

# Diary of Elder David A. Owen

## Leeds Conference, British Mission

### A Brief History of My Life from birth until November 10, 1915

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I David A. Owen was born March 1, 1893 in Ammon, Idaho. My parents are Joseph H. Owen and Mary Abbigail (Grow) Owen. The first nine years of my life were spent on my father's farm. At seven years of age I began my school career at the "Ammon Public School", Miss Floy B. Swank being my first teacher.

At the age of nine a great sorrow came into my life. My father departed from us April 19, 1902. Together with mother and the other members of the family I went to Ogden, Utah to live, a few days after the funeral. We returned to Ammon again in October where I continued my education. In the spring of the year 1909, I received my eighth grade diploma and therefore had finished my public school education at sixteen years of age.

The following year I remained at home working on the farm.

On September 1910, at the age of seventeen I began my high school education at the Brigham Young College, Logan, Utah. During the summer vacation I returned to Ammon each year and worked on the farm. In June 1914 at the age of twenty-one I completed my high school education and received a "Preparatory Normal Certificate". The following year I again returned to the "Brigham Young College", and in June 1915 at the age of twenty-two I had completed six years of work or two years of college work and received a "Standard Normal Certificate", having which I would be permitted to teach in the Utah public schools without taking an examination.

During the summer I again worked on the farm. On August 11, 1915 I received a "call" to go to Great Britain on a mission which I accepted. The date set for my departure from Salt Lake City was November 12, 1915. On Wednesday October 26, 1915 my farewell party was held in the LDS Chapel at Ammon. I left there Thursday, October 27, 1915 and went to Logan, Utah where mother and the other members of the family who were not yet married were living. I stayed at this place doing a little visiting with friends until Wednesday, November 10, 1915, at which time I left for Salt Lake City to leave for my mission.

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## Diary

Beginning November 10, 1915

### **Wednesday, November 10, 1915**

After having said good bye to members of the family and friends I left Logan on the 2:00 o'clock train and arrived in Salt Lake City at 6:00 pm. I met Elder Allen who was also going to Great Britain on a mission, on the train and on arriving in Salt Lake City we secured rooms for the night at the Whitehall Hotel.

### **Thursday, November 11, 1915**

At 9:00 a m we went to the office of W.C. Spence, where we met the other elders that were going to Great Britain, and arranged for our ticket to New York City. We here decided to leave Salt Lake City, Saturday, November 13, instead of Friday. Later we were examined by Dr. Young. At 2:00 pm we met at the annex of the Temple where we received many good instructions pertaining to our missionary work; and were then set apart as missionaries to Great Britain. I was set apart by Brother McMurrin. Many good things were promised to me if I should live such a life so as to be worthy of them. It was also promised that I should land safely in Great Britain.

At 4:00 p m Elder Wyatt from Wellsville, who I had just got acquainted with that morning, and I went up to the University of Utah to look around. Ate supper with Elder Wyatt and his parents and then went to the Pantages Theatre.

### **Friday, November 12, 1915**

At 8:00 a m I went with Elder Wyatt to the Temple for the purpose of getting our endowments. Neither of us were feeling well caused by something we had eaten at supper on the previous day. Because of this I did not enjoy going through this sacred place as much as I would have done otherwise.

I remained in our rooms the remainder of the afternoon. During the afternoon Henry Maxfield an old BYC school friend came to visit with me. It has been five years since I had seen him. At night we went to the American Theatre and saw the drama "The Woman He Married".

### **Saturday, November 13, 1915**

The forenoon was spent in walking about the city, posting letters, buying a few articles, etc. After noon we prepared a lunch to take on the train and packed our suit cases and at 5:15 pm we left Salt Lake City. We stopped off at Ogden for twenty minutes and from there traveled eastward. Elder Wyatt and I secured a berth for the night and therefore saw but little scenery during the night.

### **Sunday, November 14, 1915**

On awaking we found that we were in Wyoming. The country was bare and desolate. At Cheyenne we walked about town during the 20 minute stop. We then went through part of Nebraska and to Julesburg, Colorado and on through Nebraska and Iowa during the night.

### **Monday, November 15, 1915**

During the morning we traveled through Illinois and arrived at Chicago a little before noon. First we went to the office and arranged for our steamship ticket from New York to Liverpool. We then secured rooms at the Majestic Hotel. After lunch Elder Wyatt and I walked about the city. That night we went to the Garrick Theatre.

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### **Tuesday, November 16, 1915**

After breakfast, the company (17 in all), took a car and went to the Swift Stock Yards. A guide led us through the buildings where we saw all the necessary processes to prepare the meat for shipping. We saw them kill, dress and prepare for the refrigerator; hogs at rate of 1,000 per hour; sheep at 600 per hour; and cattle at 250 per hour. It was certainly worth seeing. We went back to the hotel at noon and left Chicago at 2:30 pm. During the afternoon we had a good view of Lake Michigan.

### **Wednesday, November 17, 1915**

At 9:30 am we arrived at Buffalo. I did not like Buffalo very well. This may have been due to some degree to the breakfast we ate. We ordered hot cakes. We got three little burnt greasy cakes and not enough syrup for one and were charged 25c. We took train with guide for Niagara Falls. On arriving there the guide led us to the places of interest and where we could get the best views of the falls. The Niagara Falls are certainly wonderful. I have seen nothing that equaled its grandeur. After noon we crossed to the Canadian side where we could get a better view of the Falls. We continued sightseeing until 4:00 pm at which time we left for Buffalo where we stayed until 11:30pm. We went to a theatre in the meantime.

### **Thursday, November 18, 1915**

We traveled over the Nickel Plate road to Hoboken, New York. The scenery we saw during the fore noon was very beautiful. From there we took the ferry across the Hudson River to New York City proper. We arrived there about noon. Elder Wyatt and I secured a room at 59W 126th Street. We learned that the ship we were to sail on had been delayed two days and we would not sail until Monday, 22. In the afternoon we walked about the city. We remained in our rooms at night.

### **Friday, November 19, 1915**

We arose at 9:00 am and found it raining. On returning from breakfast our umbrella was turned inside out and bent, two different times. We stayed in our room the remainder of the day and read.

### **Saturday, November 20, 1915**

Elders Wyatt, Payne, Wayment and I spent the day in sight seeing. We went down 5th Avenue and through several parks and saw many things of interest. In the Central Park we visited the flower gardens where we saw the most beautiful flowers I have ever seen; and also plants from all over the world. We also visited the art museum. It was the first I had seen and I certainly thought it was grand. It would like to have spend a week there. Then we visited the menagerie which was also interesting. We walked down to 59th Street and then took the 3rd Avenue elevated back to room.

### **Sunday, November 21, 1915**

We were probably not wise or religious for we also spent this day in sight-seeing. We took the 9th Ave elevated to the south ferry to Battery Park. From there we took the ferry to Battery Park. From there we took the ferry boat to the "Statue of Liberty" which is on a little island in the bay. We climbed the circular stairway to the top of the statue where we could see the surrounding country. After returning we walked down Broadway and Wall Street we saw the highest building in the world. We then returned to room. That evening we heard someone fall in bathroom and then heard them groaning. On opening the door I found that the landlady had fainted. After calling her husband, I helped in lifting her up and she then soon revived.

