to Oldbury about a Mile from Greets Green about two hundred and fifty Persons Assembled together I preached to them a good Spirit manifested itself amongst them A many believed my Testimony and rejoiced they brought [sic] Asked us to Walk into a house and the [sic] Set meat before us This raised up our Spirits abundantly. We called at W Franks and W Hulme They were not at home We saw their wives [sic] Mrs Hulme said her Husband did not Intend to have any thing to do with us. If we would let him Enjoy his religion he would let us Enjoy ours. If we would shew [sic] Signs and wonders he would believe us I told them it was a Wicked and an Adulteress [sic] Generation that sought after after [sic] Signs but their should be no Sign given to them but the Sign of Jonas the prophet. In the Afternoon [sic] we went to see if we could open a door in Walsall (sp?) It is a verry large place about six Miles from Greets Green and it is a beautiful place I was quite delighted with the journey It is situated about two Miles from the Grand Junction Railway the principal business they follow is Buckle Making. Curl Makers Nail Makers There is a deal of excellent Building two Churches Roman Catholic Chapel many other Chapels a Blue coat Hospitall [sic] We asked the Lord to direct us to the house of an honest hearted man or woman We stopt [sic] opposite Several humble dwelling [sic] I went to one and Bro Needham to another I succeeded A woman proffered her house in a moment we gave out an appoint [sic] for Wednesday next. We then proceeded to Darbeston there was 16 or 18 present Some Opposed One man exhorted me to repent and be Converted for I was in a awful state I thanked him and we returned home we was fatuiged [sic] and hungry we had taken no food for about ten hours and we had walked about fourteen Mile [sic]

Saturday 15th Aug 1840

We Started for Dudley which is about three Miles from Greets Green we went to see if we could open a Door for preaching we looked around the Old Castle It Stand [sic] upon a verry High Hill. It now lieth in ruins It was destroyed by Oliver Croomwell A Good part of the Walls are Standing So that we were able to discover the Shape and Size of the Castle Hall and Tower It had a fearful aspect as we walked through the Dungeon Vaults and Cels [sic] the Walls were in some places two yards thick We Ascended up the towers from which we had a pleaset [sic] prospect of the Town of Dudley It is a verry large place there are four Churches a Romish (sp?) Chapel and a many other Chapels of various Denomination We could also behold Netherton. Tipton. Westbroonwich. Wednesbury. Wallsal Darleston, Wolverhampton. Bibston Oldbyry twelve Churches besides a great Number of Villages We went to a retire [sic] Spot Kneeled down and prayed and came home and rejoiced In the Evening We went to See a Child the Mother had sent for us on the Friday She was not baptized from the time we prayed with it [sic] It began to get better The Father was a wicked man he seemed more humble.

Sunday Aug 16 1840

We arose bro Needham went to Dudley and gave out an appointment for Me on the Monday Evening I preached at Greets Green at Listen Parkensons I took dinner with bro Mathaws I went to Meeting with bro Painter and broke bread to them We had a time of rejoicing together Sis Taylors Mother and Sister was present they came from Herfordshire their name was Smith their Sister was name Caroline Smith She was verry poorly I laid hand on her and She received a blessing She was a Lady Maid She was going to Ipswich to the Family She gave me directions

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where I or any of the Elders would find her Caroline Smith at the Honourable L Burrebl Stoke Park Ipswich Suffol. I laid hands and blessed five Children In the Evening I preached to them One came forward for baptism I gave Sister Caroline Smith a Blessing We then attended to baptism I Confirmed him And we returned to rest It was a good day to me. Monday morning We called again to See Mr Jones Child went to Sister Taylors to see her Sister of for London but She was too late for their train So she put of [sic] going untill [sic] the Morrow. In the Evening We went over to Dudley according to appointment bro Walker went with us we had a verry wet journey but the Lord granted us a pleasant Season for preaching out of Doors There was a verry good congregation [sic] A good Spirit made manifest I gave out another appointment on Sunday at half pas [sic] two We returned home it was verry wet. Tuesday Morning I had a little Conversation with a Calvinist. he believed it was possible to turn A Goat into a Sheep but not a Sheep into a Goat That is A Child of the Devil into a Child of God but not a Child of God into a Child of the Devil We then went to see Mr Jones Child It was perfectly whole In the Evening I went to Bilston The town was quite disturbed by Mountebands I did not preach went to Derlestone to bro Needham he was preaching I bore my testimony John Formon was verry kind he Invited us to have something to eat. We then returned home

Wednesday Aug 19 1840

I Set of [sic] for Walsall I gave out an hymn Sung two verses myself kneeled down and prayed when I had done there was about fifty persons present I then began to preach to them before I had done there was bout one hundred There was a good Spirit manifested Thank the Lord for ever.

In the Land of Westbroomwich I am doomd
for to Wander A Stranger a Pilgrim far far from my home
To warn all mankind to flee from the Danger
Which Speedily cometh to seal up there [sic] Doom
My brethren are scarce and my Sisters are few
And as for my wife I have bade here Adieu
I once could behold her and Sit by her Side
And with her in Council could always confide

Methodism

When I look into this religious system I consider it one of the basest delusions. In the first place they worship an Idol. That is a God without Body parts or passions. A Queer looking Animal. 2nd by an imposition on the Public for they go forth saying the Lord hath sent us but he sent them not again they obtain Money in his name but has it is to build their own by synagoges and to make themselves rich Again they promise people liberty while they themselves are the Servants of Corruptions And she has sprung from bad familey [sic] for her Mother was and [sic] Harlot and her Grandmother was Whore [sic] and she ?ls as followed their Examples gone and committed fornication with the world and had produced among Daughters and they are equally as bad as herself.

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When the Sound of the Gospel first entered my ear
My heart did rejoice for the truth was made clear

By the power of the Spirit I was enabled to see
That Jessus [sic] had purchased Salvation for me

So in spite of all things I was resolved to obey
The words of my Saivour [sic] without more delay

As soon as the Preists [sic] of the Aitkanite crewe [sic]
Saw their craft was in danger they knew not what to do

So they came and declared I was deluded and wrong
For their Money was scare [sic] and their number not strong

So the Straightway [sic] began for to preach and to talk
Crying out to their Members It's the Devils own work

Their doctrine from Hell Is a Damnable evil
Instead of Latter Day Saints they are Latter Day Devils

Their Doctrine is false It is all a Delusion
They are only come forth for to raise up confusion

Now brethren and Sisters let us rejoice and not fear
We shall suffer Persecution for our Jesus so Dear

They May scoff at you and I or call us all Liars
But still we shall stand when the world is on fire

The more men oppose the work of God the faster it will spread

Thursday 20th Aug 1840

In the evening We went to Oldberry There was a good Congregation Assembled together I delivered a prophecy upo [sic] the head of a Young Man that he would be baptized and preach the Gospel he received us joyfully [sic] I preached to them A many rejoiced in the Truth. And the Spirit of the Lord rested upon me and Enabled me to Speak plain [sic] to them I was in great trouble all day because I had been here almost a fortnight and only one baptized I told my Father all about and I was eased a little O Father Says I let me do thy will. Friday Went to Sister Taylor and Sat with her awhile her Mother was present, Taylor told us a Vission [sic] which she had on the 20th day of June last about 10 or 11 O Clock at night After I had been baptized a while I was in great [sic] In my mind and Lonely harrassed [sic] by the Enemy of all righteousness When on the night mentioned As she lay in bed Says She I was awake and I heard a Voice Say three times Arise and be baptized again I then arose and Sat up upon the bed. And I Saw a Personage stand before me dressed all in white he came and stood close to me and Said Arise for thou must be baptized again. He the [sic] Walked away and I saw him no more. She Was and Is a Faithful Sister I exhorted to leave the principals [sic] of the Doctrines of Christ and not to Lay (sp?)

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them again According to Paul Hebrews 6 Chapter and 1 3 Verses. Her Mother Also Told us a verry remarkable Vision which She said in the Month of February 1837 Whilst She was a Member of the United Brethren She was Carried away by the Spirit Says she I found myself in Soho Square London. I met one of my neighbours named William Colocot and his two Sons. I asked him when he was going home. He said not until the next Morning He asked me Stop until he went and go with him I told him I did mind Stopping for I had some buisness [sic] to do before I went back One of his sons and I Walked into a feild [sic]. he asked me what I was going to do. I said I was going to pray and talk with all The people I met with. So He turned back and would not go any Farther. I went on. I came unto A most Beautiful. and Splendid Chapel. The Door and Windows was Open. I looked but I saw no one. The pulpit and Tops of the Pews and the Windows was trimmed with Crimson There was Gold Around the Top of the Ceiling and around the Edge of the Pulpit and the Edge of the Pews I went on a little furthar [sic] and I came unto another Beautiful Building finished just same as the Other throughout A little furthar [sic] was A verry [sic] High Hill And on the Top of the Hill Stood An Elagant [sic] Building like A Church which was exceeding white There was a narrow path up the hill white as Snow and the Sun Shone upon it most Brilliantly which made it most difficult to look upon. On each side of the hill was a many Trees and Shrubs of A delightful Green Amongst the Trees And Shrubs was A many white buildings but for what purpose I know not. along the Valley ran a Delightful Stream of Water which had a many windings and turning I wanted to go up the Hill but I could not. While I was musing about these things what the [sic] should mean. A Young Woman came to me and told me that all that wanted to go up the Hill must go down into the Garden. And There it should be told them what they should do The Garden was Opposite the Chapel I saw last On each side of the Garden gate there was Olive Trees and Laurel The Young woman led me into the Garden. In the Middle was a Plantation of Olive and Laurel On the left side of the path we went down was a Dark deep Pit. I could not tell what It was There was a deal of Smoke arising out of it. About two hundred yards from this I saw five men Standing in a Circle each with a Bible open in their hands My Conductor told me that those men would tell me what I must do I asked who they were. She told me they were sent there by the Lord Jesus Christ. to put every one in the way that they might Ascend up the Hill without they put them in the way. I then turned to them and they told me that I must pray and believe in the lord Jesus Christ and I should be saved. We sang a hymn the first line was The Spirit of God like a fire is burning We then went to prayer. And I never had such a pleasant time in my Life I never was so happy before other things transpired but I forgot them I then Awoke Since that time I have often thought of these things for I have often thought I should see some of it fulfilled. In the Begining [sic] of March 1840 A man named Wilford Woodruff a Latter Day Saint so called came to Herfordshire to John Benbours (sp?) he he [sic] called at my house as he was going to Meeting. And I knew him. He was one of the Five men I saw in my dream. So I went and was baptized. About a week after he was preaching at Gadford After preaching he sang. The Spirit of God like a fire is burning. When I had this Dream This hymn was not know In England. In A little while two other Latter Day Saints came to our neighbourhood [sic] named Willard Richards and Brigham Young They were Elders in the said Church As soon as I saw them I knew them Also Thus I have seen three out of the five I expect to see the other two verry [sic] soon Sarah Taylor. In the evening I preached at Greets Green In the Open air A hard Spirit. Saturday Evening I met in Council with the Officers George Wood was Ordained A priest. William Walker A Teacher. Sunday Morning I went to Oldbury and Preached There was a good Congregation and A good Spirit among them. In the Afternoon I went to Dudley and Preached to them. A verry hard Spirit manifested among the People. In the Evening I preached at Greets Green. A precious Meeting. We went to se Sister Taylor took Dinner with them. In the Afternoon called to see the Rev J Marsland a

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Methodist priest in Wesbroomwich. His Salary is about 5 [lbs] per Week. We told him that we had come to bear Testimony to the truth of the work in these last days. He asked for our Credentials or what Credentials we had. I told him the same that Noah had and Jonah And that was that the Lord had Spoken from the Heavens, and restored the ancient Order of things and sent the Everlasting Gospel by the hand of an Angel He said that we had better go home and read and pray over our Bible and not Trouble ourselves with Unfulfilled prophecy. I told him we had come to declare that the 11th Chapter 6 Verse of Revelation was fulfilled for that was our Testimony, He said that that was Fulfilled a long time since. And it did not mean an Angel from Heaven, but it Signified a Missionary and they was preaching it to every Creature I said that John said it was an Angel and he should Fly. And He said we should not Meddle with Secret things for they belonged unto the Lord. but things revealed belong unto [sic] us and our Children. I said this was a thing revealed and therefore they belonged unto us. He said verry Scornfully We must tarry at Jericho until our beards was grown. I told him he must repent and be baptized. He said that he had read the Bible thirty years and knew what he had to do I told him he must Repent and he baptized for the Remission of Sins and he should receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost Says he I have read my Bible in the Original thirty years and do you think I do not know what to do I said the Lord had sent us forth to teach him and All the men of this Generation the plan of Salvation he had Chosen them from the Plough and Anvil and Potts and various other Occupations to preach they Gospel without Purse or Scrip as anciently He said he would not believe it and he had got the Holy Ghost. I said then you can prophecy. He said he could not I said the Holy Spirit was to show us things to come and he had not got that Spirit. He said he did not want such a Spirit. He said Miracles was to cease because a Miracle was something Wonderful or Uncommon. for if they had continued to have that power untill the present time they would have been so common and therefore could we not have Miracles I asked him not to Reject our Testimony He said he should for he had no fear about doing that. So we left him And We Washed our feet as a Testimony against him. I then went to Birmingham called at Sister Turleys she took me to Mr Rileys in Park Street I found him to be a lover of truth he treated me verry kindly I stayed with him all night. I arrived at Greets Green about Noon found Elders Wilding and Glover. Wilding was on is [sic] way for Garrway and Glover for Bristoll In the Evening Elders Glover went with me to Darleston and we found the Town all in a Uproar we did not preach to them. Wednesday Morning 26th August 1840. They set of for to fill their Different Apointments [sic] bro Needham went with them to Birmingham About noon bro Steele arived [sic] here from the Potteries he brought me a letter and a Shirt from my Wife As soon as I saw him I had an Impression to Ordain him a priest he had had no Employment for nine months he is a Saint Indeed I carried him before the Lord by faith in my prayers When bro Needham came I consulted with him respecting it I then Ordained him to the Office of A priest He accompanied us to Wallsal (sp?) I preached to them A hard Spirit amongst them We then returned home

Thursday Aug 27th 1840

I was verry [sic] low in Spirits I knew not what for I Rambled about for Morning untill almost night took Tea at Oldbury bro Needham came to me and Informed me that a letter had come from Burslem for me I returned home and obtained my letter. My Wife was in great Trouble. When I received Testimony that I must go forth and preach the Gospel unto the Inhabitants of the Earth to make no more Earthen Vessels for men but Commence and make some for God We lived in an house belonging to J. Bourne Elder Glover said he would take to the house himself so we felt thankful that we had Disposed of it so Comfortable. But in a few days Elder Glover received Testimony that he must go to Bristol Imediately So he left before the House was put

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into his name So they had come upon her for rent. And they had threatened to fetch me A summons I concluded to go and see about these things as soon as possible. In the evening I preached at Greets Green The Lord was with us Indeed.

Friday Aug. 28, 1840

I wrote a letter to my Wife After Dinner went with bro Walder through the Iron Works And a Curious Sight it is I have often heard the punishment of the Damned Spoke of by hireling Preists but if the Suffer in the Etenal World as those men Suffer here My Prayer is O God in wrath remmember Mercy. To see the Bodies of Men quite red through the heat of the Furnaces and Iron which the are working amongst and quite wet with Sweat. Working twelve or thirteen hours a day. Talk of Slaves Abroad. Look at the Slaves in England which is a Land of Liberty. When I think of the Suffering of the Men of this Generation at present and Compare them with things that are to come I exclaim O Father in wrath remember Mercy. And hasten that time, when righteousness, and peace, and Joy, and Liberty, and Love, shall cover the Earth, as the waters cover the Sea When all shall know him from the least even to the Greatest. Amen. In the evening We went to Oldbury I preached to them A Good Concregation and A verry good Spirit amongst them A boy fifteen or Sixteen Years of Age came forward for baptism Several of the Methodist Preachers came forward and asked a few Question But they were answered to the Satisfaction of the People. The then Walked of And we went and attended to the Ordenance of Babtism I baptized him And I confirmed at the water side I rejoiced in the Lord.

Sunday August 30, 1840

I preached in the Morning I preached in the Open Air to A good Congregation A many received the truth I went to for Dinner After Dinner I went to Meeting at bro Painters broke Bread to them Brother and Sister Robinson was with us for the last time We had a comfortable meeting We wept and rejoiced together In the Evening I preached at bro Walker to A full house we had a time of great joy together three persons went forth and I baptized them and they went home rejoicing in the Lord. Monday Morning I set of home in Company with Bro Steele we had a verry wet Journy for about twenty Miles untill we got wet through Arrived at home about four O Clock found the Saints in good Spirits In the Evening I attended Meeting a goodly number of Saints present we had a time rejoicing together I had a verry great Manifestation of the Spirit of the Lord to Ordain I started for Lane End with brother Hawthorn and his Wife we conducted her to Norton We the set of for Lane End went a wrong way arrived at Lane End at a quarter to four after walking about twenty Miles. I preached in the Evening had great liberty Four gave in their names for baptizm I then returned to Burslem quite fatiuged.

Tuesday 8th September 1840

In the Evening I preached at Tunstall to A good Congregation, Wednesday I went to Lane End and Baptized Harriet Meigh.

Thursday 10th September 1840

In the Evening I preached at Hanley a verry good congregation verry attentive and a good Spirit two gave their names for baptism I received a letter from Elder to Bro Richards that I must proceed at once for Elder Clayton had gone to America with the Saints

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Friday September 11th 1840

I went to Lane End In the Evening I baptized Player and her Daughter and Paston I Confirmed them at the same time.

Saturday Evening September 12th 1840

Met in Council with the Officers A comfortable Meeting

Sunday September 13th 1840

I attended Meetings at Burslem Preached Morning and Evening broke bread in the Afternoon, one went forth and was Baptized

Monday September 14th 1840

I came over to Lane End Preached in the Evening to a good congregation. I went and baptized Maria Baates

Tuesday September 15th 1840

I staid at Sister Bromley untill noon then started by Coach for Birmingham arrived at Greets Green about half past Seven O Clock found the Saints in good Spirits. The next day I started for Birmingham in Company with bro Winchester and Needham called his wife was an honest woman she seemed to love the truth We then went to W Tates in Park Street profferd his house for Preaching on Friday Evening I gave out an appointment returned to Hill Top a distance of Seven Miles and preached then came home

Thursday 17th September 1840

I wrote a letter to Elder Kimball preached in the Evening at Greets Green laid hand on bro Painter he was Sick his Disease left him

Friday September 18, 1840

I set of for Birmingham Preached in the Evening to about twenty persons One W Riley he had been formerly a baptist Preacher he was verry favourable towards us he invited me to his house and he set meat before me and I did Eat I staid at W Tates all night returned home next Morning.

Sunday Morning September 20th 1840

I preached at Halburg took dinner with John Johnson his Wife was verry ill with a pain in her head and dimness of sight I laid my hands upon her head and her pain and dimness left her We the proceeded to Birmingham I preached in the Afternoon in the open Air to A good congregation. In the Evening I preached at Tates About twenty persons present This day A man and his wife named Gerog S Turner came about Seven Miles from Wolverhampton to Greets Green to hear us preach she said she was short of Something and she intended to be baptized.

Monday morning September 21, 1840

I started for Bilston with bro Walker from B to W Hampton called to see from their we went to Dudley we then returned home This Evening George Wood baptized his Sister Mary

Tuesday 22nd September 1840

This Morning I wrote a letter to my Wife at Dinner I had an impression to go to John Johnsons at Olcibury found his wife in verry good health I sat awhile he came home and he arose and was Baptized Enoch Woods wife sent for me she was verry ill She was willing to be baptized but her

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Husband would not consent to it I Anointed her and prayed with her and She was better immediately I attended the Evening Meeting and was very comfortable indeed I confirmed John Johnson and Mary Mountford.

Wednesday Morning September 23, 1840

M Wood was almost well bro Needham was very unwell I here insert a Blessing that I received from the hands of bro Woodruff on the 13th April he called at our house for breakfast and he gave me and my wife a Blessing mine was as follows

That I was of the Blood of Ephraim that the Lord had a great work for me to do and that I should have to Suffer a great deal for the sake of the Gospel. I should have to be locked up in prisons and wear chains but they should be broken Assunder and the prison Walls should Fall down Flatt. and I should come forth to the astonishment of Thousands. and my face should shine with the Glory of God. I should be Ordained to A higher Office. And I should go out on a Mission to preach the Gospel. In the time of famine I should be so situated that Angels should Minister unto me and Feed me. He Sealed upon me the Greatest gift of Eternal Life and if I fell it would not be for long He did not say I should fall but I should be Tempted hard to fall That Men or Devils might try to Kill me. but they never would. for I should Live to see the Winding up scene. and I should live untill the Lord came to rejin upon the Earth. And the Patriarch should pronounce these very same Blessing and a great many more.

Wednesday September 23, 1840

I went to Hill Top to the Methodist New Conversion Chapel hear a good Moral Discourse. As soon as the Minister had done I asked if they would let me speak a few words the said it depended what it was about I said I had a Message from the Lord the Minister said No. No. I then Walked out and stood at the Door and told them what the Lord was doing upon the Earth. and they must repent and be baptized for the Remission of their Sins and they would receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost. Some threatened me and some ordered me of home telling me not to come there to a Chrisitan Church but to go and Preach to the Wicked for the had Enough and they needed no more so I left them and returned to G. G.

Thursday September 24th 1840

I went to Birmingham and preached in the Evening One man purchased....

Moved and Carried that Baddaly Edge be Organized a branch Moved and carried that Elder A Cordon represent these Churchs and Conference at Manchester at the General Conference Moved that this Conference be adjourned untill the 28 of December next 1840 The Meeting then concluded by Singing and prayer O Shaw Clerk W Woodruff President I was at Sister Johnsons The Saints were Assembled together the were Enjoying themselves with the Gift of Tongues and Interpretation of Tongue. Tuesday Morning I went with Elder Woodruff to baptize he baptized John Rowley In the Evening we went to Turnstall I and Elder Woodruff preached and ordained to the Office a Deacon we then returned Home Next Morning I set of for Liverpool to see my friends and relatives bro Joseph White accompaned me we arrived at Sudlwich staid at the Meeting they had the Gift of Tongues and Interpretation We staid there all night next Morning we pursued our Journey called at Northwich among the Saints took breakfast at bro Lockett fathers house found them All in good health but very bigoted and full of unbelief. When I arrived home on the 28th Sept 1840 my wife gave me a letter which she had received from Elders Young and Richards. Manchester stating that a person named Bury had been to them a

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many to provoke them to Public Discussion at length they agreed to find a man that had been Baptized but a Short time and know but little about the Work should meet him provided he would provide a place and Congregation He was to prove the Bible true. the Book of Mormon false and baptism by water not Essential to Salvation, and that I was the Person that was Chosen to meet Mr. Bury in the Carpenters Hall Manchester and they desired me to take it and Elder Woodruff also I wrote a letter stating that I Knew the work was true and that the Priesthood was restored and I know that that Eternal Pricipal was Sealed upon my head and as the Desire it I felt myself in duty bound to accept the Challenge and I would leave it with them to make what arangement they thought best. On Friday Evening October 20 1840 I preached at the Herculaneum Pottery near Liverpool A many of my neighbours and old acquaintance came to hear me I was opposed by Richard Emera A Methodist.

Sunday October 4th 1840

I attended the preaching room in Renshaw Street in the Evening I preached to them several of my relatives came to hear me Monday Morning I arrived at Manchester about Noon took Dinner at bro John Smith she provided us with a bed

Tuesday 6th October 1840

I attended Conference at the Carpenters Hall at half past 10 O Clock in the Morning Elder Young called the Meeting to order and Elders O. Pratt was chosen President and Gro Walker Clerk their was Officers present 5 High preist 19 Elders 28 Preists 4 Teachers 2 Deacons There was 27 churches represented 3646 Members 87 Elders 222 Preists 75 Teachers 26 Deacon It was moved and carried that I should go back to Birmingham and that John Bourne. Richard Steele and John Wheyche and that Joseph White should go out into the Vineyard and they must labour under my directions and I must preside over the Staffordshire Pottery Conferance. It was moved and carried that there should be no more General Conference called at present but that there should be Conferances called in different places and that the High Council should travel from place to place and vist the Churches according to circumstances and that two should be appointed in each place to collect Money to defray the expenses of the Elders.

Wednesday Evening October 7th 1840

We met at the Carpenters Hall for Discussion at twenty Minutes after Seven me John Berry commenced took up the first hour in pointing out the bad effects of our Doctrine First it divided families it set a man against his Wife and the Wife against the Husband and it caused people to go to America. And the Book of Mormon was a Family concern. And it taught a different Doctrine than the Bible for the Book of Mormon teaches See page that if Adam had not fell there could have been no Children. So Adam fell that Man might be. and thus it appears from this says he that God made them to fall thus Charging the Almighty with being guilty of Sin; and as it respects Baptism it was not Essential. for the Woman that washed the feet of Jesus she was not baptized for Christ said Woman thy sins are forgiven thee Go in peace thy faith hath saved thee thus Says he It was the Womans faith that Saved her and nothing else. Again Says He that Theif on the Cross was not baptized and he was saved and he went to Heaven: Blessed be God. Again Cornelius he was Saved he received the Holy Ghost and spake with Tongues and prophsies and Peter said Can any man forbid Water that these should not be Baptized which have received the Holy ghost as well as we. And Peter commanded them to be Baptized. And Besides all this how many Methodists both Old and New have been saved and they never was baptized. Again his own Experience he once saw himself a Sinner in the sight of God and he read in the Bible He

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that believeth shall be Saved and bless the Lord he believed and he was Saved: Glory be to God it enabled him to Cry Abba Father Cries of Glory. Glory. Glory was heard from various points of the room. I then arose and took up the subject answered the objections as the Lord directed me. the Meeting came to A close about ten O Clock and then Mr. Berry proposed to the Meeting that if any one should furnish him with a Chapel he would prove that the Lord never sent Baptism for the Gentiles at all. the Assembly Laughed and scorned at him next Morning I started for Leek bro White, Bourne. Steele, and Bowers accompanied me. we walked to Leek a distance of 31 miles. We attended Meeting in the Evening I preached to them. I exhorted them to leave of Tobacco. Snuff. Tea and intoxicating drinks to do away with all unnecessary things. The next day we returned to Burslem Elders Rushton came with us.

Sunday Morning October 11th 1840

I attended Meeting at Burslem. bro Huley preached to them I followed in the Afternoon I attended Meeting at Hanley and preaching in the Evening a good attentive congregation were present. Monday I went to Lane End and visited the Saints returned home in the Evening. Tuesday I visited the Saints at Stoke went to Baddaley Edge and preached in the Evening the people were very attentive.

Wednesday October 14th 1840

Elder Woodruff came from Conference to Burslef about noon I left my wife and I started for Birmingham called at Lane End and preached in the Evening to a crowded congregation after Meeting I baptized Sarah Bates. Tillah Player. and Anna Martland and Confirmed them bro Bourne came to me at night to accompany me to Birmingham we slept at Bro Players arose the next Morning intending to proceed to Birmingham we called at Bro Ridges I went to see Sister E Bromley and she told me I must not leave Lane End for Elder Woodruff wanted to see me. so I declined going in the Afternoon Elder W. came to Lane End and told me of the things that the Lord has shown unto him and that there was going to be a short work in England and that persecution was speedily coming upon the Churches and destructions upon the Nation and it was a deal nearer than he expected. and it behoved us to prepare ourselves for trial and troubles that we may endure a Celestial Glory. we attended a Church Meeting in the Evening the Saints were in good Spirits the next Morning I and bro Bourne started on our journey we walked about Sixteen Miles then the Coach overtook us Elder Woodruff was upon it we took Coach along with him we arrived in Birmingham at half past three found the Saints in good Spirits they rejoiced to see us. we slept at bro Joseph Tates a comfortable night.

Saturday October 17th 1840

Elder Woodruff took the Rail Way for London I and bro Bourne went to Westbroomwich found the saints in good Spirits they rejoiced verry much to see us.

Sunday Morning October 18th 1840

went to Oldbury to bro Johnsons his Child was verry ill I prayed with it returned to Greets Green found bro Riley and Hodges and his Son the had come from Birmingham to see the Order of the Church I spoke a little to them in the Morning and in the Afternoon attended Meeting broke bread to them and ordained Benjamin Robinson to the office of a Preist and I confirmed three we had a Comfortable meeting after we then proceeded to Birmingham I left bro Bourne to preach at Greets Green I preached at bro Tates in the Evening to a few the believed my Teistimony Sister Smith came to Birmingham.

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Monday 19th October 1840

Freind Hodges came to bro Riley and sent for me and asked me by what power or Authority I Baptized. I answered I have Authority from Jesus Christ and I knew it as well as John the Baptist knew he had he said then he would go forth and obey the Gospel he gave me to understand that their would be preaching at friend Parrott and I should meet him there and he would make arrangements about being baptized in the Evening we went and freind Parrott informed us that freind Hodges had gone to a Sick Club and he would not be baptized at present. I saw into this in Amome [?] for Parrott was a man that was a freind of bro Riley I had been to see him two or three times the first time I went to see him the Spirit of the Lord make it manifest to me that he was a Gentile and that if ever he joined the Church. he would turn round and deny the Faith and persecute us I conversed with Elder Woodruff upon this Subject and he told me the same this night Parrott told me I was of the Devil and I was teaching the same doctrine as the Joama [?] and Irvingites I told him I had Authority from the Great God and he said I was a Liar This Morning I had written a note stating that I did not think he would ever be baptized among us an that if ever he did he would deny the faith and persucute us. I also wrote two letters one to Caroline Smith at Ipswich and the other to Elder Richard at Manchester

Tuesday Morning October 20th 1840

bro Bourne came to Birmingham I now resided at M Joseph Tates No 24 Park Street Mr Tate was a verry honest open hearted Man his Wife was a Daughter of Nicholas Wood who resided at Greets Green who was a sore persecutor of the Church of God He had three Daughters baptized into the Church and another that was willing to be Baptized but he would not suffer her his name was Naomi she was a loving and kind Girl about 16 Years of Age She often Intreated her Father to suffer her to be baptized amongst us. but he would not he wanted her to go amongst the Baptist Order. but she said she should be a worse Devil than ever she was willing to suffer any thing for the Sake of Christ and his Saints. But to return Mr Tate did all he could to make us comfortable and so did Mr. Riley for when we was Hungry they Fed us and thirsty and they gave us drink and because of these things they shall have their rewar in the Kingdom of my Father This Evening we had preaching at Mr Tates but a few came together bro Bourne Preached to us. And I rejoiced at having the privilege of hearing he delivered his Testimony in the Spirit of Meekness I spoke awhile and Mrs Tate said she would go and be baptized for she knew it was right bro Riley Wife also made up her mind and at Midnight they arose and was baptized we had a time of rejoicing

Wednesday Morning October 21st, 1840

I gave Sister Tate and Smith a blessing we then came to Greets Green In the Evening we went to Hill Top to preaching there was a many people Assembled chiefly Primitive Methodist and many preists of that Order wer present A many of them were full of the Devil they interupted me several times I laid down before them the principals of the Gospel there was some that received my Testimoney we returned to Greets Green bro Bourne Spoke a little in Tongues

Thursday October 22nd 1840

I and bro Bourne took a walk to Oldbury to see bro Johnson his Child was verry ill. I anointed with Holy Oil in the name of Jesus and prayed unto the Father in his name to bless it and restore it to health and strength His Wife promised to come over to Greets Green in the Afternoon to be baptized We returned to Sister Mountfords for Dinner She had an Husband and three children but he did not belong to the Church we Tarried with her in the Afternoon she is an honest good

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hearted Woman We took Tea with her before we left I laid my hands upon her and Blessed her in the name of the lord then came to Sister Walkers bro Johnson Wife came we went down to the Water and I baptized her I then preached to them in the evening and Confirmed two.

Saturday October 24th 1840

I wrote a letter to my wife and returned to Birmingham

Sunday 25th October 1840

We arose early in the morning went to friend Hodges went down to the Water and baptized him and his Son Joseph it was a beautiful Morning they rejoiced exceedingly In the Afternoon at the Railroad A good Company of people were present I preached to them I was opposed by a Baptist Preacher he said Baptizm was a strict commandment and it was binding upon all Christians but Yet says that when we get before the throne we shall not be asked the Question Wether we have been baptized or not. It will make no difference then for he that believeth shall be saved and so forth we gave out another appointment for next Sunday if fine. In the forenoon I and brother Riley and Sister Sarah Smith attended the Quaker Meeting we entered found the people Sitting with there Hats on their head we sat down all was silent waiting for the movement of the Spirit at length my heart began to burn like David while I sat musing the fire Kindled at length I arose and spake with my Tongue I told them I had some Glorious things to declare unto them I told them that the Lord had sent an Holy Angel with the Everlasting Gospel The told me I was out of order and I must be still I said I had a Testimony to deliver and I must deliver it one came unto me took hold of me and insisted upon me either Sitting down and being still or going out of the room I then sat down and my heart was lightened After another half hours silence A woman Spoke about half a minute then silence came upon them again for a while at length the Motion was given for dismissing and they all walked out without speaking one word. Surely thought I this is a strange kind of worship May the Lord keep me from such Spirits. In the Evening I preached at bro Tates but a few were present A man proffered to open his house in Barnes Street named Frances Thacker for Monday Evening with which I rejoiced and was glad. During this day I had many manifestations to Ordain bro Riley to the Office of a Preist I mentioned it to the Brethern and Sisters and they all gave the Sign by holding up their right hand. I named it to bro Riley and was took with a trembling for he dreaded it coming I knew the Spirit of the Lord was him and the Devil desired to be also I laid my hand upon him and Ordained and the fear and trembling left him.

Monday 26th October 1840

I wrote three letters and in the Evening went down to freind Thacker their was several Primitive Methodist present several of them received my Testimony. I laid my hands on his Child that was sick we then returned home.

Tuesday 27th October 1840

This Morning I wrote a letter to the Saints in Lane End Sister Tate was verry ill I prayed with her and Blessed her Preached in the Evening at bro Tates the Primitive Methodist came again to hear me Preach and acknowledge that it was true Sister Riley asked an Old woman wether it was true and she burst into Tears and said it is true Oh Dear, what shall I do. what shall I do. She said she would go and be baptized but not that night for she had promised her Husband she would not go that night. this night my heart rejoiced abundently

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Wednesday Morning 28 October 1840

I arose went to bro Hodges took breakfast and Dinner with him I then started for Hill Top calle at sister Taylors at Westbromwich she informed me Elder Moss was at G-ts G-n and wanted to see me I then went direct to him found him at bro Walkers he had come from Coventry to ask me for Advice he had been to Coventry Opened doors for preaching but they had closed them against him The people were fond of a Contentious Spirit and would not receive his Testimony Bro Bates and his wife that was there began to feel it rather heavy, to feed him. He felt that he was rather burdensome to them and they thought the people would not receive his Testimony So he left and came to me. I advised with him and thought it best to write to Elder Richards respecting him. He accompanied me to Hill Top There was a many assembled together amongst the number the Rev. J Moss I laid before them the first principals of the Gospel I was opposed by Mr. Moss he rejected my Testimony a many of them were full of wicked Spirits one gave in his name for baptism We returned to G-ts G-n. bro Bourne went to Oldbury to a New Methodist Band Meeting. he arose told his Experience and they rejoiced. he then told them that the Lord had sent him forth to preach the Everlasting Gospel and they must repent and be baptized for the remission of there sins and they Should receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost-- the Minister told him he had Spoken long enough. He then sat down. Then a Young woman rose up and said she had got the Holy Ghost. He arose and said. Can any man forbid water that she should not be baptized seeing she had recieved the Holy Ghost. They then ordered him to sit still or else go out of the Chapel.

Thursday 29th October 1840

I wrote to Elder Richards and also to my wife preached in the Afternoon at G-ts G-n a happy season one was baptized after Meeting I felt very heavy on account of things that were coming upon the Saints which were to purify them and make them White but for all this I rejoiced

Saturday 31 October 1840

I received a letter form Elder Richards stating that Elder Moss must return to Coventy and lift up is voice unto the People and cry aloud and the Lord would bless him and prosper him as soon as possible he set off I returned with him to Birmingham In the Afternoon. Elder Martin and bro Hawthorn A Preist came to me they was on a Mission Elder Marten to Garrway and bro Hawthorn to Gloriaster. I received letters one from London. stating that Elder G. A. Smith was verry ill and the work is going on but slowly, another from Gloucster from Elder Glover stating that the work was rolling on. and that there was some warm persecution and that Paul like they were glad to escape over walk out of back Doors over Hedge and Ditch. but this did no harm. but it cemented the Saints together more and more. and the Magistrates and Preists were publishing Tracts against us. he sent me one of them. I found in it was delcared that we were a base deluded people. and that we believe that Men would be raised form the Dead with a Body of flesh and bones and that was wrong for it says in the Bible Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return, and the Saivour says that which is born of the flesh is flesh and that we taught the people that they must give us all their money and we would take them to the New Jerusalem in a Flying Ship. and we was going to build a Wall throught the Atlantic two thousand Miles long and four High to hold up the water the we might walk on dry land unto America. This was signed D. St Clair. Captain of the Royal Navy.

Sunday November 1st 1840

brethern Marten Hawthorn and myself attended the Independant Chapel in [?] Lane. the Rev. James Angel. Jame was Preaching. we felt quite miserable I never heard a worse lot of nonsense

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before. In the Afternoon we attended at the Rail road Elder Martin and I bore Testimony to the truth in the evening I spoke at Joseph Tates there was a good Assemble present they received the truth and we rejoiced abundantly in the Lord

Monday 2nd

Bro Bourne and Bro. John Hulme a Boatman came to birmingham staid with us a while and then returned to G-ts G-n bro Hawthorn in company with them. I went for Tea at She was a Primitive Methodist Preacher several of that Order had been to hear me Preach and believed my Testimony. she was in Search of truth. in the Evening bro Riley preached at Frances Thackers to a good conregation they was confirmed of the truth more and more. After preaching I baptized Greya and Sharlott My heart rejoiced

Tuesday November 3rd 1840

Elder Marten started for Garway I received a letter from my wife she stated to me that she was poorly and desired to see me verry much I felt great heaviness but I cried unto the Lord. and he heard me and delivered me out of my trouble In the Evening I preached at bro Tates a good season the Lord was with us bro Hulme was with me We went and took supper with Mr. Pearce. Bro Riley came down to me to lay my hands upon him for he had a verry bad cold. the enemy seemed detirmned to trouble him.. Bro Hulme slept with me that night. he gave me half a Crown The Lord Bless him

Wednesday 4th November 1840

I went and took dinner with Bro Hulme in his Boat. we had a comfortable time together. I received a letter from bro White and Steole on the 15th of October they Started on a mission for Mankett Drayton. but the People would not receive them they had slept in a feild in the rain and wind with nothing but an Umbrella to cover them a precious Season say they. they then went to Audlem but could not open a Door for preaching they then went into a field and asked the Lord to open a door the Gospel to be taught unto the people they returned to their lodgins and A young woman came and proffered a large Assembly room rent free if the choose the thanked the Lord and they had baptized two and a great many more ready for the water. Thank God for this.

Thursday 5th November 1840

I went to see Sister Mary Taylor she was verry ill she had a sore throat. I and bro Bourne administered unto her in the name of the Lord. She told us she had had a verry remarkable Dream. which was as follows. That two warlike looking men. one Drest in a Soldiers Dress the other like A church Minister, with A Book in his hand. They came to me and asked me what religion I belonged unto. I told them that I belonged to the Latter Day Saints for said they we have authority from government to put all the Saints to Death. if they will not forsake their religion and turn to the Church. for we have put all your Prophets and Preists in prisions and Bound them with Chains, and unless they turn they shall be put to death and said they. we will give you your choice. I told them that I would rather Die than forsake them. for if I broke the commandments of the Lord I should be Damned to All Eternity, and the Lord would make my Hell the Hotter. and said I you must release the prophets of the Lord and repent of your Sins and be baptized for the remission of them or you will be Damned. They then fled into a rage. and said. they would me [sic] in the dungeon also. drew the Sword, and then left me to the Mercy of the Pastor. I walked from him. to the Top of a High Hill and I beheld reigments of Soilders fighting with the Saints. I fell on my knees and prayed unto the Lord that he would give me

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strength to go and help my Brethern when a Voice came from Heaven Saying. O you have slain My Children. My Children the Fair ones. that have builded my Sanctuary and made my Covenants and kept my commandments, therefore you have Destroyed them.. O my fair ones My Beloved, therefore Revenge is mine. Saith the Lord. I will have no mercy on you. the Lightnings began to flash. and the Thunders roll most tremendously. and I Saw the Sword of the Lord cutting them down on all Sides leaving none to pity them. I went down into the Valley were the Saints were lying Dead. and the Lord cast a Cloud over them and all arose. rejoicing in the Lord and praising him. we then marched through the Valley and was conducted over to Zion. where no Enemy could come to hurt us We then sang the Praises of our God and we were all as one.

Now let our souls arise and tread the tempter down
Our Captain leads us forth to conquest and a Crown
A feeble Saint shall win the Day
Though death and Hell obstruct the way.

Bro Bourne also had Baptized Naomi Wood I also received a letter from Sister Bromley stating that she was well and all the Saints in that region and the Lord had a many people in B--g--m and that the next man that opposed me would become a Latter Day Saint and I must treat him well and rely upon her word for the Lord had Spoken unto her

Saturday 7th November 1840

I returned to B--g--m my wife arrived here about eight O Clock and we rejoiced together

Sunday 8th November 1840

In the Forenoon we attended the Primitive Methodist Chapel in Bordesly Street when the Minister came out of the Pulpit I gave unto him a Timely Warning and desired him to read it carfully we then took Dinner with Mr In the Afternoon we attended to the Breaking of Bread and the Lord poured upon us his Spirit. My wife broke out in a Tongue and I interpreted a little. Our Souls was filled with joy. In the Evening I spoke unto them and the Lord blessed us

Monday th November 1840

I and my wife took a walk through the town stept into the Museum. saw a many great curiosities. In the Evening I preached in Barnes Street after Meeting I baptized Selind Whotten she formerly had been a Primitive Methodist Preacher I confirmed her the next Morning she left town to do Buissness and expected to be away a Month

Tuesday 10th November 1840

In the Afternoon Elder Smith arrived from London. he informed me that Elder Woodruff was well. but the work was moving slow. They had opened a room but few people attended it. elder Smith preached in the Evening in Park Street. This Evening I baptized Garratt. . Allen Riley. James Riley. George Tate we had a time of rejoicing

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Wednesday 11th November 1840

We started for G-ts G-n Smith and Bounre accompanied us we went along the Canal to Oldbury we passed the large Chiminey at the Soap Works it stands three Hundreed an Seven feet in height we also passed the large Iron Bridge it is but one span of one hundred and thiry feet came to bro Johnson in Oldbury They rejoiced to see us we preached in the Evening after Meeting I and my wife went to Greets Green staid over night at bro. Mathe??

Thursday 12th November 1840

In the Evening I went and baptized ????? came to the Meeting and bore testimony to the people. bro Needaham and Snalen [?] were at the Meeting. They were on their way to Herefordshire. Mr Joshua Marshland came to ask a few Question and to hear. but I suppose he forgot his errand. for he began to teach and to prove that Baptism was not Essential for People could be saved by faith alone without obedience.

Friday 13th Nov 1840

Elder Snow arrived at G—ts G—n he was an American he had come to labour with me in this region the People assembled together at bro Walkers and Elder Smith gave a relation of the coming forth of the Book of Mormon and the Organization of the Church. Elder Snow bore Testimony to the truth of the statements Elder Smith had made. It was verry Edifying to our Souls and I felt determined never to rest untill I had the Heavens Opened and I could bare the same Testimony as they could.

Saturday 14th Nov 1840

We returned to Birmingham. Elders Smith and Snow staid at Greets Green when we arrived at B-g-m Sister Riley informed us that the Lord had poured out upon he the Gift of Tongues and my heart rejoiced I also received a letter from brothers White and Steele informing me that they had baptized Six and bro White and a Mr Rodgers was to meet on Tuesday Evening 17th for public investigation.

Sunday 15th Nov 1840

I received a letter from Elder Glover stating that the work of the Lord was rolling on in that neighbourhood that he had held Discussions with a Magistrate and a Councillor and they had treated him verry Ill and a deal of Prejudice was moved of the minds of the People and that he was to open a large room in Cheltenham on the following Sabbath. I also received a letter from Elder Martin he had arrivfed at Garrway found the Saints verry poor and rather out of order and They had baptized two. Also another from Johy Wyehe stating that he work was rolling on in the Potteries. We went to Dinner to Bro Hodges Attended to the breaking of bread in the Afternoon and in the Evening I preached to them there was about thirty present.

Monday 16th Nov 1840

My wife started for the Potteries it was a verry rainy Morning A woman came to me and profferd me her house for Preaching on Wednesday Evening I went to Meeting and preached in the Evening.

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Tuesday Evening Nov 17th 1840

Preached in Park Street a good congregation. Wednesday I attended Meeting at Mr Harriss but few were present

Sunday 22nd Nov 1840

I attended Meeting in Barnes Street but few attended

Tuesday 24th Nov 1840

held a Meeting in Park Street bro Williams from Manchester Preached he was on his way to London we had a good Meeting

Wednesday 25th Nov 1840

I received a letter from Bro White stating that since the Discussion a many Doors had opened for Preaching and there was more work than they was able to do. I baptized Mr Harriss then came to Hill Top and Spok unto the People there was a many hearness [sic] but a hard Spirit among the People

Thursday 26th Nov 1840

I attended a Meeting at Greets Green was led to speak upon the Gifts of the Spirits verry plainly After Meeting I and bro Bourne Sister Walker sat by the fire and the Lord pured out his "Spirit upon us and bro Wood and Sister Walker broke out in Tongus wich [sic] caused our hearts to rejoice

Friday 27th Nov 1840

Naomi Wood came into bro Walkers and she broke out in Tongues and Magnified God In the Evening we went over to Sister Mountfords and she broke out in Tongues also

Saturday 28th Nov 1840

Sister Parkinson received the same blessing we then went to Wolverhampton [?] and Bilston I confirmed bro Walkers father & Mother In the Evening we returned Elder Kimble and Young arrived from the Potteries they was journeying to London I and bro Bourne went to Oldbury for the night.

Sunday 29th Nov 1840

We attended meeting for prayer a good Season In the forenoon Elder Young addressed the Meeting In the Afternoon E Kimball spoke at the Meeting they then went over to Birmingham for the Evening I preached in the Evening to a good congregation

Monday 30 Nov 1840

I accompanied Elder Snow to HillTop to meet a Wesleyan Minister Named Zechariah Barker for Public Discussion There was a crowded congregation two third of them Ranters [?] and Methodists. They were in good Spirits So happy and full of excitement they cried aloud Glory to God Alelulia Praise the Lord and a many other such noble expressions. Elder Snow cleared up his points verry will. Mr Barker did not prove him false in one instance. The room was full of disorder and confusion At the close of the Meeting a Mr Bottleley an Esquire who was owner of a Chapel and he arose and said That he would lend to the Discussion for that Evening fortnight

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for which we were thankful And it was unanimously carried that the Meeting be Adjourned. Two gave in there names for Baptism. I and Elder Snow staid at bro Robinsons over night.

Tuesday December 1st 1840

We drew up the agreements for the next Discussion in the Afternoon I came to Birmingham preached in the Evening and baptized ??? Rea he had been in the Army a many Years

Wednesday Evening Dec 2 1840

I preached at bro Harris a good congregation

Thursday 3rd Dec 1840

in the Afternoon I baptized Isaac Pearce and his Wife Frances Thacker and Catherine Rea

Friday Dec 4 1840

was verry ill wrote two letters

Saturday 5th

I received a letter from Bro Samuel Hancock in the Evening Sister Whotten returned from her journey we rejoiced to see each other

Sunday 6th

I arose and baptized Pamila Hassell took dinner with Mr Pritchard broke bred in the Afternoon we had a good Season to our Souls In the Evening I preached to A good congretaiion After Meeting a Man named Powel asked civily a few Questions Monday Evening bro Snalem called at Birmingham he was going to Preston in Lancashire. he had been labouring in Herefordshire he informed me that the work was rolling on in that region and that many are baptized every week. I preached at Barnes Street after Meeting I baptized Esther Harriss Elizabeth Chapman Elizabeth Dozill Sarah Wolley

Tuesday 8th Dec 1840

In the Afternoon I baptized Mary Thacker. Sarah Whotten. Watts preached in the Evening to a good Assembly wrote a letter to a Mr Tillotson a Primitive Methodist Preacher as he had written to me to know our principals which I laid down unto him.

Wednesday 9th Dec 1840

I received a letter from Mr Bottlely stating that his freinds had earnestly entreated him not to allow such Blasphemous Doctrines as our Discussed in a Christian place of Worship. but that W Barker would get a room and inform us when and were the discussion would take place.

Thursday Dec 10 1840

I received a letter from Mr Tilitson that he did not understand any of our principals and therefore could not give me any Meeting. In the Morning I attended the prayer Meeting Attended to the breaking of bread in the Afternoon and in the Evening preached to a good congregation and baptized two

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Monday Evening Dec 14th 1840

I preached at Barns Street when I had done a man came forward and desired me to take a draught of Poison I answered that I was not going to tempt God with drinking Poison to satisfy his curiosity and that he was a wicked Man for asking such a thing and also an adulterer

Tuesday Dec 15th 1840

In the evening I preached at Park Street.

Wednesday 16th

I preached a bro Harriss they Saints collected me two Shillings and eight Pence bro Grey also gave one half a Crown

Thursday 17th

I started for G-ts G-n and Preached their in the Evening

Sunday 20th Dec 1840

I preached in G-ts G-n in the Morning went to Wolver Hampton and preached two gave in there names for baptism. I then returned to Bilston

Monday 21st

I and bro Bourne arose Walked to W. Hampton station House a distance of three Miles took the Railroad to Stafford then walked to Lane End took Dinner with bro Player. found the Saints in good Spirits they rejoice verry much to see us we arrived in Burslem in the Evening found my wife well and the Saints they also rejoiced to see us I attended Meeting in the Evening at Burslem and rejoiced to hear the Testimony of the Saints.

Tuesday Evening Dec 22, 1849

I attended Meeting at Tunstall. the people were verry rude and full of a persecuting Spirit they were knocking and throwing at the doors and windows nearly all the time I was Speaking called at bro Stevenson laid hands on two that were Sick I then returned home

Wednesday 23, Dec 1840

I went to over to Lane End and Preached in the Evening to a good congregation

Friday 25

We assembled together at Hanley to hold our Quarterly Conference Elders B. Young and GA Smith of the travelling High Council were had a time of rejoicing many principals were verry beautifully illustrated by them. their was a good Spirit manifested among the Saints I Ordained two of the brethern.

Saturday 26th Dec 1840

Elder Young started for Manchester. Sister Whotten arrived here from Birmingham brought me tidings that Satan was making havock of the little in that place. I attended Meetings at Burslem. bro Huseley preached in the Morning led the Meeting in the Afternoon, and in the Evening I preached had a verry good season laid hands on two that was Sick. One was Imediately made whole

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Monday 28th Dec 1840

We assembled at Hanley at the Tea Meeting A very good Spirit pervaded the whole. Elder Smith myself Elder Rushton bro Whyche addressed the Meeting the Saints rejoiced very much and nothing but A Spirit of love pervaded the whole. four ordained one confirmed.

Wednesday Dec 30, 1840

I set off for Leek Sister Whetten accompanied me we arrived there about three O Clock in the Afternoon, we attended Meeting in the Evening the Saints rejoiced to see us.

Thursday 31st Dec 1840

We returned to Burslem.

Saturday Jan 2nd 1841

Morning I arose and took Coach to Birmingham Sister Whetten accompanied me. we arrived in Birmingham about four O Clock the Saints rejoiced to see us found that bro and Sister Pearce had left the Church and had returned to the Primitive Methodists and were full of a persecuting Spirit. I was very unwell with sitting in the cold and I retired to rest. Early in the Morning one of the Violent Storms of Thunder Lightening and Hail visited this region. that ever was here since the Memory of Man. the Inhabitants were very much alarmed and began to look for the descent of the Son of Man. The church in W. Hampton was injured very much several houses were blown down. I attended prayer Meeting in the Morning. broke bread in the Afternoon and Ordained James Riley Elder Grey Preists. Harriss Teacher. I preached in the Evening as soon as I began to speak I was seized with a Violent pain in my back it left me as soon as I had done and I baptized one

Monday 4th Jan 1841

I attended Meeting and preached when I concluded a man named Holmes William a Baptist Preacher came forward and challenged me to meet him a Public Discussion and he would provide a room that would be convenient to hold two hundred People. And he would prove 1st that Baptism in water is not Essential to Salvation 2nd that Miracles are not Necessary to Salvation 3rd That I was an Impostor. And the Bible alone shall be the Standard. To which I agreed

Tuesday 5th Jan 1841

In the Evening I preached to the Saints

Wednesday Jan 6 1841

Evening I preached at bro Harriss was opposed by the Clerk of Saint Bartholomew Church he endeavoured to make me believe that the Church of England was the Church of Christ And Yet he acknowledged that they had neither Apostles nor Prophets nor any of the Gifts of God.

Thursday 6th Jan 1841

I came to Greets Green and preached in the Evening to a good congregation after Meeting I baptized three I had to break the Ice it was very thick. One of them a female was cured of a very bad cold.

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Sunday 10th Jan 1841

I staid at Greets Green attend prayer Meeting at half Past Seven I preached in the Morning attended the Meeting of breaking of bread and Preached in the Evening.

Monday 11th Jan 1841

Bro Reynonlds and Sister Sarah Whotton came to me from Birmingham and informed me that I must return with them for her mother was taken verry Ill and I must go and heal her body. accordingly I went with them. I found her verry Ill I administered unto her and she Speedily arose and came with me to the Meeting. I preached there was several Baptists present. Mr Holmes Informed me that he would not hold the Discussion. I was opposed by them. sister Whotton arose and bore Testimoney to the Miracle that had been wrought upon her Body that Evening, at which the Saints rejoiced and the rest were astonished. The Church Clerk came to hear again

Tuesday 12th Jan 1841

Sister Riley was taken verry Ill I laid my hands upon her and in the name of Jesus rebuked the Disease and Imediately she was better. I also received a letter from my wife one of the Sisters had told her that she (my wife) was going to Die verry soon and it had been given in Tongues and she had Interpreted it and she knew it to be true. This news put her into great trouble I also returned to Greets Green.

Wednesday 13th Jan 1841

I went to Oldbury to Sister Johnsons and began to write a letter when Sister Sarah Smith came for me to go to her Sister Mary for she was verry Ill I went and administered unto her and her pains left her. I returned to Oldbury and wrot a few lines to my wife and informed her that Tongues did not govern the Church. but the Preisthood. For all that was spoke in Tongues and Interpreted was not true for they often spoke the Imaginations and desires of the heart. and as the Servants of God had told her different she must depend upon their Teistimony or else it could not be fulfilled. In the Evening I preached a good Spirit manifested. After Meeting I baptized one and laid my hands on one that was Sick

Thursday Jan 14 1841

I laid my hands on Sister Smith and she was better imeadiately. preached at Greets Green in the Evening. Saturday I returned to Birmingham

Sunday 17th Jan 1841

I attended prayer Meeting in the Morning we had a verry good Season I broke bread to them in the Afternoon. Preached in the Evening and baptized one.

Monday 18th Jan 1841

I preached in the Afternoon bro Ray gave unto me two Shillings. About midnight bro Thacker came to my Lodgings and awoke me and informed me that his wife was in possession of A Devil. I arose and accompanied him and I found her in a awful state. She was quite out of her senses withering and twisting her body and her Eyes rolling in their sockets like balls of fire. I anointed her with Oil in the name of Jesus and rebuked the Enemy and he departed and left her in her right mind.

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Tuesday 19 Jan 1841

In the Evening I preached to a good congregation.

Wednesday Evening Jan 20 1841

I preached at bro Hariss. A good Meeting

Thursday Evening Jan 21 1841

I attended the prayer Meeting bro Grey and Sister Riley were labouring under great temptation I prayed with them and they received a blessing after which I rejoiced very much

Friday 22nd Jan 1841

In the Evening I accompanied Friend Pritchard to Mr Lingfords. he kept a large Grocer shop in Alson Street they Husband and wife rejoiced to see me and to hear of the things of God. they invited me to come and stay at their house just when I thought fit.

Saturday Jan 23, 1841

I started for Greets Green Friend Pritchard accompanied me On the way we met Elder Snow he informed me that he had left appointments at W Hampton and Wednesbury. he was coming to B—h—m I asked friend Pritchard to go to Greets Green to be baptized. He said he would so I baptized him. On the Sunday Morning one came from Oldbury for me to baptize him. so I arose and baptized him in the name of the Father. Son. and Holy Ghost Amen. I then went over to W Hampton preached Afternoon and Evening returned same Evening to Bilston staid over night. came to Wedensbury to Sister Rodens on Monday Evening Preached and staid over night her Husband was very kind to me and invited me to come to see him often. Tuesday I returned to Birmingham and Preached to them Elder Lavender and five or six Saints they was going to America. they were from Bedford Wendensday Evening I and Elder Lavender Preached

Thursday Evening Jan 28, 1841

I attended fellowship Meeting we had a good season Praise God.

Friday evening Jan 28th

I baptised three

Sunday Morning Jan 31

I attended fellowship Meeting we had a good and precious Meeting broke bread in the Afternoon and Preached in the Evening

Monday Evening Feb 1st 1841

I preached at bro Thacker we had a good Meeting.

Tuesday 2nd Feb 1841

Elder Glover came to B—m to prepare the way for about fifty Saints who were going to America. In the Evening he preached

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Wednesday 3rd Feb 1841

We went to Gloucester Railway at about half past 11 the Saints arrived, we brought them to bro Rileys, and Tates, who made them as comfortable as possible

Friday 4th Feb. 1841

They started for Liverpool at Six O. Clock Elder Glovers wife was among the number. The same day he returned for Gloucester

Sunday 7th Feb 1841

I opened a large room in Allison Street that would hold about three Hundred People. In the Evening it was attended verry well

Tuesday Evening Feb 9 1841

I preached in the room few attended. Thursday evening I preached in the room also.

Sunday 14th Feb 1841

I preached in the room Morning and Evening broke bread to them in the Afternoon Ordained bro Pritchard to the Office fo Deacon. Monday Afternoon I took tea at Mr Lingfords came to Barnes Street and preached and baptized Mr. Tardoe. Tuesday Evening I preached in Albnst [sp?]
Wednesday Evening I attended the fellowship Meeting we had a precious Season to our Souls. After the Meeting was closed I was seised with a violent pain in my Throat and Shoulders

Thursday 18th Feb 1841

In the Morning I was verry ill of a fever and I had a great pain in my head Elder Riley prayed with me and from that hour I began to amend and the fever left me. I felt thankfull unto my father who is in heaven, that he had provided a nursing father and nursing Mothers in this place, bro Riley his wife and Sister Whotten, behaved extremely well to me the bathed my head, Hands, and Throat and waited upon me in such a loving and tender manner which caused me to rejoice and to shed tears of Joy. In the afternoon I arose was A deal better, In the Evening I bathed my feet and retired to bed

Friday Morning Feb 19th 1841

I was a deal better and continued to mend through the day In the Evening Sister Fardoe came to see me brought me something to Eat and A Bottle of Wine

Saturday Morning Feb 20

Sister Whotten was verry ill I went down to see her laid my hands upon her in the name of Jesus and she was a deal better, bro Rea, his wife, and Sister Thacker, and from that hour they began to mend and the rejoiced in the Lord I myself was a deal better

Sunday 27th Feb 1841

In the Forenoon I preached a good Spirit manifested broke bread in the Afternoon, and Preached in the Evening to A large conregation many of them were full of a wicked and contentious Spirit.

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Monday Evening Feb 22

I preached in Barn Lisp?] Street After meeting I baptized Kate Pritchard and Mary Mantle

Tuesday 23rd Feb 1841

attended the room in the Evening Elder Riley and myself addressed the assembly a good spirit

Wednesday 24 Feb 1841

I started for Oldbury found myself very weak through my illness. I arrived there in the Afternoon much fatigued I preached in the Evening a good Spirit the Saints rejoiced to see me bro Bourne came to me I spoke in the Evening we slept at bro Johnsons a comfortable night.

Thursday 25th Feb 1841

I went over to Greets Green and preached in the Evening and baptized one

Friday 26 Feb 1841

I returned to Birmingham

Saturday 27th Feb 1841

Elder H. C Kimball arrived from Bedford my heart rejoiced to see him

day 28 Feb 1841

In the Morning Elder Riley preached. In the Afternoon at Two O Clock we assembled to hold a Conference It was moved and carried Unanimously that Elder A Cordon be president of the Conference and Elder J Riley Clerk of the same. The Meeting was Opened by prayer by the president There was four branches of the Church represented viz Birmingham 53 Members 1Elder 1 Preist 1 Teacher 1 Deacon, Oldbury 12 Members 1 Priest Greets Green 4? Members 6 Preists 1 Teacher Wolverhampton Members 1 Priest There was then Preists 2 Elders Teachers were then Ordained much instruction was then given by H. C Kimball The Conference was then Adjourned for three Month. Elder Riley was chosen Presiding Elder of the branch of the Church at Birmingham Elder Painter Presiding Elder of the branch of the Church at Westbromwich. Elder Kimball preached in the Evening to an attentive congregation

Monday March 1st 1841

in the Evening we preached to a crowded house

Tuesday We went over to Greets Green found that Saints enjoying themselves well

Wednesday 3 March 1841

Elder Kimball set off for the Potteries at eight O Clock in the Morning I went over to Oldbury and preached

Thursday 4th Mar 1841

I returned to Greets Green and preached in the Evening when I had done one of the brethern name Smith asked the people whether the people wether they did not see a Starr stand in the middle of the house. he had been telling the people that he had the gift of Discernment for he could see houses of Spirits around him at all times. And he often saw Starrs fall unto the Earth. I told him that I did not understand anything about it. but said If the Lord is so good as to shew

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you these things keep them to yourself and never speak about them to any one. he is a man that looks a little wild. I baptized one

Friday 5th Mar 1841

I returned to Birmingham.

Sunday 7th Mar 1841

I preached in the Morning and Evening broke bread to them in the Afternoon had an high day unto our Souls. Monday Evening I attended meeting at Barnes Street After Meeting I baptized two

Tuesday 9th Mar 1841

I arose early took the Railway at Six O Clock arrived at Whitmore about eight O Clock a distance of about fifty Miles then took Omnibus to Newcastle walked to Burslem, called at My Mother in-Laws' took some refreshment, went over to bro Johnsons found my wife in good Spirits, she rejoiced verry much to see me. found the Saints in good health and Spirit, and the work of the Lord our God is rolling on in power Sixteen baptized this week

Wednesday 10th Mar 1841

I preached at Burslem a good Spirit manifested among the people

Thursday 11th Mar 1841

I attended Meeting at Hanly and preached to a verry attentive congregation and confirmed one

Saturday Evening Mar 13th 1841

I met in council with the officer. had a good meeting

Sunday Morning Mar 14th 1841

I preached at Burslem in the Afternoon I attended to the breaking of Bread and confirmed two. In the Evening I preached at Hanley to a large congregation and confirmed two and laid hands on two that was sick

Monday Evening March 15 1841

I attended fellowship Meeting at Burslem we had a good Season.

Tuesday 16th Mar 18451

I arose and took breakfast then started for Macclesfield as a conference was to be held their in the Evening, I arrived there by Two O Clock went over to bro Galleys they received me verry well. In the Evening we assembled together. There being present Elders G. A. Smith of the Travelling High Council A.Cordon High priest 1 Elder Priests Teachers Deacons Members Elders Preists Teachers Deacons being the number of the Church which was represented by Elder Galley the church then proceeded to withdraw fellowship from two Sisters. There was then 1 Elder Preists Teacher Deacons some suitable remarks were then made by Elders Smith & Cordon. Meeting Adjourned for three Month. Meeting dissolved by prayer by the President A. Cordon President Clerk

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Wednesday 17th Mar 1841

In the Morning I went to Leek in a spring Cart accompanied by Elder Smith we considered it wisdom to call the Church together on Thursday Evening to regulate the Church, and to attend to such Ordinations as the Spirit might manifest unto us, we also considered it wisdom that Elder Knight should be nominated presiding Elder as Elder Rushton who had been presiding Elder had embarked for America, we visited the Saints attended the Evening Meeting I preached unto them and notified that on the next evening there would a Church Meeting to enter unto such arrangements as should be deemed necessary

Thursday 18th Mar 1841

We assembled according to previous notice, There being present Elder G. A. Smith of the Travelling High Council, A. Cordon High Priest 1 Elder 6 Preists 2 Teachers 2 Deacons. The Conference the withdrew fellowship from Mark Washington and also from his wife. John Hunt preist then represented the branch of the Church at Leek consisting of 64 Members 1 Elder 6 Preists 2 Teacher 2 Deacons. It was Moved and carried Unanimously that Elder Knight act as presiding Elder over the branch of the Church at Leek. Elder Smith moved that Steven Nixon receive the office of and Elder, Seconded by bro Rushton carried with one Objection, which was made by bro Jackson who was called upon to state his Objection; he arose and stated that he was the Oldest Preist and he knew by the Testimony of the Spirit of God, that he had more right to it than any one else, And said he know that there is partial dealings in the Church for Elder Smith had not been to See him at his house, and had been to see a many of the Saints, and that Elder Rushton had offended him by Asking him for his part toward the rent of the room which was due and which he had promised to pay. Elder Smith arose and made some observation on the subject and said that there had been no Objection brought against bro Nixon and referred to the Chairman who decided that there had been no Objection whatever against bro Nixon. After which Elder Smith arose and made some observations on the manner in which bro Jackson had broken the law of God, as is laid down in the eighteenth Chapter of Matthews Gospel, As it is written, If the brother offend thee go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone, but instead of doing that he had vilified and slandered his Character before a public Assembly, and for such Ungodly, Unrighteous and Unchristian conduct, he moved that bro Jackson be suspended untill he had make public confession, bro Cles Seconded the Motion. carried Unanimously. It was moved and carried Unanimously that Joseph Hudson, Joseph Knight, and Joseph Gobson be Ordained Preists Also that george Clems Tredrick Rushton Edwin Rushton, be Ordained Teachers. Elder Smith then made some suitable remarks and notified that the Ordination would be attended to next Evening. It was moved and carried Unanimously that Elder Knight act as presiding Elder over the branch of the Church at Leek. It was also moved and carried that the Meeting adjourn for three Months.

Friday 19th Mar 1841

We assembled together to attend to Ordain those that had been set apart the previous Evening. We then proceeded to attend to the Ordinations when we were interrupted by bro Clews, who arose and stated that he had an Objection against bro Nixon for said he there is partial dealings for Elder Smith had been to bro Nixon and had been fed there and treated like a Gentleman, and that is the reason why Stephen Nixon must be an Elder. I see how it is, said he, the man that will feed you, thats the man that you will Ordain. Elder Smith arose and said that he had heard about noon that day that bro Clews had somewhat against him, and he had been unto him, and asked

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him respecting it, he said that he had but he would not tell him what it was for he would tell it in the Meeting that Evening he did so, and thus he broke the law of God. Elder Cordon then arose and made some observations on the subject and Moved that brother Clews be suspended untill he make Public Confession. We then Ordained 3 Preists and 2 Teachers bro Nixon proffered delaying being Ordained untill Sabbath. Elder Smith then gave some instruction. Elder A. Cordon dismissed the Meeting by Prayer.

Saturday 20 Mar 1841

I came to Burslem left Elder Smith, arrived in there about half past five.

Sunday 21st Mar 1841

In the Morning I attended Meeting at Burslem. spoke a little In the Afternoon I broke bread to them called for discipline fourteen arose and confessed their Sins, it was a pleasant season to our souls. In the Evening I preached at Hanley to A good congregation

Monday 22nd Mar 1841

In the Evening I attended fellowship Meeting we had a good Season

Tuesday 23 Mar 1841

I came to Knutton Heath in company with Elder Bradbury. called at Hanley bro mended my Shoes. the Saints in Knutton I preached unto them gave the Saints some instruction and Ordained 2 Preists 1 Teacher

Wednesday 24th Mar 1841

I started for Adlem arrived there about noon found bro Billington and familey verry well. The Saints assembled together in the Evening, there was a good Spirit among them. I spoke to them and they rejoiced together.

Thursday 25th Mar 1841

In the Afternoon I was a little amused as I took a walk through to behold the people. for I caused a great Stir in that place. though I had not been there before. by some means or other the people knew I was a follower of Christ for the cry was Latter Day, Latter Day Saints etc in the Evening I preached to them confirmed 7 blessed 5 little Children

Friday 26th Mar 1841

I set of to Burslem called at Knutton Heath took some refreshment arrivde in Burslem that Evening found Elder Smith who informed me that Elder Woodruff had arrived, but was at Lane End

Saturday Evening 27th Mar 1841

I attended A council Meeting Elders G. A. Smith and W. Woodruff and a good number of Officers. a charge was brought against bro W Mountford for using Magic, The case was as follows, This bro Mountford had in his posession several Glasses or Chrystals as he called them. they are about the size of a Gooses Egg made flat at each end. he also had a long list of prayers wrote down which he used. The prayer was unto certain Spirits which he said was in the Air which says he when I pray to them in the name of the Father, Son, Holy Ghost, any thing that I

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want will come into the Glass. for instance if A Young woman had a desire to know who she would have for an Husband, she came to him and made the case known, and he brought out his Chrystals and prayed unto a certain Spirit then she must peep into the Chrystal and in it she would see the Young man that would become her husband Elder Woodruff made some observations on the subject. when it was moved and Unanimously carried that no such Magic work be allowed in the Church.

Sunday 28, Mar 1841

The Staffordshire Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met according to adjournment and apointment in the Magistrates Assembly room in Hanley on the 28th of March 1841. There being present Elder W Woodruff, G. A. Smith of the High Council 1 High Preist 13 Elders, 28 Preists 10 Teachers and 8 Deacons, Meeting was called to order by elder Woodruff who moved that Elder Smith preside for the day seconded by Elder Simpson carried Unanimously. Also that that O Shaw and F J Fitcher act as Clerks. Also that Elders Player, Simpson Taylor and Bowers, be Assistants in keeping Order for the day. The President then called upon the various Officers to represent the different Branches of the Church when Elder Cordon represented that branch of the Church at Birmingham 110 Member 4 Elders 13 Preists 4 Teacher 1 Deacon. Elder Cordon represented the branch of the Church at Leek. 67 Members 2 Elders, 9 Preists, 2 Teachers, 2 Deacons. Elder Steele represented the branch of the Church at Cox, Bank. 34 Members, 1 Preist 1 Teacher and 1 Deacon. Elder Bradbury represented the branch at Knutton Heath 14 Members, 1 Preist 1 Teacher 1 Deacon. Elder Bradbury represented the Branch of the Church at Bradley Green 7 Members. Elder Whittaker represented the branch of the Church at Longton 102 Members 2 Elders 5 Preists 3 Teachers 1 Deacon. Elder Booth represented the branch of the Church at Baddaley Edge 19 Members 1 Preist 1 Deacon. Elder W. Smith represented the branch of the Church at Newcastle 1 Elder 3 Preists 1 Techer 1 Deacon 14 Members. Elder Rowley rep Stoke 19 Members 1 Elder, 4 Preists, 1 Teacher, 1 Deacon. Elder Bradbury rep Burslem, & Hanley 144 Members 1 High Preist, 6 Elders, 8 Preists, 4 Teacher, 2 Deacons, remove 5 Excommunicated. Elder Stevenson rep Tunstall 23 Members 1 Elder, 2 Preists, 1 Teacher 1 Deacon. Elder Vernon rep Chesterfield 10 Members. Elder Cordon rep Macelesfeild 91 Members 2 Elders 9 Preists, 6 Teachers 3 Deacons. Total number of Offices and Members 1 High Preist Elders, Preists, ___ Teachers, ___ Deacons, ___ Members. It was also moved and Unanimously carried that F J Filcher, O. Shaw, W. Ridge, H. Booth, be Ordained Elders. Also that Wm. Edwards, Wm Bradbury, Wm Evans, E Parker H. Simpson, J. Kent, J. Forester, J. Robinson, be Ordained Teachers. Also that F Robinson, G. Taylor T. Sileach, T. Ball, S. Billington, G. Grocot, Wm Atcock be Ordained Teachers, Also that R. Brown, H. Billington, be Ordained Deacons. The above were then Ordained under the hands of Elders Woodruff, Smith and Cordon. Meeting Adjourned untill half past two O Clock. The Conference then Assembled according to Adjournment. Meeting was Opened by Prayer by the President. It was Unanimously carried that no such thing as Magic, Fortunetelling, Witchcraft or any such devices should be allowed in the Church. And that fellowship would be withdrawn from any who used or caused to be used any of the aforesaid things. It was also moved and carried that a letter of recomendation be presented to Elders, W. Woodruff and G. A. Smith. Suitable instructions were then given by Elders Woodruff, Smith, Cordon and then Elder Woodruff administeed the Lords Supper. Moved and carried that the Conference Adjourn for three Months. G. A Smith {President. OShaw {Clerk J Filtcher {Clerk

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Monday 29th Mar 1841

We held a Meeting of the Officers, Elders, Woodruff and Smith, made some verry good remarks, on the importance of being United. the laid their hands upon me and blessed me in the name of the Lord.

Tuesday Evening Mar. 30, 1841

I preached at Tunstal

Wednesday 31st Mar 1841

I went to Lane End and preached unto them a good conregation.

Thursday April 1st 1841

I preached at Hanley.

Saturday 3rd

I started for Macclesfeild arrived their about four O Clock staid over night a Elder Galleys.

Sunday 4th

I preached Morning and Evening, broke bread to them in the Afternoon, we had a good day to our Souls, which caused our hearts to rejoice abundantly in the Lord.

Monday 5th

I arose and walked to Stockport took the Railway to Manchester found the Saints in good Spirits. I slept with Elder Woodruff at bro Bivshaws. [sp?] I was verry unwell from a severe cold that I had taken.

Tuesday 6th

We assembled together in the Carpenters Hall at half pas Ten to hold a Conference, there being present B. Young, H.C. Kimball, O. Hyde, P. P. Pratt, O Pratt, W. Richards, W. Woodruff, J. Taylor, G.A. Smith 16 High Preists, 33 Elders, 28 Preists, 17 Teachers, 2 Deacons, their was represented Members, ___ Elders ___Preists, ___ Teachers, ___ Deacons.

Wednesday 7th April 1841

I arose was verry unwell. made up mind to return to Burslem bade the brethern farewell, took Railway to Stockport, walked to Macclesfeild, took Tea at Elder Galley walked to Congleton, took coach to Burslem, my wife washed my feet, and went to bed.

Thursday 8th April 1841

I was verry ill arose at noon was a deal better

Saturday 10th April 1841

I was perfectly well in Body, and Spirit, attended a Council Meeting at Hanley. had a good time.

Sunday 11th April 1841

I preached at Burslem Morning and Evening broke bread to them in the Afternoon, Ordained Richard, Cooper, and Thomas, Cunnington, Preists.

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Monday 12 April 1841

I attended fellowship Meeting in the Evening, laid my hands upon Sister Noon and Blessed her. She and her husband and family in Company with Sixteen were going to America. they all were from Lane End.

Tuesday April 13th 1841

I attended fellowship Meeting at Hanley bro Bole made me a pair of Boots. free of expence, O Lord bless him.

Wednesday April 14, 1841

I went to Lane End in company with Elders Bourne, Steele and Needham, Bourne, was on a Mission to Ipswich in Suffolk. Steele and Needham into Herefordshire. I preached in the Evening, laid my hands on Elder Bourne and blessed him. he was one of my own begotton Sons through the Gospel. He was convinced under my preaching, and I baptized him, and Ordained him and he had been my fellow labourer for the last Six Months. he was but 19 Years of Age, and of a noble disposition I also blessed Needham, and Steele, left them and I returned home.

Thursday 15th April 1841

About noon started on a Mission to Chestefeild, arrived at Leek in the Evening, attended Council Meeting. And I rejoiced verry much to see the brethern united in the manner they were, all was love, joy, and peace, and pleasentness.

Friday 16th April 1841

I pursued my journey on the Buxton Road about Six Miles then turned of for Longnon, through Longnon, to Bakwell, I was a little pleased with my journey, and surprised to see so many high and loft hills and rocks of an enormous size on the top. I was led to reflect on the mighty convulsions that must have taken place in these parts. the road for me had an awful, noble, and Majestic appearance at Bakewell I took a Conveyance to Chesterfeild we went through Chatsworth, went though the park of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire. It is considered one of the wonders of the Age on account of its Splended Palace which has been for nearly three centuries the principal seat of the family of Cavendish. Chatsworth House is most pleasantly situated. The Park is nearly eleven miles in circumference. The river Derwent flows in a serpentine course along the Valley about two hundred yards from the front of the House. The house has two fronts South and West the length of the West front is 172 feet, the length of the South 183 feet. There is one great wing wich runs Northward, the length of wich is 557 feet and the end of this wing is an elegant Tower built of pale Yellow Stone. The Entrance or Porters Lodge consists of three arched gateways. The Gates are of wrought Iron with the enrichments quilt. The entrance on gread Hall is 63 feet by 27 and the floor is of Black and White Marble. The paintings in the Hall are numerous. The subjects are from the history of Julius Ceasar. The South Gallery is well stored with paintings, from this Gallery a door opens into the Chapel. The Chapel is Seated and wainscoted throughout with cedar wood. almost coverd with Paintings Sculptures, and Carving, over the Pulpit is the picture of blind Bartimeus. over the door is Christ with the woman of Samaria. there is also Justice, and Mercy. Charity and liberality. Faith and Hope. On the ceiling is pointed the Ascension of Christ. The floor is of Marble. The Music room adjoins the Gallery of the Chapel it hung verry beautiful with White and adorned with a many

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beautiful paintings. one of Mary Magdalene, Christ in the Jordan, Micheal the Archangel overcoming Satan, one elegant picture of the Duchess of Devonshire.

The Billiard room is Ornamented with a many rich Paintings. The Drawing room, is a noble Apartment. is 48 feet long and occupies the South east angle of the building. The Busts of Charles James Tose [SP?] and Lord Geroge, and Lady Cavendish, which stands on Black and Red Marble pedestals. also a many beautiful paintings, also a Table worthy of notice, composed of different slended peices of Marble of different colours the length is five feet by three and a half. The Chapel, Music room, Billiard, and Drawing room occupy the whole front of the South front of one Story of the House, which is 183 feet in length. from this you enter into the Great Library. this is the first room into the long range of building. from this room you behold a long range of apartments. the doors are six feet wide, and are placed directly opposite the each other and you can, when the whole are thrown open, look through a series of rooms to the length of 550 feet which are not surpassed in any mansion in the Kingdom The ground of the Ceiling is pure white, ornamented with fine Gold, The Library contains a many large and fine Book, and numerous Manuscripts. The Book cases, are made of Spanish Mahogany French polished, looking glass panels over and surrounded with gold Mouldings, the Chimney peice is of Marble. Over the chimney peice is a most elegant looking Glass. 6 feet wide, and 4 feet 6 inches wide surrounded by a bronge gilt edge, and veined Marble.

The doors are of Mahogany, Trench polished, the length of the room is 88 feet 8 inches, 22 feet 3 inches wide and 17 feet high. The Anti Library, room is 29 feet 6 inches long, 17 feet high and 17 feet 6 inches wide. it is fitted up in the same style as the great Library The Cabinet Library adjoins the last mentioned room, the roof is splendidly ornamented made of pure Marble and adorned very much with dead and burnished gold. you then proceed into the Dining Room This splendid apartment is 57 feet long. 30 feet wide and 25 feet in height. The ceiling is slightly arched and divided into numerous panels and richly gilt on the ground of a pure white. all below the surbase are polished marble, of a beautiful colour. The mouldings are gilt. The room is lighted by 5 windows of plate glass, between the windows, looking glasses are sunk into the Marble. The walls of this room are hung with a many family portraits. Two chimney peices of marble, which cost upwards of 2000 Guinees each, beautifully ornamented in short, all that taste and art can produce, wealth has purchased. The sculpture Gallery is a magnificent room 130 feet long 30 feet wide and 22 feet high. The roof is of glass. The walls are of finely rubd grit stone, the doorways are lined with marble, splend pillars, of green marble, resting upon golden pedestals, which have a magnificent appearance. The work of art which adorn this gallery are numerous. In the middle of the floor stand two noble figures, one a sleeping Endymion [SF?], the other an Archillies wounded. On each side of the entrance are fine busts, of the Emporor Nicholas, and the Empress of Russia. in fact there are in this room, figures, and, busts to the amount of forty. On each side of the door at the North end of the Gallery, stand a Lion, one of them is in repose, and the other appears just aroused, and ready to seize upon his prey. The are made of two vast blocks of marble, which previous to the Sculptures chisel coming in contact with them, each weighing nine tons. and are worth £300. They each measure nine feet long, and are four feet high. There present weight is three tons each. There is also several handsome Tables, one of them contains about ten thousand different peices and its value is estimated at £3500. we will next proceed into the Orangery. The entrance into this room is through a splend partal, formed of two noble columns of Egyptian marble of a delightful green, which

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rest on golden pedestals. This is a magnificent room 108 feet long, 26 feet wide, and 21 feet high. The room is lighted up with eleven Windows of plate glass, each containing 28 panes of 2 feet square each, The centre window is 16 feet by 10. The others are 16 feet by 8 feet. The roof is Glass. There is also a many splendid figures. There is a many fine Orange trees, and shrubs and flowers of endless variety. you will next proceed into the Bath. The consist of two commodious hot one and Swimming bath, They are lined with marble and Dutch tiles.

You next enter into the Banqueting Hall, which is in length 81 feet, in width thirty, and 25 feet high, from the centre of this apartment is suspended a most splendid chandelier the rims of which is composed of Stags, heads carved and gilt, as large as life surmounted with a many Antlers of that Animal from Germany. one end of this apartment is fitted up a Gallery for the purpose of visitors witnessing Theatrical performances, you then proceed into the State Apartments, which are lined with the choicest wood and adorned in a delightful manner. then follows the state Bed room. This room is so called from containing the Bed, on which George the second died. also the chair and footstools of George the third and Queen Charlotte. The ceiling of the room is elegantly painted. The subject is Aurora, or the Morning Starr chasing away night, and her misty train of attendents, and it is adorned with a many beautiful painting.

The State Music Room in which are two gorgeously gilt chairs, in which William the fourth, and Adelaide were crowned in.

and a many other Paintings.

the State Drawing room are a many noble and elegant paintings of different subjects. The State Dinning room is also a noble apartment. 50 feet long, and thirty feet wide. The carvings in wood in this, are beautiful, and are in the highest style of excellence. The Dukes Sitting room, and Breakfast room are also Elegantly furnished and from these the visitors are shewn into the Pleasure Grounds. which extend over eight acres of land and is decorated verry much with Sculptured figure and Vases.

In these grounds is planted a tree by the Emporor of Russia. and one ther by the Archduke Micheal. Also a British Oak planted by Queen Victoria, There is also an American Chestnut planted by the Duchess of Kent. The style of the Gardens on the West front is excellent. They are enriched with eight stone Baskets which are thirty feet Square each.

The Gardens appropriated to the growth of fruit of and Vegatables, extend over twelve acres, and are furnished with twenty two Hot houses, and in the hot houses an extenseive variety of Trees and shrubs, and flowers.

The Stables are abut two hundred feet in length.

The Water works on the summit of a high hill, is a large reservoir covering fourteen acres of Ground which is covered by pipes to various parts of the ground. Here is also a water fall to the depth of forty feet. On the side of the hill, is the great Cascad which consists of a temple Ornamented with a dome, and columns and pillars On pinnacles are four Lions heads On the front lies the God Nilius at full length, a little below are two Sea Nymphs, betwixt them and the

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river God, are two Sea Lions heads and under all are tow Dolphins. When the cascade is put in motion any strangers who may have stept in, amongst them, for the purpose of admiring most deplorable is their situation. for in a moment the water hisses upon him, and unless he is lucky enough to retreat, he will speedily be wet through to the Skin, Then rushes the water with increasing velocity from the dome above, and from the columns and mouths of the figures, until the whole temple is covered with foam, and, spray, and all the building is lost amidst the sparkling of the waters. When the Cascade is turned of the water ceases and the Temple is again seen in all its Magnificiently beauty.

There is also an Artificial tree. It is made of Copper, and Brass, and represents a decayed weeping willow, and consists of eight thousand differ peices, It discharges about 800 drops of water, from the ends of the branches, and from the centre of the leaves, and this forms and artificial Shower, when a tap is turned, which plays many an unlucky trick upon the Visitor. what with the water from the tree, and that which flies up out of the ground in all directions he would speedily get drenched. The tree measures, 14 feet in height 16 diameter, and 48 in circumference. There is a Canal 320 Yards long and 25 broad. and in it a fountain, which throws up water 90 feet, Ther is also another, which throws up water 60 feet high. The Hunting Tower is of a square form, and stands ninety feet high, and stands on a high hill. When his Grace is at home there is a flag hoisted at the Top of the tower, this can be seen a many miles round. The park abounds with deer, and other game, The window frames of the front of the house at the outside are gilded over, which makes it appear verry elegant, in short, all is delightful, all that heart can desire almost is here, but alas all these cannot make man happy for they all fade away, as doth a flower, and those that hold them shall be called and shall give an account, before there Master, their Lord, their King, and their God. O my God humble the rich, bestow upon them Charity, and make them partakers of thy great Salvation, and bring them in to thy Kingdom, for thy Sons sake, Amen, and Amen.

When I arrived in Chestefeild I found brother Wardle verry comfortably fixed living with Mr Thomas Harvey verry comfortable, and homely people They made me verry comfortable, for which I pray that the Great God, will bless them, with Celestial Glory, in his Eternal Kingdom. I went to bed, slept with brother Wardle in the Morning I arose quite refreshed went among the Saints, they rejoiced verry much to see me. Elder Vernon arrived about noon.

Sunday 18th April 1841

I preached Afternoon, and Evening, they Saints were strengthen and several believed my testimony I baptized, Charles Marsden, and also his Wife. I saw brother Black in the Evening. he is a fine intelligent young man, the manifestation of the Spirit to me was that I must Ordain him to the Office of a Preist, I and Elder Vernon, confirmed three.

Monday 19 April 1841

I and Elder Vernon, spent a day with brother Black, and I must say, that I never spent a happier day in my life, In the Evening I preached, a Mr Taylor came to Meeting, he was one that worked in the same Office as brother Black, which was at Clay Cross, a Village about five miles from Chesterfield, he also believed my testimony, he gave us an invitation at his house at Clay Cross, for the next day.

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Tuesday 20 April 1841

I and Elder Vernon, accompanied, brother Black, and, Mr Taylor, to Clay Cross, and we spent a comfortable season, we came back on the Railway the same Evening, and preached out of doors in Chesterfeild.

Wednesday 21 April 1841

Elder Vernon began to follow his employment once more, he had been out of a Situation a long time, had got reduced in circumstances, and for a length of time, had been destitute of the common necessaries of life, he had a Wife and two small children, their Sufferings I cannot describe, but I know they were great. Oh, the sufferings, the wretchedness, the misery, the poverty, and the nakedness of the tens, of thousands of the human family, what a crying for bread in the streets, It is enough to make the Blood run cold in the veins, and to force the Saint to cry out. O Lord deliver the poor, visit them with thy Salvation, and make them heirs of Celestial Glory.

Thursday 22 April 1841

I preached in the Evening brother Black, and Mr Taylor, were present.

Friday 23rd April 1841

I accompanied them to Clay Cross had a pleasant visit returned on Saturday Evening.

Sunday Morning April 25th 1841

I preached in the Open Air, Afternoon, and night, at Sister Dinah broke bread to them, brother Black Ordained a Preist on the 23rd. We had a blessed time. The Spirit of the Lord was with us indeed and of a truth, Sister Cunnington spoke in and Magnified God, the people seemed verry much affected, and could scarcely leave the Meeting. The Saints rejoiced verry much.

Monday Evening-April 26th 1841

I preached, baptized on the 20

Tuesday 27th April 1841

I preached in the open air at Brampton. a good congregation who were verry attentive.