### **Monday, November 22, 1915**

The morning was spent in preparation for leaving. We attended to having our baggage examined and

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put on board. At noon the ship set sail and I began my first trip across the Atlantic Ocean. Of course it was very interesting to me. The day was clear and the sea was smooth. I together with elders Laird, Johnson and Hooper occupied Stateroom 405 on main deck. I ate my meals at 8:30 am, 1:00 pm and 6:30pm. I remained on deck nearly all afternoon. The orchestra played between 8:00 and 9:00 pm and then I retired for the night.

### **Tuesday, November 23, 1915**

Still clear and smooth sailing. I remained on deck nearly all day, playing "quoits" etc. At 12:00, having sailed for one day we had traveled 347 miles. We met several ships that were sailing into the bay. Today some of the elders began to get sea-sick. A crowd of us spent the evening playing games.

### **Wednesday, November 24, 1915**

Still clear and smooth sailing. Day was spent much the same as previous day, on deck watching for ships, and playing games in afternoon and evening. Traveled 386 miles.

### **Thursday, November 25, 1915**

Still clear and smooth, but the wind began to blow harder and we were told that there was a storm ahead of us. Day was spent as previous day. The waves began to get a little higher and less number of people came to each their meals. Elder Wyatt by this time was quite sick, as was several of the others of the party. Traveled 384 miles today. Today was Thanksgiving Day and quite a number of thought it more blessed to give than to receive and so gave quite freely to the fish. The meals were appropriate for the day.

### **Friday, November 26, 1915**

Cloudy and sea rougher. Day mostly spent on deck but it was too rough to play games. I was reading books most of the day. Less number of people came to their meals. By this time all but three of our party were sick. It did not affect me. We had traveled 406 miles today.

### **Saturday, November 27, 1915**

Stormy and sea rough. The guards were put on the table to hold dishes on. It was almost out of the question to eat soup. One man sitting next to me had the misfortune of having his soup run from his dish into his lap when the ship tipped unusually far. It was too stormy to remain on deck. We traveled 401 miles that day. At first it was a little hard to sleep that night, but finally I lay on my back and went to sleep while I was rolled from one side of the berth to the other; amidst the "downfall of China", (falling of dishes in which my three roommates were served). And while the trunks and suit cases and bags played "fox and geese about the room, I slept on.

### **Sunday, November 28, 1915**

Still stormy and rough. Went to Church of England services at 10:30 am. Some who tried to walk on deck today would slip and would slide on hands and feet until they reached the railing. Services held on 3rd class deck at 8:00 pm. Traveled 389 miles today.

### **Monday, November 29, 1915**

Not so stormy or so rough. We had passed through the "Devils Hall" as that part we had just passed through was called. It was still quite rough. Day spent same as usual. Traveled 405 miles today.

### **Tuesday, November 30, 1915**

Foggy and sea smoother. We were traveling up through the Irish Channel all forenoon. We landed in Liverpool at 10:am and so finished my voyage from NY to Liverpool on board the "Philadelphia". It

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was two hours before everything was arranged so that we could leave ship. As soon as we left ship we went with an elder who met us to President Smith's office. President Smith spoke to us on our duties as missionaries. We then went into the office where we attended to business and received our appointments. Greatly to my satisfaction I was appointed to the Leeds conference. We then went to lunch and then bade a hurried goodby to the members of our company and elder Robinson and I took train for Bradford. We were rushed off so quickly that we hardly had time to see anything. One thing in particular I noticed was the double deck trams that are used here. We were met at Bradford station by Brother Warrens and then went to Conference President lodge at 6 Low Green Terrace, Great Horton Street where we stayed. Later in the evening we met President Bagley and Elder Groome.

### **Wednesday, December 1, 1915**

We four went downtown after breakfast, where I registered at the National Register's Office and with the American Consul. I remained in the room the remainder of the day. Very foggy today. Elder Robinson left for Leeds.

### **Thursday, December 2, 1915**

Went out with Elder Groome tracting for an hour, another new experience for me although I did not do any tracting. From there we went downtown where I made some purchases and then returned to lodge. In the afternoon President Bagley, Elder Groome and I went to Wibsey visiting saints. We visited Sister Fox, Sister Robinson where we had tea, Sister Terry and family. An incident that attracted attention was that while Agnes was minding clock she kept dropping the key and they laid it to the fact that I was so near. Then we visited the Sister Wrights, who I thought were rather peculiar people and very narrow minded. Then we visited Sister Haywood, her daughter Grace and friend Alice. We ate supper with them, and spent a very enjoyable evening. The phrase, "going up to the moon", as one elder expressed it, is certainly appropriate when speaking of going up to Wibsey. The highest place in England is up there.

### **Friday, December 3, 1915**

Went with President Bagley to Denholmn to visit with and eat dinner with a family of saints there. From there we visited saints and remainder of the afternoon, taking tea with another family. Later we again visited with the family we had eaten dinner with. Had a very pleasant day.

### **Saturday, December 4, 1915**

Remained at lodge in forenoon. Went to Priesthood meeting at Westgate Hall, Bradford at 2:00 pm. There I met all the elders of the conference. At this meeting Elder Robinson and I spoke for a few minutes. President Bagley and I went to a social at Clayton in the evening and had a very good time.

### **Sunday, December 5, 1915**

Went to Sunday School at Bradford in the morning; to Sunday School and testimony meeting in Batley in afternoon and evening. We took tea at Brother Walker's in afternoon. In the evening I spoke for a few minutes. I was certainly pleased in the work of the saints and their attitude in the work.

### **Monday, December 6, 1915**

Remained in room all forenoon. At 2:00 pm I took the train for Halifax where I was to labor. On arriving there I was met by Elder Harper and we then went to the lodge at 148 Gilbet Street. I did not like the appearance of the landlady. She did not look as tidy and clean as we ought to. I do not like our lodgings. Remained in room for the rest of the day. In the evening Elder Hewlett came from Leeds to labor in this branch.

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### **Tuesday, December 7, 1915**

Remained in room in the forenoon. Went shopping in the afternoon. Went to Mutual in the evening. We had an interesting discussion on the gathering of Israel. I got acquainted with a few of the saints in this branch.

### **Wednesday, December 8, 1915**

Remained in lodge until afternoon writing. At 6:00 pm Elder Hewlett and I took a tram and went to Huddersfield to hold a cottage meeting at Sister Philips. We had a very good discussion on the dispersion and gathering of Israel.

### **Thursday, December 9, 1915**

Remained in room until 2:00 pm when Elder Harper and I went tracting. This was my first experience at tracting and I was rather shaky when I walked up to the first door. I was turned down at the first two doors. I continued and was not turned down again during the time I spent tracting. In the afternoon we went to visit Sister Reynolds and administered to her as she was poorly. In the evening we visited Brother and Sister Doyle and spent a pleasant evening.