Thursday Evening April 29th 1841

I opened the large room belonging to the Red Lion Inn in Brampton. an attentive audience. I shall here give a breif sketch of Chesterfeild, the first thing that attracted my attention, was the Spire of the Church, being so crooked. look at it from what side you will, it looks as though is were falling. The following are the dimensions of the Church. Its length is 170 feet, its width 59 feet its height 43 feet. besides a spire of 230 feet, the top of the ball is 6 feet from its perpendicular It is said to be about 800 Years Old. The town consist of about 16000 inhabitants, there is a many Potteryys and it is noted for the quality of Coal around in fact the town itself stands upon a bed of Coal. There is five Dissenting places of Worship.

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Sunday May 2nd 1841

I Preached out of doors early, in the room at half past ten, half past Two, an Six in the evening, we had a well filled place, each Service, after which I baptized Roger Parker, and confirmed him, The Lord caused my heart to rejoice abundantly.

Monday Evening May 3rd 1841

I preached to a large congregation, many beleived my testimony

Thursday Evening May 6th 1841

I preached to a good congregation they verry attentive.

Sunday Morning May 9th 1841

I baptized Walsh, preached in the Morning and Evening, broke bread to them in the Afternoon, confirmed one, at the close of the Day I baptized Nicholass Walsh, and Thomas Mellor.

Monday Afternoon May 10th 1841

I baptized William Cunnington, Preached in the Evening to a crowded congregat ion.

Tuesday Evening May 11th 1841

The People assembled together and I preached to them, the People collected me 17??.

Wednesday Morning I started for Birmingham, at 9 O Clock arrived in B—n at 2 O Clock found the Saints all in confusion, and every thing turned almost upside course I attended fellowship Meeting in the Evening.

Thursday May 13th 1841

I preached in the Evening to a few Saints, I was verry much bound in Spirit.

Sunday 16th May 1841

I spoke a little but had n [sic] Spirit for preaching broke bread to them in the Afternoon, Joseph Tate was Cut of from the Church Samuel Rea suspended for being drunk and raising a disturbance in the neighbourhood wherin he lived, in the Evening Elder Riley, and I spoke a little, there was but two or three attended, beside the Saints. At this time in Birmingham the prospects were verry unfavorable, which caused me much pain of mind, the Spirit manifested to me that I must appoint a fast day to be observed by the Church in Birmingham the Day appointed was Thursday.

Monday May 17th 1841

I took Tea with several of the Saints at brother Whottons. spoke out of Doors at the corner of Trent Street, a good Spirit after that spoke a little in brothers Thacker laid hand on one that was sick.

Tuesday 18th May 1841

I visited sister Fardoe, she was verry unwell and had been for two or three Years. I prayed with her, took dinner with her visited sister Whotton, she was Sick also I took some food with her, in the evening. I fell into conversation with a Young Woman, and laid down to her several principals, and she received my Testimony.

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Wednesday 19th May 1841

I wrote two letters, one to Elder Vernon and another to my wife. Came to Oldbury took Tea with Sister Johnson, and preached in the Evening, took Supper with brother Wagstaff. slept at brother Johnsons.

Thursday 20th May 1841

This day I dept as a fast, found it good to wait upon the Lord, camt to Greets Gren, in the evening went to Swan Village. I began to speak to the people upon the Principals of the Gospel, and a man named Oakley came up to me and asked me wether Jesus Christ sent his disciples to baptise with water or not, I told him if he would be good and lend me his attention, I would explain it to him and also to the people he then cried aloud, and said, You have no buisness here. Your Doctrines false I asked him wherein, he said in a many points, I asked him to shew me one. He then said

I attempted to speak a many times, but every time was interupted by him and the people who rended the Heavens almost with their cry, the then began to push against us. and to Stone us verry much, several of the Saints got hit, but not any of them hurt, we was enabled to rejoice abundantly, in the things of the Kingdom of God. I must say that I never saw such an Ungodly, Unchristian, and Unrighteous Hypocrite in my life.

Friday I took dinner with brother Samuel Wood, went to Westbromwich preached to a good congregation, It rained verry heavy but the people was so eager to hear the truth, they stood to get wet through to the Skin. I rejoiced verry much to see them manifest such a noble Spirit. I also received a letter from Elder Bourne stating that he was returning home again, and intended to follow his employment at Potting I went to Oldbury and slept at brother Johnsons.

Saturday 22 May 1841

I took breakfast and went to Westbromwich laid hands (in company with Elder White) on brother Smith The day before he had hurt his back verry bad took dinner at brother W Walkers, took Tea at Brother Mather, slept there all night.

Sunday 23 May 1841

I arose attended prayer Meeting took breakfast with brother Parkinson, went to Westbromwich, Elder Riley was preaching to them, there was a many people assembled to hear the work, and some few of the Methodists to oppose the truth, after Elder Riley had addressed the Meeting, I arose and spoke upon the Ordinance of Baptism. then the Methodists arose and began to try to overturn the doctrine of the bible, but it was all in vain they tried verry much to prejudice the minds of the people, but their conduct was so base, they manifest the wickedness in such a degree, that the people were disgusted at there proceedings. In the Afternoon I spoke at some length upon the Methodist God, without, Body, or Parts, which opened the mind of the people. Elder riley followed a many believed the truth and rejoiced in the things of the Kingdom of God. I then went to Wolverhampton preached out of doors, a hard Spirit manifested, brother Henshaw rejoiced to see me verry much. he burst into Tears and his heart seemed to overflow with gratitude. I slept at brother Jacks, in the Morning I took breakfast with brother Henshaw. then came to Bilston. took dinner with brother Turn??? came to Hill Top in the Afternoon wrote a letter to brother Charles Marsden at Chesterfeild, took some refreshment with brother James

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Robinson, he shewed me a Model of a Coach that he is making, which is to run upon rails, and yet to take the rails along with it, and the more weight there is placed upon it, the faster it will run. I preached in the evening in Swan Village. as soon as we began to sing, a great many of the Primitive Methodists and at there head the Reverend J Moss who came to oppose the work of our God. The people paid great attention (for an hour) unto me, while I laid down to them the principals of the Doctrine of Christ. After which Mr Moss arose and told the people, the Doctrine which he believed and taught. The first thing was a Trinity God, consisting of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, and yet not three Gods, but one God, and, says he, faith and repentance is right, but Baptism he could not do with, for says he, we Englishmen, are men of understanding we don't want Americans to come and teach us. and his prayer was O Lord keep me from the doctrine of the Latter day Saints, and the cry of his followers was Amen, and Amen. I answered them a few Questions, gave out another appointment for next Monday Evening and came to bro W Walkers and staid over night. my heart rejoiced in the God of Heaven.

Tuesday 25th May 1841

I took breakfast with brother Evans. went to Oldbury took dinner at brother J Johnsons, wrote a letter to Edenburgh to Elder Watt, also one to my wife. took Tea with brother Frances Wagstaff went to Westbromwich in the Evening preached upon the resurrection of the dead, there was a many present. a Wealthy Gentleman came forward and desired that one of us would preach at his house I gave out an appointment for the Sunday but one after, in the Afternoon, a Roman Catholic came and challenged me out for Discussion. I was to prove, he had to disprove. I slept at brother J Johnsons at Oldbury

Wednesday 26th May 1841

I took breakfast with brother Johynsons wrote a letter to Mr George Brown giving him a statement of the position I wish to maintain, That the Gospel of Christ was composed of certain principals, of which, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is the first. Secondly repentance of all our sins. Thirdly, Baptism, in water, by immersion for the remission of Sins. Laying on of hands for the Gift of the Holy Ghost. And that when these principals are administered in a proper Order and by proper Authority, men can come in posession of the Gift of the Holy Ghost and all the other Gifts of God. such as Tongues, Interpretation Visions, and Healings, &c. preached in the Evening out in the open air.

Thursday 27th May 1841

I preached in Greets Green. many of the Saints were Assembled together two from Swan Village gave in their manes for Baptism. preached at Westbromwich in the open air. a good congregation were present.

Saturday 29th May 1841

I returned to Birmingham. went to the Coach Office, at eight O Clock to meet my wife, she arrived was in good Spirits we went down to brother Whottons he had provided a bed for us. we took Supper with them, and retired to rest.

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Sunday 30th May 1841

We arose attended Meeting I preached unto them. We took dinner with Deacon Pritchard. my wife was taken verry ill was Oblidged to go to bed. In the Afternoon we held our Conference. Meeting ws called to Order by A Cordon, J Riley was chosen President J Forster was chosen Clerk. Meeting opened by prayer by the President The following branches of the Church was then repersented. Birmingham 46 Members 2 Elders, 1 Preist, 1 Teacher 1 Deacon Westbromwich 51 Members 2 Elders 6 Preists 2 Teacher. Oldbury 13 Members, 1 Elder 2 Preists, 1 Teacher Wolverhampton 109 Members, 1 Elder, 1 Preist. The following Ordinations, then took place J Johynson, Elder Wm Henshaw Elder, L Pritchett J Robinson, Preists, F Thacker Deacon the Spirit of the Lord rested upon us verry powerfully. in the Evening I preached, Elder Riley bore Testimony to the truth.

Monday 31st May 1841

In the Afternoon we assembled together in the preaching room, as it had before been agreed that we should hold a Tea Meeting, and a verry excellent report we had. after which Elder Riley, myself and Elder White and others addressed the Meeting. every thing was comfortable, and the Spirit of the Lord pervaded the whole. my wife was so unwell she could not stay with us.

Tuesday 1st of June 1841

she was a deal worse. verry feverish and verry painfull throught her body. In the Evening I went and preached in the Open Air, a verry hard Spirit, after which I baptized Emma Moore, my heart rejoiced verry much in the goodness of God.

Wednesday 2nd June 1841

In the Evening I attended fellowship Meeting we had a good season to our Souls. my wife was no better. neither prayer, nor anything that I could get seemed to do her any good. she was willing to suffer and to wait the Lords time

Thursday 3rd June 1841

We took a walk in the town it was the fair, and I must say I never saw such folly, Vanity, and Wickedness exhibited in my life before. I attended meetting in the Evening, but few were present.

Saturday 5 June 1841

my wife was worse, she with some difficulty walked to Elder Rileys when she being overcome she went to bed, Sister Whotton desired her to have a Medical attendant, but she said she would not she was determind to rely in the mercies of God. I laid hands upon her, and cried unto the Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ, to heal her of her disease and the renovating power of the Spirit of God came down upon her, removed her pains, and we rejoiced abundantly.

Sunday 6th June 1841

The Enemy attacked her again, and she was worse than before. she attended preaching room in the Morning, but was oblidged to return. Elder White, and I spoke out of doors broke bread to them in the Afternoon and preached in the Evening, a good Spirit manifested. I confirmed Emma Moore. I took supper with Preist, Pritchett.

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Monday 7th June 1841

I started for the Potteries. called at Westbromwich to see the Saints. My wife was taken verry ill with riding the omnibus shaked verry much. when she got to Greets Green she went to bed. several of the brethern went up to Swan Villge to preach. I went to them. I found G. Wood speaking. after he had done I arose and spoke to some length the Rev. J. Moss was there and several other Primitive preacher. verry busy writing down what we said. as soon as I had dismissed the Meeting Mr Moss arose, and shewed us what it was to be Born of Water. that a man must be put in water. lie there nine months, and he must Quicken in the water, before he ever could be said to be Born. He also explained to us the four Angels that were standing at the four corners of the Earth, holding the four winds of Heven &c. Rev He said these were four nations inanely England, France, Prussia, and Austria. and the Angel that John saw bringing the Gospel, was the bible and it was going to preach to every creature, he took old of my arm and tried to pul me of the Chair, that I was standing upon but he did not do it. they then began to push us about, and to throw stones at us, but all thanks to our God, we escaped unhurt.

Tuesday 8th June 1841

I wrote two letters one to Elder Snow another to Elder Johnson. preached at Westbromwich a verry attentive concretion. The people rejoiced verry much.

Wednesday 9th June 1841

my wife was a deal better. We took dinner with brother Samuel Wood In the Evening I went to Oldbury, and preached out of Doors. when I had spoken about twenty minutes, I began to speak upon the doctrine of Baptism, and to shew that it was Essential, to the Salvation of the human family. when I was interrupted by the cries of its Blood, its Blood its Fire, its Fire, its Spirit, its Spirit, Bless the Lord Aleluia &c. which proceeded from a number of Primateve, (Baalites) Methodists. I desired them to lend me their attention, but it was all in vain, they would not allow me to proceed any farther, they told me that I was a Scamp, a Vagabon and that I had run away from my wife. I told them that it was of fact, for I had left her at Greets Green.

Thursday 10th June 1841

I preached in the Evening at Greets Green a good congregation and a good Spirit manifested among them. several of them burst into tears because of my leaving them for I had laboured amongst them for nearly twelve months, and we had become strongly attached to each other, and they had treated me with the greatest respect, and I will bear Testimony of their good works in the day of the Lord.

Friday 11th June 1841

About noon I started for the Potteries my wife was not so far recovered, as to be able to proceed with me. I left her in the care of Sister Jane Wood. I came to Bilston. took dinner with brother Turner. called at Wolverhampton visited the Saints, proceeded on my journey walked five miles then took Coach to Stafford. walked to Lane End, arrived there about Ten O Clock, was informed that a many transgressors were in the Church

Saturday 12 June 1841

I was engaged in searching out the workers of evil, and those that were giving heed to the works of the flesh

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Sunday 13 June 1841

In the Morning I attended Prayer Meeting after which I went and found a many of them under transgressions. but they promised to attend the Afternoons Meeting. I preached in the Forenoon. Elder Simpson and brother Hewit came from Burslem. I rejoiced to see them. In the Afternoon we assembled together. When then proceeded to Cut Randol Colebough from the Church. Disfellowship 6 and 6 arose and confessed their Sins. I then broke bread to them. it was a time of rejoicing to our Souls. In the Evening I preached. a good conregation came to Burslem. slept at Elder Simpsons.

Monday 14th June 1841

I visited some of the Saints, took dinner with Deacon Bowers. in the Afternoon my wife came on the Coach from Westbromwich she was a little better in health. I attended meeting at Burslem, in the Evening, I spoke to some length to them and laid down to them the law of the Saviour, as it is laid down in the 28th Chapter of Matthews Gospel. I confirmed one laid hands on one that was Sick.

Tuesday 15th June 1841

In the Afternoon I took Tea with brother Hancock. after which I went to Knutton Heath, Elder Bourne and Hancock accompanied me, a large conregation assembled together in the open air. I began to preach unto them at a little after Seven, and was opposed by a many Baalites we dismissed the Meeting a little before Ten, we arrived home about midnight.

Wednesday 16th June 1841

In the Evening I preached at Burslem upon the Subject of Eternal Judgement, as a Vision had been published in the Starr shewing the final Destiny of Man in the world to come. it seemed a little too strong for a many in the Church, for they had the Idea that every one that did not obtain a Celestial Glory, was to Boil, and Fry, and Frizzle in lakes of Eternal Fire, and Everlasting flames, of Damnation, for Ever, and Ever.

Thursday 17th June 1841

I went to Hanley and preached, but few attended, after which I went to Elder Taylors, he had received from brother Worroll dated May Kirtland Ohio stating that he was comfortably fixed, had a fine Orchard a neat Cottage, Barn, Cow, Hogs, and every thing to make him comfortable, and had a situation of 12 Dollars, per week which is equal to £2=10 in English money. and he desired all that could make it convenient, to come to that goodly land

Friday 18th June 1841

Elder Simpson sent for me to administer unto him in the name of the Lord he was taken verry ill, I did so, and he arose, and eat, and drink that same hour, and returned to his employment I went To Wolstanton in the Evening, spoke out of Doors, near the Wesleyan Methodists Chapel. The Methodists came and ordered me not to come there any more. for it was there land, and I had no buisness there, and I was a deceiver, & cc

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Saturday 19 June 1841

I attended council Meeting, many of the Officers were present, we had a time of rejoicing. Elder Taylor read J Worrolls letter and in it he observed, that he beleived that Elder Turley was the man that his wife said he was, for he had charged them that was going over to America with him, 10 Shillings, ahead more than he ought to have done, and thus had rob them of above 60£.

Sunday 20th June 1841

I started for Leek, in company with J Lockett, T Silcock, and Elder S Johnson. arrived there at Ten O Clock, at ½ past met in Conference, There being present 1 High Preist 4 Elders Preists Teachers Deacons. President A Cordon opened the Meeting by Prayer J Hunt was chosen Clerk, The Conference then proceeded to cast out from the Church, Deacon Brough, Mark Washington When it was moved and carried, that Edwin Rushton, George Clews Daviess, be Ordained Preists Also that Thjomas Davies, be Ordained Teacher John Hunt represented the branch of the Church at Leek consisisting of 76 Members, 3 Elders Preists Teachers Deacon Meeting dissolved by Prayer by the President. Elder Galley & Locket Preached in the Evening

Monday 21st June 1841

I sent round the Bell Man, to inform the Inhabitants that on that Evening there would be a Lecture delivered, on the principals of the Everlasting Gospel, Discussion would be allowed. In the Evening we met there was a large congregation. after the Meeting, two arose but never opposed any principal that I had laid down. They were full of the Spirit of Unrighteousness, many people were convinced of the truth.

Tuesday 22nd June 1841

As I travelled throught the Town, thre was a continual stare, and gaze at me as thou I had been strange looking animal. The Saints treated me with the greatest respect did every thing to make me comfortable for which the Lord shall reward them abundantly in the world that is to come, for their works shewed that they belonged to the faith of Jesus.

Wednesday 23 June 1841

I preached in the Evening to a verry attentive congregation. all was peacable and quiet, after which, one was baptized. a ball of Fire was seen in the Heavens.

Friday 25th June 1841

In the Evening I attended fellowship Meeting it was a precious season unto our Souls. at the close of the Meeting, a sister of the name of Harrisson, was thrown down quite stiff with the Devil. I called the church together, exhorted them to fix their faith in the Almighty and we would have deliverance, we kneeled down and prayed unto the Father in the name of the Son and then laid hands on her and rebuked the foul Spirit in the name of Jesus, and he came out, and she was at Peace. he then entered into Sister F Nixon, we laid hands, on her, rebuked the Enemy, and her soul became enwrapt in the Visions of Eternity, and she saw and heard Misterious things. I and Elders Knight S Nixon, and G Nixon visited sister Coopers Husband he was verry ill we administered unto him in the name of the Lord, and he was a deal better. As I was going home I saw a large substance of Fire in the Heavens, it descended in the West, a hill standing before me. I lost sight of it, it was verry glorious.

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Saturday 26th June 1841

I returned to Burslem in company with Sister Mary, and, Fanney, Rushton. found my wife in a very poor state of health. I went over to Hanley, Elder Taylor had received a letter from Elder Pratt, stating that J Worrols letter was a sure sign of an apostacy and we had better cut him from the church.

Sunday 27 June 1841

We assembled in the assembly room, in Burslem. There being present 2 High Preists Elders, Preists Teacher 5 Deacons. Meeting was called to order by Elder S Johnson, who moved that Elder A Cordon preside over the Conference for the day, seconded and carried Unanimously.

Also Moved and carried that Elder O Shaw & T J Filcher act as Clerks. Also that Elders, Johnson, Taylor, and Deacon Bowers assist in keeping order for the day. The President then called for the various representations of the Churches

	M	HP	E	P	T	D
Burslem	81	2	2	6	3	1
Hanley 69	2	2	2	1	1	
Stoke	19	2	1	4	1	1
Newcastle	13	2	1	2	1	1
Baddaley Edge 21	2	1	0	1	1	1
Bradley Green 7	2	0	1	1	1	0
Knutton	22	2	0	2	1	0
Lane End	88	2	2	5	4	1
Tunstal	23	2	2	1	1	1
Leek 76	2	3	10	2	1	
Chesterfeild	17	2	1	4	0	1
Audlem	27	2	0	2	2	1
Prees	18	2	0	1	1	0
Total	481	2	15	40	19	10

It was moved and carried that J Eccles be ordained Elder. Also that Thos Davies, Jo Simmons, John Robinson, Isc Ball John Harrison, Daniel Harvey, be ordained Preists. Also that J Beech and Thos Adams be Ordained Teachers. The above were then Ordained under the hands of Elders A Cordon, and J. P. Smith. The Meeting adjourned untill 1/2 past 2 O'clock. Dissolved by Prayer Meeting assembled according to adjournment, opened by Prayer. The President then brought forth the letter of John Worroll, for which conduct it was Moved, Seconded, and carried Unanimously, that he be Disfellowshipped from the Church. It was also Moved and carried that John Huxley, George Wainwright, Elizabeth Henshaw, Sister Mountford Joseph Blaze, J Rushton be cut of from the Church, two were then Confirmed. The collection was then made Meeting adjourned for three Months Dissolved by Prayer by the President.

Monday 28th June 1841

In the Evening I attended the fellowship Meeting at Hanley, our hearts rejoiced in the Lord Sister Rushtons went over to Lane End. I will insert here a circumstance which transpired during Conference. Spencer Walker arose and nominated brother Leese [sp?] of Tunstall to the office of a Preist I called several times for some one to Second the nomination, but all was still and silent, so the case dropt.

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Tuesday 29th June 1841

In the Afternoon I took Tea with Brother Box. attended the Evening Meeting The Spirit of the Lord rested upon us verry much which caused my heart to rejoice in the God of my Salvation Amen.

Wednesday 30th June 1841

In the Evening I and Elder Johnson went to Baddaley Edge. I preached to them, a good congregation were present.

Thursday 1st July 1841

I Preached at Hanley, but few attended

Saturday 3rd July 1841

I visited brother Samuel Rowley of Newcastle. he was verry ill just at the point of death. exhorted me to a holy life and to labour dilligently in the cause of truth. he closed his Eyes in Sleep (Death) in the Evening Elder Smith wife was Confined. I blessed her and the child in the name of the Lord. In the Evening I attended council Meeting. a dispute arose between some of the brethern respecting David being King over Israel. some mantained, that he would be resurrected and be King, before the Coming of Christ, others that it would be another David that should be King. I told them that I expected it would not be that David that was once King over Israel.

Sunday 4th July 1841

I preached at Hanley in the forenoon, broke bread to them in the Afternoon, preached in the Market place at half past five. In the room in the Evening, a good congregation were present.

Monday 5th July 1841

I attended the fellowship Meeting at Burslem. a many Saints were present and the Spirit of the most Holy one, rested upon us. I laid before them the case of my Wife, stating to them, that I desired the Saints to assist her if they possibly could, as she was not able to follow her employment.

Tuesday 6th July 1841

I attended the funeral of Samuel Rowley at New castle. then went to Knutton Heath and preached to them a good Spirit manifested.

Wednesday 7th July 1841

I went over to Baddaley Edge, got severely wet, preached to them. then went to Leek arrived there about ten O Clock found my wife a deal better and verry comfortable in her mind.

Thursday 8th July 1841

In the Evening I attended council Meeting, it was moved and carried that the following Sunday be observed as a day of fasting and prayer by the branch of the Church at Leek

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Friday 9th July 1841

I attended fellowship Meeting, a many of the Saints were present and they seemed to be dwelling in the spirit of love.

Sunday 11 July 1841

At nine in the Morning we assembled in the room. Opened the Meeting by Singing and Prayer. when we had done singing the second time, the Holy Ghost descended like unto fire and sat upon one of the brethern, and he arose and sang delightfully in Tongues. brother Joseph Smith interpreted, such a joyful day I never had before, many had Visions, many Spoke in Tongues, and many prophesied, it was a day of Edifying to us all.

Monday 12th July 1841

In the Evening I preached to a good congregation who were very attentive.

Tuesday 13th July 1841

I was very ill. through being wet the week before I had taken cold, and it had settled in my throat.

Wednesday 14th July 1841

I was a deal better, and I preached in the Evening

Thursday 15th July 1841

I started for Burslem. arrived there about Six O Clock, then went to Hanley. found that Sister Sarah Smith had arrived from Westbromwich she was very well and rejoiced very much in the things of God Elder Taylor Preached to us, but few attended.

Saturday 17th July 1841

I was in company with sister Smith. we went to brother Masons for dinner and Tea. attended Council Meeting, and all was very comfortable. they gave me for my wife. I accompanied brother Wood to Newcastle, and slept with him.

Sunday 18th July 1841

In the morning I arose and started for Drayton, brother Wood accompanied me about five miles. I called at brother Edwards at Mair Heath. his wife was opposed to the Saints, he arose and went with me. when we had walked about a mile Elder O Shaw overtook us. we arrived in Drayton about twelve O Clock. A Mr Williams heart was opened to feed us at half past Two we assembled on the ground for preaching. many were present. Elder Shaw and I preached. as soon as i had done preaching, a Wesleyan Preacher, named Jebbs came forward, and said, He wanted a Sign. He wanted a miracle. If you are a believer shew us a Sign, and then I will believe. Elder Shaw asked whether he was a believer in the Bible. He said he was, Elder Shaw, asked him, Why he wanted signs to make him believe that which he already believed. He said he would meet any of them at Discussion. I arose and said if he would find a suitable room, I would meet him, on the principals of the Doctrine of Christ, and the Bible should be the Standard. He said I must come to there Chapel on the Tuesday Evening following, and it should be so, accordingly I agreed. Elder Shaw preached in the Evening we then came to Cox Bank I was quite fatigued. we slept at brother Vicars.

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Monday 19th July 1841

In the Afternoon we went to Audlem to brother Daviess. took Tea with them. they were very kind unto us. in fact all the Saints were very kind unto us, and they manifested by their actions, that they belonged to Jesus. we spoke at Cox Bank in the Evening returned to Audlem for the night

Tuesday 20th July 1841

In the Afternoon we set of for Drayton. attended the Wesleyand Chapel at Seven 0 Clock, a many of that Denomination were present, also a many of the respectable Inhabitants. two Church of england Ministers were present Mr. Jebb arose and said he would choose a Chairman. he did so. I arose and Choose Elder Shaw. Mr Jebb then arose and said that he desired me to give an account of the Origin of Mormonism. to this I agreed, feeling thankful that I had the priviledge for the place we crowded to overflowing. The time allotted me was a quarter of an hour and he the same time to reply in. I arose and stated as correctly as I possible could quoting from memory, how Joseph Smith, sought for truth among the difirent sects (that were then existing in the neighbourhood wherein he resided.) but all in vain, at last went and Enquired of the Almighty and received intelligence that his Sins was forgiven. He arose and stated that he had got a pamphlet written by the Saints, and that Smith had been saved contrary to the Scriptures, for he rested his Salvation on the mere testimony of an Angel and those spoken of in the Bible were saved by the Spirit, and in the Pamphlet, (which was O. Pratts,) it did not say that Smith had any faith, or that he had the Spirit, therefore his conversion was a Spurious one. and at the same read from the pamphlet, that when Joseph Smith could not find truth among the religious sects, he commenced to read the Scriptures, believing it as he read. I answered that it was very evident that Mr. Smith was in possession of a deal of faith, for without faith it is impossible to please God. and Mr. Smith pleased God and therefore must have faith, and that with respect to Mr. Smith having the Spirit, the Apostle says, No man knoweth the things of God, but by the Spirit of God. and Mr. Smith knew of the things of God, and therefore must have the Spirit of god. but says Mr Jebbs it does not say that he had the Spirit and therefore could not be saved. I answered that it did say that (Lydia or the Phillipian Jailor, or the woman that Christ spake to, saying, Thy sins are forgiven thee,) had the Spirit, and upon the same Principal, they were not saved. I also related to them how Jesus Christ made his appearance to the tribe of Joseph, but this he objected to, because it did not say so in the Bible. I presumed he did not believe that Jesus Christ ever appeared to John, and why, because the Bible did not say he should. The Meeting concluded at Ten 0 Clock. I rejoiced to see the Spirit that the people manifested, and truly the Lord was with us, and blessed us abundantantly.

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Wednesday 21st July 1841

I met with Mr Jebb, had some conversation with him. took dinner with Mr Williams. then went to Prees to brother Robins, staid there over night.

Thursday 22nd July 1841

I went over to Cottonwood to brother Wiggons. as soon as I entered into the house I was seised with a violent pain in my head. but in the Evening I went to Prees' and preached in the open air. returned to brother Wiggons. Elder Royal arrived there from Went. I rejoiced verry much to see him. he is a faithfull Servant of the most High. we staid there for the night.

Friday 23rd July 1841

We arose I was verry ill with the pain in my head went to Whichchurch and preached in the Evening, a verry hard Spirit was manifested. we returned to brother Wiggons.

Saturday 24th July 1841

the pain in my head was a deal worse we left Cottonwood for brother Robins at Lower Heath. and while walking through the fields I was obliged to call upon Elder Royal to lay hands upon me, for it seemed as though Satan would destroy me. when I arrived at brother Robins, my pain increased more and more, untill I could hardly stand. I rested myself a little, and then started for Audlern, a distance of eleven miles. my pain abated a little, and through the help of the Lord, I arrived at Elder Daviess.

Sunday 25th July 1841

my pain was worse than ever. I attended meeting at Cox Bank. Ordained brother Daviess to the office of Elder. went to Drayton a distance of Six miles and Preached while I was preaching my pain left me which caused me to rejoice abundantly I came back to Cox Bank and spoke to the Saints.

Monday 26 [July 1841]

I preached in the open air in Auidlem while I was speaking upon the principal of Babtism, I observed that believers ought to be baptized, and not infants. A Gentleman who was standing by of the name of Young, who was a Wesleyan, cried out you are a liar, you are a liar you are a Scampo. you are a Vagabond and gnashed at me with his teeth with rage. I then directed my attention, and conversation to him, and told him that for his unrighteous conduct the Almighty would visit him with a righteous judgement. and that speedily, except he speedily repented. the mob followed us to Elder Daviess, and we rejoiced greatly.

Tuesday 27 July 1841

In the Afternoon we went to Drayton. at Seven O Clock we repaired to the Wesleyan Chapel. the place was crowded. a many Methodists were present. Elder Johnson and Silcock came from the Potteries and were present. I commenced by shewing to the people that the land of America, was given to the remnant of Joseph, according to the words of Moses and Jacob. and that, that people even Ephriam had the great things of Gods law committed unto them. but they were counted unto him as a strange thing. he then arose and attempted to prove that there was not any of the tribe of Joseph at Jerusalem in the days of Zedekiah King of Judah. for says he when Shalmanezzer King of Assyria came against Samaria and took it, he carried away all the ten tribes, and left none but the tribe of Jedah. forgetting that a many were left, and that in the days

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of Josiah, which was a many Years after, a many of Ephriam and Mannassah assembled at Jerusalem at the great feast that the King had prepared. but it did not say, said he that Lehi went to America, in the Bible and he should not believe it. The Meeting concluded at ten O Clock. I returned to Cox Bank quite fatuiged.

Thursday 29 July 1841

In the Evening I preached at Cox Bank we had a comfortable and refreshing season to our Souls, for which the Lords name be praised.

Sunday August 1st 1841

I went over to Market Drayton and in the Afternoon I preached to them. thre was a many people to hear, and the Lord blessed me with light and intelligence and the Spirit of Utterance. I returned to Cox Bank and one that was baptized I confirmed.

Monday 2nd August 1841

In the Evening I preached at Cox Bank I was led to cry against the false Spirits that were in the world. for several of the Saints were verry fond of dancing and Shouting, and jumping about and some were found of fainting, concluding it was the Spirit of the D Lord. Elder Davies, and wife came up to the Meeting, and left the Children in the care of the Servant, who through carlesness suffered the Child to fall in a small hole of water. and when it was taken out was to all appearances dead, and remained so for a great length of time. but through the Kind Prof idence of the Almighty, he was restored safe and sound to the bosom of its parents, for which we rejoiced.

Tuesday 3 Aug 1841

I left Audlem, for to go to the Potteries. arrived at Knutton Heath in the Evening, completly wet through, having walked nine miles in heavey rain. I borrowed some dry clothes of brother Eccles, and preached to them staid at his house over night, the Saints were in great trouble, because brother Ferneyough had denyed the faith, and like the Sow tht was once washed was wallowing in the mire. I directed them to imediately cut him of from the Church.

Wednesday 4th August 1841

I came to Hanley staid at brother Masons for Dinner, then went to brother Botts [?] found Sister Smith and the Saints verry well, from thence to Burslem staid at Elder Johnsons over night.

Thursday 5th Aug 1841

I came to Leek found my wife verry well in health, but uncomfortable in her mind, for she was wandering about from house to house, having no bed or home that she could call her own but just living upon the Mercy of a few, and being near her confinement, it seemed to be more than she was able to bear. I reasoned with her a little upon the subject, observing that the sole cause of all our trouble was through obeying the will of Heaven and we must try to make ourselves content. In the Evening I attended council Meeting. the case of Sister Plantwas laid before the Meeting. she had been bringing Visions and revelations, and Prophcies. one was that the whole Church was full of iniquity and unbleief, and nobody was in the faith, only Joseph Smith and herself. another was that she had taken the Preisthood from all the Officers, and she had been Ordained by Jesus Christ and she had cut a many of them off from the Church, and that a certain brother must marry her daughter, or his flesh would fall from his bones and a many other such

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like things. which were equally as heronious, and which were contrary to the principals of reason, and revelation, and further the Spirit of the wicked one, had so much power over her that she was oblidged to be taken to the Assylum and bound down, to prevent her from destroying herself, and others, and oftimes threw her in fits of Cursing and Swearing and Blaspheming the name of the most High God. I spoke a little upon it, and it was moved and carried Unanimously that she be disfellowshipd.

Friday 6th Aug 1841

In the forenoon went to the preaching room, and assisted in making preparations for the tea meeting, which was to take place that Afternoon, it being the day, upon which a many Sick and Benovelent Societys met together and marched through the town. about eleven hundred came from the pottries in boats, to witness the sight, and amongst them about thirty Saints, to partake of Tea with us. in the Afternoon at the time appointed we sat down to Tea, there were about ninety present. after solisicing our father to smile upon us, we commenced to feed our bodies, and I must say that I never enjoyed myself so well before. nothing but a Spirit of love pervaded the Assembly, every countenance beamed with delight which bespoke the joy of there hearts. after the tables were removed out of the way much instructions were given by the Elders, and as there was so much bread that was not used, it was agreed upon that on the next Afternoon should be held another Tea Meeting at Five 0 Clock.

Saturday 7th Aug 1841

In the Afternoon we assembled together partook of tea. after which suitable instructions were given by the Elders, exhorting the Church to attend to the word of Wisdom, and as a many of them were fond of usin Snuff and Tobacco, they were exhorted to lay them by, and to use them no more. Elder Knight who was the presiding Elder first arose, and as he was a noted Snuff taker, and tobacco consumer, he confessed his sins, in breaking the word of Wisdom, desiring their forgiveness, with this promise that he would touch it no more. ten or eleven followed his Example, which caused us to rejoice verry much, and to feel thankful to our Father who his [sic] in Heaven.

Sunday 8th Aug 1841

In the Morning We assembled together at the breaking of bread, and I spoke to them at some length, upon the false Spirits that were abroad in the Earth. and about this time this time they removed Sister Plant to Stafford Assylum, and we heard afterwards that she slept Seven hours upon the road. and when she awoke she took a little wine, this was the first sleep or refreshment, that she had had for one week. in the Afternoon I preached unto them, and in the Evening also, we had a good season to our souls, for which the Lords name be praised, for ever, and ever, Amen.

Monday 9th Aug 1841

In the Evening we attended fellowship meeting we poured out our souls unto the Lord, in behalf of Sister Plant, and we received testimony from that our prayer was heard, the Saints rejoiced verry much.

Tuesday 10th Aug 1841

I visited the houses of the Saints, found a many of them doing verry well.

Wednesday 11 Aug 1841

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In the Evening I preached to the Church a verry good Spirit was manifested.

Thursday 12th Aug 1841

I started on my journey for Chesterfield Elder S. Nixon accompanied me. I left my wife quite well in health, but a little uncomfortable in her mind, because, no assylum presented itself that she could call her home. Elder Nixons wife proffered her a bed while her husband was from home for which I rejoiced, and my prayer is, O my God, reward them for their Kindness here, and not only here but in the world to Come with Everlasting life, we pursued our journey to Longnon arrived there a little before two O Clock in the Afternoon. we took some refreshment, then walked to Baslow through Bakewell. endeavored to get Lodgings but in vain, we then concluded we would walk to Brampton, which is about one mile from Chesterfeild. we arrived there about ten O Clock. as soon as we entered into the Village we heard the voice of someone declaring the things of God, which we discoverd upon coming close to him to be brother Page. debating with a Methodist Preist named Hudsons. when he had done debating he in company with the Saints, repaired to brother Walshs. we followed them knocked at the door, they came to the door, concluding that it ws some of the mob coming to disturb them, but to their great surprize, we presented ourselves before them, and they rejoiced abundantly and praise the Lord.

Friday 13th Aug 1841

We arose and visited the Saints, was informed that Henry Cunnington, Preist had denied the faith, and joined the Methodists, we went to see him, asked him his reason for acting so. when he informed us, that he could not believe in the Book of Mormon, we asked to state his objection, but he said he would not do so, for he did not want his unbelief to hurt our faith. In the Afternoon we went to Chesterfeild to Mr Harveys. found brother J Wardle and his wife and all verry well, excepting Mr Harveys who had been unwell for some time, we took tea with them and spent a comfortable Evening together.

Saturday 14th Aug 1841

In the Evening we went to Chesterfeild found that Mrs Harvey had made up her mind to be baptized that Evening we then returned to rampton, and I baptized her, and my heart rejoiced.

Sunday 15th Aug 1841

We attended preaching in the Morning I spoke to them Elder Nixon bore testimony. In the Afternoon also, and in the Evening after we had preached, we attended to the breaking of bread and disfellowshipped Henry Cunnington and his wife, after which we went to supper with a person named Chambers and whilst there Elder Nixon delivered a Prophecy upon him that he would be baptized, and ordained to the office of an Elder, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. I also Confirmed Sister Harvey.

Monday 16 Aug 1841

We occupied our time in making benches that the people might be accomadated with seats, who came to hear. In the Evening we went to Brimington. a many people who were waiting for us. as soon as they saw us, they began to shout at us and to enquire one of another, wether the bag os Stones was ready. we opened the meeting by Singing, and the people wer full of the influence of Satan. we lifted up our voice in prayer that he would bind every false Spirit, and Blessed he his Holy name. he did so to a great extent. but a person coming by on the top of a load of Hay, threw a Stone at me which struck me upon the Waistcoat Pocket and broke a small bottle of

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Consecrated Oil, but did no further injury, one old man gave in his name for baptism. we came to B—t rejoicing that we were counted worthy to suffer persecution for the sake of Christ.

Tuesday 17th Aug 1841

We finished our work at making benches we sent a note to the crier, to cry a Public meeting that Evening in the Market place. but the Mayor of the Town would not allow it to be done brother not being satisfied with such proceedings, took the opportunity and went from Street to Street, informing the people, that in consequence of the authorities of the town, not all owing the Public crier to execute his Office. he took the responsibility upon himself, and wished to inform them that an Elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints would deliver a lecture that Evening in the market place at Seven O Clock accordingly I went a many people were assembled together, and a good Spirit manifested.

Wednesday 18th Aug 1841

I wrote letters to Birmingham and West Bromwich prepared for a journey to Doncaster with Elder Nixon. he had been there a few weeks before, for three days, and had baptized five, we took dinner with Sister Harvey then took the Railroad at halfpast one. arrived at Rotherham a little after two. then walked twelve miles to Concaster, went to Sister Emerys who received us joyfully and took some refreshment with her. we then went to Mr Howards, a daughter of his had been baptized, and she was rejoicing in the things of God. we then went to brother Seniors, there found brother Brown, who received us verry well. I found that the five that had been baptised belonged to the Christian Society. two of them were local preachers, the Society consisted of about thrity. Mr Munro who formerly had opposed me in the Potteries, had been labouring in this place. but like an hireling had fled and left the flock without a Sheppard, leaving them to the mercy of the world and the Devil, another local preacher named Yeady[?], and several believed our testimony. we slept at Sister Emerys for the night and were verry comfortable.

Thursday 19th Aug 1841

We took breakfast with Mr Howards. enjoyed ourselves verry much in conversation took dinner with Sister Emery then took a walk through the town and were higly delighted with the cleanliness of the place and the neatness and beauty of the buildings. brother Senior took us as far as the Race ground. and we enjoyed the walk verry much, returned to Tea to Sister Emerys, then went over to Sister Howards, held some proffitable conversation, took supper with them prayed and returned home to Sister Emerys. Several of the local preachers came to us and informed us that they had held a meeting to know or to determine upon wether I should preach in there Chapel or not. and they could not come to the conclusion that I must, for there was six of them and two were for it, two against it and two were dormant. two of the name of Marsh opposed it, and us verry much and rejected our testimony. and freind Yardley was out of town.

Friday 20th Aug 1841

We arose took breakfast and dinner with Sister Emery took Tea with Brother Senior his wife gave in her name for Baptizm. we preached in the open air to a good congregation, a good Spirit were manifested among the hearers.

Saturday 21st Aug 1841

In the Evening we preached in the open air a many people attended.

Sunday 22nd Aug 1841

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In the Morning we arose and baptized George Yardly, and Henry Emery. the then went to the Morning prayer Meeting. and when the meeting was over the devil could not bear any longer for those two Local Preachers, who was dormant at the other Meeting. were now full of the Devil, and all Unrighteousness and one of them named Thompson called Deceivers and Heretics. I preached in the open air at half past nine, then we went to the Chapel, and heard one of our opposers preach. and to hear the cries, and groans, and Shoutings of the few that were our Enemies, it was really disgusting. In the Afternoon I attended the Chapel, it was brother Yeardly, appointment he desired me to preach in his stead. when I was going to the pulpit, one of them named Harsh came to me and informed me that If I attempted to preach, he would Sing me right down, but I took no notice of him. I entered into the pulpit and endeavoured to begin to Speak. but he arose, and said we will turn the Meeting into a Prayer Meeting. and commenced Singing. brother Yeardly then interrupted him, and commenced preaching. they then sat down, and all things passed of verry smooth considering the power that the Wicked one had over them. one of them a Mr Myers, observed that it was much I did not get a stoke (or blow)

In the Evening we Assembled at Sister Howards spent the time in profitable conversation concluded by prayer. confirmed two and Ordained brother Yeardly to the Office of a Preist.

Monday 23rd Aug 1841

We took breakfast with brother Senior, then took a walk, took dinner with Sister Emery. the brother Senor took to look at the Old Church. it is a Splendid peice of Ancient work. adorned at the outside with a many curious figures and Heads, of different shapes and Sizes. to the number of about we obtained the keys, and ascended up upon the heads, on the tower, there is about one Hundred and Seventy Steps. from view at the town of Doncaster, the river, and the Villages that surrounded it. we then went into the Body of the Church, which is verry beautiful indeed. There is a handsome painted window, which has twenty of the ancient Saints likness upon it. ten verry large, and ten small. There is upon the top (or ceiling) an hundred and twenty paintings, we went into the Belfry. there is a peal of eight Bells. the largest of them weighs 6 Ton 2 ??? 15 lbs. there is also a beautiful peice of Music, which is attached to the Clock, which plays a verry lively tune every three hours. In the Evening we assembled at Sister Howards. broke bread to them, and Ordained brother Senior to the Office of Elder, and brother Brown to the Office of Preist. we had a good Meeting for the Spirit of the Lord rested upon us, which caused us to rejoice abundantly in the things of God.

Tuesday 24th Aug 1841

We prepared to leave doncaster, but circumstances prevented us. In the Evening we went to the Mansion House. a Meeting was held for the promoting of Christianity among the Jews. we heard one Mr Brooke, speak verry beautifully upon the Gathering of Israel and Judah. but he was totally Ignorant how it would be accomplished. The Christina Society assembled together to come to some settlement or other and Elder Senior informed them, that the Saints were determined to divide from them, which filled them with rage, with wonder, and surprise. I and Elder Nixon concluded to leave the next day. the Lord direct us Amen.

Wednesday August 25th 1841

In the afternoon we started in the fly boat to Swinton enjoyed the journey verry much, arrived in Swinton in time for the train to go to Chesterfield arrived there a little before eight o'clock; stayed at Sister Harveys for the night

Thursday 26th 1841

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We went to Brampton heard that the Primitive Methodists were going to preach out in the open as close to our Preaching room, and they knowing that it was the evening upon which Preached, it was determined to disapoint them I comenced preaching in the open air, I had not proceeded far in my discourse when the Primitive Methodists arrived, and were sorely mortified to find that we had out witted them, that they went a short distance from us, and one of them named Hudson, preached a Sermon against the latter Day Saints I gave out another appointment for the next evening.

Friday 27th 1841

In the evening I preached out in the open air, there was a good Spirit manifested

Sunday 29th 1841

In the morning I sat in council with the officers and preached, In the Afternoon I broke bread to them and in the Evening I Preached to a good conregation:

Tuesday 31 1841

In the evening I preached in the room at Brampton, but few attended

Wednesday Sep 1 1841

I received letters from Elder White, Elder Daniels and Elder Riley, Elder Riley write informing me that on the 29th they had held their Conference in Westbromwich and that the Spirit of the Lord had rested upon them, and that the numbered 148 making the last Quarter and increase of 28, and that several more had been Ordained by the Spirit of Prophecy and Revalation In the evening we preached in the open air at Brampton, when we had done a person desired us to drink a dose of poison, and if it did us no injury then he would be baptized; I told him that sign; were for believers, and not to follow Unbelievers, and that he certainly was an Adulteress man for seeking one, for Christ had declared it

Thursday 2nd Sep 1841

I and Elder Nixon went to Sheffield staid there over night the next day we went to Doncaster found the Saints in good Spirits five had been baptized, and amongst the the number one named Thompson who formerly had been a great persecutor and called us Heretics and Infidels

Sunday 5th Sep 1841

In the morning we attended Prayer Meeting I preached at half past Ten, and in the Evening at Six, broke bread in the afternoon, ordained brother Emery to the office of Deacon. Confirmed three, at the close of the day one was baptized

Monday 6th 1841

In the Evening we held a Prayer Meeting at Sister Howards had a good season

Tuesday 7th 1841

In the Evening I preached at the room a good Spirit manifested

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Wednesday 8th 1841

We started for Chesterfeild arrived at Sheffeild and staid over night. John Welsh gave his name for baptism, we tarried there over night.

Thursday 9th Sep 1841

We walked to Chesterfield, I was verry unwell In the Evening we attended prayer Meeting but few attended, but a good Spirit prevailed

Saturday 11th 1841

I and Elder Nixon went to Clay Cross; to see brother Black and Parker, for they had not been at the Meetings for some time we had about three hours conversation with them, and they were full of unbelEIF and hardness of heart they informed us that they could not bring an objection against any thing we taught or believed, but they wanted a Sign as a revalation for themselves and they could not believe without it, I told them that if they would believe our testimony with all there heart, the almighty would bestow upon them Signs, to confirm them, and I said if the Lord should stoop or condescend to give them their heart desire he would reprove them for there Unbelief, and hardness of heart When we left them we bore testimony to the truth of the work, and told them that if we never saw them again, they would find that we were Servants of God and that our testimony was true, we returned to Chesterfeild the same Evening,

Sunday 12th Sept 1841

In the Morning I arose and baptized two who had come from Sheffeild the night before, I preached in the Morning In the Afternoon we met in Conference. Elder William Vernon was chosen President Elder A Cordon was chosen Clerk. meeting was opened by Prayer by prayer by President Henry Cunnington preist who had departed from the faith and had joined the Methodists, was then cut of from the Church also Lydia Cunnington his wife was cut of from the Church brother George Black and Roger parker was disfellowship The following branches of the Church was then represented

	M	E	P	T	D
Chesterfeild	33	2	2	2	1
Doncaster	15	1	2		1
Sheffeild	48	3	4	2	2

It was moved and carried unanimously that Brother page. Preist be Ordained to the Office of an Elder Also that brother Lishman be Ordained to the Office of Teacher; much suitable instructions were given Conference Adjourned for three months Meeting disolved by prayer W Vernon

President A Cordon Clerk in the Evening I preached to them one was baptized and three Confirmed

Monday 13 1841

In the afternoon we baptized on and I preached in the Evening, to a good congregation, a many were bathed in tears, and one gave in his name for Baptizm

Tuesday 14th Sept. 1841

In the Morning we arose by three 0 Clock Sister Harvey made us some breakfast and at four 0 Clock we started for LEEK came through Rowsley, Middleton and hartington, I was taken verry

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ill while on my journey, but I lifted up my heart and voice unto the Lord, and he heard the breathings of my soul and he strengthened me so that we arrived at LEEK about two O Clock We was verry much fatigued having walked about thirty three miles

Wednesday 15th 1841

I went amongst the Saints and found a many of them murmuring, some were uneasy because of a report that had been raised, which was that Sister Cordon had not had food enough I then went to Burslem Elder Nixon accompanied me, I found my wife in a verry low state of health, and it was with great difficulty that she followed her employments, I Questioned her respecting the report that had been in circulation at LEEK; she stated that it had arose from a misunderstanding between her and some of the Sisters

Thursday 16th Sep 1841

We returned to LEEK received a letter from Elder G, A, Smith stating that he had arrived home safe and was enjoying good health, and he had got Married to Bathsheba W Bigler, and was verry comfortable, and the saints were mostly well, a letter was received from Sister Ravenscroft stating that she well and enjoying herself well, she wrote concerning the glorious priveldges she had of hearing the word of life, and the Eternal principals of the Gospel of the Son of God, and that she had, had, the priveledge of being baptized for several that are dead, which caused me to rejoice abundantly, and Magnify the name of the Most High God, even the Mighty on of Israel. For the Evening I Attended council Meetings

Friday 17th Sept 1841

In the evening I attended fellowship meeting had a good season.

Sunday 19th 1841

We met in Conference at half past ten O Clock in the morning, there being present 2 High Preists 4 Elders 7 Preists 3 Teachers, 1 Deacon. Meeting was called to order by Elder Willm Knight Elder A Cordon was chosen President. Elder G Nixon was chosen Clerk. The President then called forth the business of the meeting. The case of Benjamin Mycock Preist, was then brought before the Conference for denying the gifts of the Spirit, brother Clews, and Gibson, Preists and Sister Wardle, was called upon, who arose and stated, that Benjamin Mycock had said that the Church of latter Day Saints, was not the Church of Jesus Christ, and that the gifts of the Spirit were of the Devil. It was carried Unanimously that he be cut of from the Church. It was also moved and carried Unanimously that Sister Washington, Maria Jackson, John Ball, George Brunt, be cut of the Church. The case of Sister Mycock was presented before the Conference, she had been disfellowship for using blasphemous language, who being present was received in full fellowship, through making reconcilliation. Sister Mycock then brought a charges against Elder Nixon, for using Uncharitable language, and having hard feelings towards Sister Plant, Sister Mycock being present was called upon, who arose and stated that she had been collecting a little money for the support of brother Plants family, and that she asked Elder Nixon if he could give anything and he answered No; if Sister Plant had not said against me, she would have been both fed and clothed; and brother Hudson Preist was witness. brother Hudson was called upon, who arose and stated that Elder Nixon had not said any thing of the kind, but that he said that if all had done as much for her as he had done she would have been both fed and clothed, when Sister Mycock found that her witness had delivered testimony against her, she arose and said that her witness was a false one, and he would say any thing but the truth, we endeavoured to shew her,

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that she might have misunderstood him, but she still persisted that brother Hudson was a false witness; and we were false, and we would stick to anything but the truth, and used a deal of abusive language; when it was moved and carried that she be Cut of from the Church, she answered, that is just what I wanted. Sister Plant then arose and made reconciliation to the satisfaction of all present and it was Unanimously carried that she be received into full fellowship, A charge was then brought against Sister Cordon for raising a report that she had been short of food at Leek but she was innocent of the charge: The branch of the Church at Leek was then represented consisting of 76 Members 3 Elders 8 Preists 3 Teachers 1 Deacon Doncaster 16 M, IE, 2P, OT, 1 D Chesterfeild 36[M], 2[E], 2 IIP], 2[T], 1[D] Sheffield 25 much instructions was given by Elders Simpson and Johnson, Meeting adjourned for three months A Cordon President G Nixon Clerk We started home the same night, arrived at Burslem about half past one in the Morning,

Monday 20th Sep 1841

In the Evening I attended fellowship Meeting at Burslem, a many were present and a the presence of the Lord was assembled with us,

Tuesday 21st 1841

I went to Knutton Heath and preached a good congregar ion were present, I returned home the same evening.

Wednesday 22nd 1841

I went to Lane End found the Saints rejoicing in the faith, in the Evening I preached many were present, after Meeting. I baptized one.

Thursday 23nd Sep 1841

I came to Hanley and Preached in the Evening, a hard Spirit

Friday 24th 1841

In the Evening Elder P, Pratt arrived in Burslem, I rejoiced verry much to see him.

Saturday 25th 1841

I asked consent of Mr Godwin, to take Elder Pratt round his manufactory, to see the Potting business, He was quite delighted, in the Evening we attended council Meeting, Elder Pratt gave a suitable address to the officers.

Sunday 26th 1841

The Staffordshire Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, met according to adjournment, in the George, and Dragon, Assembly room hanley. there being present Elder P.P. Pratt of the Travelling High Council, 3 High Preists, 17 Elders, 26 Preists, 8 Teachers, 9 Deacons. Meeting was called to order at half past ten in the Morning, Elder, A Cordon was chosen President, Elder 0 Shaw was chosen Clerk. Meeting opened by Prayer by the President The following branches of the Church was then represented

	M	HP	E	T		
Hanley	55		0	3	2	1
Burslem	99	2	3	10	3	1

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Stoke	19	1	4	1	1	
Newcastle	11	2	2	0	2	
Baddaley Edge	27	1	0	1	1	
Baddaley Green	8	0	2	1	0	
Knutton Heath	17	1	1	1	1	
Lane End	86	2	4	3	1	
Audlem	25	1	1	2	1	
Prees	15	0	2	0	0	
Tunstall	13	2	2	1	1	
Leek	76	3	8	3	1	
Chesterfeild	36	2	3	2	1	
Doncaster	15	1	2	0	1	
Sheffield	2	0	0	0	0	
total		505	18	44	20	11

It was then moved and carried that Wm Loyd, James Lockett, John Mason, Wm Wright, be ordained Elders, also that Wm Smith, Orme[?] Jn Dale, be ordained Preists, Also that Jn Mayer, Wm Jarvis, be ordained Teachers, Also that Box, Geo Alblaster, be ordained Deacons. Elder P.P. Pratt gave some suitable instructions to the officers shewing there different dutys, and warning them to be humble meeting adjourned intill ½ past 2 OClock Met according to Adjournment, Meeting opened by prayer It was moved and carried that Jas 1?] mountford be Cut off from the Church. The case of Joseph White was then taken into consideration, and after confession it was moved and carried, that he be restored to his office, Elder Pratt then gave a verry interesting account of the rise and progress of the work of God in the Provostence of Upper Canada, and England, It was moved and carried, the meeting adjourn untill Six 0 Clock, Meeting Resumed, opened by President after the breaking of bread, Elder Pratt preached, his discourse was excellent, Meeting adjourned for three months. Monday Elder Pratt went to Macclesfeild, I attended fellowship Meeting at Burslem, Elder Riley, and Sister Whotton from Birminham bore testimony to the work of God in the last days.

Tuesday 28 1841

In the evening I attended a fellowship meeting at Hanley a good spirit pervaded amongst the Saints

Wednesday 29th Sep 1841

I attended preaching at Burslem; Elder White and Hancock preached there farewell sermons, has they were about to Emigrate for America, a good Spirit rested upon the people.

Thursday 30th 1841

I preached in the Evening at Hanley but few attended.

Friday 1st of October 1841

I went to Stoke and preached in the Evening after preaching one was cut of, and Sister Alice Hulme was disfellowship

Sunday 3nd 1841

I preached at Hanley Morning and evening broke bread in the Afternoon, disfellowship one, and cut four from the Church, the room was crowded in the Evening, and a good Spirit rested upon them

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Monday 4th 1841

I attended fellowship Meeting at Burslem there was a many of the Saints present and I rejoiced verry much to see the Saints united, drinking out of one Spirit, and earnestly contending for the faith which was given to the Saints, several of the Saints from Bradley Green was at the meeting, and they desired me to preach in that place on Thursday evening, I promised to come if possible and the Lord was willing.

Tuesday 5th Oct 1841

I attended fellowship Meeting, at Hanley a good Spirit prevailed amongst them

Wednesday 6th 1841

I attended Meeting at Baddaley Edge and Preached to them, the Saints rejoiced in the things of God,

Thursday 7th 1841

I started in the Forenoon to go to Bradley Green, but had not proceeded far, before I was impressed to return home again, I did so and found my wife verry unwell, she continued to get worse and at half past Eight in the Evening she was delivered of a verry fine son, and she was as well, nay better than we ever expected to be, I returned my thanks to my heavenly father, for his goodness unto her,

Friday 8th Oct 1841

I went to Bradley Green, and preached in the Evening to a verry attentive congregation, and the Saints rejoiced verry much, I staid there overnight,

Saturday 9th 1841

I returned to Burslem, found my wife doing verry well, In the Evening I went to hanley attended council meeting and it was moved and carried that five shillings per week be allowed to my wife for her support during her confinement and that six shillings per week be allowed to me for my support when I was at home.

Sunday 10th Oct 1841

In the Evening I Preached at Burslem a many were present, who were verry attentive

Monday 11th 1841

I attended fellowship at Burslem a many were present, and unity of faith and expression pervaded the whole meeting

Tuesday 12th 1841

I attended hanley fellowship meeting and it was agreed upon that the room they then occupied be given up and a more convenient one be taken as soon as possible

Wednesday 13th 1841

I went to Baddaley Edge and Preached in the Evening, but few attended, prospects were rather dull

Thursday 14th Oct 1841

I preached at Hanley a good congregation, and good Spirit pervaded the people

Friday 15 1841

I went to Bradley Green and preached many came out to hear and a good Spirit rested upon the heavens, the saints in this place, though they were but few, were rejoicing in. the faith of the last days, and made known by there actions, that they belonged unto Jesus, I staid all night, I blessed brother Bradburys children,

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Saturday 16 1841

I returned to Burslem

Sunday 17th Oct 1841

I went to Lane End and Preached Morning and Evening, broke bread to them in the Afternoon After preaching in the Evening I went to Tillenson with brother Orme, a distance of about five miles

Monday 18 1841

In the Evening I preached at bro. Ormes, a good congregation was present, and several believed my testimony

In the Morning I baptised two in the afternoon I returned to Burslem, In the Evening I attended a meeting of the Officers, a charge was sent from Leek by brother R. Rushton, against brother L. Hancock which was for scandalizing the family of R. Rushton, and for deceiving his Daughter Mary Oliver Rushton, the case was as follows, L Hancock had formerly kept company with Mary Rushton, but without giving her any reasons, had withdrew his company from her, and he having won her affections causes her (of course) to feel uncomfortable, I talked to her upon the subject, and advised her to write to L. hancock for to know the reason why he had treated her so, accordingly she wrote to him, and as soon as he saw who the letter came from burned without reading it and sent her no answer, I then received a letter from her father desiring me to Enquire into the case and to know the reason if I possibly could; and also sent me the letters that L hancock had sent to his daughter mary wich upon perusing I found that L Hancock had given her every reason to expect continuance of his company, and also a speedy marriage, finding also that he believed it to be the will of the Lord; and other things too tedious to mention here, he was about Emigrating to America but the business prevented him He was summoned to appear before the council, Elder Simpson took the Chairs But to return to the subject, When I received R. Rushtons letter desiring me to inquire of brother Hancock the reason why he had acted so, I imediately went to him and asked him, and he told me that they (the family of Rushtons) had the Kings Evils or Scrapholus [71, and that Mary had it, and he had heard it from a good author, I asked him if my wife had told him and answered, No, she has not, I imediately wrote to Leek and informed him of that information that I had received from Lanel [?] Hancock; Edwin Rushton came over from Leek to L Hancock and asked him he would make known unto him is author but he would not, Edwin R asked him wether my wife had told him, wether my wife had told him, and he answered, No, Edwin Rushton left him saying I do not believe you have any Author at length the charge was read, Brother hancock made verry light of it It was moved and carried that brother L Hancock go to Leek the next day and settle this matter if Possible, He said he would Council Council Adjourned untill next evening,

Wednesday 20th Oct. 1841

We met according to appointment L Hancock said he had been part way to Leek but had turned back, and he said he would not near them, and then said he, Emma Cordon was his author but the council would not receive his testimony because he had so many times said that it was not her, he made a many attempts to clear himself but was in vain, and because he would not make reconcilliation, he was Cut from the Church

Thursday 21st 1841

I went to Bradley Green, and preached in the Evening, but few attended

Friday 22 Oct 1841

I went to Middlewich, staid over night at Sister Hatton,

Saturday 23nd 1841

I started for Liverpool called at Northwich, promised to spend Sunday 31st with them, I journeyed on arrived in Liverpool about eight in the Evening, found mother and family verry well

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Sunday 24th 1841

I preached in the Evening at the Music Hall Bold St my father and mother were present, a good Spirit was manifested among the people I spent the week in visiting my freinds and the Saints

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Saturday 30th Oct 1841

I bade my freinds farewill, took the Packet to Runcorn, walked to Northwich, slept at brother Heild; for the night

Sunday 31st 1841

I preached Morning and Evening, broke bread to them in the Afternoon many of the Saints rejoiced in the Lord

Monday 1st Nov 1841

I went to Middlewich and Preached in the Evening a good congregation were present

Tuesday 2nd 1841

I came to Burslem found my wife in good Spirits rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord, in good health, and also the Child

Wednesday 3 1841

In the Evening I preached at Burslem to a good congregation

Thursday 4th Nov 1841

In the Evening I preached at Hanly a good Spirit was manifested, many rejoiced in the faith of the last Days

Saturday 6th 1841

I attended council Meeting a many were present, some were dissatisfied because brother Hancock was Cut off from the church, but after much debate they were reconciled, and departed in Peace

Sunday 7th 1841

I preached in the Evening at Burslem to a verry crowded congregation who were verry attentive, one gave in his name and was baptized

Monday 8th 1841

I attended fellowship Meeting in the Evening a many were present, and delivered a good testimony and rejoiced in the gifts of the Spirit and in the Knowledge of God

Tuesday 9th Nov 1841

I went to Knutton Heath and preached staid over night was verry unwell, large substance had arisen in my throat, and I had verry bad cold upon me, owing to being wet so many times, and having no change of clothes, I was obliged to let them dry upon me

Wednesday 10th 1841

I was verry unwell, I went to Audlem, found the saints in good Spirits, Elder Stevensons wife was at Elder Daniels, her husband had just set sail for America, and through poverty was not able to take his wife and family she seemed to be in good Spirit

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Thursday 11th 1841

In the evening I preached to a good congregation, the Saints were full of Joy, and the rejoiced in the faith of the last Days

Sunday 14th Nov 1841

I was verry unwell, a large substance had risen in my throat which was so painfull, that I could scarcely move my head, however I preached three times, Elder Davies administered to me rebuked the swelling in my throat and from that hour I began to amend, Elder Loyd, arrived from the Potteries, stayed with us over night, and we rejoiced together

Monday 15th 1841

I preached in the Evening a many were present, and a good Spirit were manifested among them

Tuesday 16th 1841

A company of the Saints were assembled at Elder Daviess, and in the Evening wast spent in a comfortable and profitable manner

Wednesday 17th Nov 1841

I arose in the Morning, and a Pot of boiling Tea fell upon my foot which speedily blistered it verry much, Elder Davies annointed me with Oil, which took away the pain, Elder White arrived here he had declined going out as a travelling Preacher, he was about to commence in the Potting business

Thursday 18 1841

My foot was a deal better, I learned that Elder Stevenson had been to Burslem and took his wife and two children, the circumstances were rather surprizing, The ship Chaos after being at Sea one week, were obliged to return, for she had been in a dreadful storm, had lost a sailor, and had there sails torn verry much with the wind, and when they returned, there was several that would not venture a second time, and the Lord opened the heart of some kind freinds and his wife and Children went with him rejoicing to the land of Joseph, my heart rejoiced at the news, and I felt thankfull to the Lord because of it, for I considered it as an interference of Providence

Friday 19th Nov 1841

I returned to Burslem found all well called at Knutton Heath got verry wet in my feet, which caused me to get a little cold

Sunday 21st 1841

I attended Meeting at hanley, and I preached in the Evening, we met for the first time in the Assembly room belonging to the George & Dragon Inn, many were present

Monday 22 Nov 1841

I attended fellowship Meeting at Burslem, a many were present and a many were sick who called for the Elders of the Church, and were anointed with Oil in the name of Jesus, and were made whole, and rejoiced: I also received a letter from W J Barratt from South Australia Dated Adelaide April 9th 1841 the copy of which I insert here

Dear Brother

I write to inform you that I still stand fast in the Lord and am stedfastly looking for his appearing, We had some verry rough weather on our voyage, but the Lord shewed me beforehand what was about taking place, therefore I could rejoice while others were murmuring, But what more concerns you is the Gospel of which I am made a minister I have not baptized any at present the people seem wholly determined to reject my testimony, Surely there are few Saints in this place I seem to be given up to work wickedness and uncleanness, I never saw so much Prostitution Drunkenness and Extortion, in England has is practised here the Prophecy is well fulfilled upon them, they that flee from the Trap are taken in the snare They Collony will soon kill or cure the people in fact a many of the Collonists wish themselves back again, You may think Masters dare not speak to there men, but it is quite the reverse I have been obliged to

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put up with treatment that I never should have received in England a many of the most wealthy men in the Collony are amancipated convicts and they make it there business to study how they may rob the labourer of his hire, A many are crying peace and safty to this place, but I say Woe!! Woe!!! Woe is there doom, so now brethren and sister farewell If I meet you not in England I shall In Zion I remain Yours

W J Barratt

Tuesday 23rd Nov 1841

I attended a lecture at the Mehanics Institution upon the science of Optics, or the Phenomina of Light, several principals were verry beautifully illustrated

Wednesday 23rd 1841

I went to Leek and preached found the Saints rejoicing in the Lord

Thursday 24th Nov 1841

I waited for Elder Vernon untill ten 0 Clock, that we might be company for each other to Chesterfeild, We left Leek at eleven 0 Clock, went through Worster, Rowsly and Walton, arrived at Chesterfeild at Ten we were much fatigued we called at Deacon Marsden, his wife was verry ill she rejoiced to see us, and imediately her pains left her a she was made whole

Friday 25th 1841

I visited the saints, administered to those who were sick, and the blessings of the Kingdom were realized,

Saturday 26 1841

I took the Railway to Rotherham walked to Doncaster found the Saints rejoicing verry much in the things of God

Sunday 28th Nov 1841

I preached Morning and Evening broke bread to them in the Afternoon the Saints rejoiced verry much in the testimony of Jesus, I also Preached on Tuesday Evening

Wednesday Dec 1st 1841

Brother Geo Yardley accompanied me to Sheffeild, and I preached for the first time in this place to a good concreat ion who were verry attentive

Thursday 2nd 1841

We returned to Doncaster, on our way we called at Consbro and obtained a house for Preaching, I gave out an appointment for the following Monday, Preached at Doncaster in the Evening

Sunday 5th 1841

We held our Doncaster Conference Meeting was called to order by Elder Senior, A Cordon was chosen President Wm Thompson was chosen clerk the branch of the Church was represented consisting of M 17, E 1, P 3, T 2, D 1 it was moved and carried that Geo Myers, be ordained Preist also that Wm Thompson, Clement be ordained Teachers, much suitable instructions given by the President Meeting Adjourned for three months I preached in the Evening

Monday 6th Dec 1841

I Preached at Couslemi?], one gave in her name for baptizm

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Tuesday 7th 1841

I preached in the Evening at Doncaster the saints rejoiced verry much in the testimony of the last Days

Wednesday 8th 1841

I came to Sheffeild and Preached to an attentive congregate ion

Thursday 9th Dec 1841

I came to Chesterfeild found the Saints rejoicing in the faith of our Lord Jesus I preached in the Evening

Sunday 12th 1841

I Preached in the Morning and Evening to a good congregation baptized one In the Afternoon we assembled together in Conference Elder Wm Vernon was chosen President Geo Lishman was chosen Clerk, meeting opened by prayer by the President The Branch of the Church at Chesterfeild was then represented consisting of

	M	E	P	T	D
	37	2	4	1	1
Doncaster	17	1	3	2	1
Sheffeild	3		1		
total	57	3	8	3	2

It was moved and carried that George Lishman & Tho Mellon be Ordained Preists one was confirmed, much instruction was given which was verry encouraging to the Saints In the Evening I Preached to an attentive congregation, a many were convinced of the truth

Monday 13th Dec 1841

In the Evening I preached the people were verry attentive, and seemed to be much interested

Tuesday 14th 1841

I visited Sister marsh she was verry ill I laid my hands upon her and rebuked her disease in the name of Jesus, and she was imediately made whole, I attended fellowship Meeting in the Evening

Wednesday 15th 1841

I Preached in the Evening to a good assembly but they were slow to believe the things of God and the testimony of his Servants

Thursday 16th Dec 1841

I walked to Leek a distance of thirty miles, was much fatigued with my journey, I attended council Meeting, afterwards retired to rest, but could not sleep because of being so weary

Friday 17th 1841

I attended fellowship meeting many were present, sister Harrison was in posession of a devil, we laid our hands upon her in the name of Jesus, rebuked the unclean Spirit and he came out of her and she was made whole

Sunday 19th 1841

We assembled together in Conference Meeting was called to order by elder Knight, Elder A Cordon was chosen President Elder G Nixon was chosen Clerk Meeting opened by prayer. There being present 1 High Preist 2 Elders, Preists, 2 Teachers, 1 deacon the following branches of the Church were there represented

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	M	E	P	T	D
Leek	86		2 10	2	1
Doncaster	17		1 3	2	1
Chesterfeild	37		2 4	1	1
Sheffield	3		1		
total	143		5 18	5	3

It was moved and carried that T Davies be ordained to the office of an elder Also that [blank] one was confirmed much instruction was given this Sacrament was administered, and my heart rejoiced in the lord for nothing but love and joy had pervaded the meeting throughout the day In the Evening I preached to a crowded congregation

Monday 20th Dec 1841

I came to Burslem found my wife and all Saints well in health and also my child was well in health I attended fellowship meeting in the Evening many were present which caused my heart to rejoice abundantly

Tuesday 21st 1841

I attended fellowship meeting at Hanly but few attended, but the spirit of the Holy One was with us which caused me to rejoice

Wednesday 22nd 1841

I preached at Burslem a good Spirit was manifested, the Saints rejoiced verry much in the things of God

Thursday 23rd 1841

I preached at Hanly a good Spirit was manifested amongst them my heart rejoiced

Saturday 25th Dec 1841

I attended a Tea meeting at Hanly about 120 Saints besides others sat down to Tea, after the Table and Cloths were cleared away, the Evening was spent in a verry Edifying manner, A many Questions were asked and answered to the satisfaction of my soul, I also spoke upon the Baptizm for the Dead, the spirit of the lord was with us indeed and of a truth

Sunday 26th 1841

We assembled together in Conference according to adjournment, in Hanly, Meeting was called to order by Elder W Bradbury Elder A Cordon was chosen President Elder B Shaw J Hollins was chosen Clerks Meeting was opened by Prayer by the President the following branches of the Church were then represented

	M	E	P	T	D
Burslem	66	5	6	5	2
Hanley	50	2	2	1	1
Tunstall	25	1	3	1	1
Stoke	14	1	4	1	1
Longton	70	2	3	5	2
Leek 86 3 10 2					1
Newcastle	6	1	1	0	1
Baddaly Edge	28	1	1	1	1
Bradley Green	9	0	2	1	0
Knutton Heath	19	1	1	0	0
Audlem	25	1	1	2	1
Prees	16	0	2	[?]	1
Chesterfeild	37	2	4	2	1
Doncaster	17	1	3	2	1
Sheffield	3	0	1	0	0

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Longport	16	1	2	1	0
Littenson Heath	9	0	1	1	0
total	491	22	47	23	14

Moved and carried that William Bradbury, Daniel Harvey, William Smith, Thom Mason, Spedding Glover be ordained Elders Also that James Adams, John Bowers, Richard Symcock, Joseph Walsh, Richard Hewit, James Deakin, J Robert Owen be Ordained Preists moved and carried that this Meeting Adjourned untill ½ past two Meeting resumed Met according to adjournment at ½ past two The Brethren that had been nominated were then called upon to bear testimony to the truth of the work, and were then Ordained under the hands of Elder A Cordon J G Simpson The Sacrament was then administered and love and joy pervaded throughout the Day Conference

Jany 1842

This month I spent in visiting the branches of church at Leek, Hanly, Burslem, Audlem, &c found the saints in good Spirit I went to Market drayton and Preached twice the place was crowded to excess, and were verry attentive, the divel stirred up the people to persecute us, some of them burnt some Aseofetida[?] and threw it amongst us for a while but we soon recovered and the power of God rested upon us in a verry glorious manner, several gave in there names for Baptism, one of them I baptized, the Sunday after at Cox Bank it was a bitter cold day I think I never shall forget the afternoon Meeting, such a manifestation of the Divine power rested upon us, which made our hearts rejoice abundantly

February 13th 1842

I went to Leek in the Morning and Preached Afternoon and night broke bread to them in the Morning, Fanny Rushton was Disfellowship for the crime of fornication, she had gone to America, but would not make reconcilliation previous to it

Monday 14th 1842

I returned from Leek was verry unwell I attended fellowship Meeting at Burslem, many were present, the Saints rejoiced verry much

Tuesday 15 1842

I went to Hanly attended fellowship meeting but few attended I was verry much troubled with a pain in my head and with sickness I staid at hanly all night grew worse, but went to Lane End and preached, returned to hanly staid over night,

Thursday 17th Febr 1842

I was worse in health than ever my appetite had failed me so that I could not eat any food I went to Bradely Green, preached in the Evening the saints rejoiced verry much

Friday 18th 1842

I was much better in health I preached to the saints in the Evening I rejoiced verry much

Saturday 19th 1842

I walked to Middlewich was verry much fatigued in my body I went to Elder Deardin he had buried his wife verry lately and he desired me to preach her funeral sermon, his wife was much respected by the saints and also by all that knew her

Sunday 20th Feb 1842

I Preached Morning & Evening, broke bread to them in the Afternoon in the Evening we occupied the Magistrates Meeting House, it was crowded to overflowing, a good spirit pervaded the Meeting the Saints rejoiced verry much at the hope that was within them, I walked to Northwich which is a distance of Six miles I went to Elder Heilds retired to rest has I had to be up good time next morning, to start by the coach for the Packet which was to leave Runcorn early,

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Monday 21st 1842

I arose at four O Clock took the Coach, arrived at Runcorn at Seven O Clock had a verry wet journey, went down the river Messey on board the steam boat, arrived at my Fathers House about ten O Clock my mother rejoiced verry much to see me, they were all verry well except my Father who was verry unwell, I went down to Princess Dock a company of saints were about Emigrating to America Elder Johnson Wife and Daughter Elder Ralphs, and his Brother thomas, Spedding Glover & Wife Elizabeth Brooks & Sarah Johnson, and a many others too numerous to mention, they seemed in high Spirits, I slept on board with them at night and assisted them as far as I was able

Tuesday 22nd Feb 1842

We hauled out of Dock and moved out in the river, the saints struck up and sung, Yes my native land I love the I went out with them and slept with them on board

Wednesday 23rd 1842

we were up betime[?], the wind was fair and after setting affairs with Captain and saints Elder Pratt & Feilding gave a verry suitable instruction and we left the ship in a small boat, amidst the waving of hats, and cheering voices of the saints, I was verry sick while coming to land in the small Boat, but I hastened to my Fathers, took some refreshment and went to rest

Thursday 24th Feb 1842

I spent the day in visiting many friends who seemed glad to see me, but oppose the work in which I was engaged in, and there minds were prejudiced against the saints.

Friday 25th 1842

I went to Manchester by the Steam Boat, I was nine hours on the way, I arrived in Manchester about 6 O Clock found Elder Pratt in his office he was well in health and Spirits, I stayed for the night with a brother that had lately been Baptized

Saturday 26th 1842

I took the train for Swinton went through Wakefeild, Barnley, Normanton, Rochdale, and a many other places, arrived at Swinton at 6 O Clock, took Coach to Doncaster called at Elder Edwin Lenior found him and his wife verry well, the Saints rejoiced verry much to see me, I slept at G Emerys was verry unwell I had got a severe cold with the toils and difficulties I had passed through in the week

Sunday 27th Feb 1842

I was quite unwell, I attended meeting preached in the Morning, in the Afternoon assembled together in Conference, Elder Lenior was chosen President, W Thompson was chosen Clerk Meeting was called to order and opened by Prayer by the President The representation was then called for consisting of 22 Members, 1 Elder 6 Preists 2 Teachers 1 Deacon It was moved and carried that William Thompson Thomas Wigley be ordained Preists Much instruction was given the sacrament was then administered, and love and joy pervaded the meeting In the Evening I preached to them many were present

Monday 28th Feb 1842

I preached in the Evening but few attended

Tuesday 1st March 1842

I went to Sheffield Elder Lenior accompanied me, we preached in the Evening many were present, and a great Spirit of inquiry was manifested four gave in there names for Baptizm

Wednesday 2nd 1842

We went to Chesterfeild, I was taken verry ill while on my journey, we arrived there about noon I was seized with a

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Sunday 13th 1842

We assembled together in Conference I was chosen president, George Lishman was chosen Clerk The representation of the Church of Brampton was then Given

	M	E	P	T	D
consisting of	37	2	4	1	1
Sheffield	10	0	1	0	0
Doncaster	22	1	6	2	1
total	69	3	11	3	2

It was moved and carried that brother Smith be ordained Preist Brother Parker & Black were summoned to attend after the Evening after preaching they came, they were called upon to state there feelings with respect to the work as they had not attended any Meetings of the Saints for many months. They arose and stated they did not believe in Joseph Smith nor in America being the place of gathering, and they were determined to remain as they were and a many other things too numerous to mention It was moved and carried that they be cut of from the Church

Monday 14th Feb 1842

In the Evening I preached a many were present

Tuesday 15th 1842

I attended fellowship meeting a good Spirit pervaded the assembly

Wednesday 16 1842

I bid the Saints farewell for a little season returned to Sheffield found Elder Lenior and brother Wrigley from Doncaster at brother Wheeldon; we rejoiced verry much together, In the Evening I preached to an attentive congregation

Thursday 16 [sic] Feb 1842

Elder Lenior & Wrigley returned to Doncaster, in the Evening I preached in the Barkerites preaching room the people were verry attentive, and when I had done speaking a preacher came to me and told me I might have the priveledge of preaching in that room any time I well could or it could be made convenient

Friday 17th March 1842

I arose early in the Morning, and commenced to proceed on my journey to leek a distance of about forty miles, I went through Baslow Bakwell, Longnon and I was verry weary when I got to Leek it was verry cold, it hailed and rained a good part of the way, I arrived in Leek about eight 0 Clock

Sunday 19th 1842

We met together in Conference the saints met together full of faith and love and seemed verry much united. There was present 1 High Preist 3 Elders 10 Preists 2 Teachers 1 Deacon A Cordon was chosen President [blank] was chosen clerk The following branches of the Church were then represented namely

Leek	3			
Doncaster	22	[?]	6	2
Chesterfeild	37	2	4	1
Sheffield	10	0	1	0

Total [blank]

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The Sacrament was then administered, Mrs Mycock confessed there [?] sins, and was accepted by the Church I preached in the Evening to a good congregation many were very attentive

Monday 20th 1842

In the Evening I arrived at Burslem found my wife and my little son in good spirits and doing very well This week I was occupied in visiting the Churches and preparing for the General Conference

Sunday 26th 1842

The church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints met according to adjournment in there room Hanley, there being present 2 High Preists [blank] Elders, [blank] Preists, [blank] Teachers, [blank] Deacons, meeting was called to order by Elder Bradbury Elder A Cordon was chosen President Elders Shaw & Wright was chosen Clerks Meeting was opened by Prayer The following branches of the Church was then represented consisting of

	HP	M	E	P	T	D
Burslem						
Hanley						
Newcastle						
Stoke						
Lane End						
Tunstall						
Baddaly Edge						
Bradley Green						
Aud 1 em						
Prees						
Leek						
Longport						
Littenson Heath						
Knutton Heath						
Doncaster						
Brampton	37	1	4	2	1	
Sheffield	10	0	1	0	0	
Total [blank]						

It was also discovered that about 30 had Emigrated to America It was moved and carried that [half page blank]

Monday 27 March 1842

In the Evening I attended fellowship meeting at Burslem, much of the Spirit of the Lord was manifested from time to time amongst the Saints in this place, in fact Burslem seemed to be the head Quarters for the Saints in this country, or at least for the Potteries for the Saints flock from all quarters to the fellowship meeting really beleiving that the power of the Holy Ghost would be manifested, and I can say of a truth that they were seldom disapointed for Tongues, Interpretations, Visions Revalations Propheying, and healing were manifested to a great extent

Tuesday 28th 1842

I went to Hanley and attended fellowship meeting the Saints were rejoicing very much together in faith and Amity

Wednesday 29 March 1842

I went to Lane End and Preached Evening but few attended, I returned to Burslem

Thursday 30th 1842

I went to Hanley and Preached in the Evening but few attended

Sunday 3rd April 1842

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I went to lane End Elder Lockett and J Bowers Preist accompanied me, Lockett and Bowers preached in the Morning in the Afternoon we had a small Conference Sampson Bridgwood was Ordained Elder [blank] was Ordained Preist [blank] was Ordained Teacher, In the Evening I and Brother Bowers Preached and I was truly delighted at hearing the testimony of my brethren, it (the word) was delivered in such simplicity and power, and wisdom that was an astonishment to me and which caused me to rejoice verry much, two gave in their names of Baptism we returned home called at Lane Delph visited and laid hands on a brother that was sick

Monday 4th April 1842

I attended fellowship meeting at Burslem my Child was verry ill and had been for several, I called for the Elders of the Church to lay hands upon it for to bless it, but instead of it getting better it got worse and worse it seemed as though the Lord would try our faith to the verry quick

Tuesday 5th 1842

My Child was worse and my own feelings was of a verry singular nature I tried to pray but could not it appeared as though the heavens was brass to my Prayer, and has for faith I was destitute of it and it seemed strange to me, that after seeing Miracle after Miracle, Sign after Sign manifested I had not faith enough to have my Child healed

Wednesday 6th April 1842

My little one was still worse and to all human appearance would not continue in this world, I went to Elder Simpson and desired him to come and lay hands on and pray for him, and he did so, and from that hour it began to amend, which caused me to rejoice verry much and to be thankful to my God

Thursday 7th 1842

My child was a deal better I went to Bradley Green and Preached in the Evening to a verry attentive congregation the saints rejoiced verry much

Friday 8th 1842

I Preached in the Evening to a full house a many Religionists were present and the manifested a verry wicked and persisting spirit

Saturday 9th April 1842

I took a walk round by Mow Cap[?] to see Brother and Sister Wheeldon, she had been disfellowship from the Church for wickedness and and unbelief, she manifested a hard Spirit, I returned to Burslem found my Child a deal better I attended council meeting in the Evening a many of the Officers were present and they enjoyed themselves verry well

Sunday 10th 1842

I attended Burslem meeting and preached in the morning, in the Afternoon I went to Hanley and bore testimony to them and also in the Evening

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Monday 11th 1842

I attended fellowship at Burslem a many were present, I laid hands on several that were sick who were immediately healed which caused me to rejoice

Tuesday 12th April 1842

I took tea with brother Lloyd, he accompanied me to Knutton Heath and Preached, My mind was verry much shocked at a report that I heard, A person from Alsagers[?] Bank had been baptized on the week before and I had confirmed him on the Saturday Evening at council Meeting, and on Monday he was about just coming from his work, he was a Collier he and two others stopt into the Conf[?] and when it had ascended about 25 yards it came unhooked and fell to the bottom of the Pit, one of the Brethren fastened another Conf or Tub[?] on and was lowered down and he found that two of them were still alive but a many of there bones was broken, and the brother was quite dead he was taken to his own home his wife was little opposed to him joining the Church of the latter Day Saints, I had been connected with the Church of Latter Day Saints for three Years, and this was the first accident that had happened within my knowledge

Wednesday 13th April 1842

I went to leek and Preached in the Evening I found the saints rejoicing in the faith I slept at Elder Daniels

Thursday 14th 1842

In the Evening I attended council meeting and I was much pleased to see the brethren united in faith and love

Friday 15th 1842

I attended fellowship Meeting the Saints rejoiced verry much together, Sister Fanny Nixon was taken verry ill with the Measles, she had caught it while visiting some children that Sick for this disease was verry prevalant in this town

Saturday 16th 1842

I wrote Placards and posted them in different parts of the town, stating Two Lectures would be delivered the Sunday after on the Ordinances of Confirmation and Baptizm, and in the Evening on the first Articles of the Church of Englandism

Sunday 17th 1842

I preached in the Morning and administered the Sacrament in the Afternoon and Evening delivered the lectures according to the placard but there was no opposition and the Saints rejoiced verry much, one was baptized

Monday 18th 1842

I returned to Burslem. as soon has I got home I discovered that Mr Brabazon Ellis, Incumbent of St Pauls Church Burslem, had sent desiring to hold a little conversation with one or more of the latter Day Saints, immediately I went Elder Wm Lloyd accompanied me we found another Minister with him, and after the usual compliments he said let us pray we Kneeled down and he prayed that the Lord would enlighten both our hearts that we might be blessed with wisdom and Intelligence, and I felt in my heart to say Amen After Prayer He asked me who Ordained me in the Church of Latter Day Saints I told him Wm Clayton, I then said and Sir, Who Ordained you he answered The Bishop, He then asked me who Ordained Wm Clayton I answered Heber C Kimbal, I then asked him who Ordained the Bishop He answered; another Bishop; He then asked me who Ordained Heber C Kimball; I answered, Joseph Smith and said I; Joseph Smith was Ordained by Holy Angels that were sent by commandment from the Most High God I asked him from what source the Ministers of the Church of England obtained authority, He answered from the Apostles, I asked him wether it was from the Church of Rome, he answered No for the Church of Rome Dissented from us. (the Church of England) and we excommunicated them, and

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he said that he had a Book written by a clergyman, that would convince me if I would read it dilligently; I obtained it and shall refer to its contents hereafter He desired me if I was a beleiver and a Servant of Christ I must work him a Miracle and he would believe it, I aksed him wether he was not a beleiver and a Minister of Christ, he answered that he was, I then said, Shew me a Miracle and then I will believe it, He answered that that was not to the subject, but says he I know your wrong, but yet he would believe it (the wrong) to be right if I would shew him a Miracle, They desired me to speak Greek or hebrew, and then they would believe my testimony I told them they belonged to that wicked and Adulterous Generation that sought signs but there should no sign be given, but the sign of jonas the prophet; I asked him wether he could disprove any of our Principal he said, he could not for our Principals was true, we had taken them from the Church of England, I asked him weither we had taken Baptizm for the remission of Sins by Immersion from the Church Prayer Book, He said that, that was immaterial, it made no difference how Baptizm was administered, and then said that every Minister that Baptized by Sprinkle long was in error, I then asked him what he Baptized an Infant for He said because they are Sinners, for they are born in Sin and shapen in iniquity, and in Sin did there Mother, conceive them and therefors they must be sinners, We asked him wether that was the only proof f he could bring he said that that was quite sufficient, I then replied that it was no proof at all, that because we were born in Sin that we were sinners, for we that were then present were Born in a Kingdom, City, Town, Village, or House, but that it did not prove that such things were Born in us, then He said that had nothing to do with the subject We then asked him why he baptized infants. He answered Because Christ commanded it in Mark X Chapter 13-17 And they brought young Children to Jesus that he might touch them and his disciples rebuked them that they brought them. But when Jesus saw it he said unto them Suffer little Children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven, and he took them in his arms laid his hands upon them and blessed them, and farther it was right to Baptize Infants, for it was right Circumcise them, for Baptizm was put in the room of Circumscission, to which I replied, that though Jesus did take them in his arms he did not Baptize them he only Blessed them, and with respect to Baptizm being put in the room of Circumcision it what a mere assertion without the least shadow of truth for in the first place Baptizm was not put in the room of circumcission, or at least there was not a single proof of any such thing to be found in the Bible nor indeed in any other Book but the Book of mens traditions and nonsense in fact the argument overturned itself or at least his own conduct overturned the Argument, for, if Baptizm be in the room of Circumcision, why do they Baptize females, for I presume they did not Circumscise females, for Circumscion was the token of the Covenant, that God made with Abraham, but Baptizm was for the remission of Sins but all this did not signify it made no difference he was right and all the reasoning and conversation under heaven would not have convinced him to the contrary, He then asked us wether we believed the Book of Mormon, and could prove it true, and said, he, would believe it true if we would prove it true; I told him if he would prove the Bible true, we would then prove the Book of Mormon true, He answered, that it carried with it its own evidence, and then proceeded first. There were many Prophecies that had been delivered, and those Prophecies had been fulfilled to the letter. Secondly it spoke of Jesus Christ and of his Apostles, and it also spoke of a many Miracles and Signs that were wrought by him, and to Crown the whole it had, thus saith the Lord almost on every page, and the Apostles and Prophets had no worldly interests in veiw, neither was there a possibility of them being deceived, for they had seen, heard, and handled of the words of Life, and could not be mistaken, for they had a knowledge of the truth for themselves; I then replied that upon the same Evidences the Book of Mormon could be proved true for there were Prophecies in abundance, and the fullfilment of them was recorded, such for instatnce, as Nephi; Jacob, Samuel, indeed the whole Volume hold forth such glorious prophecies and promises, and not one failed that no one can doubt, this for a moment, and with respect to Christ, and his Apostles, there is far greater beauty and greater Miracles and Signs than his recorded in the Bible, and with respect to them upon the continent of America, they saw far more, and heard far more than what is recorded in the Bible, and therefore they could not be deceived, neither could they have any worldly interests in veiw, for the enmity with God, in America, as well as in Jerusalem To this he replied that he thought it was copied from the Bible, We left him by telling him that our testimony was true, and if he rejected it he would find that he

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had rejected the truth, and it would prove to be his damnation, we wished him good night and walked to our homes, more confirmed in the faith of latter Day Saints than ever we was.