### **Friday, December 10, 1915**

Storming, so I did not go tracting. Studied in forenoon. Visited with Sister Reynolds and Sister Joy in afternoon. Remained in room in evening writing letters. This forenoon Elder Hewlett and I were scuffling when the landlady, Mrs. Lord, came in and told us that she would be glad when we found new lodgings. Yesterday, knowing that we were not satisfied, told us that she would rather have us move out. Today we have been inquiring for rooms.

### **Saturday, December 11, 1915**

Remained in room in the forenoon. Ate dinner with Sister Joy. Then went visiting at Sister Remmer and sister Muff. We then went to Bradford to see the concert "The Village Wedding", played by the saints. I liked it very much. Met many of the saints I had become acquainted with in Bradford. On returning to lodge I found a letter from Elder Wyatt who is in Ireland Laboring. Was glad to hear from him although I was disappointed in not hearing from home.

### **Sunday, December 12, 1915**

Studied until 11:00 am, then went to Priesthood meeting. Went to Sunday School at 2:30pm. Went to tea at Palfreyman's; and then to sacrament meeting in the evening, where I was on to speak. I enjoyed my first Sunday in Halifax very much.

### **Monday, December 13, 1915**

Studied in forenoon. Went tracting after dinner for two hours. Had very good success. Did not get turned down once today. Remained in lodge for tea. Then spent the evening at the home of sister Mozley, also ate supper there. Elder Vernon from Hill Conference was there. Still no mail from home. Have been feeling rather blue all day. Felt much better after returning from our visit.

### **Tuesday, December 14, 1915**

Studied during forenoon. In afternoon Elders Harper and Hewlett went visiting investigators and I remained home and studied. Attended mutual in evening and enjoyed the lesson very much.

### **Wednesday, December 15, 1915**

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Studied until noon. Went with the other elders to find a lodge after dinner. We liked the first place we looked at, and also the appearance of the lady of the house. The place is a five minute walk from the meeting room. We looked at some more places and finally decided to take the first place we looked at, and will move into our new home next Friday. At 7:30pm, we went to Relief Society meeting. Returned home and studied for a short time, and wrote a letter home, but have not yet received one.

**Thursday, December 16, 1915**

Tracted two hours in the forenoon, and enjoyed it more than at any other time. I got turned down at the first door, the lady showed me the gate and then slammed the door. At third door the lady threw the tract at me and began calling me for all she was worth. I picked it up and offered it to her again and kept on talking to her. Finally she took the tract she began to reason with me. I had quite a long talk with her and before I left she promised to read the tract. I had several more good talks before noon. After dinner we went tracting again for two hours. I had quite a number of good talks during the afternoon. I talked over half an hour with the lady at the first door knocked. During the afternoon one lady told me that I would have been more welcome had I brought a bottle of whiskey instead of tracts. I can say that I have enjoyed the work today better than any day since I came into the mission field.

After tea we went to the "Children's Happy Hour". It was certainly grand to see the interest the children took in the work. The program was parts taken voluntarily by the children praying, singing, reciting and storytelling. After this they played games. The children certainly enjoyed themselves. There were about 35 children there. Twenty of them were non-members of the church. The lady in charge was certainly well liked by the children.

We then went and visited sister Helhivell and spent an enjoyable evening.

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**Friday, December 17, 1915**

Spent forenoon in preparing for moving to new lodgings and in studying. An elder from Manchester Conference came and ate dinner with us. We then moved to our new lodgings at 14 Craven Terrace, Hopwood Lane, Halifax. I like our new lodging very well. Spent the afternoon and evening at Brighthouse visiting saints, sisters Berry and Farrar where we had tea and supper and spent an enjoyable evening.

**Saturday, December 18, 1915**

Elder Hewlett and I took train for Leeds. We looked about the city for awhile and then attended a priesthood meeting at Leeds Lodge at 64 Lofthouse Place, Blackman Lane. After the priesthood meeting we ate a fine dinner prepared by the lady of the house. A big fat goose and a chicken went to make up part of the dinner.

After dinner we went to Bradford to attend a local priesthood meeting. We stayed in Bradford at Farcliff Lodge that night.

**Sunday, December 19, 1915**

We attended Sunday School at Bradford in forenoon. Attended the special services held at Westgate hall in afternoon and at Queen's Hall in the evening. President Smith and Brother Sjudahd were up from Liverpool and did most of the speaking. We certainly enjoyed a spiritual feast. I would have enjoyed it more if I had known that I wouldn't have to talk. I stayed in Bradford that night also.

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After breakfast Elder Hewlett and I took train for Leeds and ate dinner at Leeds Lodge. We spent the fore part of the afternoon in talking and enjoying ourselves. At 5 pm, the elders went to Thorpe where we spent the evening at Payne's, the occasion being a birthday party given by Hilda Payne, it being her 21st birthday. We spent a very enjoyable evening playing games, eating lunch. We returned to Bradford again that night. This is the first party I had been to in England. There were quite a number of young folks there and every body enjoyed themselves.

### **Tuesday, December 21, 1915**

After breakfast Elder Hewlett and I returned to Halifax. Elder Harper, who had been tracting came back at noon. After dinner all three of us went out tracting for two hours. I had a very good time tracting, and was invited in at one place, and had a very good talk with the lady of the house, on religion. We went to sister Brearly's for tea. We returned and did a little shopping and then attended Mutual. Spent an hour or two writing after meeting.

When I came back to lodge from Leeds I found a letter from L.P. waiting for me. This was the first letter from "Yankee Land" that I have received and it made me feel happy.

### **Wednesday, December 22, 1915**

After breakfast we went out tracting for two hours. We tracted in a more slummy district today. We had the usual experiences. Afternoon we spent in studying and writing letters. We spent the evening at Brother Blands and had an enjoyable time.

### **Thursday, December 23, 1915**

We spent the forepart of the forenoon in studying and writing. Then Elder Harper and I went down town shopping. After dinner Elder Hewlett and I went tracting for two hours. I distributed 100 tracts in two hours; I had the usual experiences; a few good conversations and a few turn downs. After tea we went to the children's happy hour meeting and from there went to visit at Sister Harpin's where we spent an enjoyable evening. After returning to our room we did a little writing.

### **Friday, December 24, 1915**

Stormy all day. Stayed in rooms in forenoon. After dinner I walked around town for some time and then did a little shopping. I spent the remainder of the afternoon reading until Elder Harper and Hewlett came from visiting. We then went to an "At Home" in the meeting room, where we spent a very enjoyable evening. After a short program we played games, etc. until after 12 o'clock. Received a few Christmas cards today.

### **Saturday, December 25, 1915**

This is the first Christmas spent away from home. We went around visiting all the saints and wishing them a merry "Christmas". At noon we went to Sister Helliwell's for dinner and it certainly was a good dinner and very appropriate for the occasion. After dinner we played games for a short time and then we elders left to visit more of the saints, the others (9 besides us) remaining there. We returned to Sister Helliwell's for tea which was also very good. We then went to another "At Home" which was similar to the one on previous night and enjoyed equally as well.

### **Sunday, December 26, 1915**

Having spent a very bad night and sleeping but little I remained in bed until 2:30pm. I remained in the room the remainder of the afternoon and then went to meeting I thought I would feel better to get a little fresh air. I felt very weak having had nothing to eat since the previous day. I was supposed to

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speak that night but feeling as I did I was excused for which I was very glad. We studied for a short time after returning from the meeting. The subjects discussed at the meeting and the songs, recitations were in commemoration of the birth of Christ A fairly large crowd was in attendance and the services were very good.

### **Monday, December 27, 1915**

Today being a holiday, "Boxing Day", there was no special work to do so we remained at our lodge until about 10:00 am. We then went to the meeting room where Elder Hewlett and I with Percy Cook, and Percy Palfreyman enjoyed ourselves with the boxing gloves. Then came back to dinner and remained in lodge all afternoon. At 7:30pm we went to another "At Home" at meeting house. The program was a farce. It was a little funny at first but soon became monotonous. A few not all talented took all the parts on the program. We returned home about 10:30pm.

### **Tuesday, December 28, 1915**

Studied in forenoon. A letter come from mother today; the first since I left home. It was good to hear from home. I found out that it was because of so much sickness that she hadn't written before.

Went tracting after dinner for two hours. Had a good time tracting. Had several good talks. Found some who were interested in our doctrine.

After returning to lodge we did some studying and discussed a few points. We entered into heated arguments, and ended by neither gaining a point.

### **Wednesday, December 29, 1915**

To stormy to go tracting so I stayed in room and studied until 3:30pm. Then went down town to make a few purchases. Then went to meeting room to receive things brought for children's entertainment tomorrow. Also cleaned and arranged room. Returned to room and studied D & C. Received my appointment to go to Leeds next Sunday.

### **Thursday, December 30, 1915**

After breakfast we went tracting for two hours. Had the usual experiences. At 2:00 pm we went to a children's social held in the meeting room. Al the children had a very good time. It was certainly a pleasure to see those children enjoying themselves so much. We arranged them in a group and took a photograph of them. Then they played games until tea. It certainly was a grand sight to see them all sitting up to the table. They continued playing games until 7:30pm. Then gave a program. Quite a number of older people came for it. The parts were taken voluntarily by the children; and they were very good. Out of the 38 children present 23 were non-members.

After the program we elders cleaned the meeting room and arranged it for Sunday. We then went home feeling that the day had been a success.

### **Friday, December 31, 1915**

The last day of 1915. Rained all forenoon. Elder Harper and I spent the forenoon visiting saints and investigators. After dinner, it having cleared up we went tracting for two hours. Had a very good time tracting. Had five good conversations and one invitation in. Not one turn down. I enjoyed tracting today better than any other time although my knuckles are getting rather tender from knocking at so many doors.

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After coming back we were fixing scrap books, etc. until we went to Sister Sharvis at 8:30pm to a New Year's Eve party. We stayed the old year out and the new year in; we ate supper, playing games, etc. until 4 am. the last of the old year was spent having a good time. A good crowd was present and we had a very good time.

### **Saturday, January 1, 1916**

We didn't get up until 10:30 am. Studied for awhile. At 2:00 pm we went to a picture show which Annie Irving. She took one of the characters represented on one of the films. It was very good; and one who taking a part being with us and also being one of our saints made it much more interesting. When we were returning home Annie Sharman gave us some lemon pies, something that is hard to get in England. We remained at the lodge the remainder of the day reading and studying.

### **Sunday, January 2, 1916**

At 9:30 am Elder Hewlett and I took train for Great Horton. After getting our laundry at the Horton Lodge we walked to the Bradford meeting room and attended Sunday school. After talking with the saints for awhile we went to Leeds. When we reached the meeting room they were holding a Priesthood meeting which we attended and it being testimony meeting we bore our testimonies. After this there was the fast meeting where testimonies were again borne. After meeting Elder Robinson and I went to Brother Simister's for tea and visited with them until time to go to evening meeting. At this meeting I had to give my first gospel sermon. I occupied the floor for about fifteen minutes talking on baptism. I may have remained longer if the perspiration had not been rolling down my face so much. I didn't dare wipe my face with a handkerchief so I closed my remarks and sat down. I certainly felt relieved after I sat down. It was the hardest work I had done for many a day. A local brother then spoke for a few minutes. Elder Robinson occupied the floor the remainder of the evening. He spoke on the Godhead. while speaking of baptism to bring out a point he was talking about, he gave a demonstration by typing over the water pitcher, accidentally of course, while swinging his arms in a heated discussion. After meeting we with two other elders Hillyard and Worthen, with friends spent the evening at Brother Reed's/ We ate supper and spent a very enjoyable evening. I stayed at Leeds with the elders that night.

### **Monday, January 3, 1916**

Remained in Leeds with elders until 11:00 am when I took a train for Halifax. After dinner we went tracting for two hours. We tracted in a "swanky" district today and did not have as good success as usual. I got one invitation in and a few good talks; I found that the people of this class were not as humble or as sincere as the poorer class. They made the excuse that they did not have time to read the tracts; but they had time for other less important things. After tea we went up to sister Pratt's to spend the evening. Only one member of the family, Edith, is a member of the church. She has a sister in Salt Lake City. We spent a very enjoyable evening there. They entertained us with some very good music. We also ate supper while there. Returned to lodge at 12:30 PM.

### **Tuesday, January 4, 1916**

Raining when we got up so we did not go tracting. Elder Harper and I visited saints and attended to some business. After dinner we studied and did other miscellaneous work. After tea I studied until Mutual. We had quite a large crowd out to meeting. We started to study the Book of Abraham. After meeting we visited a family of investigators for an hour and then returned to our lodge.

### **Wednesday, January 5, 1916**

Remained in lodge until noon. After dinner Elder Hewlett and I walked to Bradford by way of Shelf

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and tracted on our way. It was eight miles and we walked over there in two hours and one half. Elder Harper walked to Huddersfield and tracted on the way. We arrived in Bradford at 3:45 pm. We then went to Dr. Higgins. At 5:00 we with the other elders and the Higgins family ate dinner. It was a very good dinner and I enjoyed it very much. After dinner we went to the sitting room and spent the evening playing games and having a good time. At 10:30 we ate supper and then went home. Dr. Higgins has quite a swanky house and has things fixed up quite nice. Dr. Higgins is practicing in Bradford. He lost quite a number of customers when he joined the church but since then he has got along in his profession very well.

Elder Hewlett and I stayed at the Farcliffe Lodge with Elder Hansen and Francis.

#### **Thursday, January 6, 1916**

We ate breakfast at the Farcliffe Lodge and talked for awhile. We then went down town to take a train for Halifax. On our way we stopped to get some pictures and when we arrived at the station our train had left. We had to wait until 12:05 for the next train.

On arriving in Halifax we went to the Lodge and just in time for dinner. After dinner we tracted for two hours with the usual success. We came back to tea and then wrote letters, read, etc. until 6:00 o'clock; and then went to the children's happy hour. Only about fifteen came on account of it being stormy. Elder Hewlett and I went to Brother and Sister Sutcliffe's and spent the evening. After coming to the lodge we were writing, etc.