Tuesday 19th 1842

I attended fellowship meeting at hanley and we rejoiced verry much together

Wedensday 20th April 1842

I went to lane End called at Elder Bridgwood at Fenton he gave me 2 I called at Brother J Rowley he was verry ill and in the deepest Poverty and distress, He had a large family and they were nearly all of them out of employment, and they were obliged to hire on bread and water and a little meal in it and hardly that, the Spirit told me to give him a Shilling, I did so, at Lane End I preached, and I had 2/-[?] more given to me, I slept at Sister Meighs, I baptized a Young man

Thursday 21st 1842

I went to Littenson heath, to J Ormes he had been a long time wading through great temptation, with respect to the work, he had, had a many Dreams, that he must not remain in the Church of latter Day Saints, which had kept him in great suspense, yet at the same time he always respected me verry much and longed to see me as often and oftener than I could see them, I said nothing to him with respect to the Gospel, because I had told his wife that he would think otherwise in a little while, I visited the Saints and we rejoiced verry much together

Friday 22 April 1842

I arose started for Birmingham about half past ten 0 Clock, went through Stafford, Cannock, Walsal to Birmingham, a distance of about 37 miles, I arrived there about eleven 0 Clock at night much fatigued, I went to Brother J Whotton, he and his wife was from home, but his daughter arose and opened the door and received me with joy, I was so weary I could no go up stairs to bed I laid down on the Soph and slept for the night.

Saturday 23rd April 1842

I went to Elder Riley; found his wife and family verry well, learned that Elder Pratt was in Birmingham and that Elder Snow was in Westbromwich, which caused me to rejoice verry much, in the course of the day a many of the Saints came to see me, and I found that the town was Placarded in all the principal parts of the town, stating Elder Pratt would preach or deliver three lectures in Ryans Amphitheatre, on the Gathering of Israel, the Second Coming of the Savior, and upon the kingdom of God that should finally prevail over things, and that I should deliver three Lectures the coming Sabbath in their own preaching room, the brethren had agreed for the Theatre at an enormous price of £3 per night, and the mony to be paid before they entered each night, but they were verry desirous of warning the Inhabitants, and by that means clearing there blood of them.

Sunday 24th April 1842

I preached Morning and Evening in the Afternoon we attended to the breaking of bread, Elder Pratt occupied a deal of the time by explaining the difference of the laws, customs, and priveledges of the people of America, which caused joy and Consolation, to spring up in our hearts, and to beam upon our countenances, and he illustrated the things relative to the Kingdom of God, four was confirmed into Church, this was a good day unto my soul and to the saints in general.

Monday 25th April 1842

In the Evening we Attended the room taken for lecturing, and waited untill about eight 0 Clock, but few attended there was but about 300 present, and the .room would contain about 5000, we were a little disapointed but we were determined to try again another night, give the people a fair chance of hearing the truth, if they had disposition to obey it

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Tuesday 26th 1842

We assembled together in the Evening in the Amphitheatre and the prospects was still worse for there was but about 150, and they seemed quite indifferent with respect to the Principals of the Gospel; for out of a Population of 200,000 50 few should think these matters worth notice, and instead of Elder Pratt, Lecturing he dismissed the few that were assembled, and said that he would bear all the burden of the expenses himself and he knew, there was a God in Yonder Heavens that would assist him. or put it in there hearts to assist him one way or another, the Gentleman that the Theatre belonged unto took 3 pound of f the money, they ought to have paid and gave them 101/2E?] besides

Wednesday 27th April 1842

I went to Oldbury, gave out an appointment for the Evening, went to Greets Green, found the Saints still rejoicing in the faith, though a many of them were in the midst of poverty, having but little or nothing to do, on account of badness of trades, In the Evening we returned to Oldbury, Elder Snow accompanied me I preached to them, a many were assembled together for since I had left this part of the Vineyard, a many had yeilded obedience to the requirements of Jehova, and they rejoiced verry much in the faith of Jesus Christ

Thursday 28th April 1842

I went to Brittle lane to Brother Bullocks, father Rushtons son in law from Leek, Mother Rushton had gone to live with him, all the rest of the family had gone to the land of Joseph I found him to be a faithful man his wife was verry well and what few Saints were assembled, I preached to them in the Evening, and ordained Tho Bullock, to the office of Preist also another Preist and on Teacher, There was a great many of the people turned from there employment, and they risen up and abused several of there Masters, and it became expedient to arm the Police and to send to Birmingham and Stourbridge, for two companies of Soldiers, foot and Horse, Cannons were planted in the Street, and all things were placed ready for destruction if the people did not abide in Peace but the inhabitants were famishing for food, and they marched out of the town in Companies, and visited the neighboring Villages, and took food were they could find it

Friday 29 April 1842

I returned in the Evening to Greets Green and Preached Tho Bullock accompanied me a many of the Saints were present, the Inhabitants of this place was a stiffnecked Hardhearted, and Gainsaying Generation ripe in iniquity, and prepared for Destruction for they had rejected the truth and delighted in scoffing at the Servants of God and making game of his people

Saturday 30th April 1842

I visited the Saints in Westbromwich went to Birmingham, Elders, Pratt & Snow had gone to Cheltenham, I found Sister Riley verry unwell, Allen had had an Appoplectic fit but was a little better, Sarah Wotton and several others had been taken verry ill, but were a little better

Sunday 1st May 1842

I Preached Morning and Evening, broke bread to them in the Afternoon two was confirmed, and two gave in there names for Baptizm

Monday 2nd 1842

I bid the Saints farewell, and left Birmingham I was loathe to learn the Saints in this place for they had always treated me with the greatest respect I felt much for Sister Pritchett her Husband had left all for the Testimony of Jesus, and had gone on a Mission in Derbyshire, and was doing verry well I attended fellowship Meeting in the Evening, Sister Parkinson spoke in Tongues and Sister Pointer Interpreted, the interpretation was that the saints in that place need not fear for the Lord would deliver them, and they should speedily be gathered to Zion, and that in a verry wonderful manner

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Tuesday 3rd May 1842

In the Evening I preached in Spon[?] Lane to a large and attentive congregation

Wednesday 4th 1842

I bid the Saints Adeiu and started for the Potteries, I called on the saints in Wolverhampton Elder Henshaw came with me about five miles on my journey, He is an honest an faithful man, though poor and despised he was rich in faith and in possession of wisdom, I walked about thirty miles, arrived at Littenson Heath about half after Eight, I J Orme rejoiced verry much to see me he had received several divine manifestations, (when I left him the week but one before he gave me 6/[?] for a present, and I felt assured that from that time the Lord would favour him and deliver him from the grasp of the evil one) had become settled in the faith of Jesus, his heart was filled with Joy when he saw me he began to tell me how thankful he was that God had convinced of the truth, and that he was satisfied in his mind, I advised him to go to Lane End to the fellowship Meeting, and make reconcilliation, Thursday He came with me to Hanley, returned to Land End for the Meeting, I preached at Hanley, The saints rejoiced verry much I came home to Burslem found my wife and Child verry well

Saturday 7th May 1842

I attend council Meeting in the Evening a many of the Officers were present I do not record the Minutes of the Council Meeting in this book, but the are recorded in a book appointed and a many glorious truths were taught, which were of great importance The case of Joseph White was presented before the Meeting, and I shall record it hereafter

Sunday 8th 1842

I arose about four 0 Clock bid my wife adieu started for Audlem, a distance of seventeen miles, I walked before breakfast, I found Elder Davies and wife verry well, and also the family, In the Afternoon I Preached one gave in her name for Baptizm Elder Davies baptized her, I blessed three Children viz Elder Davies 3, H Billington, and Jno Whickerly, whose Child was verry unwell, I preached in the Evening, was quite weary, went to rest

Monday 9th may 1842

I preached at Cox Bank in the Evening to a crowded congregation, some ranters were present, but there Tongues was stopt from gainsaying the truth

Tuesday 10th 1842

We had a Tea Meeting at Brother Daniels a many of the Saints was present it was a time of rejoicing, every heart was lifted up with gratitude and filled with joy, Sister Hunt was possessed of a Devil, but through faith in the name of the Lord, the Devil was rebuked in an instant and left her in her right mind

Wednesday 11th 1842

In the Morning Jno Whyeherlys child died, and because it had not been baptized they would not give it a Christian Burial, but said they must be buried like a Dog, it was to be buried the evening following I preached at Cox Bank, a Ranter came a challenged me out for Discussion, I hesitated some time, at length I asked him what he would like to discuss upon, he said anything, then said if I would but meet him he would find a chapel, and he would prove 1st that no man had had Authority from God to preach the Gospel since the Bible was written, and that Baptism in water was not Essential to Salvation, and says he I will prove it from no other book but the Bible. I left him by telling him, that if he would provide a Chapel I would be there, not that I desired to meet a man upon such unreasonable things, for no man in posession of sound sense, would endeavour to prove any such thing from the Bible, for ten thousand men might have been called since the Bible was written, and the Bible would not prove any thing either for against them

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Thursday 12th may 1842

In the Evening we assembled at Cox Bank but the ranters would not open the chapel for the dreaded the light, because there deeds were evil, but a verry respectable conregation were assembled together, and I would not let such an opportunity (of declaring the truth) pass by, and we agreed to have a set too in the open air We chose a chairman who was a Baptist, and the Ranter commenced by endeavoring to prove that God had not given any revalation, since the Bible was written, He said it was written if any man add unto the words of the Book of this prophecy. God shall add unto him all the planges[?] written therein Rev-22 Chap—, and said that there were no more angels to come to men for the Savior said, If they believe not Moses and the Prophets, neither would the believe though one rose from the dead, and did not proceed much farther before he said he was called by the Holy Ghost to be a Minister of the Gospel. to this I replied as follows, that though, it did read, if any man add to these things, Yet it did not prohibit God from speaking, for he will give line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little, and with respect to the last quotation, if they hear not Moses and they Prophets neither will the be persuaded though one rose from the Dead, it did not in the least interfere with Angels, or prohibit them in the least from coming to man for long after the Savior had said those words the appeared to Paul, Peter, John, Cornelius, and others, it fast let that principals be established, and it will do away with the greater part of the New Testament. But in spite of all these Argument the Chairman and Public decided that he has cleared up his points well, unless I could prove from the Bible that I was called for to be a Minister, I told them that such things never were required of any man, by many that were in possession of sound judgement and reason, for a man to prove his calling from a Book that had been written 1800 years before he was born; preponderous Folly, Awful Wickedness When he came to the subject of Baptizm, he handled it so awkward a manner, and the Chairman and a many of the conregation were Baptists, so it would be hard if I did not overcome for this once and it was decided that Baptizm was right, the conregation dismissed, We came to Audlem, Elder Davies and wife agreed to go with me to Liverpool, we sat up till midnight waiting for a boat that we might go to Chester, in due time a Boat came we arrived in Chester about noon the next day, took the Railway to Birkenhead, crossed the river in a Steam Boat. I got home in the Evening, I mean my Father house, I found them well in health, they rejoiced to see me,

Saturday 14th may 1842

I went to Brownlow Hill to Elder Davies, he and his wife desired me to accompany them to different parts of the Town, through the Country, Market Exchange, and other Public places which was highly interesting, and which pleased them verry much, I returned home in the Evening, arose in the Morning, took the Railway, bid my Parents and Brother and Sister farewell, went to Manchester, Elder Davies accompanies me we went to Brother Busheas, in hart Street, from there we went to the Corn Exchange, the Saints had taken it for the Sunday for to hold the General Conference into. The meeting was called to order by singing, Elder pratt was called to the Chair, Elder Ward was chosen Clerk meeting was opened by Prayer There were present 14 High Preists 50 Elders 64 Preists 37 Teachers 8 Deacons— there were about [blank] Branches represented consisting of 7,300 Members [blank] High preists [blank] Elders [blank] Preists [blank] Teachers [blank] Deacons;, About 3,500 had Emigrated to America from England since the work had commenced in it. much instruction was given to Officer and Members, some good news had come from America, Elder Pratt had been for some time and had not received any letters or any numbers of the Times & Seasons; or any intelligence whatever of any kind; but just as we were assembled in Conference, one letter and two of the times & Seasons number, and now these things caused me to rejoice, and abs my brethren and Sisters rejoiced verry much, for it was our greatest delight to hear of the prosperity of the Saints, and the welfare of the work in Zion: And now behold the news that came to us was of the greatest importance for we were about to enter into some schemes in order to assist our brethren in building up the Temple, and Nauvoo House, and behold news came that Elder Snydes[?] was coming over to this land to obtain what means he could to take back to nauvoo as soon as possible, that no time be lost in the building of the city, and all things according to the mind of the Lord, for the Lord did make known how all things should be built, for all things were done in accordance with the revalations

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given from time to time, and there was also an extract of the Book of Abraham, which made me to rejoice also, for it unravelled many glorious truths, which were of great importance to us as a Church, the day was spent in a pleasant and cheerful manner, the Elders spent the time in bearing testimony of the things they had experienced, and of the great Blessings the had witnessed

Monday 16th May 1842

We assembled together about Ten 0 Clock continued meeting untill the same hour in the Evening, stopping at intervals for refreshment, much instruction was given by Elders, Pratt, Snow, Richards, and others, which was verry interesting,

Tuesday 17th 1842

This day was spent similar to the day before, eight was baptized in the Afternoon, and Confirmed in the Evening, the Evening was spent in a verry Edifying manner, Tongues, Interpretation, Revalations, Prophecy &ce were manifested to a great extent which filled our hearts with joy, but I will write particular of these things, as the will appear in print, and they can be read from time to time

Wednesday 18th May 1842

I visited a few of the Saints, took the Leeds railway for Doncaster at noon, arrived at Doncaster about ½ past seven, found the Saints well and rejoicing in the faith, they were a good and kind people, that had embraced the Gospel in this place; they treated me with the greatest respect, and administered to my wants as far as they were able, or in other words as far as I needed it, and I felt in my heart to bless them with the blessings of the Almighty, nay the Lord of hosts will bless them because they were kind to me,

Thursday 19th May 1842

I visited the Saints attended fellowship Meeting the spirit of the Lord rested upon me, which caused me to speak in other languages the wonderful works of God, and filled the hearts of the Saints with Joy and Gratitude

Saturday 21st 1842

I went to the Mayor of the Town and obtained Liberty to have the Town hall on Monday Evening the People were slow to hear the truth in this place, they seemed to be given up to work in unrighteousness, they are a proud stiffnecked people

Sunday 22nd may 1842

In the Morning I attended Prayer Meeting at Seven 0 Clock, Brother Wrigley preached at none in the open air, I spoke in the Room at half past Ten, and in the Afternoon administered the Sacrament in the Evening I preached to them one gave in her name for Baptism I and Elder Lenior[?] baptized her she had for a many years been subject to Sterrick fits

Monday 23rd 1842

In the Evening we assembled at the Town hall, and there was but a few that attended, and they were principally Socialists, I spoke to them about an hour and a half, they listened verry attentively, but at seeing the people so careless with respect to there spiritual welfare, my heart was much greived, nay I felt as though my heart almost burst

Tuesday 24th May 1842

I preached in the Evening but few attended,

Wednesday 25th 1842

I bid the saints adieu, Sister mary Howard accompanied me to Sheffeild, we arrived in Sheffeild in the Evening, George Lishman and Sister Maiden were there from Chesterfeild, we rejoiced very much together, I staid at Mr Wheeldon; his wife was a Daughter of Mr Howards, of Doncaster.

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Thursday 26th 1842

I went in the Afternoon to look at the Fair, I was there about two hours, and my heart began to sicken at the height of folly that was going forwards, my heart turned from the scene with loathing and disgust we entered into the Museum, we was a great variety of Birds and insects a also a verry beautiful picture of the city of Damscuss, in Syria which was highly interesting we attended fellowship meeting in the Evening, I occupied a deal of the time in speaking, as soon has I had done a person came to me and said he was thankful that ever he heard such a people, a person came and proffered us the Chartists, preaching room for three times the next Sabbath, for which we was verry thankful

Sunday 29th May 1842

I preached in West Bar Green to a good congregation at nine O Clock in the Morning, at ½ past Ten in the Morning in the Chartist room and in the Afternoon and Evening the people listened with great attention, and seemed verry much interested. I received a letter from Leek stating that I must if possible be at leek to attend the Funeral of Tho Davies he had been ill but two or three weeks of a fever, and when I heard of his death it really made me unwell, for he was one of my most intimate freinds, one that I opened my mind to under all circumstances, He was Ordained to the office of an Elder, he was first Ordained to the office of Teacher and while in that office he conducted himself in all points becoming a Servant of Jesus Christ As an Elder he was a man of wisdom and Understanding always at his post and he endeavored to fill his office in honour and dignity, He was a man of Meekness, and Sobriety He was not only a great support to the Church Spiritually, but Temporaly He has left a tender Wife and four Children to mourn his loss, nay not only them but all that was acquainted with him, As a Mechanic he was ingenious, active, well understood his business, he was a designer for Silk & Co When I received the letter I read it over, and over again, What I inquired of myself, Dead. Elder Davies dead, can it be possible, it seemed more than I could believe, for I had not hears of his illness no farther than I heard he was a little unwell, but however he has going, that Monster even death has been and took one of the fairest of the flock, Oh death that thou was subdued, that Jesus would but conquer thee, remove the cause, that they effects, may cease Oh how my eyes longs to see that day when Jesus shall come from above and sound the shrill Trumpet blest that the Saints that have slept may awake, that sorrow, and woe, may be past that brethren may once more unite and rejoice with there Lord in the Air and rejoice that the are ended the fight and join in the glorious, beautious lyre[?] There Husbands and wives and freinds shall unite And never be parted by death any more My souls longs at this moment for the ressurection Morning, that I may meet, my brethren my Sister; and my freinds, that we may strike hands together, and rejoice having overcome through the Blood of the Lamb and rejoice in his society forever even for ever Amen

Monday 30th 1842

In the Evening I preached at the West Bar Green, about five hundred were present when I had got through, an Hireling Preist of Baptist, arose and said, that he agreed with almost all I had said but he conceived that Ministers ought to have Salarys, for how could his wife and family live, for it is written they that preach the Gospel, ought to live by the Gospel, and that Baptism was right, but it was not for the remission of Sins, that was only Figuratively, I replied that it was right for Ministers to live, for instance, I lived by the Gospel but it did not prove that I received any Salary, and as for my wife she was verry industrious, worked hard and maintained herself, and has for remission of Sins, being figurative, I desired to know how he knew it, for if remission of Sins be Figurative, perhaps, repentance, Baptizm, and Faith was figurative, and if so perhaps the whole was so, He walked away without saying anything, The Barkerites proffered there School room for me to preach in the next evening I gave out the appointment, and walked home, I had an invitation to go to a freinds house for supper when supper was over, a number of Methodists flocked in desired to ask me a few Questions, but upon close examination I discovered that they were more ready to teach than to be taught for they had got the Holy Ghost, and that was all they wanted, They rejected my testimony, or at least the greater part of them, I staid at one of their houses for the night

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Tuesday 31st May 1842

In the Evening I attended the Barkerites School Room, a good congregation was assembled together, they listened with great attention, when I had got through, several of them began to debate among themselves, upon the subject I returned to Fitz William Street to Brother Wheeldons

Wednesday 1st June 1842

In the Evening I preached in the open air to a good congregation, they listened with great attention, several followed me to my Lodgings and asked me several Questions, and went away satisfied I received two letters from America, which had been brought over by Elder Snyder, one was written by Elder Kimball, and William Noon, the other by Elder J Filcher, they contained news that caused me to rejoice, and also news that made me sad a many of the brethren that left England had apostized from the faith and had commenced drinking, among the number J Taylor the Tailor from Hanley now this was in fulfillment of Prophecy I had heard Elder, Simpson, Bradbury, and Glover predict that J Taylor would depart from the faith, and so it came to pass, Now I will not record there letters, in this book, for I preserve them and I can refer to them at any time,

Thursday 2nd June 1842

We held a fellowship Meeting in the Evening, and The Spirit of the Lord was with us though we were but few we rejoiced verry much in the things of the Kingdom of our God

Friday 3rd June 1842

I preached out in the Streets, a many people came together, some for to hear and some for to make game, and to scoff, Elder Carrigan came to Sheffield he had been appointed from the Manchester Conference to Mission this, and the Adjoining Towns, and Villages and Elder Barnes from America, was appointed to labour in Leeds York, Doncaster and the adjoining places, Elder Carrigan had lately been laboring in Oldham,

Sunday 5th 1842

We assembled together at the West Bar Green, at nine in the Morning I preached, we then retired to Brother Chapmans, administered the Sacrament, in the Afternoon we assembled in the Chartist room a Wesleyan Preist, came and desired to have a Discussion, we was not willing to have a Discussion he then desired half and hour to reply speak to the people, we all owed him to do so, and he proceeded to lay before us what the Methodists beleived in, such for instance as faith, and repentance, things which are very good in their palces, but says he Baptizm is nothing, and availeth nothing, Elder page spoke a while upon the principals and we dismissed the congregation by giving out an appointment for Seven O Clock in the Evening Brother Marsden, Wardle, and Sister Harvey came from Shesterfeild, and attended the Meeting, In the Evening we assembled I preached to them a person desired to ask one question, I gave him permission, he proceeded but I discovered the saying was true give a man a Yard and he will take five, as it was with him he would have asked a score and not then been convinced for he was full of wickedness and unrighteousness, I dismissed the Meeting

Monday 6th June 1842

I visited the Saints, took a walk through the Table Knife Manufactory, visited the Cemetry, where about 350 were buried at the time the Cholera prevailed in this town, it is supposed that a many were buried alive, the ground was given by the Duke of Norfolk, there is a beautiful monument erected, in memory of this circumstance, I bid the Saints farewell took the Coach, Sister harvey also was upon it going to Chesterfeild we arrived in about half past Seven I went to Brother Wardles found his wife and Children verry well Sister Marsden was present she was taken verry ill, I laid hands upon her, and from that moment she began to amend, I then went to the harveys for the night

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Tuesday 7th June 1842

I attended fellowship meeting in the Evening, but few attended my mind was much hurt

Wednesday 8th 1842

I and Elder Vernon went to Holly Moor side— they had never had the Gospel preached to them in this place, it was a small Village about two miles from Brampton when we arrived there I gave out on Hymn, and Prayed, by this time a goodly number were assembled together, I spoke to them a little while, and desired them to inform there neighbours and freind that I should preach there (God willing) on Friday Evening

Thursday 9th June 1842

In the Evening I preached to them in Brampton a good Spirit pervaded though but few attended

Friday 10th 1842

I went to Holy Moon side- Elder Vernon accompanied me, We sang a Hymn and Prayer after that I preached to them for about an hour, a many were present, they listened with great attention, and seemed verry thankful my heart rejoiced verry much in the goodness of the Lord, and in opening the peoples hearts to receive the truth according to our Prayers

Saturday 11th 1842

I was sent for in a great hurry to go down to Brampton, Sister Marsden was again took verry ill, I hasted to her assistance immediately, found her in a pitiable condition lying speechless on the floor, as cold almost as possibly could be, my heart almost sunk within me when I saw her, but I lifted up my voice and heart unto the Lord to look upon us in mercy, and to give me power over every false Spirit I laid hands upon her and in the name of Jesus, the Son of God, commanded the desease to leave her and her to arise in the name of God, and she did so, which caused me to rejoice verry much in the love and goodness of my God

Sunday 12th June 1842

I preached Morning and Evening broke bread to them in the Afternoon the saints rejoiced verry much I laid hands on and blessed two Children, a good Spirit pervaded the Meetings, two of the Sisters came from Sheffeild to Chesterfeild they seemed to enjoy themselves verry much

Monday 13th June 1842

We went to Holy Moon Side, a many were present, I preached to them, and the Spirit of the Lord was poured out upon the people, I baptized one in the name of Jesus, laid hands upon him and Confirmed at the water side, we returned home rejoicing

Tuesday 14 1842

Elder Carrigan came from Sheffeild, we were glad to see each other, in the Evening I preached to them we had a good meeting much of the Spirit of the Lord was manifested, I bade the saints farewell in this place, they were a kindhearted people, it was at Sister Harveys, I generally staid, she was a verry kind oblidging sister though her Husband, was a little opposed to our doctrines, yet he always received me kindly, for which I pray the Lord to reward him with Eternal life, and an hundred fold in this world.

Wednesday 15th June 1842

I arose early in the Morning, started for leek, Elder Carrigan came with me a few miles, I arrived at leek in the Evening much weary it was with great difficulty that I reached, I had to stay a many times and pray for strength, I attended meeting in the Evening and preached to them we had a good Meeting

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Thursday 16th 1842

I visited the Saints, in particular the widow of the late Thomas Davies, whom I felt for verry much she was verry desirous of Emigrating to America, and was determined to make every effort she possibly could to move out this next fall, she obtain a little employment and the parish allowed her a little and by this means she was able to manage verry well for a living In the Evening I attended council meeting and was much pleased to hear they testimony of the brethren, and to see them so strongly united in faith and works, I presented before them a scheme fo the raising a Subscription for building of the Temple in the City of nauvoo, and they rejoiced much for a many of them had desired verry much to assist with their mites

Friday 17th June 1842

In the Evening I attended fellowship meeting and I was much pleased at hearing the saints bearing testimony to the truth of the work of the last days

Sunday 19th June 1842

We held a small Conference I was chosen President J Hodson was chosen Clerk The representation was then given of the branch of the Church at Leek consisting of Members 2 Elders 9 Preists 2 Teachers 1 Deacon Several remarks were then made upon the building of the Temple and also upon the duty of the Saints, in assisting their brethren at nauvoo, when it was moved and Carried Unanimously that we feel ourselves bound to assist our brethren in Zion, in the building up of the Temple of our God in the City of Nauvoo, and that George nixon, and John Hunt be appointed to receive such instructions that the saints feel disposed to give- much instruction was given which was highly interesting In the Evening I preached the final Sermon of the late L Davies it was a verry solemn and affecting time I baptized three and Confirmed four

Monday 20th June 1842

In the Evening I came to Burslem found my wife and Child verry were, it was so late when I arrived I could not attend the fellowship meeting

Tuesday 21st 1842

In the Evening I went to hanley and attended fellowship meeting the saints rejoiced verry much together, and their testimonies rejoiced my heart verry much also

Wednesday 22nd 1842

I went to Lane End and Preached in the Evening to a good congregation, I slept at Red Bank with Thomas Amison,

Thursday 23rd June 1842

I visited Miss Tideswell she told me she was determined to be baptized as soon has she well could for with being lame it made it rather awkward, and her Father was a little opposed to it, I went to Hanley and preached to them in the Evening, returned home

Sunday 26th 1842

In the morning we assembled together in our room hanley to hold a Conference, meeting was called to order by Elder W. Bradbury A Cordon was chosen President 2 Elders B Shaw, W. Wright was chosen Clerk Meeting soon opened by prayer by the president the following branches of the Church was then represented

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Newcastle				
Stoke				
Lane End				
Tunstall				
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Bradley Green				

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Knutton Heath
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Doncaster, Sheffield and Chesterfeild were Organized into Conferences under the direction of Elder Barnes and Carrigan, and therefore they are not represented here It was moved and carried Unanimously carried, that John orme Thomas Cunnington, Samuel Adams, George Taylor, Richard Hewit, Joseph Billington, be ordained to the office of elders Also that Joseph Wooton, John Mayer, Thomas Heeling, Samuel Holt, George Grocot, Richard Brown, Joseph Simpson, George Brindley, Samuel Kemp be ordained to the office of Preists Also that George Lees, William Reeves and William Hassall be ordained to the office of Teachers The above were ordained under the hands of Elders Davies and simpson with the exception of George Taylor and John Mayer, who for reasons best known to themselves would not accept the offices unto which they had been called Conference Adjourned met according to Adjournment meeting opened by Prayer by the President The President then called for business some remark were then made with respect to the Saints contribute toward the erecting of the Temple of the Lord in the City of nauvoo, there was not much need of saying much to the Saints upon this subject, as Elders Pratt and Snyder had been with them that day week, and had laid before them these things, The ministers of Leek Conference were then read see page 120 When it was moved and seconded that we coincide with the Leek Saints and assist as far as our mens will allow in contributing towards the Building of the Temple of the Lord and that in the coming week Treasurers be appointed in each branch of the Church, to receive the contributions of the Saints, Also that A Cordon be General Tresurer which was carried Unanimously The Evening was spent in speaking upon a variety of Principals The Minutes were read and accepted Conference Adjourned till the 20th of September Dismissed by prayer by the President I and my wife went to Littenson heath in company with Elder Orme and his wife they had given us an invitation to spend a few days with them I was much rejoiced at this, for my wife was so confined at her employment, that I thought an out in the country would do her good and be highly interesting to her, and also she would have the pleasure of nursing her little son, for a few days which was not often that she had priveledge, for being compelled to work in a Pot Manufactory, she was obliged to put the Child out to nurse which to me appears to be an hard thing, and one that was contrary to the mind of the Lord, for I conceived that every Mother ought to nurse her own Child inasmuch as they are able; but however under present existing circumstances it could not be avoided, has I had to labour in the Vineyard of the Lord, and the Saints being poor in fact, she choose rather to work hard, and put up with a little difficulty in maintaing herself, that to be supported by the Church, or indeed by any one else, we arrived in Littenson about Midnight and went to rest

Tuesday 28th June 1842

In the evening Elder J Orme and myself went to Stone, the brethren had tried a many time to open this place but no one considered there testimony worth receiveing we thought we would give them every chance possible for men to have, we went to the most conspicuous part of the Town, I stood up, a many people were standing around at a good distance, I called to them, to come and give me a candid hearing but not one would listen, only an old man that was blind, but the Mockd and Scoffed in every direction, I left the place much greived in Spirit, at seeing the inhabitants so careless about there eternal welfare, Elder Woodruff once visited this place and he made this observations, that A .at~n~ by name and .at~n~ by nature, and I agree with him in his observation with all my heart, how painfull it is to the intelligent mind to see the people so willingly give themselves to a Delusion and I can only say, They ought, and must, and shall be Damned except they renounce their Unrighteousness, and embrace the truth

Wednesday 29th June 1842

Elder Orme had an impression on his mind that he must go to Cranbury, a distance of about five miles, and bear testimony to them he desired me to accompany him I did so, and when we arrived to the Village, all the inhabitants were out of doors, seemingly has though they expected us coming I borrowed a Chair, Elder ormes gave out an Hymn and prayed I addressed them awhile they were verry attentive, we dismissed them by prayer, they thanked us, we gave out

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another appointment for the Wednesday following, we returned home much gratified, and rejoiced in the Lord

Thursday 30 June 1842

We visited Spring Vale, went through the Lunatic Asylum, we were much interested, Sister Clark explained every thing to us, that was important, there is a beautiful Fountain, which throws up water a considerable height, it is situated near the beautiful river Trent, on the estate of the Duke of Sutherland, whose Country seat is in Trentham, near to Lettenson,

Saturday 2nd July 1842

I went to Hanley council Meeting I was much pleased to meet with the brethren, An awkward case was presented before the council brother Martin, the teacher of the branch of the Church at Newcastle had been guilty of an enormous crime A girl about sixteen Years of age, his wifes daughter by a former husband, she had been in the habit of leading him to and from meeting, and there was every reason to believe that he had been in the habit of committing Fornication. for she had been confined, that week and delivered of a Child, and upon examining, and Questioning her verry closely, she said that it was by her Step Father martin he was visited and at length acknowledged to the fact, and said he was verry sorry, but if they cut him of f the Church, he should be baptized again, It was discussed by the Officers, that they be disfellowshipd untill they make reconcilliation I went to Fenton with Brother Bridgwood, staid at his house all night his wife and the Saints were well with the exception of brother kemp

Sunday 3rd July 1842

I went to lane End, attended the preaching place, but few were present I spoke to them a little, In the Afternoon I attended to the breaking of bread my wife, Sisters, Orme, and Clark came from Littenson, Elder Orme came in the Evening, I preached to a good congregation, after that we started home, called at Elder Bridgwood eve tarried with them over night, in consequence of it beginning to rain verry hard

Monday 4th 1842

We called at Stoke, tarried there till Afternoon, went through hanley to Burslem, I attended fellowship Meeting a letter was read from New Orleans, from Elder Spedding Glover, stating that they had arrived safe, and were preparing to move up the river, This news caused our hearts to rejoice verry much, for he was a brother much respected

Wednesday 6th July 1842

I bid my wife and freinds adieu started according to my own idea to go to London, went to Lane End, and preached, I went up to Miss Tideswell conducted her to the meeting, she told me that she intended to be baptized, after preaching I baptized one sister Orme came from Littenson, and I resumed with her, Elder Orme rejoiced verry much to see me, I tarried with them for the night

Thursday 7th 1842

I started for Wolverhampton Elder Orme accompanied me to Stafford a distance of about ten miles before he left me a gave me a present of 5 pursued on my journey when I had got about ten miles farther, I heard some one shouting me, I turned round, and to my surprize, who should it be but Elder Steele, he was on his way to South Wales, he brought me some news that Elder Bourne had arrived safe in Warsaw, and that he had sent a letter to Eliza Parker I arrived in hampton, about eight 0 Clock, the Saints were assembled together in there room, I entered to their great surprise, I gave out appointments that I should stay with them till Monday or Tuesday Elder Steele went to Ledgely to his relations for the night

Sunday 10th July 1842

In the Morning several of us took a walk to Bilston to see brother and Sister Turner, They were glad to see me come upon them unawares, they informed me that Elder Walker at Graets[?] Green, was verry badly off, and had to beg his bread from Street to Street, which caused me to mourn verry much, indeed thousands about this country were in a state of Starvation, nearly all the Iron works was standing still, which caused a many of the Colliers to be out of employment,

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I took dinner with them returned to W, Hampton broke bread to them in the Afternoon the Saints enjoyed themselves in Tongues, Interpretations&Ce In the Evening I preached to a few, a good Spirit was manifested amongst them

Monday 11 July 1842

In the Evening I preached to a few Elder Steele was with us the town was all in confusion it was the Fair day, and almost all seemed to be given up to work wickedness

Tuesday 12th July 1842

I went to Greets Green brother Tunny from Bilston accompanied me I found the Saints rejoicing verry in the truth, I went to Kill Top and preached to a crowded house returned to Greets Green, from thence I went to Olsbury, aroused Elder Johnson from his bed, he rejoiced verry much in the truth, though he was poor and destitute, In fact the majority of the Saints in this country were in a starving condition and no prospects before them of ever being any better my heart groaned verry much for the Salvation and deliverance of the poor, I went to rest

Wednesday 13th 1842

I arose got in company of the Saints rejoiced much to see each other I went to Brierly Hill, to see brother Bullock, and the Saints, I found him and Mother Rushton verry well, sister Bullock had lately been confined she was a little weak we passed a verry comfortable Evening together

Thursday 14th July 1842

In the Evening I preached to a good congregation, the saints were in high Spirits six had been baptized by then this week, they were verry attentive

Friday 15th 1842

I returned to Greets Green staid there over night

Saturday 16th 1842

I visited the Saints in Westbromwich from thence I went to Birmingham found the Saints in good Spirits, Elder J Riley was making every preparation to emigrate to the land of Zion in September I took supper with brother Wotton I slept with brother Foster

Sunday 17th July 1842

I arose attended the preaching room and preached to them a many of the Saints were present, and much of the power of the Spirit of God was manifested, In the Evening I Preached also, broke bread in the Afternoon many bore testimony to the truth of the work Sarah Whotton was taken verry ill we laid hands upon her and she was immediately healed

Monday 18th 1842

I preached in the Evening to a crowded room, a many were convinced of the truth one was added by babtism, Elder Riley called on the Saints if it lay in their power to assist me to do so, as I expected that I had to go to London, and had but little means, they gave me about 12/-for which I was verry thankfull and my prayer is that the lord will bless them and reward them in his Heavenly Kingdom

Tuesday 19th July 1842

I arose and was verry uncomfortable in my mind because I could not see my way clear to go London, I wandered about the most of the day verry much dejected I called upon my Heavenly Father and it was verry much impressed on my mind that I must go and visit the Churches, or the branch of the Church under the direction of Elder pritchett, I named it to Elder Riley, and he agreed with it with all his heart, he also informed me that Elder P-tt would be on the next day at Barton in Staffordshire, none of the High Preisthood had ever visited this part of the country, I agreed to take

Wednesday 21th July 1842

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I arose, took some breakfast with sister Whotton, after that went to Barton upon Needwood Forest a distance of 23 Miles, found Elder Pritchett, he was verry much cast down, in mind he had labour hard preaching every week in this place for four months, and had only baptized one, and he, the day after he was baptized, quarreled and beat his wife, and since them had denied the work I went to the Preaching house and spoke at some length to a verry attentive congregation, many of them were in tears, and beleived the doctrines with all there hearts I gave out an appointment for Dunstall the next evening

Thursday 21st July 1842

In the Afternoon I baptized Mary Spear, I preached in the Evening to an attentive congregation, at Brother Faulkner he previous to being baptized had been ill for a many months with a disease that had baffled all the medical men, and when Elder pritchett first went to see him he was at the point of death, but notwithstanding all this, he preached to him the gospel and called upon him to be babtized, the old man told him he desired two things, and those were to save his soul, and to see his family reared, and Elder Pritchett said if you believe me you shall do both, and he took him by the hand and raised him up, and from that moment his desease left him and in a few days was baptized, and his wife, and son and a Daughter We staid with them over night

Friday 22nd July 1842

In the Evening I preached at Barton to a crowded house, after meeting four was baptized which caused us to rejoice verry much

Sunday 24th 1842

In the Morning I preached a Barton, broke bread in the Afternoon Confirmed four, and Ordained Brother Faulkner, Teacher & Brother [blank] Preist, after I had Ordained Brother [blank] to the office. He arose and rot seen me at the time when he had the Vision, but as soon has he saw me he knew me Sister Faulkner also related a circumstance that happened before she saw me, she was in great trouble in her mind, and whilst praying unto the Lord, a Voice spoke, to her saying, tell Elder Cordon about it. I now began to see why I had been led to visit this branch of the Church, which caused me to exclaim, the ways of God are not as our ways, In the Evening I preached in the open air to a good congregation, one was added to our number by Baptism I left them to go to Barton for the night, I found it verry hard to part with them they wept around me like little Children, gave me a present of five Shillings, which made me feel verry thankful to my Heavenly Father

Monday 25th July 1842

We went to Wooden Box found about a dozen saints, I preached in the open air to a good congregation they Saints rejoiced verry much Tuesday 26th 1842 We went to Ashby de la Touch, returned and Preached in the Evening to a crowded house which was verry attentive, I received a letter from Elder Mason, desiring me to go down to Barton upon Trent to see his Sister, and to open an house there for Preaching

Wednesday 29 July 1842

We went to Burton upon Trent found out Elder Mason sister, after some little conversation respecting her Brother, and the Doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, I asked her if she would open her house for preaching, to this she objected, I asked her if she would use her influence with some of her neighbours to this she objected also, stating that is she did it might hurt her society, she was a primitive methodist I told her that if I had brought a note from some great Primitive methodist Preacher, she would have opened her house, and used what influence she had in her power, but as I had only come in the name of Jesus I could not have that priveledge, and I desired her to be verry carefull how .she treated us for fear we were the true Servants of God, and it words be found at last that she had rejected the truth, at the same time her daughter came into her house and at once proffered her house for preaching, at which we rejoiced verry much Elder pritchett went to Barton, I returned to Wooden Box and preached in the Evening

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Thursday 28th July 1842

In the Afternoon I went to Blackforty[?] and preached, returned to Wooden Box and preached in the Evening

Friday 29th 1842

I arose and with great difficulty parted with the Saints, they were bathed in tears, I took a Van to Derby a distance of fourteen miles, I then walked to Chesterfeild which was twenty-four miles from Derby, I was much fatigued, the Saints in Chesterfeild were pleased to see me, I staid at Sister Harveys for the night

Saturday 30th July 1842

I bid the Saints in Doncaster adieu it greived me to part with them they were a kind hearted people I came to Sheffeild a distance of eighteen miles I preached to them in the Evening, a good Spirit was manifested

Wednesday 3rd 1842

I went round and visited the Saints made arrangement with four to baptize them the next morning

Thursday 4th 1842

I arose and baptized four female and amongst the number W Wheeldon, the lady whose house I had staid at every time I had been at Sheffeild I then left this place bid the Saints farewell and walked to Chesterfeild twelve miles distant found the Saints doing well and in good spirit

Sunday 7th Aug 1842

We met together in Conference and enjoyed ourselves verry much

Monday 8 1842

I preached to the conregation my farewell Sermon a good conregation met together and manifested a good disposition towards me

Tuesday 9th 1842

I started for Leek arrived their in the Evening walked a distance of thirty two miles I was much fatigued with my journey attended meeting in the Evening

Sunday 14th Aug 1842

We met together in Conference a good spirit was manifested, time passed away verry comfortable,

Tuesday 16th 1842

I preached my farewell sermon to an attentive conregation I now spent my time in visiting the churches around the potteries gathering monies for the Temple and arranging my own affairs so that I could Emigrate to America in the latter part of September, about the fifteenth we held our conference in a large room in hanley, about five hundred were present Elder Rushton from nauvoo preached in the Evening the Saints were verry attentive, I dilivered the farewell address, it was verry affecting time, it was hard for me to part myself from them, for I had laboured hard for them to secure their Salvation had been my chief object, and it caused me much joy, and made me verry thankful to my Heavenly Father, in enabling me to perform the duties of my office, and to stand in the calling to which I had been called, the Conference gave me a reccomention, took a collection for me to assist me on my journey to Liverpool and also to help me cross the sea

Tuesday Aug 23 1842

I started with my family to go to Liverpool My mother in law went with us to Newcastle We then took Coach to Whitmer parted with our relatives, which to me was verry painful, feelings of a peculiar nature arose in my bosom, has I seperated (from my relatives and brethren and sisters with whom I had formed a acquaintance, whom I respected and loved) perhaps never to see them

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again. We then took the Railway to Preston Brook, then took the boat to Runcorn, then took the steam boat to Liverpool, arrived at my Fathers house in the afternoon, and were welcomly received, We staid at my Fathers House and visited my freinds, arranging my affairs to sail on the 28th of September for New Orleans, the thought of which to my Parents was more than the could bear, Day after Day came untill the time arrived when we entered on Ship Board. My Father gave me a present of Thirty Shillings, the Vessel began to move out of dock, and what feelings of anguish stole upon my mind as I gazed upon my parents and relatives, perhaps never, never, to see them again untill we meet in an Eternal world. We had a fair wind which glided us swiftly across the waters, for the first fifteen days, joy peace and harmony prevailed to a great which made us verry comfortable The Captain was verry kind to us for two or three weeks, after that he began to abuse us and insult us in every possible way that he could, Elder Snider and he differed from time to time, the Captain swore he would keep us on the ship untill we were starved to death, On the 14th of November 1842, we came to the mouth of the Missisipi river remained there six days on account of the evil disposition of the Captain, who was determined to provoke us as much as possible When Captain Taylor came on board to examine the Log Book he found a charge laid against Elder Snider and James Morgan for Meeting, J Snider and so were sent up to Oleans, joseph Parkins one of the passengers had a Child that was on the point of death, which when Captain Taylor saw it he prevailed upon the Captain to allow the Child to be took to his house a distance of three miles up the river to a village called the Bleeze, The nest day I went on shore and the Child was dead and about to be buried, A coloured man made the Coffin and dug the grave, The grave was about two foot deep with about one foot of water in it so that we had to stand on the Coffin to hold it down while the dirt was thrown upon it Captain Taylor acted in the most Charitable and Philanthropic manner a Gentleman could act we returned to the ship in the Evening a dreadful storm arose, so with great difficulty we reached the ship the Captain commenced to insult and abuse us in a most shocking manner,

On Saturday 19th Nov 1842 A steamboat took us in tow and about midnight we arrived in New Orleans,

Sunday Morning we went ashore to veiw the place The Market was opened and the fruit and vegetables of all descriptions was laid out in excellent order, There were people of all colours speaking every language under heaven almost There were a many slaves working on the streets chained together both men and women the weather was warm like an English summer, we met with Elder Snider & Ce and we rejoiced to see each other, spent the day in veiwing the place &ce

Wednesday 23rd Nov. 1842 we started for St Louis on the Steam Boat Gulnare we gathered a few Oranges the first day when the Boat stopt to take in wood, we came on verry well for several days until we came to the mouth of the Ohio river the river now began to be full of Ice, and the water being very low made it verry difficult to get along, we passed through one alarming place, called the grave yard, on account of so many Boats being wrecked at there we passed about twenty wrecks we struck aground about 200 miles from St Louis, and lay at an Island called Buffalo about 18 days, we spend the time in shooting we shot several Parrots and Quails, I bought a Quarter of a good Hog for a dollar, In England about

On the 14th of December 1842 we arrived in St Louis and found that we could not get any farther on account of the river being froze up, the winter had set in two months sooner than usual. We took houses as well has we could get them, they were verry dear about 5 dollars for a poor house, Brother Brindley and wife, Ralls[?] and Sager and myself agreed to take an house, we obtained one at the rate of 4 dollars per month There was also a Young man by the name of James Ethel who we also took in with us I took him and fed him on the St Boat has he was destitute and has nothing to Eat, H had lived with Joseph Billington coming accross the Sea, but when his provisions were done, they slighted him, he fell sick, and they seaded{?} to administer to him He was sick when I took him to share with me and my family, We lived together for about 10 weeks, our means began to be exhausted, Edward Robinson verry kindly came over and offered me Lodging with him I choose to take it, I willingly accepted the invitation, We were

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strangers to each other when we came on Ship Board, but I soon found he was a kind open hearted man, full of Philanthropy, and Benovelence, always willing to shew kindness to the suffering and distressed, He administered kindly to my family when the were sick. his wife was of a similar disposition we lived with Mr Robinson until the river opened, I staid in St Louis until the 21st of April by the council of Elder Pratt, Snow, Richards & Ce in order to council the saints as to the best means of going up the river in order to avoid imposition

On the 21st of April 1843 I shipd my goods and family on board the Steam Boat Maid of Iowa, and on the 23rd my Eyes for the first time gazed upon the City of Nauvoo, and I must say I was pleasingly disapointed instead of small cabins, I saw plenty of good brick houses and also good frame ones, I took shelter in a log Cabin, it was but an indifferent one, it rained verry heavy upon us through the roof f and sides of the house, but these things did not move us I was content, and my wife was content, and we enjoyed good health, We had only one dollar left, and 3/4 of that I paid for a load of wood, We commenced to barter away our thing for something to eat, I then went and looked round the City, The different companys of the nauvoo Legion were out on parade, Elder Snow was trying to raise a company, I voluntered my services, and whas chosen 1st Sergant of the Company I also learned that a many of the Bretheren were taking in a large feild, 10 miles round putting a ditch fence around it I went and enclosed five acre I had brought 40 dollars worth of goods for the Temple these I delivered to William Clayton I then went and worked in the nauvoo Brick yard, but the work being verry hard and the wages small, I left there, On the first of may I and my wife was baptized by Elder Kimball,

May 10th 1843

I and Brother Brindley took a brick room belonging to Squire Robinson at the rate of 4 dollars per month, I then went and worked for Theodore Turley he paid me in Provisions and other things, I then obtained half an acre of land belonging to the Temple, and on the next lot stood a Log House which I took at the rate of two dollars per month I commenced to dig out the foundation for a small house, and was determind to rear up an habitation for myself has soon as possible my means was verry limited I bought two cord of stones for a Celler, bartered away my goods, and the few things I could spare, for brick, Lime, Hauling and & ce the only chance I had was to build the House myself has my means was so low; I prayed to the Lord to instruct me and to inspire my heart I went to work at Brother Woodruff' house, for which I was paid in books papers & I traded my Books and Paper away for Lumber Door Cases and Window Bases, I also commenced digging a well found good water at the depth of 15 feet, I brickd it around, Richard Ralphs came and laid me a few brick, Marten Littlewood gave me two days work, Elder Rowley gave me one, every spare day that I had, I worked upon my house, I worked upon M Clarks brickyard, for which I received Provisions and brick; In the month of August I was taken with the Chills and Fever, but I took an Emetic and broke the Fever immediately, I then had an attack of the Billious Fever, but with a little care and Faith in the Ordinances of heavens; brother & sister Whooton were verry sick I baptized them for their health I baptized W Clark for his health and has soon as I came out of the water, I espied a Young man running towards me and desired me to baptize him Seven times for he had got the Fever upon him at the time, I administered the Ordinance unto him I also baptized Edward Robinson John Daniels & James Burgess John Wooton Joseph Bostich, John Welsh and a number of others I joined the High Preist Quorum and was much pleased at the Spirit manifested amongst them, we met every Sabbath in the Afternoon In the Morning of Sunday when the weather was favorable we attended meeting ground, and with what eagerness did the people assemble to hear the words of the Prophet I was much pleased to hear him and one Lecture from him mouth well repaid me for all my troubles and journeying to this land. which were not a few

On the 6th of October 1843 we held our Conference, at which much instruction was given, several charges were brought against Sydney Rigdon, but after close examination he was honourably acquitted; About this time henry Smith George Brindley James Ethel and several others from England, died John Wood of newcastle was verry sick and also his family, they were living in a verry unhealthy part of the City, I got work with Theodore Turley at Brewing for the

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winter, I went to live at M Dunvilles, for the winter, I took John Wood and family up to my house to occupy it until Spring, the fever and ague left him the day I removed him

January [blank] 1844

My wife was confined of and brought forth a Daughter The house we lived in was a very cold house, and a cold spell of weather coming on, she suffered very much she was took with severe Shocks for the Ague, had five shake in twenty four hours; I related her situation to M Turley and his wife very kindly came over to see her, and offered me a room in his house accordingly I got a waggon and took her over to his house which was very warm and comfortable, In a few days she began to amend, We named our little daughter Rachel Ann About the first of April I moved back to my house, John Wood went to live at Brother Boxs, I commenced to grub up the roots upon my lot, and to put up a fence around it, fully expecting that when Conference came I should be called upon to take a Mission through some of the

On the 6th of April 1844 we held our Conference, It was supposed about 15,000 people were assembled on the Sunday, the first three days was occupied in preaching the Conference was then delivered into the hands of the Twelve and after a few remarks, they called upon all the brethren that could go on a Mission some for 3 6. or 12 months, I had a strong desire to go out in the Vineyard and labour, but I had no means of leaving my family, no not for one month so Conference passed over and I was much delighted with the teachings and doings of the Conference I got my land broke up and began to plant, and to make calculations for the Summer, a good number of Saints arrived from England and amongst the number Elder Bradbury, and brother Brown and Clements from Doncaster, I went down on the 15th to see them and while I was at the Boat Elder Kimball called to me, and told me, that the twelve had set me apart to go to the state of Vermont I said I would go if they said so I appointed about 2 weeks to start on my Mission, I laid the subject before my wife for consideration, and she said go and fulfill the work that you are called unto, I had no possibility of obtaining any provisions for them, I had monies owing to me but I could not get hold of any of it, I took brother Brown and wife to my House they were very poor and had nothing to take too, every way seemed to darken around me and the day before I was to start we had eaten our last meal of vittuals, my wife got a little Flour and meal, which was not worth 50 Cents, I laid my hands on my wife and Children and blessed them, committed them to the keeping of the Eternal Gos, and on the fourth of May I started on my Mission, Elder James Burgess accompanied me, Sister Robinson was very kind to me in assisting me in getting a little Linen &c according to previous arrangement I called upon Elder Burgess and we started on our journey, through Macedonia we rode in a waggon about 12 miles with a Brother that was going for Provisions &c we arrived at Macedonia about 2 0 Clock, went to W Parkins, took dinner with him, we then went to John Wardles, who treated us very kindly, and told us not to go anywhere else for food while we staid in that place

Sunday -May 5th 1844

We arose and visited Uncle John Smith who was going out a few miles to visit a branch of the Church, and he desired us to preach that day in his stead accordingly we agreed, I preached in the Morning, and James Burgess preached in the Afternoon The meeting house well attended and a good Spirit was manifested among the people

Monday 6th May 1844

We started, brother Wardle brought us out four miles in a waggon we then bid him adieu, and came on our journey, about Noon we called at a farm house and asked them for a little dinner they invited us in the House very kindly, and got us some dinner, we enjoyed ourselves very much and left with grateful hearts, we pursued our journey until Evening, called at a W camp about 2 miles from McComb, McDonough Co. He had very large we asked him if he would entertain us with a Lodging for the night, as we were Ministers of the Gospel travelling without means he said he would not without we would pay him, His lady said the Mormons were deceivers, and Joe Smith was a false Prophet &c she said she was a Millerite, and the Savior might come and burn up the world before morning, we left their house and travelled on to the next which was a mean looking one, we asked if they would entertain us for the night, and very

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kindly took us in and made us welcome to such as their house afforded, we advocated the principles of our doctrine and W Willow assented to it and said it was true, we retired to rest, and slept soundly

Tuesday 7th May 1844

We took breakfast with W Willows read (Josephs Views on the power and Policy of Government of the United States) to him and he said it was the best he had ever heard; we went on our journey through McComb, it commenced to rain about noon we took shelter in a wood for a while, then went to a M Creel Tavern Keeper and sheltered for awhile, we intended to have asked him for some dinner but he commenced railing against the Mormons and said if he had power in the County he would not let Smith have one vote and farther said if Jos Smith got elected, President, he would go to Africa We then travelled across a prairie 8 miles, called at a W Thompson to shelter out of the rain, as soon as he found we were Mormon he began to insult us and said if Joe Smith got elected he knew a man that would shoot him I said that was a bad disposition he said that he thought it would be doing good to kill him for he was a damned rascal finding no unity of Spirit we left this House, and travelled on in the rain, passed several houses called at an house and asked for shelter, and he welcomed us into the house he was a widower lived alone, He said he would have given us some supper, but he had not got anything for he Eat his food at another house however he made us a good fire and we dried ourselves, and lay down for the night, and slept soundly

Wednesday 8th May 1844

we arose and went about 2 miles and begged our breakfast then travelled on to Ellisville at this place we asked for some dinner, and were kindly entertained, until we told them that we were latter Day Saints then they swore that if they had known we should have gone somewhere else .for our dinner, they railed against us for some time, we then left them, went through Ellisville to Fairview, staid over night

Thursday 9th 1844

We started for Farmington, from thence to Peoria, at Farmington a W Kenney overtook us in a hugh[?] waggon, he invited us to get in with him he told us he was a Universalist Minister, we rode about 10 miles with him and enjoyed ourselves in conversation with him, we then walked to peoria, found Elder Hunt formerly from Manchester England, we took some refreshment with him, he took us to sleep at a brother Keiler a Shoe maker professing to be a Mormon but I soon found out that his faith was false and delusive, He said he had had much of the Spirit of God and brother Joseph; and that and that he knew no more than baptism for the remission of sins, and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost, He also said that the brethren had such a thirst for power, it served them right to be persecuted and a many other such like expression, we went to bed but did not rest much we were so fatigued

Friday 10th May 1844

We arose but was very weary, could scarcely get about, we were so stiff in our limbs and sore, with travelling in the rain, and when we breakfasted with M Kellir about noon a brother Hitchcock a Farmer came to Peoria, He lived about twenty miles from Peoria at a place called Kikapoo, he invited us to go with him, they were to hold a Conference the 2 following days at Princess Grove, we accepted the invitation staid with him over night,

Saturday 11th 1844

We went to princess Grove, found several Elders from Nauvoo, three brothers by the name of Savage they were on a Mission to the state of Michigan, a many assembled together; Elder Savage preached in the Morning to us, the people were very attentive, In the Afternoon I was requested to preach I did so felt great liberty, Elder Burgess followed me, Father Bent and brother Miles arrived here at the close of the meeting, We went to Brother Hitchcocks, for the night

Sunday 12th May 1844

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We started on our journey, through Northampton, about noon we came to a large prairie 16 miles across, and but one house, we asked, several time for something to eat but with no success we started across the prairie, travelled about four miles to an house, asked for something to Eat, and they verry kindly received us, and entertained us, we then journeyed on to Boyds Grove, staid at W Clarks, his wife was a cousin of Josephs, and were verry hard hearted towards the Mormons, we were verry weary, we had walked a distance of about 35 miles and had to wade through several Creeks, which made it verry uncomfortable

Monday 13th May 1844

we arose and found that it was raining heavy and every appearance of a wet day, towards noon it cleared up, we walked on through Indian Town to Princeton staid overnight

Tuesday 14th 1844

We pursued our journey through Greenfeild to Perkins Grove. Father Bent and Elder Savage &c overtook us we staid at Elder Andersons for the night, we spent the Evening Elder Savages, parted from us at this place to go into Michigan

Wednesday 15th May 1844

We left brother Andersons, and went to brother Chiles, about a mile distant, we took dinner then, it began to rain verry heavey, we staid with them over night enjoyed ourselves verry much

Thursday 16th 1844

We started for Pawpaw Grove a distance of 17 miles, when we had walked about four mile it began to rain, and rained untill we arrived at M Wirriet[?] who had formerly lived a Nauvoo but through some unpleasant things transpiring amongst the brethren and him, he had got discouraged and had sold his Farm and come to this spot where he had about 200 acres we staid all night with him

Friday 17th may 1844

We arose and walked to Big Rock a distance of about 25 miles we took lodgings for the night

Saturday 18 1844

We started for Aurora took dinner we then walked to Napierville, inquired there were any Mormons in that part, and we were directed to a WII[?] Barker who lived about five miles at a place called East branch, we went to this place and learned that he had removed (a distance of five miles,) to the South of Downers Grove, night came upon us, and we were wearied verry much, we inquired for Lodgings, but had to enquire at several houses, at length a young man told us if we would go with him we might stay at his house, accordingly we went, he was a German, and but lately come from Germany we found his father a Six Children in a small Log House, they did not understand the English language, we found it difficult to converse with them, they verry kindly invited us to Supper, they were Methodists and before retiring to rest they sang a Hymn in the German language, then prayed and Sang again, we retired to rest slept verry soundly

Sunday 19th May 1844

We arose, and before breakfast M Asher called his family together and they sang a Hymn and prayed and sang again, we than took breakfst and departed for M Barker when we arrived at his house, he invited us in verry kindly, he lived with his son in law, they were all opposed to the work but him, He had a wife and three Children, he and W Wallace his son in law went round the neighbours angE?] out an appointment in the Shool Hous to preach at two 0 Clock we went accordingly, about 25 assembled mostly religionists, they laughed and sneered at us a many times, I preached to them and was followed by Elder Burgess we returned to Elder Barkers, it rained verry heavey

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Monday Morning 20th May 1844

We arose and prepared for to go to Chicago, a distance of 25 miles but the weather was so unsettled we postponed it until the next day, appointed Meeting for the Evening, but few attended Elder Burgess addressed them on the first principals

Tuesday 21st 1844

We took breakfast and then bid them adieu; We walked about 12 miles and then tried to get a dinner, but could not succeed so we walked on to Chicago, was a long time before we could find any Saints, at length we found out a W Shaw, and a W Barton brother Wells of nauvoo, a Tailor was in this place, he gave us[?] 25 Cents, for which .1 felt thankful, this was the first money given unto us, On this Mission we took Supper with Brother Shou[?] and[?], there was a branch of the Church in this place consisting of 16 Members, Elder Shau from nauvoo was presiding Elder, we retired to rest for the night

Wednesday 22nd May /44

We arose quite fatiged with our journey, and took breakfast, went to the Steam Boats, to see if we could get a free passage The Steam Boat madison was just starting out we went on board to ther Captain, asked him if he would have the kindness to give us a passage free, along with him, telling him that we were Mormon Preachers &ce he said he would not take any down free, no not by any means, In the Afternoon we went on board the General Wayne, and asked for a passage, but we were told that He could not do it for the Boats had entered into a Combination and formed an Association and they were not allowed to carry any one free, he said that the last trip that he made, he took two Elders down and had to pay for them himself In the Evening we went on board the Wisconsin which was to sail next morning at 9 0 Clock, we asked the Captain, and stated our circumstances to him, but he would not allowed us any privelege of going with him, we returned to W Shaws a little sorrowful, went to rest Elder Hatwood arrived here he was on a Mission to Connecticut

Thursday 23rd May 1844

We arose and breakfasted, took a walk round the City, inquired for some work but could not get anything. to do, we went into a small Grove and inquired of the Lord the best steps, to take in order to go to the state of Vermont In the Evening we held a small Prayer Meeting, we arose spoke to the Edification of each other and were highly delighted and well satisfied, Elder hatwood went on board the General Wayne. but could not get a passage down the Lakes under \$7

Friday 24th may 1844

We arose and breakfasted, Elder Shaw who professed to understand Phrenology, examined my head and gave the following statement, Assistiveness 6, Philoprogenitiveness 5, Attachment 6, Inhabitiveness 5, Concentrativeness 4 Self Esteem 6, Firmness 7, Veneration 6, hope 4, Benevolence 6 Comparison 5, Ideality 6, Constructiveness 5, Cautiousness 5, Approbation 4, Secretiveness 5, Acquisitiveness 6, Alimentiveness 6, Casuality 6, Combativeness 6, Imitation 5, Marvelousness 5, Conscientiousness 6, Eventuality 6, Sound 5, Order 5, Locality 4, Weight 4, Color 4, Calculation 6, Form 5, Idividuality 6, Mirthfulness 5, Will 6, Reflection 5, Temperment [blank], Sympathetic 4, Sanguine 5, Nervous 5, Billious 5, In the Afternoon three of the brethren arrived and informed us that some of the twelve might be expected here to hold Conference on Sunday 26th, Inst [crossed out] The brethren that came were on a Mission in this state for about 3 months, and had come to Conference, On of the name of James M. Venostrand Who had been baptized about a Month and had been ordained an Elder and was out on a mission to the people of theis State Jacob E Terah, George Snider were also on a mission to the People of this State

Saturday 25th May 1844

Elder S. Shaw procured the City Council Room to hold Conference in. We placarded the City to notify the people that we would hold a General Conference in the City Council room, commencing at 2 and 6 0 Clock that day. Also on Sunday 26th May 1844 at 10 and 6 OClock At 2 OClock The Conference met according to previous notice hause was called to order by Elder

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Samuel Shaw, Moved by Elder Shaw and seconded Elder Burgess that Elder Alfred Cordon Preside over the Conference, Unanimously carried Also moved and Unanimously carried that J Burgess act as Clerk the meeting opened by Prayer by the president, A hymn was then sung, The Spirit of God like a fire is burning The President then made some remarks on the object of the Conference The case of S Nickerbucker and wife [blank] Hasly and wife also the case of Abraham Breman and Vansecele they had apostatized from the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ some of them had been to Nauvoo and, had returned bringing an evil report of the good land & de After the matter has been investigated a deputation of three were appointed to go and visit these members and that they bring the report before the Conference in the Evening On motion the meeting adjourned till 6 O Clock Dismissed by prayer meeting resumed: Opened by prayer The testimony of Mesrs[?] 1, Shaw J Shaw, and Nixon was then received and it was moved and Unanimously carried that they be cut off from the Church was then represented and consisted of 22 members 4 Elders 3 preists [blank] Teachers 1 Deacon Elder A Cordon then made some remarks on the first principals of the Gospel. On motion meeting adjourned until 10 O Clock next day We assembled together at John Shaws, held a prayer meeting and continued to speak to the Edification of each other

Sunday 26th May 1844

Conference met according to adjournment, was opened by prayer Elder J Burgess delivered and address on first principals bore testimony of the work of the last days followed by Elder Terry, meeting adjourned until 2 O Clock. meeting resumed, Opened by Prayer by Elder Burgess, A C adressed the meeting on the subject of the resurrection Elder Burgess followed, Meeting adjourned untill 6 O Clock meeting resumed, Opened by Prayer by Elder Hatwood, Elder A Cordon spoke from the 3 first verses in the 61 Chap Isaiah, were it read, respecting proclaiming liberty to the Captiv the opening of the prisons to them that are bound. then shewed that J Smith had come to bring in the acceptable Year of the Lord. To liberate captives abolish Slavery, open prison set all men free, Comfort all that mourn & ce the Meetings, were well attended considering the short Notice that has been given, Our Conference went of well, the people were verry attentive, prejudice was removed, and we was enabled to rejoice, Moved and carried Unan that this Conference Adjourned Dismissed by prayer A Cordon president J Burgess Clerk Elders Terry Nixon and meE?] preached in the open air, in the Morning at 6 O Clock and Evening at 4 O Clock the people that were assembled to hear, began to abuse, them tobacco in their face, took Joseph; Veivs and tore them up, pushed them about, and & ce After Meeting we assembled at Elder Shaws, J Burgess preached has their were a many present that were not beleivers, after this the brethren continued together, We anointed and laid hands on three of Brother Bartons, Children, Also on Brother Wells spoke in Tongues, and took hold of Brothers, Terry, hatwood Vanostrad, and the gift of tongues came upon them and they spake in tongues and rejoiced before God

Tuesday 25th May 1844

We bid the Saints adieu in this place though reluctantly, they were a verry kind affectionate people, in particular brothers Shaw & Barton, we travelled along the borders of the lake, the road was verry bad to travell on, it was so verry sandy, full of swamps, Slues, Muschetoës by thousands, which made it verry disagreeable, we called at M Watsons Tavern keeper, asked for something to Eat but was refused, we went on and travelled to W Spears, Tavern Keeper, stated to him our situation to him and he gave us some dinner, we journeyed on to W Gibsons Tavern Keeper we had 50 cents, we told him to entertain us for the night, and give us our breakfast us for what we had got, he said he would do what he could for us, we took supper and went to bed, a distance of 22 miles we came that day

Wednesday 29th May 1844

We arose and asked for a breakfast but they would not give us any thing to Eat, and charged us 50 Cents we walked on to the next Tavern and here we begged a little food, onward we went, a heavy thunder storm commenced, we turned into a Tavern and took dinner with them and gave them a voice of Warning, travelled on, heard of a Mormon, who lived a head of us (we went to his house a distance of 20 miles,) by the name of Ensign, we preached in the Evening to a good

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congregation, went to rest, the Muschetoos stung me verry much which made me verry uncomfortable

Thursday 30th may 1844

We journeyed on to Michigan City 14 miles called at Alonzo Moss[?] and took dinner with him, his wife was related to Mr Ensign, we travelled about 5 miles called at a W Gifford Tavern keeper, asked if they would give us Lodging for the night and the answer was No, No, Joe smith is a Devil &c, we next called at Mr David peggin, he was a Dunker by Religion, wore his beard &ce he received us verry kindly, and made us welcome to the best he had in the house, We was much interested whil travelling from Chicago to this place, it resembled verry much Old England, with the exception of so much sand Here was the fir, the Hooler, the Winberry in abundance, the strawberry, and flowers in abundance such as the Irus, Lupin &ce

Friday 31st May 1844

We arose and breakfasted with Mr D Peggin, travelled on through Big Spring met one of the Brethren moving his family to nauvoo called on a Mr piper, who kindly received us and gave us some dinner travelled on through Hudson, hamilton &ce called at Mr Egberts, came us something to eat, went on to Mr Davis, asked him if he would Lodge us for the night he after a little hesitation invited us in, his wife was opposed to the Mormons verry much, we conversed with her untill about Midnight and removed considerable prejudice from her mind, we went to rest it rained verry heavy in the night, The farmers were complaining verry much on account of so much rain, it was injuring the wheat, and the frost that came in May had injured it and the fly was doing mischeif

Saturday 1st of June 1844

We arose and breakfasted with Davis, Prayed with them and parted called at Bro Brownhill, and also at Bro Smiths, they were not at were gone to Conference at Kalamasue with G A Smith & Woodruf, we took dinner with Sister Smith A heavy thunderstorm came on we travelled on to see a sister of the name of Blanchard, she told us that her Mother was poor, and we could not take us in, it rain heavy and it was nearly dark we went on to a Methodists of the name of Davis, asked him if he would entertain us for the night, he kindly invited us into the house, after considerable conversation on the subject of Mormonism, we went to rest and slept soundly

Sunday 2nd June 1844

We arose and breakfasted, prayed at the request of Mr Davis, and departed, took dinner, arrived at Adamsville 16 miles about 3 0 Clock found a Brother and Sister by the name of Weart, he gave out an appointment, Elder Burgess preached a good feeling manifested

Monday 3rd 1844

We parted with Elder Weart went on to Motville, turned to Brother Thompsons, a distance of 18 miles we took dinner at Mr Curtiss, took supper with Elder Thompson went to rest and slept soundly

Tuesday 4th 1844

We took breakfast with Mr Thompson and departed on our journey, through White pigeon, we met a company of the Saints with five waggons on the way to nauvoo from Ohio, they were in good Spirits, we staid with them and took some dinner, then we travelled on to Stangers Prarie, called at a house for a little refreshment began to converse with them upon the subject of religion, explained to them the 1st principals of the doctrines of Christ stayed with them for the night, read to them the Political Veivs of Gerl[?] Jo Smith, walked 20 miles

Wednesday 5 June 1844

We arose and departed through Bronsons prairie to Cold Water, to Brother Hollis from Canada, a distance of 32 miles, we was verry much wearied out, we found the two of the brethren in his house from nauvoo, that were come to labour in this County, there name was Elder jacobs, and Smith, we took supper and retired to rest

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Thursday 6th 1844

We arose but was verry weary Elder Burgess was verry sick, we concluded to rest for the day, We went about a mile to a Brother in law of Mr Hollis, who had a daughter was to be married that day, we attended the Wedding things went off verry well all was peace, and good feelling, we returned to Mr Holliss and retired to rest

Friday 8th June 1844

We departed on our journey through Jonesville to Killamazoo, found a family of Mormons the name of Tryan[?] who had come from the East and were compelled to tarry here on account of running out of means, we were received verry kindly, gave out an appointment for the night, a few of the neighbor came in and I spoke to them a short time and they departed, seemed well satisfied, we retired to rest, we walked about 26 miles, Elder Burgess was verry much unwell when we first started but I laid hands upon him and he got better imediately

Saturday 9th 1844

We arose in good Spirits, visited Mr Bundy Tavern keeper and took dinner with him, then visited Sister White found her to be a verry intelligent woman her husband was verry kind to us we took supper with them retired to Brother Troyans, a many in the neighborhood requested to stay over Sunday and hold meeting and preach for them, we agreed and gave out appointments for 10, and 3 0 Clock

Sunday 10th June 1844

We arose breakfasted and repaired to the School house, quite a number were present listened with great attention, Elder Burgess addressed them with much plainness and power, I made a few remarks, gave out an appointment for Afternoon, Brother hanson that lived three mile East was at the meeting, he wished one of us to go with him to preach that Evening Elder Burgess accompanied him. In the Afternoon I addressed the meeting a good feelling was manifested two that were present gave me 25 cents I took supper with Mr Bunday, he was verry kind, he invited to breakfast with him next Morning, I returned to Brother Troyans, and retired to rest

Monday 11th June 1844

I arose and breakfasted, blessed 2 children laid hands on Brother and Sister Troyan for sickness and departed, went to Brother harrison, found Elder Burgess, he held meeting but few attended, he had given out 2 appointments one five mile South and the other a mile and a half East, he went and preached at [blank] School house five miles distant I preached in the Evening to a few they were verry attentive staid overnight

Chart of the head of A Cordon given by Samuel Shaw

May 24th 1844

Amitiveness[?] 6 Philoprogenitiveness[?] 5

Attachment[?] 6 Inhabitiveness[?] 5

Concentration[?] 4 Self Esteem 6

Formness[?] 7 Veneration[?] 6

Benevolence 6 Comparison[?] 5

Hope 4 Ideality 6 Constructiveness[?] 5

Laziness[?] 5 Approbation 4

Secretiveness[?] 5 Acquisitiveness[?] 6

Aloofness[?] 6 Combativeness 6

Conscientiousness 6 Causality 6 eventuality 6

Laund[?] 5 Order 4 Calculation 6 Form 5

Individuality 6 Mirthfulness 5 Will 6

Temptation[?], Sympathetic 4 Sanguine 3

Bilious 5 Nervous 5

Reflection 5

After conversio I went and [?] Delany and he frightened me verry much in his discourse I con[?] not take pleasure in Sin and wish I could but be a Methodist or Convert [?] and I prayd a many

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times for to be converted but I could not get the Power at last I thought within myself I was converted I will think I am converted, I am Converted &ce But I could not tell how, where or when. Emma Whaley
Thompso Creasate Hoothl cal[?] Camp Me [illegible] greel

We pursued our journey (a distance of 22 miles) to Clinton, called at a Methodist House and staid with him over night. He was much prejudiced against Joseph Smith, but knew nothing against him only by report, he treated us very kindly.

Wednesday 12th June 1844

We arose and breakfasted and then commenced our journey to Yepsilante stayed at the tavern for the night a distance of 26 miles.

Thursday 13th June 1844

We started on our journey called at Mr. _____ and begged some breakfasted traveled to Detroit, we tried to find some of the Saints, but could not succeed, we tried to get lodging but could not it was quite dark and getting late in the evening we traveled up and down the street endeavouring to find a friend that would take us in and while passing along we heard singing, we repaired thither and found a small society, holding an Evening Meeting, we stated to tell them our circumstances and one of them verry kindly gave us fifty cents, we went to a tavern for the night verry weary, A place of rest was sweet to us, we did not get any supper.

Friday 14th, June 1844

We arose and crossed the river into Canada, called for some breakfast, traveled 22 miles and found a small branch consisting of six Members. The merry countenances of them did me good, we took supper with W. Brown after supper I preached to a few of the neighbors that came together a good feeling was manifested. The saints rejoiced verry much.

Saturday 15th June 1844

We arose quite unwell and fatiuge with our journey, and agreed to hold meetings that evening and also on Sunday Elder Burgess addressed them on the principals of the doctrine of Christ, a good feeling was manifested.

Sunday 16th June 1844

He preached Morning and Evening a good attentive congregation was present,

Monday 17th June 1844

About noon we started on our Journey, walked about 15 miles, staid over night at Elder William Bartons. This people in this place were verry much opposed to us. a short time before they had tarred and Feathered Elder McGinn and threatened Elder Barton.

Tuesday 18th June 1844

We walked about 25 miles, asked three times before we could get a priveledge of staying over night.

Wednesday 19th June 1844

We pursued our journey called at Widow Smiths, and took dinner. She gave us about 50 cents and travelled about 15 miles staid at a tavern for the night

Thursday 20th June 1844

We traveled about 25 miles to a Scotch settlement in the Evening and retired for the night.

Friday 21st June 1844

We traveled about 25 miles came to Saint Thomas and staid over night.

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Saturday June 22, 1844

We traveled about 33 miles came to Middleton and stayed at the house of a Gentleman that had come from England Lancaster County, he treated us very kindly and made us welcome.

Sunday 23rd June 1844

We walked about 27 miles to Mount Pleasant staid at W Gates for the night, his wife had been baptized and he was very favourable, they received us very kindly.

Monday 24th June 1844

We left W Gates and spent the day with M Sturgess his wife had been baptized, he was a Methodist and apposed his wife considerable.

Tuesday 25th June 1844

Came to Brantford called at Elder Whites, took dinner with him. then started on our journey about 28 miles we stayed at a tavern, but did not get any sleep we were so tormented with Muschetoes

Wednesday 26th June 1844

We traveled about 22 miles stayed at a Quakers for the night.

Thursday 27th June 1844

We Pursued our journey through considerable rain and heavy roads until we came to Niagara Falls a distance of 22 miles about 2 miles before we arrived at the Falls, we heard the dashing of the Waters and beheld the spray which rose like a cloud or volume of smoke, and then fell in a heavy mud upon the Earth for a considerable space around. It is really an imposing sight we crossed the river about 40 yards from the fall, stepped into York State almost wet through with the dashing of the spray occasioned by the dashing of the water we traveled about 3 miles farther and obtained Lodgings for the night.

Friday 28th June 1844

We pursued our journey until we came to Elder G.A Neals, about 6 miles west of Lockport, A conference was to be held here commencing next day, we agreed to stay Elder G Wandell and William Pratt were present, Also Elder H Stratton, and quite a number of Elders from different places.

Saturday 29th June 1844

We assembled ourselves together conference was called to order and C. Wandell was appointed chairman, There was a goodly number present and we had a very interesting time, we went with brother Randol for the night and were received very kindly

Sunday 30th June 1844

We took breakfast and repaired to Elder Neals Conference met according to adjournment, Elder Wandel and myself addressed the conference on the Forenoon Elder Stratton V in the afternoon; and Elder Besrgess in the evening, there was a good spirit manifested, eight were baptized in the course of the conference.

Monday July 1st 1844

We started on our journey, Elder Hiram Stratton gave us reference to W Job Parkhurst in Westminster, West Parish, Vermont. Mr Parkhurst had married H, Strattons mother, one of the brethren brought us about 34 miles in a Wagon, we then walked about 7 miles and stayed for the night at W. Berniut Tavern Keeper

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Tuesday 2nd July 1844

We breakfasted and pursued our journey to Rochester a distance of 26 miles, here we found a large and flourishing city we repaired to Elder Hurnold, who kindly received us we tarried with two days, and the departed.

Friday 5th July 1844

Elder Jones brought us on our journey in a carriage about 10 miles, we bid him farwell, travelled through Palmyra passing within 4 miles of the hill Comorah where the records had been taken from by Joseph Smith, we stayed for the night

Saturday July 6, 1844

We Pursued our journey to Montezuma it was night before we arrived, we asked at several places before they would receive us, at last we found a Baptist that took us in and made us comfortable

Sunday 7th July 1844

We walked about 20 miles stayed at W Woods, he was very favorable to the cause of truth

Monday 8th July 1844

We traveled to Fayetteville staid overnight with a Mr who

Saturday 20th July 1844

We travelled over the Mountain through Wilmington, to Dover where we staid for the night.

Sunday 21st July 1844

We came to Pontville about 8 miles and entered in to a Baptist Meeting House, heard 2 sermons and preached to them at five oClock, they were very attentive, a good Spirit manifested we tarried over night with A W

Monday 22nd July 1844

We went through Williamsville, Fayetteville, Pritng and staid overnight at W who received us kindly.

Tuesday 23rd July 1844

We went through West Parish, Westminister about noon we came to W Job Parkhurst he lived in a good house which was pleasantly situated had a farm of 200 acres. He had a wife and two children, and a Young Lady that lived with them named Anne Howe. They received us very kindly. Mr Parkhurst was not home, we had met him going to Pertney but did not know him, we took some refreshment and enjoyed ourselves very well, delivered our message from Elder Hiram Stratton to his Mother, for Mrs Parkhurst had been married to a former husband, and by him had several Children. In the Evening W Parkhurst came home, he made us welcome. after a little conversation we discovered that he had informed himself considerably with respect to our doctrines. He had taken our paper for several years, but had not been baptized. They were quite an intelligent family we prayed with them and retired to rest for the night.

Wednesday 24th July 1844

We arose from our beds tolerably refreshed in body and comfortable in our mind, we gave out an appointment at the Southern School House for Sunday next, went down to West Parish Village to the Post Office obtained some few members of the Prophet, a paper published at New York City Edited by William Smith one of the Quorum of the twelve, we expected to hear something respecting the death of Joseph & Hiram but their was nothing satisfactory to be obtained.

Thursday 25th July 1844

It being a very rainy day we agreed to hold meeting at Mr Parkhursts Elder Burgess went round and invited the neighbours to attend a few assembled together and I preached to them; Elder Burgess followed, they, were very attentive.

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Friday 26th July 1844

We went to a village called Cambridge Ports to get out an appointment we succeeded and obtained the Meeting House for Sunday next from there we went to Athens and got the privilege of holding two Meetings in the Meeting House on the Sunday but one following we obtained a newspaper that gave an account of the death of Joseph and Hiram Smith, we returned to Mr Parkhursts very sorrowfull, we did not fully credit the reports till now

Saturday 27th July 1844

We assisted Mr Parkhurst in the Hay field as the weather was very fine and he was a little thronged. He had two hired men a Mr Jarvis Shaw and Timothy Ball.

Sunday XXVIII July 1844

We went to Cambridge Port and held Meeting in the Forenoon Elder Burgess addressed them they were attentive. In the Evening we held meeting in the S S House goodly number were present and were very attentive. We Appointed meeting for the Sunday

Monday 29th July 1844

We worked in the hay field and also on Tuesday

Wednesday 31st July 1844

We visited Mr Gideon Bermas, he was from home, but, his wife was very kind to us we spent and agreeable visit had an invitation to call and see them again.

Thursday 1st Aug. 1844

We tarried at Mr Parkhurst through the day

Friday 2nd Aug 1844

We Went to West Parrish Village to get an appointment in the School ,House we called on Mr Stevens the congregationalist Preist asked him to give out a notice that we should hold meeting in the School house on Sunday next. He told us that he should object to doing it has their were so many strangers coming about; We asked if he knew any thing against our doctrines? and he said No. We asked him if he had read any of books and he said he had read some of the book of Mormon. I asked him what he thought about it, He said that, when he began to read it he thought that if it agreed with the Bible there was no need of it and if it was contrary to it, it was wrong, we left him and went to the School House and gave out an appointment for the next Sabbath, In the afternoon we assisted Mr. Parkhurst in the Hayfield and also on Saturday

Sunday 4th Aug 1844

I went to Athens and preached two discourses, The people were very attentive, prejudice give way, In the Evening we held Meetings at the School House, the people were very attentive.

Monday 6th Aug 1844

We assisted Mr. Parkhurst with getting in his Hay also on every day when the weather was favorable through the week

Saturday 10th Aug 1844

I went to Brookline a distance of six miles has I had an invitation to preach in the Meeting House, I went to the house of Mr. Evans, he was a open hearted man, rejected all religion and revelation I staid with him for the night; Elder Burgess went to West Parish Village to preach to them according to appointment

Sunday 11th Aug. 1844

I preached two discourses to a good congregation, all Ears, and Eyes were open to hear what the Babbler should say, They were very attentive.

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Monday 12th 1844

Monday I returned to West Parrish, while travelling on the road I met a Gentleman named Luke Rice, he had been at the Meeting the day before, and was quite interested, He invited into his house found his wife quite an agreeable Lady Baptist by profession, I took dinner with them and departed to go to M Parkhursts. Tuesday and Wednesday We assisted in the Hay field.

Thursday 15th Aug 1844

We went to Saxton River Village a distance of three miles to see if we could get out an appointment, we visited the Baptist and Congregational Preist,s but they would not allow us to preach in their Meeting Houses, we also visited the committe of the Acadamy, but we could not succeed.. We returned to Mr. Parkhursts, Elder Burgess agreed to take a journey to New Hampshire has we had heard much said about some of the brethren and Sisters that lived a few miles in that state.

Friday 16th Aug.1844

Elder Burgess started on his journey, I accompanied him about 2 miles and then returned, I assisted in the Hay field.

Sunday 18th Aug 1844

I went to Athens, and preached twice, a goodly number attended, In the Evening I preached at the South School House- in Westminister but few attended.

Tuesday 20th Aug 1844

I went to cambridge Port and preached at Miss Phippin to a few, staid at Mr. Holdens for the night

Wednesday 21st Aug 1844

I went to Athens and preached in the School House to a good congregation who were verry attentive, I went with Mr. Brim Nickles and staid for the night

Thursday 22nd Aug 1844

I went over to Acton Eld Mr. Nickles accompanied me, but few attended, I preached to them a good feeling pervaded

25th Aug 1844

I went to Brookline and preached in the Meeting House a good feeling pervaded the Meeting, I staid at Mr. Blandin,s.

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I went to the South district in Westminister but few attended

Tuesday 27th Aug 1844

I went to Cambridge Port and preached but few attended I staid at Mr. Phelps for the night

Wednesday 28th Aug 1844

I baptized Mr. Parkhurst and wife Moran I went to Athens and preached in the West School House there was a good feeling pervaded the Meeting

Thursday 29th Aug 1844

I went over to Acton and preached to them there was but few attended

Sunday 1st September 1844

I went to Athens and preached in the afternoon, it rained verry heavey most of the day, but few attended

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Tuesday 3rd Sept 1844

I went to the Village at Cambridge Port and Preached but few attended

Wednesday 4th Sept 1844

I visited a Young Man that was verry Sick of the name of Powers, laid hands on him and blessed him in the name of Lord, Elder Burgess returned from New Hampshire, I was pleased to see him. he informed that there was a branch of the church at Gillsom and another at Walpole about eight miles from Westminister, which caused me to rejoice verry much. also that two Elders were labouring amongst them named Adams and Twist who left Nauvoo in the Month of May in the Evening we held Meeting in the School House at Athens a good few attended, I preached to them they were verry attentive

Thursday 5th Sept 1844

We went over to Acton and gave out an appointment for the next Thursday

Friday 6th Sept 1844

We returned to Westminister to Mr. Parkhurst

Sunday 8th Sept 1844

I went to Brookline and Preached twice the meetings were well attended I staid at Mr. Blandine for the night

Tuesday 10th Sept 1844

I went to Cambridge Port and Preached in the afternoon, but few

Wednesday 11th Sept 1844

I preached at Athens in the School House a good Spirit pervaded, the people were verry attentive

Thursday 12th Sept 1844

went over to Acton and preached there was but few attended

Friday 13th Sept 1844

I returned to Westminister found Elder Burgess who had returned from Walpole and had held Meetings at Drewsville, and at the East part of Westminister and was in good Spirits

Sunday 15th Sept 1844

I held Meeting at Athens a goodly number attended I delivered two Meetings on the coming forth of the Book of Mormon The people seemed well satisfied

Monday 16th Sept 1844

I returned to Westminister to Mr. Parkhurst of Portalbons

Wednesday 18th Sept 1844

ent over to Walpole while I was going I met with an accident I was Stepping of a stone fence and sprained my ankle which gave me great pain, I walked C but with great difficulty) to Benjamin Goote,s took supper with them, rub, my ankle with some linament, it swelled verry much, He carried me to Meeting, It was with no little difficulty that I preached to them, a good Spirit pervaded, and I rejoiced verry much to see the Saints in this place,. It was a refreshing time to me I had been so long without the priveledge of meeting with a company of Saints, I stayed with Mr Heman Gates for the night.

Thursday 19th Sept 1844

My Foot was verry painfull and swelled considerably I was not able to walk, Brother Gates, carried me over to Elder Waldo,s I staid over night with them, his wife and one daughter were in the Church and enjoyed themselves verry well

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Friday 20th Sept 1844

I visited Mr Skinner and Mrs Perce in the Evening I preached at the School House in Drewsville quite a number attended and were very attentive I staid with Mrs Perce for the night, next Morning I arose my foot was considerably better, Sister Perce gave me 25 cents

Sunday 22nd Sept 1844

Mr Heman Gates carried me down to Gillsom a distance of eleven miles, we arrived there about ½ past 10 o'clock, There was a congregation assembled at Mr Day's Hall a goodly number were present, I held two Meetings, The people were very attentive, In the Evening I preached at Elder the house was crowded with hearers I staid with him for the night

Tuesday 24th Sept 1844

In the Morning we assembled together at Mr. Solomon Mack's brother that lived with him died on the 23 and was to be buried this day, we assembled at Mr Dort's Hall at 11 o'clock, There was a great many people present, I preached his funeral sermon and had great liberty in speaking, In the Evening I preached a Captain Mack's he was brother to the Mother of Joseph Smith, and was a firm believer in the doctrine but had not as yet been baptized, I staid with him for the night

Wednesday 25th Sept 1844

I Visited Mr Burrett and held Meeting at his house in the evening, but few attended; It rained considerably, I staid with him for the night Captain Mack gave me 50 Cents

Thursday 26th 1844

I visited Elder Campbell he was a fine open man indeed the Saints here was very free and open. They gave me a dollar and seventy five cents.