The people with whom we are staying have been reading some of the articles on Mormonism and tonight came in for some more. They have been having quite a discussion amongst themselves.

#### **Friday, January 7, 1916**

Rained in forenoon so we stayed at the lodge and studied, reading papers, etc. After dinner we went tracting for two hours. I had only one turn down and several good talks. The wind blowing so hard probably helped me from getting more. The people didn't like to stand with the door open. While tracting one terrace an insane man came and walked up and down singing "Where is my wandering boy tonight"; that is he tried to sing it. It was a horrible noise. He probably went insane over worrying about the war, or he may have a son fighting.

When he came back to the lodge we found President Bagley there. After tea we all went to the opera "Carmen". I certainly enjoyed it. It was a very high class tragedy; and something we would not see at home. A thirty six piece orchestra furnished the music.

#### **Saturday, January 8, 1916**

After breakfast we tracted on the way to Bradford by way of Queensbury, and arrived in Bradford in time for dinner. We then went to Priesthood meeting. After meeting we went to the market for a few things. From there we went to Brighthouse to Sister Berry's to a party. A number of the saints were there from Halifax and we had a very good time until 11:30 pm at which time we returned to our lodge.

#### **Sunday, January 9, 1916**

Stayed at lodge until 11:30 preparing for a speech for the evening service. I then took a train to Stanningley and then went to the Pudsey meeting room. At 2:30 pm we held Sunday School. We ate tea at the room with some of the saints; at 6:00 o'clock we began our evening services. I talked on "Faith-the Course of Life". Elder Worthin took up the rest of the time. Coming home I took a tram to Bradford to Shelf and to Halifax. When I got to the lodge the other elders had not arrived yet but came

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a little later.

**Monday, January 10, 1916**

Storming so we stayed at the lodge and studied. After dinner we went over to King's cross to get some things to do some fixing up in the meeting room. After tea Elder Hewlett and I visited at Sister Reynold's and at Sister Joy's. After returning to our lodge I studied for two hours before retiring.

**Tuesday, January 11, 1916**

Studied for awhile in the morning. Then we went to the meeting room and pasted green blinds over the ransoms which are above the windows. This was necessary because of the law passed that green blinds must be up at every window so that no light will shine outside. This is because air raids are feared. After dinner we went tracting for three hours. I had a good time; only one turn down and quite a number of good talks. I had quite a long talk with an Irish Catholic lady. She was a pleasant lady to talk with but could not talk gospel to her. If I tried to she would spring some Irish joke, and as the Irish are at that I could do nothing but laugh. I finally persuaded her to accept a tract. A few days farther on I talked with a lady who almost doubted that there was a God; and if there was he was an unjust God for letting the war continue and the righteous men killed. I told her the best I could that the war was man's and not God's doings and since man had brought it on himself he must suffer for it; and we are told that the righteous must suffer that the wicked might be condemned.

After tea I studied until Mutual. We had a large crowd out to Mutual and had an interesting lesson. After meeting I studied awhile before retiring.

**Wednesday, January 12, 1916**

Studied in the forenoon and after dinner went tracting for an hour and had to stop on account of storm. After tea Elder Hewlett and I visited at the home of Brother George Harpin. We talked to him about helping with the choir work which he promised to do.

On our way home we stopped at meeting room for Elder Harper who had been to Relief Society meeting. All had not gone home yet. We spent the remainder of the evening studying.

**Thursday, January 13, 1916**

Stayed in our lodge and studied in the forenoon. After dinner we got ready to go tracting, but decided that it was a good day to take pictures. We took one picture in our room and one where we were standing outside our lodge. We then went to the meeting room and had our pictures taken while we were preaching. Then we went to Sister Hallirvell's and had them taken; an illustration of what we encounter while tracting. Rolling-pins and frying-pans were the articles used by the women to protect themselves from the Mormon Elders.

Elder Hewlett then left for Leeds to meet an appointment. Elder Harper and I returned to the lodge. At 5:00 I went to light a fire in meeting room for the Happy Hour Meeting. Elder Harper went to Sister Walker's for tea. I returned to lodge at 7:00 pm and Elder Harper and I then went to a party at Mozley's. We spent a very enjoyable evening, playing games, etc. We also ate supper there. We returned to our lodge at 1:30.

**Friday, January 14, 1916**

Stayed in lodge in the forenoon except when I went down town to the bank and to get a hair cut; and a hair cut I got if you would call it that. It was an English cut; one side closer than the other and also cut higher. Went tracting for an hour in the west part of town in the afternoon. On my way back I stopped

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at the shoemakers and had a long talk with him. After tea we went to a picture show.

**Saturday, January 15, 1916**

Cleaned meeting room out and then went to the shoemakers and had shoes fixed and had quite a talk with him. After dinner I studied for awhile and then went down town. On my way down I stopped to see a football game. Came back to lodge and studied the remainder of the afternoon. Rather a dull day for me. I was along most of the time. Elder Harper went to Sister Pickles for tea.

**Sunday, January 16, 1916**

Left Halifax at 9:35 am for Bradford. This was my first to Bradford alone. I went from the Great Horton Station to 6 Low Green Terrace, Great Horton to get our laundry and then walked down town to the Bradford meeting room about a half hour walk. I went to Sunday School at Bradford, went to Sister Atley's for dinner. We ate some fowl that came from Ireland. After dinner Elder Hewlett and I walked to Clayton to another Sunday School. We had tea at Sister Florence Ennett's, and stayed there until time for meeting. I was called up to speak first and talked for ten minutes. Elder Hewlett took up the remainder of the time.

We were going to Sister Haywood's after meeting but were told that there had been some talk because the elders walked home with the girls so we decided not to go. We took a Queensbury tram and went to Halifax. On arriving at our lodge we found Elder Groome there. He had been appointed to the Halifax branch for Sunday. He remained with us over night.

**Monday, January 17, 1916**

Stayed in the lodge until noon, with the exception of a little walk Elder Groome and I took. We saw the "gibbit" on Gibbit Street where in earlier days men were beheaded.

After dinner Elder Harper and I walked to Brighthouse and tracted on our way. We spent the afternoon and evening with Sister Farrars' and at Sister Berry's. This was Elder Harper's last trip to Brighthouse before leaving for home. We returned at about twelve o'clock.

**Tuesday, January 18, 1916**

Studied for a short time and then went down town and bought a raincoat. After dinner Elder Harper, Hewlett and I walked to Bradford by way of Low Moor, tracting on our way. We distributed 1054 tracts in three hours. At 5:00 pm we went to a Priesthood meeting at 49 Wesgate Bradford. President Bagley and Elder Groome were released from their offices and President Robinson and Elder Hillyard were placed in the vacancies. A report was made by each of the elders.

At 7:30 pm we held a farewell social to pay our respects to President Bagley and Elder Hanson who leave for home on the 19th of January. A very good program was rendered. The departing elders received presents as tokens from the saints. A large crowd was in attendance. We came home with some of the Halifax saints who were at the party.

**Wednesday, January 19, 1916**

Visited at Sister Shavis', Sister Pickles' and Mrs. Woodcock's. We made an appointment with Mrs. Woodcock for spend Monday evening with her.