Friday 27th Sept 1844

Elder Chilborn Mack carried me over to Allstead to brother Thurston's we staid at Brother Fosters for dinner I preached in the School House in Allstead they were very attentive, I staid with Mr Thurston for the night

Saturday 28th Sept 1844

Mr Thurston carried me to Drewsville to Mr Waldo I found the Saints were well and had gave out appointments for the next week in the different neighbourhoods I staid with them over night

Sunday 29th Sept 1844

I held two Meetings in the School House and on in the Evening at Mr Rice's we had good times of rejoicing, I staid with Mr Rice for the night his wife was baptized and he was very favorable

Monday Sept 30th 1844

I held Meeting in Walpole at the School House but few attended a number of Young men disturbed the Meeting by Coughing and spitting and other things, I staid with Benjamin Gates for the night

Tuesday 1st Oct 1844

I preached at Paper Mill Village but few attended but they were very attentive I returned to Drewsville and staid at Elder Waldo's for the night

Wednesday 2nd Oct 1844

I preached in the South Port of Walpole to a few who were very attentive I returned to Heman Gates for the night, I received a request to be at Gilsom the next Morning to preach the Funeral sermon of Brother Adams aged 87 Years, he has been baptized but a few months, and died firm in the faith of a Latter day Saint

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Thursday 3rd Oct 1844

I carried sister Gates along with me, took their Horse and Gig, Arrived their in time Elder Waldos and Skimmer with their wives attended, there was a great many assembled together I preached to them from 1st Corinthians 15 chap, There is one glory of the sun and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the star,s Vc I had great liberty in speaking, a great many of the brethren were present, I met with Elder's Adams and Twist which was a source of great joy, after We had taken some refreshment we started for drewsville, sister Adams widow of the deceased gave me a dollor. In the Evening we held Meeting at Hemon Gate,s but few attended it was verry wet and stormy

Saturday 5th Oct 1844

Heman Gates carried me about 6 miles we stayed and took dinner at Benjamin Gate,s who gave me a dollor, I arrived at Mr Parkhurst,s in the Afternoon found them quite well Elder Burgess had gone to Brookline to hold a meeting for the next day

Sunday 6th Oct 1844

I went over to Brookline took Mr Parkhurst,s Horse and Carraige, I arrived their in time for meeting. We were pleased to see each other I preached to them on the first principals of. the Gospel, Elder Burgess preached to them in the afternoon but few attended, we returned to Luke Rice,s for supper after that started for Mr Parkhurst we came till within about half a mile and while going down the Hill leading to his house which is verry steep, when all of a sudden a colt started up in the field that run along side of the road, The Horse that we had started also, We endeavored to hold him back but could not, when all of a sudden I was thrown out of the Carriage to the distance of ten feet against a stone wall my head face and one hand struck the wall, it stunned me for a moment, but recovering myself I arose found that the wagon had got liberated from the fore wheels and the Horse had gone home Elder Burgess was thrown under the Carriage, but escaped without much injury. We followed after the Horse he stop,d when he got home, I found that my hand and arm was sprained considerably, my head and face was not bruised much The Horse was not injured nor the Carriage I applied some camphor to my bruises and retired to rest, but was in so much pain. I could not go to sleep for a long time, I felt verry thankful to God that I was hurt no worse for it seemed to me like a miracle.

Monday 7th Oct 1844

I arose was verry unwell and in great pain. I could not use my right hand, but I went four miles and preached and the Lord blest me with great liberty the people were verry attentive a Baptist preacher was present, we staid at Mr Wrights for the night.

Tuesday 8th Oct 1844

We returned to Mr Parkhurst, Elder Burgesss went to Cambridge Port and held Meeting, but few attended

Wednesday 9th Oct 1844

In the afternoon I walked to Drewsville a distance of 12 miles and preached in the Evening in the School House Elder,s Adams and Twist were present, there was a goodly number assembles together who were verry attentive Elder George that lived in Ackworth a distance of seven miles, came down to carry me to Lords to his House. has I had got several appointments in that place I returned with him that Evening got to his House about eleven 0 Clock

Thursday 10th Oct 1844

In the Evening I preached in Mr Snows district The father of Benjamin Gates,s wife Brother Gates was on a visit to them with his family, there was quite a full meeting. I staid at Mr Snow,s for the night

Friday 11th Oct 1844

I returned in the Evening to Mr George,s and preached in the Evening in the School House, but few attended

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Saturday 12th Oct 1844

I preached in the Village at the Washingtonian Hall but few attended, The Notice had not been given as it ought to have been

Sunday 13th Oct 1844

Elder George carried me to Cry,s Hollow a distance of four miles, I preached to them three times. The School House thronged to over flowing, and the people were verry attentive, I stayed at Mr Scripture,s for the night

Monday 14th Oct 1844

Mr Scripture carried me to Elder George,s and he carried me to Paper mill Village, Here I met with Heman Gates, he desired me to attend a fellowship Meeting at his house on Wednesday morning, has there was some little difficulty between him and his wife. I told him that if he could have the meeting on the next day, I stayed for the night at Mr. Perce,s And enjoyed myself verry well, Elder Adams was present he was a fine Young man, we conversed on various interesting subject.

Tuesday 15th Oct 1844

WE met together in fellowship meeting several charges were brought against Brother Heman, It appears that he had been in the habit of calling his wife by hard and Ungodly names, after some discussion Brother Heman humbled himself and made acknowledgement to his wife and the brethren after which he was forgiven, with a promise that he would do better for the future.

Wednesday 16th Oct 1844

started and came to Westminister to Mr Parkhurst found them well in health, Elder Burgess had gone to Athen,s to hold Meeting.

Friday 18th Oct 1844

I went to Athens and met with Elder Burgess he was well in health and in good Spirits I prepared to go to Walpole, has we heard that Elders G J Adams and William Smith were going to preach at Peterboro and from thence to Nauvoo, and we were anxciou to send to Nauvoo, I had ten dollors that I wished to send to my wife, and Elder Burgess wished to send three dollors to his sister, I started but did not go far has it began to rain I went to Mr Carpenter,s and took supper with them then went to the School House and preached to a few returned to Mr parkhurst and stayed for the night.

Saturday 19th Oct 1844

We arose and breakfasted Elder Burgess concluded to go to Peterboro, I went to Brookline to Mr Rice,s and staid for the night

Sunday 20th Oct 1844

I preached two discourses there were but few attended, I went to Mr Evens,s and staid for the night some one from Illinois had sent a Book to Mrs Blanden, giving an exposition of the Latter Day Saints, I endeavored to see it but could not get an opportunity.

Monday 21st Oct 1844

I went to the North port of Westminister, called for supper at Mr Wrights, then went to the School House and preached to them, just as I was closing the Meeting Elder Burgess came in accompanied by Helman Gates, who had carried him over from Walpole, He informed me that He had been to Peterboro and that Elder Woodruff was there and was on his way to England, and would be at Wolpole the next night, and wished to see me their, We stayed at Mr Wrights for the night.

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Tuesday 22nd Oct 1844

In the Afternoon I walked over to Drewsville I met with Elder Woodruff at Brother Gate,s we rejoiced together, he gave me quite a favorable account of nauvoo, He looked quite well and was in good spirits, Elder Adams was with him, We repaired to the School House, it was well attended, and the people were very attentive, Elder Woodruff preached Elder Adams and myself bore testimony to the truth, I agreed to go down to Peterboro with Elder Woodruff. he had agreed to hold a fellowship Meeting there the next Evening. I borrowed brother Heman,s Horse and Carriage and retired to rest, Elder Woodruff staid at Elder Waldos for the night

Wednesday 23rd Oct 1844

I started for Peterboro a distance of 40 miles, I overtook Elder Woodruff at Gilson at brother Forsters, we took dinner with them and pursued our journey arrived in Peterboro at half past six in the Evening a good number of the Saints assembled together Elder Woodruff and myself addressed the Meeting there was a good feeling pervaded our hearts, my heart rejoiced to have so many saints, Elder Woodruff and myself staid at Elder for the night

Thursday 22nd Oct 1844

I posted a letter to my wife and in it was enclosed thirteen dollors, 10 for my wife and 3 for Rachel Burgess, I also gave elder Woodruff three letters to carry with him to my Father, I visited Elder Little, he was a fine man, Elder Woodruff took coach to Boston, and I returned to Gillsom, and I was much pleased with the interview that I had I came to brother Foster,s that Evening and staid for the night, The Spirit of tongues came upon me and I exercised the gift

Friday 25th Oct 1844

I came to Wolpole to brother Gate,s and then walked to Westminister and held Meeting in the School House, it was but thinly attended, I returned to Mr Parkhurst for the night

Sunday 27th Oct 1844

We went to Athens I preached twice and Elder Burgess bore testimony, and preached to them in the Evening a good spirit pervaded, We give out notice that we should baptize on Tuesday Afternoon if all was well, I Staid at Mr Nickles,s for the night, He and his wife had decided on being baptized, also Gideon Styles and Mr Wilson

Monday 28th Oct 1844

Was very cold and stormy day, we went over to Grafton and went to Mr Evans, and spent the Evening in conversation, he had an interesting family, we gave out a appointment for Sunday next at the School House,

Tuesday 29th Oct 1844

It was cold stormy day, rained considerable and the ground was covered with snow, we returned to Athens, and has it was a very stormy day and a many of the people wished to be present, we thought it best to adjourn till Friday I went to the School House and informed the few that came together, of our conclusions, and returned to mr Nickles, in the Evening I went to Doctor Austin and stayed for the night. spent the Evening in agreeable conversation and was much pleased with my visit

Wednesday 30th Oct 1844

We returned to Westminister called on Miss Wilson and informed her that we should attend to baptism on Friday afternoon, came to Mr Parkhurst and informed him also he concluded to be baptized

Friday November 1st 1844

The day was very fine and warm in the Afternoon we repaired to the School House, there was a great many assembled, I preached to them There was a good feeling pervaded the Meeting we then went down to the water and offered up prayer and the spirit of solemnity rested upon us, we then called for those that were to be baptized, and Job Parkhurst, Gideon Styles, Thankfull

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Wilson, Avon Nickles and his wife Mary Nickles presented themselves Elder Burgess led the down into the water, and baptized them and came out of the water, and we rejoiced, In the Evening we assembled at Mr Amos Davies,s and spoke awhile on the ordinance of confirmation, and then laid hands on Avon Nickles and wife, and Gideon Styles we had a good time of refreshing we staid there for the night and felt thankfull to god for his goodness to us in giving us fruit to our labours.

Saturday 2nd Nov 1844

We went to Westminister Brookline called at sister Wilsons and confirmed her by the laying on of hand called to see Young Mr Powers who was sick laid hands on him and prayed for him to the father in the name of Jesus Christ and left him, I went to Mr Rices and stayed for the night

Sunday 3rd Nov 1844

I preached twice there was but few attended I told them that I should not be willing to preach to them much more, except they came forward in humility and embraced the doctrine, I appealed to their charity of the people for a little assistance told them I was in wants of clothing to keep me warm. I staid at Mr Rist,s for the night

Monday 4th Nov 1844

I called at Mr D Perk I came to Westminister and started to go to the last Parrish, but it commenced to rain and I returned to brother Parkhurst for the night

Tuesday 5th Nov 1844

I went Athens and preached to a crowded House at Mr Davies,s The people were very attentive, A Minister of the Methodist order named Eastman, undertook on the Sunday before, he preach against the Latter Day Saints, and against Gifts and blessings, I promised to make some remark upon the same subject on the next Sabbath I returned to Westminister the Evening.

Wednesday 6th Nov 1844

Elder Burgess decided on going to Woodstock, We borrowed brother Nickles Horse and carriage, we drove to Woodstock, it began to snow very heavy, we could not find any of the brethren or Sisters, we enquired at an house if we could stay all night, they invited us in, we were very cold, and the horse was quite weary, after we had conversed considerable on different topics, we retired to rest, we heard of some of the Saints living at English Mills, a distance of seven miles.

Thursday 7th Nov 1844

We left and pursued our journey to English Mills found eight saints called at Mr and took some dinner, then went to Mr and staid for the night, we enjoyed ourselves very well

Friday 8th Nov 1844

I started back to Athens called at Wellersfauld for dinner arrived at brother Parkhurst about half past five a distance of forty five miles in about eight hours

Saturday 9th Nov 1844

I went to Athens and staid at brother Nickles for the night

Sunday 10th Nov 1844

I went to Meeting at Athens, and preached twice in the forenoon on the Gospel of Christ, and in the Afternoon, on the blessings that followed the house was well attended, I took supper with brother Stiles, preached in the School House in the Evening, had great liberty the people were very attentive, I returned to Mr Stiles,s for the night.

Monday 11th Nov 1844

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I visited Mr Bailey and staid with him till Wednesday morning, had considerable conversation on various topics was much interested with my visit returned to brother Parkhurst found sister P had been very sick.

Friday 13th Nov 1844

I went to Mr Sticking, s he had a sister that was deaf and Derick who had been to Hartford Mass. to be instructed. His mother was also verry sick a lady named Mary Felton was also staying with them. Miss Stickney asked me a many questions by writing on a slate, I answered in the same way I staid on Saturday also and enjoyed myself verry well, Miss Felton gave me 50 cents

Sunday 17th Nov 1844

I went to Brookline and while was speaking in the forenoon, I made mention of some that made it their business to talk and circulate falshoods against the Saints, speaking evil of things that they know not. when a voice from an Old Gentle by the name of Fairbanks was heard, saying, I know all about, I said thats right, and you shall have the priveledge of telling what you know when I have got through, accordingly he arose and said that he had taken our papers for two Years, and he defied the world to say a word against them if they could, and that he had followed Joseph Smith from Sharon Windsor Co Vt to Jackson Co Mo, and he knew nothing against them only they were building of the a Temple and their was in it a basement stony and also in the basement a Baptismal font, standing on twelve oxen, and the oxen were to be gilded over Vc He then walked out and said he had heard enough. I Held Meeting in the Afternoon In the Evening I went to Luke Rists, Brother & Sister Nickles was present, Mr Fairbanks was present, I put out my hand in a friendly manner and to shake hands with him, but he would not and said I shall not shake hands with you, He then took his Hat and walked off we took supper, I staid with them for the night

Monday 18th Nov 1844

In the morning I went to Athens, Luke & Welin Rist gave me a dollor each, I called at D Perham and took dinner with them, then went to Mr Fullers and staid for the night, M Hitchcock and wife came over and spent the Evening

Tuesday 19th Nov 1844

I went to Westminister, and back to Mr Stiles and spent the Evening and night with him 22—23, I spent with Brother Nickles writing up my journal and Ve on Saturday went over to Mr. Coltons and he repaired my Boots, for which I was verry thankfull

Sunday 24th Nov 1844

I Repaired to the Meeting House and delivered two lectures, in the forenoon on the gathering of Israel, Afternoon on the second coming of Christ, there was a good Spirit manifested we had quite a snow storm, but the house was well attended I received a letter from Nauvoo dated Oct 22nd written by Elder Burgess, s sister Rachel to him, It gave an account that his brother Samuel and wife, and also Rachel and Martha had been sick of the fever & Ague Also my wife and children, were just recovering from a long attack of the same complaint, and were verry much troubled and wished me to come home as soon as possible, I went to brother Parkhurst for the night

Monday 25th Nov 1844

I wrote a letter to Elder Burgess and forwarded to him the contents of the letter

Tuesday 26th Nov 1844

I went to Mr Stickney, s called at Mr Filler, s, In the Evening Mr Stickney accompanied me to the School House. The night was verry stormy and the snow fell verry heavey. I did Not hold meeting.

Wednesday 27th Nov 1844

I returned to Mr Parkhurst for the night

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Thursday 28th Nov 1844

I visited Mrs Stiles, had considerably conversation Mr Davis Ball & staid with him for the night

Friday 29th Nov 1844

I visited brother Nickles, wrote a letter to my wife, staid with him for the night

Saturday 30th Nov 1844

I posted at Athens a letter which I had written the day before, came to Mr Parkhurst

Sunday December 1st 1844

Was verry snowy and stormy day, staid at brother Parkhursts, has I had no appointments

Tuesday 3rd Dec 1844

Elder Burgess arrived from Woodstock. he had been up to Royalton. had preached considerable but not baptized any. Elder Russell of Royalton had given him an overcoat we rejoiced together verry much.

Wednesday 4th Dec 1844

We went to Athens to Mr Stiles but returned to brother Parkhursts, gave out an appointment for the next morning at the Meeting House as Thursday 5th was the day set apart by the Govenor for a General day of Thanksgiving, for the harvest, they had been blest with

Thursday 5th Dec 1844

We went to Athens but did not hold any meeting as the notice had been so short the people did not attend we called upon Sister Wilson found her rejoicing in the faith of the last days, we visited brother Nickles took supper with them and rejoiced together, we staid for the night

Friday 6th Dec 1844

I carried sister Nickles down to Jascton river Village, got measured for an overcoat and had it cut out, Sister Nickles was a tailor and was going to make it, Then came to Mr Nickles and staid for the night

Saturday 7th Dec 1844

About nine 0 Clock in the morning I started for Woodstock, as Elder Burgess has brought from there Elder Maxhoms horse and cutter and has their had been a thaw I was obliged to leave the cutter and borrow a Carriage from brother Stiles he was verry kind and obliging and lent it to me with the greatest pleasure through I told him I should want it about 3 weeks, I gave them the parting hand and perceued on my journey I called at Weatherfield and took dinner and baited my horse, then travelled on to English Mills Woodstock. arrived their in the Evening bout nine 0 Clock, found brother Maxhom and family in good health, I arranged to rest somewhat weary

Sunday 8th Dec 1844

We went down to the School House to hold there was but few attended, there was earnestness among the people, there had been preaching in this place, and the Lord had opened a many of the hearts of the people to understand the principals of the Gospel, but they would not obey the commandments of the Lord, quite a number of them had died verry sudden but it did prove to be any warning to the rest, I preached Morning and Evening, but I had not much Spirit to preach to them their was only eight baptized, I took supper with brother Vaughn and spent the night with Elder Taft

Tuesday 10th Dec 1844

I went over to Pomsset and held a meeting in the School House it was well attended the people were verry attentive, they desired to have meeting again, I appointerd one for Friday Evening. Mr Bragley invited me to go with him for the night, I accepted the invitation, he treated me verry kindly

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Wednesday 11th Dec 1844

I returned to English Mills staid at the Mascon for the night

Thursday 12th Dec 1844

I visited Mr English, both he and his wife believe our doctrine but for some reasons did not go forward in the waters of Babtism, The treated me verry kindly

Friday 13th Dec 1844

I went over to Tomssnet the School House was crowded to excess, I preached to them on the subject of Baptism, they were verry attentive a good spirit manifested itself, a Lady named Miller

said she never heard that subject treated of in its true light before I returned with brother Maxchom

Sunday 15th Dec 1844

I went topamssnet and preached in the Hall Morning and afternoon, there was a good many attended and a good Spirit manifested, I returned to English Mills and staid at Brother Eatons for the night, was much pleased with the testimony that I received respecting the people.

Monday 16th Dec 1844

I came to bro Maxhoms, from there started for Royalton a distance of 15 miles, I arrived there in the Evening and found a small branch of 12 members at the Town House, or Poor—house, nine of them were inmates of the House, Elder Charles Russell was with them, they were enjoying themselves well, and reminded me of the saying of Jesus The poor have the Gospel preached to them Elder Russell came to work the Farm connected with the house in the last of March, he was a Member of the Peterboro branch, when he first came there was none of them that had heard anything about the Gospel of Christ, There was one of them a Lady named Hannah Bruckland who had been afflicted with Spinal- Nervous—Reuhmatic and Bowel complaint for 14 years, and for about 10 years had been confined to her bed, I shall make as astract from a letter which was written by her to her Brother in the month of October 1843 which is as follows; I will now proceed if the streight permit, to inform you more particularly respecting some of the complicated ills that afflict and prey upon this poor body, and whose deadly ravages, have long been exceisting the work of desolation upon my system, adding various and accumulated woes, till their ascendancy over every faculty both, physical and intellectual is supreme. There has some changes taken place in the various operation of my complaints, which I believe indicates the near approach of a crisis that will effect a still deeper and momentous change upon this form of distorted matter, For if life can exist long in my present state of distress and privation, it seems impossible for any particle of reason to do so, and oh that it may please my Heavenly Father to grant my choice in this respect, for it seem through the abundant of redeeming of grace, That I could greet the bearer of a departing summons with a hearty welcome. Seasons of extreme pain and debillity have been common during most of my protected illness, and which appears to have originated, mostly from a sever affection of the spine, and bowel complaints of the most torturing and afflicting kind a loss of natural action took place, and a universal relaxation at the nervous system succeeded, together with much rheumatic pains, chills, and excessive persperation that served greatly to augment my sufferings, all of which increased with debillity, till a kind of Palsy or paralytee affection, added another Species of vivlence to the system. This too commenced in my back by producing intense cold, and numb shocks that which become more and more frequent, till a death like coldness seem to settle upon me. Nor did this dreadfull malady, stay its destructive progress till I had depicted its death like feahires upon every part of my body; during the most of my sever and universal shocks, all my former sensitiveness to pain and an geriah, C which had been intense and many times attended with convulsions) ceased, while my body remained cold and inanimate. my pulse ceased to viliate, and I lay as one that was dead, as I was afterwards informed. But these attacks were always a prelude to more intense suffering.

The consulson agony of my nerves, and the insesseable pain and chills that succeeded was almost insupportable; especially when life began to reanimate my system. And it is impossible to

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describe what I have suffered by the extreme weakness that subsequently and ultimately prevailed; but that attending my back and bowels, was the most distressing to bear, My joints too become so relaxed, that they often dislocated, while turning myself in bed, and also many times with great pain when not attending to more, for disease had penetrated into my bones. Beside I was afflicted with sever interval diseases. And with a costiveness which I endured from time to time an interval of thirteen and of fourteen days without movement; and then I lay almost incessantly bathed in cold sweat, without Physician on remedy destned, year after year to receive my sustenance, from the bounty of the lowest bidder. I must now pass over a considerable laps of time,— and give you some account respecting my present situation, disease almost uninversally; seemed to bear a move malignant aspect, Bowel complaints enraged severely and the usual swelling, and bloating increased to an uncommon degree, likewise the difficulty attending my back, which had almost been indescribable, now increased to a degree almost incessant. My head too has long been a refuge of disease, a disease that has contributed much to marr, and to deprive me of intellectual enjoyment, and which now began to exhibit some more symptoms, in almost total depriving me of my eye sight, This affliction of my eyes, prevailed to such a degree that I could not discern one letter from another, neither could I distinguish a black eye from a blue one. And to this catalouge of greif was added about this time a severe sore in my mouth my tongue though usually covered with white, now became yellow, dry, and parched with heat, and after some days axhibited quite a savage appearance and the soreness continued to increase till it became almost impossible to bear the same disease attacked my lungs and stomach and increased till pain and inflammation became violent producing faintings and much difficulty to breathe. A Physician named Leave Ricks attended upon me, a gentleman whose genaline principles of benovelence, humanity, and integrity if equalled believe is not often excelled by any and whose faithful endeavours were crowned with a degree of success in even my case; although he had previously advanced an opinion and (with good reasons) that medicine could do me but little if any good he spared no pains in trying to administer relief. A death like coldness similar to that I have before mentioned, now gained the ascendancy as far as my stomach—and I became nearly insensible and had not power to move my hand or foot The Doctor pronounced me in a confirmed fever Yours HPB

The following I took from her own lips. About the latter end of March last Charles Russell came to the Town House to work the farm he was a Latter Day Saint and he began to unfold to me the principles of the doctorine of Christ With all its powers and blessings and began to tell me that I should might be healed by the power of God, through the prayer of faith; This seemed more than I could except or think of much more believe in; He often times laid hands upon me prayed for me, and I was benefited but again I would be attacked, He would converse with me, and try to encourage me, and advise me to exercise faith in God, and I should be healed, Elder Twist, came up from Walpole, on the last of August, and he being and elder of the afore said Church; he began to unfold to me the same principles and blessings and laid hands upon me, and prayed for me, and I received a blessing under his hands, for my pain subsided from that time, and I believed that my pain disease was rebuked at the time, About a week after. I was baptized in the name of the Father Son, and Holy Ghost. and my health began to improve, and I walked a Little each succeeding days and since then have been able to go about from place to place and enjoy myself rejoicing in the things of god and the praise be to God and the Lamb Amen & Amen

When I look what this sister has had to pass through, and beheld her going about the House and performing her daily duties full of activity and Spirit my heart rejoices before the Lord, and I say thy name be praised for ever, Amen

Tuesday 17th Dec 1844

In the evening we held a Meeting I addressed them on things pertaining to their own salvation and exhaltation, organized the branch, on motion it was called the Town House branch of the of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints in Royalton, several of the Saints bore testimony of the truth of the Gospel, and the work of God in the last days

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In the evening we assembled together again and conversed upon the principles of the Gospel

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Thursday 19th Dec 1844

In the evening Elder Russell carried me down to an appointment that had been made, the distance of 4 miles, there was but a few attended I conversed with them awhile on the kingdom of God spoken of by Daniel in the 2nd chapter, we returned back to the Town House

Friday 20th Dec 1844

I borrowed an horse of Mr Cook a near neighbor of Brother Russells and I went down to Tornfnet a distance of 13 miles, and preached to a large congregation, they were very attentive when I had got through, a number wished to ask questions, I gave them liberty, and I answered questions for about an hour and a half, they remained in good order, and appeared well satisfied; I staid for the night at Mr Millers, his wife was an Episcopalian and a firm beleiver in their doctrine, I conversed with her some time and endeavored to shew her wherein she had transgressed the laws and, changed the ordinances, and consequently had broken the covenant she acknowledge all this but still thought that they had the pure preisthood.

Saturday 21st Dec 1844

I returned to Royalton, and preached in the Evening, but few attended, returned to the Town House, for the night.

Sunday 22nd Dec 1844

We held Meeting in the afternoon, there was about 20 present, Mr Cook and wife believers in the principles, but were fearful after the meeting Elder Russell baptized 3, two of them Sons of Sister Bruckland, and one of them a daughter of Brother Luce, who was only eight years old, I Confirmed them, and the spirit of the lord rested upon us and we had a time of rejoicing together for which I felt very thankfull to Almighty God for his goodness unto us, I exercised the gifts of Tongues.

Monday 23rd Dec 1844

I visited Mr Cook he told me that he had been praying that I might come up to see him, I conversed with him and his wife staid with them over night bore testimony to then in strong language of the truth. He said that he wished to save himself and family, I told him that if he would go forth in sincerity of heart and embrace the doctrine his wife should follow after and all his children, I told him this in the name of the Lord.

Tuesday 24th Dec 1844

I bid the saints adieu this place, through quite reluctantly, for had enjoyed myself very well while in their midst they were kind and affectionate, drinking out of one spirit and united in faith and sentiment, and though poor in spirit they were rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom of God. I walked to Pomfvet and staid at Mr Millers and took supper with them, I then went to the school House and preached from John 10—16 brought forth some evidence in favor of the coming forth of the book of Mormon, the people were very attentive, a Mr Vaughan, asked me how it was that the book of Mormon, had the word canoe contained in it, for the word only originated about 200 years ago? I answered that I thought it was the business of the translator to give words that we could understand, or it could not be considered a correct translation, He Appeared satisfied, and I dismissed the Meeting, and staid with Mr. Miller for the night, gave out an appointment for The next Thursday Evening at the block school house, commencing at half past six.

Wednesday 25th Dec 1844

I went over to brother Maxhoms found them quite well, I staid with them for the night.

Thursday 26th Dec 1844

I went over to the block school house and preached to an attentive congregation, I had great liberty in preaching I returned with Thomas Miller for the night, I left the Book of Mormon with them, as they were desirous of investigating the Doctrine.

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Returned to brother Maxhoms, Elder Tafts and wife came up and spent the Evening and we enjoyed ourselves in conversation upon the things concerning the Kingdom of God

Saturday 28th Dec 1844

Arose well in health and composed the following

Peculiar Metre

How amiable are Thy ways
Thou everlasting King
Thy peirecing eyes surveys
through every living thing
p held by Thy Almighty hand
Thy nobel works around thee stand 2nd
Thou form,d the heavens above
And set the Starrs on high
Around Thy throne to move
And shine most gloriously
Thy nobel works around thee stand
Upheld by thy Almighty hand 3rd
The mighty ocean vast
And continents so great
The wonders that ar past
Doth all new joys create
that all may glory in thy ways
And offer up eternal praise 4th
The Sun that rules the day
And Moon that rules the night
That travel on their way
And send abroad Thy Light
They shew the wonders of thy hand
And speak thy praise in every land 5th
O Lord let me adore
Thy Everlasting name
And break thy law no more
But tell abroad Thy fame
For thou art good and always kind
To all that to thy will incline

I visited Elder Tafts returned to brother Maxhams for the night

Sunday 29th Dec 1844

I went over to Pomfret and Preached two discourses, in the forenoon on the true. test of all doctrine, shewed that forth sincerity, zeal, Conciensionsness Happiness were no criterion that men were obiding in the doctrine of Christ, for the Hindoo, the brahmim, The mohamadam and all the contradictory schemes of Christendom, produced the like effect In the afternoon I spoke upon the Gospel of Christ, as it was revealed in the scriptures of truth. There was good attention and a good spirit manifested. I went to Mr Harlows for the night They had quite an intesting family four sons and one daughter, they were all desirous of investigating the principles, and treated me with the greatest kindness.

Monday 30th Dec 1844

I went to the block School House and preached to an attentive audience, A considerable heavy fall of snow fell which made it verry slippy and awkward to travel, I felt much of the spirit while bearing testimony of the things of the kingdom of God. I returned to Mr Harlows for the night

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Tuesday 31st Dec 1844

I arose and composed the following lines.

On the hills of vermont i,m doom,d for to wander a stranger or pilgrim a far from my home
To warn all mankind to flee from the danger
That speedly cometh to seal up their doom
My brethern are scarce and my sisters are few
And as my wife I have bid her adeui
I once could behold her and sit by her side
And with her in council could always confide
Such wisdom was blended with all her advice
It seem,d like a bulkwark to keep me from vice
In keen tribulation she bid me not fear
And stood like as Angel to soothe and to cheer
And tell me look forward be true to the test
And overcome and sit down with the blest
When call,d from the Heavens a message too take
And to sacrifice all for Jesus,s sake
I conferr,d not with mortals but gladly obeyed
The voice of my Savior his he had decreed
That arose from the dead and ascended on high
Of the truth of the Gospel which to me was made plain
And offered salvation through faith on his name
And my prayers is 0 God keep me safeto the end
My life and my honors to thee let me spend
Let me labour for thee and be spent in thy cause
And overcome all as Eternitys Heirs

I tarried at Mr Harlows throughout the day and also for the night, was well treated, and enjoyed my self verry well.

Wednesday Jany 1st 1845

I had some conversation with a Mr Vaughen who was an unbeleiver in the sacred scriptures, but in every respectt a Gentlman for ought; I could discover. I composed the following verses, as an ode to the New Year.

Eighteen Hundered forty four has gone
And with it all its cares and toils and trouble
Our public acts and secret deeds are done
And cannot be recall,d by all thats human
They stand as monuments, and say, Beware!
And for the future state yourselves, Prepare,
Prepare to live with might Gods above
And with the choir unite in songs of love
Hail Happy Year we greet thee with delight
Let peace and love abound in every heart

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In the evening I held Meeting, ther was but few attended, there was a considerable snow storm which prevented the people from attending, Those that were present were attentive

Thursday 2nd Jan 1845

I came over to brother Morehons, and staid for the night

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Friday 3rd Jan 1845

I visited at Mr Moores, Spent the time very comfortable, enjoyed myself very well

Saturday 4th Jan 1845

I visited at Mr. Moores and Mr Vaughns spent the time in very comfortable manner, I staid at Mr Vaughn,s for the night, he was an Infidel, He was very reasonable man, treated me very well, was very kind and civil, had an interesting family

Sunday 5th Jan 1845

I went to the School House and preached in the morning on the constitution and character of God in the afternoon I replied to several) objections that have been made against Baptizm, it was a solemn season, a good number were pricked to their hearts. I went to Mr Harlows for the night.

Monday 6th Jan 1845

I left Mr Harlows, though with great reluctance for they believe the doctrines and rejoiced in the principles but they were afraid to be baptized. Mr gave me a dollor, also his Son Lenoard gave me a half doll, I called at Mr Moore,s and he gave me 1 Mr B d and M—M gave me 50 cents. I Left them stedfast to there purpose, and the name of Jesus Christ Amen I came to brother Maxhom,s and composed the following verse.

1— Now,s the day the Savior reighns
Now,s the time to break the chains
of foul tradition that disdains t
The heart of man to free

2— Now,s the day for to be free
The Gospel,s preached on land and sea
And every soul can happy be
In Jesu,s pardoning blood

3—Now,s the time let all give hear
Ye thirsty souls to God avery near
Drink deep, and only be sincire
And then your souls can live

4—Now,s the time the saints can sing The wondrous glories of their king
Their offerings into Zions bring
And praise the holy lamb
The prophets voice again is heard The truth from darkness has appeard
The glorious Light of Truth draws near
To make our hearts rejoice
The Spirits power we too behold
The wonderous Truths of God unfold
The Scriptures plain— as can be told
To all that will give hear
Therefore we will adore his name
For every land speak forth his fame
We,ll onward go— The road,s made plain
And shout for victory

Monday 6th Jan 1845

In the evening I preached in the School House at English Mills a good congregation assembled they were very atentive. I staid at Elder Tafts for the night, I was expecting Elder Brugess from Athens, but he did not arrive.

Tuesday 7th Jan 1845

I visited Mr English has some litte conversation with his Lady, She was belonging to the Christian Church, she said that she had, received considerable light from the Latter Day Saints,

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but still did not understand the principle of Preisthood. I Left here for brother Vaugham,s but while I was going, I was called back by Elder Taft s Daughter; she informed me that Elder Burgess had arrived, I returned and rejoiced with him, we enjoyed ourselves verry well through the day. he was in good health and Spirits, we went up to brother Moxhoms. I agreed to startt for Westminister the next day Elder Burgess agreed also to return

Wednesday 8th Jan 1845

We started early in the Morning from Mr English, there had been a verry heavy fall of snow, and we had a Carriage, which made it a verry hard days drive; We arrived at Mr Parkhurst late in the Evening, they were gone to bed, they arose and set meat before us and we rejoiced together we retired to rest, I had a sever pain in my back, acaisioned by endeavoring to save myself from a fall.

Thursday 9th Jan 1845

I assisted brother Parkhurst to kill and clean 7 hogs, In the Evening went to Athens, found brother Styles rejoicing in the faith, we went over to brother Nickols found them verry well, we staid with them for the night.

Friday 10th Jan 1845

We returned to brother Parkhurst called at brother Stiles, and laid hands on and blessed his children, His youngest was about 8 days old, we also laid hands on his wife and blessed her; we called upon Sister Wilson and was much pleased to see the saints so cheerfull, It really did me good.

Sautrday 11th Jan 1845

I assisted brother Parkhurst in cutting up and pickling two hogs. In the afternoon he carried me and Elder Burgess to the Falls about 8 miles, we went to Elder Messengers and found that we could not hold Meeting in the Hall that Evening, but gave out an appointment for the next Evening at early candle light.

Sunday 12th Jan 1845

We held two meetings at Elder Messinger,s but few attended, in the Evening went over to the Falls and preached, Elder Burgess followed, there was profound attention, and the room was well attended, we returned to Elder Messengers and staid for the night Monday. A verry cold snowy-stormy day On Tuesday the 7th I received a letter from Nauvoo, which had been mailed Dec. 8th 1844 It rejoiced me exceedingly, has it was the first I had received having been from home since the 4th of May, The contents were as follows

My Dear Alfred

I take up my pen to inform you about matters and things, I receieved your letter on the 2nd and was glad to hear that you was well in health, was grieved to hear of the misfortunes you had received in being thrown out of the Carriage Vic I recieved three letters from England the day I received yours, One from your Father, and one from Edward, and the other from, Edwin, Edwin has a fine son and has called his name Alfred your mother says, he his like your son E T was when we was there; when our mother heard of Joseph and Hyrums death, she wept, and said they had killed you, they say that you promised to be with them in about two years, so they shall begin to expect you, Your m other has, sent me stuff to make the children two frocks each, and some cotton, tape, thread, Pins Vc your brother Sampson his married and the rest of the family are well.. Now my dear it regards me and the children, I have had a sever spell of sickness, Edwin P, has been sick of fever and Ague for 14 weeks, but we are now recovering, My babe was taken from me, and also Edwin P, it was hard for me to part with them, but I was not able to look after them, I was not able to hold up my head for most of that time, Elder Smith came to see me one day, he found me in a miserable condition, so he took me with him to his house, I was with him five weeks of the time, I will not write any more about my troubles but will tell you when you come home, We are getting pretty smart and are all together at home, I have had to part with some few of my things in order to live, we have not suffered much for food, but we

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have for the want of care, I was glad to get a little money from you. I had got a little in debt, and was out of everything, I thought you had forsaken me for ever, and I thought I could not live long, It was expected that I should die, and my thoughts were all about you, sometimes I thought you was sick, sometimes dead; these things made me verry uneasy, and distrubed my mind verry much, As it regards you staying till spring you know the best, I leave it with you I named it to Elder Smith and he said, write for him to come home! so you can act as as you think best. Elderr Burgess Sister Rachel has got married. Sameul Burgess his much better and also his daughter, Elizabeth but his wife is still sick, Rachel is much obliged to James for the present that he sent her, Elder Nixon,s Father & Mother have arrived from England, and also his brother George and family Elder Bradbury & Wood have gone to St Louis with their families. Elder Brown and wife have left me. I do not know, where they are living.. All that I got from my garden was three pecks of corn, and three bushel of Potatoes, the Hogs destroyed the remainder. You say that you hope to return home a better Husband, a better Parent and a better neighbor. I have aften thought that If I should ever have you at home again, I would be a better wife. Your little son fretted five weeks for you, after you left, and then he was taken sick, he had used to say his pa was gone. My Dear I must come to a close, If you receive this and conclude to stay, write to me soon, Excuse me for not filling the letter, my little ones are tedious to me, My faith is stronger in the work than ever, I would like to see you, Good bye
Yours Emma Cordon

P.S. I must say your son E P is quite spoiled what with sickness and the loss of his Pa He has you constantly in mind I believe for he is always talking about you E C

Tuesday 14th Jan 1845

The day is verry fine, went to Heman Gates from thence to Drewsville, In the Evening the saints assembled together at sister Knights I spoke to them at some length on the necessity of paying tithe, and of exhaltation prepared for them that love the Lord Jesus Christ and observe the celestial law, There was a good feeling prevaded. sister Peirce arose and said, that she rejoiced in having such principals laid before them and she felt determined to carry them out to the point, that she might be made a heir of Celestial Glory. I went with sister Pence for the night

Wednesday 15th Jan 1845

I borrowed Elder Hermans horse, carried Elder B down to Gilloum through a heavy snow storm, called at Elder Forsters widow; there had been a loss in the family since my last visit, Elder Forster, went to Walpole on some business, and was returning home in the Evening, and it being a verry dark and cloudy, he borrowed a lantern, and candle, about two mile from his house, and when about a mile nearer home, his horse took the wrong road, which went up a steep hill, and the waggon overturned and fell upon him and broke his neck, the horse came home sometime in the night, next morning he was found and brought home, He was an harmless, inoffensive, good disposed man, left a wife and six children to mourn his loss. May You bless them. Amen.

Thursday 16th Jan 1845

I returned to walpole— left— Elder Burgess at Gilsum, A verry stormy day. held Meetings in the Evening at Hemans— went with Benjn Gates for the night, Elder Adams also went with him, we enjoyed ourselves well together

Friday 17th Jan 1845

I returned to Westminster Brother Gates carried me four miles of the way, It was verry hard traveling most of the way on account of so much snow having fell and the roads being but little trod.

Sunday 19th Jan 1845

I went to Athens with brother Parkhurst and held two meetings in the Meeting House and one in the West School House, there was a good Spirit that prevaded, I staid with brother Nichols for the night.

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Monday 20th Jan 1845

I held meeting in the South School House, was well attended, I went with Mr Fuller for the, Miss Fuller said she did not know her alphabet, before she saw me, for she began to understand some little of the Bible

Tuesday 21st Jan 1845

The day verry cold— a considerable fall of snow staid with Mr Fuller— enjoyed myself well

Wednesday 22nd Jan 1845

I came over to brother Parkhurst, had to walk thought a many snow drifts Thursday and Friday amused myself with chopping down Trees. on Friday Evening sat down and composed the following

The Millinism

Isaiah XI Chapter

How glorious day of heavenly light
With joy we welcome thee
Roll forth with all thy wondrous might
Bring Life and liberty
Let joy and peace illuminate
the heart of all that sigh
And sin and death eradicate
That Glory may come nigh

Let Wolf and Lamb together lie
The leopard and Kid too
The Bear lose its feroecity
The power subdue

Let sucking children sweetly play
With nests of Asps around
And celebrate each joyful day
And righteousness abound

Let Israel from their hiding place
Come forth in mighty bands
And Enoch,s God with shining face
Shall in their prescence stand

Their Prophet,s shall with mighty voice
Say, to the seas; Divided
That they may safely cross their host
And in their God confide

Let Judah,s tribe be sanctified
The covenant enter in
And thus their God be glorified
And pardon all their sin

Let all Eternity rejoice
The day of peace has come
Let every soul lift up their voice
And praise the Holy Lamb

Saturday 25th Jan 1845

I staid Mr Parkhurst the weather was verry stormy considerable storm and wind.

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Sunday 26th Jan 1845

I went over to Athen to hear Mr Hodges preach, but was dissipated, he did not come on account of the roads being so awkward I tool dinner with Mr Wilson, went to Mr Daviss for the night.

Monday 27th Jan 1845

In the Evening I went down to the South School House and held Meeting a goodly number were present they were verry attentive and a good Spirit prevailed.

Tuesday 28th Jan 1845

I staid at mr. Fullers then I went to Mr Daviss and found brother Styles, he was removing his goods has they were about to live in another part of the Town; I assisted him

Wednesday 29th Jan 1845

I went to Mount Holly with wife Stiles she wished to go and see her sister that was living with Mr Brent we arrived there the Evening The day was verry cold and snowy

Thursday 30 th Jan 1845

I returned to Athens arrived in the afternoon in good season. The day was verry cold and the distance was about thirty two miles

Friday 31st Jan 1845

I went to Mr Parkhurst, but returned in the Evening to Athens to brother Styles.

Feb 1st 1845

I went over to brother Nichols, brother Parkhurst and Styles with the wifes came in the afternoon. Mr Parkhurst turned over with his sleigh but no accident happened.

Feb 2nd 1845

I went to the Meeting House and held two Meetings but their. were thinly attended. The weather was verry stormy and cold. I returned with Mr Parkhurst and while going home, the started while going through a snow drift and the sleigh turned over, and threw out sister Parkhurst and got on my and started for home again out Mr Benas Home Yard and took fills of te sleigh, but did no geoser damage, we spliced the fill and got home considerably safe

Monday 3rd Feb 1845

I sat down and composed the following verses

L M

Jesus the Savior of man kind
Hath brought to light a wonderous scheme
Angel,s and Seraph,s all combined.
could not invent a nobler theme 2nd
The Gods in council did decree
That Jesus should this system form
And organize both land and sea

3rd A plan they also issued forth
That would exalt the human race
Give joy and peace arise them from death
That they might see their Maker,s face

4th

From heaven to earth the Savior came
To save poor lost and fallen foman

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But they despised his holy name
And set at nought the Gospel Plan

5th
At Pilates bar arraigned he stood
And their the Powers of Hell combined
And poured their malice like a flood
Against the Savior of mankind

6th With thorns they crowned his scared head
Which caused to flow his precious blood

All pity from their hearts had fled
Which caused them to reject their God
7thThe yawning grave his body claimed

But could not long contain the prize
For Jesus brok death,s mighty chains
And then ascended to the skies

8thIn glory now the Savior lives
Therefore plot not and fallen man
Therefore let all creation sing
The Lamb is worthy to receive
Extol him as the Heavenly King

Tuesday 4th Feb 1845

While reading the eighth chapter of Ezekiel the following verses came to mind

The hand of God it rested down
And caused my eyes to see
A valley that was full of bones
Which looked quite strange to me

The bones lay scattered all around
Quite numberless and dry
While gazing on the lonely scene
a voice came from the sky

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Can these bones live?
O Son of Man
Thou knowest O Lord said I
The powerful arm coame raised them up
In glorious magesty
Again he said now prophesy
That these dry bones may live
Fortell shew both my mighty power
I spoke the words as he had said
and lo the bones did shake
Bone came together to its bone
Which caused my Earth to quake
The sinews and the flesh appears
he skin it covered them
But still the breath of life the lack,d
To make them living men
Again the Lord said Prophesy
And bid the winds come forth
And breathe upon these lifless forms
And raise them from the earth
I did has he commanded me
But mark what scenes transpaired
Almighty army started forth
There souls with ardour fired
Then they rejoiced they knew their God
And owned his mighty hand
This promises were verfied
He placed them in their land
Therefore ye nations cease your strife
Old Israel shall be free
And worships God in their own land
Through all Eternity

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Sunday 9th Feb 1845

I came to Athens attended Meeting at the School House in the Evening, there was a good feeling amongst the people, I heard Elder Hodges preach twice in the Meeting House and he advanced a many true and verry correct ideas. through there was a few things which I thought was hardley correct, he said it was a mistaken idea that Baptizm was for the remission of sins. staid at Doctor Austin for the night

Monday 10th Feb 1845

I visited at brothers Nickols and Styles, in the Evening I went to brother Parkhurst recieved a letter from Nauvoo for Elder Burgess from his sister Rachel informing him that she has got married to Mr George Corner and was well contented, and also that my wife and children were healthy and recovering fast from sickness.

Tuesday 11th Feb 1845

Brother Nickols and Styles with their wives, came to Brother Parkhurst and start they day, we enjoyed ourselves verry well, I returned with Mr Nickols

Wednesday 12th Feb 1845

I and brother Nickols started for Drewsville but we meet Elder Burgess at Bellows, Fall and returned called at brother Parkhurst, we rejoiced verry much together. Elder Burgess informed me that Elder Bates had arrived from Nauvoo to take charge of the branches of the church in the state of N. H. I returned with brother Nichols called at Mr Styles found that Mr Bants and his sister,s had came from Mount Holly and were verry well in health and rejoiced considerably

Thursday 13th Feb 1845

I obtained brother Nickols horse and came over to brother Parkhurst for Elder Burgess, we returned to brother Styles he invited us to be at his house has his sister Minerva was about to be married to Mr Brent, we promised to attend we visited Mr Powers and also Mr Fuller we took supper with them returned in the Evening to mr Styles, found all things in readiness for the ceremony to be attended too only the minister engaged had not arrived, In a few minutes the Priest(Arrived) by the name of Barber, A supper was provided and though we had partaken of our best at enjoying another, we assembled around the Table which was covered with delicacies, and there I sat in anxious suspence awaiting to behold the ceremony At length the priest arose made a short prayer and then bid the parties to ar, Mr Brent and Miss M Stiles obeyed orders The Priest asked them the Question usual on such occasions and pronounced them Husband and wife and Etc We then prepared for eating The pies and cakes were handed round verry freely, The bride Cake was excelent we made an exceeding good supper, after which the Priest beg leave to withdraw, received the pay and departed, we staid till near midnight as then came- to brother Nickols, we retired to next and enjoyed ourselves verry well.

Saturday 15th Feb 1845

We assembled together in the Meeting House Elder C Adams and P Waldo arrived from Walpole and also G B Gardner and Elders Nay from Peterboro Meeting was called to order at 2 0 clock by Elder J. Nurgess who moved that Elder A Cordon be president over this meeting Seconed by Elder Adams, Carried unaminsusly moved, Seconed and carried Unanamosly that Gideon Stiles act as clerk. It was then moved and carried unamly that the members baptized in this place be organized into a branch of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints called the Athens branch.

It was then moved and carried Unnamly that Gideon Stiles be ordained to the office of Priest Gideon Stiles was then ordained to the aforesaid office. The Athens branch was then represented consisting of 7 members 1 Priest. Elder Gardner Adams Etc then made some remarks on the spread of this work in N H We then united in singing a Hymn Moved and seconded that this meeting adjourn till Sunday at half past ten 0 clock carried Unamnously Meeting dismissed by Prayer In the Evening Elder C Adams addressed the anattentive congregation in the Meeting House. I staid at Mr Micah Daviss for the night

Sunday 16th Feb 1845

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It rained verry heavy until about noon, the snow was verry soft it was almost impossible to get along the roads the waters had risen to a considerable height, but for all this the people turned out considerable, Elder G B Gardner and Adams preached to them and made some remarks on the persecitions and murders that had been comitted against the Latter Day Saints, and also with respect to the necessity of upholding the first Presidency of the Church and also of building the Temple Etc And the following resolutions were passed with out a dissenting voice. Resolved 1st That we do disapprove the unlawfull and unhallowed persentions that have been waged against this the Church of Christ of the Latter Day Saints.. In particular the dark and diabolical murder of our beloved Prophet & Patraiarh, Joseph and Hyrum Smith, and we consider it as a religious persecution for we do know that we have not been the agressons. Resolved 2nd That we will stand for uphold and defend the innocent in all cases and allow the rights of worshipping God according to the dictates of every man,s conciense and we will protect him therein Reslove 3rd That we will uphold the twelve and Elder B Young as President not only of the twelve but of the whole Church

Resolve 4th That we will assist in building up the temple of God at Nauvoo according as the law of God directs

Resolve 5 That we will sustain the times & seasons, Nauvoo Neighbor and Prophet.

On Motion Meeting adjourned sine die

In the evening we met at brother Styles and spent the Evening in profitable conversation and well satisfied with the proceeding of our meeting and though the weather was verry infavourable yet ther was a considerable good turn out and the people were verry attentive

Monday 17th Feb 1845

Elder Nay started for Woodstock, Elders Gardner and Adams for Walpole

Tuesday 18th Feb 1845

In the Evening we held Meeting at the South School House a good few attended and were verry attentive, One old gentleman named Perham took his hat and walked off, saying he did not believe that we were sent of God

Wednesday 19th Feb 1845

We attended meeting in the Evening in the West School House and just as we were about to commence the Meeting some one or more of a few boys that were present put some composition drugs on the stove which caused us all to cough verry much and for the moment seemed as though it would sufficcated us we opened the windows cleansed the room, and held our Metting there was good attention paid Elder Burgess addressed them

Thursday 20th Feb 1845

I went to brother Parkhurst and stayed for the night

Friday 21st Feb 1845

We visited Mrs Styles and tarried with them for the night and enjoyed ourselves verry well in conversing about the things of the kingdom of God

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Saturday 22nd Feb 1845

I wrote a few verses in Miss Stiles Album, as a small token of respect we then returned to Athens staid with brother Stiles for the night

Sunday 23rd Feb 1845

The day was verry wet we were confined to the house all day, we had fixed on holding a meeting but no one attended

Monday 24th Feb 1845

Elder Burgess commenced to labour with his hands, as he was in wants of a suit of clothes, and brother Stiles was in the wants of some one that would assist him in making carriages. I spent the day at brother Stiles

Wednesday 26th Feb 1845

In the Evening I attended meeting in the School House but few attended, but they were verry attentive staid at Mr Amos Daviess for the night

Friday 28th Feb 1845

This day being my birthday I will insert the following verses composed on the occasion, in the Evening we visited Mr Stiles and enjoyd ourselves well

This is the day that gave me birth
In eighteen Hundred ten an seven
My spirit then strayed to this Earth
For from its native heaven
Twas then I clothed myself with clay
to pass through earth,s commotion
To fit myself against the day
The day of high promotion
Eight and twenty years I,ve toil,d
And pass,d through many dangers
In eastern lands and western wilds
I,ve wandered as a stranger
What dangers now before me lie
To not revealed to me
One thing I know the spirit cries
There,s bonds and poverty
But what of these if I can gain
A seal amoungst the Gods,s above
That through much triblataion came
But were recognized through Jesus blood
Let me perform those glorious things
That Gods in council did decree
And take my seat amongst the Kings
And dwell in full felicity

Saturday March 1st 1845

I started for Walpole but on account of a snow storm delayed going for a few days

Sunday 2nd March 1845

I went over to Athens and preached in the afternoon, Elder brugess addressed them in the Morning a goodly number were present and were verry attentive I visited Sister Wilson and staid for the night enjoyed myself well She is a faithful sister anxious to learn the truth and determined to obey it, her husband is a social and intersting man. had not obeyed the Gospel but was a little intersted and I think will be baptized, they have two children a Son and Daughter their Daughter

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was investigating and felt verry friendly I think she will be baptized shortly and if so will make a good Latter Day Saints.

Monday 3rd March 1845

I went to brother Stiles and staid for the night, was informed that his wife and sister had agreed on being baptized on the coming Wednesday

Tuesday 4th March 1845

I went to Mr Fuller,s and informed that Mrs F that we were going to attend to the ordinances of baptism and I also requested her to step forward and be baptized at the same time. I went to Mr Daviss and informed them that their Daughter Fanny E was going to be baptized the next day I requested them, to attend I returned to brother Stiles for the night.

Wednesday 5th March 1845

It was a verry stormy day, the snow and rain fell verry heavy in the afternoon a few of the neighbors came together Elder Burgess made a few plain and pointed remarks reffering to the ordinance about to be administered they were verry attentive we then went down to the water of baptism in the name of the Father Son & Holy Ghost we then returned to the House, and we attended to the ordinance of Confirmation we laid on our hands and I confirmed sister Lydia W Stiles as follows Dear Sister Lydia we lay our hands upon your head in the name of Jesus Christ and we confirm you a member of the Church Of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints— we do also confirm on you the Holy Ghost even that Spirit which had illuminated your heart and opened your understanding, that you might comprehend the doctrine of Christ, and believe in the work of the last days Yea and you shall be blest, with the blessings of Heaven above and of the earth beneath with the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the blessings of Joseph through whose lineage you have descended even through the lineage of Joseph and the Spirit of intelligence and wisdom shall rest upon you and every other blessing that will be calculated to make you wise, intelligent, aimiable, and good. The past, the present, and the future shall be opened to you You shall rejoice upon the heights of Zion in the House of the Lord and the peaceable things of the kingdom of God shall be your portion yout shall receive an inheritance in Zion and possess it again in Eternity Your Mother and Sister shall embrace the Gospel and you shall rejoice together in the Kingdom of God. Even so Amen. Elder burgess confirmed Sister Fanny Stiles we came to Widow Stilea and staid for the night enjoyed, ourselves verry well over a large kettle of maple sugar smoking hot and just made it was quite a treat we got each of us a Snowball and then dipped it in the Hot sugar and on a moment it was stiff and then we could take it from the ball and then it was ready for dispatching and I can assure you we did our duty it was quite a treat to us

Thursday 6th March 1845

I went to Elder Parkhurst and tarried with them through the day Elder Burgess and Sister L W Stiles came in the afternoon and took supper we enjoyed ourselves verry well

Friday 7th March 1845

I started for Walpole the road was verry soft and heavy to walk on I came to Benjamin Gates in the Evening they were verry well in health two of his daughters had been baptized, and they enjoyed themselves verry well I staid with them for the night

Saturday 8th March 1845

In the Evening we went to Drewsville a prayer Meeting was to be held at Elder Waldo,s we attended Elder Solomon Mack was present he had come from Gilsum to hold a meeting the next day, we had quite in season. The Saints opened their hearts verry freely and spoke with good effedct. I made some remarks relative to the Gift of Tongues and Interpretations, told them that through Tongues was good, and was a Gift from God and produced by the Holy Spirit, yet it was not set to govern the Church for if Tongues govern the Church there is no need of the Priesthood as a governing principle. That the things that are spoken in Tongues not to be depended upon at all times for the Saints oftentimes speak out of the imagination of their hearts. and tell the things

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that are influencing the mind the most at the time, and therefore it needed the greatest wisdom possible to be obtained to control it at all times. I rejoiced considerable in the Meeting it was a refreshing season to my soul I staid at Elder Waldo,s for the night

Sunday 9th March 1845

The day was verry stormmy never the less we assembled together at Meeting the School House, were but few attended Elder S Mack addressed them in the forenoon, I followed, we had good liberty, Elder Mack did verry well he dwelt upon the first principals of the Gospel, I was much edified and gratified, I staid at Mr Peirce,s for the night.

Monday 10th March 1845

I visited Elder Locke found him well in health but a little perplexed and troubled in mind, his wife was opposed to the principles of the Gospel, and manifested a verry hard and wicked Spirit, I talked to her considerable, but it was to no avail she said she could not believe it for it seemed to her like one of the greatest humbugs ever invented. I returned to Elder H Gates,s and spent the evening. A gentleman from lincolnshire England was present and I was much pleased at having the priviledge to discover with him he did not understand any of our doctrines, but seemed disposed to investigate, he was going to the West as soon as he could make it convenient.

Tuesday 11th March 1845

I staid at brother H Gates,s for breakfast and composed the verese underneath, then went to Drewsville Elder Adams arrived in the afternoon with Elder Macks Horse and Sleigh, we remained together for the night and enjoyed ourselves much together

Remember me till time shall end

And bear in mind and absent friend
Be always virtuous good and kind
And always to the truth incline
Let love in all your actions run
Be meek and always mild
Remember what the Savior done
That sweet and lovely Child
I've strict attention to the word
That from your parents flow
For this is pleasing to the Lord
That we their will should do
Preserve these lines and think on me
Though far away I may be gone
And strangers in the flesh we be
Yet in Christ Jesus we,ll be one

Wednesday 12th March 1845

I went to Gillsum with Elder Macks team called at Sister Forsters, staid with them till evening then went to Elder Chilion Mack, learned that Elder Wm Smith had visited them the week before and had preached in Wm Darts Hall and had been well received by them they rejoiced exceedingly.

Thursday 13th March 1845

I visited at Solomon Macks,s found them well and rejoicing in the faith, in the Evening we attended prayer Meeting had quite and interesting seasons, I spoke to them concerning the seal of the covanant and the glorious things that must be revealed when the saints are prepared to receive them.

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Sunday 16th March 1845

I preached morning and evening in Gillsum at early candlelight I preached at Mrs Forstaid and stayed the night.

Monday 17th March 1845

I came to Gillsum Drewsville and preached in the house of a Mrs Peuree, there were present two methodists preists, after I had got through I invited someone or more to make some remarks either for or against the principals that I had advanced: but there was no objections.

Tuesday 18th March 1845

I came to Athens to brother stylas and staid for the night. Elder Burgess had gone to Brattleboro, but returned about ten o clock.

Wednesday 19th March 1845

I went to Brother Parkhurst and staid for the night.

Thursday 20th March 1845

I returned to Mr stiles, from thence I went to Brother Nickols and staid for the night.

Friday 21st March 1845

got brother Nichkols house and returned to Mr Stiles, and prepared for my journey to Woodstock.

Saturday 22nd March 1845

arose and fed my horse and started about five 0 Clock and before I had got three miles found so much snow that I could scarcely get along, I arrived in Chester about nine o Clock. I then went to North Springfeild but on account of there being so much snow I was compelled to turn to Charlstown, I then went to Cuys Hollow to brother Newton and there I found Elder Charles Adams I retired to rest for the night.

Sunday 23th March 1845

attended meetings Elder Adams preached in the forenoon, we went to the water and he babtized sisc, I adressed them in the afternoon, they people were verry attentive we confirmed them that had been babtized. In the evening we went to Elder Georges, and staid for the night.

Monday 24th March 1845

I started for Woodstock a distance of forty miles but on account of the roads being so heavey was only able to get about 28 miles.

Tuesday 25th March 1845

went to arrive at Woodstock about noon much fatigued, found the saints well in health, I went to brother Masehorns, and staid for the night.

Wednesday 26th March 1845

I went over to Pomfist and found the people verry well, I gave out an appointment for the next evening, I staid at Mr Harlows for the night, and we rejoiced together.

Thursday 27th March 1845

I returned to Woodstock to brother Masehoms, and from thence to the School House where I held a meetting a many were present, and verry good attention was paid.

Friday 28th March 1845

went to Royalton and found the saints verry well in health they rejoiced to see me Elder Russell had taken the town farm and the poor, on his own hands, and they were verry comfortable and enjoyed themselves well in the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

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Saturday 29th March 1845

In the evening we held a fellowship meeting and enjoyed

Sunday 30th March 1845

Elder Russel & wife and wifes mother accompanied me to Pomfret we held two meettings as many were present I preached to them Elder Russell also made a few appropriate remarks. In this evening we went to English Mills and I preached to them but few attended, but they were verry attentive.

Monday 31st March 1845

Elder Russel started back to Royalton, I went over to Pomfret and preached to a verry attentive congregation. I staid at Mr Hartlows for the night

Tuesday 1st April 1845

I returned to English Hills and preached in the School House, There was but few attendedin consequence of the weather being so stormy.

Wednesday 2nd April 1845

In the Evening we held a fellowship Meeting the brethren bore testimony in favor of the birth of the truth of the work and brother Maxhome was Ordained to the office of Priest and brother Eaton to the office of Teacher.

Thursday 3rd April 1845

I arose and started for Ackworth a distance of forty miles. The day was verry pleasant and I was much delighted with the country passed through a good farming district arrived at Elder Georges about seven in the Evening much fatigued, I took supper and retired to rest.

Friday 4th April 1845

I started for Gilsom called at Elder Pierce,s and took dinner with him and then pursued my journey, called at Brother Hivrstons and, Sister Forsters, arrived in Gilsum about sun down, drove to Elder Nelson Bates who had come from Nauvoo to preside over the state of H N he was a worthy man and I was much pleased with the interview that I had with him.

Saturday 5th April 1845

I had an interview with 0 Bates brother to Nelson Bates, he had left Nauvoo for the purpose of recieving monies for the building of the Temple and had succeed considerable well, he had been over to West mister and had received 12 for the Temple 2 from Giddeon Giles and 10 from Job Parkhurst. Elder Bates & Adams went to Peterboro for the Sunday.

Sunday 6th April 1845

I preached two discourses the people were verry attentive, and a good spirit pervaded our hearts. In the Evening I staid with Captain Mack he gave me a letter to take to his sister Lucy Smith the Mother of Joseph and Hyrum and also gave me a doll for my wife.

Monday 7th April 1845

I visited at Mrs Gale who gave me \$5.50 for the Temple, I also called at Sister Hendee,s from thence I went to Sister Forsters and staid the night.

Tuesday 8th April 1845

I came to Westminister to Mr Parkhurst called at Walpole and bid the Saints farewell as I did not expect to come over to see them again as I was about to leave for the West.

Wednesday 9th April 1845

I went over to Athens found Elderr Burgess took the team home to brother Nickles and staid for the night.

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Thursday 10th April 1845

I visited a many of the friendly people of Athens.

Sunday 13th April 1845

This Morning Elder James Burgess and Miss Lydia Winan Stiles were joined together in the holy bonds of matrimony and I felt considerably intrested the matter. Miss Lydia W Stiles was an accomplished young lady about 23 Years of age, was a firm beliveir in the Latter Day Glory, and was anxious to gather with the Saints to Nauvoo, her brother (Giddeon Stiles C Who had been Ordained to the office of Priests) officiated at the solemnization of the Marriage, and quite a solemon, though joyfull time it was to me, we then repaired to the meeting House in Athens and I preached to them that were assembled together. The people were verry attentive. I gave out Notice that on that day 2 weeks I should preach my farewell discourse in the place, I returned to Mr Parkhursts in the Evening much delighted with the scenes of the day.

Monday 14th April 1845

I went over to Walpole, called at Elder Messingers from their visited at Elder Loochs, and staid for the night His wife seemed a little more reconciled than when I visited her the last.

Tuesday 15th April 1845

I went over to Walpole Mrs Waldos and Mr Pierces then returned to Westminister and staid at Brother Parkhursts for the night. The remainder of the time till the 27th. I spent in visiting the people in Brookline and Athens, and also in packing up my clothes as I calculated to start for Nauvoo on the 28th, The people seemed uneasy to think that we were going away, for they seemed quite intrested with our preaching but for some reason did not embrace it.

Wednesday 27th April 1845

We assembled together again in the meeting House at Athens, and Elder Burgess addressed them in the afornoon, I in the Afternoon there was quite a good turn out of people, who were verry attentive, Elder Adams came from Walpole with Perry Waldo who was going to accompany us to Nauvoo, In the Evening we held a fellowship meeting in which Job Parkhurst was ordained to the office of Elder and we gave them such instruction as we considered neccessary advised then to hold fast to the faith of the Gospel and to take no noticee of the flying reports abroad in the world. After we had dismissed the meeting a lady named Mercy Litchfield presented herself for baptism I baptized her, Elder Burgess confirmed her, I went to Elder Parkhurst or the night. We now deemed it wisdom to think of turning back to Nauvoo and accordingly we began to make every preparation for the journey.

Tuesday 29th April 1845

We started on our journey in a waggon which we hired for the purpose, bro Perry Asa Waldo accompanied us the Saints and friends came arround us and seemed quite intrested in our welfare, desired us verry much to stay in their midst, but to this we could not consent we had been absent from our friends and relatives, and I Had been deprived of the enjoyment of my family for 1 year and a year that had been big with events and circumstances had rolled upon the affairs of the church, that were of the most distressing and afflicting kind, when I left all was peace, and plenty abounded in their midst, with the exception of a few dissatisfied Spirits that were combined together for the overthrow of the church, headed by William Law, and around his standard were gathered a number of wicked Ungodly men amongst whom where Wilson Law, Dr Forsted, the Higbees and a few other who had figured largely in nauvoo and for the carrying out their purposes they began to deprecate the character of President Joseph and Hyrum Smith and others prominent in the Church. They obtained a pass and began to issue the paper where in they verified the character of the people of Nauvoo and poured upon them every _____ and base _____ that could be heaped upon them by apostates and wicked men, this paper was examined by the people, and particulary by the Holy council who calmly deliberated upon the matter. The results of which was that, they considers 2 the press a nuisance to the place, imposed a fine, but this they would not pay and finally the city council issued an ordnance empowering the Marshal of the City to destroy the papers and to take possession of the press,

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which finally ended in the destruction of the Press. Warrants were then issued for Joseph Smith Joseph finally delivered himself up for trial and together with his brother Hyrum had been murdered in cold blood, Elder J Taylor, severely wounded and mobs strolling around threatening and abusing wherever they could get a chance upon WEAK INDIVIDUAL, in the midst of these things was my wife and two little children. Consider, what must be my feelings. I took the canal at Troy for Buffalo accompanied by Elder James Burgess and Lady a young man from New Hampshire named Perry Asa Waldo who had not as yet embraced the Gospel but was a strong believer in the principals, and was bound for Nauvoo I afterwards baptized him at Buffalo we took a Steam Boat up Lake Erie to Cleaveland, then took canal to Beargn at Beaver we took a steam Boat for Saint Louis a distance of 1000 miles at St Luis I heard that my wife and son were dead. that it, had been advertized in the Nauvoo Neighbor the effect of rifle discharged into my breast, could not have made me feel worse that that intelligence It was like an electric shock. Knew not how to speak, think, or act, my feelings ebbed and flowed at times I would sink into disppair and then again a ray of hope would beam upon me which would animate me from the moment but then for what could I hope. It had been seen in the public print. I was informed but had not seen it for myself. We immediatly started for Nauvoo and arrived their on Saturday Morning, yes that verry Morning when the Top stone was put upon the Temple of the Lord, with shouts of Hozanna, Hozanna to God and the Lamb. When their Boat arrived I met Sister Benon who informed me that My wife and children were well, that she had seen them the day before. As the joy of a prisoner when released from a long captivity even so was my joy my heart was, filled with gratitude and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his goodness towards me, In a few minutes I was at home in the presence of my family. During the summer I worked considerable at Potting at which himunass I did very well, The old Citizens of Hancock and the adjoining Counties were still verry hostel and were burning Houses at Lyma, Lerean Plains, La Harpoe _____ whipping some of the brethren, and murduring others, and threatened to come to Nauvoo, and exterminate the whole, but they knew better than to do that for if they had. Hundreds of them would have made their bed in Hell

Oct 6, 1845

But they like cowardly Assassins fell upon the weak branches of the Church. On the 6th of October 1845 at the confrence it was Universally agreed that the Church would leave Nauvoo the Next. Spring and for the carring out of this object We began to orgnize ourselves into companies of Tens, Fifty, and hundreds and waggons shape were put up on verry hand for we calulated to journey in the wildreness, passing through the Rocky Mountains and somewhere find out a suitable place for a City of Refuge and a Covert from the Storm; a hiding place fot the Saints of Light. My means were two limited to make an outfit, but I felt anxious to assist the brethren. I started with Charles shumway, and took a loading for him, Edward Robinson put his team in my charge. We crossed the Mississippi on the 5th of Feburary 1846. and remained at Sugar Creek, Three weeks till the rest of the teams came over here we were detained on account of, the roads and the severity of the weather Frost ,Snow, Hail and Rain fell in abundance, and covering but the Canopy of Heaven, as fast as the roads would permit of we traveled along, until finally we reached the Charition River and has a few with George W Miller were a head of the Camp we deemed it best to wait till they came up with us, and while we were tarrying at this place, We received orders to wait untill the big Camp came up, but George Miller would not wait he in the face of that council harnessed up his teams and started on, While we were tarrying here we killed three Dears as soon as the twelve Apostles came up with us they told me to return immediatly to my family accordingly I returned and arrived home on the 1st of April 1846. I went up to Burlington, under the impression that in that place I could get employment Elder James Burgess accompanied me just before we entered into the City we retired into the wood and poured out our souls in supplication to our God for his blessings to rest upon us and to grant us employment or cause the same to be done, We went into the City and found the family of I J Felecher who recieved us verry kindly the same evening we got into employment, Elder B returned to Nauvoo, to fetch up our families. I commenced to work for which I received about 1 dollor per Day. In this place I also found J Mayer and family who received us verry kindly Brother Burgess did not return as I expected for my wife had been confined, and was not able to move, but on the fifth day of her confinement she came up by steam boat which was a distance

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of about thirty miles they arrived about midnight. Sister Filcher treated her very kindly, yea acted more like a Mother towards her than anything else, her health began to improve very fast, but finally she took cold in one of her Breasts, which finally gathers to an enormous size and was very painful for nearly three months. Sister Filcher again proffered her kindness and took her to her own house and nursed her for about six weekst. Our Little Daughter whom we called Emma after the name of the mother was very healthy and continued to do well, untill about July, when it was taken with the dysentery and inflammation of the Bowels and was reduced very low, but finally overcame the desease and again began to do well, I continued working most of the time with broother Mayel but we were not able to save much money for we were down for clothing and had to convart our means into those articles, It seemed verry hard to us to be seperated from the Church besides we were shut out of deprived of the means of recieving intellegence from them. They were traveling in the wildreness in search of a place for the salvation of the of the Saints of L I felt glad to see this period arrive, for we often talked about it and rejoiced exceeding though we were passing through great afflicitions and had been pressed down by the hand of oppression and persecuted even in death, We longed for deliverance and were willing to move into the wildreness that we might worship God according to the dictates of our own concience. The winter before we left Nauvoo was the season in which the endouments were given and many of the Saints were led to rejoice abundantly in the things thats was revealed unto them, for to the faithfull it was the verry principle of Life Of Salvation but the reverse to the wicked. for my part I can say that I was perfectly satisfied for the path to Eternal Life was made so plain and demonstrated so clearly to own Understandings we could not forbear offering up thanks to the Lord, for our Washing and Anointing and the keys of the Priesthood which, to my wife and the Saints recieved were things that we had talked about and believe in for a long time, We also had the Seak of the covanant and ministered to us by President zung— who bound us together through the viritues of the priesthood and power of Elijah for time and for Eternity has husband and Wife and sealed us up to Eternal Life and also Throne's and Dominions, Principalities and powers, together with all the blessings of the Everlasting Covenant Even so Amen

After we had been in Burlington a few months we deemed it wisdom to organize ourselves into a branch of the Church and to this end we called a Meeting of the Saints and after some conversation upon the subject. I to was moved and carried that we organize ourselves into a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints It was also Unianinously carried that I should preside over the branch and that TJ Filcher be appointed Clerk we continued to have our meeting and though we had not many of people and our meeting yet we had good seasons and became more united than over we had been before; we continued in this state deeming it best to stand by and uphold each other untill we could hear from the Twelve, when finally in The month of December Elder Zebedee Coltrin arrived in Burlington and brought us some intelligence respecting the Twelve and the Saints that were with them stated he had been with them over the Rocky Mountains and that they had sougt out a Location for the Saints of God that it was in a valley of the Salt Lake, that they had returned to Council Bluffs, and would shortly issue an address to the Saints This intelligence gave us new life, for it touch,d the main spring of our temporal and spiritual existence, A new era burst open before us, it was like a refreshing draught to a thirsty traveler, on like opening the doors of bondage to a prisoner long confined, and we took up the language of the Poet and say Come ye with me Im westward bound Where mobbers Blast shall never sound Elder Coltrin staid with us severl days relating to us all things respecting the journey of the Pioners of the Church. The difficulties the had to endure the trouble to encounter— They had to make new roads erect Bridges, ford streams, contend with savages Indians, suffer hunger thirst, nakedness cold Weariness and a thousand other diffuculties which must neccesarly come upon them But through perseverance and dilligence they Sought Out a resting place In the Mountian Tops they found a Valley about 60 Miles by 30. This Valley is situated in a healthy climate some 4000 feet above the level of the Sea, surrounded by high and lofty mountains which tower their snowy heads to the heavens some 3000 feet at an opening of the mountains, at one end of the Valley lies the Great Salt Lake and at the other the Utah Lake, The Western Jordon a river which runs throu from the Utah Lake to the Salt Lake give it quite a

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lovely and picturesque appearance, That there was every variety of stone suitable for building that there were mill privileges in abundance, that there was Coal Iron Lead, Saleratsins, Salt petre that the Salt Water from the Lake was so strong that 4 tbs would make 1 tsp of Salt. That in the valley were a variety of springs— Boiling Hot, warm and Cold that the climate was warm and dry. The Air pure, and so far as they were able to judge it would prove to be very healthy, But these things to me were only secondary considerations— it was the Lords Choice, and I felt satisfied, Elder Z Coltrin preached to us, and a great many came out to hear him and seemed quite interested; On New Years day 1848 we thought best to have a feast amongst the Saints, accordingly we assembled together at the House of Brother Filcher, each one bringing with them provisions and placing it into the hands of Bishops who had been appointed to officiate on this occasion We met together in the Afternoon and sat down to a rich repast and enjoyed ourselves very well, and could it be otherwise, here was Tables crowned with delicious meats. and around them were seated the saints of the Most High God, with countenances illuminated by the light of intelligence, with and joy of good feeling filled their hearts, We commenced our Meeting by Prayer and Thanksgiving, spent the Evening in speaking, Singing and enjoyed ourselves and prayer, Brother Morgan Phelps was rather displeased at our proceedings he said he had not come to be preached to, he wanted to introduce several games which children often use to create fun with and jollity The meeting was decidedly opposed to such proceedings, at this he left the meeting before we dismissed. The next morning Elder Coltrin started for Wisconsin we assisted him a little. We continued to hold our meeting every Sunday, as many came out to hear us, Prejudice gave way and the Saints increased in faith, Love and Joy I continued preaching to them, expounding, and explaining the principles of our Lord Jesus Christ, some of the citizens of this place after a careful investigation of the principles were convinced and presented themselves for Baptism I baptized Mr Bradford Leonard Esq and Elizabeth his wife, Brother Leonard was totally blind but was an honest and intelligent man and his wife was what a Yankee would call 'An uncommon smart woman.— In their society I took a great deal of enjoyment, I also baptized a Mrs Sindoley and also three of her children viz Makchon A Lindsley a fine looking young man also Adah Exat Lindsley and also a Wadiah man, also I rebaptized Brother Mayer & Filcher, I also baptized Eliza Mayer; the wife of brother Perce. and brother Prossell. I must now go back and speak of some things that I have omitted, on the month of August 1847 I was taken very sick with the billious Fever which raged very high for several days, but finally abated and immediately after the Chills and fever visited me this was the first time I had been visited with this disease it hung upon me for a long time, I was not able to follow my employment for a long time. On 19th of December we had another addition made to our family circle, a boy which we called Alfred— My wife for a number of weeks was quite uncomfortable in her mind, she thought that he never would survive this treat of nature, but I advised her to be of good Spirits, and told her in the name of Jesus Christ, that her pains would be mitigated, that she should have a quick delivery and a speedy recovery and according to my words it verily came to pass. our baby was blessed under the hands of Elder Coltrin and myself— in a few weeks after his birth he was taken very sick, and, in spite of all our exertion he pined away, dissolution and decay was stamped upon his system and at the age of 5 months he expired without a struggle and a groan we buried him in the old burying ground in the City of Burlington, his body was laid side by side with the body of Brother Ralph Children and closely surrounded with the bodies of the Saints. The health of my wife and family were generally good, with the exception of myself, the ague still affected me, and would prostrate me every few days, it was as late as February before I began to gain strength. We continued to be visited by Elders who were sent on missions to different states Elder Dalton & Glines called at Burlington during their stay with us we had several meetings, and about this time we lost our much respected Brother Morgan he was at Meetings until about half past nine O Clock appeared to rest and in a few minutes his wife perceived an unusual breathing, she sprang up and obtained a Light but he expired without a groan. The Saints buried him with decency and respect. He left a wife and one child a tender wife and two children to mourn his loss. I made some remarks on the occasion. Sister Morgan moved her goods to my house and determined their to tarry until she should know the best course to pursue. About this time Elder John Scott called upon us, he was sent out and Authorized by brother Heber C Kimball, to call upon the Saints to assist him so that he could remove his family over into the Valley the next season, and was authorized to borrow means and to give receipts of the same,

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1848 We called a meeting and laid the case before the brethren Brother Leonard loaned \$100 one hundred dollars and also sent up to the Bluffs a bookbinding machine which was valued at 175 dollars, the rest of the brethren gave about 50 we felt in our hearts to assist our brethren yet we were poor and not able to do much, This Spring 1848, the first presidency together with about 900 waggons started for the Valley of the Salt Lake City, and left the Church at the Bluff under the Presidency of Elders O Hyde & George A Smith on the 6th of July 1848 Elder Orson Hyde came to my house at Burlington and brought me a letter from Dr Richards, desiring me to council with Brother Leonard, and advise him to donate one thousand Dollars, for the benefit of the first Presidency & I read the letter to brother Leonard and was informed that his means was so situated that he could not do anything in the premises just then but would at some future day, Elder O Hyde also appointed me a mission to England, to go by the way of Meramashi to see Bro Joseph Russell on some buissines, On the 7th He wrote letters to brother Russell, Orson Pratt President of the Church in England— and also gave me letter of commendation which read as follows.

To all people whom it may concern

This is to certify that Elder Alfred Cordon; the bearer is an Elder in good standing and fellowship in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Iowa and is sent out through the states, to canada, and from thence to England, to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He is particularly recommended to the good will and confidence of all good and upright people, and blessed is that person who receives him kindly, Blessed his that housee that that entertains him, and blessed is that person who helps him on his way May the Lord speed the steps of Bro Cordon and make him a blessing unto the people among whom he may travel
Orson Hyde Presiding Elder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at
Burlington City
7th of July 1848
Council Bluffs

When Elder Hyde first made the proposition to me, I knew not what to say I thought of my family the trials and strangers to which they might be exposed, I also thought of the valley, I had decided in my mind to go there the coming year, and that this mission would frustrate all my designs, and so forth but then the welfare of the Church was first in my affections, and by securing its intrest. I also secured my own accordingly I was willing to go. and put my shoulder to the wheel, and in the name of Israel,s God. I related the bussiness of Elder Hyde to my wife and she also thought it best for me to carry out the council that he had given to me and felt in her heart to say go in the name of the Lord I immediately commenced arrainging my bussiness, and make provisions for my journey, Bro Hyde held a Meeting while with us and touched upon the subject of the ressuraction from the dead his view C Some of them) were rather different from some that we had previously imbibed he made some remarks on the decomposition and varrious changes of matter, and that we must look for the resurrection to be brought about on rational principals. That Male & Female were the principals of all existence & that in them was the power of Creation That through their agency would the dead be raised. That in an Eternal stat of existence the human family would propagate their species,— That the true law pertaining to the redemption of the dead was in accordance with the laws of nature. That the Almighty had from time to time deported from general rule,s in order to accomplish certian purposes, and illustrated the idea by refering to Christ turning water into wine The translation of Enoch, The foundation of Adam & Eve The resurrection of Jesus,— that these were exceptions to the General Laws. Elder Hyde commented to me gave me all necessary instructions pertaining to my mission gave me Letters to carry to brother Joseph Russell Esq who resided in new Brunswick at Mermashi, and also a letter to President O Pratt, who at that time was Pres. of the Church in England suggested the idea of Brother Leonard advancing me the neceasary means to carry me to England, I recieved from Bro Leonard 85 dollors by the way of a loan.

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7th July 1848

The Saints met together in the afternoon each one bringing provisions along with them, which we served up for supper. We sat down to a rich repast and every heart was filled with enjoyment we spent the evening in speaking, singing and prayer, Elder Hiram Winters was elected President of the branch in my stead. There were a few of the brethren and sister that came from Augusta to join with us in offering praise & adoration to the Lord our God.

Tuesday 18th July 1848

Was the time set for my departure, we met together this morning and took breakfast at bro Filcher, and as the time drew near for me to start my thoughts were directed towards my Wife and Children. together with the Saints of God, my family seemed dearer to me than life and the Saints seemed verry dear to me I loved their Society we had enjoyed ourselves much together our affections were entwined together But o my God, thy purposes must roll forth and I will rejoice that thou had called me to so high and holy a calling, and committed unto me a dispensation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and through family and friends were dear to me and to be seperated from them was like tearing me from existence, yet first in my affections was the Kingdom of of God— About noon news reached me that The Steam Boat was lying at the wharf and would leave in a few minutes, But what was my feelings I cannot describe them they quite overpowerd me, I could not speak, I looked upon my wife my Children, and then upon the Saints and it seemed as though I could overcome my feelings. I hurried down to the Boat and bade my brethren, Sisters and my affectionate wife and three small children and while my habitation was insight I stood on the hurracine deck straining my eyes to take a last fond look and then retired to my birth and gave vent to feeling in a flood of tears, I arrived in Nauvoo in the Evening and staid at the House of Brother John Snider

Wednesday 19th July 1848

I accompanied bro Snider through the Temple and was greved to see it defaced so much In the basement story was the baptizmal Font supported by 12 oxen which were cut of large blocks of stone The horns, and ears were made of Tin and were fastened on with screws all of the horns had been unloosnd and twisted round, and one or two of them were broken off In the 2nd story there was not so much damage done, The seats of the melchisidec, and aronic Priesthood were much defaced and the letters) which was upon the front of the slips on Pews) which told to which giconmn they belonged too was taken off The other rooms was not so much injured, We went up to the top of the Tower, This name was broken, and several balls had been fired at the Dome, and injured it some, From this elevated position I took a veiw of my house, which stood with the windows and Doors taken away, and as I gazed upon the runied houses of the Saints, and the desolated land, I was led into a train of sorrowful refflection What mighty changes have taken place, what scenes have taken place this last two years, Two years ago hundredees of houses were in erection were now stands only here and there an old chymeney, which tell the passerbye of things that have been The residents of these habitations were good men, men and women who feared God, and from whose habitation day bye day asscended, Prayer Praise and Thanksgiving to the Most High, I crossed the river over to montrose, and from thence took conveyance to Keakick. I received from Elder Almon A Babbith a few pamphlets which had been print out by Elder Lyman White, who was in Texas, and had a small company with them him, George Miller had become dissatisfied with the twelve and had left the Camp and found Lyman, and told him was that The Twelve had cut L W off Church, and had appointed another in his stead, Now this statement irratated him some, and he was the grand cause of Lyman writing thos pamphlet, in which he condemns the Church for cutting him off, and abused them for apointing another in his stead, stated he had received the keys of the kingdom, and was a member of the Grand Council of the Church which was organized by Joseph the Prophet, and related some things which if true. I thought would have been best let alone.

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Thursday July 20 1848

I took Steam Boat for St Louis nothing of importance took place on our passage, the weather was very pleasant we arrived in St Louis on Friday about noon, I enquired for Elder J Bourne, found him and his family enjoying good health, I staid with the Saints in this place untill Tuesday, while I was with them I had the priveledge of seeing quite a number with whom I was well acquainted. I preached twice on the Sabbath to a large and respectable congregation

Tuesday 25 of July 1848

I took my passage on board the steam Boat Dasube bound to Pittsburg, we sailed about ten O Clock arrived in Cincinnati on Sunday about nine O Clock— we staid there untill about ten the next day while the Boat was lying here I went on shore and found William Bradbury and had some conversation with him Respecting moving to the West _____ he said he was very poor had been very sick for a long time that he would Emigrate and move to the body of the Church on Monday we again pursued our journey arrived at liverpool Ohio on the 3rd day 1848 of found my brother in law Henry Parker, and staid with him untill the 6th I then took Steam Boat for Beaver arrived there at 12 O Clock started from Beaver at 7 O Clock in the Evening for Eric a Harbour on Lake Erie staid there over night, took Steam Boat for Buffalo at 5 O Clock in the afternoon a distance of 70 miles We had a very pleasant passage the day was fine and pleasant the Lake was fine and the sky very clear, and it was delightful to look upon on the night was the towering Bluffs of Pennsylvania with here and there a City near the waters Edge on the left was a vast expanse of water with wide spreading sails suspended over its surface, and now and again a Sea Gull would swing into the water for its prey we arrived at Buffalo time enough to witness the breaking up of the National convention, I slept in a packet for the night, and such noise and confusin my Eyes and Ears never beheld, The City was in an uproar all night.

Friday morning Aug.11,1848

We started for Rochester arrived thereabout 11 O Clock on Saturday went to the railway office and paid my fare to schenectady started at 1 O Clock and arrived there about 5 O Clock on Sunday Morning left in the Afternoon for Albany and staid at the City Hotel for the night

Monday Aug 14th 1848

I took image to Brattleboro had a very unpleasant journey the roads were very dusty the day warm we arrived there about two O Clock in the morning took stage at 8 O Clock took breakfast at brother Benjamin Gates found them well were glad to meet each other, heard that Elder James Burgess was working in the Town went and found him working in a Carriage manufactory we rejoiced in the principlidge that we had of meeting each other, went to his House and saw his wife and Children they had two fine boys, he got an Horse and Buggy and drove me over to Westminster, to the House of brother Gidson Styles, found him and family well went to Orvin Nckles, found him quite sick, his wife and children were well

Thursday Aug 14th 1848

Bro Gideon Styles warned me over to West Wards borro to see the family of Elder Parkhurst found them well and strong in thp .faith of the Gospel.

Friday Aug 18th 1848

Returned to Athens and staid with brother Nichols for the night. It really did me good to see a lot of friends, in this place I had spent many a happy hour and we were led to rejoice together

Sunday Aug 29th 1848

I held two meeting in the meeting Hous at Walpole but few attended I rejoiced in the Society of the Saints in the Evening I had an attack of Chills and Fever, staid over night at Bro Gate, s

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Monday Aug 31st 1848

I started from Walpole to Keene & for Boston, when we arrived within six miles of Keene we found that the Irish had got into a quarrel and were firing upon each other, the balls flew in all directions, one man was killed we could not pass through there in consequence of which we were too late for the cars and staid there for the night.

Sunday 3rd Sept 1848

We attended Meeting at Boston I preached in the Morning there was present N H Frlt President of the branch of the Church in St Louis. Elder W Woodruff preached in the afternoon. It caused me to rejoice to hear them dwell elucidate the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ so plainly and clearly, in the Evening I preached at Brother Birds and staid with them for the night

Monday 4th Sept 1848

I and Elder Robins paid our passage and secured to ourselves births and attended to other arrangements necessary for a Sea Voyage

Tuesday 5th Sept 1848

We entered on Board and about noon we drew in our Hawser and the merry song of the Sailors Saluted our ears, we went below and found all in confusion The passengers were Fiddling Dancing and Drinking the place was full of Tabacco smoke, we began to have forebodings of a very uncomfortable passage, we discovered that the passengers were mostly of the lowest order, a many of them were returning to Ireland dissatisfied with America, we were towed out into the Bay about a mile from the Pier by the Steam Boat May Flower and then we cast Anchor, The sailors and passengers were very busy in making preparations for sea service, In the Evening the Sailors were between decks with the passengers, Drinking Smoking, Dancing, Cursing and indulging in every act of meanness and abomination I should think it, was possible for the human family of even devils to stoop too, and as night came on and the strength of liquor increased until it was the scene was so disgusting and disgraceful that we could scarcely curse them in the name of the Lord, for most of the company were full of liquor the confusion ended in Whoredom and Prostitution.