After dinner we went down town to make a few purchases. In the evening we went to Relief Society meeting. After returning to our lodge we studied for a short time.

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**Thursday, January 20, 1916**

Stayed at the lodge nearly all day, studying and doing other miscellaneous work. At 6:00 Elder Hewlett and I went to Hudders Field to hold a cottage meeting. As some of the Saints who attended these meetings were going to emigrate to Zion it was decided to discontinue holding these meetings as there would be such a few left to attend the. Because of it being the last meeting it was turned into a testimony meeting. We studied for a short time after returning to our lodge.

**Friday, January 21, 1916**

I didn't feel very well on account of having a bad cold so I remained at the lodge all day. At 5:00 we went to Mr. Holliday's the shoemaker, for tea and to spend the evening. Mr. Holliday is just a friend and I think much good was accomplished by going there. We spent a very enjoyable evening.

**Saturday, January 22, 1916**

Studied in the morning. Went to Leeds with Elder Hewlett after dinner. Went to Sister Craven's at Roodley for tea. While there Sister Sheppard showed me some lace goods also some souvenir which she received from her husband who is at Malta.

We then went to the Pudsey meeting room where we spent a very enjoyable evening at a tea and party. President Robinson and I returned to Halifax. Elder Harper remained at Bradford, and Elder Hewlett at Leeds.

**Sunday, January 23, 1916**

Cleaned up meeting room in morning. Went to Priesthood meeting at 11:00, at Sunday School at 2:30 and Sacrament meeting at 6:30 at which I took charge. Brother George Smith spoke on the duties of the Priesthood. President Robinson spoke on the temptations of Christ. I spoke on Faith as a principle of power. After meeting I went to see President Robinson off on the tram. I returned to lodge and waited until Elder Hewlett returned from Batley.

**Monday, January 24, 1916**

Was ill all day so I stayed in the lodge and did a little studying, mostly sleeping.

**Tuesday, January 25, 1916**

Stayed in lodge for the same reason as yesterday. At 7:30 I went to Mutual but was glad to get back to our room.

**Wednesday, January 26, 1916**

Stayed in lodge today also. Walked down town and back after dinner. Went after tea to help clean up meeting room; the work was under the direction of the Relief Society. We made the room look some different.

**Thursday, January 27, 1916**

Feeling a little better but still like an easy chair by the fireplace better than anything else. After dinner Elder Hewlett and I found our calling when we washed the meeting room windows. I think that comes more natural than preaching. The people thought we were rather peculiar ministers to be out there working. Went to Happy Hour at 6:00 pm; children make more noise than usual. After meeting Sisters Sharman Walker, Brother George Bower and Elder Hewlett and I go to picture show. Sister Walker gave us some "parkin".

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Studied in forenoon. Stayed in lodge alone in the afternoon. Walked down town. Elder Hewlett, George Bowers, and I fix curtains up in meeting room. Spend remainder of evening studying, reading, writing, etc. Elder Hewlett reads some of his diary telling of interesting things.

**Saturday, January 29, 1916**

At 10:00 Elder Hewlett and I started to Leeds, tracting on our way. We purchased our dinner at a little store and ate it along the roadside. We had a good walk and enjoyed it and got seven hours tracting also. When we arrived in Leeds after our sixteen mile walk we were rather tired and were glad to sit down. At 5:00 we had tea at the meeting room, the occasion being a tea and concert given by the Leeds branch. We had a very good tea and afterwards enjoyed listening to the concert. To tell the truth I was glad to get to bed and rest my feet.

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**Sunday, January 30, 1916**

Stayed at Leeds lodge until after dinner. Went to the Leeds Sunday School. Went to Sister Rhodes' for tea. From there I went to Wakefield for the evening services where I had to take charge, administer to sacrament, and preach. Brother George Bowers was there to help me preach. I had a sore throat but managed to talk for twenty minutes. We came back to Halifax for the night.

**Monday, January 31, 1916**

Studied in forenoon. Went tracting for two hours in the afternoon with usual experiences. Spent the evening visiting at Sister Harpin's and Brother Doyle's.

**Tuesday, February 1, 1916**

Studied nearly all day. Went to Sister Joy's for tea. Then went to Mutual. Besides regular work the Mutual was reorganized.

**Wednesday, February 2, 1916**

Spent morning in writing letters. After dinner we went to meeting room and made a fire and then when all the Elders came we held a Priesthood meeting. We all went to our lodge for tea.

At 7:00 we went to a farewell party for Elder Harper who leaves for home next Tuesday. We enjoyed listening to a very good program. The last was a charade in which I took the part of a wounded soldier. Many friends were in attendance.

**Thursday, February 3, 1916**

Studied part of the day. Helped Elder Harper pack his trunk; I didn't do much though. Went to Sister Helliwell's for tea. After staying there for some time we went to Brother George Smith's for a short time. On arriving at our lodge we found the door locked, nobody home and we had no key. We tried back door but to no good result. We went to the meeting room and cleaned up a little and returned but were still locked out. We went to meeting room again and did a little preaching among ourselves. On returning we found the lodge lady home and of course obtained entrance.

**Friday, February 4, 1916**

Studied nearly all day. Went down town in afternoon. Visited at Brother Sutcliffe's for two hours in the evening.

**Saturday, February 5, 1916**

Studied and cleaned up meeting room in the forenoon. After dinner we went tracting for two hours.

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After tea we with twelve others of the Halifax branch went to Midgly to hold a cottage meeting at Sister Smith's. We brethren took up the time talking. We spent an enjoyable time going and coming back and also while we were there. It was about five miles each way.

**Sunday, February 6, 1916**

Went to Bradford Sunday School; to Batley Sunday School at 2:30 pm and for testimony meeting in the evening. I enjoyed the meeting very much. The saints took up all the time except a little over fifteen minutes which time I occupied the floor.

I took a 8:18 train from Batley, arrived Mirfield at 8:30, and left at 9:30, was at Brighouse about fifteen minutes and arrived in Halifax nearly 11:00; "some connections".

**Monday, February 7, 1916**

Studied for awhile then went to Sister Helliwell's and Sister Shavis' visiting. After dinner I studied while Elder Hewlett tracted. I was waiting for the postman to bring my clarinet. We went to a cottage meeting in the evening at Brother Doyel's where we had a discussion with some lady socialists on Mormonism and Socialism. It was hard to talk with them because they did not believe in a God.

**Tuesday, February 8, 1916**

Studied in forenoon. Had tea at Sister Shavis's. Went to Mutual where I had to take the lesson. Today we had thunder and lightening during a snow storm. This was something unusual.

**Wednesday, February 9, 1916**

Stayed in lodge in the forenoon. Visited investigators up Boothtown way during the afternoon. We had tea with one of them. Then we went to Relief Society meeting. Elder Hewlett talked on the history of Germany.

**Thursday, February 10, 1916**

Went to post office and then took a parcel to Palfreyman's. After dinner Elder Hewlett an did went tracting for two hours. Herbert Dransfield came with his mother an sister from Keighley. Herbert is going to American with Elder Harper. Went to Children's Happy Hour and then visited at Brother Blands.

**Friday, February 11, 1916**

It was very stormy all day so we stayed in our lodge until 4:30. We then went to Brighouse and visited at Sister Farrar's and Sister Berry's until 10:30 pm. Elder Harper left for home on morning train. We saw him off.

**Saturday, February 12, 1916**

Studied in forenoon. Went to Shelf and back tracting. Elder Hewlett went on the Bradford. In the evening I went to a concert practice at the meeting room.

**Sunday, February 13, 1916**

Studied for awhile. Then went to Priesthood meeting, where I had to take charge. Went to Sister Joy's for dinner. At Sunday School in the afternoon, took charge of the theological class. Went to Sister Mozley's for tea. At the evening meeting Dr. Higgins. was appointed to help me but he failed to appear so I called on Brother Doyle. I took up the remainder of the time.

After meeting I went to Sisters Hudson, Walker, Reynolds and Sharman to visit Sister Brearley who

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was quite ill. We stayed quite awhile with her; also I administered to her.

**Monday, February 14, 1916**

It was very stormy and cold so we stayed in our room all day. visited Sister Brearley in the evening and administered to her again. We then went to a cottage meeting at Brother Dayle's where we started to study the Gospel of St. John. After the meeting we had quite a talk with Bertha Evans a socialist who is investigating into the gospel.

**Tuesday, February 15, 1916**

Stormy all day so we stayed in our room and studied. Went to Mutual in the evening; very poor attendance. George Bowers stopped at our lodge awhile with us.

**Wednesday, February 16, 1916**

Studied in forenoon. Visited at Mrs. Woodcock's in the afternoon. Went to Relief Society meeting at night.

**Thursday, February 17, 1916**

Still unable to go out much on account of storm. Visited Sister Brearley and administered to her again. She was a little worse. Then went to Happy Hour. We had to take our turn with the children in furnishing the program.

After Happy Hour we visited at Albert Bland's; he is a Mormon but has fallen away. His wife isn't a member but is not prejudiced against us. Her little child was healed through the administration of the Elders after doctors had given up hope. The child became better immediately and ask for something to eat, which he had not done for several weeks. It is now as well as any child. The doctors also said it would be an idiot but is as sane as any child.

We then visited at Sister Reynolds; Sisters Sharman and Walker were also there.

**Friday, February 18, 1916**

Very little done today. Studied in forenoon and part of afternoon. In the evening we went to visit at George Harpin's but no one was home so we went to the picture show.

**Saturday, February 19, 1916**

Studied in forenoon. Went to Priesthood meeting at Bradford at 3:00. Tea at Horton Lodge. Mutual at Bradford. I stayed at Horton Lodge that night. My silk good came from Malta today. They are champion.

**Sunday, February 20, 1916**

To Bradford Sunday School in morning. Walked to Clayton for Sunday School in the afternoon. I took charge of the class. Had tea at Sister Craven's. In evening service Brother Horace Cook took up nearly all the time so I only had to talk about ten minutes. I talked on preaching by example as well as by precept. We walked to Queensbury and took car from there to Halifax.

**Monday, February 21, 1916**

Studied in morning. Tracted two hours in afternoon. We called to Sister Shaw's at noon to administer to her. She was blood poisoned. Went again in the evening and found her much better. visited at Brother Joy's and then went to a cottage meeting at Brother Doyle's. We studied St. Matthew. Battle of Verdun begins.

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**Tuesday, February 22, 1916**

Studied in morning. Tracted two hours in afternoon. Called on Sister Shaw and found her quite well. It was a ~~almost~~ a miracle the way she was healed. Sister Brearley we also found much better. Went to Mutual. It took charge of the class.

**Wednesday, February 23, 1916**

Tracted two hours, and visited Sister Brearley and found her much better. Studied in the afternoon. Had tea at Sister Joy's. Went to Relief Society meeting where I talked forty minutes on Psychology; the longest talk I have ever given.

**Thursday, February 24, 1916**

Studied in forenoon. visited Mrs. Wilman, and Mrs. and Mr. Greenwood in afternoon. These are investigators. We had a very good time with them. We had supper at Mrs. Greenwoods. Between these visits we also visited at Brother George Harpin's.

**Friday, February 25, 1916**

Made our reports and sent them to Bradford; that means the third month is gone. Went to Sister Walker's for tea. then went to Thwait's for spend the evening and explain to them some questions they wish to ask us. Sarah Wade was there also. These people are investigators. The latter part of the evening was spent in a musical way. The girls did the singing. After supper we returned home.

**Saturday, February 26, 1916**

Studied most all day. Went to concert practice for a short time and then to a picture show. When we came back to lock up the meeting room we found several of the young folks there so we stayed and talked for quite a while.

**Sunday, February 27, 1916**

Went to Priesthood meeting at Halifax but left early to catch train for Pridsey where I was appointed for that day. I took the theological class in Sunday school. Had tea with the saints at the meeting room. In the evening Brother Guy and I did the talking. I talked for half an hour on the Atonement. Was told after the meeting that I had improved in my speaking.

I took a tram to Bradford and then one to Shelf where I had to wait ten minutes in the snow before a tram came so I could go to Halifax. Elder Hewlett stayed at Bradford but Elder Francis who was at Halifax for the day stayed with me that night.

**Monday, February 28, 1916**

Went to see Elder Francis off the tram. After dinner Elder Hewlett and I went tracting for two hours, doing our tracting to and from our visiting. We went to Mrs Bullman's but she was ill so we went to Mrs. Widdops and talked with her for awhile, then went to Mrs Ambler's but she wasn't home. Went to Brother Doyle's a little early and stayed for the cottage meeting. We had quite a discussion as to what comprised the Land of Israel.

**Tuesday, February 29, 1916**

Went to the Bank to cash a draft and had a talk with the cashier on Mormonism. Went to Sister Hellwell's for a short time and then to Sister Mozley's and found her quite ill. We then went back to Sister Helliwell's for tea and then to Mutual.

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**Wednesday, March 1, 1916**

Am twenty three years old today. Wrote letters and studied in the forenoon. After dinner we visited at Mrs. Remmer's and Mrs. Muff's tracting on our way to and from. Then went to Sister Shaw's for tea, and then to Relief Society meeting.

**Thursday, March 2, 1916**

Studied in forenoon. Visited Mrs. Wilman, and Sister Crabtree. After tea went to Happy Hour. Was called to administer to Sister Shaw's little son. Returned to Happy Hour. Then visited at Sister Crabtree's again and talked with her husband, daughter and friend.

**Friday, March 3, 1916**

Studied. Tracted three hours. After tea visited with Sister Brearley.

**Saturday, March 4, 1916**

Prepared a sermon for Sunday. After dinner I went to Bradford to a priesthood meeting at the Horton Lodge. After meeting we went to Agnes Watson's for tea and to celebrate her 20th birthday. Went to Mutual and four of us returned to Watson's and enjoyed ourselves until 12:00. On our way home Elder Francis was going to show us a short cut to the lodge. After walking for some time he decided that we were lost and so we wandered around through the fields climbing rock walls (at least six or seven) and jumping into snow-drifts, wading through water, crossing the peoples back yards until we finally found a road and by going back the same direction we came from a short distance, found a snicket leading to the lodge. I remained at Bradford all night.