Wednesday 6th Sept 1848

The Captain came on board, and the first order given was weigh the Anchor, and in a few minutes our Vessel began to swing the sails were unfurled, and we soon began to leave the fair port of Boston in the distance The wind fair but light, on the 3rd day of our Voyage we had quite a gale which caused the ship to roll very much. I began to be very Sea Sick which last quite severely for 4 days I could not eat any thing, and vomited almost all the time, Elder L Robbins was also sick but was not so ill affected as me The same scene of debauchery and wickedness still continued throughout the night. I complained to the Mate and desired him to put an end to such things for which one of the Sailors struck me several times and threatened to throw me overboard On the 17th Sept 1848 we cleared the banks of Newfoundland, and from thence to Cape Clear on the Coast of The land in 6 days having a fair wind when we entered into the Irish Channell the wind was dead ahead and could not do anything but tack about sometimes making a few miles and then again driven back. On the 29th Sept 1848 the wind became more favourable and we began to make a Little

Sunday 1st of October 1848

A Pilot Boat came alongside and left a Pilot to take us into Port, as soon as he came on deck he informed us of the loss of the Packet Ship Ocean Monarah which left Liverpool on the end of August with passengers and had only left port 5 hours when she took fire and sunk losing _____ passengers it happened that help was obtained or else the whole must have perished it is generally supposed that the fire originated between decks through the passengers smoking When we got about two miles from the Waterloo dock, and was running up before the wind at a very good rate A Steam tug that was towing out to brigs undertook to cross our path, and was but little ways ahead and upon finding herself in rather a perilous situation they cut the Hanover and let the Brigs adrift and before they could get the ships round, our Vessel struck her about 20 feet

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from her Bow, our Bow sprit got antengled in the rigging of the Brig tore her mast to ribbons carried away her formast had cut away the rigging of her mast in order to get them clear besides were she recieved the blow it split her almost in two carried away her bulwarks and did other damages, four powerful Tug Boats fastened on to her and after two hours labour got us seperated at which time there was six feet of water in her hold our Vessel did not recieve much injury, she lost her Bow Sprit, and a small hole knock,d in her bow, but it was above the water mark. I went on shore in a small Boat took an omnibus at the exchange which was passing the door of my Fathers on its way to Aighurth, I arrived at home in a few minuets, As soon as my mother fixed her eyes upon me she burst into tears and for a few minutes could not pacify herself, oh how my heart rejoiced to gaze upon the face of parents, Brothers and Sisters, and to have the priveledge of conversing with upon the things that had transpired in my absence. They were enjoying good health, and were not altered in appearance so much as expected.

Monday 2nd Oct 1848

I hastened down to the Dock, my brother Sampson accompanied me, we found the Ship lying at the Wharf, and Elder Robbins still on board, we went and took some refreshments, and hastened back to the Vessel, my brother Edward came down to see me he assisted us with our Luggage through Her Majesties Customs We went to No 15 Wilton Street and found Elder Orsen Pratt, and with him we spent a few comfortable moments— We felt glad to meet with each other, Elder L Robbins staid with Elder Orsen Pratt, I returned to enjoy the society of friends and relatives, We spent a verry comfortable week in visiting and looking around the Town

Friday Oct 6.1848

We received our appointments from Elder O Pratt. I to preside over the Warwickshire confarence during our stay in Liverpool Elder,s Butler, Flanagan and Littlefield arrived from America, and were appointed to labour in Bedfordshire and Herefordshire Confrence,s We left on Monday 9th of Oct for the pottereis arrived at Burslem at noon went to my Mother in law, found her well, and also Amelia my wifes Sister, They were full of sorrow and anxesity of account of George Braddaly, and his Elizab who had lately been Emigrated to America about four weeks ago. We visited among the Saints and it rejoiced my heart to set my once move in this confrence and to have the priveledge of seeing so many old face,s it seemed like old times. I Preached at Burslem on Tuesday Evening, at Lane End on Wednesday, and at Hanly on Thursday, On Sunday 15th Oct 1848 I held three Meetings at Burslem, a good Spirit was in lively excercise in the Evening a great many came to hear, and were very attentive, Elder L Robins preached at Hanley on Sunday, the work of our God seemed to be moving amongst the people Elder Ross and Clements were on good health and Spirits Elder L O Littlefield arrived from Liverpool to spend a few days with them in the Potteries, Elder G Simpson, Lockett Mason and a many others were glad to see me and we rejoiced together.

Monday 16th Oct 1848

We prepared for Burimingham took the Rail Carrs at Longport fom arrived at Birmingham at 2 O Clock called at the house of Sister Fox, visited brother Thacher and rejoiced to see a few of the old faces attend council meeting in the Evening, had quite an interesting meeting Elder Robbins and myself addressed them we staid at brother Forsters for the night.

Tuesday 17th Oct 1848

We took the 7 O clock train for Leamington Spr, arrived at Sister Draysons about 1/2 past 10 O Clock we were joyfully recieved spirit we took some refreshments, took dinner with brother Chivarel during the day a many of the Saints came to see us, they received us with joyfull hearts, and smiling countenances We met with Elder Thomas Smith the Presiding Elder of this Conferance, he was a bold and fearless advocate for the principles of the doctrine of Jesus Christ, he saluted us with a joyfull heart Lexington is Pleasantly situated the building,s are good, the streets are wide and in good order, and kept very clean, We made brother Chivarll,s our home

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Wednesday 18th Oct 1848

We went to Ashone a distance of fine miles, in this place during the last two months 29 had been baptized us from Leamington, a good congregation turned out to hear, and were much intrested, Elder Bobbins, Smith and myself addressed them one gave in her name for Baptizm we returned in the night to Leamington

Thursday 19th Oct 1848

We attended Council, their was a goodly number of saints assembled together, and the propriety of taking a more spacious and more respectable room was conversed upon, and as the chance of obtaining a good room presented and carried Un that the room be at once taken Hs that I with the assistance of Elder,s Robbins and Irvings be emissary to take it. Also that we enter into a entere subscribe for the purpose of buying seats and other things necessary for their fitting of it up for public Meeting,s This at once was received joyfully, and in a very few minutes almost 7 was given in for the purpose, I rejoiced to see this Spirit manifested, and fell in my heart to bless them in them in the name of the Lord God of Israel. We spent the remainder of the week in visiting the Saints, On Saturday I went over to Ashonne, and in the Evening a many came out to convense upon the things of the Kingdom, I staid at brother Wards for the night

Sunday 22nd Oct 1848

In the Morning we had a prayer Meeting at it fill,d my heart with joy to see the simplicity and love that prevailed in their hearts. In the afternoon we assembled together and it was deemed best to organize these member into a branch of the Church to be called the Ashorne branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and Elder Pickering was chosen to preside and brother Lathbrook appointed Clerk, After some general instructions we dismissed our Meeting. There was some of the brothren came from Loxely a distance of 4 miles. In the Evening I preached to them upon the subject of the ressurection of the dead a good Spirit prevailed after Meeting we went down to the waters of Baptizm and I baptized Lucy Pickering, an daughter of Elder Pickerpig, and also confirmed her a member of the Church after which I went to Brother Rouse,s and staid for the night

Monday 23rd Oct 1848

I arose and before I left brother Rouse,s I laid my hands upon his wife and blessed her, she was near her confinement, In the Afternoon I went to Loxely brother Lathburry and Sister Pickering accompanied me, and also two that had not been baptized it rained very heavy, all the way, we held Meeting in the Evening a goodly number turned out to hear, notwithstanding it rained very fast, After preaching we held council there was some dissatisfied with the Presiding Elder, after some remarks it was Moved and Care Unan that brother Clifton Preside of this branch all went of with good feeling. The rain still continued to pour down in vents, but we returned to Ashome getting very much wet In the Meeting a Loxely Emma Pickering was taken very sick. I administered to her and blessed her in the name of the Lord with health and long life and the blessings of the Kingdom if she would go forth and be baptized, and be faithful in keeping the commandments of God. she was perfectly well in a few minutes, and walk 4 miles in the rain afterwards I also administered to 3 children that was sick I staid at brother Wards for the night Tuesday I arose found my clothes all dry and clean, and I not much worse through the journey, I Laid my hands upon a blessed two of the sister

Tuesday 24th Oct 1848

I returned to Leamington Spa found Elder Robbins well, we took the Trains to Covantry met with Elder Bramall he was well and rejoiced to see us we accompanied him to Tea at Brother Telts, then went to Elder Broadhead, found him and family very well, repaired to the place of Meeting a poor miserable place the walls and floor wer quite damp and the entrance to it was very in different but they had taken a Chapel and gave out an appointment for Elder Robbins on the next Sunday in the New room that they had taken, it was well seated, had a pulpit and every thing nessary of the Devil, I Commanded him to depart in the name of Jesus Christ, and he came out of her In a moment he entered into a mother we laid hands upon her and commanded the

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Unclean Spirit to come out of her, and he said he would not, we told him that he should, He said he would not we asked his name he said it was Cain he gnashed upon us with teeth, and looking faces at us, we held on until we overcame him and cast him out, They then entered into another, and again he was rebuked in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. They repaired to a Temperance Hotel for the night

Wednesday 25th Oct 1848

I returned to Leamington to make arrangements for the holding of a General Conference of the offices & members of the branches of the church in Warwickshire Elder L Robbins and Bramall went to Fillingsly to fill appointments I arrived in Ln met with Elder Thomas Smith who had been on a visit to see his family This book I return with thanks to this owner, for the information and instruction I have gained there from. I can say that while perusing it I have been amused with some portions instructed by others; some parts were calculated to draw a tear of sympathy from these eyes of sensibility, others to inspire the soul with ardent fire, and stimulate us onward to fight more in the crusade of truth, gathered to Zion. Then blest of the Lord of Hosts, where blessings more than we can concede, while be poured upon the head of the faithful in some future day, a record of your mission in England, I should feel delighted peruse. It would afford as much amusement and instruction as the outlines of your sojourn in Vermont.

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Sunday October 29th 1848

Attended meeting at Leamington, preached Morning and Evening, in the Afternoon attended to the breaking of Bread, two was confirmed, a good spirit was manifested. in the Evening brother Freeman arose and stated his desires to connect himself again with the Church, and also desired the forgiveness of the Saints. They shewed their good feelings towards him by a Unanimous shew of hands. I also laid hands upon his Child and blessed it in the name of the Lord. During the remainder of the week I visited the branch of the Church at Ashorne, found the people still interested, and a few very desirous of being baptized but were prevented, some Children by their parents and Mothers by their husbands. there was one that came to Leamington and was baptized by Elder Brown in company with three others, among the number were brother Freeman. I confirmed Emma Pickering the same evening. I also wrote letters to the Presiding Elders of the different branches, notifying them that there would be A General Conferance at Leamington on Sunday, Nov. 5 and their attendance was necessary. And also to bring with them the correct numbers of the Saints connected with them and if any of them are dilatory to look them up, and deal with them, according to the Law of God. We also made every preparation for opening the new Hall in Leamington. Elder Thomas Day, President of the Rugby Branch, arrived on Saturday evening.

Sunday November 5th 1848

We assembled together in Conferance, a goodly number of the Saints from the different branches arrived, we received letters from Banbury, Dorchester, and Asholt Ravant. The Meeting was called to order by singing a Hymn after which it was moved and seconded that Elder Alfred Cordon preside of the business of the day. The Meeting opened by Prayer by the President. Elder Chival and Freeman were appointed to act as Clerks for the day After some instructions pertaining to the nature of the business to be brought before the Conferance. There was represented many branches. After which a variety of subjects was introduced by the President, and several Resolutions were passed. Elder Lewis Robbins was appointed Book Agent for this Conferance, and it was also advised that a Agent be appointed in every branch. Also that we

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form a Tract Society in this Conference, and by that means spread the truth more effectively in these parts. Also that we uphold and sustain all the legal and constitutional authorities of the Church.

I nominated Elder Lewis Robbins and Thomas Day to stand as councillors to me in this Conference. We had a good feeling that pervaded our meeting. quite a number of strangers were present paid very good attention. A number of the Saints came from Coventry, Rugby, Ashorne and Stratford on Avon.

Tuesday November 7th 1848

received letters from my wife dated Sept. 27th, which informed me that she and the Children were well, that Elder Orson Hyde was well and had obtained a press and would issue a paper from Council Bluffs, called the FRONTIER GUARDIAN, that the news was very cheering from the Valley of the Salt Lake.

Wednesday, November 8th 1848

I went over to Ashorne, and preached to a good congregation in the evening. stayed for the night with Brother Rouse, his wife was near her confinement. she came over to the Meeting, walked home, which was nearly a mile. I laid my hands upon her and blessed her, and about 4 o' clock in the morning she was safely delivered of a very fine girl, and was doing very well when I left.

Thursday November 9th 1848

I went over to Loxley, and held meeting in the Evening a goodly number came out to hear. I stayed with brother Walker for the night also on Friday I held meeting with them. a better spirit was manifest than had been for some time.

Saturday November 11th 1848

I went over to Alcester, called at Stratford on Avon, called at sister Neils, visited the Town Hall, which is elegantly fitted up There is four large pictures worth I went from thence to Elder Freemans, Alcester, found the saints in good spirits.

Sunday November 12th 1848

The Saints collected together from various parts, we attended to the breaking of bread. The Saints bore testimony to the truth of the work. in the Evening I preached to a good congregation. they were very attentive.

Monday November 13th 1848

On Monday, we attended to the Tea Meeting there was but few attended in the evening we had a good turnout and a good feeling manifested—one was baptized.

Tuesday November 14th 1848

I returned to Loxley and preached in the evening to a good assembly.

Wednesday November 15th 1848

I came to Ashorne, called at brother Rouse' s and found his wife very well, and also the Child. Thomas Ward, one of the brethren, made an acknowledgment in the meeting, he had been intoxicated and desired the forgiveness of the Saints, and promised to do better for the future.

Thursday November 16th 1848

returned to Leamington, attended fellowship meeting in the evening, the saints testified to the truth of the work with much spirit and good feeling.

Sunday November 19th 1848

preached twice. in the evening had a very attentive congregation,. in the Afternoon attended to the breaking of bread a good feeling prevailed.

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Monday November 20th 1848

I took the Rail Carre to Watford, 7 miles beyond Rugby—was met by Elders Robbins and Day, who conducted me to the Tea meeting, quite a number of the Saints assembled together, and things went off very comfortable. after the tables were cleared, we gave such instructions that we deemed necessary, Ordained four, Confirmed one, and blessed four Children walked about a mile and preached to a good congregation; a gentleman asked a few questions, and seemed determined to disturb the meeting.

Tuesday November 21st 1848 I accompanied Elder Day to Rugby, called for dinner at Hillmorton. in the Afternoon we visited at Brother Chambers--preached in the Evening to a very attentive congregation, one gave in her name for Baptism.

Wednesday November 22nd 1848

I took the Rail Cars to Covanry, Elder Robbins met me at the station. I accompanied him to Brother Broadheads, had an interesting interview with some of the saints.

Thursday November 23rd 1848

We went over to Fillongley, in the evening we held a meeting— wherein we made some remarks respecting the removal of Elder Bramall from that part and of receiving Elder Robbins' labours in their midst. a number of the members opposed it very much, and said that if they could not have Elder Bramall they would not have anybody else. I told them that wether they submitted to the decision of the Conferance or not with respect to Elder Robbins labours, they certainly could not have Brother Brammells, and that if they did not mind they would lose the spirit and deny the faith. we ordained an Elder and a Priest.

Friday November 24th 1848

Elder Bramall started for Leamington. I and Elder Robbins went down to Mr. McGregors and took dinner with him, he had a daughter named Betsy, that had been tormented with the Devil for a great many years. the most skilful Physicians had tried their utmost to extricate her from these attacks, but they could not do her any good, neither could they tell what was the matter with her, her case seemed to be hopeless, but God ordained it otherwise. The Latter Day Saints came into the neighbourhood, even the Elders of the Church of the Most High God, clothed with the power of the priesthood, and they took her case in hand. they conversed with her upon the principals of the Gospel and at once proceeded to rebuke the spirit in the name of the Lord Jesus, and he came out of her, but would return every little while, but every time his operations grew weaker. she came to meeting the evening before, and as soon as she got in our presence the devil entered her, we laid our hands upon her and rebuke the influence in the name of the Lord and she enjoyed herself well the rest of the meeting. we enjoyed ourselves in her company she was very agreeable only when the devil did not trouble her. We laid hands upon her and blessed her before we left.

Saturday November 25th 1848

We returned to Covanry, called at the Houses of quite a number of the Saints, and spent the time in a very agreeable manner.

Sunday November 26th 1848

I preached at the Covanry Chapel in the forenoon, had quite a good turnout who were very attentive. I took the railcars to Leamington, attended fellowship in the afternoon and preached in the evening to a good and attentive congregation.

Monday November 27th 1848

In the evening I attended council meeting. Elders Tho Smith and Bramall were present. I felt anxious to see Elder Smith, for several had written to him and misrepresented some of our teachings, and told him that we had been pulling to pieces his Doctrines, but this was not true for we had not enquired as to what he had been preaching. We had opposed and put down everything that we deemed to be incorrect, and had taught nothing but principals of truth, and had not used any influence against any one. I told him my feelings without reserve, and he said

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he was very sorry that he had listened to the suggestions of anyone, that he would do better for the future and hoped I would forgive him and think nothing about it.

Tuesday November 28th 1848

I and Elder Bramall went up to Banbury, arrived about 1/2 past 5 o' clock in the evening, met Sister Britton, accompanied by more sisters, just at the edge of the Town. She conducted us to her house, Elder Britton received us joyfully. we stayed with him for the night.

Wednesday November 29th 1848

We went over to Barford St. Johns. there was a small branch of eight members, which had been in a disorganized state for some time, were full of contentions amongst themselves, we succeeded in getting them together and had the matter investigated, after some remarks upon the subject they agreed to lay aside all difficulty, and to do right for the future, and further that they would sustain and uphold the first presidency. Also that they would uphold and sustain Elder Page as presiding Elder. Also that they would assist Elder Bramall in his labours while in their midst. I gave Elder Page instructions to this effect, that inasmuch as anyone of them brought up any of the former difficulty, or at any time refused to give heed to his council to cut them off from the Church. We returned the same night to Banbury.

Thursday November 30th 1848

I preached at Elder Brittons to a few who were very attentive, and also on Friday evening I preached and the people were very attentive. I wrote two letters to America, one of them to my wife and the other to brother Leonard. I received letters from Rugby stating that they had baptized two that week.

Sunday December 3rd 1848

I preached twice to a very attentive Audience in a room that we engaged for the occasion. the spirit of opposition had heretofore been very strong in this place, but now they seemed to listen with great attention.

Tuesday December 5th 1848

I returned to Leamington attended meeting and preached, went to rest quite weary having walked 20 miles after dinner.

Wednesday December 6th 1848

We visited amongst the Saints and concluded to start for Liverpool the next day determined to lay before Elder O. Pratt the conduct of some of the Saints connected with this branch for envy, hatred, and malice had taken fast hold of the minds of some and there did not appear any chance of ending the affair only by cutting them off the Church.

Thursday December 7th 1848

I went to Liverpool, saw Elder O. Pratt and laid before him the business of pertaining to the situation of the saints in the Conferance, and he wrote to Elder Smith requesting him to appear at Birmingham on Christmas day to answer to certain charges that would be brought against him by me. I found my parents well, and also my brothers and sisters. I attended meeting at the Music Hall on Sunday and preached in the fore part of the day. Elder O. Pratt preached in the evening to a large congregation who were very attentive.

Tuesday December 12th 1848

I started for the potteries called at Burslem and received the pleasing intelligence that my wife's sister and husband had arrived safe to St. Louis and they were in good spirits. I preached in Hanley on Thursday, December 14th.

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Saturday December 16th 1848

Returned to Coventry on Saturday— met with Elder Robbins, he went to Leamington to hold a meeting on Sunday. I preached twice at Coventry and also attended to the breaking of bread our meetings were well attended and a good spirit pervaded.

Monday December 18th 1848

I came to Leamington, Elder Robbins met me at the station. In the evening we attended council— charges were brought against brother Wilkins to the effect that he had been embezzling his master's property- but nothing was proved to that effect, for the charge had been got up out of spite and malice.

Wednesday December 20th 1848

I and Elder Robbins went to Ashorne. We held meeting in the Evening, there was a good many attended— on Thursday we returned to Leamington, attended fellowship meeting in the Evening.

Sunday December 24th 1848

I remained at Leamington and had two good meetings. Elder Robbins went to Ashorne, and returned about 10 O Clock.

Monday December 25th 1848

On Monday morning, we went to Birmingham, found the Saints well and rejoicing in the faith. Elders Pratt, Spencer and Bank were present.

Tuesday December 26th 1848

On Tuesday, we assembled together in the Afternoon to attend council which was to be held previous to sitting down to Tea. an investigation was made into the charges brought against Elder Smith, but nothing was proved against him. We sat down to tea had a comfortable meeting. Elders Banks, Pratt, Spencer, Robbins, Clinton, and myself addressed them. I and Elder Robbins accompanied Elder Broomhead and family to West Bromwich and staid with them for the night.

Wednesday December 27th 1848

I visited around amongst the Saints, spent the afternoon with Elder Fido, and in the evening preached to the Saints.

Thursday December 28th 1848

I went to WolverHampton through Greets Green, saw quite a number of the saints, it caused me to think of days that were past and gone for in this place I had spent a many hours and bore testimony to the great work of our God. I preached in the Evening to a very attentive congregation.

Friday December 29th 1848

On Friday I returned to Birmingham, attended council Meetings, and staid at brother Thackers for the night.

Saturday December 30th 1848

I took the Rail Road to Hasbro, arrived at Elder Samuel Wood's about noon found them sick. he was about to emigrate with his family to the land of Zion together with about 20 of the saints from that Conferance. I wrote a letter to Elder Session at Doncaster desiring him to come up the next day— In the evening we visited amongst the saints.

Sunday December 31st 1848

We had three good meetings. the room was well filled and very good attention paid. Elder Sessions arrived at noon. he was well, and was about to emigrate along with Elder S. Wood. I received a letter from Elder Lewis Robbins, informing me that he had received a letter from President Pratt, notifying him that he must proceed at once to Leicester to take charge of that

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Conference as Elder Fido had been Cut of f from the Church for gross immorality. I wrote back by return of post that I should return to Coventry on Wednesday.

Monday January 1st 1849

On Monday, Elder Sessions returned to Doncaster, it really was a season of rejoicing to me to have the privilege of meeting with these my brethren.

Tuesday January 2nd 1849

In the Evening I preached to a crowded House. the Saints treated me very kindly, their kindness I never shall forget.

Wednesday January 3rd 1849

On Wednesday Morning I bade my friends farewell, and took the Carrs to Coventry arrived about noon, met with Elder Robbins, went with him to Brother Walkers, and staid for the night.

Thursday January 4th 1849

Elder Robbins started for Rugby, and I to Leamington. I found Elder Smith still in Town, and an open council appointed and Elder Smith summoned to attend to answer to certain charges, that would be presented before the council. Meeting commenced at eight, most of the saints were present. a great deal was said on both sides, after which I told them that I was determined-to put a stop to those proceedings, for it was beneath the dignity of a Saint. After some conversation upon the subject, they concluded to settle all matters. We dismissed the meeting with better feelings, and peace seemed to be restored. Elder Smith told them that he had acted very imprudent and desired to be forgiven, said he had learned a lesson that he never should forget.

Sunday January 7th 1849

I preached at Leamington in the Evening, had a great congregation, which was very attentive.

Monday evening January 8th 1849

I attended council Meeting. it was deemed wisdom in order to stir up the minds of the people to investigation that we have some Bills printed and placard the Town, notifying the people that a course of Lectures would be delivered in the Guy Street Hall. The first Lecture to be delivered on Sunday Evening, January 12, on The absolute necessity of the Priesthood. 2nd, January 21st, The Gathering of Israel, Gog & Magog. On January 28th, The materiality of the Resurrection, and on February 4th, On Water Baptism.

Tuesday January 9th 1849

I went over to Kinton, a distance of ten miles. I preached to a very attentive congregation, and walked back to Ashorne, a distance of 5 miles.

Wednesday January 10th 1849

I preached at Ashorne, the Saints were rejoicing in the faith in this place although they were very much persecuted, a many of them had been turned out of employment because they had embraced the truth.

Thursday January 11th 1849

I went over to Loxley, found that Bro. and Sister Walker were about to emigrate to America, and that several families of the saints expected to sail in a few weeks. The saints in this place were not very well united. I preached to them, after which I heard their greivances and gave them council upon the subject, which seemed to clear away the difficulties.

Friday January 12th 1849

I returned to Leamington, which was a distance of 10 miles.

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Sunday January 14th 1849

I preached morning and evening, broke bread to the Saints in the afternoon. In the evening our meeting was crowded, and the congregation was attentive.

Monday January 15th 1849

I went to Coventry—attended Tea Meeting and enjoyed myself well and the saints seemed much satisfied. I received a letter from Elder Robbins stating that he had no difficulty with J. Fido, but that he delivered up his license and papers at once.

Tuesday January 16th 1849

I preached to an attentive audience and Confirmed one.

Wednesday January 17th 1849

I went over to Whittleford, a distance of 10 miles, found the saints well and preached to them in the Evening, and organized them into a branch of the church. Ordained one Elder, one Preist, and one Teacher. Staid with Elder James Robinson for the night. In this branch were some of my old friends that I had not seen for years.

Thursday January 18th 1849

I went over to Fillongley, a distance of 6 miles, and preached in the evening and gave the Saints such counsel as I thought they needed. In this branch the Officers had not much of the spirit of preaching, and the cause was suffering for want of good, faithful labourers

Friday January 19th 1849

I walked to Black Horse Lane— distance 7 miles, and preached to an attentive congregation— one gave in his name for Baptism. I went to Foleshill and staid with Brother Rawlinson for the night.

Saturday January 20th 1849

I returned to Coventry and visited amongst the saints.

Sunday January 21st 1849

I preached at Coventry in the morning, took Train to Leamington tended Meeting in the Afternoon. In the evening our room was well attended, and great attention paid, a many brought their Bibles and followed me in all my quotations, others were busy writing down my remarks.

Monday January 22nd 1849

In the Evening, I attended Council Meeting. Elder Freeman arrived from Alcester and desired me to go over and settle a difficulty that existed in that branch. two members had been cut off from the church, and they were not satisfied with the decision of the council in that place, and had made an appeal to me. I told him to call a council for Thursday evening and I would endeavour to be there.

Tuesday January 23rd 1849

I went over to Kineton, Elder Thomas Brown accompanied me. he had a few days before lost his situation and was going into the Vineyard to labour for a week, we had a good meeting in the evening, the people were very attentive. A number of them were rejoicing in the truth and were determined to be baptized we slept with Mr. Burrows for the night. he treated us very kindly.

Wednesday January 24th 1849

We visited amongst the people, layed hands upon the Child of Mr. Burrows, preached in the evening, and returned to Ashorne. when we arrived at Ashorne, we found at Elder Pickerings quite a number of the saints, two presented themselves for Baptism. I went to the water and initiated them members of the Church of God. we had quite a comfortable meeting which lasted until about 2 O Clock in the morning. We confirmed them, and laid hands upon their Daughter and blessed her in the name of the Lord, she had been very sick for a long time with an affliction of the Spine— her health began to improve from the time we began to administer to her.

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Thursday January 25th 1849

We went to Alcester, a distance of 16 miles, called at Stratford upon Avon, found the saints well. in the evening we attended council. the saints assembled together. I listened to the charges which had been brought against Brother Horsley and Sister Smith and for which they had been cut off from the Church, and gave a decision upon the subject to the effect that the charge was not sufficient to have called for a public rebuke from Elder Freeman. that he had been too harsh and that they had done wrong by resisting his council in the manner they had. that they had ought to have submitted the case to me at once all parties were satisfied with the decision I gave, confessed their sins and settled up the affair very comfortably.

Friday January 26th 1849

I started for Leamington, called at Stratford for dinner, administered to some that were sick, arrived at Leamington in the evening.

Sunday January 28th 1849

I preached morning and evening, the room was crowded to excess, and were very attentive, my mind was much greived at the people in this place, though a many believed the principles, yet none seemed honest enough to embrace it.

Tuesday January 30th 1849

I went to Coventry and there found Elder Lewis Robbins, who had arrived the day before from Derby. he was well. I rejoiced in having this priviledge of beholding him, for although our acquaintance had not been very lengthy, yet I believe it will be very lasting. in the Evening he preached and made some very appropriate remarks on the Kingdom spoken of by Daniel the prophet. I was much edyified and the saints rejoiced very much.

Wednesday January 31st 1849

I returned to Leamington in company with Elder L. Robbins, the Saints here rejoiced to see him. he staid with us until Friday at noon, then took the Railroad for Derby.

Sunday February 4th 1849

I delivered the 4th Lecture. the room was crowded to excess, but none came forward for baptism.

Monday February 5th 1849

I went to Rugby, called at Coventry and made arrangements for the publishing of Bills for this place. In the Evening I preached at Rugby, the room was crowded very much. The saints in this place was ful of joy, and had great cause to rejoice in the teachings of Elder Thomas Day.

Tuesday February 6th 1849

I accompanied Elder Day to Watford— found the saints well and rejoicing in the faith. I preached to them in the evening, we had a good meeting.

Wednesday February 7th 1849

We went to Norton, the people crowded together very eagerly to hear preaching. we addressed them for two Hours, and returned to Watford for the night.

Thursday February 8th 1849

We returned to Rugby and preached to a crowded house. the saints here were suffering for the want of a good room to hold meeting.

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Friday February 9th 1849

We went over to Pailton and preached to an attentive congregation. this was a new place, had been opened by the Elders from Coventry, who had baptized three, and a many more was believing, we returned to Rugby for the night.

Saturday February 10th 1849

We returned to coventry and made preparations for the Conferance which we intended to hold the next day.

Sunday February 11th 1849

We assembled together in Conferance. There was represented 570 Members: Elders, Priests, Teachers, Deacons. 68 had been added by Baptism this Quarter, 22 cut off, 1 Dead. There was a good spirit that prevailed over the meeting, peace and good order was in our midst. The saints from a distance rejoiced in the things of the Kingdom very much and especially those from the Villages, they had not seen as many of the saints together before. The room was Crowded in the evening, many were not able to get inside, but had to return home, they paid great attention. a person by the name of Bright undertook to oppose the truth, but could not make much out. he had opposed the word a many times, and made himself look very foolish.

Tuesday February 13th 1849

We had another crowded meeting and a many were very much interested, one was baptized.

Wednesday February 14th 1849

I went over to Coleshill to Mr. McGregors, his daughter Elizabeth was still troubled with wild Spirits but not so violently as formerly, she was generally worse when any of the Elders were present. I administered unto her and rebuked the enemy from her.

Thursday February 15th 1849

I went to Fillongley and preached to the saints, a good number was present who paid very great attention. This branch was not in a very prosperous condition, they had opposed my council from the time I had come into the Conferance, and now began to see wherein they had acted wrong. I told them that I knew they would suffer for they had grieved the spirit and gone into darkness. they requested me to send an Elder to labour with them.

Friday February 16th 1849

I went over to Whittleford, Colton, Nunheaton, etc. We preached in the Evening to the saints, staid with Elder Robinson for the night.

Saturday February 17th 1849

I went through Nunheaton, Colton, Bedworth, Coleshill to Coventry a distance of 12 miles.

Sunday February 18th 1849

I preached Morning and Evening, had a very full chapel, in the Afternoon we had a good session, some of the saints came from Leamington and returned back the same night.

Monday February 19th 1849

I accompanied brother Barker to the Register Office, to be joined to Sister Smart in matrimony, sister Summers accompanied us, we had quite a good time, this was a very easy way of getting married, and I considered it a great improvement, when compared with the old fashioned ceremony, which compelled a party to stand before an hireling Priest for about an hour, Covenanting, swearing and pledging their love and obedience to each other and then to ring her as now would a Bull with this difference, the ring was put upon the finger, and the object received it a little more cheerfully, we spent the day in feasting. Music and singing formed one part of the service.

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Tuesday February 20th 1849

In the evening I preached to a good congregation on the absolute necessity of the Priesthood, great attention was paid. in the afternoon we had a tea meeting. a great many was prevented from coming on account of the rain.

Wednesday February 21st 1849

I put upon a New coat and vest which was given to me by the saints in this place. I left for Leamington in the Afternoon— found the saints well with the exception of brother Randall. he was reduced very low, and desired me to pray for him that he might depart and be with Christ, for he did not wish to live any longer. I anointed him with oil and blessed him in the name of the Lord. I sat up with him during the night. Elder Brown returned from Kineton. He had baptized 3, and informed me many more were believing.

Thursday February 22nd 1849

I attended fellowship meeting, but few of the saints were present, this branch was in a very dull state. I again visited brother Randall, he was growing worse every day and he was fast ripening for dissolution, and every time I visited him I saw a visible change, his mind was very much composed, and he felt satisfied that his past was fixed upon the Rock of Ages.

Saturday February 24th 1849

I visited the saints at Bobbington took tea at brother Hiutz, returned to Leamington.

Sunday February 25th 1849

I preached morning and evening, I took tea with Mr. Tune, he was fully convinced of the truth of our doctrines and had been for 5 years, but had not come forward for baptism, he had been troubled by night and by day and now he seemed determined to come forward and embrace the principals, but would not set any time that the ordinance could be administered.

Monday February 26th 1849

I started in company with Elder Brown to Ashorne. The saints here rejoiced to see us. I had not visited them for several weeks, in the evening I preached to them, a good feeling was in our midst.

Tuesday February 27th 1849

We went over to Kineton and preached to them, baptized 2, after the preaching we called the saints together, and ordained William Burrows to the office of an Elder, and Thomas Evans to the office of Priest, laid hands upon Robert Burrows and prayed for him that the sickness which was preying upon him might be rebuked.

Wednesday February 28th 1849

I parted with Elder Brown, he returned to Leamington, I went to Banbury. It rained very heavy the first part of the way and then commenced to snow, and such a stormy day I never travelled in. I arrived at Banbury about four o'clock, completely drenched through having walked about 12 miles. While up in this vicinity, I preached at Hayden, Culworth, Shutford, and several times at Banbury.

Saturday March 10th 1849

We baptized 2 on the 10th of March.

Sunday March 11th 1849

On the 11th, I attended conference at Bedford. Elders Flannigan and Smith were present. We had a good conference, eight was baptized. The saints in this place are full of joy. they were much attached to their officers.

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Tuesday March 13th 1849

I returned to Banbury, rode on the coach from Wolverton. Mr. Lees, the coachman, kindly gave me a ride with him, a distance of 52 miles. He and his family were well and were well satisfied with the country. I preached in the evening, a good feeling was in our midst.

Wednesday March 14th 1849

I walked to Oxford, there met with Brother Archer. he was engaged in carrying from Oxford to Benson. we arrived in Dorchester about 5 o' clock. while in Oxford I walked through the City, found many beautiful buildings. I was much tickled to see so many of the Black Gown scholars, with there flat headed caps. why they wear the caps in such a manner I do not know unless it is a sure sign that they have a flat head. I entered into several of the large Halls. they were fine splendid buildings, one was fitted up for a recital room. in it was two elegant pulpits and a chair for the president. I took my seat and surveyed the room, there was a many elegant pictures hung around. the roof and ceiling was flat, the size of the room was 70 feet by 80, with a large painted ceiling. I consider Oxford as a place that is entirely useless. there are hundreds of Preists, Lawyers, and Doctors manufactured every year. The preists are a curse to the nation and could be dispensed with very well. Lawyers are the groundwork of all lawsuits and have been a pest to society from the beginning, and I feel like Jesus to say Woe, Woe, Woe be unto them, and as to Doctors they differ so much in their opinions with respect to diseases and the manner of treating them that I am satisfied they do not know much about either the diseases or what is necessary for the cure. the Ordinances of the Gospel are worth all the Doctors in creation. I preached at Dorchester in the Evening to an attentive congregation, and a spirit of enquiry was stirred up in the minds of the people.

Thursday March 15th 1849

I preached at Shillingford. the saints were present and rejoiced very much in the instructions I gave them. On the 16th and 17th I held meetings at Holcumb ~iiz~(which were very well attended. I received news from my family dated January 21st they were well and she was expecting to be confined every day. the letter was written by George Baddaley, who emigrated in september 1848. he and his family were well satisfied with the country.

Sunday March 18th 1849

I preached in the Afternoon in the open air. The weather was very fine, we held a Church Meeting, I preached in the Evening to a crowded congregation.

Monday March 19th 1849

Elder Nethercote accompanied me to Aston, we found the saints well. I addressed them in the Evening, we returned the next day to Dorchester, I preached to an attentive audience.

Wednesday March 21st 1849

I started for Banbury. brother Archer carried me to Oxford. I then walked to Banbury, distance—22 miles. I was very weary— my feet were blistered very much, just before I entered the Town I was met by Elders Bointon and Goodman, and sisters Sarah, Mary and Harriet Lees. Elder Goodman had just returned from sea, he had been a five month ' s voyage, he was well and brought me some inteligenge from Elder L. N. Scovil and the saints at New Orleans-in the evening I preached to an attentive congregation.

Thursday March 22nd 1849

We baptized two. I went to Shutford, (a distance of 5 miles and returned home) preached to an attentive company, several took me by the hand and told me they like the principal very much.

Friday March 23rd 1849

I confirmed two that had been baptized the evening before, walked 10 miles to Eydon and preached to an attentive congregation, confirmed one that was baptized in that place.

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Saturday March 24th 1849

I returned to Banbury was much weary.

Sunday March 25th 1849

I preached twice and many were present, several came from the villages around and seemed much interested, we enjoyed ourselves well, the spirit of the Lord was upon us which filled our hearts with joy.

Monday March 26th 1849

After taking dinner I started for Kineton, some of the saints accompanied me for 3 miles. I arrived at Kineton about 6 o'clock. I was much pleased with my journey. I passed through the village of Edge Hill, near this place had been fought a severe battle, a part of the walls of the old castle was still standing, and a large round tower is in a good state of preservation and stands on a very lofty hill, which gives it a very commanding view over the country for many miles around. I found Elder Brown from Leamington, and two of the brethren from Ashorne. I addressed them at some length on the necessity of being Born of Water and of Spirit, in order to stand in the presence of God, after which we baptized three and confirmed them. We staid with Elder Burrows for the night.

Tuesday March 27th 1849

We visited brother Robert Burrows at Pillerton he was very sick. We administered unto him in the name of the Lord, we then went to Ashorne, the saints in this place were undergoing severe trials. The farmers around the village had met together, and covenanted not to give the saints any employment, neither to buy or sell to them. Consequently they had been turned from their work. One of them had been to the workhouse, but they sent for him to his work again. The farmers had sent to the saints telling them that if they would give up their religion they might come back to their employment, two by the name of Berry and Isom, told them they would give up there religion, so they were hailed at once as good fellows, but the rest were too firm in the faith to be daunted by such cursed wretches as these. we had a good meeting, the spirit of the Lord was poured out upon them and they rejoiced exceedingly.

Wednesday March 28th 1849

Elder Brown started for Leamington. I went over to Loxley, found the saints well and united together, sister Near and others came over from Stratford upon Avon. I preached to them we had a good spirit in our midst. I accompanied the saints to Stratford, blessed two children.

Thursday March 29th 1849

I spent the day with the saints in Stratford. they were rejoicing very much in the faith. I preached to them in the evening.

Friday March 30th 1849

I went to Alcester, called at Trench Lane Gate found them well and rejoicing in the faith, attended preaching, had a good congregation. Confirmed five that had been baptized a few days before. Also ordained brothers' Morriss, Horsley, Yorman and Court to the office of Elders, returned with Elder Horsley for the night.

Saturday March 31st 1849

I walked to Stratford then took coach to Leamington, found the saints well. They rejoiced much to see me. I preached Morning and Evening, there was a good spirit manifested.

Monday April 2nd 1849

In the evening I attended council meeting, nothing took place of importance.

Tuesday Morning April 3rd 1849

Mr. John Toone presented himself for baptism. It was about half past five. We repaired to the water and immersed him in the water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, we rejoiced

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in having the privilege of seeing him initiated into the church. He was a fine intelligent man, had been connected with the Methodist church for some time, had preached for them, and had been pressed by them many times to become an itinerant preacher, but he would not do it. I confirmed him into the church and was clothed with the Spirit of prophecy and revelation and told him in the name of the Lord that he would be called to do a mighty work in this the last dispensation, that he would be called to preach the Gospel of Christ, that his family would embrace the Gospel and be blest upon the land of Zion. I went to Coventry and preached in the evening.

Wednesday April 4th 1849

I went to Rugby and preached in the evening. The saints were compelled to hold their meeting in a very small house, which prevented the work from rolling on in that place.

Friday April 6th 1849

I went over to Leicester and met with Elder L. Robbins at the station we rejoiced in the opportunity that presented itself. we repaired to brother Stevensons, presiding Elder of the branch in that place. The Leicester Conferance had been labouring under some severe trials on account of the misconduct of the former president of that Conferance, but under the skilfull treatment of Elder Robbins, they began to recover the violent shock which they had received.

Saturday April 7th 1849

We walked around the town and I was quite surprized to find a town of such an immense size. we visited several of the saints. Elder Stevenson was a man of a noble spirit, he had been in the church but about 4 months and was called to preside over the branch. they had taken a Chapel in Denman Street, and had strained every nerve, and even pledged their goods and clothing to secure it and the next day it was to be opened by three lectures.

Sunday morning April 8th 1849

Elder Margaretts arrived from Watford and preached to us, unluckily for us it turned out to be a very rainy day, yet notwithstanding the rain descended in torrents, we had a good congregation, in the evening the place was crowded to excess. I preached to them, they were very attentive. Elder Robbins preached in the Afternoon. They had a good choir of Singers and musical instruments, which made the meetings go off very agreeably.

Monday April 9th 1849

In the morning we met together in Conferance, gave in the representation of the branches and gave such instructions as we deemed necessary. I left for Coventry, having a tea meeting to attend to at 4 o clock. There was a goodly company sat around the luxurious board and each one seemed to enjoy themselves very well, Elder Jeff Bramall and myself addressed the meeting.

Wednesday April 11th 1849

I went to Coleshill and staid at Mr. McGregors for the night. Elder Jeffs accompanied me, for this brother was commensing to labour in the vineyard in this part of the country.

Thursday April 12th 1849

We went up to the Village to see if we could get a house open, and during our search, we found the family of brother Thacker, who had left the Birmingham branch for about 2 months and did not know that there was any of the saints so near to them. Sister Thacker accompanied us to Sister Adderly and Sister McGregor, and came to the meeting in the evening. There was a very attentive congregation. We staid with Sister Taylor for the night.

Friday April 13th 1849

I went to Black Horse Lane, accompanied by Elder Jeff so we travelled six miles in a very severe storm of rain and snow, in the evening I preached to a very attentive congregation. One gave in his name for baptism. We stayed with a gentleman of the name of Shaw. He was investigating into the principles very closely, his wife was quite agreeable.

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Saturday April 14th 1849

I returned to Leamington.

Sunday April 15th 1849

I attended meetings, in the morning when I went to the room I found Elder L. Richards. he had a commission to travel in any part of England he felt disposed and visit the Conferances. I rejoiced at having the priviledge of seeing him. I addressed the Meeting in the forenoon. in the Afternoon, Elder Richards addressed the meeting and also in the Evening, there was a good turn—out, and a spirit of inquiry amongst the people.

Monday April 16th 1849

I took Elder Richards around the town and he was quite delighted with the place and remarked that it was the handsomest town he had seen in England. in the evening we had an open Council meeting, in order to take into consideration the best way for to raise funds for the paying of the rent of the room and other incidental expenses. the saints here were poor but liberal. They paid down 1 pound 10 schillings and also contributed some little toward defraying the expenses of Elder Richards.

Tuesday April 17th 1849

He started for Coventry, I to Kineton, called at Ashorne. found the saints well and rejoicing in the Gospel of Christ. At Kineton I preached to them, and staid with them for the night.

Wednesday April 18th 1849

I went to Pillerton and visited brother Burrows he was very weakly and the seed of dissolution had taken fast hold upon his system. I prayed for him and departed for Ashorne. A very severe storm of snow fell today it was bitter cold. I preached at Ashorne, after which David Isom, John Berry, also Nickles and his wife. I returned home the same night.

Thursday April 19th 1849

I attended fellowship meeting in the evening, in which it was moved and unanimously carried that William Chivnal and John Toone be ordained to the office of Elder. Also that Elder Toone be presiding Elder of said branch. The ordinations were then attended to.

Saturday April 21st 1849

I went to Coventry, received letters from America, one from my wife, the other from brother Leonard. They contained most cheering news my wife had been confined and made an addition to my family, (February 21st) a fine girl named Adelaide Amelia which had been named and blessed under the hands of Elder Phineas Young, who was then at Burlington on his way to Wisconson. The letters were dated March 4th, my wife was recovering fast and the children were well. They were flourishing in the Valley very much, and were in possession of considerable Gold. that the trek to the Gold mines was easily performed. that a number of the brethren who had been over made \$100.00 per day. that from 7 acres of land had been raised 70 bushels of Wheat, 70 bush. of Buckwheat, near 500 bushels of Indian Corn besides turnips, pumpkins all in abundance. That they had been wonderfully blessed at council Bluffs insomuch that a Jubille of 20 days had been proclaimed, during which time they had been praising the Lord in the feasts, upon musical instruments and in the Dance. that she intended to go to the Valley on to council Bluffs. that Brother Leonard's family together with a number of saints was going to the Valley. that they had discovered a considerable amount of Gold at Council Bluffs. I sat down and wrote an answer back wishing her to go to Council Bluffs if possible, for I should have a better chance of sending to her anything that might be useful.

Sunday April 22nd 1849

I preached morning and evening to a good congregation who were attentive, in the Afternoon two was confirmed

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Monday April 23rd 1849

I went over to Black Horse Lane, went to the house of brother Betts and in the afternoon blessed and named Elizabeth, Amelia, Rosa, Thomas, A. William Betts. Also Emma, and Eliza Haywood. Also Richard, Rebecca, and William Henry Brunt. Also Elizabeth Bluer, Daniel Rowley, Hannah Rowley, and Joseph Quincy. Preached in the evening to a crowded House and a good spirit was manifested.

Tuesday April 24th 1849

Preached at Coventry, a good spirit was manifested.

Wednesday April 25th 1849

I visited Mr. Candy and conversed with him for 2 or 3 hours, and the same evening he went forth and was baptized, he had been lecturing upon Charity for several years; had attended our meetings during the Lectures that had been given in that place and was then convinced of the truth of the principals.

Thursday April 26th 1849

I went over to Pailton, a distance of eleven miles and preached in the evening, staid with them for the night.

Friday April 27th 1849

I went to Rugby, found the saints well, and returned to Coventry and from thence proceeded to Leamington.

Sunday April 29th 1849

I preached morning and evening to a very attentive congregation in the Afternoon I attended to the breaking of bread. Confirmed three -and blessed seven children. Elder Walsam came from Coventry and preached a little in the afternoon, he came to see what prospect there was for work in Leamington.

Monday April 30th 1849

I attended to the blessing of three children. There had not been any record of the names of the Children that had been blessed in this Conferance, and I concluded the best plan would be to bless them again and record them properly. In the afternoon (accompanied by some of the saints) I went to Emscote and engaged one of the boats and went down upon the river near to Warwick Castle, and enjoyed ourselves well, in the evening we held an open Council Meeting, I made some remarks upon the necessity of the Saints emigrating to the land of America for that was the Mount Zion the place of safety.

Tuesday May 1st 1849

I went over to Kineton the day being fine. The people were assembled in groups in the differant villages and had erected May—poles which was decorated with branches of trees and adorned with flowers. The Children were full of glee, dressed in their best and decorated with ribbons and flowers, in the evening I preached to an attentive congregation.

Wednesday May 2nd 1849

I went over to Tollerton, brother R. Burrows was very sick and also his two children. I administered to them and blessed the Children. I also blessed four Children belong to brother Thomas Burrows and one belonging to W. Burrows. in the evening I attended fellowship meeting, gave some instructions, ordained Thomas Burrows to the office of an Elder.

Thursday May 3rd 1849

I returned to Ashorne and preached to them in the Evening, ordained John Young to the office of Elder and William White to the office of Teacher. the saints here were still troubled with the farmers, they were determined to make them forsake their religion, but the saints were

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determined to beg their bread and like Moses were determined to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of this life.

Friday May 4th 1849

I went over to Loxley and preached in the evening to an attentive congregation. Confirmed nine that had been baptized. I visited the school that was kept in this place, and was much edified at hearing the children rehearse the Articles of the Religion of the saints.

Saturday May 5th 1849

I returned to Leamington, and visited Elder Toone, found that he had got some bills published announcing that a Conferance would be held in Leamington on the 27th inst. and that a Tea meeting would be held on the 28th and kindly soliciting the attendance of the public.

Sunday May 6th 1849

I preached in the morning and evening, the people were very attentive. In the Afternoon I blessed five Children and administered the sacrament.

Monday May 7th 1849

I baptized Henry Brown for the remission of sins, and also rebaptized Sister J. E. Burdett and M. Pearson, and in the evening we attended fellowship meeting and Confirmed those that had been baptized. We had a very comfortable meeting.

Tuesday May 8th 1849

I started for Rugby, called at Coventry found the saints well and enjoying themselves. I arrived at Rugby at three o'Clock. a few minutes after I arrived at Elder Days a young Lady came in to see them. she had been very much opposed to the doctrines for some time past, her father and sister-was in the Church, her sister was with her then, and had stirred up her mind to investigation and on the saturday previous she had borrowed some, of our publications, and while perusing them the spirit of intelligence rested upon her. the power of truth fastened her mind, and she was constrained to acknowledge its truth, she invited me to accompany her to Tea, which invitation I cheerfully accepted and found her very teachable and a firm believer in the doctrines. In the evening I attended Council meeting, gave such instructions as I deemed necessary, and gave out appointments for the two following Sundays.

Wednesday May 9th 1849

I went over to Newbold for breakfast to brother Randalls, and enjoyed my walk very much. In the evening I attended meeting and preached to an attentive congregation, after which I went down to the waters of baptism and immersed five in the name of the Lord Jesus, and amongst the number was Miss. Brightwell. I confirmed her at the same time.

Thursday May 10th 1849

I went over to Watford and preached in the Evening, blessed one Child and ordained brother Summerfield to the office of a Priest. Staid with brother Jefferys for the night.

Friday May 11th 1849

I went over to Long Buckby, laid hands upon and blessed an infant Child. Returned to Watford, attended to Council Meeting, gave such information that I deemed necessary, nominated brother Major of Norton to the office of Priest, arranged the appointments for the two following Sundays and dismissed the meeting.

Saturday May 12th 1849

I walked to Eydon, through Daventry, Hinton, a distance of 14 miles. I was much weary. I found the saints well, but perplexed much on account of the ill conduct of a priest belonging to the Church of England, who was stationed at the church in the Village. He persecuted the saints very much, turned them out of their houses and caused their employment to be taken from them and was determined to stop the work in that place, but in spite of all his labours it began to take deep

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root in the hearts of many. brother Jeffs had lost his employment and had been to the workhouse for relief but could not get any. Oh the malice and hatred that pervades the bosom of those that oppose the work of our God and even amongst those who profess to be his servants, take his name into their lips, and clothe themselves with what they suppose to be the sacred robes of Priesthood.

Sunday May 13th 1849

The day being wet and stormy I preached in the house of brother Jeffs morning and afternoon, a good feeling was manifested. several of them was ready for baprtism. In the Evening I preached in Culworth at the Cross, about 200 assembled together and were very attentive. After which I walked to Banbury a distance of 8 miles, found Elder Brittons and family well, also mr. Lees and family and repaired to rest for the night.

Monday May 14th 1849

I preached in the Evening to the saints in Banbury who had quite a good meeting, after which one was baptized.

Tuesday May 15th 1849

I also preached at Banbury again and Confirmed one.

Wednesday May 16th 1849

We went over to Shutford and preached in the open air. The people were very attentive, and one gave in her name for baptism. after we had concluded the meeting it began to rain heavily and we had to walk five miles.

Thursday May 17th 1849

I preached- at Banbury, the people were very attentive.

Friday May 18th 1849

I went again to Shutford. it rained very much we were compelled to hold meeting in a small house the people were very anxious to hear, and were much interested.

Saturday May 19th 184.9

I went over to Barford. a few of the saints assembled together. I and Elder Goodman addressed them. they were still in a poor state, were full of little difficulties amongst themselves.

Sunday May 20th 1849It rained very heavy until four o Clock, and was a poor day for the Conferance that was to be held in that place (Banbury) yet notwithstanding the wet a number came from Eyton, Shutford, and other places. Elder Nethercott, Archer and Bramall arrived from Dorchester. We organized at 11 o Clock by singing and Prayer. It was moved and Unanimously carried that Elder A. Cordon preside for the day. Also that brother Archer act as Clerk. There was represented four branches as follows:

	Mem	Eld	Pr	Tea	Dea	Bapt
Banbury	60	2	5	1	1	19
BarfordSt	17	1	1	1	0	0
Aston Rowant	9	1	2	1	0	
Dorchester	32	1	1	1		10
	108	7	10	4	1	29

It was also moved and unanimously carried that Eydon become a branch of the Church of Christ of Latterday Saints. Also that Shutford become a branch of the same. Also that Elder J. R. Goodman spend his time for the future in traveling in this Conferance and preaching the Gospel until councilled otherwise. Also that brother Varney preside over the Eydon branch. Also that brother Griffin preside over the Shutford branch. After which I made some remarks on the necessity of subscribing to the Millenial Starr, and of obtaining all the publications issued by the Authorities of the Church, and also gave such instructions to the Officers that I deemed

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necessary. At four o Clock we moved an adjournment until Six, we had made provisions to have a Tea Meeting, and in less than half an hour tables were set and Tea was prepared for eighty one we had a pleasant time, everything went off very comfortable and Universal satisfaction was given. In the evening I preached to them upon the necessity of keeping the commandments of God that were given in this age.

Monday May 21st 1849

I parted with the Saints and went to Kineton arrived there in time to hold meeting in the open air. in this place the people were very much opposed to the principals. Elder Thomas Smith had preached twice in that place, but had been stoned out both times. but I felt determined to try it again and to preach the gospel to them. about one hundred and fifty came out to hear, and they were very attentive, the spirit of the Lord seemed to overshadow us. the evening was fine and calm, so that my voice could be heard for more than a mile, and a many of the words and sentences could be heard distinctly.. I was perfectly satisfied that there would be quite a work done in there midst.

Tuesday May 22nd 1849

I went over to Ashorne and preached to an attentive congregation.

Wednesday May 23rd 1849

I returned to Leamington, found all well and a spirit of peace prevading amongst the saints with the exception of a few that were busy engaged in foaming out their own shame, in relation to some things that took place betwist them and Elder Thos. Smith.

Thursday May 24th 1849

I met with the officers in council and made arrangments for the getting up of a Tea meeting for the following Monday. I was a little grieved to see some of the officers so disinterested in this matter.

Friday May 25th 1849

I went to Coventry— met with Elder Robbins. he was well and was enjoying himself, he informed me that the work was progressing under his hand. we received work that Elder Flannigan would be down the next day. he was President over the Bedfordshire Conferance.

Saturday May 26th 1849

I went to Birmingham to meet my wifes sister Amelia. she was intending to visit at Leamington for a few days. at three o Clock the train arrived crowded with passengers, and she amongst the number, we got some refreshments, and then took the Railroad to Leamington, took tea at Elder Toones, walked down the old Town, and met with Elders Robbins and Flannigan. Elder F health was very much impaired, this climate did not agree with him at all.

Sunday May 27th 1849

We assembled together in Conferance, the House was well filled. Elders Flannigan and Robbins from America were present, about 20 Elders 25 Priests 6 Teachers 6 Deacons. Meeting was called to order. Alfred Cordon was chosen Pres. John Toone, Jun. and R. Tilt were chosen Clerks. Meeting opened by Prayer by the President. After which a Hymn was sung. The representation of the branches was then called for which was given in as follows:

(Chart Showing Branches Attendance and Size on Following Page)

After which it was moved and seconded that the saints at Shutford be organized into a branch to be called the Shutford branch. Also that the saints at Eydon be organized into a branch. Also that Kineton become a branch. Also that Pailton be connected with the Rugby branch. Also that Elder Jeffs labour in the region round about Coles Hill, Nuneaton, Leamington. Also that Elders Bramall and Goodman labour in Oxfordshire. Some remarks were also made relative to the book Agency. After which it was agreed that Elder A. Cordon act as General Agent for this

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Conference. The minutes of the Council held at Banbury was then read, and was accepted. All the above motions was Unanimously carried, not a dissenting voice was in our midst, all was peace all was joy. every countenance was beaming with delight and surely we realized the language of Wesley for once. We all were of one heart and soul. And only love inspired the whole. Elders Flanigan and Robbins addressed the meeting with much spirit and good feeling. many strangers were present, and many of the saints from the neighbouring Towns and Villages. we brought our meeting to a close at 1/2 after eight.

Monday May 28th 1849

We met together at nine o Clock in the morning and proceeded to Warwick Castle the day was fair, and the company were in high spirits, the whole number amounted to 45, we divided ourselves into two companies for convenience— appointed brother Holyoke to pay for the whole, and then we would settle with him. It took us about two hours to look through the Hall and Gardens, and quite an interesting scene it was, everything was finished in first style. The rooms were spacious and well filled up with furniture, paintings, and figures. I shall not attempt to describe, either the rooms or anything connected with the Castle, but will merely say, all was pleasant, agreeable, and delightful, all that the ingenuity of man could devise, and that art and taste, could produce, wealth has purchased. In the Afternoon we assembled together in the Hall at Guy Street to partake of Tea, we made provisions for about 150 and spared no expense or trouble in making the people comfortable At 5 o Clock about 140 sat down to Tea, and everything passed off very well, the company was well satisfied, we spent the evening in making., remarks upon a variety of principles, I made some remarks upon the second coming of Christ. Elder Robbins followed me upon the resurrection, and Elder J. H. Flanigan on Eternal judgment. the congregation was well satisfied, and we felt to rejoice in the Lord for his mercies towards us—my sister Amelia enjoyed herself well, and began to be much interested in the principals of the Gospel.

Tuesday May 29th 1849

We assembled together again, Elder Flanigan made some remarks, was followed by' Elder Bramall, after which I confirmed brothers Clewley and Covington, which I had baptized a few days before.

Wednesday May 30th 1849

Elders Robbins and Flanigan went down to Coventry. I attended council meeting, after which I went down to the water and baptized Ann Clewley, we had a comfortable session, the evening was very pleasant.

Thursday May 31st 1849

I accompanied by my sister went to Coventry found Elder F and R well and enjoying, we went through one of Ribbon manufacturers and was much edified at seeing the silk pass through the various processes.

Friday June 1st 1849

We went to Birmingham on the Railroad, the Birmingham Town and County fair was then being held, and the saints were to have a Tea party that day, we went to the house of sister Fannam, who made us welcome and treated us very kindly, we went to Sister Foxs and there found Elder Clinton and Richards we went around the town and found it all in confusion, Shows of all kinds and everything to give amusement to the wise and foolish, and such a display of folly and wit I never before saw, we sat down to Tea at 1/2 past 5 o Clock, everything was arranged in good order about 400 sat down to Tea, after which Elder Clinton, Flanigan, Robbins, Richards and myself addressed the Meeting, the music and singing went off well, we dismissed about 11 o Clock.

Saturday June 2nd 1849

We left Birmingham for the Potteries. arrived at seven in the evening. I found my mother in-law well and enjoying herself well. Amelia had a great deal to talk about. it was her first visit from

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home and I had endeavoured to make it as agreeable as possible. I visited several of the saints, and also some of my relations.

Monday June 4th 1849

We visited Mr. Moyers manufactory, and Elder Robbins and Flanigan were much delighted and edified at seeing the various operations, and movements connected with the various branches. In the evening we attended meeting at Burslem, there was but few in attendance. in these parts the work was very dull, and the members had not much life in them.

Tuesday June 5th 1849

We started for Liverpool arrived there about 1/2 past nine at night. my father and mother were at the train to meet me. I rejoiced to meet with them, they were well and in good spirits, we went to the office in Wilton Street found Elder Pratt and family well. I left Elders R and F. at this place. I went home with my father.

Wednesday June 6th 1849

I received a letter from Elder Toone giving me account of a dreadful thunder Storm which had terrified the people very much, a many got to prayer, and thought surely the last day had come, and also giving an account of some things that had come to light relative to Smiths discourse in Leamington, several of the sisters were busy in foaming out there own shame, and quarreling with each other. I laid the letter before Elder O Pratt, and he called in Elders Robbins and Flanigan, and as Elder R. and Flanigan had convened with the females, they gave in their testimony, and after consulting awhile upon the subject, it was moved and carried Unanimously that Elder Tho. Smith be cut off from the Church. I also received council to cut off all those concerned in the affair. In the Afternoon we went over the Merry to Birkenhead and took a walk around the Public Park. it was laid out in a delightful order and with great taste, interspersed with delightful shrubs and figures of great variety. I attended a Lyceum at the Music Hall. The Question was respecting the Gathering of the saints and the place to locate them. they requested me to make a few remarks upon the subject, and I did so.

Thursday June 7th 1849

Elder Flanigan started for Northampton to order to see Tho. Smith, in the after part of the day I was taken very sick, a violent pain in my bowel with a drowsiness troubled me and continued to get worse. in the Evening my brothers with their wives came to see me. we spent the time in agreeable manner considering my sickness.

Friday June 8th 1849

I arose very sick, but as I had an appointment to preach that Evening in Burslem, I was determined to start. I vomited many times on the way, my Father came with me to the station. Elder Robbins accompanied me he was on his way to Derby. we arrived in Burslem at 12 o clock I was somewhat better. I received a letter the day before from J. Bourne Dated May 7th St. Louis. He informed me that he had received some things that I had sent to my family, and was going to start for the Valley of the mountains in a few days, That the Cholera was raging very violently and many were dying of it on every hand. a many of the saints had fell victims to it, that a steamboat laden with saints had sunk fifty miles below Council Bluffs——no lives lost, but all the luggage gone. He also authorized me to draw from Mr. Wittingham of Burslem the little money he had on hand belonging to Harriet Johnson. I accordingly called upon Mr. Wittingham and he paid over to me the sum of three pounds. In the evening I preached to a good congregation, they were very attentive, I had ordered a set of Sacrament cups and plates with the Temple of God printed upon them, and I received them. they were well executed, and finished off in good style.

Saturday June 9th 1849

I started for Leamington, my health was not much better. Elder Robbins left for Derby. I arrived at Birmingham at 2 o Clock, called at sister Fannam for dinner, left at 4 for Leamington arrived at 1/2 past 5, took tea at Elder Toones. found the saints well and enjoying themselves in the

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things of God, with the exception of a few who were busy in circulating tales about each other. I preached in the evening to a good company. On Sunday Elder Toone addressed the saints in the morning, we had good meeting.

Monday June 11th 1849

I went to Coventry accompanied by brother Chivral and Clewley. it was fair day and the Town was all in confusion. the same gang that infested Birmingham was here. I found the saints well.

Tuesday June 12th 1849

My health was still in an impaired state. I attended the Tea meeting held by the saints in this place, there was but few attended, but in the Evening we had a good meeting. I spoke for an hour and a half and when I got through I felt perfectly well. my pain left me and to God be all praised for ever Amen.

Wednesday June 13th 1849

I returned to Leamington, enjoying the blessing of health. in the Evening attended council Meeting. the cases of several sisters was brought before the council, and after a short consultation it was moved, seconded and Unanimously carried that Sisters' Hart, Martin, Sermons, Goldring and Robinson be cut off from the church. I also received a letter from Elder Flanigan stating that brother Smith was going to Liverpool to Elder O Pratt and expressing himself in terms of sorrow.

Thursday June 14th 1849

I learnt that Elder Smith had written to some of the females to meet him while on his way to Liverpool and Hart Goldring and Gibbons went to Coventry to have an interview with him, in the evening we held a fellowship meeting, a good spirit was in our midst, some few were rather hard against us for taking the course we had relative to the females.

Friday June 15th 1849

I wrote to Elder O. Pratt giving him the particulars relative to the case of Thos. Smith. immediately after I had posted it, I received one from Liverpool written by Smith stating that he was requested by Elder O Pratt to visit me previous to his coming into the Church again and that he had a note from O Pratt to me containing his feelings upon the subject, and also desiring me to come to Coventry to meet him, for he did not wish to come to Leamington. I accordingly went to Coventry but did not meet with him. I staid at Coventry until 1/2 past nine, and returned by the last train. met with him at the Leamington Station, and he told me that he was not guilty to the extent accused, was very sorry and hope I would deal in mercy. I received the note from O Pratt stating that he thought it best to deal in mercy and not be too rigid, that he was willing to give him another trial, and to leave his ordination to Elder Flanigan to be restored to him according to his judgement and when he deemed it wisdom. I sat down and wrote to him stating that I had received a note from O. Pratt, and told him that I was willing according to the counsel of Elder Pratt to give him another trial, and should leave the affair in his hands, and he could do as seemed him good and I would say Amen to it.

Saturday June 16th 1849

T. Smith left for Northampton, I for Kineton, the next day we were to hold a Camp Meeting at Shutford. I called at Ashorne, arrived in Kineton in the Evening. I was quite shocked to find that brother R. Burrows lay dead in the House. he expired on Thursday without a struggle or a groan. He died full of faith and rejoicing in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I met with several of the brethren and sisters and spoke to them upon the subject of the resurrection of the dead.

Sunday June 17th 1849

We went up to Shutford, Elder W. Burrows took his horse and carriage and carried five of us we arrived there at Ten O Clock, in a little while a many of the saints came from Banbury, we repaired to the Camp Ground, I opened the Meeting by singing and prayer after which I made some remarks upon the subject for which we were assembled together. Elder Bramall followed,

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peace and good order prevailed. In the Afternoon we met together at two o'clock, about a thousand persons were present. the day was very fine and they paid great attention. Elder Goodman and myself addressed them, they gave us a good hearing. In the Evening we met again at Six. Elder Britton and myself and Elder Page addressed them, every thing went off well and good must result from it. we had not opposition. Mr. Lees from Banbury brought the Coach for us and 26 of us went with him. we had a good day, the saints enjoyed themselves well, every countenance was illuminated with good feeling.

Monday June 18th 1849

I was quite fatigued, but nevertheless we held a meeting in the open air, the people were very attentive, one was baptized.

Tuesday June 19th 1849

I preached to an attentive congregation at Elder Brittons, Confirmed two that were baptized, received a letter from Elder Flanigan stating that he had not seen Elder Smith but had some thoughts of rebaptizing and ordaining him immediately.

Wednesday June 20th 1849

I went to Kineton and preached in the open air they were attentive and rejoicing in the faith. We baptized one.

Thursday, June 21st 1849

I went to Ashorne, sister Jeffs had brought me some letters, one of them from Elder O. Pratt, stating that He thought it best (from the additional light thrown on the T. Smiths case) not to ordain him for the present. I hastened to Leamington after preaching, and sent a copy of the note to Elder Flanigan. I also received a letter from my wife, dated May 19th in which she wrote that she was well and the children and she was making every preparation for journeying to the saints at Council Bluffs, that brother Leonard and family, Harrison, Robinson, and their families were doing well and were going along at the same time. That the cholera was very prevalent in the Western States, that it had visited Burlington and many had died of it. That I must be sure to be at Home this coming fall, for when brother Leonard left for the Valley she should have no one to help her nor to look, that she had passed through a long and tedious winter, that her Life was to be one of sorrow and suffering, but she would try to bear it patiently. that she had run me into debt about 30 dollars. This news cause me much grief, my family was my earthly all, and in this Conference the work of God was in a prospering state, and to leave it was something I could not bear to think at, for first in my affections was the work of God and the rolling forth of the Kingdom.

Friday June 22nd 1849

I visited amongst the saints, in the Evening we spent the time in a very agreeable manner.

Sunday June 24th 1849

We had good meetings. I preached morning and Evening, the people were much interested, one gave in her name for Baptism.

Monday June 25th 1849

In the evening we attended Council meeting after which I baptized four and several others was ready for the water.

Tuesday June 26th 1849

I went to Coventry and preached in the Evening, the meeting was very dull. the cause was suffering for the wants of a good preaching room.

Thursday June 28th 1849

I received a letter from Elder O. Pratt stating that Elder Kelsy was about to sail for Zion in a few days, and if I wished to send anything to my family I could now do it. I at once repaired to

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Leamington, and laid the case of my family before the Meeting, and they at once concluded to send out 15 pounds. it rejoiced my heart to see the feelings of the Officers, and members upon the subject. they were determined to make any sacrifice rather than either me or my family should be in trouble.

Friday June 29th 1849

I obtained the 15 pounds and forwarded it to Liverpool. Saturday I went to Rugby, the next day we were to hold a Camp Meeting, the saints here were somewhat troubled about some little difficulties that had transpired in their midst.

Sunday July 1st 1849

We assembled at Hillmorton and arraigned for Meeting. in the Afternoon and Evening we had good meetings all was peace and good order, no opposition. Elder Margatts from Watford assisted us, we took tea in a Orchard close to the Camp Ground about 80 sat down we enjoyed ourselves very well.

Monday July 2nd 1849

I returned to the Potteries and found my Mother and sister in law well. I attended the room in the Afternoon met with Elder Ross, Clement and Watt. we sat down to Tea in company with 100 and had a very rich repast, after Tea we spent the time in singing dancing and reciting pieces. it rained so heavy that a many were kept in the room all night.

Tuesday July 3rd 1849

I visited amongst the Saints and found them well.

Thursday July 5th 1849

I started for Nuneaton arrived at 2 O Clock met with Elder Jeffs at the Station, repaired to Colton took dinner and Tea with brother Turner. preached in the evening to a few that were very attentive.

Friday July 6th 1849

I went to Rugby accompanied by Elder Jeffs, held a Council Meeting and set things straight and cleared away all misunderstanding.

Saturday July 7th 1849

I returned to Coventry and from thence to Leamington, found the saints well.

Sunday July 8th 1849

I preached at Leamington Morning and Evening, in the Afternoon attended to the breaking of bread confirmed five.

Monday July 9th 1849

In the Evening I attended Council Meeting after which I baptized eight amongst the number Elder Toone's wife and sister, Miss Elizabeth Ross, also, she had been believing in the work for a many months.

Tuesday evening July 10th 1849

we met in the room attended to the Confirmation of those that had been baptized, we had a good meeting. the saints enjoyed themselves well.

Wednesday July 11th 1849

I went over to Ashorne found the saints well. I preached in the open air, the people were very attentive. I also preached on Thursday evening, after which I went to the water to Baptize two and four more presented themselves. I asked them if they were willing to give up all sin and keep the commandments of God, and they replied with tears that they were. I then called the people together—knelt down and prayed to the Father in the name of Jesus, went to the water and

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immersed them in the name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost. after which we repaired to the house of brother White and attended to the ordinance of Confirmation.

Thursday July 12th 1849

I returned to Leamington and remained there until Sunday morning. On Saturday night I baptized _____ e Coltrin

Sunday July 15th 1849

I was very sick, yet I went to Coventry, to hold a Camp Meeting, when I got there I found that the Corporation of the place had prohibited us from holding our Meeting on Grey Friars Green, and had sent the Chief Constable to gather up and to destroy our Bills, in order to prevent us from laying the truth before the people, but however we were determined to preach and we moved our Cart up to another open space, which was outside the limits of the Town. a great many of the rabble of the Town assembled together and was determined to prevent us from holding our meeting, but there was a few that seemed determined to listen. The Afternoon meeting went off well, a great many came to hear, and were very attentive. I was so feeble that I had to call for the brethren to administer to me. they did so and blessed me in the name of the Lord. In the Evening we had about 2,000 persons present, who were as silent as death. I preached to them in the Afternoon and Evening, and was quite well. I rejoiced in the mercy of the Lord and was satisfied that a good impression was made upon the minds of the people. I retired to rest well satisfied.

Monday July 16th 1849

I attended council at Coventry at which it was moved and carried that brother Jeff s and Tilt be ordained to the office of Elders. The case of Thomas Wiles was then inquired into, and after some acknowledgment on his part, the Council agreed upon receiving him into the Church again providing he would do better for the future, but he said he did not know whether he could do right or not. we dismissed the case. I made some remarks upon the necessity of the saints connected with that branch, stirring themselves and liquidating the debts connected with them.

Tuesday July 17th 1849

I went to ColesHill, visited a female that was sick and administered to her in the name of the Lord. A female that had been connected with the Church and only been cut off but 3 weeks was found dead in her bed, she had attended to the Camp Meeting——went home and died apparently as soon as she got into bed. in the Evening I preached to a good congregation, and Ordained two to the office of Elders.

Wednesday July 18th 1849

I went over to Fillongly--met with Elder Jeff s. he was well. in the evening I preached to the saints, there was a good spirit in our midst. Sister McGregor was present, she was much better, the spirit was growing weaker every day and the Elders had more command over it.

Thursday July 19th 1849

I went down to ColesHill and preached in the evening to an attentive congregation in the open air. I staid at Mr. McGregors for the night. I got 150 bills printed for Nuneaton notifying the inhabitants that a course of five lectures would be delivered in the Crown Yard, two of them by Elder Broadhead, two by myself, and one by Elder Jeffs.

Friday July 20th 1849

I called at Sister Goods and received from her the following testimony. "On the 25th of September I was confined and had a very severe and dangerous time which left me in a low and afflicted state for the space of seven years and a half, during which time I was almost in continual pain. I was reduced to a skeleton, my blood was so chilled and affected, that I was scarcely every warm. a cold numbness troubled me continually. I had two Doctors which attended to me regularly and sometimes three. I also applied to others for relief, but none could do me any good, they gave no hopes whatever of my recovery, in fine some of them told me I

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should never be any better, that my case was a bad one and incurable, my joints was dislocated from the time of my confinement, to go from home far was impossible. I was not able to walk without the aid of something. it was with great difficulty that I got around the House, and I could not ride without much pain, but finally a small Tract fell into my hands belonging to the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints and when reading the account of the visitation of the Angel to Joseph Smith, my heart seemed to be opened. I firmly believed it to be true, and I was strongly impressed with the idea that I should walk again, my mind was continually contemplating upon it, and I felt anxious to know something more about the doctrine of this Church. I finally concluded, and was determined upon being baptized, for I felt fully satisfied that the Lord had raised up Joseph to be a prophet to this generation. It was in the month of April 1847 when I was taken down to the waters of Baptism. A cart was engaged for the purpose, as I was unable to walk, and Elder W. Brammall baptized me in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and when he confirmed me, he told me that I should be healed according to my faith. The very sound of this promise filled my heart with joy. I began slowly to improve, my joints which had been dislocated so long, began to gather strength, and in three weeks from the day and hour that I was baptized, I was able to walk and since then I have enjoyed health and strength and to God be all the Glory forever Amen.” Also at the same time I received the testimony relative to her Son John Goode, “He had when eight years old his thigh joint dislocated. The Medical fraternity was consulted they endeavored to set the joint but -it was so swelled they were not able and thus it continued for the space of nine years and so powerful was its effects upon the Constitution, that his body ceased to grow, his leg seemed to hang quite loose so that he could turn his foot any way he pleased but in one week after his mothers baptism he went forth into the liquid grave and was baptized, and by the power of God he was healed. his body not only increased in strength but began to grow, and at the present time he is in good health and rejoicing in the work of God. I returned to Coventry with Elder Jeff s found the people quite alarmed about the Cholera. There were a many cases in the City, and some of them were fatal. I returned to Leamington was taken very sick with a pain in my bowels, which caused me some uneasiness of mind but however I called upon my father in heaven, and submitted my case to him, fell asleep and awoke much better, but immediately I was again taken sick and remained in that state through the day. I received a letter from Elder Flanigan stating that on the next day they were to hold their Conferance at Bedford, and requested me to be there if possible, that Elder W. Cutler was there and that he expected Elders Robbins, Cummings, and also wished me to go to London with them. I replied that in consequence of such a press of business and so many appointments that I should not be able to attend.

Sunday July 22nd 1849

I attended Meeting at Leamington, while I was addressing the saints in the morning I was very sick. I could scarcely get along, after this I was taken very sick, but in the Afternoon I commenced to talk to the saints, and I felt the spirit of the Lord renovating my system, and disease began to let go his hold. In the evening I addressed a crowded congregation, and was perfectly healed. administered to some that was sick and they were healed.

Monday July 23rd 1849

I was a great deal with similar pains, and felt myself low and weak. In the evening I attended Council. the case of Sister Hist was brought before the meeting also the case of sister Sermons, Martin, and Robinson, they desired to come into the church again, and after some consultation it was agreed to admit them into the church providing that they would settle all little difficulties amongst themselves, brother Hist was ordained to the office of Priest, and brother Dane to the office of Teacher after which I gave them some instructions upon the nature and duties of their offices.

Tuesday July 24th 1849

I went to Stratford on Avon, was very weary. I found the saints well. I addressed them in the evening, administered to three that were sick.

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Wednesday July 25th 1849

I went over to Welford a distance of five miles. the saints in this place were rejoicing in the faith, I preached to them in the evening, staid with them for the night.

Thursday July 26th 1849

I bid the saints farewell and went to Alcester, to Elder Horsley, after Tea walked to Wheatley and preached to a company of Saints for the first time I had visited the saints in that place. I returned to Alcester for the night.

Friday July 27th 1849

I returned to Stratford On Avon, met with the saints again in the Evening and addressed them at some length upon the advantage of the saints over the rest of the human family.

Saturday July 28th 1849

I left Stratford for Ashorne found out that a letter had come from America for me and would be brought over to Ashorne that Evening by sister Jeffs. I accordingly waited and when I obtained it I found it to be one from Elder Thomas J. Filcher, mailed on the 30th of June. It gave an account of my family up to the 2nd inst. they were then a mile from Skunk river near Augusta. she was fitted up with a good team and waggon and Richard Robinson was teamster. brother Leonard, Robinson, and Harrison was with her, she was going to remain at the Bluffs untill I returned home. The cholera had visited that town but not many cases. He also informed me that a General Epistle of the first Presidency had appeared in the St. Louis papers, which contained some very interesting news from the Valley. that Evening I held a meeting with the Saints we had a good time.

Sunday July 29th 1849

It rained very heavy in the Morning. but however it did not prevent us from going to Kineton to the Camp ground- in the morning there was not many assembled. Elders Britton, Goodman and others from Banbury and Shutford arrived, and at noon, brother's Clewley, Covington, and Wilkins, arrived from Leamington, besides a quantity from Loxley, Ashorne, and other places. we had a goodly number congregated together, which paid very great attention, we had one or two showers which operated against us a little, in the Evening we had a fine congregation, about 600 were together a great many seemed rivetted to the spot, we dismissed our meeting about eight o Clock, all was peace and good order a spirit of unity prevailed on every hand. at nine Clock the saints scattered off to the different places of abode. Elder Goodman remained with me for the night.

Monday July 30th 1849

We visited amongst the saints found them in very good spirits, joy and peace pervaded their hearts. In the Afternoon Elder Goodman returned to Hornton for to preach. that Evening I held Meeting at Kineton, we had quite a comfortable season several gave in their names for Baptism on Wednesday evening.

Tuesday July 31st 1849

I went over to Loxley and preached to a good congregation after which I baptized and confirmed two. a many were interested in this place, and listened with great attention.

Wednesday August 1st 1849

I left Loxley at two o Clock and came over to Ashorne, found sister Maycock very sick. I administered to her in the name of the Lord. I preached in the evening and baptized one and Confirmed her.

Thursday August 2nd 1849

I went to Leamington attended fellowship meeting in the Evening found the saints well and enjoying themselves in the blessings of the kingdom, baptized three.

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Sunday August 5th 1849

I preached in the morning and Evening, had a very attentive congregation. I received a letter from Elder Lewis Robbins inviting me to come to Derby to a Tea meeting which would be held on Tuesday. I wrote in reply that if I could conveniently attend I would.

Monday August 6th 1849

I attended council Meeting in the Evening, after which I baptized and confirmed James Robbin's Father, Mother and Sister.

Tuesday August 7th 1849

I took breakfast with brother Clewley, then took the train for Coventry, found the saints well. at twel the table, and each one for a while seemed quite determined to mind their own business, we had a comfortable season, singing and speaking was the entertainment of the Evening, we dismissed about nine o Clock, but not without Notice being given that another Tea Meeting would be held the following day at Sister Bradshaws. I remained at sister Bradshaws with Elder Robbins for the night.

Wednesday August 8th 1849

I wrote letters to Leamington, Liverpool, etc. In the Afternoon we went around the Arboretum, a large and splendidly fitted up garden for the benefit of the public, laid out in delightful order, and ornamented by a great variety of trees, brought from many parts of the world at a great expense, also decorated with a multitude of figures, fountains, bowers, etc. At five Clock we sat down to Tea and had a very comfortable repast after which Elder L. Robbins desired me to address the meeting. we had a very good feeling in our midst, joy and peace pervaded our midst.

Thursday August 9th 1849

We went through the Museum and was much pleased with the many curiosities, an excellent Mummy taken from the catacombs of Egypt 3000 years old and in a good state of preservation. The Coffin was covered with Hieroglyphics. There was also a many specimans of Indians ingenuity and also the arts of a many barbarious nations, together with a multitude of Busts, Models of Various kinds, Birds of all kinds from all climate. In the Evening we went to the Village of Quomby, a distance of five miles. Elder Robbins addressed a small congregation, after we left for Derby, five was baptized.

Friday August 10th 1849

We visited amongst the Saints, a small company was preparing to Emigrate on the 5th of September In the Evening we attended Meeting, I addressed a small but attentive congregation.

Saturday August 11th 1849

I left for Nuneaton, arrived there at 2 o Clock, found the Saints well. Elder Jeffs arrived in the Evening.

Sunday August 12th 1849

In the morning at ten o Clock we went to Attlebury, the Ranters had took the advantage of us a little and had commenced service. We waited until they had got through, and then commenced. I addressed them at some length, the people were very attentive. In the Afternoon and Evening I preached at Nuneaton, there was not many present on account of a violent storm of thunder and rain.

Monday August 13th 1849

We went to Atherstone. we had not a very good meeting on account of the rain and the weather, which turned out so cold. there appeared to be a good many that were interested, some of them walked with us about 2 miles as we returned to Colton.

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Tuesday August 14th 1849

We went to Whittleford, in the evening we preached at Stockinford there was but few attended, the evening was cold and the Children were determined to disturb us by their shouting, etc. we returned to Colton.

Wednesday August 15th 1849

We went to Black Horse Lane, found the saints well and administered to a Child of brother Botts, preached in the Evening to a few that were very attentive, staid with Mr. Shaw for the night. He and his Wife had decided upon being baptized.

Thursday August 16th 1849

We went to Coventry. I saw sister Kilpack from Banbury. she informed me that in consequence of badness of trade she was compelled to leave the place, she gave some information relative to the spread of the work in that region of the country. I took Tea with her then started for Leamington. found them well found letters from Elders Bramall and Britton.

Friday August 17th 1849

I visited amongst the saints and in the Evening baptized Leonard Wilkins and Elizabeth Martin.

Sunday August 19th 1849

I preached morning and evening to good congregations, in the Afternoon I confirmed three, administered the Sacrament and made some remarks upon the duties of Husbands and Wife.

Monday August 20th 1849

I visited Mr. Hodgson, found him and Lady to be quite intelligent and anxiously searching after truth. In the Afternoon I visited at sister Ross and took a comfortable cup of Tea with her and other sisters. I attended to the council meeting after which I again repaired to the house of sister Ross, and

Tuesday August 21st 1849

I started for Alcester arrived there at 1/2 past 7 o Clock, found the saints all well. there was but few of them met together on account of the harvest, everyone was busy. the crops looked well everything yeilded an abundance, with the exception of the Potatoes. the rot had not appeared so dreadful as at other seasons, found some difficulty between Elder Huband and one of the sisters. I endeavored to settle the matter with them but they did not seem disposed to forgive each other for each one protested against each other and declared their own innocence.

Wednesday August 22nd 1849

I went over to Broome found the people also busy in the harvest. I could not hold a Meeting. I visited the few that were baptized in this part and returned to Alcester.

Thursday August 23rd 1849

I went to Welford, the people there were also busy in the harvest. I went to the Cross and preached to a few that were assembled. the Children were very noisy. I requested them to be silent, but they were encouraged by some of the grown people. I staid with Elder Court for the night. his Landlord seemed determined to act very contrary with him on account of him having preaching at his house, and had given him Notice to leave the premises.

Friday August 24th 1849

I arose and immediately after an Assessor or Bond bailiff came to the house and attached the goods of Elder Court for the paltry sum of 11 shillings 8 pence, and after some parleying on both sides I thought it best to settle the bill, and in consequence of them not having any money I paid it for them. I went to Alcester and found sister Smith from Alcester and also learnt that sister Jeffs from Ashorne had been there and had left a message that I must be in Ashorne that night if possible for the saints wished to know some things relative to the course they must pursue in Emigrating from this land, and as there was but little chance for a Meeting, I walked over that Evening, a distance of seven miles. I found quite a number of them making every preparation for

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the journey. I told them that the next day I expected a letter from Elder O. Pratt, and I would send them all particulars. I retired to rest very late and weary.

Saturday August 25th 1849

I went to Leamington, received a letter from Elder Orson Pratt stating that a vessel would sail on the 20th of October and Names and deposits must be forwarded immediately to secure a passage. that a great many applications were made. I sent to Ashorne giving them the information I had received from Liverpool. In the Evening I baptized Sarah Ann Clewley, and Confirmed her at the same time.

Sunday August 26th 1849

I went to Nuneaton, a distance of 20 miles, arrived there at dinner times, attended meeting Afternoon and night, we had a good congregation. when I was making some remarks relative to water Baptism, a person in the congregation cried out it was Fire. I told him I would talk to him about that afterwards, but when the Meeting was closed he slid off. I went to Colton and staid for the night.

Monday August 27th 1849

I sent the deposit money for six individuals to Liverpool- took the Train for Stretton, then walked to Pailton, found sister Shuttleworth in good health. in the Evening I preached to an attentive congregation, a number came from a small Village 2 miles distant that were quite interested. Elder Thos. Day had preached with good success around there.

Tuesday August 28th 1849

I went to Rugby, called at Newbold at brother Randals, preached to an attentive congregation, administered to several that were sick, staid with Elder Day for the night.

Wednesday August 29th 1849

I visited amongst the saints found them generally well.

Thursday August 30th 1849

I took dinner with brother Warwood. at 3 o Clock I took the train to Crick Station, found Elder Jeffery and saints generally well. They at once warned the inhabitants of a meeting that would be held that evening. At 1/2 past Seven we assembled together, a few strangers were present. I preached to them at some length upon the necessity of gathering together to the land of Zion, after which we held a short council. when it was moved and Unanimously carried, that brother Samuel Parks be ordained to the office of an Elder and also brother Major of Norton to the same Office, brother Major refused acting in any such Office consequently I did not ordain him, but Bro Parks arose and said that he was willing to carry out to the utmost of his power every duty that devolved upon him. he was ordained under the hands of myself and Elder Jeffery.

Friday August 31st 1849

I took the Train to Weedon a distance of 6 miles. Weedon is a small romantic Village, a very large Barracks is erected which appeared to be well filled with Soldiers, I met with sister Rollins and accompanied her to Eydon. we rode about 7 miles, when it was known that I was in the Village, a many came to me and asked if I would preach to them. I told them that if they desired it and would come together I would address them. Accordingly I did so, This day I met a Gentleman by the name of Roger Parker. I baptized him about 8 years ago, but immediately afterward he left the church. I met with him at the station at Rugby. I asked him if his name was not Parker. he said it was. I told him that was some years since I had seen him before. I asked him if he knew me. he said that he did. He appeared to be much confused. I asked him what he thought of the Latter Day Saints, he said that he thought they were false. I told him that I had had the best chance of testing it, for I had been connected with it and had followed it closely for ten years, and I knew it to be true, he did not want to talk a good deal about, he felt ashamed. I have often thought what must the feelings of those that leave the Church when they meet the Elders in the ressurection.

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I walked to Banbury a distance of 10 miles, found the saints well. I laid hands on and blessed the Child of brother Dantzer. In the Evening this town was visited -by a dreadful thunderstorm accompanied by severe rain. Elder Brammall arrived about eight o Clock, he was well.

Sunday September 2nd 1849

It was a fine day we assembled together on the Campground. the wind was a little uncomfortable, a goodly company assembled together. Elder Goodman addressed them, some few were very attentive. In the Afternoon we had a very large and attentive congregation. I addressed them upon the setting up of the Kingdom of God by Joseph the Prophet, even the Kingdom spoken of by Daniel the prophet. about 1,000 were present. In the Evening I preached in the room to a crowded meeting.

Monday September 3rd 1849

I in company with Elder Brammall started at six o Clock for Dorchester, a distance of 33 miles, we walked six miles and then took the Coach to Oxford, arrived there at half past ten, it was the Fair at St. Giles, a great many were present, we went over to the Assylum to enquire after a Mr. Warwood, husband to one of the sisters in Coventry who had been an inmate of an assylum near to Oxford for years, but we could not get any intelligence of him. So we concluded to call at the Little Moor Assylum during the week. we took the Railway to Abingdon Station. there met with brother Archer, he was carrier to Benson, his wife was well, he carried us as far as Dorchester to Elder Lewis, who was presiding Elder of the branch in this place. In the Evening we had a good meeting. I preached upon the second coming of christ and first ressurection, after I had got through, a Priest whose name was Bunting arose and said he agreed with most that had been said, only he thought that Jesus Christ had had a Church through all ages, and that he considered it altogether unnecessary for a New Church to be organized in the last days. I told him that it was very evident that the system which Jesus organized in his day and committed into the hands of his Apostles, had been so far corrupted, that know one could possibly have supposed that any of the churches of the present Age was a representation of it only by preistcraft and traddition. he seemed fully aware that I had both truth and reason on my side and consequently did not say much, seemed to affect a great deal of love for us, and with a good night and a shake of the hand departed. We went the next morning to a Br. Beaslys for breakfast, at Warboro about a mile and a half distance. we remained with them during the day and in the evening preached to a good congregation who were very attentive, the saints rejoiced, and felt well.

Wednesday September 5th 1849

We preached at Roock, had a very good congregation. the saints had many times asked me about Joseph Smith and the Organization of the Church, and I had promised that on that evening I would make some remarks upon that subject.

Thursday September 6th 1849

We went over to Berrick and preached at brother Webbs, the saints flocked together again to hear, also on Friday evening at Benson we had a good Meeting. The saints in this district felt well, they were ful of faith, we staid at Elder Nethercotes he had been about from home for the space of six weeks and no one could tell where he was. his wife had not heard from him for nine days, and it was very evident that there was some foul play about the matter. He had told brother Lewis that I had told him that there was no harm in getting money from the Gentiles and that he was doing right by getting goods from the people, whether he paid them or not and as he was President of the Aston Rowant branch we wrote a letter to the Council of the same, authorizing them to meet together and appoint a President from amongst themselves, until Elder Bramall or myself came to see them, and that Elder Nethercote was no longer considered as their president.

Saturday September 8th 1849

We started for Banbury, brother Archer carried us about eight miles. we called at the Little Moor Lunatic Assylum to enquire for Daniel Woodward, who had been an inmate for a long time. he was Husband to one of the saints in Coventry. He was well in health, but still he was troubled with Fitts. they gave no hopes whatever of his final recovery, they had him busy at- work when

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he was able. he was a Tailor by trade, it was an elegant building surrounded by a many Trees and shrubs everything in good order, very clean and neat. we started from Oxford at one o Clock and walked to an Hotel called Sturdy Castle a distance of eight miles. we then rode to Addabury, arrived at Banbury at eight, quite weary and much fatigued.

Sunday September 9th 1849

I received letters from Elder's Toone and Jeffery, and at 1/2 past 10 we assembled together in Conference. Meeting was called to order by myself and Elder William Brammall was chosen to preside over the day. Also that Elder R. britton to act as Clerk. After which prayer was offered by A. Cordon. After which an Hymn was sung. The representation of the branches was then called for which was as follows:

	Mem	Eld	Pr	Tea	Dea	Rec	Rem	Cut	Off
Banbury	39	2	2	1	3	8	5	4	
Barford St. John	16	1	1			1	1		
Shutford	11		2			1			
Eydon	13		3	3	1				
Dorchester	46	4	4	4	3	12		1	
Aston Rowant	8	2	2				1		
TOTAL	133	7	14	7	2	24	7	5	

After which some remarks was made relative to the position of the different branches, when it was moved and carried Unanimously that brothers Varney, Griffin be Ordained to the office of Elders and also John Killpack to the Office of teacher, Also that brother Wayne of Barford be Ordained to the Office of Priest.

Elder A. Cordon made some remarks upon the necessity of Elder W. Bramall gathering to the land of Zion, he having laboured diligently for several Years. When it was Resolved that we the saints in Oxfordshire assist Elder W. Bramall in performing the council of A. Cordon relative to his Emigrating to the land of Joseph.

It was also Resolved that we will uphold and sustain Elder W. Brammal in his labours in Oxfordshire. I addressed them at some length in the Afternoon, upon necessity of Elders and Members fulfilling their duties and 1/2 past 4 Tea was upon the table, and about 70 sat down and took a very comfortable repast. In the evening I addressed a very attentive congregation on the Question "What must I do to be Saved?" The people listened very eagerly, after which I took supper with Mr. Leas, he had not as yet come into the church but was willing to assist to the utmost. He provided a good dinner and supper to quite a many, who came from Eydon and Culworth.

The saints were highly delighted, each bosom was filled with joy. this was the second Conference we had held in Oxfordshire, a great deal of preaching had been done during the summer by the Elders and a many were interested in the various neighbourhoods. The expenses of the saints for the last Quarter (connected with this Conference) was 10 pounds—they were paying in Banbury the sum of 17 shillings per month. I advised at once that the room should be given up at once unless the rent was reduced.

Monday September 10th 1849

We visited the Landlord relative to reducing the rent of the room aip after a little hesitation he concluded to reduce the rent 5 schillings per month, and allow the saints the use of the room one night in the week.

Tuesday September 11th 1849

I started in company with Elder J Goodman to Kineton. my health was not very good—we arrived at Elder Burrows for Tea, in the evening we assembled together and had a very comfortable meeting, the Minister together with a few others began to shew their mallicious disposition by raising all manner of reports against them, and had even succeeded so far as to

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make the creditors of Thos. Burrows believe that he was going to run away and leave them in debt, and in an unexpected moment they had rushed upon him and because he was not prepared to pay them, they sold all that he had, but however this in the end proved to be advantageous to him, as it saved him a great deal of expense that would have occurred in harvesting the crops.

Wednesday September 12th 1849

we staid with the saints and again held a meeting, they were very much interested, and enjoyed themselves very well.

Thursday September 13th 1849

we came to Ashorne found the saints busy preparing for their journey to the Continent of America—we preached to a crowded congregation in the evening, and staid with them for the night.

Friday September 14th 1849

we went to Leamington, heard of the Cholera raging dreadfully in Coventry. that a great many were dying of it. In the Afternoon we met with Elder Brammall.

Saturday September 15th 1849

I went in company with Elder Goodman to Coventry, we found most of the saints well, but the Citizens were much alarmed, at every corner of the streets bills were posted relative to the Cholera, Dispensarys opened in every direction and during the week according to the Newspaper report 56 had been buried, but it was very likely that half had not been recorded. A many of the saints had been attacked but most of them were healed by the laying on of Hands, and anointing with Oil. none of them had died.

Sunday September 16th 1849

We assembled together in Conferance, we held a Council composed of Officers at 1/2 past nine before whom I laid the importance and necessity of being united together, and of having an understanding of the things I deemed necessary to lay before the Conferance. They were as follows: That we have a General Conferance record, in which every members name shall be inserted, together with when Born and where, when and where baptized, when ordained and also the names of Children blessed throughout the Conferance—that this Book be obtained by each member paying 1 penny. Also that Elder William Brammall emigrate to the land of Zion, and that each member hold themselves responsible for the payment of sixpense each. Also that the various branches exercise all lawful means toward liquadating the debts owing in their respective branches. The Meeting was called to order by nominating me to the Chair. Elder R. Tilt and Barker was chosen Clerks for the day. The President then called for the representation of the various branches, and also for the amount of means collected in each branch for the rolling forth of the work and also the expenditure, and if any of the various branches were in debt to state it, that they might know the expense the Conferance was under which was given as follows:

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After which it was moved, seconded and Carried Unanimously that we will carry out the views of the president relative to a Conference record. Also Moved and Carried that we hold ourselves responsible for the sum of 1 penny each for the purchasing of a Conference record Also That we will subscribe the sum of 6 pence each towards assisting Elder W. Bramall to the Continent of America. Also That Welford be organized into a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Also—That the saints around Coleshill be Organized into a branch of the Church to be called the Coleshill branch. Also That Elder William Jeff labour in the vicinity of Coleshill and Nuneaton. Also That Elder William Bramall labour in Oxfordshire, that Elder John Goodman labour in the vicinity of Welford and Alcester. Also that Elder Court preside over the branch of the Church at Welford, Elder Horsley at Alcester, also Elder Kennedy at Coleshill, It was also moved and Unanimously carried that Elder John Toone act as Clerk for the Conference. In the Afternoon the president addressed the Conference, followed by Elder Day. There was a many saints from a distance at the Meeting and everything went off in a very agreeable manner. In the Evening I preached to a full and crowded House. Elder Brammal followed by bearing testimony to the truth of the remarks that I had made. The remarks were from the Parable of the Ten Virgins, we made a Collection amongst the saints and raised 1 pound. This day there was about 1 dozen cases of Cholera that was fatal, we had a time of rejoicing, the blessing of Almighty God was with us, each one returned home full of joy and good feelings. I went to Foleshill and staid for the night with Elder Jeff s.

Monday September 17th 1849

I came to Coventry enquired after a room in Gasford Street, but did not finally settle upon it. I returned to Leamington by the four o Clock train in company with Elder Jeffs. I met Elder John Toone in Lansdowne Street who informed me that there had been a severe case of Cholera, which was as follows. After I left Elder Chivnals on Saturday a female with her daughter arrived from Coventry, and instead of staying to sleep in my bed, they felt impressed to go and get them Lodgings at an Hotel which was close at hand, and in the night she was taken very sick with pain in the bowels, and at two o Clock on Monday morning she was a corpse, and was buried at eight, her daughter departed. for Coventry at 12 O Clock, Her son arrived in the Afternoon, was much distressed, six out of the same family had fallen victims to this fatal disease. In the Evening We attended Council meeting, After setting the appointment and adjusting other minor matters, It was Moved and Unanimously passed that we use our utmost endeavors to have Gas put into the room during that week and Also that we lay it before the Saints the next evening, the means necessary for the purchase was 3.18 pounds.

Tuesday September 18th 1849

Elders Goodman and Jeffs left Leamington for Banbury. I attended Meeting in the Evening I laid before them the necessity of having the room lighted up with Gas and in a few minutes the sum of 1.5 pounds was raised and as much more promised.

Thursday September 20th 1849

I attended fellowship Meeting in the evening, sister Brown came desiring me to visit sister J. L. Robinson who was very sick. After meeting in company with Elder Toone went to see her. she appeared very sick, had taken a severe cold, fever was raging violently. I gave her some oil and annointed her in the name of the Lord, laid our hands upon her, prayers for her and departed.

Friday September 21st 1849

I called to see how she was, and I found that she had gone to work much better—truly the saints of God have much to be thankful for, for at this perilous time when the hearts of the people are sinking within them, and the Medical fraternity are even alarmed and are afraid every disease is the symptoms of Cholera. they can call for the Elders of the Church and by the Ordinances of the House of God, can be healed.

Sunday September 23rd 1849

Whilst I was speaking in the forenoon, I hurt my Lungs very much, which caused me a little pain. In the afternoon it was much better, I laid hands on and blessed the infant child of Elder

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Wm Chivnal, and called his name Alma. In the evening I preached to an attentive congregation, Our room was well lighted, the Gas made a wonderful improvement, after meeting one came forward for baptism.

Monday September 24th 1849

Elder Bramall arrived from Fillongly, in the Evening I went down to the Waters of Baptizm and initiated three into the Kingdom, amongst the number was Mr. Cooper.

Tuesday September 25th 1849

I was somewhat unwell, I went to Kenilworth took a Tour amongst the ruins of the Old Castle, one that had been honoured with a many visit from the members of the Royal family, It once had been a Noble and splended edifice, but was now in a very ruinous state, a many people were present, It was the day for holding the Mass on Statutes, which was the dAy when the Servants met together to be hired and it was rather a ludicrous sight, to see the persons that wanted Situations, (both male and female) standing about in groups waiting to be engaged for another year. The females were neatly clad. The calling or occupation of the men was known by the different badges that was worn in their Hats, The Sheppards had a piece of Wool, the Waggoneers a piece of Whipcord. I called to see a Mr. Flint, brother in law to Elder Burrows of Kinton. He together with his wife seemed quite interested. In the Evening we attended fellowship Meeting, a good company were present.

Wednesday September 26th 1849

we met together in the Evening, and brother Bird addressed the meeting for the first time, he got along very well. My health was very much impaired. I was very sore around my stomach. This day was observed by the inhabitants of the Town as a day of Fasting and prayer, on account of the Cholera which was raging so violently, for there were a many cases in different parts of the Town, three fatal cases had ocured in the Street that I resided in within the last few days.

Thursday September 27th 1849

I was very sick. I received a letter from my family dated August 4th from Little Pidgeon, eight miles from Kanessville, she was well and also the Children. The following is the substance of the letter:

My Dear Alfred, August 4th 1849

I take up my pen at this time to let you know where I am and how I am getting along. I am at Little Pidgeon, eight miles from Kanessville. I arrived at Kaneeville on the 4th of July—met with Elder G. A. Smith, and took dinner with him and his family. they are gone to the Valley. Ann Box is gone with them. We had a good deal of trouble before we left Burlington. We did not have much comfort after we met with Elliott. he wanted brother Leonard to leave me at the Last Camp with the Children, but the rest of the company were not willing. We had a many of our Cattle stole by three men on Horseback, but we got most of them again—we have a many mud holes to pass through—we broke three Waggon tongues and had one Waggon upset but no one hurt—brothers Leonard, Harrison and Robinson are gone to the Valley of the Great Salt Lake. When they left me alone in Kanessville I felt very bad, they met with brother Bateman and told him where I was, and the next day he came to me and told me that if I choose to go with him he would find me a house and the Boys could see that I had wood for the winter. So now I am living next door to him. I will tell you how I am fixed. my House is a Log one and I have holes all around for the windows and a quilt for the door. and Earth for the floor, my furniture consists of one Chair, one bedstead and my Cook stove which I am thankful for, as there is no fireplace in the House. I have to sell my clothes for what I have to Eat. There is plenty of Wolves around here. they almost killed a Calf the other night, and snakes they find very often in their Houses. this morning they killed one in Bro. Batemans. I obtained my Box safe and was pleased with its contents. I have not heard from you for a long time, I am well, and the Children. Emma often says, Mother when will Father come home. she is a big Girl and Rachel Ann also. Edwin is very delicate he is anxious for you to return—my babe is the best and the strongest one I have had—the people have said that I must send to you for a pair of Combs to keep the Hair out of

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its eyes, it is so long. I would like you to write to me as soon as you get this and say When you think of coming home again. I am in good spirits, but I name these things that you may not forget me when you have plenty and are comfortable in England. Leonard did not leave me any money nor anything else, but I had a little money by me. I have 3 bushels of Wheat paid for, and my potatoes for the winter. I have Hay put up for the Cow, she has a Calf 2 weeks old—brother Bateman and family are all well and very kind to me, and says that he will fix my house before the cold weather comes on. Edwin and Rachel go to school. This is a very healthy place, there has not been one case of Cholera in this district but in St. Louis they are all pretty much dead of it. I must close. The children join with me in sending our love to you. We want to see you at home once more. I received your likeness but do not think it is at all like you. Elder Filcher sent me 6 dollars which I wish you to settle in England.

Yours as ever, E. Cordon

Friday September 28th 1849

I spent the day in assisting brother Clewley to arrange his furniture, as on that day he meant to sell his goods and chattels by public Auction. my health was not much better. He sold his household goods for the amount of 20 pounds. Elder J. H. Goodman arrived in the Evening, he was much weary having walked from Banbury.

Saturday September 29th 1849

It rained very heavy throughout the day. I started for Watford intending to hold an outdoor meeting the next day at West Haddon if the weather was favourable. Elder Goodman went to Alcester. I called at Coventry, took dinner with brother Tilt. Richard was taken sick the night previous of the Cholera, but by sending for the Elders of the Church he was healed. there was a great many cases, several had died through the past night. This dreadful destroyer of human life was not satisfied. In a many place the disease was abating in London the cases had decreased to the number of 70 on the 25th of September, according to the report of the Board of Health in England and Wales 831; in Scotland 57 but in all probability there was a great many more; in a many towns where the Nobility and Gentry resorted, the people kept it very still. I arrived at Watford at 1/2 past 3 o Clock, the saints were in good spirits.

Sunday September 30th 1849

It rained most of the day we went over to Haddon but we were not able to raise a Meeting. we returned to Watford and held meeting afternoon and Evening, a good many assembled in the House and seemed quite interested.

Monday October 1st 1849

I left Crick Station for Rugby at 1 o Clock, found the health of Elder Thos. Day much improved, and was informed that he had baptized six since Conferance, and that a many more were interested.

Tuesday October 2nd 1849

I wrote letters to my Parents, and also to my wife's Mother. went over to Hasboro Magna visited amongst the saints that had lately been baptized, preached in the Evening to a good congregation.

Wednesday October 3rd 1849

I returned to Coventry it rained very heavy, I visited Elders Broadhead and Horton. The Cholera was not prevailing to such an alarming extent, but the Fever was carrying off a great many people. I went to Leamington the same night.

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Thursday October 4th 1849

I went to Ashorne, gave the saints such instructions as I deemed necessary to enable to passover the Sea in peace, and to keep them from being imposed upon while on their journey, I advised them to be subject to the Council of the President of the company, whoever it might be, and also to the council placed at New Orleans.

Friday October 5th 1849

I went over to Kineton found the saints well, in the Evening we had a comfortable meeting. I rejoiced at seeing the spirit of peace and love that prevailed amongst them.

Saturday October 6th 1849

I returned to Leamington.

Sunday October 7th 1849

I preached at Leamington morning and Evening, we had good meetings, a many were quite interested.

Monday October 8th 1849

I received letters from Elder O Pratt stating that the saints that intended to emigrate must be in Liverpool on the 29th to sail on the 1st of Nov., and that he had chartered the ship Tetland. The same vessel that President Spencer sailed last year. I went to Coventry, attended Council meeting in the evening. The case of brother Yoman was presented before the council. he had been guilty of seducing a young female and attempted to carry out his diabolical schemes upon another young female, for which the council lifted up both voices and hands against him in cutting him off the Church.

Tuesday October 9th 1849

I visited brother Candy and in the Evening preached to a good congregation who were very attentive.

Wednesday October 10th 1849

I went over to Black Horse Lane, called at brother Rawlinsons and took Tea, preached the same Evening to a good assembly, staid with brother Shaws for the night.

Thursday October 11th 1849

I went over to Colton learned that Elder W. Jeffs was over at Colehill holding a Meeting. I immediately repaired thither although it was a distance of eleven miles. I called at Fillongly, found Sister Taylor and the saints in good spirits. I also called at Mr. McGregors he very kindly accompanied me to the meeting. I found Elder Jeffs and a few of the saints engaged in holding a meeting. I made a few remarks, gave out an appointment for preaching the next night and returned to sister McGregors for the night.

Friday October 12th 1849

I visited amongst the saints, returned to Fillongly and staid for the night. I visited amongst the branches setting things in order and in assisting the saints in making preparations for a Voyage across the mighty deep,

Monday October 22nd 1849

I started for Liverpool. I arrived there about 2 o Clock, and repaired to the Starr Office. Elder O. Pratt was in London, but was expected home every day. I also learned that there was to be a Discussion that night at the Music Hall, or rather that the Reverend Mr. J. Bowers was to deliver a lecture an hour long against the saints and then a quarter of an hour would be allowed to reply. He commenced his carrier by calumniating the Character of Joseph and Hyrum together with the Twelve and others, and brought forth a many weak and fooling statements against the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants and to me it was really interesting to see the folly of Men and Devils combined; displayed in such a wonderful manner. Elder J D Watt arose to reply,

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but the prejudice of the people was so great that he could not get a candid hearing. I returned home well satisfied that they could do nothing against the truth but that everything would work together for the good of the Kingdom—several of my brothers and relatives were present, and they seemed well satisfied that Bowes was a mean contemptible blackguard. I found my Father, Mother and family very well.

Tuesday October 23th 1849

I sent to the office and was informed that while at the Discussion the previous night, the Lord had condescended to give a Vision to a man; who up to that time had been notorious for advocating the principles of Infidelity. He saw while Bowes was speaking two hideous looking personages standing one on each side of him (Bowes) holding a black Pail over his head; and when Elder G. DeMott arose he saw two pleasant and agreeable looking personages clothed in white raiment and one of them bore testimony to him that that was the advocate of truth, accordingly he presented himself for Baptism. I wrote letters to the saints informing them that they had better start their Luggage by the Luggage Train on Friday or Saturday and they must come down on Monday. the remainder of the week I spent in visiting my friends and relatives.

Sunday Morning October 28th 1849

I was appointed to preach at the Hall and while there I received four letters from the saints stating that they would be in Liverpool on Monday. while we were carrying out our meeting, seven presented themselves for Confirmation. was called upon to assist Elder O. Pratt in the Confirmation and the first one we administered unto was the person that had been so highly favoured of the Lord mentioned in the foregoing circumstances, when as soon as we laid our Hands upon his head he was filled with the Holy Ghost, and spoke with Tongues and prophesied. I spent the remainder of the day in Birkenhead preached to an attentive congregation, returned to my fathers for the night.

Monday October 29th 1849

In the Afternoon I met with brother and sister Clewley at the Railway Station. they were well and in good spirits. I conducted them to Mr. Powels Temperance House, No. 65 Great Cross Hall St., where I had made arrangements for the company to remain until the ship was ready. at half past nine in the Evening the whole of the company arrived consisting of 27 persons. I conducted them through the streets and the appearance of so many carrying baskets, Boxes and bundles created quite an excitement and many runners or Land sharks, as I would call them, were at the Station ready to seize an opportunity that presented itself to decoy them and lead them away. some said, come go with me, I'll take you to a good place, others said, mind that fellow (alluding to me) he'll take you in, he's a regular sharper, we know him well, says another. He is here regular cheating the people, even the Police Officers that were at the station acted as bad as any of the rest, but however the company were soon seated by a good fire enjoying themselves over a good cup of Tea. I then returned to my Fathers for the night.

Tuesday October 30th 1849

I waited upon the company at 1/2 past nine, conducted them through the Town, and to the office, that they might settle up there passage money and obtain their Ticket that they might go before the Medical inspector claim their berths and get their Luggage on board the Ship.

Wednesday October 31st 1849

We went to the Doctor to be examined. I was a little amused at the feelings that manifested themselves in the bosoms of some of the Saints—always in trouble for fear of something or other they would be called to pass through, for instance; when they had to go before the Medical Inspector they were afraid that something or other that was very awful would be done to them. Oh Dear says one, I'll not go to be examined by the Doctor, another would exclaim, Oh Dear, What will he do to us? But however we went and in a few minutes it was all over. Their was not objections raised to any of them. We then went to the Ship, and most of the company was well satisfied at the first sight; however some began the old song of, Oh Dear, I could not live down there a minute, But however they soon found out that it was not so dreadful as they had

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imagined. The next thing that troubled them was the sea sickness and although it was a many days in the distance, they almost felt as bad as though they were in the midst of it. we went and made arrangements for the removing of the Luggage next morning.

Thursday November 1st 1849

Elder Brammall, Dunn, Stenhouse, Holiday and other Elders arrived with saints from the various conferences, untill there was about 300. we got all things regulated with respect to berths.

Friday November 2nd 1849

I went and baptized Mr. J. Maycock. the whole of his family was baptized into the Church and he came to me and told me that he wanted to join the Church for really everyone enjoyed themselves but him. we went to the Music Hall and attended to the Ordinance of Confirmation.

Saturday November 3rd 1849

I went for the last time to the Ship. my health was very much affected on account of having taken a severe cold, but I came to bid them a long farewell, my heart then told a secret, which was that I really loved my brethren and sisters. it is truly hard to part with the saints of God. I sent by them a small Box containing some articles of clothing for my wife and children, also a small Box containing a Grey Bahea for Sister Filcher, to be left in the care of N. H. Felt, St. Louis.

Sunday November 4th 1849

I left Liverpool for the Potteries. my brother Sampson, and Thos. Bolton accompanied me to the station. Thos. Bolton formerly was one of my associates. I had only seen him once within the last 12 years. he seemed somewhat interested in my remarks and was determined to investigate into the principles and doctrines of Christ. he had spent 8 years in the British army in Canada and one year on the coast of Africa. I gave him a Voice of Warning and a set of Tracts and bid them adieu.— I arrived in the Potteries at 2 o:Clock found my wife's mother and sister well, in the Evening attended meeting at the Temperance Hall, there was but few present, my presence made a little feeling as it was quite unexpected. in accordance with their desires I arose and addressed them at some length. I felt very unwell, a pain in my head affected me much.

Monday November 5th 1849

I sat down and wrote a lengthy letter to my wife and children, informing them of the circumstances under which I was placed, and that I had sent her out a many useful things in the care of Mr. Clewley. I attended fellowship meeting in the Evening, the saints desired me to address, therefore I made a few remarks upon the rise and progress of the Kingdom of God.

Tuesday and Wednesday November 6th & 7th 1849

I was very unwell, having a severe pain in my head.

Thursday November 8th 1849

I went to Audlem a distance of 18 miles. Elder H. Billington met me with a Gig about half of the way. he was well, I had not see him for seven years. repaired to his House, some few of the saints were waiting for my reception. we spent the day in a very comfortable manner. This was a branch that I had raised up about nine years ago. sister Billington was very sick expecting to be confined every hour.

Friday November 9th 1849

I preached to them, the house was crowded, great attention was paid. I related to them a many of the circumstances connected with my travel in America and the persecutions which I in common with the saints had been called to pass through, and advised them to gather up their means and go to the mountains as soon as possible.

Saturday November 10th 1849

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I left them at seven in the morning, walked to Madeley a distance of nine miles, then took the Railway to Birmingham, arrived there at 1 o Clock, took dinner with sister Fannam, left for Leamington at four, and arrived there at six, quite weary having rode 80 miles and walked nine. I found the saints mostly well, Elder Huband was waiting for me, he was about commencing to travelling this Conference. I counselled him to proceed to Coventry for the next day. I remained at Leamington for the Sunday. we had a good congregation, who were very attentive.

Monday November 12th 1849

I started early for Birmingham, they were to hold a Tea meeting for the benefit of a Sunday School that had been formed in that place consisting of more than 300 Scholars. at 4 o Clock we repaired to the Chapel, about 200 sat down and we enjoyed ourselves very much, we had good speaking and Singing, and together with the Tea everything went off very pleasant.

Tuesday November 13th 1849

I returned to Coventry for the Evening and preached to a good congregation and remained with them for the night.

Wednesday November 14th 1849

I returned to Leamington.

Thursday November 15th 1849

went over to Ashorne, the minds of the saints was somewhat agitated on account of reports that were in circulation about the saints that had gone from that place, that they were all in a starving condition. that brother Rouse had died of Cholera and that I had run away with the money and gone off to America. I called them together and related to them a few particulars relative to the situation in which I left their friends and neighbours, which gave them much satisfaction.

Friday November 16th 1849

I returned to Leamington and remained with them until Monday morning.

Sunday November 18th 1849

we had a good day a many came out to hear and paid great attention.

Monday November 19th 1849

I went to Birmingham, met with Elder Clinton and proceeded with him to Wolverhampton to attend a Tea Meeting, about 150 sat down to tea. we had a rich repast, this branch had increased to 125 members, 100 of them had been added within the last 7 months under the Hands of Elder Bell, a fine intelligent and talented young man. we spent the evening in speaking, singing, etc. A spirit of peace and sociability rested upon us all hearts were filled with joy, animation find every bosom. a number gave in their names for baptism. we broke up our meeting at 1/2 past 10 and retired to rest.

Tuesday November 20th 1849

I returned to Leamington. Elder Clinton was to have returned with me, but circumstances called him another way, in the evening I went to the room. many were present expecting to hear Elder Clinton. I told them that I was sorry that any should be disapointed, but I would try and interest them, as I very well knew the same God, and the same priesthood was within each of us. I made some remarks upon the Baptism of the dead, and the necessity of immigrating to the land of Zion, all was delighted and well satisfied. Mr. & Mrs. Overton who had attended meetings regularly for some time told me that they were satisfied, for it was a principle that they had often talked about and wished they could understand it. they concluded upon being baptized.

Wednesday November 21st 1849

I went to Foleshill and preached in the Evening to an attentive congregation. in this place there had been much preaching, but the people had opposed very much. but this Evening they were very attentive, and seemed quite interested. I called at Sister Burtons she was left a widow with

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five small Children and she again pregnant. brother Burton had been only unwell a few days, went to bed about dinner time with the youngest Child and when he was galled down to dinner there was no answer given, she went upstairs and Lo he was Dead. his spirit had departed. The doctors made a post mortem examination, and found a small substance that had grown upon his heart. He was Born John Burton at Dunchurch, Warwickshire, May 1810, Baptized at Coventry Ordained October 14th 1849 to the Office of Priest, Died October 26th, 1849, Coventry.

Thursday November 22nd 1849

I went and visited an Aunt of sister Summers who was heavily afflicted, a stoppage had taken place in her bowels and she had lain for 15 days without a movement. I administered to her in the name of the Lord, she was not in the Church, I gave her such advice as I deemed wisdom under the circumstances, she hoped that I would allow sister Summers to anoint her with oil for she said it does me a great deal of good. I went to Black Horse Lane and preached in the evening to a good congregation, one female who had persecuted the saints a great deal came forward and testified that what I had said was true. I remained with brother Shaw for the night.

Friday November 23rd 1849

I visited amongst the saints, blessed three of brother Shaw's Children and one of brother Bartons, returned to Coventry and in the evening met with Elder Bramall. he had postponed the time of his immigration to Feb. 1st. as he could not make things comfortable to sail in journey with Elder Clinton.

Saturday November 24th 1849

I wrote a long letter to Mr. Thos. J. Filcher of Burlington,. Iowa, U.S., called at Mr. Marrs and obtained a record Book for the Conferance. Elder Brammell started for Leamington he was appointed to preach there the next day and on Monday morning he was to be united in the Banns of Matrimony, by an hireling Priest of the Established Church to Sister Ann Drayson of Leamington, and I was invited to take an active part in the operation. I wrote a letter to J. R. Goodman requesting him to be in Leamington on Monday morning at 1/2 past eight.

Sunday November 25th 1849

I attended meeting in the morning there was but a few present. we had a testifying meeting. In the Afternoon we attended to the breaking of bread, and in the evening we had a crowded place. I preached the Funeral discourse of John Burton and after the discourse I confirmed a widow Lady that had been baptized betwixt the two last Meetings.

Monday November 26th 1849

I went to Leamington by the 8 o Clock Train. I went to the House of sister Drayson. Elder Bramall and Goodman were present, and all were ready to proceed to the Synagog. I took a little breakfast and we proceeded to the alter of Matrimony. The minister went through the usual ceremony and in a little while the twain were made one flesh.

(Notation at bottom of last page:

Harriet Pridmore (mother of Emily Pridmore) buried in Willard Utah Cemetery. inscription on stone, 1802—1874.)

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ALFRED CORDON

Journal #6

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March 7, 1850

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Tuesday November 27th 1849

We spent the day in visiting the saints, attended meeting in the Evening and Confirmed two that had been baptized, the spirit of the Lord rested upon us which enabled us to rejoice.

Wednesday November 28th 1849

We separated, Elder Goodman went to Barton, Elder Bramall to Loxley, and I to Ashorne, and from there to Kineton. preached to a good congregation in the Evening, found the saints in good spirit, I gave out an appointment for the next evening, I visited the house of brother Willis and brother Evans. brother Evans family had been very much opposed to the principles but this Afternoon I had a long interview with which broke down there prejudiced feelings to a considerable extent, in the evening we held an open council meeting during which we ordained brother Evans to the Office of Elder, brother Green to the Office of Priest, and brother Willis to the Office of Teacher, I gave them such information as I deemed necessary.

Friday November 30th 1849

I went to Leamington met with Elder Bramall he had held a meeting at Loxley and one at Ashorne. I baptized a female this evening.

Saturday December 1st 1849

I went to Coventry obtained one of the Starrs in which was a deal of news from the valley, giving an account of the organizing of a State Government in the Salt Lake Valley called the State of Dezeret. That they had celebrated the day in which the 12 and pioneers together with the first Presidency, had entered the Valley which day was the 24th of July. They met together early in the forepart of the day, they erected a Liberty pole 104 feet high with a flag waving at its summit 65 feet long, after much speaking, the company moved to the Dinner Table which was a mile and a half long and a company of 7,000 sat down to a rich repast. This news to me was very cheering. I had often looked forward to the time when the Kingdom of God would be in circumstances that they the saints might Declare their Independence and be free from the grasp of Tyranny and oppression. five years ago I was on a mission in the state of Vermont, the Prophet of the iivitig God together with his brother Hyrum the Patriarch was murdered in eold blood by a gang of lawless rebels. the saints were in tears, every countenance was filled with sorrow. Zions noblest sons were weeping and her daughters bathed in tears. The twelve were scattered abroad throughout the land—two years afterward we were driven from our homes and had to take shelter in the wilderness, and after eighteen months severe toil and hardship that were calculated to weigh down and depress the stoutest hearts—after traveling 1,350 miles through an unsettled and wild country, sometimes rushing through deep ravines, fording streams,

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making bridges over others, on others building Boats, at other times ascending high Bluffs, scaling high and ragged mountains, wandering over barren desert and the mighty plains, they now had Organized themselves in a state government, Declared themselves free from the tyrants grasp. I then proceeded to Rugby, found the saints generally well, I staid with Elder Day for the night.

Sunday December 2nd 1849

We met together in the forenoon at 10 o Clock this day was to be observed as a fast—day amongst the saints, we continued out meeting untill 4 o Clock, we attended to the breaking of bread in the Afternoon, In the Evening we had a good meeting. I spoke at some length upon subject of the resurrection of the dead.

Monday December 3rd 1849

I went over to Dunchurch a distance of three miles took dinner and Tea with sister Burdett, wrote to Elder Robbins requesting him to pay me a visit this Christmas and attend at our Conferance which was to be held at Leamington on the 25th and a Tea meeting was to be held also. I returned to Rugby and attended Council meeting. nothing particular occurred there with the exception of arranging appointments, and changing the Book Agency, as brother Holyocke was about immigrating to America.

Tuesday December 4th 1849

I went over to Hasboro Magna in company with Elder Day. the saints were very much distressed in consequence of the spirit of oppresion that reigned so strong in the minds of the Farmers, with the Ministers at their head. we collected a number of the saints together in the evening, and conversed upon a variety of principles, we returned to Newbold for supper at brother Randalls, from thence to Rugby. I conversed considerably with Elder Day concerning his temporal arrangment, and councelled him at once to make arrangments for Emigrating to the Land of Zion.

Wednesday December 5th 1849

I went to Watford, found the saints well and enjoying themselves, the work appeared to be at a stand there had been much preaching, but the people were so bound by the rich that they were afraid to follow the dictates of their own conscience lest they should lose their employment, I preached in the evening to a crowded House who were very attentive.

Thursday December 6th 1849

I visited amongst the saints, administered to Sister Jacobs who was very lame.

Friday December 7th 1849

I went to Eydon, a distance of 15 miles. I called at Captain Staf fords to see sister Jane Martin, took her the Millennial Starr and also a Book of Doctrine and Covanants, found her well in health but not comfortable in her mind, she had not been in the church a long time, and the last five weeks had not seen any of the saints. I staid and took dinner with them, her fellow servants were very comfortable. I had a miserable and tedious journey, it rained the last 10 miles, and 3 of them I had to travel in the dark. I arrived at Eydon at 1/2 past 5 o Clock and preached to a few in the Evening, the saints began to be alarmed at me being so late. they had been several times to meet me.

Saturday December 8th 1849

I arose quite weary on account of being so wet the day before, I administered to sister Rollings and also to the Child of brother Isaac Jeffs, and started for Banbury a distance of 10 miles, I met Elder Jeffs about 2 miles from Banbury. he was well and in good spirits, he had baptized quite a number at a small Village named Hanley, we arrived in Banbury at 2 o Clock, the saints were pleased to see me. We took dinner at Brother Lees, Elder Britton and family was well.

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Sunday December 9th 1849

We went over to Hanley and preached in the morning to an attentive congregation, there was twenty—one members in this place, Elder Huband was here he had been labouring betwixt Banbury and Kinton for a few weeks and had endeavoured to open Hornton and Tysoe, but as yet the people did not seem disposed to open their houses and the weather was to cold and severe to preach in the open air, he went to Tysoe to see if he could effect an opening, one

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I went to Leamington met with Elder Bramall he had held a meeting at Loxley and one at Ashorne. I baptized a female this evening.

Saturday December 1st 1849

I went to Coventry obtained one of the Starrs in which was a deal of news from the valley, giving an account of the organizing of a State Government in the Salt Lake Valley called the State of Dezeret. That they had celebrated the day in which the 12 and pioneers together with the first Presidency, had entered the Valley which day was the 24th of July. They met together early in the forepart of the day, they erected a Liberty pole 104 feet high with a flag waving at its summit 65 feet long, after much speaking, the company moved to the Dinner Table which was a mile and a half long and a company of 7,000 sat down to a rich repast. This news to me was very cheering. I had often looked forward to the time when the Kingdom of God would be in circumstances that they the saints might Declare their Independence and be free from the grasp of Tyranny and oppression. five years ago I was on a mission in the state of Vermont, the Prophet of the living God together with his brother Hyrum the Patriarch was murdered in cold blood by a gang of lawless rebels. the saints were in tears. every countenance was filled with sorrow. Zions noblest sons were weeping and her daughters bathed in tears. The twelve were scattered abroad throughout the land—two years afterward we were driven from our homes and had to take shelter in the wilderness, and after eighteen months severe toil and hardship that were calculated to weigh down and depress the stoutest hearts—after traveling 1,350 miles through an unsettled and wild country, sometimes rushing through deep ravines, fording streams, making bridges over others, on others building Boats, at other times ascending high Bluffs, scaling high and ragged mountains, wandering over barren desert and the mighty plains, they now had Organized themselves in a state government, Declared themselves free from the tyrants

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grasp. I then proceeded to Rugby, found the saints generally well, I staid with Elder Day for the night.

of the brethren from Hanley accompanied him. We returned to Banbury, held a fellowship meeting in the Afternoon and in the evening preached to a good congregation, who paid great attention after which Elder Jeffs baptized two, one of them came from a small Village near to Banbury named Hanwell.

Monday December 10th 1849

I went with Elder Jeffs to Shutford and in the evening held a meeting, after which three went forward and was baptized. we slept at the house of a Gentleman who was not in the Church, who treated us very kindly, he had a son that had been Deaf and Dumb from his birth, he was quite interested with us, he made signs to us that one of the brethren had administered to him when he was sick and he informed us that it made him well; his parents explained the circumstances to us.

Tuesday December 11th 1849

we left for Hanley a distance of three miles and preached to a crowded meeting, I was invited to the House of Mr. Harris a shopkeeper in the town to supper. he was much interested in the principles and doctrines, and seemed determined to be baptized in a few days. Elder Jeffs went and baptized five. we gave out an appointment for Friday evening, we returned to Banbury for the night.

Wednesday December 12th 1849

We held meeting at Banbury, and made arrangements for the Tea Meeting, appointed a Committee to get up the affair. three of the brethren arose and stated that they had been guilty of visiting public Houses, hoped the saints would forgive them and they would not do the like again, the saints with Unanimous voice gave them the hand of fellowship.

Thursday December 13th 1849

Elder Jeffs went over to Milton, we had received a note concerning Elder J Page he was very sick and desired the Elders to visit him, to take him some consecrated oil, and administer the Ordinance of the Gospel to him, I received a letter from Elder Day that he had made every arrangements for sailing to Zion immediately I wrote to Elder Wm Parker of Coventry to see if he would loan 5 pound to assist Elder Day to Emigrate, and he returned me an answer that he would do so.

Friday December 14th 1849

I wrote two letters one to Elder Pratt, and another to Elder Flanigan——went over to Hanley, and again preached to a crowded congregation, Confirmed two and baptized two, after which we returned to Banbury for the night.

Saturday December 15th 1849

Elder Huband and Goodman arrived to attend the Conferance, the committee were very busy in making preparations in the room for the Tea Meeting and Conferances. I received a letter from Elder Robbins stating that he would arrive in Banbury on Monday to spend about two weeks with me.

Sunday December 16th 1849

I received the 24th No. of the Millenial Starr containing several farewell addresses from the Elders who were about to Emigrate to America. at 1/2 past 10 we assembled together in Conferance. Meeting was called to order by singing a hymn after which it was moved and Unanimously carried——that Elder William Jeffs preside over the meeting for the day. Also that Henry Whitnick act as Clerk carried Unanimously. The President then arose and made some pointed and appropriate remarks. he said, we are now assembled in Conferance to transact business for the benefit of the church and Kingdom of our God, and inasmuch as we act with an eye single to the Glory of God, our movements will be right——our decisions will be of God, our voices will be the voice of God, and blessings will come upon our Heads and good will be the

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result, and the work of our God will prosper under our hands. After which the representation of the branches was then called for which was given as follows:

<u>Name of Branches</u>	<u>Mem</u>	<u>Eld</u>	<u>Pr</u>	<u>Te</u>	<u>De</u>	<u>Bapt</u>	<u>Rem</u>	<u>Cut Off</u>	<u>Represented by</u>
Banbury	70	1	2	1	2	36		4	Elder R. Britton
Eydon	13	1	2						Isaac Jeffs
Shutford	17	1	1			6			Tho. Griffin
Barford SJ	15	1	1	1			1		Jno. Wain
Dorchester	45	3	4	3		1	2	1	Win. Jeffs
Aston Rowant	8		2	1					Win. Jeffs
Total	<u>168</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	

It was then moved and Unanimously carried that the members that reside at Hanley be Organized into a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ to be called the Hanley branch. It was also Moved and Unanimously carried that brother Edward Smith be Ordained to the office of a Priest.

Resolved Also that brother Richard Killpack be Ordained to the Office of Elder, Also that brother Henry Hunt and Frederick Reynolds be Ordained to the Office of Deacons. It was also moved and Unanimously carried that Isaac Jeffs be Ordained to the Office of Elder The above were then ordained under the hands of myself, Elder Bramall and Jeffs. There was also 10 Confirmed under the Hands of Elders Jeffs, Bramall, Goodman, and Jeff s. After a few remarks by the president, Meeting adjourned until 8 o Clock. Meeting assembled together at 8 o Clock, Opened by singing a Hymn, After which prayer was offered by Elder Bramall, another hymn was then sing. Elder Cordon then arose and made some remarks upon the necessity of the Branch Agents being particular in promptly paying over the Bills due to the general Conferance Agent, and requested the Agent to make a Cash concern of it, and not allow the members to get in debt to them. I then made some remarks upon the necessity of some funds being raised for the benefit and support of the Elders, and wanted some step taken at once, as Elder Jeff s was destitute of clothing, and suggested the idea of having three fasts, to be held the first Sunday of every month and the money to be donated for that purpose. The Elders present arose and made some remarks upon this subject and it was moved and Unanimously carried that we coincide with the above suggestions and will use our influence in carrying out the above plan. It was then moved and Unanimously carried that Elder Wm Jeffs preside over Oxfordshire Conferance. Elder Wm Jeffs then arose and selected Elder Huband and Elder Britton to stand by him as Councillors. It was also Resolved that Elder Huband labour under the directions of Elder Jeffs. Elder Bramall then arose and made some remarks, said he rejoiced to hear the testimony of his brethren and to see the saints enjoy themselves so well, and a s he was going to emigrate to the land of Zion he hoped that-the saints would remember him in their prayers. At five o Clock we commenced over Tea. The tables were well filled with rich Cake, etc. About 90 sat down and judging from the way they ate and drank I believe they enjoyed themselves very well. After which, Elder Huband, Bramall and Goodman with myself addressed the congregation. I spoke at some length on the doctrine of the resurrection. At the close of the Meeting an Atheist came to me and said Why sir, You have been teaching Atheism! I said I have been preaching truth and he might call it by what name it was called. he said, he liked some of the principles very much.

Monday December 17th 1849

In the Afternoon Elder Robbins arrived from Bedford by the Coach with Brother Lee, the day was cold. In the morning we met at the preaching room, Elder Robbins addressed the congregation upon the first principles of the Gospel, the were much edified by the remarks made, one was baptized.

Tuesday December 18th 1849

I sat down and wrote the minutes of the Conferance, Elder Jeffs went over to Hanley, Elder Huband went to Eydon and Culworth.

Wednesday December 19th 1849

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We started for Leamington Elder J. R. Goodman accompanied us about 7 miles. he went to Stratford on Avon. we arrived at Leamington at 1/2 past 10 o Clock the day was very cold, we found the saints well and rejoicing in the word and the prospects that lay before them.

Thursday December 20th 1849

We attended meeting in the evening. Elder Robbins addressed us at considerable length. he said he rejoiced in having the privilege of associating with the saints in this place, for this being the first place he had laboured in, in the British Isles. he felt more interested, he was more at home, he was pleased to see the change that had been wrought in that place, hoped the saints would listen to the voice of that council God had set in their midst, for in so doing they would be blest.

Friday December 21st 1849

Elder Robbins went to Coventry, in the evening Elder L. Richards and wife arrived in Leamington, they had come to spend Christmas with us, I gave up my bed to them for the night. The health of brother and sister Richards was not very good.

Sunday December 23rd 1849

We met together in the morning and preached in the Afternoon administered the Sacrament, and in the evening I preached to them and was followed by Elder L. Richards, we had a good congregation which seemed quite interested.

Monday December 24th, 1849

The Committee were very busy in decorating the room with branches of Holly and evergreens, and in making preparations for the Tea Meeting which was to be held the next day, we held a Council Meeting in the evening, Elders Robbins, Richards, Day, Bramall, Jeffs, Goodman and Huband were present and officers of the branch. There was not much business of importance attended to.

Tuesday December 25th 1849

being the day set apart for our Quarterly Conferance and Tea Meeting, the saints began to assemble together at an early hour, and at eleven o Clock we called our Meeting to order. I was chosen to preside for the day and Elders J. Toone and Freeman were chosen to act as Clerks. After the meeting was duly opened the following representation was then given:

<u>Name of BRANCHES</u>	Mem	Eld		Te	De Of f Recd	Bapt EmiG Rem PA
Leamington	96	10	7	1 3	2	2
Coventry	130	7	--	2	3	2 2
Rugby	74	3	5	1 2	1	1
Fillongley	54	2	1	3	1	3
Whitt leford	29	2	6	15	2	5
Alcester	35	7	1	2 2	1	
Loxley	39	17	1		1	
Ashorne	25	4	4		3	
Wat ford	31	2	4		2	
Kinton	27	8	4		1	
Coleshill	22	14	3		1	
Welford	20	5	5		4	
Stratford	26	6	2		2	
Oxfordshire	<u>168</u>	5	2		1	
	776	43	47	55	25	15

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relative to the Book Agency, and it was Moved and still act as Book Agent to the Conference. It was carried that, We the Saints connected with this first Sunday of every month as a day of fasting, Some remarks were then made Unanimously carried that I also moved and Unanimously Conference, do observe the humilliation and prayer, and that we donate what we save by fasting to assist in rolling forth the purposes of our God. we dismissed our Conference at an early hour in order to make preparations for the evening, we prepared Tables for 200 to sit down to Tea and at five o Clock we congregated together and 150 sat down and enjoyed themselves on a rich repast. we spent the evening in listening to speeches of Elder Robbins, Bramall, Day, Richards and myself. every thing went off in a very agreeable manner, peace and harmony prevailed on every hand. The hearts of the saints were filled with joy and the strangers that were present seemed quite interested.

Wednesday December 26th 1849

I went to Birmingham in company with Elder Robbins and Elder L. Richards and family. We took dinner with sister Fannon went to the Chapel and found that the Council was just over. There had been upwards of 1,000 represented in this Conference. In the evening we sat down to Tea there was five or six hundred sat down. The meeting was addressed by Elders Clinton, Flanigan, Ross, Cummings, Lyons, Whelock, Richards and myself. we enjoyed ourselves well, I staid for the night with Elder Cummings and Robbins.

Thursday December 27th 1849

I went to Coleshill in company with Elder Robbins and that night preached to a crowded House we staid at Mr. McGregors for the night, his son John was about to emigrate to America with Elder Clinton, Bramall, and company who were to sail on the 6th of January.

Friday December 28th 1849

Elder Robbins left for Derby, I for Leamington. I found the saints well and enjoying themselves they had baptized one since Conference.

Saturday December 29th 1849

I returned to Coleshill visited a sister named Cheshire the weather was very cold, there was considerable snow which had drifted a great deal, we returned in the evening quite weary having walked about nine miles.

Sunday December 30th 1849

I went to Fillongley to attend a Tea Meeting. Elder Jeff s and some of the saints from Coventry attended, sister Betsy McGregor was troubled very much with the powers of darkness, he seemed determined to prevent her from enjoying herself in the society of the saints. there was about 60 sat down to Tea, we were not very comfortable on account of the room being so small, and the operations of unclean spirits, a sister named Summer was attacked with a dumb spirit, I went up to her to lay my hands upon her and she made signs for some thing to write upon. I gave her my pocket Book and she wrote in it this sentence; I am not quite sensible, that it is not an influence, and I hope that you will not think so. I replied that I knew better. I thought it best not to commence any operations with her; as there were a many people around and she sat very still, after we dismissed the meeting I went a little way home with sister McGregor and the saints from Coleshill, when I returned I found Emma Summers still possessed of a dumb spirit, she still persisted in saying that it was not an evil influence, she tried to tell me a many things but I could not understand her motions, I laid my hands upon her head, and in a moment she broke out and said very vehemently "It is not an evil Spirit". I commanded her (to tell me the cause of this feeling) in the name of the Lord, and she told me that she felt very uncomfortable in her mind, since she conversed with a man that pretended to have power to rule planets. I left her and returned to Coventry, I went to brother Walkers for the night.

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Monday December 31st 1849

I arose and was much weary, I remained at Coventry during the day and in the evening I attended a council meeting, a charge was brought against brother Smith, he was accused of acting in a very dishonest manner, while the brethren were speaking upon the subject, brother Smith arose and told them that they knew that they were lying and ordered them to sit down. I told them that I was President of the Meeting, and was determined to have a fair and impartial investigation of the affair, and I desired brother Smith to be still, but he still persisted in confusing the council. he threatened to strike one of the brethren. I finally arose and told them that I was determined to oppose and lift up my hand in voice against every spirit that would take such a course, and finally ended the case by Cutting him off the Church. The case of John Johnson was also presented before the council for acting dishonestly, but in consequence of a promise from him to do better, the case was laid over. The appointments were then made for the next two weeks.

Tuesday January 1st 1850

I went up to Rugby they had taken a chapel and were to open it that day by holding in it a Tea Meeting. It was quite a commodious place with a baptismal font under the pulpit. It was built by Mr. C. Matthews who was connected with the Reverend R. Atkin. There was but few attended the weather was very cold. In the Evening we occupied the time with speaking Elder Day and myself addressed the Meeting. I went over to Dunchurch and spent the night with the family of Sister Burdett in a very agreeable manner. I wrote letters to Elder L. Robbins, and on Wednesday I returned to Rugby. I staid with brother Hunt for the night.

Thursday January 3rd 1850

I went over to Catthorpe with brother Pettifor, we staid at the home of Brother and sister Robinson, in the evening the saints met together, I gave them such instructions that I deemed necessary and returned for the night to Clifton and staid with Mr. Lyton, his wife was in the Church, he manifested a good feeling towards us, and did all in his power to make me comfortable, my health was not very good having taken a severe cold.

Friday January 4th 1850

I arose quite unwell, remained with them until the evening. I administered to sister Pettifor she was continually troubled with a bleeding at the nose which had brought her in a low and delicate [condition]. I returned to Rugby Elder Day was very busy arranging his goods in order to sell them on the following monday. this week a load of saints were in Liverpool and three had moved away from this branch, George and Elizabeth Ingram and William Holyoake and from Leamington Win. Bramel and wife Elizabeth Drayson and Sarah Wilkins, I intended to go to Liverpool to see them off but on account of an appointment given out for me on the next Sunday at this place.

Sunday January 6th 1850

We met together in the morning, the day was very cold, we held a council meeting, we suffered much on account of not having a good stove in the Chapel. I asked the brethren if they could not advance about 2 pounds for the purpose, three of them agreed to furnish 10 shillings each. I asked brother Moreton (who was the wealthiest Saint in the Conferance, but I believe assisted the least of anyone) to lend the branch 10 shillings, but he said he had got to look to himself. I told him that inasmuch as he was afraid of trusting the Church that small amount he would lose his money, that he would become poor, but that the liberal hearted saints would get rich, and bequeath to his posterity an honourable name. In the Afternoon we attended to the breaking of bread, the brethren arose and bore testimony to the truth of the work. I laid my hands upon and ordained brother King and bro Pettifor to the Office of Elders, It was also moved and Unanimously carried that Elder King preside over the branch of the Church at Rugby. In the Evening I preached to a few members who were very attentive, made some remarks upon the gathering of Israel and of the two great and mighty personages which are to arise, one from the tribe of Joseph and the other from the tribe of Judah, that Jesus was the Shiloh, or Messiah, and that Joseph Smith was the Shepherd to lead the dispensation to push the people together

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from the ends of the earth. In the evening I went over to Dunchurch accompanied by brother and sister Randall and the family of sister Burdett, we enjoyed ourselves well until a late hour.

Monday January 7th 1850

I walked over to Leamington a distance of 13 miles. I found the saints well, In the evening we attended council, much of the time was taken up in settling the financial business of the branch. Mr. Brown who had been cut off from the Church for the space of 18 months, came forward and desired a rehearing of the case, we referred to the minutes of the council, but they had been entered in such a strange manner that we could not learn much from them, We gave a discussion to the following effect "That we were ready at any time to receive him into the Church by going forth and being baptized for the remission of Sins." while we were engaged in council a note was sent by Mr. J. Toone for desiring me and Elder Toone to go with him to supper, we accordingly went, and left them by uniting together in prayer. they were favourable towards us, and were firm believers in our doctrines.

Tuesday January 8th 1850

I received a letter from Liverpool from O Pratt which had been sent from Coventry misrepresenting the Church affairs in that branch, and containing an account of many things which had not the least foundation about them. I took but little Notice of it, as the spirit and design of the letter was too apparant, for it was only concocted to injure my character and to destroy my influence, there was no signature to it. I sent it to Elder Broadhead for him to try to find out who the person or persons were. In the evening I preached to the saints (that assembled) at Coventry they were well and enjoying themselves, when I had got through with my remarks, a Lady that was present desired to have some conversation with me. She said that she had been brought up in the faith and practice of the Roman Catholic; but two years ago, seeing an announcement in one of the papers that High Mass was to be celebration or performed in London praying for the soul of Pope Pius out of Purgatory, she at first thought it was a hoax made up by some one, but upon referring to a Catholic periodical she discovered it to be a fact. What thought she; To the Pope in purgatory! he who had been the dispenser of all blessings to the people for so many years! If so then she might as well give up; and from that time she began to lose confidence in the system. she had visited the differant denominations, but could only receive there doctrines in part but she believed that she had now found out the truth, and though she was wealthy and surrounded with rich friends, who had opposed her coming that evening, yet she was determined to embrace it.

Wednesday January 9th 1850

I went over to Coleshill and in the evening held Meeting. Elder Goodman was present we made some remarks, the people in this neighborhood were much opposed to the cause of Christ. being mostly Armenian Methodists whose religion consisted in visiting the passions, instead of convincing the Judgment. we staid with Sister Summers for the night, her daughter Emma was much better was not at all troubled with evil Spirits, but seemed to enjoy herself well.

Thursday January 10th 1850

We went to Black Horse Lane, and visited amongst the saints in that branch, in the evening we preached to an attentive congregation, we staid with bro Shaw for the night.

Friday January 11th 1850

Elder Goodman went to Stockingford. I returned to Leamington, the weather was very severe, I found that Elder Toone had got some bills printed notifying the public that two Lectures would be delivered on the two following Sundays; by myself on the 13th The subject to be "On the Literal Gathering of the twelve Tribes of Israel, and on Sunday the 20th one by Elder J. Toone upon the first principles of the gospel and at the bottom of the Bill he made this remark The Public are respectfully entreated to attend. And forasmuch as the different denominations of professing Christians are crying out Delusion! Delusion!! or at least allowing other Ministers from a distance to do so. The Latter Day Saints take this opportunity of publicly inviting all men of whatever class or character to come to there Preaching Room and try their principles by the

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only true standard, The Bible. They lay themselves open for this discussion; and particularly invite those Gentlemen of the different denomination who are called Leaders of the Church or Ministers of the Gospel. They will, with all cheerfulness, allow anyone to prove thus wherein we err; and in case of conviction, they will gladly and publicly acknowledge it, and adopt any means to further the purposes which are revealed in the Word of God;--For verily and truly the Lord hath said that in the last days he would set up a Kingdom and it shall be done! Let God be true, though every man a liar. They publickly acknowledge the ordnance of Baptism for the remission of sins, and laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost and anointing with Oil in the name of the Lord for the restoring of the Sick.

Sunday January 13th 1850

We assembled together at 11 o Clock. I addressed the saints at some length upon the manifestations and operations of Spirit, and denounced the principles of Mesmerism and their operations, together with the Host of Planet rulers, Glass or chrystal peepers, and fortune tellers, and warned the saints against every influence and power, but that which flowed from the Holy Priesthood; that God had set the principles in the Church necessary for the government of the saints, and unless they placed implicit confidence in that Authority they would be drawn away by the working of Satan, and tossed about by every wind of doctrine that men and devils could invent. In the Afternoon we attended to the breaking of Bread, laid my hands (in company with Elder Toone) and blessed the Child of Elder Freeman, sister Freeman spoke in Tongues. Elder Toone gave part of the interpretation. In the evening the room was crowded, there was a number of Preachers present belonging to different parties I entered upon the subject and shewed that not only Judah that was dispersed amongst the nations; but also the outcast of Israel would be brought from the ends of the earth and that the see of Joseph the ten thousands of Ephraim and the thousands of Manasah would be the Agents used to bring about this gathering dispensation, that, although they were lost to the nations and no man could say where they were located, Yet the eye of Jehovah had watched there movement there wandering their Emigration from Island to Island from land to land, and bore my testimony to them. That the time had come, that Joseph the prophet of the nineteenth century was raised up by the Almighty God, and instructed to lay the foundation of a Church and Kingdom, that would bring about, 1) the restitution of all things spoken by all the prophets since the world began. after I had got through with my remarks, a Mr. Milliner arose and said that he fully agreed with the remark made by the Lecturer, but would like to ask a few Questions.. I found that he was more ready to teach than to be taught, he was followed by another person named King, who concluded his remark by requiring me to work a miracle and said if he could see a dead man brought to life he would believe, they seemed quite ashamed of themselves. I told them that if they would attend on Tuesday Evening I would give my views on the principle upon which miracles were wrought. we dismissed with good feelings.

Monday January 14th 1850

I visited sister Ross, spent the Afternoon very agreeably after Tea visited Mrs. Parriss, a lady was present from Cheltenham who appeared quite interested in our principles, gave me an invitation to Tea. the next day at eight o Clock I attended the Concert at the Music Hall. I had never visited this Hall before, it was an elegant building. the room was fitted up in the first style, The singing and Music was delightful. Madame Sontage from Italy was the most admired, her voice and accent was far beyond anything I had heard before. I never heard the human voice with so much interest, nor could I have believed that such harmonious strains would be brought from off the breast of a mortal. The Hall was well filled and all appeared more than satisfied.

Tuesday January 15th 1850

I visited at the house of Mr. Davies, we partook of a comfortable Tea, after which we repaired to the meeting room; it was well filled by 8 o Clock. I took the position that miracles were no proof that a man was or was not sent of God and shewed from the history given in the Bible that the emissaries of Satan had worked a many miracles performed Signs and wonders in abundance, that the Magicians of Egypt stood face to face and competed with Moses, that the Witch of Endor raised up Samuel the prophet; and that Paul declared that, though he was in possession of the Tongues of Angel, and had faith to remove mountains, it profited him nothing unless he was

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in possession of Charity, after I had got through with my remarks a Gentleman arose and wished to make a remark or two. he began to object to the principles because Joseph was so young, and ended in vilifying his character, and wished to have a Sign. We went home well satisfied.

Wednesday January 16th 1850

I went over to Ashorne found the saints mostly well in the evening I preached to an attentive company, I staid with brother Grenaway for the night at Newbold Pacey, administered to Mr. Nickles and daughter who were very sick.

Thursday January 17th 1850

Mr. Nickles and daughter were much better. I went over to Loxley, met with the saints in the evening preached to them, I made some remarks upon the organization and laws of the Church and Kingdom of our God, after meeting we held a Council Meeting and settled some difficulty that they were in owing to a misunderstanding taking place relative to a school which had been instituted in the neighborhood amongst by the saints.

Friday January 18th 1850

I left Loxley and came to Barford, called at the House of Mr. Mark Savage, sister E. Pickering lived with them as a servant, Mr. Savage was much interested, asked a many questions, and seemed determined to investigate the principles, I arrived in Leamington in the evening quite wet and much fatigued, having walked about 7 miles through the snow and rain, I was informed that on Thursday evening a person came and interrupted them at the Meeting. that Elder Freeman had replaced him, and that everything went off well.

Saturday January 19th 1850

I went to Coventry met with sister Smith and sister Burrows, both were in trouble, Sister Smith was in trouble on account of the death of her little child, a fine boy, who had departed this life after a few hours illness, Sister Burrows was under the necessity of leaving Kineton, and of going amongst her friends in order that she might live. I found the saints well in Coventry. I was very much fatigued, having taken a severe cold.

Sunday January 20th 1850

In the forepart of the day, I in company with Elder Broadhead visited brother H. Candy, we found him much afflicted with Reumatizam or Lumbago. In the Afternoon I attended meeting, read the letter which I had received from Liverpool, that had been sent from that place, and made some remarks upon it, and in the evening preached to a good congregation, when I had got through with my remarks, a Gentleman sent to me, wishing to have an interview with me, I accordingly went. He said that their was a young woman at his house in a fit, and had been for 1 and 1/2 hours, and she said no one could do her any good but myself. I called upon Elder Broadhead to accompany me, suspecting what the matter was; when we got to the House, we found three women propping her into a corner, in order to keep her still. I looked at her but did not know her, I told them to let her alone, and to leave her to me, we commanded her to be still in the name of the Lord. I asked the family what her name was and they told me it was Ann, I then called her by name and commanded her to speak, and to be made whole, and in a moment she stood upon her feet and said, Elder Cordon how do you do? I said where have you seen me, she said, I saw you at Fillongly Tea Meeting the Sunday after Christmas day. I asked her if she knew the one that was with me, and she answered, Yes, it is Elder Broadhead. I gave her some advice and departed, the family were lost in astonishment, they said it was a strange case. We did not explain matters to them, though we knew that it was the devil.

Monday January 21st 1850

I sent the deposit of Sister Burton and family to Lpool to sail on board the Josiah Bradlee, on the fifth of Febr, I went to Rugby took dinner with brother Hunt, then went to Dunchurch, and spent the day.

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Tuesday January 22nd 1850

I returned to Rugby, Elder Day had gone to Catthorpe, I wrote letter to my brother E. A. and also to my wifes sister.

Wednesday January 23rd 1850

I went to Watford by the first Train, found the saints all well. I visited Elder Thos. Jeffery the President of the branch, In the evening preached to a few that were assembled, I spent the night with Elder W. Jefferys.

Thursday January 24th 1850

Elder Thomas Days wife arrived by the 12 o Clock Train from London, she was well but in great trouble, on account of leaving her friends. I tried to console her, but she appeared to have no power over her feelings, she said she was determined to accompany her Husband, we came to Rugby by the 1 o Clock Train. I took Tea with sister Brightwell, spent the evening with Elder King. I obtained a pamphlet that had been printed against us by J. Bowes. It was mostly taken from other pamphlets, such for instance as Bennets Mormonism Exposed, Howes Mormonism Unveiled, and etc. the sole object was to destroy the Character of Joseph, the witnesses to the Book of Mormon, the Twelve Apostles, and others, containing such a volley of his misrepresentations and garbled extracts that I had not seen before.

Saturday January 26th 1850

I went to Newbold on Avon, spent the Afternoon with brother Randal, took supper with Brother Warwood, and retired to rest at brother Hunt, about one o Clock in the morning I was taken very sick with a violent purging and vomiting which lasted for about two Hours, I then fell asleep, I slept untill day-light, I felt much better but was still very sick. I was prevented from attending the Mornings meeting, and remained very sick during the day. I received letters forwarded to me from Leamington; one was written from Elder Toone, giving an account of the conduct of a number of preachers of differant denominations who had attempted to interupt him, but that he had got along very well and was still rejoicing in cause of truth, another letter was from my Dear Companion, this was the first news I had received for four months. it was commenced Nov. 4th but was not mailed untill Dec. 3. The contents were as follows.

My Dear Husband

Excuse me for not writing sooner, but I have been waiting for Elder Bateman who has been expecting to leave for England, but as he is so long in getting ready, I shall commence to let you know how we are getting along; We are all well except Emma she has the Ague every other day, I have engaged for Edwin Parker, and Rachel Ann to go to School this winter, I would like to know what you think of doing when you come home; whether you think of going to the Valley or not, and when you think of leaving England; and which way you think of coming; the time to me seems very long, Emma says you will never come home any more she wants to see you very much. I received a letter from George Baddaley last week, he and his family are all well; and all the saints in Burlington, he had received a letter from you and one from my brother he was at St. Josephs, and had purchased a farm there, he had lost his little boy and was likely to lose his Girl. I am not living where I was when I wrote to you last, I have moved into a part of brother Batemans house, it is small but it will be warm for the winter; Bro. Bateman will furnish me with wood ready cut for my stove, and Bro White will winter my Cow, he lives, the next house to me. It takes me all my time to look after my four little Children. my babe grows fast, and can almost walk. I am glad to hear that you enjoy yourself as well, that is what I cannot do, I wish I could it would make time pass away more cheerfully; Emma says, mother tell Father to bring me a big Doll! she gets everything she can to make a babe of. You must excuse all blunders in this letter for I am writing with my babe upon my knee. I have just received a letter from Elder Filcher and one from sister Brockliss of Burlington, they are well, they have received a letter from the Valley of the Salt Lake from Elder Robinson, he was well together with his family and had another addition made to his family. Filcher says he had received a letter from you, and you say that you do not think of leaving England untill January 1851. this news has made me feel very unhappy, I do not think you can make your self content from home so long; my babe cries out very often, O

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Dad! Dad!! but it seems she will have to cry a long time before she can see him. I have just seen a man from my brother who says that he is coming to see me as soon as he has got his crops in. Since I commenced this letter Bro Bateman has sold out his House and bought Cowuls mill about three miles from here, and he's going to move there; so I shall have to move somewhere but I do not know where at present. If I had a place of my own it would be more comfortable for me; It appears to be my lot never to be settled in this world. I would scold upon this subject if I knew how, you do not know my feelings when I think of you being from home so long, I have received your money from Elder Kelsy and was very glad of it, the last letter I received from you was dated July 10th. Give my love to my mother and sister, and to your Fathers family. I must come to a close the Children unite in sending there love to you they often say, Mother when will father come home, but that is a question that one cannot answer. I am your loving wife as ever,
Emma Cordon

P.S. I send you in this a lock of my babes Hair. E.C.

In the evening I preached to an attentive congregation, I was called upon to administer unto Sister Burdett and also unto her Granddaughter Emma.

Monday January 28th 1850

I went to Coventry I was very unwell, being very sore about my breast and shoulders. I attended council in the evening, found a letter from Elder O Pratt stating that it was impossible for Sister Burton to go with Josiah Bandlee. I wrote a letter in return inquiring whether Elder Parkers deposit could be transfered, untill the next ship as it was necessary for some one to accompany her, to take charge of her affects and family. Elder Parker also placed into my hands the sum of 21 pounds to assist Elder W. Broadhead and family to the land of Zion. Elder Broadhead gave him a note acknowledging the receipt of the same, with a Covenant and promise to repay the same the first opportunity.

Tuesday January 29th 1850

My health was quite indifferant, but I went over to Black Horse Lane, as I had promised to attend on that day it being the Wedding day of David Broadhead and Harriett Betts. I arrived at 12 o Clock, found the Bride and Bridegroom well, and making every preparations for dinner. In the Afternoon the saints began to flock together as it was the calculation of the council to have a public Tea meeting, not only to celebrate this marriage, but because the parties were about to emigrate in a few days, about 50 sat down to Tea, and enjoyed ourselves very much, we spent the evening in singing, and speaking. we did not break up untill a late hour. I staid with brother Shaw for the night in company with Elder Goodman.

Wednesday January 30th 1850

We went to Coventry found an answer to my letter to Liverpool, stating that W Elder Parkers deposit was transfered for the next ship which would sail on the last of Febr. I went up to Leamington found all well, received a letter from Elder Robbins informing me that he was going to Liverpool to see a few saints off from his Conferance.

Thursday January 31st 1850

I went to the room in the evening and preached to an attentive congregation. Elder Richards attended meeting, he had brought his wife along with him, and had taken a room for her to remain at Leamington for a few weeks—the evening was very wet.

Friday and Saturday February 1st and 2nd 1850

I visited amongst the saints and arranged matters so that I could leave the Conferance for a little reason being determined to go to Lpool to see a Company of Saints before leaving this Country.

Sunday February 3rd 1850

we kept our fast day, we assembled together in the morning at nine o Clock and remained until 1/2 past 3 o Clock, we had a good meeting a spirit of peace and unity was in our midst. we

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attended to the breaking of bread, and every heart was made glad. Elder Richards left for Wales having been appointed to oversee the Welsh Conferences; In the evening I preached upon the subject of the resurrection of the dead. the people sat in breathless silence, every one seemed quite interested, I shewed them from the Scriptures that it would be a redemption and resurrection of the Material Body, that although it might not be composed of the same identical atoms, yet it would be of the same elements and fashioned after the same order as the mortal body. That the law by which it would be accomplished I do not profess to know much about, neither would it do us much good to know it for we were not under circumstances to use it, that it was a law that did not belong to us. it belonged to immortal beings they were the only ones that could understand the principle fully.

Monday February 4th 1850

I arose and made preparation for going to Liverpool. The Leamington Council gave me the sum of 12 pounds and Elder Parker of Coventry gave me 10 pounds to bear my expenses. I left Leamington at 12 o Clock met R. Tilt at Coventry, he brought me a quantity of Starrs that was to be returned to the Office at Lpool, I arrived in Lpool at 1/2 past 8 o Clock, my brother Sampson, together with Elder Day and Robbins met me at the station. they were well. I rejoiced at seeing them. I went with them to the Millennial Starr Office, Elders Kelsy, Dun and O Pratt were present, they were well and enjoying themselves, we laid our hands upon the head of Elder Thomas Day and blessed him with wisdom and ability to govern and preside over the saints that were about to cross the sea, I went to my Fathers House and on the way met with him and another of my brothers, I found my mother well and enjoying herself very much; Elder Pratt made a proposition to the Saints through the pages of the Starr, to the effect that if they would increase the circulation of the Starr from 5,000 to 20,000 he would reduce the price of them to 1@. The plan he suggested for the accomplishing of this object was, for all the present subscribers of the Starr to take 3 No. for 3 pence instead of 1 No for 2 pence 2 shillings, and the remainder to be made up by new subscribers. I wrote to the different Sub Agents upon the subject, and requested them to lay the matter before the branches, and to use every influence that lay in their power to accomplish this thing for it would be the means of doing a great deal of good.

Tuesday February 5th 1850

I went down to the Ship to see the saints, they appeared to be very comfortable. Brother and Sister Day, and Broadhead and sister Cone (or Cove), were in good spirits and enjoying themselves, they were making every preparation for leaving port that day at 4 o Clock but about 2 o Clock the Captain sent down a note giving orders to let the ship lie where she was, for the wind began to whistle and the appearance of the sky told the experienced tar, that a storm was brewing. The wind continued to increase untill it got to a perfect hurricane, the house that I slept in rocked as though it sat upon springs. I never felt the like before, Walls, Houses, chymneys, and Tiles were blown about in all directions, almost every Vessel that was near the coast stranded, and many went down and all hands perished, it was a lucky thing for the saints that this storm came just at this hour, for if they had put to sea, nothing but an Almighty hand could have saved them from Destruction.

Wednesday February 6th 1850

I went to the ship again, the saints were thankful for the circumstances in which they were placed, the wind was very strong, the surface of the river told in part work of desolation that had been carried on the last few hours. The river was covered with the wreck of Vessels, barrels of Flour, Rice, Rum and staples and a great deal of Merchandize. I saw a many barrels of Flour that had been picked up by boatmen, the flour was not much injured, the salt water had not penetrated far into it. I repaired to the office. Elder Pratt read a letter from Elder Woodruff giving an account of a second General Epistle of the twelve from the Salt Lake Valley that the crops were excellent and had yeilded an abundance that a perpetual fund had been instituted in the Valley for the redemption of the poor from the Bluffs and all the world and that the first donation amounted to 6,000 dollars, which had been put into the hands of Bishop Hunter to be laid out in purchasing Oxen and Waggon for the assistance of the poor; and also that a number of Elders were on their way to England, and from thence to differant parts of the world that the Gospel

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must soon be preached to all nations, that Elder J. Taylor, Erastus Snow, Lorenzo Snow and F. O. Richards were appointed to take charge of the different missions, that they might be expected in England any day. The remainder of the week I spent in visiting my friends and acquaintances. received letters from several of the Sub Agents relative to the bank account and from every quarter the prospects for reducing the price of the Starrs was very favourable. Elder Robbins left on Friday morning for Derby. my Father was very sick, he was very often troubled with sick headaches the infirmities of Old age began to creep upon him, my brothers Edwin and Sampson were out of employment, and no prospects of getting any, they talked of going to America. I encouraged the idea, I now began to have some little hopes of their salvation for if they would emigrate to America, they would very likely investigate the doctrine and come into the church.

Saturday February 9th 1850

I left Lpool for Staffordshire Potteries, I arrived at my mother-in-laws at 4 o Clock, found her very sick with a disease called Tic Doleraux which rested in the genes and Head, my wifes sister was well. they were very anxious to hear from my wife. I read to them the letter that I had received lately from her, they had received a letter from Henry who was at St. Joseph, he was with his wife's Father on a very good farm of 150 acres, with house, Barn, Stables, etc., with good peach and apple orchards. he was well together with his family. In the Evening I visited Elder Lockett. he had not much employment, he had met with a loss in his family. one of his Children had came to an untimely end, by setting his clothes on fire and being burnt so dreadfully that after lingering six weeks he died. I also called upon Elder Mason, he together with his family was well.

Sunday February 10th 1850

I wrote letters to the different branches giving them some advice relative to the book agency, etc. In the Afternoon I met with the saints in-Burslem, there were but few present, by request of the President I administered the Sacrament to them and in the Evening I preached to them. there was a good congregation who were very attentive.

Monday February 11th 1850

I wrote a lengthy letter to my wife's Brother, giving him every particular relative to our circumstances, and the prospect that lay before us. I received a message from Elder J O Ross giving me an invitation to meet him at Hanley at 12 o Clock but as the day was so wet and stormy I could not attend to it. I attended the fellowship meeting in the evening, some few strangers attended, I was called upon to address the saints, which call I endeavored to comply with, a spirit of freedom rested upon us which enabled us to enjoy ourselves very much.

Tuesday February 12th 1850

I bid my friends and the saints in this place Adieu, and repaired to Hanley, met with Elder Ross and the saints at the house of brother Wright. he was well and at once invited me to a Tea meeting which was to be held at Longton that day and informed me that a company of saints were coming from Macclesfield, and we were to meeting with them at Stoke Station, the day was stormy and snow storms frequent, we met with the saints at Stoke and proceeded to Longton, at five o Clock we sat down to Tea there was about 100 present. after Tea we spent the evening in Singing, Speaking and reciting various pieces of a Religious, Moral, and sentimental nature. we broke up at 10 Clock, and in company with Elder Ross went to Lane Delph and spent the night at the House of brother Kemp he was sorely afflicted and had been for the space of 9 years he had lost the use of his limbs and also the sight of his eyes we administered to him. he had been improving of late and believed that he should again be restored to health.

Wednesday February 13th 1850

I went to Birmingham, found sister Fannon and family well, I went to No. 1 Great Charles Street to Elder Flanigan he was well, in a few moments Elder E. Wheelock came in, giving us an invitation to spend the evening with Elder Price as it was the birthday of his wife, we accordingly went and in the evening was joined by a number of Elders with their wives, we spent the evening in a very agreeable and sociable manner, we did not break up untill a late hour.

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Thursday February 14th 1850

I felt very much impressed to go to Leamington, and started by the one o Clock train. I called at Coventry found the saints quite well and enjoying and learned that the Tea Party at Coleshill did not come off until Monday. but I determined to spend Sunday with them also, I arrived in Leamington in time to attend the evening meeting, several were strongly impressed with the idea that I should certainly be in town shortly and had prepared for my reception, shewing plainly that the same spirit can operate in more places than one, giving the same ideas manifestations and testimonies. There was but few attended I told them that I did not know what I had return to Leamington in such haste for. for it was really contrary to my expectations, and I had only concluded upon it a few hours before. I was informed that some things of an unpleasant nature had transpired, and Elder Toone wished a Council of Officers to meet the next evening to settle a few matters, and rejoiced that I had arrived at a time when my advice was needed.

Friday February 15th 1850

I wrote letters to different parts of the Conferance, and in the evening attended to the council. there was nothing so particularly awful the matter, but still their minds was very much hurt about many things that they supposed each other had done; after hearing their statements, I made some remarks on the different remarks, and we dismissed with better feelings.

Saturday February 16th 1850

I started for Coleshill, I called at Coventry and obtained the Millennial Starr it was full of interesting news. I called upon Elder Broadhead he had received a letter on the 13th that the ship had not then sailed, having been detained by head winds. I was taken with a pain and swellings in my leggs, the cause of it I cannot account for, I called at Sister Bickington obtained some consecrated oil and rubbed them well, they were swelled very much up the cords from the Ankle to the Knee. I staid at Sister Taylors for the night, I applied a strong fermentation of Cammomile and oil to my legs and retired to rest.

Sunday February 17th 1850

I arose but was much relieved. I went down to Maxstoke and met with Elder Goodman. I requested him to administer to me. I went to Coleshill in the Afternoon. I met with Elder Gardner and desired him to administer to me in the name of the Lord. The inflamation began to run very high, I remained with them and preached in the evening to an attentive and crowded house. I returned to Mr. McGregors for the night. sister Elizabeth was still troubled with the influence of the devil, but was not very violent.

Monday February 18th 1850

Sister McGregor became very violent, she swore most bitterly, and began to throw the things about the house. I commanded her in the name of the Lord to be still and she would in a moment obey but if I turned my eyes from her she would commence again. I left her and went to the Tea Meeting. I found Elder Jeffs had arrived. I called upon him to administer to me, my legs were still swelled much. Elder J R. Goodman joined with him and gave me a promise that they should begin to mend that the swelling should depart and that I should rejoice in health, we sat down to Tea at 1/2 past five, there was a company of about 50 who enjoyed themselves very well. after Tea we cleared away the tables, etc., and arranged for a meeting. I was chosen President by a Unanimous vote. I told them that the object of the Meeting was to enjoy ourselves in Singing, speaking or otherwise as the spirit of the Lord might dictate, Elder Jeffs, Goodman, and Gardner addressed the audience, the saints sang several pieces with good spirit, which caused quite an influence to rest upon us, we continued our meeting until 10 o Clock, Sister Elizabeth McGregor was present at the time and enjoyed herself well during the meeting but at the close he seemed to determined to raise quite an excitement, and it was with great difficulty that we got her home. There was another female a sister in the Church by the name of Harriet Matthews, who had often been possessed, she made an attempt to jump into the river, and thus we were perplexed with these two creatures. I called the saints together and told them that I was determined to put a stop to these proceedings, and made a motion that sister Matthews be cut off from the Church. it was seconded, and when it was put to the vote she held up her hand and said, That is just what I want.

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Tuesday Morning February 19th 1850

I arose still a subject of much affliction. Sister Elizabeth was not much better. at the request of her mother I gave her some consecrated Oil, I started by the train at 1 o Clock for Coventry, I found Elders Goodman and Jeffs at Elder Tilts waiting for me, I called upon them to again administer unto me. Sisters Burton and Lack left this day for Lpool being about to emigrate to the land of Zion, there removal made quite a stirr in the Town; In the evening I went to the Chapel and preached to a very attentive congregation, there was a many strangers present, who seemed well satisfied, I made some remarks from the language of Nicodemus to Jesus, and shewed that it was very possible for a man to go so far as to be enabled to see the Kingdom of God and yet not be an adopted Citizen, That the birth of the spirit was necessary to enable them to see the Kingdom of God, but that it was impossible to enter into it only by the birth of water. That the Kingdom of God was compared to a sheep—fold that there was a door by which to enter, and that was the Ordinance of Baptism that at the door was a lawful and legal administered, known by the name of Porter That a many of the Churches were without a door, without porters, but not so with the Church of the Living God. I bore a testimony to them of the truth of the mission of Joseph Smith and advised them to enter into it that they might have a claim upon the blessings of Life and immortality, after Meeting I went to Leamington, found Elder Toone and family well, I went to rest and tried to get myself into a prepiration, but it availed but little.

Wednesday February 20th 1850

I arose and went to the House of Brother Hales. His wife paid more than ordinary attention, she obtained some strong linament, and rubbed my leggs, could not refrain from thanking my Heavenly Father for raising me up such kind hearted friends. I (who was 8,000 miles from home and deprived of the fond caresses of my beloved companion) could not help but rejoice and be filled with the spirit of thankfulness. I remained with the saints in this place during the week and rested myself. I attended the meetings on Wednesday and Thursday evening, Elder Freeman baptized two, and on Saturday I baptized one. My health began to improve, so that by Sunday I felt very well. I wrote a letter to Kineton on Wednesday stating that in consequence of ill health, I should not be able to attend the next day to fill an appointment that I had made and on Saturday received an answer. That there was a many people that attended and were much disappointed. I felt greived as this I think was the first time that I had been prevented from filling my appointment.

Sunday February 24th 1850

In the morning I preached to an attentive congregation, the most numerous meeting that there had been since I had come into the Conference, I made some remarks upon the necessity of a man being legally called and Ordained in order that he might preach and administer in the Ordinances of the Gospel. In the Afternoon we attended to the breaking, and Confirmed five that had been baptized during the week; I made some remarks upon the necessity of taking up a contribution every sunday at the sacrament for the benefit of the Poor. In the Evening I preached to an attentive congregation, the prospects were very flattering.

Monday February 25th 1850

I had a lengthy interview with sisters Richards and Ross, and at four o Clock left by the omnibus for Alcester. I went through Stratford, but did not arrive at Alcester until 8 o Clock, I suffered much from the cold, I found brother Hanley and family quite well, with the exception of sister H. she had only been confined two days, I laid my hands upon her and the Child and blessed them, Elder Timms and Lock came in we sat and conversed together until 12 o Clock, and then I was informed that they were not able to entertain me for the night so I started with Elders Timms and Lock, a distance of five miles, we did not arrive there untill 2 o Clock, I then laid down on a Sofa the remainder of the night and slept soundly for a few hours.

Tuesday February 26th 1850

I arose quite unwell with the fatigue of the day before. I visited the house of Elder Lock, his wife was not in the Church. she had opposed him very much, and had done everything in her power to

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turn him from the Church, but she told me that she was determined to let him alone, for the future. I took Tea with her and left her with good feelings. I went to Weethly a distance of 4 miles and preached to an attentive company, after the meeting I administered to several that was sick, and made arrangements for a meeting at Barton the next evening.

Wednesday February 27th 1850

I went to Broome and staid until after dinner, this was a small Village, and in it four saints, we went to Barton to Tea, a company of saints met together and enjoyed themselves very sociably. I delivered a Lecture on the Kingdom of God, a great company of people assembled together, our room was so small it would not hold half of the company, those that were outside the place were rather noisy and cross because they could not get in. we got along very comfortably considering the circumstances under which we were placed, the people seemed well satisfied with the doctrine and it is my firm conviction that there will be a good work done around this neighborhood. I returned to Broome a distance of two miles very weary and quite unwell. I staid with brother Holtam for the night.

Thursday February 28th 1850

This day I entered upon my 34th Year, the last one had been full of changes; I went to Barton and partook of dinner. I then blessed following children

Mary Ann Russel Born June 4th 1848

Esther Russel Jan 31st 1848

Harriet do May 20th 1848

Aaron White Oct 7th 1845

George Osborne Jan 7th 1847

Sarah Ann do Oct 14th 1848

Richard Stane Feb 20 1846

Mary Nov 2nd 1847

I also administered to Moses White and went over to Welford, several of the saints accompanied me. I took Tea with sister Court in the evening we held a public meeting, The place was crowded to excess. The people in this place had become notorious for persecuting the saints, but through the exertions of Elder Goodman their prejudices had been broken down and they were disposed to listen very attentively. We administered to sister White she had been sick for some years. the Medical fraternity had operated upon her but did her no good, since she had been baptized she began to feel better and increased in strength wonderfully, I slept at bro. Court for the night.

Friday March 1st 1850

I arose and went down to breakfast at Sister Ballard, then went to Stratford on Avon for dinner, my legs were swelled very much with that dreadful complaint 'The Piles was troubling me very much, I spent the Afternoon with brother James in the evening we held a meeting, but few attended, the prospects were not very flattering in this place. The National religion had a strong foothold here. they in order to gull the people, had days set apart for the giving out of Soup, Coals, etc. I staid with brother Jaques for the night, he treated me very kindly and gave me when I left the sum of 5/

Saturday March 2nd 1850

I went to Leamington, I was very sick, I found the saints all well and enjoying themselves. I found Elder Jeffs here, he was quite well, I advised him to remain with the saints in this place for the next Sabbath day.

Sunday March 3rd 1850

I went to Coventry at nine o Clock, and met with the saints. It was the day set apart by them as a day of fasting and prayer, we continued together until 1/2 past 3 o Clock, we spent the time in bearing testimony and administering the Sacrament, Elder Broadhead laid before the saints propriety of raising the sun of 10 pounds to send to my family, and suggested that it had better be raised at once, as Elder Orson Pratt was about to sail from Liverpool and would proceed to

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Kanesville by the most expeditious route, they at once concluded upon doing what lay in their power, In the evening we had a crowded place, the people seemed much interested, I made some remarks upon the Materiality and Personality of God, and contrasted the true God, with the formless, matterless, bodyless and partless God worshiped by the sectaries as drawn from their Articles of Religion. I was very unwell most of the day my legs were swelled much. I was also troubled very much with the Piles and of all disorders that is calculated to torment the human frame, I think this is the worst.

Monday March 4th 1850

I returned to Leamington Elder Jeff s had started for Shutford a distance of 20 miles. In the evening I attended Council there was nothing of importance transacted the time being mostly taken up in settling the financial business of the branch.

Tuesday March 5th 1850

I learnt that Elder L. Richard had arrived in the Town from his mission to Wales, I called upon him and found him in an indifferent state of health, he said that the work was progressing very much in the districts that he had visited. He kindly invited me to stay and spend the remainder of the day with him, but in consequence of an appointment that I had made at Barford, I was compelled to decline accepting it. In the Afternoon I went to Barford to visit at the abode of Mr. Mark Savage, sister E Pickering was residing with his family they entertained me very kindly. I remained with them during the night, we spent the evening very sociably. Mrs S. was quite interested in the doctrine and principles and told me that she was determined upon being baptized, but would like her husband to enter the Church at the same time.

Wednesday March 6th 1850

I took a pleasant stroll over the small farm occupied by Mr. S, after which I wrote a letter to Elder O Pratt containing the sum of 10 pounds requesting him to carry it to my family, as he was about to emigrate to the land of Zion. went over to Ashorne found the saints rejoicing in the cause of truth. I preached to them in the evening.

Thursday March 7th 1850

I went over to Kineton found the saints well in the evening we had a good turn—out, several came from a neighboring Village called Pillerton, who were anxiously enquiring after the doctrines, after I had done preaching, three gave in their names for baptism. my health was still very indifferent, it was with great difficulty that I kept moving along. I staid with Elder Burrows for the night, father Burrows had since I saw him last lost the use of his eyes, he had been a few weeks before to visit one of his sons at Kenilworth and walked back to Kineton a distance of fifteen miles, there was some Snow upon the ground and the day being clear and bright it caused his eyes to ache very much, and the next morning when daylight came he found that he was deprived of his sight he was in his 71st year. he rejoiced much in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, He said Blessed be my Heavenly Father though I have lost my eye sight, yet I can see the light, I can see the truth, he rejoiced that he had lived to come into the ark of safety.

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ALFRED CORDON

Journal #7

Warwickshire Conference
England

March 8, 1850
to
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Friday March 8th 1850

I arose my health no better, one of the brethren came from Horley to meet me. Elder Hubbard left for Alcester. I went to Horley eight miles distant I was much pleased with the society of brother Smith, he was very much interested in the work, his heart was full of joy and consolation and he was determined to persevere unto the end. We went through the Village of Ratley, quite a romantic looking place with its church almost completely covered with ivy, and surrounded by a lofty range of Hills. I felt very feeble and much weary when I arrived at Horley. The saints were glad to see me, Elders Jeffs arrived in the evening from Shutford and also Elder Britton and sister Sarah and Harriet Lee from Banbury. The room was crowded to excess, I preached to them they were very attentive. I made some remarks upon the state of the world both political and religious and shewed that it was not according to the will and wishes of a just and all wise God. that the institutions were calculated to lead men into error and to cause bigotry, superstition and ignorance to prevail and also bore testimony that the Lord had commenced a work that would revolutionize all things, turn the world upside down, and place it in the position that was spoken of by Prophets and Holy men from the beginning of time, when righteous would prevail, when Israel would be the Head and not the Tail, and when the Kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the Saints with all their riches, honor and Glory. I went the same night to Banbury quite fatigued, my legs swelled much, and a severe pain in my Head and face.

Saturday March 9th 1850

I arose somewhat refreshed, wrote letters to my Father, and others, visited amongst the saints, found them generally well.

Sunday March 10th 1850

Elder Jeff s went to Horley to hold meetings in the morning and afternoon and in the evening returned to Banbury, accompanied by most of the saints from Horley we met together and had a good meeting, a many were present in the evening who paid good attention, the prospects were rather poor there had been a deal of preaching in the place but the people were very indifferent.

Monday March 11th 1850

I wrote letters to Elder Toone, Robbins, and Flannigan attended council in the evening settled up the book account and made arrangements for the opening of a fresh place, and gave some advise relative to the duties of the officers.

Tuesday March 12th 1850

I preached in the evening to a few who were very attentive.

Wednesday March 13th 1850

My health was not any better, my legs were swollen much, my head and face was full of pain, brother Lee pressed me very much to stay with them until my health was better. I kindly thanked them but told them that it was necessary for me to do my Masters business. I left for Horley Sister Sarah and Harriet Lee accompanied me, we had a good congregation, the hearts of the saints were full of joy. I remained with them for the night. Elders Jeffs left Banbury for Oxford, Dorchester and Benson they appeared to be full of every influence that was mean and contemptible.

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Thursday March 14th 1850

I went to Kineton brother Smith accompanied me to Ratley, when I arrived at Kineton I found the minds of the people very much changed with respect to me and the saints in general, some of the saints that emigrated in Nov had written to their friends in this place giving a very good account of their journeyings and also of their future prospects and named the price of provisions, which agreed with the statement I had made. some who threatened to abuse me, now became very friendly, we had a good congregation who were very attentive, they had baptized one during the week and a number more about ready.

Friday March 15th 1850

I left for Ashorne, I found this place labouring under the same excitement, the emigration fever was raging very strong three letters had been received from America dated Jan 22 written at St. Louis, the news was very cheering, I held a open Council meeting in the evening baptized Father Jeff s and his son William. the old man stood the water well, he was more than 70 years of age, I was much please with the circumstance, this was the house we preached in. the good old man opened his house for the truth and now the Lord had opened his heart to understand it and given him a determination to embrace it. I confirmed them at the same time.

Saturday March 16th 1850

I went to Leamington found a letter from Burlington, Iowa. the contents of it were cheering, I shall insert the most part of it in my journal.

Beloved Brother Jan 26, 1850

I received your letter dated Nov and was glad to hear from you and of you enjoying good health but more particular of your prosperity in the cause of your Redeemer and I pray that success may continue to attend your labours, until it shall be deemed wisdom for you to return to the bosom of your family, when the blessings promised to those who are faithful in the testimony of Jesus, shall be awarded unto you; many and various are the circumstances since I last wrote to you, and many things have transpired amongst our brethren in the west, which will make the honest in heart to rejoice the moment they hear of them, as it assures them that the day of their redemption draws nigh. One of the circumstances that has taken place amongst us is as follows: There is great excitement here amongst the people about the gold in California, some that went from here last spring have sent back good news, and many are preparing to go in the coming spring. The Frontier Guardian has come to Town, containing all particulars relative to the Perpetual Fund established in the Valley for the Gathering of the poor; for fear you have not heard anything about this fund, I will here state its import; You remember no doubt the pledge made by President Young and the Twelve, that they would not cease their exertions untill all the poor were gathered that were driven from Nauvoo; in accordance with that pledge they have established a fund, called the Perpetual Fund its object is not only to gather those that were driven from Nauvoo, but is to continue untill all the poor are gathered from every nation, kindred and Tongue under Heaven, and brought to Zion, and as a commencement they have sent Bishop Hunter with the sum of \$9,000 to gather up a few at Council Bluffs. This fund is founded upon principles that will enable it to increase, and by the time a nation is born in a day, we hope to be able to gather them to Zion the next. the assistance is to be by way of a loan, to be refunded when the individual is able. Therefore let the poorest saints rejoice, the Lord has revealed a principle by which they can all be gathered and also means to carry out that principle; for be it known to all that the gold in California was discovered by the L.D.S., and they in California have plenty of it, they have also plenty of provisions and are beginning to obtain some of the luxuries of Life. You can judge as to their prosperity in money matters when I tell you that one firm that took goods from St. Louis, sold in two weeks \$25,000 worth; you know the situation of them when they went, they were naked and destitute and your old friend H.C.K. has promised them that they shall never have less than they have now. Thus you see that while the Great work of Gathering Israel is rolling on in England, it is not still in Salt Lake City. The time has come for the Gospel to be preached to other nations. brethren are on their way to open France, Denmark, Sweden, Italy and the Society Islands. I suppose you know the C.C. Rich, F. D. Richards, E. Snow and L. Snow belong to the Quorum of the Twelve and have got missions to Foreign nations; you may have seen this in the Millennial Star, but it will do you no harm to read

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it again, if you have not it will do you good to know it. With regards to this place, Mormonism is but seldom talked about, most of the brethren are calculating to leave as soon as possible, myself and family are well, but this is the dullest winter I have seen in Burlington, we have not heard from Sister C., but once since she left, I am making calculations of crossing the mountains in /51 and expect you will cross at the same time, and it is the intention of George Baddaly to go also, If I am prospered this summer as I expect to be I shall be able to accomplish it, it is what I have calculated upon ever since you went. You said in you letter that you wished I was in England with you lifting up my voice, I can say that I wish I was, it would be what my soul would delight in. I am anxious for a fulness of exaltation, and I feel determined to obtain it. Although Mormonism is but seldom talked about, it still occupies the warmest place in my affection, and is the only thing that can satisfy my mind, and I intend to go ahead untill myself and family are crowned with Glory, Honour, Immortality and Eternal Life. The brethren in the Valley are making some new settlements, and are about laying off some new Cities. I have to inform you of the death of Emily Pilkington, she died in five days after child birth; Your old friends, Robinson and Leonard started too late for the mountains, they were caught in a snow storm 100 miles this side the Valley and had it not been for assistance being rendered from the Salt Lake City they must have perished, the snow fell 36 hours, it drifted 3 and 4 feet deep around the wagons. The women and Children had to keep in bed, the cattle were let loose to take care of themselves, and about sixty head were froze to death. None will be allowed to start so late another season. I must conclude with kind love to you and all saints.

Y. E. Frilchar

Sunday March 17th 1850

I arose not much better in health, attended meeting during the day, was assisted by Elder Richards in the Afternoon. I preached in the evening to an attentive congregation one gave in her name for Baptizm the next day. I obtained a pamphlet published by Paul Harrisson, he had once been an Elder in the Church but had been cut off for adultry, the work was entitled Grand Selections from a work entitled the Peace Maker written by J. Smith, whereby it contained all the secrets of Mormonism in relation to the vows of Marriage, Polygamy, Spiritual Wifeism, Whoredom, Adultery, Fornication, Rape, Concubinage, Virginity, etc. How surprising that men when once they give way to an Apostate spirit to what an extent of wickedness they will run. Now this very Paul Harrisson knew that he had seen an Article written and signed by Joseph Smith contradicting and denouncing this very publication. The writer of this works was Jacobs.

Monday March 18th 1850

My health was some better, I received a letter from Elder L. Robbins, he was at Leicester, in good health and spirits the work was progressing very much. He had baptized a woman preacher belonging to the Kanters and a many were investigating. I also received a letter from Elder Jeff s he was at Benson. He had considerable to do with the saints in that district, several were disfellowshipped from the society of the branch, and some of them appeared to be rather awkward cases. I attended to the ordinance of Baptism and immersed Dinah Prestage after which I went to council meeting. Elder Richards was present, he gave some suitable instructions. The Officers laid before the members of the branch the particulars relative to monies received and expended.

Tuesday March 19th 1850

I visited at Elder Richards. he was going to leave in a few days for Wales, sister Richards health was not very good, she was going along with him. I went to Kenilworth called at the house of Elder Tho. Burrows, he was well together with his family. he was out of employment, and about to locate himself in Birmingham. after remaining with him two or three hours I went to Coventry. I met with Elder Goodman he was well and enjoying himself well. I attended fellowship meeting in the evening, I was very unwell, I think far worse than I had been for long time. S. met me at the Station, and conducted me to her house. after Tea I lay down and in the Evening went to a meeting somewhat refreshed, there were a few strangers present.

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Thursday March 21st 1850

I was still afflicted. Elder King gave me some Medicine which he called Cottlefish. I attended council in the evening, nothing of great importance occurred, the business was mostly of a financial nature. I made one motion which was that brother Warwood be ordained to the office of a Teacher, it was carried Unanimously, after council meeting I went down to the Old Station and baptized Ann Garrett. I slept with Brother Hind for the night.

Friday March 22nd 1850

I arose and found my health much better, I took a little more Cottlefish. I met with Elder Huband, we took dinner with brother Warwood, after which we took the Train. He went to Eydon, having an appointment there that night I got off at Crick Station, found Elder Jeffereys family well. I staid with them for the night.

Saturday March 23rd 1850

I visited amongst the saints, my health was much better I could not help lifting up my heart with thankfulness to the author of all good for this unspeakable manifestation of his mercy to me for several days I had not known what it was to be free from pain in the evening sister J Martin came over from Daventry, she was well and was enjoying very well considering she was deprived of the society of the saints, after an hours chat she returned, she left me a small present.

Sunday March 24th 1850

We attended meeting at Watford in the morning. The saints here a many of them seemed to be very indifferent. In the Afternoon we got a conveyance and 6 of us rode over to Guilsboro, the day was very cold, there was a large and attentive congregation, the Elders had preached in this place for 9 or 10 weeks, but there was none that had been baptized. There was a many that was very much interested. They kindly gave us some supper and invited me to stay all night. We suffered much with the cold as we returned, although the journey was only 6 miles we had to get out and walk.

Monday March 25th 1850

I went down to Elder Jefferys to settle with the book account, and while sitting by the fire my legs and head began to ache very much, and finally I began to shake with cold. I knew this to be the ague. I went back to the station intending to leave by the 12 o'Clock train for Coventry, as I had an appointment for that and the next evening, but instead of leaving by train, I was compelled to go to bed, I shook for 3 successive hours, I got hot bricks to my feet and was prevailed upon to take some Brandy, but this I soon repented of .for when the fever began to rage, it assisted it, it was like adding fuel to the fire the pain in my head was distressing; the fever raged for about 3 hours, then I fell asleep, an when I awoke, I was wet through with perspiration, and was not entirely free from it next morning. I could scarcely arise in the morning, I was so weak and low. I never had a chill affect my Constitution so much as this one, I went down to Rugby and wrote to Leamington and Coventry, giving the reason why I was prevented from fulfilling the engagement I had made. I remained with brother Hunt, who administered kindly to my necessities and did all in their power to make me comfortable and happy. I remained in Rugby untill Friday March 29 '50. I spent the time in visiting the Saints and writing letters to different places. While here I received one from my family dated Dec 23. It brought me glad tidings that my wife and children were well. That they were enjoying themselves. That Elder J. Taylor had preached for them, that when she went to shake hands with him, the Spirit of the Lord rested upon him and he prophesied upon her head and blessed her in the name of the Lord, and told her that all the blessings put upon her head by the servants of God should verily be fulfilled, and all the prayers offered in her behalf by me should be realized. That the days of her tribulation would soon be over, and she should begin to realize her blessings. That they had the privilege of engaging in the dance.

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Friday March 29th 1850

I went to Leicester. Elder Robbins met me at the Railway Station accompanied by brother Burbeck who took me to his house and treated me with every kindness, sister Burbeck was a fine intelligent woman. In the evening Elder Kirk Browerton and Cummings arrived from Derby, they were well, they had been a discussion with the Ranting Methodist, and were in good hope of much good resulting from it.

Saturday March 30th 1850

I wrote a long letter to my wife giving all particulars pertaining to my health business, ect.

Sunday March 31st 1850

We met together in Conference. The fore—part of the day was spent in settling pertaining to the branches, ect. In the afternoon I addressed the congregation, they were very attentive, I was severely troubled with the Headache, but while I was speaking it all left me. In the evening Elder Cummings addressed the meeting, the room was filled, and good attention was given.

Monday Morning April 1st 1850

Elder Cummings left for Birmingham, they were to hold Conference and Tea meeting that day. We repaired in the Afternoon to the chapel and partook of a good repast, we spent the evening in singing and speaking etc. Elder Browerton contributed much to our enjoyment, he sang several lively pieces, and went through several recitation all faces seemed lighted up with intelligence, which told the fact that their hearts were glad. Elder Robbins gave out an appointment for me to preach the next evening. The subject Gog and Magog.

Tuesday April 2nd 1850

My health was much better, I visited amongst the saints found them to be a lively and cheerful band although we were not strong as yet. inasmuch as we had been baptized into the same spirit we felt united together and felt to express our feelings one to another. We met together in the evening a many strangers were present all seemed well satisfied, this is a subject that I do not often refer to, but as it was the wish of the President, and a subject calculated to excite the mind of the people to further enquiry I gave my views upon it without reserve.

Wednesday April 3rd 1850

We left Leicester for Whitwick a distance of 16 miles, we found the saints well and very busy arranging for a Tea meeting that was to be held there that day in the Afternoon. I went to a Monastery which was in the neighborhood, The Monks were mostly out on the farm at work, we were informed that there was no time allowed for idleness that all was called from their beds at 2 o'Clock in the Morning to attend to Prayers. There was a number of curiosities in the different rooms which were rather small but well fitted. There was a species of thorns in one of the rooms; said to be the same kind that the Crown of Thorns was made of that was placed upon the head of Christ. There was a drawing representing the Church from the days of Christ until the present time, it was given in the figure of a tree, it was well executed and was very instructive, it served well for an Ecclesiastical History giving the name of the Martyrs, Popes. Dissenters and Herises that had crept into the Church, besides a great many that they had excommunicated, which had never belonged to them, and at the top and almost the last one that was said to have been broken off, was the Mormonites or Latter Day Saints. There was a small mountain near to the Chapel which they called Calvary, on the top of which was a Cross and upon the Cross a figure representing the Crucifixion of Jesus, on another Hill there was a small temple, in which were two figures as large as Life, one representing Jesus just taken from the Cross, the other Mary in a sitting position weeping over her son, We returned much pleased with our entertainment. We met together in the evening and enjoyed ourselves very much.

Thursday April 4th 1850

I left for Leamington, Elder Robbins accompanied me to Leicester, I called at Rugby. I arrived in Leamington in time to attend to the evening meeting. The saints were well and seemed to enjoy themselves very much.

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Friday April 5th 1850

My health was not so good I had taken a little fresh cold, and was very weary with the exertions of the last few days, so I thought it wisdom to rest myself a little.

Saturday April 6th 1850

I went to Coventry, found the saints well and enjoying themselves, all was moving on very comfortably. The reports from the different branches was very flattering. I returned to Leamington in the evening.

Sunday April 7th 1850

I remained with the saints in this place, we had a good turn out through the day, it was set apart as a day of fasting, a spirit of peace rested upon us. I preached in the evening to an attentive audience, I made some remarks upon the movement of the established church, the ministers had raised a dispute upon the question, Is there any Regeneration in Baptizm. and after some sharp words on both sides, they were compelled to submit the affair to the Privy Council (or Quorum of Lawyers) in order to be satisfied as to the truth upon it. The Privy Council gave in a decision, that the Church Prayer Book was too relaxed upon the subject, and that there was no Regeneration in Baptizm for it was the only hope that they could rely upon to make them Members of Christ, Children of God, and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven. As soon as this decision was given by the Queens Lawyers, a many of the Ministers wrote lengthy Protest against it, and testified boldly "that they had no right to give a decision in Spiritual matters, and that they would not abide by it". The Bishop of Exeter became furious on this side of the question, and wrote to the Archbishop of Canterbury stating "that he would rather give up his Bishopric than to submit to their decision". Again others contended in favor of the movement of the Council and made lengthy protest against the other party. I could not help being amused at the folly of these learned divines and at the consummerate ignorance they displayed; after rejoicing for so many centuries in the glorious cause of the Church of England. educated Priests, after carrying the scepter and professing to be "Gods Vicegerents" for so many years had to obtain the decision of a Quorum of Unspiritual. and in all probability Unprincipled Lawyers, who made pretensions to Divines upon the first Ordinance in the Kingdom of God. How the saints of this age ought to rejoice who never need to walk in uncertainty or doubt, but having a living Head and an Holy Ghost full of all intelligence, who can ask and receive information with zm, I was much fatigued with the operation of the day. A fever which had troubled me the last two weeks left me, for which I can rejoice.

Monday April 8th 1850

I received a letter from Liverpool giving me information that my future Companion and fellow labourer in the ministry Alonzo LeBaron had arrived in the port from America and might be expected soon. Also that Elders Jacob Gates, John Higbee, Joseph W. Young, Job Smith, Joseph W. Johnson, Joseph Toronto and Peter Hanson had arrived with him. I wrote in reply that I rejoiced in the intelligence, and would be very happy in having the privilege of receiving him into the conference and also authorized them at the office to let him draw what money he wanted to assist him in reaching Leamington. The day was spent in arranging for a Tea Meeting which was to be set that day, about 70 sat down to Tea and enjoyed themselves very well. We invited all the poor that were not able to pay, and spent the evening in a very agreeable and social manner, Elder Goodman was with us, several Elders addressed the Audience. I left the meeting for one hour and attended to the Baptizm of four, we returned and did not break up untill a late hour.

Tuesday April 9th 1850

I went to Coventry and preached in the evening to a good congregation, who paid good attention.

Wednesday April 10th 1850

I received a letter from L. Pool, stating that it was impossible for A LeBaron to leave that day as the ship was detained in the river and they were not able to get their baggage ashore. I had intended to have gone to Birmingham to have met with him, but as it was uncertain when he would arrive, I declined, and went to Leamington, I attended meeting in the evening, the saints

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were expecting Elder LeBaron and were a little disappointed. I addressed them for a while upon the principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thursday April 11, 1850

I visited amongst the saints, my health was improving fast. I received a letter from Elder W. Jeffs giving me the information that he was endeavoring to open some new places, also that Elder Huband was endeavouring to open Warmington, Avon Dazzett, Priors Marston, etc.

Friday April 12th 1850

I wrote letters to different places, went to the station at half past five in company with Elder L. Toone, I looked around on the passengers and fixed my eyes upon a stranger, I went up to him and put my hand upon his shoulder and said, you are the man that I am looking for, your name is LeBaron. I gave him my name and soon commenced an acquaintance, he brought with him a Buffalo Robe, which was quite a curiosity. I took him to brother Chival's for the night, he was very weary and had suffered much with sea sickness which made him look very weather beaten.

Saturday April 13th 1850 We went down to the Royal Bath and had a good wash, the water was very strong, it seemed as though a person could scarcely sink in it. We spent the remainder of the day at the house of brother Wilkens.

Sunday April 14th 1850

I went to Coventry left Elder LeBaron to take charge of the affairs in Leamington. There were but few who attended to the meeting in the fore part of the day. In the afternoon we attended to the breaking of bread, we had a season of rejoicing together in the evening the room was well attended. I made some remarks upon the first principles of the Gospel, one was baptized during the intermission and confirmed during the service of the evening.

Monday April 15th 1850

I attended the Wedding or Marriage of Elder William Parr and Ann Tilt. They were married at the Registrars Office. We spent the day in a very sociable and agreeable manner. Elder LeBaron arrived in the fore part of the day. In the evening he addressed us upon some length and made some remarks relative to the Organization of the Church, and the persecution that it had been called to pass through, relating his experiences in these things, bore testimony to the truth of the work and said he rejoiced that he had the privilege of being in their midst, and in the manifestations of their kindness to him, we remained together untill midnight every thing went very well. While we were together in the afternoon they desired to be united by the virtue of the Holy Priesthood, and according to the instructions given in the Book of Doctrine & Covenants I pronounced them Husband and Wife in the name of Jesus Christ.

Tuesday April 16th 1850

I returned to Leamington and preached in the evening to an attentive congregation. During the day I was busily engaged in preparing a Record Book for the General Conference. There was no account in any of the branches relative to age and baptism of many of the members. I was determined upon having this thing put in a proper form. I began to make entry into the General Book, having obtained a List of Names from some few of the branches. The entry I wished to be made was, the Name of Person, the day, month and year of Birth, the Town and County where born. The day and year of Baptism and by whom administered, and the same with regards to Confirmation, and also the Town and County where attended too. And also a similar one with respect to Officers. I found that I had undertook an operation that was difficult to be performed it would require weeks to get it right, but as it was of great importance and in accordance with the commandments of God I was determined to persevere and accomplish if possible.

Wednesday April 17th 1850

I assembled in council with my brethren in this place. There was several charges brought forward against several of the members, brother John Hirtt brought some charges against Elizabeth Martin, which were confirmed by my testimony. Her conduct has been very base, she had lied to me and others; after a little investigation it was moved & carried that she be cut off

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from the Church of Jesus Christ of L.D.S. The case of sisters Hewitt and Freeman was entered into. They had been in the habit of walking out of the meeting when Elder J. Freeman had an appointment to talk in that place, and said they would not stop to hear him, that he had no right to preach. So after some remarks being made by several of the officers, it was unanimously carried that they be disfellowshipped and all others that were governed by the same influence.

Thursday April 18th 1850

I waited at brother Overton's for Elder LeBaron, he was to have gone with me to Ashorne, but when he arrived from Coventry he was so feeble he went to bed. So I started to fill the Appointment alone. The saints met together and were a little disappointed at not seeing Elder LeBaron. I addressed them at some length and made some remarks upon necessity of arranging their business and leaving this country, for the "free trade" that had been entered into between this country and America, had brought down the price of Provisions so much that the farmers were reducing the wages of the labours to 6 and 7 shillings per week, so that it was with great difficulty that they managed to live. I remained with brother Nickles for the night.

Friday April 19th 1850

I left for Barford in company with Sister Pickering and daughter. We arrived at Mr. Mark Savage's at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Savage and sister Emma Pickering were glad to see us. Mrs. Savage told me that a few nights previous she had been dreaming that she had been in my company, and that I told that I should call upon her either Friday or Saturday, and to her surprise I arrived, she longed for an opportunity to be baptized. I remained with them until the evening, then left for Leamington. I found Elder LeBaron somewhat better, we spent the evening very agreeable with Bro and sister Hales.

Saturday April 20th 1850

I spent the day in writing letters to the different branches, giving out appointments, etc. We again went to the Bath and was in the water 20 minutes, we had 96 degrees of heat.

Sunday April 21st 1850

Elder LeBaron went to Coventry for the day with the understanding that I should be in Coventry time enough to go with him to Rugby on Wednesday. while I was at breakfast Mrs. Savage arrived from Barford, and desired to be baptized, so that she could return in good season to her family. We went in company with brother & Sister Toone to the Canal and baptized her. the people came running in all directions, but it was all over before many of them arrived, she attended meeting in the Morning was confirmed and returned home. In the Afternoon we attended to the breaking of bread, laid hands upon and blessed three children. In the evening the room was not very thickly attended, a person came to the meeting in a state of intoxication and began to make a disturbance, the deacons put him out of the room. after meeting I baptized Susan Greenway she lived at Ashorne, and had been believing in the work for some time. Elder Huband arrived in Leamington, he was in good spirits, and was satisfied that he would do some good in the neighborhood where he had been preaching. The inhabitants of Warmington, Avon Dazzett and Priors Marston were very attentive to his preaching and expected to baptize some soon.

Monday & Tuesday April 22nd & 23rd 1850

I spent most of the time in entering Names in the Conference Record. Elder Goodman arrived from Stratford he was well and rejoiced in the work, he had not baptized any for some time he felt very anxious to be let loose from preaching so that he might go to America to raise means to carry himself to the Valley of the Salt Lake. after consulting with him for some time We thought it the best course for him to take. I would rather he would have staid in this conference, but his mind could not be reconciled to it. We attended a meeting on Tuesday evening, much instruction was given by Elders Toone and Goodman.

Wednesday April 24th 1850

I went to Coventry by the 7 o'clock train, found that Elder LeBaron had gone to Rugby the day before, he had supposed that it was Tuesday that I was to have met him upon and therefore

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concluded that he would go alone and fill the appointment at Watford and Rugby. I felt somewhat grind at this for I was aware of the embarrassment he would be placed in when he arrived at Rugby, because they would not expect him until the next day. I visited Elder Broadhead and counselled him to keep a branch Record Book and have all the names put down in proper order. I went to Rugby, Elder LeBaron was very unwell, I wrote letters to Elder G. Simpson, M. Lee, J. Martin, attended meeting in the evening. Elder LeBaron and myself addressed the few that assembled together. A person by the name of Garratt was present, he was full of the devil, it was hard for him to sit still. his wife had been baptized a few weeks before, he did not know about it until a few days afterwards. as soon as he heard the news he started up in a great rage and intended to go home and make a fuss with his wife, but at that very moment his brother was smashed to pieces by an Engine on the Line. this put a check to his volley of wrath for a little while, but no sooner was the excitement over occasioned by the death of his brother than he commenced operations with his family. the poor fellow did not know what to do. he felt very bad about it and what tormented him the most was because she took it all so patiently.

Thursday April 25th 1850

Elder LeBaron felt some better, we left for Watford at 3 o'Clock. The saints were well, we assembled together in the evening. Elder LeBaron felt quite unwell, and not able to address the meeting, I made some remarks upon the Ordinance of Baptism, and rejoiced that the Lord had instituted such an Ordinance, it was within the reach of all. The poor and destitute of the earth could pass through it, and the rich must come to the same starting point or never arrive at the same destination, they must get their note of clearance from the same office and have it signed by the same authority.

Friday April 26th 1850

Elder LeBaron was still unwell, he concluded to remain with the saints in the place until Sunday. I left for Leamington, called at Coventry, visited brother Tonks. his wife was very sick she desired me to administer to her in the name of the Lord, accordingly I laid my hands upon her in company with her husband, we rebuked her afflictions and sealed upon her head the blessings of health. I gave brother Tilt who is the clerk of this branch every instruction necessary for the keeping of the branch records, etc. I arrived at Leamington in the evening my health was much better.

Saturday April 27th 1850

I received a letter from Elder Robbins, he was well and also Elder Gates, they were in good spirits and were rejoicing in the prospects that was before them. they expected to reap an abundant harvest. I again went to the bath, 98 degrees of heat, I felt very much refreshed. I wrote letters to Elder Lewis at Dorchester informing him I intended to be in that place on the 4th of May and would like to meet the saints in that vicinity on Sunday the 5th as there was some business of importance to be laid before them. I also wrote to Elder Jeffs, advising him to meet me in Dorchester if he possibly could and to make arrangements for meetings to be held on Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday, and at Barford St. Johns on Wednesday evening, to return Thursday to Banbury in order to make arrangements for the conference.

Sunday April 28th 1850

I remained at Leamington during the day, preached in the morning to an attentive congregation. I made some remarks upon the subject of redemption provided for the dead that had not heard the Gospel in the flesh, the remarks were made from the following ideas; 1st That the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only plan that was ever instituted to exalt mankind to a fullness of Eternal Joy. 2nd That all mankind must have the privilege of hearing and receiving that Gospel. 3rd That it mattereth not at what time or season this message is sent unto them, it can either be preached to them in this state of existence or in the one that is to come. In the afternoon we administered the Sacrament of the Lords Supper. Elders Freeman & Clark addressed the meeting, the saints seemed to rejoice much. In the evening I preached to a good congregation. I made some remarks upon the Gospel or doctrine of Christ and endeavoured to convince the people that although the Bible contained an Authentic History of past events connected with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and many glorious truths connected with the distant future; yet in itself it was of but little value;

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and brought for a figure like the following; A merchant having a precious treasure to convey from this to a distant part of the earth, fitted up a ship and made ready for the voyage, he was very particular in obtaining a number of elegant and useful charts and maps. He called the Captain and told him that all was now ready for him to put to sea, that he must take along with him the charts he had provided, for they were very good ones, they would give every information respecting the destined port, together with every particulars relating to Rocks, Quicksands, Shoals, Islands etc. That he really rejoiced to think that such charts were in existence, that they were all that was necessary. But the Captain in reply, said I agree with you Sir, to a certain extent with respect to the use of this Chart, but think that you appreciate them more than is right so to do, you seem to think that the Chart you have given me is necessary without anything else. But it is really of but little use unless I have a Sextant or a Quadrant, for I must have an instrument whereby I can tell the Longitude and Latitude, and the exact distance I am from the Shoals, Rock and port that I have to make and by that means be enable to guard against the dangers with which I am surrounded, and if at any time, through storms or contrary winds I should be driven out of my course, I may as soon as favourable winds arise move to the proper port and thus safely deliver my treasure. for without a Sextant or Quadrant all would be an uncertainty and doubt. If I was steering the proper course I should have forebodings that it was the wrong one, I might possibly accomplish the object I had in view, but there would be a thousand chances against it. Just so with the Bible, it serves well as a Chart. It spoke of the dangers, difficulties, temptation and trials that were before us, together with the floods, earthquakes, pestilences, plagues, famine, wars, calamities, distress of nations with perplexities around us, and also informed us that we might escape them all by taking the proper course. It also informed me of the port, the haven the destined habitation the place of rest for the faithful that were prudent enough to overcome. Yet at the same time we needed the Holy Priesthood, the Apostleship, the Authority of High Heaven, the right to receive intelligence from God; it required the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven and also a person that knew how to use them. I bore my testimony to them that God had once more commenced a great and glorious work amongst mankind, that the day of gathering Israel had come and the cry to all

Monday April 29th 1850

I took another Bath, the same heat as on Saturday, attended council meeting in Leamington, nothing of importance was presented to the meeting, the time mostly occupied in settling the financial affairs of the branch.

Tuesday April 30th 1850

I went to Barford to spend the night with Mr. Savage, he was very much displeased because his wife had come into the church, he was afraid lest the thing should be known, he thought it was a step of too great importance to be taken by her. I never saw a man more troubled in my life, she was full of joy and highly pleased with herself to think that she had embraced the opportunity. In the evening Elder Goodman accompanied by Elder Jacques and Ward arrived, they had been to Ashorne expecting to see me & Elder LeBaron, and also that a number of the saints had gone there from Loxley. I felt somewhat grieved at this intelligence for I did not like any disappointment to take place, and it was then too late to attend to it. Several of the people in this place were much interested and seemed very determined upon investigating the doctrines very closely.

Wednesday May 1st 1850

This was a great day of rejoicing amongst the children, all were very much interested in celebrating May Day, the weather was very cold and unpleasant. I remained at Barford until after dinner, then went to Kineton a distance of 9 miles, the road was good and dry. I took tea with Elder Evans, he was well, his family not all favourable to the doctrines of the Latter Day Saints. We met together in the evening for preaching, a few attended who were very attentive, there were several ready for Baptism but on account of continuing the meeting so late they were put off until the next day. I staid with Elder Burrows for the night.

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Thursday May 2nd 1850

I went to Loxley a distance of 8 miles found the saints well and enjoying themselves. Elder Goodman and sister Sarah and Mary Lee came from Banbury. We met together in the house of Brother Harriss. we had a large congregation, several came over from Warmington, one of the villages in which Elder Huband had been labouring and were firm believers in the doctrine. After preaching Elder Goodman baptized James Haynes, I confirmed him at the same time. the remainder were determined upon being baptized very soon. I went to Banbury the same night, sister Lee and family were please to see me.

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I wrote a letter to sister in-law, my brother Sampson, and also to sister Savage. I felt much concerned about her, and thought a word of consolation might do her some good in the midst of the trials she was passing through. the prospect for the rolling forth of the work was rather dull in this place. some of the brethren had given way to drinking which had brought a disgrace upon the cause, but the saints protested against them and cut them from the church.

Saturday May 4th 1850

I went to Benson, rode to Oxford by Coach, then met with brother Archer and rode with him to Shillingford, a distance of 10 miles; met with Elder Jeffs and went to Warborough and spent the evening in company with brother Lewis who was president of the branch. The work here was very dull, there had been no baptisms for some time, and several had been cut off. I staid with brother Beesly for the night. The evening and night were very wet.

Sunday May 5th 1850

We assembled together in the afternoon at a village called Rocke goodly number of saints came over from Aston Rowant branch. After opening our meeting by singing and prayer, I arose and made some remarks upon the propriety of an Emigrating Fund being established in that and every other branch of this and every other conference, and also made some remarks upon the propriety of raising a conference fund for the support and benefit of the traveling Elders. I was followed by Elder Jeff s upon the same subject, and truly I can say that the spirit of the Lord was with us. I never felt a better influence in my life. The brethren told there feelings upon these subjects, and rejoiced at the idea of such an institution, it whispered in their ears of Salvation and deliverance. It was resolved 1st that we fully agree with the council given to us, and will use our utmost endeavours both by our faith and works to contribute to, and uphold the Perpetual Emigration Fund. Resolved 2nd that we will to the utmost of our power, contribute to a fund called the Conference Fund, and we will assist the Elders in rolling forth the affairs of the Kingdom of God. Resolved that brother Sewell of Aston Rowant be ordained to the office of an Elder. The ordination of John Sewell was then attended to under the hands of Elder Jeff s and myself. After this meeting Elder jeffs preached to the people in the open air, but few attended. In the evening I addressed the company that collected themselves together, the hearts of the saints rejoice very much, one that had been cut off a few weeks previous desired to be received into the church again. He promised to do better for the future, and it was moved and carried that he be forgiven and that he have the priveledge of again coming into the church by baptism. I staid in this place for the night.

Monday May 6th 1850

The day was very wet and uncomfortable, we went to Benson, Warborough, from there to a small village called Drayton. the people flocked together in great numbers bringing there seats with them. I preached to them, they were very attentive, there was not any saints in this place, but several were ready for baptism, several of the brethren came from Benson and Warborough, we returned to Warborough for the night.

Tuesday May 7th 1850

We went to brother Archers at Benson, got drenched well with the rain, we spent the day in writing letters etc. I received an answer from sister Savage informing me that her husband and

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his friends are very cross, that they threaten her very much if she ever went amongst the Latter Day Saints. In the evening we held meeting I made some remarks upon the necessity of the saints supporting the Millennial Star, and of laying aside some of these habits such as smoking etc. The brethren gave me 4/ to defray my expenses back to Banbury.

Wednesday May 8th 1850

I left Benson in company with Elder Jeffs for Barford St. John, we rode with Brother Archer to Oxford the morning was very rainy. We took some dinner at this place walked about two miles, then took Coach to Deddington then walked to Barford. the saints met together in the evening, this branch was in a very dull state, the branch had been organized by Elders Westwood and Day some years ago, had not increased in numbers since its organization. we remained with them for the night.

Thursday May 9th 1850

We went to Banbury, found that Elder Alonzo LeBaron had arrived from Kineton, he was not in good health, he had preached to the saints in Asborne and Kineton.

Friday May 10th 1850

In the afternoon I went to Warmington, called upon Mr. Claver, who were related to Brother Wilkins of Leamington, they were not very favourable to the doctrines, they were much opposed to the idea of him Emigrating and going to America, they kindly gave me some tea. I met with Elder Huband and Priest Smith from Horley, the people met together at seven O'Clock in the open air, and paid good attention to my remarks which lasted an hour and half, when we left the people thanked us very kindly. Elders LeBaron and Jeffs were at Horley and remained with them for the night, we returned for the night to Banbury quite weary.

Saturday May 11th 1850

Elders LeB. & Jeffs returned from Horley, they had a good meeting. everything went off well.

Sunday May 12th 1850

This was truly a day of business, to commence with I received a long letter from Elder William Bromak who emigrated in Jan on board the ship Argo with almost 400 saints, they had a tedious passage of 8 weeks but arrived safe. also received a letter from Elder Toone and others giving me information of the spread of the work and the spirit of peace that rested upon us. We assembled together in conference at half past 10 o'Clock in the morning. There being present, A. Cordon, President of the Conference, A LeBaron president of the 21st Quorum of Seventies, Elder William Jeffs, John Richardson Goodman, and William Huband also 5 Elders, 5 Priest, 2 Teachers and 1 Deacon. The meeting was called to order by singing a Hymn, after which it was moved by Elder Jeffs and seconded by Elder Goodman that I act as president for the day. It was unanimously carried that Edward Lee act as clerk. Meeting opened by prayer by the President. Another Hymn was sung. The representation of the branches was then given as follow:

	Mem	Eldr	Prst	Tea	Dea	Bap	cut	Rem	Em
Banbury	37	1	1	1	1	2	4	31	
Barford	16	1	1	1					
Shutford	15	1	1			1	2	1	
Lydon	16	2	1			3			
Hovley	32		1			7	3		
Benson	35	2	4	1			8		2
AstonR	8	1	1						
Total	169	8	10	4	1	13	17	32	2

It was then moved and sustained and unanimously carried that John Jeffs be cut off from the church. It was then resolved that brother Edward Smith be ordained to the office of Elder. Also that Martin Miles Harriss be ordained to the office of Teacher. Also that John Brightwell Rollins

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be ordained to the office of a Teacher in Eydon branch. Also that John Kilpack be ordained to the office of Priest in the Banbury branch. Also that John Ewere be ordained to the office of Teacher in the Banbury branch. Meeting adjourned until two o'clock. Meeting resumed, a Hymn was then sung. Prayer was offered by Elder W. Jeffs. The forementioned brethren were then ordained under the hands of myself and Elder LeBaron. The afternoon was taken up by making remarks upon the Perpetual Emigrating Fund and was enlarged upon by myself, Elder LeBaron and Elder W. Jeffs. The Saints were much interested in this matter, and were determined to enter into this subject with all their heart. We brought our meeting to a close at 4 o'clock and at 5 o'clock about 100 sat down to tea, everything went off very comfortable, all faces bespoke a glad heart. In the evening we resumed our meeting. After a few more remarks relative to the Perpetual Emigrating Fund, it was resolved, that we fully concur with the council of the first Presidency and authorities of the church in this county and with the movement of our brethren in establishing a Perpetual Emigration Fund, and that we will use our utmost endeavours to assist and uphold the same, both by our faith and means. Resolved 2nd That a Secretary and Treasurer be appointed in each branch to receive donations from all those whether in or out of the church, and that he provide himself with a book, and enter all donations with the names in full. The above resolution was carried by unanimous vote. I made remarks relative to the gathering, followed by, Elders LeBaron, Jeffs, Britton, Goodman, etc. Peace and good order prevailed in our midst throughout the day. many brethren came a distance of 10 miles and returned home in the evening.

Monday May 13th 1850

I went to Horley accompanied by Elder LeBaron, Elder Goodman left for Liverpool, he had been traveling in this Conference for some months past but could not make himself comfortable, and he concluded upon going to sea. He had followed the seaman path for several years, he was anxious to go and raise means to locate himself in the Valley, it was with much reluctance that I gave him the parting hand. We met with the saints in the evening, and appointed officers to receive donations for the Perpetual Emigration Fund. We remained with Elder Smith for the night.

Tuesday May 14th 1850

We journeyed to Kineton, at the top of Edge Hill we were met by a company of the 24th Regt Foot. They struck up a lively air while going through the Village, which caused the hills and dales to re-echo with the sound. Elder Smith and Harriss came with us to this place and then returned. Elder LeBaron was so weary that he went to bed as soon as he arrived at Elder W. Burrows. I visited with Elders Evans, Willis, Green etc. In the evening we had a good company to meeting of saints, some came from Pillerton, a Village three miles in the distance. They were much interested with the remarks we made, and were determined upon being baptized. The saints here were full of glee, the prospects were good in the Village around. We staid with Elder W. Burrows for the night.

Wednesday May 15th 1850

We visited amongst the saints in the fore part of the day, found them well generally. In the afternoon we went over to Ashorne, they were quite glad to see us, we met the saints in the evening, and laid before them the leading principles connected with the P. E. Fund, Elder LeBaron followed, his health was somewhat better. We staid with sister Nickles for the night.

Thursday May 16th 1850

Elder LeBaron left for Leamington, I went to Luxley, took the saints by surprise, they did not expect me to visit them at that time. we assembled together in the evening. I made some remarks upon the P.E. Fund., held an open council meeting. some of the brethren had given up their Priesthood and would not act in the Office to which they had been Ordained. I told them that I supposed they were ignorant of the Law of the Lord in that respect or they never would be led to any such conclusions. That a man could not give up his Priesthood without his membership. That he might be suspended from acting, or silenced, but if he was not worthy to be an Officer he was not fit to be a Member. When the brethren found the situation they were placed in, they

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acknowledged their error, and were again restored to full confidence. I remained with brother Tub for the night.

Friday May 17th 1850

I went to Leamington, called at Barford met Mr Savage. He was angry but did his best to conceal it from me. he told me that his wife was sick, but he did not want any of the saints to call upon her, for the people had so much to say upon the subjetc. I took dinner and Tea with Elder Pickering's daughter, she and her husband were believers in the doctrines and were about ready for Baptizm. I found Elder LeB. much better, the health of the saints were good generally. I was weary having walked about 16 miles.

Saturday May 18th 1850

In the for part of the day I visited amongst the saints, wrote letters etc. In the Afternoon Elder W. Cutter arrived from Birmingham his health was much impaired, his lungs were much affected which cause him to cough and spit a great deal, we walked through the Town in the evening, and enjoyed ourselves together over supper at brother Wilkins. Elder Cutter and LeB. slept at Elder Toone's. I received a letter from Sister Randle, she was at Dalby Hall, Leicester. She wrote explaining her circumstances, and desiring council in her temporal movements.

Sunday May 19th 1850

At an early hour the saints began to assemble from the different branches. I went up to the R.R. Station and met with a large company of saints from Coventry and Rugby. We met together at 1/2 past 10 and proceeded to organize ourselves. There being present Elder Win. Cutter, President of Birmingham branch, Elder LeBaron, W. W. Jeff s, W. Huband traveling Elders, and many officers from the surrounding branches. The meeting was called to order by singing a hymn after which it was moved and unanimously carried that I should preside for the day. Also that J. Toone & J. Freeman act as clerks for the same, prayer was then offered by the President, after which another hymn was sung. The President then made some remarks upon the business to be presented before the conference, desired all to vote wether for or against every resolution that might be presented before them. The President called upon the Elders from the different branches to give in a correct representation of the number of officers and members connected with them. The following representation was then given: Leamington Coventry (no accounting shown in the journal) The President then made some remarks relative to the Book Agency. That it is an utter impossibility for him to keep the account clear at the Office unless the branch Agents made remittances to him. advised them to make a ready money concern of it, to lay aside trusting the saints or others for books. Meeting adjourned untill half past 2 o'Clock. Met according to adjournment. Opened by singing a hymn. Prayer was then offered by Elder W. Jeff s. Another hymn was then sung. The President then arose and made some remarks up on the necessity of establishing a Perpetual Emigrating Fund in this Conference, and shewed the vital necessity of at once raising funds sufficient for the sending out of companies Woolen, Cotton, Iron & Pot Manufacturers, that trade might be commenced in the Valley, that the saints might be a separate and independant people, the best way to be respected was to respect themselves. He was followed by Elder Cutter, LeE., Jeffs and other upon the same subjetc. after which it was resolved that we fully agree with the resolution carried at the Oxfordshire Conference, held May 19th— In the evening Elder Cutter preached to an attentive congregation, Elder LeBaron bore testimony to the truth of the work in which we were engaged. This was a good day to all present, a spirit of peace rested upon us every heart was led to rejoice, and offer up a song of praise and thanksgiving to our God for the many blessings we received at his hands.

Monday May 20th 1850

We took dinner with brother Wilkins and enjoyed ourselves very much around the social board. Sister Savage arrived from Barford her health much better. We repaired to the room at 1/2 past 4. The committee had adorned the room very beautifully with shrubs flowers etc. the scene was imposing and the fragrance pleasant, that it at once made us forget all our troubles. At five o'Clock we sat down to tea about 1 ???were present. the Tea the Cake' the Bread & Butter was excellent. all seemed to realize it. After we had cleared away the tables, we assembled on purpose to enjoy ourselves in singing, speaking, reciting, or otherwise as the spirit might lead us. A Hymn was then sang, Come Ye that love the Lord. Prayer by Elder J. Toone Hymn upon the

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blessing of the Children was then sung. Two Children were then blessed under the hands of Elder W. W. Jeff s and myself. The president then made some introductory remarks. The 73 Hymn was then sung. Then followed a Dialogue between Tradition, Reason and Scripture by H. Browen, J. Randle, J. Freeman. The brethren performed their parts extremely well, at the close of the Dialogue six of the Elders arose and bore testimony to the truth of the Book of Mormon. The Choir then sang, Come all ye saints who dwell on earth. Recitation by J. Barker, The cry of the Martyrs. Praise to the man who communes with Jehovah, was then sang "The Saint" was then recited by sister J. E. Burdett. Stars of Morning shout for Joy, was then sang. Remarks were then made by the President, relative to their persecution in Nauvoo, and of the faith and patience of the saints in the midst of their afflictions. There being some tea and cake left it was deemed wisdom to pass it round amongst the congregation, then brought forth some remarks from Elders J. Toone, Lock, LeBaron and myself. Then was sang, How glorious will be the morning. Elder J. Freeman and wife then sang, "Away to the mountains Away" I then called upon Elders Jeffs and Huband, who addressed the meeting with much spirit. George Edwards, Priest was then ordained to the office of Elder by myself and A. LeBaron. He volunteered the day before to go on a mission in this country. There was also a confirmation attended to. The meeting was brought to a close at 1/2 past eleven, and such a time of rejoicing I never had before in this country. There was a circumstance transpired on Saturday evening which I forgot to record at that time, the sum of it was as follows. About nine o'Clock Dinah the wife of brother Prestage together with Samuel Jelsbey presented themselves for baptism. I called upon Elder LeBaron to administer the ordinance as I had other appointments to attend to. They repaired to the water and prepared themselves for baptism, when Mrs. Prestage declared she would not be baptized, each one went home very much disappointed. I went to Elder Toones at eleven o'Clock to enquire into the affair but he was not at home. I supposed he was with the parties somewhere, I was determined knowing how the affair stood. I met with Samuel J and he said he could not rest without being baptized, I went down into the old town and met with Elder Toone, Mrs. Prestage was again decided upon being baptized; we went to the water; I baptized Samuel and was about to lead Mrs. Prestage into the water, she again declared she would not go. I was satisfied that an evil spirit was tormenting her. I took hold of her and carried into the water, she herself was very desirous of passing through the ordinance but the devil violently opposed it. I succeeded in baptizing her and brought her out of the water, and after a struggle the devil came out of her, she then exclaimed, Cordon I like you, he has come out of me, I wanted to be baptized all along, but some thing told me I must not. She went home rejoicing and we better satisfied.

Tuesday May 21st 1850

We met together at Elder Toones early in the day. there was a company of 14 concluded to visit Warwick Castle, the day was remarkably fine and pleasant. We went through all the rooms shewn to visitors, ascended the Tower, visited the Gardens. Then visited the Ladys Chapel, Guys Cliff House and returned to Leamington at 6 o'Clock in the evening. We assembled together in the evening and had a comfortable meeting. Elder Cutter addressed us at some length.

Wednesday May 22nd 1850

We rested ourselves, I made arrangements for some clothes for Elder LeBaron and Huband, we visited a house which was placed into the hands of sister J. Robinson to keep clean. It was splendidly fitted up, the rooms were of the first order, the furniture of the best quality.

Thursday May 23rd 1850

I went with Elder Cutter to Birmingham, Elder Jeffs started to his field of labour, Elders LeBaron & Huband concluded to start the next morning. We staid at Coventry untill evening, we visited one of the Silk Manufactories. We arrived in Birmingham at 7 O'Clock, met with Elder J. H. Flanigan. I accompanied them to fellowship meeting which was held in the Chapel, there was not many present. There had been a very heavy shower of rain, beside it was the Great Summer Fair which drew the people to the centre of the town. Elder F. made a few remarks and called upon me to address them. I expressed my feelings to them and made some remarks upon the P. E. Fund. I staid with Elder F. & Cutter at Elder Brooks for the night.

Friday May 24th 1850

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We visited amongst the saints, and in the evening attended council there was near fifty officers present. The time was occupied chiefly in settling the financial affairs of the branch.

Sunday May 26th 1850

The fore part of the day was very rainy so that I was prevented from attending the Chapel. I wrote a letter to Elder Toone desiring him to lay before the council the propriety of endeavouring to induce the subscribers of the Millennial Star to pay for one Starr in advance commencing with the 13th No. which would be the first No. at the reduced price. By this it would throw the sum of 90 POUNDS into the office, which would otherwise be outstanding, if all conferences would adopt the plan. In the afternoon I attended Sacrament, there was a good meeting. Elder Cutter addressed the audience, and then called on me. I made some remarks upon the necessity of the Saints being diligent in carrying out the P. E. Fund. In the evening I preached to an attentive congregation. There was about 1200 present my remarks were mostly confined to the subject of The renewal of the Everlasting Covenant, and endeavoured to show wherein the Covenant had been broken, the ordinances changed and the laws violated that Jesus revealed to the world, and bore my testimony to the truth of the gospel as revealed in these last days, related my experiences and concluded by inviting all to take hold of the principles and thus prove it for themselves.

Monday May 27th 1850

I visited amongst the saints found them much interested in the remarks I had made the previous evening. In the afternoon I visited the house of Elder Hal Burrows, some fine saints were present for Tea. In the evening I attended council meeting, and by the request of Elder J. H. F.- I bore my testimony.

Tuesday May 28th 1850

I left sister Fannons for Coleshill by the 1 o'Clock train, called at brother Thackers and took Tea with his family, went to sister McGregor's, found Betsy still a subject of afflictions. I went to sister Hadleys for the night and had an interview with Elder Gardner.

Wednesday May 29th 1850

I visited Blythe Hall, had some conversation with one of the servants, she was very much interested in the principles, but had not a privilege of embracing them in consequence of being so much confined and being surrounded with so many that was opposed to her views. This was a spacious establishment kept 15 house servants. In the evening I preached to the saints, there were but few attended in consequence of detained at their employment, most of them followed the Agricultural pursuits of Life.

Thursday May 30th 1850

I went to Fillongley expecting to meet with the saints but no notice had been given of a meeting, having depended upon some of the brethren from Coventry to make the appointment. I felt somewhat disappointed, but was determined to make the best of it by getting a long nights rest.

Friday May 31st 1850

I went over to Coventry, called at Bro. Beckington, his wife and child were sick and desired me to administer to them, I did so and blest them in the name of the Lord. When I arrived at Coventry, I found the town full of people, this was the first day of Whitsuntide Fair which was to continue one week. The main thorough fares were crowded to excess, and every opening was occupied by a stall containing mostly Toys and sweetmeats, theatres, Swing—Bouts, Panoramas, Wild Beast Menagerie and every thing to attract attention and excite curiosity. In the evening I went to Leamington found the saints well and in good spirits. I remained at Elder Toone's for the night.

Saturday June 1st 1850

I visited amongst the saints, wrote letters to Elder LeBaron desiring to know relative to his health, and whether he desired Elder G. Edwards to labour with him in Oxfordshire.

Sunday June 2nd 1850

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We kept this day as a day of fasting and prayer, we met together in the morning at an early hour and continued together until 3 o'clock before dismissing we partook of the ordinance of the Bread and Wine. The meeting went off well, a spirit of peace pervaded in our midst. In the evening I preached to an attentive congregation, I made some remarks relative to the Methodist society. The town was placarded announcing that there was to be a lecture delivered on Wesleyan Reform, by Mosses Dunn and Co. the expelled preachers.

Monday June 3rd 1850

I went to Coventry Elder G. Edward and sister Toone accompanied me. The town was full of people it was hardly possible to get along. I met with sister Burdett and accompanied her to her brother William, and took dinner, met with her Mother and sister and niece from Dunchurch. I went to the Chapel, as there was to be a Tea meeting that Afternoon. The brethren had decorated the room with shrubs and flowers. At five the company sat down to Tea, and enjoyed themselves well, the provisions made gave general satisfaction. After Tea we dismissed for an hour while the Committee cleared away the tables, during which time we went into the fields and spent the time in innocent games, running, jumping etc. For the evening Elder Toone addressed the Meeting upon the propriety of commencing the P. E. Fund. He and a company of saints left at 1/2 past 8 by the train for Leamington. We continued our meeting until eleven o'clock, several recitations were given, much speaking and singing.

Tuesday June 4th 1850

I spent the day at the Fair and such a scene of confusion mixed with folly I never before saw. In the evening I met with a company of saints, and diverted ourselves. It was a general Holiday and all saints were prepared for it. They seemed to let loose all their troubles and cast them into the land of forgetfulness for a little while.

Wednesday June 5th 1850

I left the scenes of strife for Black Horse Lane and it was to me a treat. I called at Brother Jones and brother Tonks, took Tea with sister Summers after which I went to the meeting. there was but few attended in consequence of being detained at work. I laid before them the necessity of commencing the P.E. Fund and appointed a Treasurer and Secretary. I administered the Ordinance to Sisters Brunt and Botts who were sick. I remained with brother Shaw for the night, his wife had been lately confined but was doing very well, she had been much afflicted, but while the Elders were administering to her, the power of God rested upon her, banished her from pain and in a few moments she was well.

Thursday June 6th 1850

I went to Whittleford, called at Colton and had the privilege of reading a letter which had been received from Elizabeth A. Turner Dated Saint Louis, giving a flattering account of the situation of the Saints in the City, that provisions and clothing were very cheap that the saints must not be particular in waiting in England to get clothing for they could obtain all that was necessary very soon in that country, that they had only been in that City four months and had saved considerable money, and would have remained there but the council was "Go to Kanessville". I preached in the evening to an attentive congregation, at the House of Elder James Robinson. A person named Toulk who was not connected with the church was troubled with a violent pain in the head, and desired me to lay my hands upon his head and rebuke the pain. spoke to him of the necessity of going forward and entering into the church by the ordinance of Baptism, his reply was that he thought he should soon be one of the same faith, his wife and Son were into the church and rejoicing much in the faith.

Friday June 7th 1850

I returned to Coventry found a many theatres etc. preparing to leave the next day, money began to be very scarce and the people completely tired of such movements. I obtained the 12 No. of the "Star" containing a letter from Elder J. Taylor one of the 12 Apostles, written in Liverpool, giving an account of his travels and journeyings, and the movements of the church and there present prospects in the Valley. Also a letter from Elder Thos Day president of the ship Josiah Bradlee who had arrived in New Orleans after a good and comfortable voyage of 8 weeks and 4

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days. That the company were in good health and spirits, that there was not one adult person that died, they were about to proceed up the river with Elder McKenzie. That the fare to St. Louis was eight Shillings per head. I visited sister Fisher in the evening she was much afflicted and was quite satisfied that she never should be well again, and longed for the time to come when she should receive the summons to haste away, she gave up her husband and five small Children and desired to depart.

Saturday June 8th 1850

I visited the saints, took Tea with Elder Horton, in the evening while walking through the Town I met with Elder J. Toone, he received a letter from Elder Jeffs, desiring him to send by return of Post eight Certificates for some of the saints who were about to Emigrate to Canada and he thought it best to see me upon the subject, for he did not like the idea of the saints going by that route. He brought us four letters, and one them from Elders Jeffs, explaining the reason why the saints were going to Quebec; that they had been out of employment a long time and very very poor. that they had been compelled to fly to the Parish for relief and the Guardians of the Poor had offered to land them in Canada and they had accepted the offer and were to sail in a few days. Elder Toone remained with me for the night. we arose early next morning and took a walk around the cemetery. We repaired to the Chapel at the usual time of service. Elder Toone addressed us at some length, I felt much edified at his remarks. This was the day appointed to fasting and prayer, we continued our meeting until 3 o'Clock. Brother Worrin was called and Ordained to the Office of Elder under the hands of Elder W. Broadhead and myself. There was a good spirit rested upon us. In the evening I preached to a good congregation, who were very attentive, one gave his name and went forward and was baptized by K. Lilt.

Monday June 10th 1850

I visited brother Tonks & Jones and at 2 o'Clock started for Rugby. I met with sister Randall, she was on her way to Dunchurch. I found the saints well at Rugby, in the evening we held an open council meeting. there was but few who attended. it was a very discouraging night. Here was a good Chapel well fitted up with seats, and no one that could edify a congregation, it was a rare thing to see a stranger present and not often more than one quarter of the saints. I felt quite concerned about this branch and prayed most fervently that the Lord of the harvest would send forth valiant labourers in the vineyard and pour a spirit of enquiry upon the people. I went the same night to Dunchurch a distance of 3 miles and staid with sister Burdet for the night.

Tuesday June 11th 1850

I spent the day at Dunchurch, wrote letters to Elder Robbins, one to Grandmother and one to Elder Toone respecting the propriety of getting some Bills printed announcing a Course of Lectures to be delivered in Leamington and desired an answer by return Post.

Wednesday June 12th 1850

I returned to Rugby, took dinner with Elder King, held meeting in the evening. there was but few attended. there was three strangers present and one of them is destined to be a mighty man in travail. It seemed to me as though this was the beginning of an answer to my prayer, the darkness that hung over the place began to disappear and I felt much encouraged.

Thursday June 13th 1850

I took the Government Train for Crick Station. the day was pleasant and agreeable.. I met with J. Martin and sister Jeffereys at the Station. I was glad to see these sisters, we spent the Afternoon together in a very sociable manner, took tea together and when sister Martin returned to Daventry we accompanied her about 3 miles. We returned and held meeting in the evening. there was but few attended. I spoke to them upon the necessity of contributing to the P.E. Fund, I staid with brother W. Jeffery for the night.

Friday June 14th 1850

I wrote to Liverpool informing Elder Kelsy of an imposter that had been in a few branches connected with this Conference. He called himself David W. Collins, proposed to be an American by birth and have come into the Church in Wales. He called himself a Gentleman, a

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Writing Master, and a Lecturer upon the New Covenant. He profited to be on his way to Liverpool to see F. D. Richards upon very important business. When in one branch of the Church he would learn the name and occupation of the saints in the next that he intended to visit, and then fortified with information he pursued his journey. He obtained a few shillings at Watford, and proceeded to Hillmorton and from thence to Rugby. he called at the house of Elder King and saluted her with the title of Dear Sister, and then commenced an acquaintance, he asked her to take him to a person where he could get his shoes repaired, and when they were finished he obtained them and left his Dear Sister to pay the bill of 2/6. he obtained a pair of trousers and waistcoat from Mrs. Silvester then called upon the Catholics and sue in touching their sympathies and obtained a Coat, he then proceeded to Coventry and met with Elder Broadhead, he obtained 6S from him, Elder B. directed him to come and see me, but he left town and went to Fillongly. I then went to Norton, Elder Jeffery accompanied me, I preached to a small company and returned the same night. thence to Hillmorton. I visited the house of Elder Pettifor and brother Morton, spent the evening in a very agreeable manner. I received a letter from Elder LeBaron, informing me that his health was not much improved he was endeavoring to preach as much as he possibly could. He in company with Elder Edwards had preached in Bloxham, Anwill, Ox. that Elder Hubbard was getting along first—rate he had baptized nine. I also received a letter from Elder Jeffs, informing that a company of 24 had left the Village of Benson for Canada, and a number of them were saints, that they were in good spirits and were treated very kindly by the Farmers around. He also informed me that he was in a very destitute condition for clothes, shoes, etc., that the brethren were too poor to do a great deal. I answered the letter and informed Elder Jeffs that the Conference fund was so low I did not see wherin he could get any assistance only in that part where he was labouring, but I would let him know all particulars in a few days, I returned to Rugby for the night.

Sunday June 16th 1850

This was a very pleasant day. the morning Mail brought me the intelligence that there had been a great Fire in Leamington on the premises of Mr. Dowler, Cabinet Maker, Upholsterer and Paper hanger. I shall here insert an extract, “The Fire was discovered by one of the Lamplighters, he aroused the family, but not untill the part of the House where the show room was, was enveloped in flames, they saved nearly all the household furniture, but very little of the stock, which (report says) was valued at 20,000 pounds, and only insured at 2,000 pounds. The workshop, paper Warehouse, and carpet warehouse was consumed. The sight was truly awful. The Firm was run from Edge Hill in Northamptonshire a distance of 30 miles. We was aroused before 2 o Clock and went down to the spot, and remained until a little before Six, we were there in time to see the bare walls, the floors were all consumed, the roof had fallen in and all were burning together, the flames spread to all the back buildings, and the people in Gloucester Street removed there goods into the Church Yard expecting their houses would share the same fate, but through the vigilance of the Engine men they succeeded in keeping the flames down. What was a few days since, a neat and pleasant little house, bearing such marks of gentility and taste is now a heap of ruins. The Fire is not yet extinguished, two tons of Coal are buried (besides other things) under the ruins. There are supposed to be ignited, and everything is so Hot they cannot remove them.” While I was looking at the scene of destruction which was reigning around, I could not refrain from thinking of the Judgement of God which would come upon the wicked and a verse in one of the Hymns came to mind.

The signs which he foretold already do appear. Blood, smoke and Fire we oft behold And these bespeak him near.”J. E. B.

I preached to a few that were assembled. there were three strangers present, my remarks were chiefly confined to the New Covenant that God would make with the House of Israel and Judah according to the testimony of Jeremiah the Prophet. In the Afternoon we partook of the Ordinance of breaking of bread, there was a good feeling amongst the saints, there were some that were unstable and given to the intoxicating drought, and I warned them about setting a bad example, and told them they must do right or their sins would find them out. In the evening the Chapel was well filled with a very attentive audience. I felt very much encouraged at seeing so many present, and the spirit of the Almighty rested upon us. Two gave in their names for

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Baptism, and one of them was initiated into the Kingdom by William Higgs Priest, after which I united with Elder King in confirming him a member of the Church of Jesus Christ. The night previous we were visited by a sharp and severe frost, which was not fully discovered until the sun came in contact with the earth, the Potatoes suffered much the "tops" were cut off and turned black. the sight was distressing. The labours of weeks was destroyed (as far as appearance went) in a few hours.

Monday June 17th 1850

I went to Poilton, and preached in the open air in the evening to an attentive congregation. I called at Harboro Magna and spent a few hours with brother Wright, and gave out an appointment to preach in that place the next evening.

Tuesday June 18th 1850

I preached at Harboro, the people were very attentive, several of the saints came over from Rugby and informed me that some of the sisters had been taking too freely of the intoxicating cup and had been reeling and staggering in the Public streets. this was not the first time that they had been in this predicament. I councilled the Officers to call a meeting and publicly denounce such conduct, and cut them off the Church. I returned to Poilton the same night, and staid with Brother George Shuttleworth for the night.

Wednesday June 19th 1850

I remained with Mr. Shuttleworth until dinner time, then went to Stretton Station and took the Government Train to Nuneaton. Elder James Robinson met me at the Station, and led me to his house at Whittleford. I took Tea with Mr. Fowlks he was not in the Church. I preached in the neighbourhood to an attentive audience, after which one was baptized named Ellen Cox, by J. Robinson, after which I confirmed her in company with him. I also laid my hands upon and blessed William Moore. I went to Chilver Colton for the night and spent it with brother Hardy.

Thursday June 20th 1850

I went to Black Horse lane and preached in the evening after which I went to the waters of Baptism and J. Shaw baptized Hanna Betts, I confirmed her at the time, Also Blessed the child of Brother Shaw and also his wife. During the Afternoon a person named Mannasah Heywood called after me, and threatened to stick me. I felt like knocking him down, but thought it was better to suffer wrong than to not do right.

Friday June 21st 1850

I came to Coventry, found the saints well, one had been baptized during the week. I visited sister Fisher she was very sick but very composed in her mind, she desired to depart and be with Christ, she was full of Joy, her position was almost an inviable one. I came to Coventry and found 6 letters awaiting my arrival. One of them brought me the intelligence that Thomas Meigh, my wife's Step—father was dead, he had but six days illness, and would be buried on the Wednesday. the letter had been written on the Monday following, and had been detained from me, I also received a line from Elder J. D. Ross and Lloyd, informing me that they were anxious to have my presence on the 1st of July, to attend a Tea Meeting which would be held in that place (Burslem) so I concluded to go and visit them upon the 29th inst. I also found that 3 had been Baptized during the week and that others were quite ready. I wrote a letter to Burslem informing them that I was sorry that the letter containing the intelligence of the death of Thomas Meigh, had been detained so long, but that in a week time I would endeavour to pay them a visit.

Saturday June 22nd 1850

I wrote letters to Elder J. D. Ross and Lloyd giving them my view relative to the Organization of a P. E. Fund amongst the Potters so that a company of them might proceed to the Valley next season. I also wrote to Elder Huband advising him to cooperate with the council in Leamington, so that the people of Southam might get a share of his labours. I also wrote a lengthy letter to Elder Thomas Brown of Bath, informing him of our success and future prospects.

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Sunday June 23rd 1850

I arose and attended prayer meeting in the morning, I felt very unwell, the weather was warm and fine. In the forenoon we had a few strangers present who paid good attention. in the Afternoon we had a delightful meeting. three were Confirmed, and the following persons were called to the different Offices. It was moved seconded and Unanimously carried that James Randle priest be Ordained to the Office of an Elder Also that John Hales be Ordained to the Office of Priest. Also that Henry Brown and Josiah Nichols be Ordained to the Office of Priest, Brother Hale and Brown arose and bore their testimony to the work in which they had been engaged, and expressed their willingness to take upon them this office and determination to do all things that were required at their hands. just before the close of the Meeting a sister who had lately been baptized and who was very young in years probably not more than fifteen years of age, broke out in Tongues, the interpretation was given by Sister Archer. In the evening I preached to an attentive audience and I never felt more of the Holy Ghost before as at that time. I spoke at some length upon the final destiny of man, several that were present told me that they were satisfied that it was the truth.

Monday June 24th 1850

In the Afternoon I took a stroll on the river in company with some of the saints. In the evening I attended council meeting, We attended to the Ordination of the brethren that had been nominated the day previous. The brethren gave in their testimonies relative to the success they have met with the two previous Sundays. The prospects at Southam were very flattering, the people received them into their houses, and administered to their necessities, The inhabitants of Barford acted quite to the contrary, they did all in there power (and were assisted by there Father the devil) to stop the Elders from preaching, at Leachbrook the Minister had warned and threatened the people if they came to hear the Gospel as taught by us, they should be turned out of their Houses.

Tuesday June 25th 1850

I went over to Barford to hold meeting according to previous appointment. Elder Freeman accompanied me, we commenced to call the people together by singing and prayer. after which I began to speak, when a gang of rowdies came forward blowing upon different instruments of Music beating upon pieces of sheet from tin pots, kettles, etc. they were partly intoxicated, and made so much noise that they completely drowned out my voice. We deemed it wisdom to take it all patiently, and we soon had a division line drawn, as many were in favour of giving us an hearing, we were determined that if we could not preach, they should be kept very busy for awhile, and every time they attempted to get a little rest, we moved a few rods as though we were going to commence and thus we kept them moving and straining for an hour and a half expected we certainly should have got our bodies into trouble, but thanks be to God, no abuse was offered. After we left the Village, we retired into the fields and laid the affair before our Father in Heaven, and desired him to deal with the people in mercy. I went to Ashorne for the night and was much weary. I slept at Mr. Nickles. he was very kind to me and may the Lord reward him for his kindness.

Wednesday June 26th 1850

I went over to Kinton expecting to meet with Elder Huband, but he left early in the morning for Leamington, the saints were well and getting along well. I returned to Ashorne intending to have held a meeting, but in consequence of the people being so busy in the Hay I went to Leamington, and arrived in time to see Elder Huband, who was quite in trouble about his clothes they were worn very thread-bare.

Thursday June 27th 1850

The intelligence came from Barford that two of the brethren who were working there had been discharged on the Wednesday morning by the Parson, the Very Reverend Mr. Summerfield and also that one of the rowdies had died very suddenly while getting his dinner, he was a Churchman by the name of Toons. I councilled with Elder Toone upon the propriety of getting Elder Huband some clothes, and we send him down to Coventry to Brother Jones with an order to get a Coat and Waistcoat and charge the same to the Conference. I attended meeting in the evening there was but few that attended.

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Friday June 28th 1850

I left for Coventry, I found that sister Fisher was dead and had been buried on Tuesday before, she died very calmly, and was perfectly resigned to the will of Heaven, and died like a saint full of faith and the Holy Ghost. I spent the Afternoon in company with sister Savage at Sticell at her Mothers, she had another sister who was present who believed in the work, when I left they kindly invited me to call upon them at any time. The Old Lady very kindly gave me a shilling. I felt like leaving my blessing upon their heads. I spent the evening in visiting with the saints. I took supper with Elder Warrin his wife was not baptized but was quite a believer in the doctrine.

Saturday June 29th 1850

I obtained a suite of Blackcloth clothes valued 3.5 pounds and at noon left by Government Train for the Potteries. I arrived there at six in the evening, my mother—in—law was at the station to meet me, she looked very sick and fatigued. she began to stoop very much and seemed quite worn down with care and anxiety. Amelia my wife's sister was well, I spent the evening with Elders Mason, Lockett, Simpson and others in a very sociable and agreeable manner. It really was a treat to associate with these old friends, with them I spent my first days in the Church of God, we had sang, prayed and preached together eleven years ago when all the saints in Great Britain could have been put into a good sized room.

Sunday June 30th 1850

Eleven years ago this day I was in the Town of Manchester listening for the first time to one of the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, my heart was struggling with the traditions of my Forefathers, and panting for the truth, yet with this feeling predominant "I will be free!" the spirit of truth had taken hold of my mind, and in spite of every opposing influence, led me to the waters of Baptism, and constrained me to lie passive in the hands of the representative of High even while he planted me in the liquid grave. In this place (Burslem) I received this gracious testimony. "Go to the Town of Manchester and be baptized, for it is my Church", and again for weeks afterwards The Holy Ghost said "Thou must be Ordained to the Office of a Priest". Here I commenced my Ministry and met with much success in preaching the word. I went to Church in the forepart of the day with my wifes mother and sister, as it was customary to visit the Church where there friends were interred the following Sunday. In the Afternoon and Evening I met with the saints, made some remarks in the Afternoon upon the Perpetual Emigration Fund, and advised the Potters to Organize themselves and make preparations for the establishment of a Manufactory in the Valley of the Salt Lake. In the evening we had a good meeting and many were present, and paid very good attention.

Monday July 1st 1850

I sat down and wrote a lengthy letter to my family in answer to one which I had received the week previous, giving me the intelligence that My letter of the 4th of February had come safe to hand, and that the Children were well, that her own health was rather impaired, she had been waiting to see Elder Pratt, but had not seen him, but he had sent her the 10 pounds that I had forwarded by him, and that she had bought a Farm, with 9 acres fenced and cultivated, a log House with two rooms in it, a Stable and Corn Crib, that there was a Creek that ran through the land. The whole was bought for forty dollars from brother Wight who had gone on to the Valley. The stock consisted of 1 Cow, 4 Calves, 2 Pigs and 13 Chickens, she was full of business, had received the Box and contents that I had forwarded by Brother Clewley, also a bonnet kindly sent by sister Burdett. The country was full of Gold diggers on their way to the mountains, who had bought up every kind of grain. Corn was selling at 2 dol 75, Wheat 1 dol 50, Butter 20 cents, Sugar 30, and every thing in proportion, which made it good for the saints that had it to dispose of. This news was very cheering and made me feel anxious to return home to them so that I could make them comfortable. I attended in the Afternoon the Tea meeting it being a general Holiday on account of the wakes at that was held here. The Tea was upon the Table at Five o Clock, and around them about 100 smiling faces. after Tea the Tables were removed and the evening was spent in Singing, speaking, reciting and to crown the whole, Elder Frances aged 72, a travelling Elder in this Conference, and a resident of Macclesfield, accompanied by Sister Layton favoured us with a dance. The joy that pervaded our bosoms cannot be expressed. it is only known to saints. I could not help contrasting the difference between the religion of Jesus Christ, and the poor warn out, broken systems of Sectarianism which may justly be compared to

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a man having a long, rough and tedious journey to perform and nothing better to travel in than a pair of glass shoes, fear and anxiety steals upon him. he has got to be very careful how and where he treads. the least mis-step will break it and the poor pitiful being would be ruined for ever, but the saint being shod with that that is durable can pursue their course with ease and comfort. At the close of the service, I received and accepted an invitation to take supper with Mr. Morton. Elder Locket and Simpson accompanied me. I remained with the brethren in the Towns of Hanley, Burslem, and Longton during the week, on Wednesday I preached at Longton. The saints were much interested and pleased to have a visit from me. I met with brethren on Thursday and conversed with them upon the necessity of Organizing themselves into a Company necessary for moving into the Valley. There were several families that had sufficient income to carry them to Kanesville. I advised them to collect what figure moulds, etc. they could get and to make what arrangements they could and on the return of Elder Pratt, I would repair to Liverpool and lay the affair before him, and enter into the business according to his council. On Friday evening I baptized the sister of Elder Mason in the canal.

Saturday July 6th 1850

The day was very rainy. I took the Train at 10 o Clock for Birmingham and arrived at Sister Fannons in the Afternoon, found her and sister Riley very well. in the evening I met with the saints at Brother Brooks, Bordesly Street. I learned that Elder Cutter was out of Town, his health was not good, the climate did not agree with him, and it was thought advisable for him to return home this fall. I slept at sister Fannons for the night.

Sunday July 7th 1850

I attended meeting in the Afternoon. I had the privilege of confirming Major Johnson and daughter together with Elders Flanigan and Bagly. The saints seemed much united and peace pervaded our meeting. In the evening I addressed a large and attentive congregation, one old Lady came forward and said she should be baptized for she never saw anything so plain in her life. I advised her to go forward and be baptized in the name of the Lord. Elder Flannigan made some remarks respecting several Anonymous letters that had been sent to him. he desired the minister who sent them to come forward in his true dress and then he would talk to him providing that he was an honourable man.

Monday July 8th 1850

I went to Coventry, and found the saints very busy preparing for a Tea Meeting in the Afternoon, which was to be held at Mr. Jones, about 60 met together, and were well entertained. Elder Huband arrived from Avon Dasset, after Tea we went upon the Common and enjoyed ourselves untill a late hour.

Tuesday July 9th 1850

We were much fatigued with the operations of the proceeding day. In the Evening we met together, the saints were full of joy and animation. Elder

Wednesday July 10th 1850

I went to Leamington, found all well and rejoicing in the work very much. I heard that Elder LeBaron was expected in Town the next day that he was then in Ashorne. Elder Toone and others went over to Ashorne and preached—returned the same evening accompanied by Elder LeBaron. I felt glad at having the privilege of seeing Elder LeB. I had not heard from him for some time nor of any of his movements. He looked well and had increased in flesh very much, still he was low spirited felt like dying, and thought he must go home—that the climate did not suit his health, and if he had known he would not have come upon this mission.

Thursday July 11th 1850

I had some conversations with Elder LeBaron upon the propriety of his contenting himself in this country and fulfilling a faithful mission, but in spite of all of my efforts, he was determined to go home, and sat down and wrote his feelings to Elder F. D. Richards stating his feelings and requesting the privilege of returning home this winter. I was sorry that his mind was so unsettled, for instead of consoling and building up the saints, his cause was calculated to discourage and to do more harm than good. We sent the Crier round the Town to inform the people that two Elders

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from America would address the meeting that would be held that Evening in Guy Street, there were but few that attended. I made some remarks upon the second Coming of Jesus Christ, and the necessity of a people being prepared to receive him. I was followed by Elder LeBaron who bore testimony to the truth of the Organization of the Church and to the righteousness of the Prophet Joseph. This day I met with Elder J. Jaques of Stratford on Avon, my mind was upon very much to send him upon a Mission in the neighborhood of Atherstone, Badgely, Etc. I was talking to Elder Toone about going to Stratford to see him when providentially he came into Leamington when he knew that I was in the Town. he expected that he would certainly be called upon to travel in this Conference, I requested him to meet me and Elder LeBaron at Elder J. Toones. I laid before them my feelings with respect to Elder J. Jaques, and after some consultation, It was unanimously agreed That Elder John Jaques should act in the capacity of traveling Elder in this Conference, Elder LeBaron asked my advice as to the propriety of sending Elder Smith of Hanley and Elder Aicher of Benson to travel and preach in Oxfordshire. I stated my objections and told the situation of our finances, that we were much in debt at that time and I thought it wisdom to act very cautiously. He then told me that he had councilled them to go, and that they were going. I told him that I did not think it right to act in such matters without my council, as I was the responsible person, and President of the Conference, that I ought to be made acquainted with all such movements, and as we three were the Presidents of the Conference, we ought to act understandingly. Elder Toone was of the same opinion, but Elder LeBaron, contended that he had done right, that he had the right to send out men, after some considerable reasoning he seemed more reconciled. I advised Elder Jaques to go to Stratford and settle his business, and if he possibly could to return on Saturday that he might accompany me to Coventry and thus commence his ministerial labours.

Saturday July 13th 1850

I went over to Cobington accompanied by Elder LeBaron and some of the saints. our object was to see some of the saints who had not the privilege of attending meeting, we spent the evening in a very agreeable manner. when we returned I found Elders Huband and Jaques at sister Wilkins.

Sunday July 14th 1850

Elder Huband left for Avon Dassett. Elder Jaques accompanied me to Coventry, we spent the day in a very agreeable manner. I preached morning and evening, followed by Elder Jaques. In the Afternoon we attended to the breaking of bread, several of the saints bore testimony to the truth, I arose and spoke in Tongues but there was no interpreter present.

Monday July 15th 1850

I went over to Foleshill early in the day visited Sister Summers and spent with her the remainder of the Afternoon. In the Afternoon we went to Bedworth. The Temperance Society kindly allowed us to lecture in the Peoples Hall Bedworth Post this and the two following Monday evenings. We got some bills printed notifying the people that on Monday July 15th I would deliver a lecture upon The second Coming of Jesus Christ, His personal reign on earth, and First Resurrection, etc. On Monday 22nd by Elder J. Toone, Subjetc. The Church of Christ as it was, its Apostacy, and necessity of a New dispensation being given to man. And On Monday 29th by myself, Subject The re-organization of the Church, and the qualifications necessary to become a Member of the same. We assembled together at 1/2 past 7 and at 1/4 to 8. Elder Jaques was called to the Chair. He opened the meeting by kindly soliciting the attention of the audience. I arose and addressed the congregation for 1 hour and a 1/2. The people were very attentive. A Gentleman names Harriss asked a many Questions, after I had given answers to them, the people dismissed well satisfied. We remained with brother J. Shaw for the night.

Tuesday July 16th 1850

I returned to Leamington. Elder LeBaron was well, we met with the saints in the evening. I addressed them at some length and called upon Elder LeBaron to make a few remarks, he said that he did not feel much of the spirit and should speak when he felt like doing so, and when he did not he should sit still. I felt his remark a little but thought it best to say nothing and let it pass over. I was asked afterwards if I thought he meant to insult me. I baptized Sister Ivins.

Wednesday July 17th 1850

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This was a Grand festival day for Leamington. Thousands flocked in from the surrounding Towns and Villages to witness the Ascension of the Great Balloon, said to contain 40,000 cubic feet of Gas. The Gardens were decorated with some thousands of Glass lamps of different colours, which when lighted up in the evening made the most brilliant and enchanting appearance I ever beheld. The Balloon ascended with five persons in it at half past five the sight was truly imposing. At nine o Clock the fireworks commenced which lasted untill half past 10 and such a wonderful display of human ingenuity I never before witnessed, thousands of people staid until the last and appeared to go home well satisfied.

Thursday July 18th 1850

I received a letter from my wife and I can truly say that it caused my heart to rejoice. the letter contained a lock of each of the Children Hair, which intend having put into a Locket. She informed me of the conduct of Bradford Elliott, that he did his best to disconde her, and to persuade brother Leonard to leave her on the way. Elder O Hyde had investigated into the affair and counilled Elliott to stay at the Bluffs and work to support her and the Children, but he had denied everything and had gone on to the Valley, but he had lost his Cattle. that Elder Hyde told him that if he went to the Valley he should not prosper. She also called for me to come home as soon as I possibly could, that she was well and the Children were prospering, That Brother Clewley and Maycock were living near them and were doing well and had purchased Farms. I went to Welford called at Stratford on Avon, and took dinner with the saints, I rode with brother Holtam a distance of 4 miles. We were visited in the Afternoon by a severe storm of Thunder and rain. The lightning also was very strong, several men were killed and Cattle knocked down in the adjoining neighborhoud. Barns and were set Fire too, and considerable damage done by the rain. I preached to a few in the evening who were very attentive. I remained with brother Court for the night.

Friday July 19th 1850

I returned to Stratford for the night and met with the saints in council. Saturday I returned to Leamington and in the evening baptized George Dapple.

Sunday July 21st 1850

I remained at Leamington, preached morning and evening. I confirmed one in the afternoon, Elder Toone went to Southam, returned in the evening, joyful at the prospect and gave out an appointment for me on the next evening.

Monday July 22nd 1850

I went to Southam, the people came out in great Numbers to hear Elders Robbins and Huband and also Randall and Nickles were present. I laid my views before the people upon the doctrine of Baptizm. They were very attentive, at the close of the meeting, we inquired if any one would entertain Elder Huband and myself as we were journeying without purse and script. (The rest of the brethren were to return home), and in a few minutes there were a half dozen bids offered and 1 shilling gave unto us. We thanked them for their good feelings we remained with ???who gave us some supper, furnished us with a good bed and breakfast. we departed leaving a blessing upon their House.

Tuesday July 23rd 1850

We went to Mollington a Village upon the edge of Oxfordshire, 11 miles in the distance. The day was very Hot until Afternoon we had a few showers We preached to an attentive congregation who paid the greatest attention. Elder Huband had preached in this place a few times, and some were believing in the doctrine. We called upon them to entertain us for the night, and a Mr. Archer took us in, treated us kindly and pressed upon us to remain until the next Afternoon.

Wednesday July 24th 1850

We left Mollington in the Afternoon for Fenney Compton, we went through Farmbro and Avon Dassett, took Tea with Mrs Barnes, we had a numerous congregation, who paid very good attention, when I had got through with my remarks a number of ranters arose and endeavoured to

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prejudice the peoples minds against us, but we soon discovered that they had little or no influence. we returned to Avon Dasset for the night.

Thursday July 25th 1850

We held a meeting in this place it rained most of the day, which prevented us from holding our meeting in the open air. The house was crowded to excess and a many were much interested. Elder Huband baptized 3 in this place.

Friday July 26th 1850

We went over to Warmington and in the evening met with the saints and after singing and prayers I made a few remarks upon the Organization of the Church, and the necessity of Organizing them in to a branch of the same. It was moved and unanimously carried that the saints of Avon Dasset and Warmington be organized in a branch of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints. Also that James Haynes be Ordained to the Office of a Priest, Elder Britton of Banbury was present and made some remarks upon the saints obeying the council of those set in authority in the Church, he was followed by Elder Huband and Edwards. there was 10 members in Warmington and others quite interested. I went to Banbury after Meeting in company with Elders Britton and Edwards, Mr. Lee and family sat up until a late hour waiting for our arrival.

Sunday July 28th 1850

We assembled in Warmington on the Green to hold our Meeting. at eleven o Clock we Organized ourselves and commenced our meeting, but we were soon interrupted by a company of noisy ranters who had so much malice and hatred in there bosoms as to sing and shout while we were speaking and that too right in our midst, they continued there shameful course untill the latter part of the Afternoon. A company of 25 arrived from Leamington, which made quite an addition for us. The Meeting was addressed by Elders Freeman, Britton, Toone, LeBaron, Edwards and myself. I returned to Leamington in the evening, we did not arrive untill a late hour. arrival of Elder O. Pratt in Liverpool and that a Tea Meeting would be held on the following day to welcome his safe return to this country, and that my presence was requested and expected on the occasion. I wrote to Leamington informing Elder Toone of my determination to go to Liverpool the next day and desired his company if he possibly could. I then went to Nuneaton for the night, called at Bedworth and delivered the last of the course of Lectures, The Hall was crowded to excess, a many questions were asked and answered which seemed to give general satisfaction.

Tuesday July 30th 1850

I started in company with Elder J. Jaques for L-pool, we arrived there at 1/2 past 2 o Clock, Elder Cummings, Robbins, Holiday and others, also my Mother and brother met me at the Station, and the first intelligence that saluted my ears was that I must go home in September, by the way of New York to attend to some business for the Church. this information came in contact with all my plans and arrangements, as I did not see any probability of leaving until January, I had written the week previous to my family informing them that I did not expect to be at home before April—but I felt determined to accomplish every thing that was required at my hands. The plan that Elder Pratt suggested for the raising of funds, was that every member in the Conference should be visited, and that all that would donate should put there name and the amount to paper and in Order that they might venture to give liberally, 2 or 3 months would be allowed to pay the money in, That the amount to be donated should be advanced to me, so that I could depart by the 15th of September if possible. Elder Toone arrived in the evening, We had a good session together, the Tea, the Cake, and all was excellent, everything was well arranged and well conducted, and brought much praise to Elder Rogers. Elder G. DWatt was the first to open the meeting with a speech, followed by Elders Pratt, Richards, Cummings, Wheelock, myself and other Elders, The singing was good—in fine a better conducted meeting I never saw. There was about 1000 present—who enjoyed themselves very well, about 600 sat down to Tea. Elder Pratt made some remarks upon the 18th Chap. of Isaiah, where the prophet spoke of the swift messengers being sent to the nations, and said that he had come a distance of 7000 miles in 29 days, which proved to him that the prophets of old were inspired by the Holy Ghost.

Wednesday July 31st 1850

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We spent most of the day in company with the different presidents of Conference. Elder Toone wrote to the Presidents of the different branches informing that of my departure to the land of Zion. I laid before Elder Pratt the circumstances under which the potters were placed in Staffordshire and he desired them to prepare everything they possibly could for the carrying out of the business in that country.

Thursday August 1st 1850

I wrote a letter to my family informing them of my departure from this country in September, and that if all was well I should be at home before the New Year. In the Afternoon we took a trip to New Brighton, the river was calm, we went around the Battery, and took a good wash in the water before we left, Elder Toone had a brother and sister and family ready to sail for America, and we went and made arrangements for their passage on board the Constitution, she was a fine Ship and fitted up a little better than any ship I had ever seen. I spent the evening with my brothers and their wives.

Friday August 2nd 1850

I took the train at Edge Hill for the Potteries accompanied by Elders Jaques, Robbins and Flannigan, we arrived in Burslem at 12 o'clock, found the saints well, we met together in the evening and consulted upon the best way to effect means for the establishing of a Potwork in the Valley. My mother in law was very unwell, a severe cold had settled in her head which caused her to be almost in continual pain. Amelia was well and enjoying herself very much.

Saturday August 3rd 1850

I left for Birmingham the day was pleasant and fine, the grain looked well on each line, and in some places they had commenced the harvest. I called at Sister Fannons and took dinner, left for Coventry at 4 o'clock found the saints well, but quite low spirited on account of my departure being near at hand, I left for Leam—ton at nine in the evening, Elder Toone had written stating that his relations had better be in Liverpool on the following Monday to sail on the Wednesday.

Sunday August 4th 1850

I attended at Leamington. I felt much depressed in spirits until the evening, there was a good congregation who paid great attention some were present from the adjoining Villages, where the brethren had been preaching the last few weeks, and seemed determined to investigate and be baptized.

Monday August 5th 1850

I paid a visit to the Castle and Town of Warwick, spent an hour in the County Court, they were holding the Assises. the case on hand was not very interesting to us as we only heard the latter part of the evidence. I took Tea with sister Ross, had some conversations with a Lady named Finch, who was most interested and ready for Baptism. I attended Council in the evening, there was nothing of importance transpired.

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Readers for the night.

Saturday August 10th 1850

I returned to Coventry, left Elder Jaques to preach at Fillongly and Coleshill the next day. I remained with the saints at Coventry until Monday morning. When I entered the Chapel on Sunday, my heart almost sank within me. I thought of the many happy hours we had spent together, and that this was the last Sunday we should spend together in this land and for a while I lost all command of my feelings, and was compelled to give vent to my feelings in a flood of tears. I did not know until then how closely my heart was united with the saints. We had a good turn—out through the day and in the evening I was baptized.

Monday August 12th 1850

I went to Leamington by the 8 o Clock Train, Elder Toone had returned from Liverpool, his relatives left in good spirits, he accompanied them 30 miles; Sister Toone was quite unwell, but was some better than she had been the week previous. I found Elder LeBaron had arrived from Banbury, he was well in health, he thought it was but little use to preach in Oxfordshire. In the Afternoon I went to Loxley called at Ashorne, and took Tea with Elder Pickering. at Loxley I found the saints well. but very busily engaged in the harvest, we did not get together until a late hour. I spoke to them at some length upon the necessity of being diligent and faithful in all the duties that devolved upon them, and to wait patiently for deliverance and it verily would come to them and their posterity, we remained together until midnight.

Tuesday August 13th 1850

I went to Stratford on Avon, the birth place of the great Shakespeare. the saints were well, Sister Neal had been confined two weeks, the Child was not very well, she desired me to administer to it, it was troubled with a disease called the White mouth. In some parts of this country it is called the Frog, and as a remedy, sometimes a small Frog is obtained for the Child to suck, which is said to be an infallible remedy, thus a many parents refrain from using it, considering it is very cruel and unpleasant. I then went to Welford, in a little while after I arrived, it commenced raining, and continued until midnight, which prevented the people from coming together, a few of the saints assembled. Elder Horsley arrived from Alcester, accompanied by a Gentleman who was interested much in our doctrines and principles.

Wednesday August 14th 1850

I left Welford for Witheley. I called at Barton at the house of Brother White, the saints that resided here were busy in the harvest, so that I could not see any of them. I went to Broome and spent the Afternoon with brother Harriss. Elder Horsley accompanied me to the house of brother Haynes, where we held our meeting that Evening, but not until a late hour, The meeting was mostly taken up, by investigating a case that had been before the Council several times but could not be satisfactorily settled. It appear that Elder Morris had made some remarks to a person that worked with him and Elder Horsley, that were calculated to injure him (Horsley) very much, he had said that he was suspicious of Elder Horsley having connections with his Masters wife, his remarks were commented upon by the people until it came to his Masters here, who was so exasperated with Morris that he turned him from his employment. Elder Morris had been brought up before the Church by Elder Horsley, but they were so full of hatred towards each other they could not settle the affair. After hearing the statements made by Horsley Elder M. arose and said, that he was satisfied that he had taken a wrong course and was very sorry, and requested forgiveness at the hands of Elder Horsley and Council, and it was Unanimously agreed that he be forgiven and returned to the full fellowship and confidence of the saints. I asked them if they were willing to receive Elder Horsby and sustain him in his Office, but all hands were kept down. I called upon Elder Lock to give him a statement of the reason why and he said that there was some reports in circulation against Elder Horsley and sister Stiles, and they felt very anxious to have the thing investigated. I told them that I would call upon her the next day and inquire into the affair. I went with Elder Horsely to Alcester for the night, indeed I may truly say for the morning—for it was 3 o Clock when I got to rest.

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I called upon Sister Stiles upon my way to Stratford on Avon. -she said that Elder Horaly did call upon her some time back and made some remarks to her that she did not think was right, and when she told him about it, he said he was sorry and hoped she would forgive him. she said that she would, but immediately after told the affair to some of the saints, and they had made mention of it to others. The circumstances had occurred some months past and she had seen nothing since that time that gave her any reason to think that he would attempt the likes again. I remained at Stratford for the night with a Mr. Harriss who treated me very kindly. The saints were well and doing all in their power to deliver themselves from the grasp of the Gentile power.

Friday August 16th 1850

I went to Leamington, I was much weary from travelling. I received a note from Elder E. Kelsy, stating that he would be in Leamington on Monday and would preach on Tuesday evening. Elder Toone had published some Bills announcing the arrival of Elder K. and soliciting their attendance at the lecture on Tuesday evening. I wrote to Elder Kelsy stating that I should be each lines, and in some places they had commenced the harvest. I called at Sister Fannons and took dinner, left for Coventry at 4 o Clock found the saints well, but quite low spirited on account of my departure being near at hand, I left for Leam ton at nine in the evening, Elder Toone had written stating that his relations had better be in Liverpool on the following Monday to sail on the Wednesday.

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Saturday August 17th 1850

I visited amongst the saints untill the evening. I then went to Dunchurch, a distance of 14 miles, by the Carrier. I staid at Sister Burdetts for the night, and enjoyed myself in her society and those of Her family.

Sunday August 18th 1850

I went to Rugby, was met by brother Higgs and Sisters Wait, Rolling, and Brightwel. We attended meeting throughout the day. there was but few that attended. the prospects were very dull. a Spirit of Jealousy and hatred rested upon the Saints, and was extended to the people of the Town. I endeavored to get the parties together, and reconcile the affair. I told them that unless they were very careful, it would end in the Apostasy from the Church. I remained with them until Tuesday, held a Council on Monday Evening, the Officers were determined to do right and use all the influence they had in settling all matters.

Tuesday August 20th 1850

I went to Watford branch, the saints were very busy in the harvest, but we contrived to get a full meeting, I laid my hands upon and blessed the Child of brother Major and remained for the night with Wm Jeffery.

Wednesday August 21 1850

I went to Daventry a distance of 5 miles. just as I was about to leave Watford brother Jacob Whitehouse came running to brother Jefferys, he was pale as a Corpse. he said Elder Cordon run to my house. my Children! I believe they are drowned, and then sank upon the Chair. I was accompanied by bro. Jeffery, we found the Mother rubbing the Child with Salt and Water, it was quite warm with the friction. I rubbed its breast with Brandy, but there was not the least symptoms of life, we laid the Child in bed, wrapt it well in flannel, sent for a doctor. the nearest one was two miles in the distance, we continued rubbing and using the means that were within our reach but all to no effect, in all probability the Spirit of the Child had departed before it was taken from the water. She was an interesting little Girl of 2 years or 3 years old. The house is situated near the Canal, and is the most unlikely place in the world for a man to locate himself with a family. I arrived at Daventry about 2 o Clock, found sister Martin and her fellow Companions were well. they were much pleased to welcome me to the House. the family were from home, which gave us an opportunity of enjoying ourselves the better, I remained with them until the next day and the servants very kindly (accompanied by Sister M) carried me in a Zig to Eydon a distance of about 10 miles, He drove us through in 55 minutes, the last mile we were caught by a severe storm of rain which drenched us to the skin, before we parted she very kindly gave me a handsome Gold Key and 5 in money. I remained with them for the night, met with the, saints and Elder Isaac Jeff S and family and two more of the saints from that branch. I gave them some instructions respecting the best course for them to pursue while crossing the Sea and also while journeying in the United States.

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Friday August 25th 1850

I walked to Banbury a distance of 10 miles. I found Elder Kelsy and Edwards at brother Lees. I felt glad to see them, the saints received me with great joy, especially this family. they were good saints, kind to all the servants of God, and willing to assist at all times. they were diligent in laying up treasures in Heaven, which must eventually roll upon their heads. Elder Kelsy was well, he had visited the saints at Leamington and Horley. He kindly brought me a letter from Leamington which had come from my family, dated July 1st. The following is the substance.

My Dear Husband I sit down to let you know how I get along at this time. I am well and the Children my babe has been very sick but has got better again, I am expecting a letter from you every day, and hope you will receive this before you leave England. you will leave I hope according to promise, I think you have been from home long enough on this mission for we all want to see you back again. I hope you are more happier in your mind than when you wrote last. I know what it is to be left alone, and I mean to do right. I have all confidence in you, I know you will do right, if I did not think so I should be the unhappiest of woman, whoever enters into this Church have got to live a Holy and a virtuous life or they cannot stand in it. Moses Martin is cut off from the Church for his wickedness while on his mission to England. President Young asked him when he got to the Valley if he had kept himself a virtuous man while in England and he said, Yes! Pres Young told him that he lied and proved it and Cut him off from the Church. There has gone a great many this spring to the Valley, and amongst the number Bateman, Ralphs, White, Mayer, etc. I have not heard from George Baddaley or Henry for some time. I want go to the Valley next spring and there shall be nothing lacking in my part. I have a great deal of work upon my hands my Cow to milk, 5 Calves to feed, 2 Hogs and 40 Chickens and 1 1/2 acres of land to attend to. my Corn and Wheat looks well. I shall get some Hay put up. this season it will save our Corn and that will fetch a good price in the spring of the year, provisions are very high but it will soon be harvest and everything will be plentiful. Let me know what you think of the course I have taken, I have done all for the best, write when you set sail from Liverpool. I would like to see my mother and sister in that Country. I hope they are in the Church. The Children are going to School Edwin P is quite discouraged about his Father coming home again, he is a good boy, and the neighbors say they never saw such a little fellow to work. Rachel Ann is a good girl and as is Emma. She wants her Father to come home again. Elder O. Hyde starts for the Valley on the 4 inst. Accept of my best wishes and give my love to all Saints. The Children all say, give my love to Father and tell him to come home soon for we want to see you. I remain Yours in life and death.

E.Cordon

Sunday August 25th 1850

We assembled together at 11 o Clock in the room in Rest Barr. a number of the saints came from Horley, Shutford, Eydon, etc. The day was very wet which operated against us very much. We spent the day in teaching and instructing the saints. Elder Kelsy, Huband, Jeffs, Edwards, and others addressed the meeting. The Tea was served up in excellent order. All enjoyed the report.

Monday August 26th 1850

We bid the saints farewell and went to Horley. I was much grieved at leaving the saints especially the family of Mr. Lees, they were very kind to me. I had enjoyed myself in their society, and had feasted at their table, in fact they had demonstrated in every sense of the word that they were the disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, they had fed, clothed, and entertained the servants of God, and had made a home for them at all times, and I pray that they may be blest with all the blessings of life and Salvation, gathered to Zion and rejoice upon the everlasting mountain. We found the saints at Horley quite well and anxiously waiting for our arrival, we took Tea with brother M. Harriss, we preached to the Saints, there was a good turn—out. Elder Kelsy made some remarks about the necessity of establishing a Israel society in that and all other branches. We repaired at brother Smiths for the night.

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Tuesday August 27th 1850

We left the saints in this place much affected, they were a kind people. their hearts were opened liberally to assist me to my family. We went to Kineton, the saints were busy in the harvest, it was with some difficulty that they could assemble together in the evening. Elder Kelsy and myself addressed the congregation, the saints were quite delighted with the remarks made by Elder Kelsy.

Wednesday August 28th 1850

We went to Ashorne and held a meeting in the evening. The saints felt bad at me leaving them, this branch had been Organized by me and it was one that I had visited a many times. We left early the next morning for Leamington, and found several letters from Liverpool, etc. We met in council in the evening and prepared for the coming Conference.

Friday August 30th 1850

I went to Coventry and met with Elder Robbins and J Gates, they were well and well received by the saints, they were interested to come to Leamington that morning. After I had arranged my business we went to Leamington. Elder Kelsy was at Elder Toones, we attended to the Council meeting in the evening.

Sunday September 1st 1850

We met together in Conference. I was called to preside over the meeting. Elders Toone and Freeman were chosen as Clerks, Prayer by Elder Gates. There was considerable business transacted throughout the day but as this will appear in Tract form I shall omit inserting it here, my mind was at times much grieved at leaving the Conference, still I knew it was the council of Heaven, and I felt determined to carry out every commandment that was laid upon me. A many of the saints from the neighbouring branches were present. Joy and peace pervaded our meeting, the saints did not leave until a late hours.

Monday September 2nd 1850

We went to Coventry to attend a Tea Meeting, we sat down at 5 o Clock, there was about 100 Saints present, after Tea we went into the fields to have a little recreation. At seven in the evening we met and Organized our Meeting, Elder Kelsy was first called upon to address the meeting, followed by Elder Gates, Robbins, Jeffs, Huband, Edwards and Jacques. Elder J. H. Flannigan arrived in time to attend to our evening exercises, The Choir sang several pieces. I sang a Song entitled the Down hill of Life and also one entitled the Horley Momonites. Elder Gates sang The Dream, Elder Jeffs sang The Banbury Parsons. Everything went of well, the hearts of the saints warmed glad.

Tuesday September 3rd 1850

We returned in the Afternoon to Leamington, and in the evening attended meeting. Elders Flannigan, Gates, Robbins, Kelsy and myself addressed the meeting, the hearts of the saints were made glad while listening to the testimony of these brethren. We made arrangements for the getting up of a Tea Meeting the next day.

Wednesday September 4th 1850

We met together in the Afternoon about 100 sat down to Tea, and afterwards we spent the evening in Singing, speaking, reciting, etc., everything went of well, we did not break up our meeting untill almost 12 o Clock.

Thursday September 5th 1850

Elders Flannigan, Gates, and Robbins left for their respective Conferences, Elder Kelsy and myself spent the time in arranging the minutes of the Conference for the press.

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Friday September 6th 1850

I received a letter from Elder Robbins informing me that two letters had been sent to Leamington for J Gates, and ought to have been delivered previous to his departure. I went down to the Post Office and after some little trouble obtained them (they had been misdirected) and re—mailed them the same day. I went to Coventry and from thence to Foleshill, a number of saints assembled together and we spent the evening in a very agreeable and interesting manner.

Saturday September 7th 1850

I called upon a number of the saints, paid to Elder Broadhead the sum of 21 pounds that had been left by Elder W. Parker to assist him to Council Bluffs. I met with Elder Kelsy, he was going to remain with the saints here for a few days. I returned to Leamington for the Sunday. I found brother Palmer in dreadful pain, he had taken a severe cold, which had settled in his face. I administered to him and retired to rest.

Sunday September 8th 1850

I went to meeting in the afternoon of the day, and addressed an attentive audience. I wrote a letter and directed it to C. Badaly, Burbury

Monday September 9th 1850

I went to Coventry and from thence to Rugby. Elder Jeffs and some of the saints were waiting for me at the Station. I attended council in the evening the brethren paid over to me to assist me home the sum of 3.pounds 15.107. in Coventry they paid me the sum of 10 pounds. Elder Jeffs went down to the water and baptized three. I remained with brother Hunter for the night.

Tuesday September 10th 1850

I took an early train to Leicester, rode in an open Carriage, the morning was pleasant. I arrived in Northampton Street at Brother Rurdbeck by eight Clock. I met with Elder Robbins at the breakfast table. I found the saints well and all on the tip—toe of expectation, at the thought of having a good Tea Meeting on the next day. Elder Gates arrived about noon one of the letters he received was from Elder Erastus Snow, the brethren had began a good work in Denmark and had baptized 40 and a many more were believing. Elder Forsgreen had been arrested on the charge of Treason and had been tried and sentenced to be banished from the nation. We attended Council Meeting in the evening. The Officers were much united in the faith of the Gospel.

Wednesday September 11th 1850

A number of the saints came in by an early Train. The races were to begin this day, a many people were brought into the Town from all parts, a special Train went to Birmingham containing 3,000 persons. Sisters Brightwell, wort and Hunt arrived, we visited the Museum, and other public places. We met at the Chapel at 4 o Clock. The Tea and Cake was served up in excellent order, Elder Robbins was called to preside over the meeting for the evening. Elder J. Jaques arrived in the evening, he gave me some Composition, dedicated to me on account of my departure from this Country, which I shall insert at the close of the proceeding of this Conference. Elder Robbins called the meeting to order, and called upon Elder Hall to make a few remarks. He arose and said that he rejoiced at being a Latter Day Saint and was in hopes of a good meeting, he rejoiced in his parentage, his Father was a very pious man. he was a wanderer upon the earth, he searched diligently for piety, but could not find any untill he met with the Latter Day Saints. Elder Wheeler, Jacques, Gates, Yost and myself addressed the meeting. The Choir took an active part in the operations of the evening, we brought the meeting to a close at 10 o Clock, everything went of well, a spirit of peace and good humour rested upon all. A vote of thanks was offered to the Committee for the good accommodations and diligent care with which they had attended to the comfort of all.

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Lines dedicated by Elder J. Jaques to Elder Alfred Cordon

Almighty Father of the human race
Who sits enthroned in glorious majesty
Yet takest peculiar delight in
The workmanship of thy hands; that looketh
Down to smile upon and bless the sons of Man,
and favour thy obedient Children
Listen, O Listen to my souls desire,
From thy high court above answer my prayer
I crave for my brother Alfred Cordon

O Lord, thou knowest his faithfulness and
Strong desire to fulfill all righteousness.
His sterling virtue, firm integrity
And constant watchfulness. How cheerful
His ready mind follows the council of
The Holy Priesthood, and obeys its call, My Father,
He has right nobly fulfilled his mission
And cheered the hearts of thine afflicted sons
Many through him have heard and felt and loved
The truth, and now rejoice in liberty.
Throughout all ages they will call him blest,
And thank the Providence that shaped his course.
For manfully he bore to them the word And spirit of Life.
He has proved himself A messenger of Peace,
an herald of Salvation, a bearer of glad tidings
To a benighted people.
In tearful gratitude Now he is leaving us we say—— Adieu God speed thee brother,
Haste to the bosom Of the Church,
thy wife, and family;
The prayers and blessings of ten thousand
Saints are thine. Farewell!
Great Father of our Spirits
Bear him safe o'er the wide world of waters.
To his mountain home.
Preserve him from all
Dangers by sea or land.
Give the rude winds
And the foaming waves charge concerning him
That he may again embrace his loved ones
In the sweet Valleys of the fertile West.
And shake hands with the nobles of Israel
In the heights of Zion.
May his good wife live long to his glory
And bring him many children to give
Honour and support to him in his declining years.
May their lives be devoted to the Public good,
May they be ambassadors to the nations;
May strangers point and Say,
These were born in Zion.
O let the choicest blessings of high heaven
Descend upon his head,
Stretch out thy hand
Watch over him for good,
Bless him out of Zion Thy holy habitation.

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Prosper him In all things he shall set his hand unto
Establish him in the high mountains of Ephraim.
May his inheritance become
Very fruitful, and his posterity
Be multiplied, may his flocks and herds
And all his possessions greatly increase
Stir up his pure mind
To a remembrance of the Warwickshire Saints,
when he reaches the Hills of Zion
That he may plead for their deliverance
From Gentile bondage.
In holy places And within the more sacred walls of thy Temple,
may he petition thy throne on Their behalf.
Yet more my Father,
May he overcome the evils of the World,
and escape the evils of deceivers,
Deliver him from the snares of Satan,
Shield him from the venomous dart of wicked Men and devils.
Comfort him on his long dreary journey,
Bear high his spirit, far exceed his hopes,
And fond anticipations.
Illuminate His soul and fill his mind with perfect peace.
Guide his feet in all righteousness,
Lead him In the bright ways of everlasting truth,
May he grow in knowledge and thy favour
And swiftly run the great race before him.
May his sun no more go down, nor his
Light within him be darkness, and may he drink
Still more deeply from the pure fountain of
Intelligence and wisdom.
And may his Continual course rise upwards to the Gods.
May his name never be blotted from Heavens Archives
But through all eternity may it be
Had in honourable remembrance.
In thy Kingdom Crown him with a royal diadem
Of Unfolding Glory and Celestial worth;
Grant him to wave a righteous sceptre
Of untold splendour and sanctified Millions.
Grant all things in the name of Jesus Christ,
Amen and Amen
John Jaques Coventry, England September, 1850

Leamington, September 1850 Dear Brother Alfred Cordon
President O. Pratt hath counselled thee to leave thy present situation, and to make thy journey
once again across the mighty deep, to transact business ascertaining to the Church and Kingdom
of our God. We acquiesce and quite approve the blessed appointment for in obedience to the
commandments of God, you will be blessed. You are a blessed man in being a messenger of
Truth and righteousness as thousands will testify in your behalf. For in due time and course all
thing transpire aright. When we reflect upon the lonely situation in which you found us, and the
wonderful things that have transpired in this, so short, a time of our acquaintance, we with
reluctance say, Go Home dear Alfred to the bosom of thy family. but this even will cause the
breaking forth of many a tear. When we reflect and take a retrospective view of your past
labours, your diligence and watchfulness to build up Zion by aiding her with converts from this
land of our nativity, we will unite to bless you in the name of Israel's God and pray for you a
speedy journey to the happy land, where dwells the Zion of our God, and the mountains and the

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deep ravines of the Great and everlasting Hills. And when you get into the bosom of the Church of God, do tell the Lion of the Lord that kindred Spirits are anxious, yea, all on tiptoe, waiting for the joyous word and confirmation, that we may gather, and be united in coporeal bands, upon the mountains, or in the plains, as seemeth fit to him who rules above, beneath, around, whose power is all omnipotent, and in whom the Saints of Latter days confide. Tell our brother Brigham when you see him how we want the gladsome hour to come, when all the Saints of God shall be brought home. Then we doubt not that he again as Prophet of the Lord will bow the knee before the throne of Him who is Almighty, and bear us up before the Lord with earnest supplications, that the time may soon be here, when Ephraim's sons shall all be gathered into the land of their inheritance, and there enjoy the promised blessings which old Jacob made upon the head of Ephraim, when Joseph brought his sons before him to be blessed. There's many things we want to know as Englishmen, and first, what will become of the Lion and Unicorn, the glorious standards of Israel's Princes. We long to be informed on our duty, and pray the Lord to give us strength to carry out his purposes, that Israel soon the head may be, as anciently, to be honoured with the presence of her Lord: those laws from Him shall go forth, and whose words shall be known in and from Jerusalem. Dear Alfred, the Saints in Warwickshire will feel your loss at present, but we despair not, for we know in whom we have believe, and he, can alone defend his own, whatever power opposes. We testify to all around, that we have found the Church and Kingdom of the living God, and without doubt we certify, for our eyes have seen, and ears have heard, and our hands have handled of the Word of life. Presented to Alfred Cordon 1st September 1850

in Conveyance assembled, by Elder J. Toone, by the unanimous voice of the Conference.

Thursday September 17 1850

I returned to Leamington and made arrangements for departing from the Conference the next day. I received a letter from Elder F. J. Filcher dated Burlington, August 18, 1850 A few extracts I shall insert here: Dear Brother After being silent so long I again sit down to write a few lines to you. I should have written sooner but I have been waiting for some intelligence from the Valley. I have just received a letter from Elder Robinson. He and his family are well, prospering very much. he has got a City lot and has saved it with Barley, he has 12 acres of Fall wheat, and has obtained plenty of land. His son Richard had gone to the Gold mines, and as soon as Conference was over quite a company were going. The City has 10,000 inhabitants, three stores, and quite a number of Milliners and Tailers, Shops, The Council house 45 feet Square and 2 stories and a half high, is almost finished. There is an observatory on the Top, where the Brass Band assemble to amuse and delight the citizens with their Musical abilities. In fact all accounts agree with the statements we have previously received. I have seen letters written both by believers and unbelievers, who testify that it is a pleasant and a healthy location, and of our people having plenty of Gold, and of it being the most industrious people in the world, but Brother Cordon you know this is not to be wondered at. The prophet Joseph told us while in our poverty-stricken circumstances in Nauvoo, that all the saints should be tried as much with riches as they had been with poverty, We must be tried with all things before we can join the company that come up through great tribulation, we know that it is very desirable as far as this world goes to be in possession of plenty of money, but the great and end object of the saints should be to obtain a fulness of exaltation in the Glory which is Celestial and less these possessions be what they may, they should be used as a means to accomplish the great end, which bring once obtained all things also will be considered as dung and drop. I received a letter a few days ago from your dear wife....Received September 12th at Liecester from Elder L. Robbin the sum of 10.6.4, or fifty dollars in Cash, to be paid to his family in Council Bluffs. Received of Elder E. B. Kelsey, September 12th the sum of 1.12,0 pounds to be pay over to his wife in Kansas. harvest field. Most of the small grain will be cut this week. Brothers Ward, Parson, Chandler, Call & myself only brethern present. Addressed the meeting & exhorted to be watchful & prayerful. The spirit of Apostacy is now very prevalent in the Ward & the action of the Teachers Quorum in regard to John Joyce has stirred up those of the same spirit especially Charles Arbon. His wife Martha wished the sisters to remember her in her troubles. The afternoon I went to raking hay. The day was pleasant. The locust the last few days have been very numerous working upon our corn. We expect it will be mostly destroyed.

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Friday August 7th 1868

Busy cutting hay & taking care of it.

Saturday August 8th 1868

Attended School of the Prophets. Much valuable instruction was given by Elders Snow, Wright & Smith. Brother Wood, Dalton, & Parson were admitted members. Returned home late in the evening.

August 9th 1868

We received a visit from Elder S. Smith & his wife & daughter accompanied by Robert Wilson. They attended meeting in the morning. Elders Wilson & Smith followed by Elder G. W. Ward addressed us & were led to rebuke the spirit that some of the brethren had manifest. In the afternoon we attended to the sacrament, 2 were confirmed. The teachers presented the case of John Joyce before the meeting & asked the Saints if they would sustain them in disfellowshipping him. It was moved and seconded & unanimously carried that we sustain the teachers in their decision. The case of Ransome A. Beecher was then presented. It was moved and seconded that we sustain in disfellowshipping him. All voted in favor of the decision of the teachers except Salmon Warner Senior. He said, "I do not vote either way. I have known Brother Beecher since he was five years old & do not think he ought to be disfellowshipped. He was a member of the Teachers Quorum but a few days before begged to be excused from acting & was not present when the action was taken.

Monday August 10th 1868

Finished cutting my hay 17 acres with about two thirds of a crop.

Tuesday August 11th 1868

Finished putting up my hay for which I feel thankful for the little the locust have left. There are still here in clouds today their depredations are mostly confined to the corn which looks fine in the plant but we can hardly expect much of a crop. Received a letter stating the President B. Young would leave Salt Lake City next Monday morning at 7 A.M. and hold meeting at Farmington at noon. Then drive to Kaysville and hold meeting at 4 P.M. Tuesday morning drive to Ogden City & hold meeting at 10 'clock A.M. & also at 2 'clock continue there on Wednesday at the same hours. Thursday morning drive to Willard & hold meeting at 10 A.M. taking dinner and drive to Brigham City & hold meeting at 4 P.M. Friday drive to Wellsville and hold meeting take dinner & drive to Logan & there hold two days meeting, Saturday & Sunday.

Wednesday August 12th 1868

Prepared for hauling hay & grain attended the Female Relief Society a great spirit prevailed. The sisters were busy arranging for the making of quilt. I ascertained that Ransome A. Beecher had drawn up several charges against me and was visiting the brethren for their signatures, but few would sign it. I heard from one person that it had been presented to him that there were four signatures, John M. McCreary, Sol Warner, Tim Copeland a gentile, Richard Drake a cattle dealer & William Beecher & that R. A. Beecher, Sol Warner, John Edwards & J. M. McCreary went to the city and lodged a complaint against me last week. The nature of it I am unacquainted with but it is all to come out when the President comes up. The day is very warm & many Indians are camped around us & are plundering our fields.

Thursday August 13th 1868

Commenced to haul hay.

Friday August 14th 1868

The painters are busy at work painting the school house and repairing it.

Saturday August 15th 1868

Busy at my farm, hauling and trucking hay. The weather is very warm. The locust are very busy at the corn. They are here today in countless numbers

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August 16th 1868

Attended School. I was much delighted with the appearance of the school, and the good order that prevailed. We attended meeting at 10 'clock. Elder Dalton and Ward addressed the meeting. We administered the Sacrament in the afternoon. There was a good feeling pervaded the meeting.

Monday August 17th 1868

Busy on my farm until Afternoon. Attended meeting in the Evening with the Teachers. They received a report from the different districts. William Hankinson was disfellowshipped from the church for denouncing the right of Brigham Young to preside over the church & was anxious that they should cut him off from the church for he had no faith in it.

Tuesday August 18th 1868

I went to Ogden City, Brother Ward accompanied me. We arrived in time for the morning meeting. Elders Joseph F. Smith and Woodruff addressed the congregation which was very large. The instructions and council were relative to the Saints trading with our friends. Making our own clothing ect. We took dinner with Bp. West, everything fitted up in superb style. In the afternoon Elders G. A. Smith & G. Q. Cannon addressed the meeting upon the same subject. We staid with President Farr for the night we had a good day.

Wednesday August 19th 1868

We again attended meeting in the forenoon. Elder A. M. Musser spoke at some length upon the same subject as was presented yesterday, followed by President B. Young who gave some valuable instructions. He laid considerable stress upon the Sisters to braid their own hats he did not care what fashion only stop this trade & traffic in imported hats and bonnets. Make hats for the brethern, make them caps for the winter and if you have no other cloth make caps out of the old pants. Thousands are made so in other countries & we can make them here. We started for home at the close of the morning meeting much edified with the instructions given. When we arrived home we found everyone busy in preparation for the reception of the President who was to visit us the next day. The bowery was decorated very handsomely, school house painted, the streets cleared of small rocks & rubbish and every one filled with glee.

Thursday August 20th 1868

The morning was very warm, the streets dusty & a general stir amongst the people. The children were out in their best anxiously waiting the President. We were arranged in good order but lo when the carriages & Elders arrived President Young was not with them. He was detained in Ogden with some of the principle directions of the railway from the Western line. He arrived about one 'clock we closed out meeting & retired in the street in front of my home & gave him a reception with which he was well pleased. After washing we repaired to the School House where dinner was provided. There was provisions enough for 200 persons & after the President & company were seated we invited all we could find around the house. The dinner was excellent. After dinner we repaired to the Bowery. He wished to see the brethern who were dissatisfied relative to the decision which had been given in the case of L. B. Wills. He talked with them for some time and said he would restore them to fellowship. R. A. Beecher said & what will you do with me. He replied you be a better man and sustain your Bishop & listen to his council. The company then went over to my house. Brother Beecher followed & said what shall I do with the charges against the Bishop. I have them here and wish to present them. Elder Cannon read them, eleven in No. I wish I had a copy to insert in my journal. After they were read. The President said, Do you wish to present these charges. He replied that he did. The President then said if you wish to present these charges you can have the priviledge but I advise you not to do it, Brother Beecher. He then proposed a settlement. I told him as I had done some four months before that if I had hurt his feelings in any thing that I had said or done I wished him to forgive me. He made a similar statement and put out his hand I took it & promised the matter is now settled. After this we went to Brigham City. The President addressed the meeting followed by G. A. Smith & G. Q. Cannon. Similar instruction were given as those given in Ogden. We arrived home at a late hour much wearied with the duties that we had performed.

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Friday August 21st 1868

Went to my farm & busied myself in Hay Hauling. The day very warm & sultry.

Saturday August 22nd 1868

an my farm with the Hay the fore part of the day. In the afternoon went to Brigham City and attended the School of the Prophets. We adjourned until Monday at 12 'clock when it was arranged that President Brigham Young & Company would be present.

Sunday August 23rd 1868

Had a good time at our meeting house. Elder R. J. Davis returned last evening from a mission to Wales. He had been absent 3 years and 4 months. He was well and felt well. He made a few remarks. In the afternoon Brother R. A. Beecher was restored to fellowship. Captain Chester Loveland arrived with his company last evening.

Monday August 24th 1868

We went to Brigham City & attended Council. The President & Company arrived from Wellsville about eleven o'clock. Much valuable instruction was given. After the meeting the President drove to Ogden City, we returned home in the after part of the day.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday mornings spent hauling & stacking grain in the afternoon attended the L. R. Society. There was about 50 present. A good spirit was manifest. I returned to my farm in the evening.

Thursday & Friday. Hauling grain.

Saturday August 29th 1868

went to Brigham City attended School of the Prophets. Elder L. Snow gave some valuable instruction. Went to Brigham City attended forenoon meeting a good congregation. Meeting addressed by Elder S. Smith, L. Snow and myself.

Monday August 31st 1868

Commenced cutting my corn

Tuesday September 1st 1868

working at my corn.

Wednesday September 2nd 1868

Commenced preparation to go on a trip to the North West to hunt up a Valley said to be some 80 miles distant. Suitable for settlement with wood, water and grass in abundance. This valley has been talked of for some time, but no one I am acquainted with has seen it. Busy to day preparing for threshing. The machine proposes to be here on Friday. I design starting on the N. W. trip on Monday morning.

Thursday September 3rd 1868

Ascertained that Bishop Nichols had gone in a North West direction. President Snow thought it advisable to wait until his return.

Friday September 4th 1868

The threshing machine came to do my grain. I had 137 bushels of wheat & 10 bushels of Oats & Barley. Signs of rain as soon as we had completed the job. The rains came down in torrents & the wind blew a hurricane. It rained most of the night.

Saturday September 5th 1868

Was busy taking care of what little grain I had. I attended the School of the Prophets, much valuable instruction was given. We had a good meeting.

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Sunday September 6th 1868

Attended meeting at home. Confined at home all week with very sore boils which make me very sick. My left hand swelled twice its natural size.

Sunday September 13th 1868

My health much better. I attended meeting. Elder John L. Edwards & T. P. Wood addressed the meeting in the forenoon. In the afternoon we administered the Sacrament. Elder G. W. Ward addressed the meeting there were two confirmed, Clark Hubbard & Charles Arbon.

Monday September 14th 1868

My arm much better, busy cutting corn on the farm. Went up in the evening to attend Teachers but they did not meet.

Tuesday September 15th 1868

Still busy at my corn. My health still improving. Made a contract for the building of a stable 24 or 26 feet by 30 feet 12 feet high in the side walls with a third pitch. Shadrack Jones builder

Wednesday September 16th 1868

Went to Brigham City attended an investigation relative to a steer that had been claimed from G. W. Ward, pound keeper 2 1/2 years ago

Thursday September 17th 1868

On my farm the fore part of the day. Attended the Ladies Relief Society but few were present. Wrote to President S. Smith making inquiries relative to the Line of Railway running from Weber Canon to Monument Point. Which contract had been let to President Brigham Young. 10 miles had been promised to President L. Snow, Bishop Nichols and Chester Loveland. I wished to ascertain whether 10 miles would be enough for the county, for we were anxious to contract for 3 miles for the settlement. In reply he stated they had the promise of 10 or 12 miles of the line to grade as soon as the matter was fully decided upon & we should have a part with them. I went to my farm in the evening.

Friday September 18th 1868

Last night we had considerable wind and rain. We commenced ploughing, the ground in good condition. The Locust have paid us another visit & from their movements we conclude they will remain with us and deposit their eggs for another season. Prospect of more rain to night, which will make the upland suitable for the plow.

Saturday September 19th 1868

Left my boys at the plough. I went to Brigham City and attended school.

Sunday September 20th 1868

Attended meeting, Elders Dalton & Wood addressed the meeting in the morning & G. W. Ward & G. L. Marsh in the afternoon. In the evening held our teachers meeting, a case of difficulty was presented. One of G. W. Ward's sons had shot a chicken in his father's orchard. John Edwards claimed the chicken and accused them of being thieves and said that G. W. Ward had raised up his family from the cradle to be thieves. The teachers exonerated Alfred Ward from all blame & said John Edwards must keep his chickens from destroying his neighbors garden & that he must build a fence or run the risk of losing his chickens. I decided that any persons raising Fowl who permitted them to run at large, forfeited all right to the same, and that they became the property of any person on whose premises they are found.

Monday September 21st 1868

Busy cutting my corn, and making arrangements to start on an exploring tour on Wednesday morning. It seemed almost impossible to get any one that would spare the time, none but George Harding & Owen Owens 3 would go.

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Tuesday September 22nd 1868

Made preparations for starting tomorrow. The weather is cold this evening, wind blowing from the North with a prospect of frost.

Wednesday September 23rd 1868

Left home about 10 'clock in company with G. W. Ward, George Harding & O. Owens. I took my wagon & 1 span of horses, G. Harding took a mule & G. W. Ward a horse. We called at Brigham City & saw President Snow who wished us God speed. We left there about 2 'clock and crossed the river at Bear River City. This is quite a flourishing place. Mostly Danish, they have raised good crops here. The wheat of an excellent quality and considerable corn. They have quite an extensive field which is watered from the Malad River a distance of 3 1/2 miles where we camped for the night. The water was very brackish. Adjoining the bridge was a herd house belonging to Willis Booth who kept the Brigham City herd. We arose before day & started for Point Lookout a distance of 7 miles. The weather was very cold with a brisk wind blowing from the East. We suffered with the cold. We were anxious for the sun to shew itself that we might feel its warm and generous rays. At Point Lookout we found William Lovdine & William Hodge with our sheep herd, who very kindly prepared us some breakfast. The water here was some better than at the Malad. Here we were advised to carry water for our use at Blue Springs for we would not be able to use the water at that place a distance of 18 miles. The sheep looked well although a many of them were dead. 4 of them died this week. We arrived at Blue Springs Station about 3 'clock. The whole country we passed through and as far as we could see was covered with grass. But very scarce of water. At Blue Springs we found Edward Southwick keeping mail station for Wells Fargo & Co, who rendered us every accomadation he could. This was on the road leading to Boise. A number of teams are here on the way for the rail road work. There is a large company from Cache. They were very merry singing & playing upon the banjo until 10 'clock. They were then summoned for prayer & retired for the night.

Friday September 25th 1868

Arose early & went for our horses and found George Harding's mule and G. W. Ward's horse gone. We took breakfast & G. W. Ward and myself started with our wagon, supposing the animals would soon be found & they would overtake us. We traveled to Curlew Station a distance of 24 miles. Here water was very poor. There is an abundance of grass. Considerable hay had been cut, but the frost had spoiled it for feed. We were informed that it froze every month in the year. The station keeper had planted a garden but had not raised anything. It was very cold during the night. No tidings from our brethern.

Saturday September 26th 1868

We did not start until about 9 'clock being anxious for our brethern to come along. From this point the face of the country was changed. The surface of the ground was clay with small scrub sage and little or no grass. We went to Pilot Springs a distance of 12 or 14 miles. Here we stayed some 2 hours but there being no feed and the water poor we started for a place known as Devil's Dive. Simply a deep gully. We arrived at this place about 4 'clock. Found the mountains at this point very steep & having no extra horses we concluded to feed our animals, get some supper & then return to Pilot Springs & there await for our brethern. These mountains are a part of the Goose Creek chain. There is plenty cedar with some feed for the team & a small stream of water. From Curlew to this place is sage brush desert. We arrived at Pilot about 10 'clock and lay down for the night. The weather was some warmer, we concluded to start the next morning in a South Westerly direction & examine the base of the mountains as much as we possibly could. The mountains run West for some distance and then incline to the South forming a curve.

September 27th 1868

Early in the morning we were awoke by the sound of voices and amongst them we heard the voice of Owens. We hailed him and learned that they had just arrived. They had ridden all night. They found the animals at the river a distance of 28 miles from Blue Springs. They were cold and hungry. We lighted a fire got some breakfast & started South West for a stream of water known

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as Indian Creek a distance of 15 miles. Here we found a track brake at this point, the travel for the R.R. had left the Boise road. The road was badly cut up. It was one continued stream of dust. We could not travel but as a walk. We arrived there about 2 'clock, took some refreshments. We met with E. T. Benson who had come from the R.R. a distance of 9 miles. He was returning to Cache. We started at 1/2 past 4 and travelled until about 1/2 past 7 to a place known as the "Meadows". The first part of the road was very dusty. Leading up a low mountain, very rocky. Here we found a large company from Cache Valley, designing to leave for the R.R. the next day. L. H. Bankhead was here cutting grass for the teams at work on the line, which is about 9 miles distant. Brother Bankhead informed me that if they had been here about 3 weeks earlier they could have cut 200 tons of grass. We slept soundly and arose early.

Monday September 28th 1868

We continued our journey in a Southwesterly direction for a distance of 15 or 16 miles. The road was very dusty, with no grass for animals. The ground bare with the exception of short scrub sage. We found a stream of tolerable good water with tall grass growing on the bottom land. Here we encamped for the night. We left our homes without any meat. Supposing we would find plenty of game, we took our guns out for the purpose of killing, but could not find anything.

Tuesday September 29th 1868

We started in a Southerly direction and traveled about five miles & found a small stream of water with wire grass on the bottoms, but a very narrow strip from 2 to 10 rods in width. Here we found a good size spring of good water which we called Harding's Spring. It is situated about a quarter of a mile from the road, but sinks away in a short distance. From this point we returned to the spot we camped at last night and followed up the bottom for some 2 miles. There was an abundance of wheat or rye grass, very thick on the ground and some 8 feet in height, interspersed with jointed rushes and wire grass, with patches of rose bushes. This creek is called Rose—bud. G. W. Ward & G. Harding left us at Harding's Spring and took the base of the mountains and examined the country and met with us about 4 'clock. They reported 3 streams of good water with some farming land, but not to any considerable quantity. This meadow from the point where we camped last 'night to the head is about 5 miles varying in width from 1/2 of a mile to 3/4 and a heavy grass. But the frost has destroyed most of it. We found 2 men from Cache Co. cutting grass, designing to haul it to the R. R., which is about 10 miles distant. Here we met with Silvester Collett who was hunting a wagon road to haul hay to the line. This we think would be a good location for a small settlement. We took supper and camped for the night. We have seen no game of any kind as yet, our stock of provisions is rather low.

Wednesday .September 30th 1868

We returned to Meadow Springs took dinner & then examined the country. We found the meadow more extensive than we at first anticipated with a natural seat running around it, and smaller seats every few rods. The ground was full of water. This meadow is situated from 6 to 8 miles from the base of the mountains. There is 2 canyon streams affording considerable water, but sinks some three miles from the meadows. With an abundance of cedar around the hills are scattering seeds mostly scrubby. The mountains are high and mostly barren. The canyons have not much timber in these at least it is not to be seen from the valley. There is considerable snow on the mountains in spots which stands facing the South. This spot ought to be secured & a settlement made in order to secure it. I am satisfied that very spot will be seized upon by outsiders that can be made profitable.

Thursday October 1st 1868

We started for Indian Creek with our team. G. W. Ward & G. Harding took the base of the mountains designing to meet with us at this point or at Pilot Springs at Indian Creek. Brother Owens and myself took breakfast. There is at this place a beautiful stream of water & a few willows with a meadow of wheat grass contain some 80 acres with plenty of cedar some 5 or 6 miles to the North. We started again for Pilot Springs Station not seeing anything of our brethern. We arrived there about 3 'clock. About 4 'clock the brethern came up. They reported very favorable for the making of a small settlement. There being no feed at this place we started for Curlew Station on the sink of Deep Creek. It was dark before we found a place to camp, having traveled some 38 miles.

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Friday October 2nd 1868

We traveled for Blue Springs Station some 24 miles and staid for the night. The mosquitoes are out in force. We could not sleep for them. We arose early took some breakfast and started at daylight. Our mule is missing although hobbled. We found him on the road some 2 miles which caused some delay. At Point Look Out we saw Bro. Londine & Hodge, 3 more sheep dead since we left for our tour. We traveled on to Bear River City and fed our animals and arrived at Brigham City about 4 'clock. Partook of some fruit at Bishop Nichols and arrived home at half past seven, having traveled some 48 miles.

October 4th 1868

Attended meeting, a good meeting in the afternoon but few attended. They were making arrangements for a trip to Salt Lake City to attend Conference.

Monday October 5th 1868

I was up early and started for Conference with Omer Call. My team being weary we traveled to Bountiful and staid with Sister Willey who treated us very kindly.

Tuesday October 6th 1868

We arrived in Salt Lake City about 10 'clock & attended Conference. Elders O. Hyde & O. Pratt occupied the time & spoke at some length upon the necessity of letting our enemies alone, and especially the merchants & advises the people to patronize our own brethern who were known to be good men. In the afternoon I could not get a place where I could hear distinctly, it was very annoying. The Conference closed on Thursday night. The teachings were to let all men alone who were not of our faith.

Friday October 9th 1868

I started for home in company with N. L. Davis. We traveled to Ogden City. met with Bp. Nichols & staid with him in his wagon for the night.

Saturday October 10th 1868

I took breakfast with Brother Charles Hill & left about 12 'clock, found all well at home.

October 11th 1868.

Attended meeting, there was a good attendance. Brother Ward & Dalton addressed the meeting in the forenoon. In the afternoon, administered the Sacrament, blessed 2 children & dismissed in order that the Elders might have the priviledge of holding their quorum meeting.

Monday October 12th 1868

Busy digging potatoes, we have a good crop for which we feel thankful. Tuesday & Wednesday still at my potatoes, we have 140 bushels, very large, smooth and clean.

Thursday October 15th 1868

Started early for Brigham City, got my horses shod & went to the little valley some 4 miles distant for a load of lime. Did not arrive home until late in the evening.

Friday October 16th 1868

Unloading lime and straightening up my door yard. Hauling sand & went to ploughing in the afternoon.

Saturday October 17th 1868

Went to the school of the Prophets at Brigham City, was requested to call on the brethern to go to Echo Canyon to help President B. Young with his contract on the Railway Line.

Sunday October 18th 1868

Was visited by John D. Reese who had returned from his mission to Wales accompanied by George Bywater. They preached to us, made some excellent remarks. We administered the Sacrament. In the afternoon School commenced at 1/2 past 2 'clock. In the evening we had a

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meeting & called upon 10 of the brethern to go to Echo. Elder M. W. Dalton proffered to take out the brethern & agreed to be ready as early as possible. I invited the brethern to turn out to work on the canyon road and also requested them to pay their debts and especially the Editors of the different papers.

Monday October 19th 1868

Went with three teams for line to Box Elder Canyon. attended the wedding party of John Hubbard.

Tuesday October 20th 1868

Unloading lime & loading up Tithing Wheat to forward to Salt Lake City. Went to my farm in the evening.

Wednesday October 21st 1868

Assisted the brethern in getting ready for Echo. Arranged for an early start tomorrow.

LETTER WRITTEN BY EDWIN P. CORDON

TO J. J. CHANDLER NO YEAR IS SHOWN

WILLARD MAY 18

J. J. Chandler:

Dear Brother:

Your welcome letter recd some time ago and I have been going to write but kept putting it off from day to day. The information you ask for is very hard for me to give, but I will give your the best I can. As I understand it Father was a Presiding Elder in England over a Conference and traveled around considerable preaching. He was ordained a High Priest in 1840 under the hands of President Brigham Young.

As I understand it he traveled in this capacity until we left England to come to America. We left in Sept. 1842, had a very rough voyage and was 11 weeks crossing the ocean. Landing as I understand it in New Orleans. Then making our way up to Nauvoo, Illinois, about the beginning of January, 1843.

After arriving there he worked here and there as he could get work to gain a livelihood for his wife and child. He labored at intervals in the ministry under the direction of the authority that was placed over him. Becoming acquainted with the Prophet Joseph Smith and having frequent conversations with him and heard him preach on frequent occasions and was fully convinced that he was the Latter-Day Prophet of this Last Dispensation.

During the latter part of the summer he got a small piece of land and commenced to build a one room brick house. At intervals when he wasn't working for a wage or stricken with chills and fever so he abandon it until early the next spring. When he commenced to finish it because he was expecting at the April Conference to be called on a mission. He worked hard to accomplish his object before the conference and nearly completed his object when the 6th of April Conference came in 1844. He attended Conference and at the end there of found he had not been called.

He returned home and told his wife that by another conference he would be able to leave home under more favorable conditions if called. About a week after he went down town and met Heber

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C. Kimball who passed the time of day with him and wanted to know how he and his wife Emma was getting along. After conversing with him for a few minutes he placed his hand on his shoulder and said, Alfred we want you to go on a mission.

(The following is in Alfred's words)

I was taken by surprise and said not a word, in a moment President Kimball said, Will you go. I said, Yes if you say so. President Kimball spoke up and said, I say so. I said, What part of the world do you want me to go and when do you want me to start. President Kimball said, I want you to go to the States of Vermont & Michigan, and I want you to start in 10 days having for a companion James Burgess, leaving Nauvoo on foot, preaching by the way side without purse or script.

acquainted with my call. I asked her what she thought about it. She said, Alfred go and God will provide Rachel which was 6 months old. The night previous to my departure my wife and I sat in our little home until a late hour having my grip all ready for my departure in the next morning. We retired to rest about 2 or 3 o'clock. The next morning I woke and got out of bed dressed myself quietly as I could when I had completed my attire I took my grip in one hand, took hold of the door knob and walked out in to the air for I felt that I could not bare parting and left without waking her. I want it understood that I left her without any thing in the house for breakfast and no money to buy anything with and in the midst of poor people and in a sickly country. I turned my steps to wards my companions home which was about 2 miles away, this being about 3:30 in the morning before it was light. I traveled for about half a mile and I came to a small grove of timber area across the road, when I reached it I stepped in it to about a rod or so when my knees began to tremble. When I fell upon my knees and began to call upon the name of my creator and told him that I had been called by one of his servants who stood in high authority to go to the world to proclaim the Gospel to those that sat in darkness. You know the conditions which I have left my wife and children, and I commend them unto thy care for thy to look after them and to see that they are taken care of. When I arose to my feet I stood and cried like a child, the tears rolling down my cheeks. I repeated this prayer 3 times then I arose and started on my journey to the home of my companion. Arriving there just as it was breaking day.

I rapped at the door and he came to the door and I told him to lets be off on our journey. He said, I have not had breakfast, I said, Neither have I and I have left my wife and children without a bite of food in the house, no money and not knowing where there breakfast is coming from. They prevailed on me to eat breakfast with them which I did, then we bid his family adieu.

That day we traveled 25 miles and stopped in a town with about 1500 people. During the day I found my companion had 6 dollars in his pocket and said, in the morning I asked the proprietor what our bill was. He told me it was 2 dollars. I said, James suppose we stop and take in the town today. So we went over the town returning for dinner, then for supper and night lodging, in the morning after breakfast I asked the landlord what our bill was. He told me four dollars, I turned to my partner and said, Jim you will have to foot the bill for I have no money. Jim felt quite bad to think he had to pay the last cent he had but he put his hand in his pocket and took out all the money he had and paid the bill, then we started on our journey.

After getting out on the road I told him we are now on equal footing, we were sent out from home to preach the Gospel without purse or script. Then we traveled through a farming community, for sometime preaching where ever we could have the opportunity or could get a house to preach in.

(We now return to Edwin's narrative)

They traveled and preached until they reached their destination. I think it will be well to relate a little of the conditions Mother was in during his absence. During the summer there was a great deal of sickness in Nauvoo and the heads of the church felt it was necessary to appoint men to go around the outskirts of the town to see if there was any one that was in need or suffering. Two men came in that vicinity and stopped in from of my mother's home, went down to the house

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and knocked at the door with no response. He saw that the blinds were down, he got down and looked through the key hole as well as he could and found that the key was in the door on the inside. He took a more steady gaze through the key hole and saw what he thought was the head of a person that was black. They took a rail off the fence and busted the lock and of all the sites he ever saw was there in the bed lay a woman with her face completely covered with green blow flies

He brushed them away from her face and from her eyes and nose and mouth hung chunks of blow flies from 1 to 1 1/2 inches long. He raised the clothes and at her breast laid an infant babe in the same condition and by the side of the bed laid another child and none of them had life enough to rub the flies off them. He got some water and washed the woman face and as he did so she opened her eyes and looked at him and he asked her what her name was and she could not tell him. He also washed off the children then left them in charge of his fellow laborer. He returned home to get something to nourish them and on his way he killed a quail and took it home and his wife picked, cleaned and stewed it and he then returned to his patient and fed the lady some of the soup. After she had taken a spoonful or two she opened her eyes and looked in my face, he then asked her the question again. What is your name and she said it was Emma Cordon and my husband is on a mission. He went to some of the heads of the church to report what he had found and Geo. A. Smith being well acquainted with her in England had her taken to his home to be cared for. The man who found her and was instrumental in caring for her, John Burbanks who afterwards resided in Brigham City for a great many years. He died in Brigham City and was a Patriarch. He has a wife living there now who is acquainted with these circumstances. How long she had been sick before she was discovered I don't think anyone knows as her nearest neighbor was about half a mile away.

I think this is about all that I can think of that is necessary during this period. You can see what you think of this and can leave out what you think is not necessary and of course relate it in better language than it is written. I will be pleased to received it when you get it written so I can read it. I am also very anxious to have you send me Father's last Journal as there is some items of interest that I want to get. Hoping this will help you out thus far and when you get farther along I will do what I can to help the cause along. Hoping this will be what you want. Give our love to Harriet and all the folks.

I remain your loving Brother

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ALFRED CORDON

Journal #8

Willard, Utah

May 4, 1868 to Monday May 4th 1868

A heavy rain most of the day in the evening attended a meeting to Organize a Company for the carrying out the designs of our Charter in the propagation of fish but few attended so then thought it best not to attempt to do any business, but gave out an appointment for a meeting on Wednesday Evening at the school house.

Tuesday May 5th 1868

Received a visit from Bishop A. M. Musser & Orson Pratt wishing us to establish a Telegraph Office at once & that he would return in three or four days and commence from that time. They left for Cache Valley. The day has been pleasant yet cool and chilly.

Wednesday May 6th 1868

At my farm am building a cellar and cooler to be enabled to keep milk and butter. In the evening attended meeting at the school house. Organized a Company for the Culture and Preservation of Fish. Appointed three directors, one Secretary, & a Treasurer. Spent \$1.50 each to liquidate the present expenses.

Thursday May 7th 1868

Obtained a pole 27 feet long & prepared a place to set it. Employed Brother J. R. Wood to make a table. Then visited Stephen White the Surveyor.

Friday May 8th 1868

Received a note from Brother A. M. Musser & Orson Pratt stating that they would be here by noon & would if we wished hold a meeting & preach to us. They arrived about noon & soon commenced setting the pole, cutting and splicing the wire & about 1/2 past 4 o'clock sent a message to Salt Lake City. I sent one to President B. Young as follows:

To President B. Young

Dear Brother:

We are pleased at having the privilege of communicating with you and our brethern North & South through the agency of the Electric Telegraph & the time will soon come when you will be able to communicate instantaneous with the saints in every place throughout the world.

We also sent a message to Brigham City to President L. Snow as follows:

President L. Snow

Dear Brother:

I am happy to communicate with you through the agency of the Electric Telegraph. And hope that we may be able to keep pace with the great improvements of the age. There has been an increase in unity faith and power to do good.

In the evening we attended a meeting. Elder Musser & Pratt preached to us. The house was crowded to excess. The points treated upon were especialy touching the great principle of upholding & sustaining each other and letting the wicked entirely alone. It was 10 o'clock before we closed the meeting. Elder Pratt & Musser staid with me for the night.

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Saturday May 9th 1868

We received the following message from President L. Snow: I am pleased to communicate with you this morning through the means of the Telegraph & May God bless the Saints at Willard.

We also received a telegram from Bp. A. Nichols: Brother Cordon: I am glad to greet you this morning through the telegraph and may God bless you & the Saints at Willard. ^{him} for about two weeks. Attended the Ladies Relief Society at 2 o'clock After opening the meeting by prayer and singing, the minutes of the former meeting were read and accepted. I made some remarks relative to the lot which I had surveyed for the benefit of the society. And wished them to make arrangements for the plowing & fencing. We wished it fenced with a good picket or board fence with Cedar posts and would like to have the lot ploughed once or twice this season. Several other members were admitted into the society. Sister Hubbard & Sister Helen P. Wood addressed the meeting. We unified by Prayer by G. W. Ward. Adjourned for one week.

Sunday May 10th 1868

Attended meetings forenoon & afternoon. Met with the teachers in the evening, wished them to visit the Ward & see what the brethern would do in regards of helping the poor. It was decided that they visit the coming week & report by next Saturday.

Monday May 11th 1868

Busy at my farm. In the evening attended the Dramatic Association, they performed two pieces, The Widows Victim & The Spy on the Secret Service. They performed their parts extremely well. There was good order in and around the house.

Tuesday May 12th 1868

Busy arranging for work upon the dam & irrigating sect. repairing scrapers etc.

Wednesday May 13th 1868

At home prospects of rain. Thursday and Friday some showers. The brethern are busy driving the grasshoppers into piles of straw and water & ect and are destroying a great many. Quite a number have taken their chickens upon their farms. They destroy and drive the hoppers.

Saturday May 16th 1868

Went to Brigham City in company with Brother C. W. Ward. Attended the close of a meeting of the sisters. The Court House was well filled. After which we attended a Council of the Officers, President Snow presiding. The object stated was to prepare minds of the saint for usefulness and to enable him to organize a School of the People etc. Some remarks were made relative to the brethern trading with our enemies and exhorted them to deal at all times with those that are interested in the welfare of the Kingdom of God and be united in all matters temporal and spiritual. We took supper with Brother Matson. Returned home after dark. Prospects of more rain.

Sunday May 17th 1868

Attended meeting in the forenoon, Elder C.A. Ward addressed the meeting followed by Elder M. W. Dalton. In the afternoon we administrated the Sacrament. A good spirit was manifested.

Monday May 18th 1868

At my farm. The teachers are bringing in their reports as to what the brethern will donate for the gathering of the saints. And the filling up of teams for to go to the terminus of the U.P.R.R. The feelings of the people are good. Each one determined to interest themselves as much as possible. Bread stuff with us is very scarce. The miller informed us that most of the people have their last wheat in the mill and very small grist at that. The crops look fine. The few showers there has been of late have been of great benefit. The grasshoppers still eating the crops & the people busy trying to save them. Tuesday & Wednesday still stormy

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Thursday May 21st 1868

C. W. Ward & myself went to Brigham City to accompany President Snow and others on a preaching tour to the Saints in We staid with Snow for the night.

Friday May 22nd 1868

We started out about 8 o'clock. When we had traveled about four miles it commenced raining. We drove to Bear River bridge without stopping and found that our company consisted of President Snow and his son Orson and his daughter Eliza T. C. Wright, Samuel Smith, Bishop Nichols Jensen Hunsacker, Chester Loveland & Tucker. We took dinner at the River and 1 1/2 hour and drove on to Portage. Making about forty miles, through one continued rain. There were some 20 families at this place & were much divided in there views as to where it was best to locate. The majority were in favor of making a settlement on the West side of Malad River. The remainder wish to carry out their original intention and locate on the East side. They estimate that on the West side there was water enough for 500 acres of land, and on the east side it would be necessary to make a canal 8 miles in length & take the water out of Malad river. Elder Thomas Green, the President, and about 8 or 9 others were in favor of remaining where they were there located. We held meeting with them in the Evening.

Saturday May 23rd 1868

Still raining. The roads very muddy. We left at 7 o'clock for Malad City. Arrived there at 10 o'clock. It cleared of fine, but few attended meeting. The general impression was that we would not come on account of the severe storm. We held meeting for about one hour and then adjourned until 2 o'clock. The few that were present were warm hearted. We were welcome to their tables. At 2 o'clock we opened meeting. The house was well filled and a good spirit was manifest. Several of the Elders addressed the meeting, and adjourned until Sunday morn at 10 o'clock. We had a great many invitations from the people to stay with them for the night. I staid in company with C. W. Ward at Brother H. Peck's who entertained us very kindly.

Sunday May 24th 1868

A fine day, the house crowded. Held two meetings, a good spirit manifest. We all in turn addressed the saints. The general instruction was relative to building good houses, fences, setting out shade trees, the word of wisdom & ect. We left at 4 o'clock having left an appointment at Portage at 7 o'clock. About 20 wagons of the family of Josephites left for the states. The roads had dried considerable but the prospect bids for more wet weather. We arrived in time for meeting a distance of sixteen miles. President Snow opened meeting by saying in as much as they were divided in their feelings relative to 'their location and other things, he wishes two on each side to speak and lay before us the advantages and disadvantages of the different places and appointed the balance of the Elders that were traveling with him as judges in the matter and give a decision in the case & the brethern present agreed to abide our decision. The meeting continued until near midnight. We decided that the city should be built on its present location and Elder Thomas Green should be sustained as President.

Monday May 25th 1868

It has been raining several hours with no prospects of 'dry Weather. We left at 9 o'clock. There was one continued sheet of mud and slush to travel in. We halted at the stone quarry one mile south of Bear River Bridge. The river was very high, banks full. We turned out our teams at the stone quarry. We started from here at 2 o'clock, the rain subsided at 4 o'clock. We arrived home at dark.

Saturday May 30th 1868

The last few days have been spent on my farm. To day visited the parade ground. The Militia have been out on muster for three days drill. The weather has been very favorable and a general turn out in the afternoon. I attended the Ladies Relief Society. There was a good many present. The meeting adjourned untill Thursday next, it been our monthly fast day. I went to Brigham City Theatre in the evening. feeling was manifest. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, busy at my farm and visiting people endeavoring to raise donations for our emigration outfit.

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Thursday June 4th 1868

Considerable more rain. I received a letter from A. Milton Musser as follows:

G.S.L.City Jun 2nd/68

Dear Brother Cordon:

It is rumored that you have been dealing with questionable persons or firms in this city. Is it so?

To what extent & with whom. Please answer

Respectfully yours,

A. M. Musser

To which I wrote the following reply:

Dear Brother Musser:

In reply to your inquiry relative to dealing with questionable persons of firms in your city. It cannot allude to me as an individual. I have not dealt with anyone that is not in good standing to my knowledge & how such knowledge could get out I'll not know. Since last fall I have bought only a few dollars worth of goods. When George Mears left Chislett last fall he got a small bill of goods of him and paid him a few sacks of flour which is all I know anything about.

A.C

The past few days I have been very busy putting in corn. & endeavouring to raise the outfit necessary for sending for the poor.

Saturday May 13th 1868

The brethren left today with six wagons to bring in the poor & 1 mounted guard. The names of the brethren called upon were John Pettingill, Charles Gibbs, Thomas Woodland, Joseph Mink, James Jordine, Joseph Dudley, and George Ward who were selected as teamsters and guard. We furnished for the poor 3000 lbs of flour, 1500 lbs of beef. The teamsters were well furnished and had good teams, 3 teams with yoke of oxen & 1—4 mule team. They left in good spirits & went to Brigham city & attended a council meeting & did not return until 10 o'clock at night.

Sunday May 14th 1868

Attended meeting had a good congregation during the week we were ploughing corn.

May 21st 1868

Attended Meeting had a large turn out and a good spirit rested upon the people.

Monday May 22nd 1868

About noon we received a telegram that President Heber Chase Kimball had released this life and 20 minutes to 11 o'clock A.M. I immediately commenced to load my wagon with the tithing, wool, butter & eggs that I had on hand.

Tuesday May 23rd 1868

Left about six o'clock for Salt Lake City to attend the funeral of President Heber C. Kimball. I traveled as far as Centerville & staid with Brother John Ford for the night, who received me & treated me very kindly. We met millions of locust on our way down moving northwest.

Wednesday May 24th 1868

We left Centerville about 7 o'clock with the wind blowing hard from the South, which soon brought a heavy rain. Arrived in Salt Lake City about 11 o'clock. Unloaded my wagon and prepared for the funeral which was to take place at 2 o'clock. The corpse was taken to the New Tabernacle, which was crowded to overflowing. A great many could not be seated. The band and choir were present. Elders John Taylor, George Q. Cannon, George A. Smith, Daniel H. Wells addressed the audience. President Brigham Young made a few remarks. It rained while the procession was moving from the house of the deceased and also while we were in the Tabernacle. I went to Brother George Baddaley for the night. It rained very heavy most of the night.

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Thursday May 25th 1868

I arranged my business with the tithing office sec & prepared to leave for home. Brother Mears went with me. We started at two o'clock and staid with Brother Charles Bowrne for the night who treated us very kindly.

Friday May 26th 1868

It rained most of last night. We started about ~ o'clock. The roads were very muddy. We arrive at Ogden City about 1 o'clock. The air was full of grasshoppers and the fields & gardens were covered.. We traveled through one continuous stream of Saints until we reached Willard, four miles of home. We arrived at home at sun-down very much fatigued with the journey.

Saturday May 27th 1868

spent the day in my orchard. Brother Mears was busy pruning my trees. He admired my trees and thought the selection I had made were very good one. The locust were very numerous & doing considerable damage to my crops and the crops of most of the people.

Sunday May 28th 1868

The locust still very busy. Elder S. Smith and his wife Caroline, accompanied by Brother Packer. They preached to us. Elder Smith warned the people against associating with those of a disaffected spirit, said there was good many in Willard that were mean and contemptable spirits & that some of the people had given away their influence & would perish. His remarks were very sharp & pointed. He informed that the locust were very destructive in & around Brigham City. There was a cloud of dust or smoke as we supposed extending for miles to the Southwest on the shores of the lake. Which upon examination proved to be locust. They had collected at the edge of the lake and would not attempt to cross it.

Monday May 29th 1868

I was at the settlement & returned to the farm in the evening. When about half way from the settlement the locust had come from the South West like a cloud & covered the road & fields. Everything was covered with them. 'The grain was weighed down with them and was one sheet of a brown color. It appeared as though everything would be destroyed in a few hours. The bean lettuce cabbage & melons were gone. The corn affected very much & the only chance was to reconcile the mind to the dispensation of Providence and say that all was right. It was an alarming sight. The face of the country was covered for miles. Such a sight I never wish to behold again.

Tuesday May 30th 1868

I was up with the break of day & such desolation in so few hours I never beheld. The wheat, barley, Oats, Potatoes & corn was covered & in some places you could not see the ground. As soon as the sun was up, I got ropes & we drew it over the grain & thus kept them in an unsettled state. About 11 o'clock they began to move very lively. A cloud of them in the South West arose like a large Pyramid and the wind springing up from the South East. It seemed as though it broke in the middle and drove the upper part either into or across the lake. The balance took a Northerly direction and the roaring of the locust was like the roaring of a storm. Those that were in our field arose and the air was full for hours. By two o'clock most them were on the wing. When they left the grass and grain and also the vegetables and trees looked desolate. The report is that Brigham City and its surroundings are sharing the same fate.

Wednesday July 1st 1868

I commenced to plough my potatoes & corn. The prospects are certainly dull, but we have in the Lord and his blessing may rest on the remnant and cause to bring forth an hundred fold.

Thursday July 2nd 1868

It being our monthly fast & testimony meeting we had a good turn out and a good and heavenly influence rested upon us. Several bore the testimony. The locust are still coming but we may consider them straglers from the main army, although they act more like a reserve force. Our fruit trees are covered with them and young buds suffered much.

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Friday July 3rd 1868

I commenced to mow grass, the locust have injured it very much. The crops look very bad. It is difficult what it used to be. Barley & Oats have suffered much. The weather is very warm.

Saturday July 4th 1868

This being the day for the Celebration of the Independence of the United States it is kept as a General holiday. A public dance commenced at 2 o'clock and continued until midnight. Everyone seemed full of glee and apparently forgot the ravages that had been done to our crops & the dead prospects that surrounded us.

Sunday July 5th 1868

The weather very warm. We had two good meetings. Many children were sick with Hooping Cough. John C. Powells has lost one, Samuel Clark and F. P. Wood another. It is found almost in every family.

Monday July 6th 1868

I was at my farm. A wonderful change has covered the face of nature. Everything looks far better than expected. Surely the blessing of increase are thrown around us. Beans that were eaten off so close that you could scarcely discern them started into leaf. The corn today look fine and is making a rapid growth. The wheat looked tolerable well but entirely stripped of blades. Today has been cloudy, warm & sultry. Prospect of rain soon. A shower would be very refreshing to the mutilated crops.

Tuesday July 7th 1868

Busy ploughing corn & cutting grass. The crops still improve in appearance.

Wednesday July 8th 1868

Sent eight calves to the herd branded AC & (square). Went to ploughing corn. About 11 o'clock we heard a roaring in the air. I supposed the wind was getting up but to my surprise millions of locust began to fall. They came from the S.E. They descended upon our crops. I hurried with a couple of my boys to cover the few beans that had recovered the first attack but many of them were consumed before we could get weeds to cover them. They seemed to be very hungry and before night had made sad havoc with the grain. Countless millions must have fell into the lake and perished. Streaks reaching for miles of a red nature are visible & a very disagreeable stench arises when the wind is blowing from the west. I visited the Lake shore some 12 years ago after what is generally called the grasshopper year and their was drifts of them ten twelve and fifteen in thickness and stank like an old fishery. The present prospect is that we shall not be able to produce anything.

Thursday July 9th 1868

A dull cloudy day until about noon then a heavy rain which lasted until evening. The locust still working on the grain. The barley crop gone. The oats suffered much. The wheat rather hard difficult for them to eat. The grain is well watered no need to irrigate this season unless potatoes and corn.

Friday July 10th 1868

Fine fore part of the day. Finished ploughing the corn the second time. The' corn crop very promising. Wind with some rain in the afternoon. We commenced cutting the barley for it does not seem worth threshing but will make feed.

Sunday July 12th 1868

Attended meeting morning & afternoon, had good meetings.

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Monday July 13th 1868

I arose early & started for Salt Lake City. Brother Mears accompanied me. We staid at Ogden City for breakfast. Then drove to Farmington for dinner. Then left for Salt Lake City & arrived there in the evening very weary. The day was very warm.

Tuesday July 14th 1868

Called at the President's office & obtained a new magnet for our Telegraph Office. And started for home about 2 "clock. Drove to Farmington and staid the night. Drove home the next day.

Thursday July 16th 1868

spent the day building Apples Cherry that I had brought from the city. Friday and Saturday busy on my farm. Everything in a flourishing condition.

Sunday July 19th 1868

Attended meetings. The committee which had been appointed presented the program which they had drawn up for the 24th designing to have a celebration. Monday & Tuesday busy on my farm. The wheat ripening fast.

Wednesday July 22nd 1868

The air full of grasshoppers, a cloud of them in the South West reaching for miles.

Thursday July 23rd 1868

The hoppers are here in greater numbers than ever. Everything is buried with them & in a few hours the young vegetables are gone.

Friday July 24th 1868

We were arouse at day break by the roaring of artillery according to the program which meant the blacksmiths anvil which made a tremendous report like a popgun. Flags & banners were exhibited at sunrise in every direction. Children running in all directions dressed in their best. Anxious to form in procession which was to be organized at nine. The day was well spent and concluded with a dance in the evening in the School house. There was nothing to mar our peace only the thought that the locust were destroying our crops. The locust were very numerous they ate our clothing as we ate in the Bowery.

Saturday July 25th 1868

I visited my farm to see what grass was left & found the locust had left. But around the settlement were more numerous than ever. They had eaten up the apple & pear trees. Stripping them entirely of leaves. Cabbage, onions & celere gone. What little there was left we were thankful for.

Sunday July 26th 1868

We attended our meetings had a good turn—out & a good influence rested upon us.

Monday July 27th 1868

The weather was warm with signs of rain. The locust left & left everything looking desolate.

Tuesday July 28th 1868

Cleaning weeds out of my potatoes. Still hope we shall have plenty to eat but the prospects are very dull.

Wednesday July 29th 1868

Preparing for cutting the wheat.

Thursday July 30th 1868

Cut about 2 1/2 acres of wheat tolerably good. Great complaints are made respecting the wheat on many farms being destroyed by the rust. Some are thankful the locust came & took the blades

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from the wheat, feeling satisfied that the rust would have taken the entire crop had it not been stripped of its leaves. George Mears killed a snake 4 1/2 feet long & inside had 38 small snakes.

Friday July 31st 1868

Shocked up the wheat & cleaned out Sugar Cane. Was called upon in the evening to visit Sister Heber Wood. She was very sick. I found Elder Ward Gibbs & S. Jones there we prayed for her and administered to her in the name of the Lord & rebuked the disease. She said I feel better. About midnight I was aroused by Brother O. Owens requesting me to visit Wm. Parsons who was very sick. I arose and found him in a very bad state. Inflammation of the bowels with severe chills. Administered to him in company with Brother Owens and rebuked & he was eased from pain.

Saturday August 1st 1868

Cleaned up my corn, it still looks promising. Received a Telegram from Sharp & Young as follows:

S.L.C. Aug 1st

Bishop Cordon, Willard

Can you deliver Oats & Barley at Weber. How many bushels & at what price. Sharp & Young

August 2nd 1868

I inquired of the brethren relative to Oat & Barley crop. Everyone was doubtful about having any to spare. They did not expect their crop was worth threshing. The locusts had destroyed. Some were worse than mine and few fared much better. We had two good meetings. The brethren spoke upon the necessity of being watchful for many false influences were abroad deceiving the people. Quite a number were under the influence of Josephism. I advise the brethren to be punctual in attending the election which was to be held the next day.

Monday August 3rd 1868

I went in good season and gave my vote, then went to my farm. We spent the day in weeding and watering corn which looks promising. The evening I attended Teachers meeting. The brethren in with the report. They had visited John Joyce. He was firm believer in young Joseph & did not care whether they cut him off the Latter Day Saints. It was also reported that Ransome Beecher said he had no confidence in me, that I was a wicked ect. William Lowe testified that Beecher said to him in the blacksmith shop that I was not better than a dam Indian & he had more confidence in the meanest Indian in the mountains than he had in me. he insulted the Teachers Quorum. It was unanimously moved & carried that he be disfellowshipped from the ward. He was full of a hard, bitter & unclean spirit. About 3 months ago he called me a liar and challenged me for a fight. I told him that I had learned better than to fight. He came a few days afterwards to my house & challenged me again for a fight. I told him again I should not fight & I told him to leave the premises. He went and stood outside & I talked calmly to him & tried to reason with him. He then said I will meet you as far as you dare go in settling this matter and burying the hatchet. I told him that when I had said anything that had hurt his feelings I was sorry & that I had never done it designingly. We then shook hands & I supposed all would drop I had nothing to say to him or about him, but I know that he was busy at work to overthrow me.

Tuesday August 4th 1868

We finished cutting the wheat about 6 acres. The machine worked well.

Wednesday August 5th 1868

Shocked up wheat & commenced cutting grass.

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CORDON, ALFRED, 1817-

Journals. (1 817-1868)

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Coverage 1817-50, 1868. Brief retrospective account of life up to 1839. Diaries but with some pages of summary written after the events, 1839-60. Then follows diary of life in Willard, Utah, 1868.

Father worked in potteries near Liverpool. Author apprenticed at age twelve. Accident. Bad habits as youth. Marriage to Emma Parker, 1836. Conversion to Atkinites; became class leader. Conversion to Mormonism; 1839. Persecuted in home town (Burslem). Visit of William Clayton. Many meetings. Preached Mormonism throughout area, with much optimism and success, to 1842. Emigrated to United States, 1842. Wintered in St. Louis and continued to Nauvoo, early 1843. Various jobs. Built house. Mission to Vermont of about one year, starting in May 1 844. News of death of Joseph and Hyrum Smith not believed at first. Met Solomon Mack and other relatives of Lucy Mack Smith. Constant travel from place to place, preaching, baptizing, administering to sick, dealing with problems between members, watching over Church. Frequent poetry. Touching letter from wife in Nauvoo. Return to Nauvoo, spring 1845. Potting business during summer. Denunciation of mobbers who threatened to enter Nauvoo, "but they knew better than to do that, for if they had, Hundreds of them would have made their bed in Hell." Decision at October conference to leave Nauvoo. Author crossed Mississippi, February 1846, but later returned to seek employment at Burlington. Organization of Burlington Branch. Heard news of Saints in Salt Lake Valley. Called on mission to England. Tearful departure from family,

17 July 1848. Daily entries during this mission, 1848-50. Voyage to England. Appointed to preside over Warwickshire Conference. Visited wife's family and friends in Burslem. Letters from wife. Farewell and preparation for departure, September 1850. Gap, 1851-67.

Diary, 4 May to 21 October 1868. Author presiding as bishop at Willard. Utah. Telegraph built; sent messages to Brigham Young and Lorenzo Snow. Attended Brigham City School of Prophets. Answered charge that he had been dealing with "questionable persons in Salt Lake City. Funeral of Heber C. Kimball. Grasshoppers and locusts. Brigham Young visit to Willard. Explorations with motive to secure places for settlement before completion of railroad. Arranged for men to work on railroad grade. October conference in Salt Lake.

11. CORDON, Alfred and Lorenzo Snow. "He that judgeth a matter before he heareth it is not wise." Solomon. The Latter-day Saints meet for public worship, in the room under that lately occupied by the Socialists, Well Lane, Allison Street, Birmingham, every sabbath morning at half-past ten, and in the evening at half-past six o'clock. Also on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at half-past seven o'clock each week. Lectures will be delivered by Elders A. Cordon & L. Snow. The inhabitants of Birmingham are respectfully invited to attend. The first principles of the everlasting gospel in its fulness, the gathering of Israel, the second coming of the Savior, and the restitution of all things spoken of by all the holy prophets, will be among the subjects illustrated. "The Latter-day Saints' Millennial Star," published monthly, and other publications, can be had at No. 24, Park Street. Thomas Vale, Printer, Freeman-street, Birmingham. [1841?]
Broadside 38 x 23 cm.

Alfred Cordon joined the Church in Burslem, Staffordshire, in 1839 and served as a local missionary until he and his family emigrated to Nauvoo in 1843. In the spring of 1840 he introduced Mormonism for the first time to the people of Birmingham, and in mid-November he was joined there by Lorenzo Snow who had been in England for three weeks. Early in December their congregation numbered 16 members, and by the middle of the month it had grown to 30. In March 1841, one month after Snow was transferred to London, Heber C. Kimball organized the Birmingham Conference, which included the city and a few neighboring towns, with 107 members.

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That month Orson Pratt wrote to George A. Smith, describing how he had advertised his mission in Edinburgh by circulating a large number of handbills. This undoubtedly prompted Woodruff and Smith to try the same approach. No copy of Woodruff's handbill has survived, but, as one would expect from Wilford Woodruff, he copied it exactly into his journal.

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LETTER FROM ALFRED CORDON. Hanly, Stafford Co. Eng

Feb 17, 1842

Pres't J. Smith,

Dear Brother, Whom, having not seen, I love—I take it upon me this morning to write a few lines to you, hoping they will find you and your's in good health; feeling confident they will be read with interest. The e are engaged, rolls on well in this land, and in spite of all its enemies, moves onward in majesty and Power; there are many who devote all their time, and talent in endeavoring to overthrow it; but I discover they can “do nothing against the truth; but for it.” Many tracts have been published against us, containing all manner of lies, but in the end good will be the result. “He that knoweth God heareth us” Some of the tools of satan are doing more in spreading the truth than we are able to do, one in particular, a Mr. Brindley is publishing a Periodical shewing the errors and blasphemies of Mormonism, and in order to do this he publishes many of our Revelations, (or the Revelations of God given to us) and through this means, the testimony is visiting the mansions of the high and mighty ones—the Reverends, Right Reverends, and all the noble champions of sectarians receive them as a precious morsel; and they are read with much interest; whereas if we had sent them, they would have been spurned from their dwellings, and would not have been considered worth reading. The state of this country is very awful, and is according to prospects on the eve of a mighty revolution; all confidence is gone between master and men, and men are afraid of each other, peace is fast removing from this land; in the course of the last few days, in many parts of this Isle, they have been burning the effigy of the great men of this nation—poverty, and distress, and starvation abounds on every hand. The groans and tears, and wretchedness of the thousands of the people is enough to rend the heart of demons; many of the saints are suffering much through hunger, and nakedness; many with large families can scarcely get bread and water enough to hold the spirit in the tabernacle; many, very many, are out of employ; and cannot get work to do, and others that do work hard fourteen or fifteen hours per day, can scarcely earn enough to enable them to live upon the earth. Surely there is need of deliverance in Zion, and I am ready to exclaim thanks be to they name O Lord, for remembering thy covenants! And that the “set time to favor Zion is come,” and that he has chosen the west for a refuge for his people. Yet in the midst of all these troubles and calamities, there is something in the bosom of the saints that is very cheering, it often makes my heart to rejoice when I am in their company. They talk of gathering to Zion, and of building up cities and temples to the Most High; and at the same time scarcely know how to live day by day; though poor and destitute, they are rich in faith, firmly relying upon our testimony; believing most assuredly that God has spoken from the heavens. I was conversing the other day with a young lady respecting the glories of Zion, she has not as yet been baptized, but as a proof of her faith in the testimony she gave me a guinea (which is equal to 21 shillings of our money), desiring me to send it to you to be appropriated to the use of the Temple according to your judgement, or the judgement of those who are appointed to govern the concern; this circumstance transpiring is the cause of this letter being written to you. Mrs. Cordon has sent a small token of her regard to Sister Emma, which she hopes will be accepted, and joins with me in sentiments of profound respect to you and your lady.

Wishing you all success I remain yours in the New and Everlasting Covenant.

ALFRED CORDON

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LAYING OF THE SOUTH WEST CORNER- STONE Salt Lake Temple

Great Salt Lake City, April 14, 1853

The procession again formed and. Proceeded to the south west corner, when the presiding Bishop Edward Hunter, his Council, and the various Presidencies of the lesser Priesthood., with their associates, laid. the South West Corner Stone, when from its top, Bishop Hunter delivered. the following oration:

Brethren and Friends,

This South West Corner Stone of this Temple in Salt Lake Valley and Utah Territory has been laid., by the Aaronic Priesthood, which is in connection with the Melchizedek Priesthood forever—— to connect those two priesthoods to the building up of the kingdom of the last days—and exalt mankind on earth, and. in the presence of God, and prepare for the coming of Christ our redeemer.

He continued on for an hour - in closing he stated. The wall around the temple block will soon secure these grounds from intrusion. We are comparatively free from debt; everything seems favorable, for the rapid progress of the work. Brethren it depends upon your efforts, your liberality, your faithfulness, whether its progress be slow or fast. We are now ready to bid the saints, “Come lend us your aid; bring up to the Tithing House of the Lord, be untied, and freed from our remaining indebtedness; that the hearts of the public workman may rejoice in the blessings and comforts of life.” Let you liberality be known by your works, and remember that it is your own work, you are called upon to perform, and one in which you have the deepest, most abiding interest.

Bring forth the materials for building; stone, lime and sand; lumber and timber; the pine, the fir, and the cedar; the iron and steel; the silver and precious stones; to ornament, make beautiful and glorious the place of His presence, whose excellence surpasses the understanding of the children of men.

Amen

Bishop Cordon offered the following:

PRAYER

O God the Eternal Father, we thank thee that we are assembled here this morning to lay the foundation of another Temple to thy name. We ask thee in the name of Jesus Christ thy Son, to let thy blessing rest upon this, the South West Corner Stone, which has been laid by the presiding Bishop of thy church, and his counsel. Also let thy power and strength rest upon the servants who shall endeavor to build upon the same; may that spirit of unanimity and peace that pervades our bosoms, this morning, rest upon those who shall labor upon this building; and thy saints be filled with thanksgiving, with praise and adorations to thy great name for the mercies thou art continually extending unto them.

Especially let thine elders abroad, whose hearts are panting this day with joy and satisfactions, feel the force and influence of thy Spirit that so richly rests upon us, that they may take comfort and consolation. Let their lives be preserved, that they may take comfort and consolation. Let their lives be preserved, that they may return and behold a building reared to thy name, and greatly rejoice and adore thee, O God, may their way be opened, that they may move from nation to nation, from city to city, from habitation to habitation. Let thine angels go before them, and the secret agency of thy Holy Spirit touch the hearts of the people for their good, that thy purposes may soon be accomplished; that Israel may be gathered from the nations of the earth; that light and truth may spread itself, until all the honest in heart rejoice in the principles of freedom, and every hand and yoke of the tyrant is snapped and broken asunder, and the knowledge and power of God shall cover the earth, as the waters cover the face of the great deep. We pray thee to let the petitions of thy servant which was offered upon the Chief Corner Stone be answered upon the heads of this people; and may thy blessing and power rest upon him and his brethren, even the Presidency of the Church; may they be filled with spirit of revelation continually, that thy saints may flourish, thy kingdom prosper, and thy work roll forth under their guidance; that the day may soon come when Zion shall be respected among the nations, and the Holy Priesthood be the only authority acknowledged, either at home or abroad, on the land or the sea.

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Direct thy people in the path, that they may be prepared for the accomplishing of thy purposes. Let the Temple for which we are this day laying the Corner Stones, be reared to thy name, and the Top Stone be brought on with shouts of rejoicing before thee. Let every person that shall put forth their hand to prevent this thing from being accomplished, sink into oblivion, and may his power wither like the gourd of Jonah. Let all those who put forth their hands to rear this House, or in any way assist in doing the same, be blessed abundantly in the blessings of heaven and the blessing of earth; and may all things work together for the good of thy people in all time to come.

We dedicate this stone, and resign ourselves to thee to use us according to thy pleasure, praying thee to direct our course, and save us eternally in thy celestial kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Eighteen minutes past twelve, the choir sang - THE CORNER STONE

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“Obituary Notice” 13 March 1871

Monday, March 13. Mild weather prevailed in Salt Lake City. Bishop Alfred Cordon, of Willard City died. The Deseret Evening News of March 14, 1871 published the following demise:

Death of Bishop Cordon. The following telegram was received by the Deseret Telegraph line this morning:

Willard City, March 13, 1871

Bishop A.M. Musser: At 2 o'clock this afternoon our bishop ALFRED CORDON, departed this life; he had been suffering from inflammation of the lungs for about a week past. Further particulars hereafter. Funeral tomorrow.

Geo. A. Mears

The death of Bishop Cordon will be received with surprise by his many friends. It is but a few days since he was in this city, seemingly hearty and robust, and judging from his appearance, likely to live for years; and being a man well known and very generally respected by the entire community, the news of his death will be cause of great regret.

The following details of the death and funeral of Bishop Cordon were published in the Deseret Evening News of March 20.

Funeral Services: We have received the following short obituary, and account of the funeral service of the late Bishop A. Cordon, which took place at Willard City a few days since.

“Alfred Cordon was the second son of Sampson and Myrah Cordon, and was born at Toxteth Park, near Liverpool, England, on the 28th day of February, 1817, and at the time of his decease was 54 years and two weeks old.

He was baptized a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the year 1839, by Elder David Wilding, in Manchester, England. He commenced to preside in Willard City in 1857. He died on the 13th instant at 2 P.M., and was buried on the 15th, in the afternoon.

Funeral

The Funeral services commenced at one o'clock. The coffin was borne, on the shoulders of the Teachers, from his late residence to the school house. An immense concourse of people was present; not over one half of whom could gain admittance.

The meeting was called to order by Elder Geo. W. Ward.

After singing and prayer, short, appropriate and consolatory addresses were delivered by President Lorenzo Snow and Elder Jonathan C. Wright. Singing and prayer closed the services. The people turned out en masse to join in the procession, which was in the following order: At the head was the body in charge of Elder George W. Ward and M.W. Dalton; several conveyances containing the near relatives of the deceased; the presidency of the Stake; Bishop Nichols and some ten carriages with visitors from Brigham City; some fifty conveyances containing citizens of this place. The rear was composed of the brethren and sisters of the choir and a long column of citizens on foot. The line formed was over a half mile in length.

The assembly formed in circles around the grave, where the services consisted of singing and prayer.

It was very gratifying to witness the many little acts of kindness extended by the people in general to the bereaved. Each seemed to vie with the other in the offices of encouragement and consolation.

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Thus passes to his resting-place a staunch veteran in the cause of God. Whatever may have been his shortcomings, none can reproach him with lack of loyalty to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was a zealous advocate and determined defender of the faith. From his commencement in the ministry, some thirty years ago, until the day of his death, he was on terms of closest intimacy with the Presidency of the Church.

His sickness (Inflammation of the lungs) lasted but a few days, and he passed from this life, as he had often expressed a wish to do, without a lengthy sickness, and free from the cares and anxiety which often surround the death-bed.

It would be superfluous to pass and eulogium upon his life and services as there are but few of the experienced members of the Church who are not more or less acquainted with the name and services of Alfred Cordon.

He leaves a large family and a very extended circle of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

(Copied from the Church Archives May 1, 1961 by a Great-Grandson Alfred Swainston Cordon)