**Sunday, March 5, 1916**

Went to Bradford Sunday School. President Robinson and I left early for Wakefield. It was supposed to be a testimony meeting but only one spoke and one sang. President and I took up the remainder of the time. After meeting we went to Sister Garrett's but didn't have time to stay. I took a 4:40 train for Bradford. At the evening meeting I was called on to talk first. I was more frightened than the first time I spoke since I came on my mission. This was on account of it being such a large crowd. It was my first time at Bradford. After meeting we went up to Sister Attley's for supper, we stayed there until 11:30 and then went to the Horton lodge where I stayed that night.

**Monday, March 6, 1916**

Came back to Halifax in time for dinner. Tracted two hours in afternoon; were caught in a snowstorm. Visited at Brother Sutcliffe's in the evening and then went to the cottage meeting at Brother Doyle's. After meeting we had discussions the same as usual.

**Tuesday, March 7, 1916**

Studied in forenoon. Tracted for an hour and visited Mrs. Ambler. Went to Mutual. I took charge of the class. Today we found an article in *Tit Bits* condemning the Mormons; it tells of the supposed work of the Mormon Elders, painting it in its worst form. A new serial begins with next weeks number exposing the Mormons. The article tells of the dangerous position of the soldier's wives.

**Wednesday, March 8, 1916**

Wrote letters and studied all day. Too stormy to go out. Went to Relief Society at night. Elder Hewlett talked on History of America. After meeting we prepared things for the Tea and Concert to be given Saturday.

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**Thursday, March 9, 1916**

Studied in forenoon. Visited Mr.s Wilman and had a good talk with her and a friend who was visiting with her. I then went up to Sister Helliwell's with Laundry and talked with her for awhile. After tea we went to Happy Hour and then stayed and watched the girls practice for Gipsy Cantata. Germany declares war on Portugal.

**Friday, March 10, 1916**

Went to Bradford after dinner and to Sister Haywood's for tea and party in honor of Grace Haywood's 22nd birthday. We had a very good time and a good program. I had the noor of being chairman. Elder Hewlett and were going back to Halifax but jut got to the station in time to see the light on the last car as it was leaving the station; so we stayed at the Horton Lodge.

**Saturday, March 11, 1916**

Came back to Halifax. On our way from down town we carried some palm trees for decorating for concert. After dinner we went over to the meeting room and arragned for the tea which began at 4:30 pm. We had a large crowd out in spite of the stormy weather. There were quite a number of friends and investigators present and I had quite a number o9f good talks with them. The concert "A Gipsy Cantata" began at 7:30 pm and lasted until 10:00 pm. It certainly was a success. The singing and dancing were very good, and everybody present enjoyed it. We took some photos of the ones who took part. After it was over we cleaned the room ready for Sunday.

**Sunday, March 12, 1916**

Very stormy all day. Went to Priesthood meeting and we then finished arranging everything; moving piano, organ, etc. Went to Sister Joy's for dinner. At Sunday School some new rules went into effect as to prizes given for punctuality and order in school. At lodge for tea and did some studying for a sermon. Dr. Higgins was at the evening service to preach. I did not like his talk nor the spirit in which he gave it. It did not give me a very good spirit for my talk. I spoke about twenty five minutes on "Charity".

**Monday, March 13, 1916**

Studied. Took plants we had used at concert back to the shop. At Sister Mozley's for tea. Cottage meeting at Brother Doyle's. Had quite a discussion on baptism. Had a talk with Fanny Pickles on Faith.

**Tuesday, March 14, 1916**

Studied. Tracted for two hours. Had a few good talks. Had the door shut in my face twice, once at t place where Elder Hewlett had talked 20 minutes the last time we went over the district. One woman asked me if I had nothing better to do; when conditions were like they were on account of the war. It old her that if the people lived up to what we were teaching them there wouldn't be any wars. Went to Mutual and then we went to see about ordering some coal and coke.

**Wednesday, March 15, 1916**

Wrote letters and studied. Made fire at meeting room and then went to Brother Blands and stayed there a short time and walked down to Relief with the girls. It was testimony meeting and quite a number of good testimonies were borne, and there was a good spirit present. After meeting I had several good gospel talks with several investigators and I enjoyed myself very much.

**Thursday, March 16, 1916**

Studied. Went to Brighthouse and visited with Sisters Farrar and Berry and had tea and supper with them.

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**Friday, March 17, 1916**

Hurrah! A fine spring day; the best I've seen in England. When we woke up the birds were singing and the sun shining bright. Here's hoping we have many more of them. The sky was clear all day and there was no wind and it was quite warm.

Took pictures and studied in the forenoon. Tracted two hours and visited Sister Helliwell's in the afternoon. Visited Thwait's in the evening.

**Saturday, March 18, 1916**

Studied. Soon after dinner Percy and George came and spent the afternoon with us. We had tea at the lodge. Elder Hewlett and I had our pictures taken with Derby armlets on. We also took several other pictures. We cleaned meeting room. Went to Madrigal Concert with several of the Saints and choir members.

**Sunday, March 19, 1916**

I was appointed to Clayton for today but stayed at Halifax to take charge of Priesthood meeting and Sunday School. Went to Sister Mozley's for tea. While there we administered to Sister Mary Mozley who was quite poorly. After the administration she said that she felt so much better that she was going to meeting; before it she had been unable to get around very well. This is but one of many examples where the power of God has been shown to my certain knowledge.

I hurried and caught the car for Clayton and arrived there at 6:30, half an hour late for meeting, but not late to talk. I stayed a short time after meeting talking to the Saints and then left for Halifax. On arriving at the lodge I had some lemon pie that Sister Sharman gave me. It is quite a treat to get lemon pie in England.

**Monday, March 20, 1916**

Studied. Tracted for awhile. Visited Mrs. Greenwood and Sister Shaw where we had tea. Went to meeting at Brother Doyle's where we had quite a discussion on the God-head.

**Tuesday, March 21, 1916**

Studied; tracted a little. Visited Mr.s Muff and arranged with here to be baptized next Saturday. Went to Sister Walkins where we pared potatoes for fish and chip supper; also had tea there. At 7:30 we had a program, and then ate fish and chips that were cooked on the stove at the meeting room. It was a very informal affair, and everybody enjoyed themselves. I had some good talks with some of the investigators.

**Wednesday, March 22, 1916**

Studied, wrote letters, and tracted a little. Visited Sister Smith and Brother Doyle's where we had tea; then went to Relief Society meeting where we had a program along with the work. Also ate the chips that were left over. I had a good talk explaining conditions in Utah and about Mormonism to an investigator.

**Thursday, March 23, 1916**

Studied; practiced preaching and singing. Went tracting for two hours and had several good talks. Went to Happy Hour and then visited at Harpin's. Had a few disappointments. We received word that Mrs. Muff would be unable to be baptized on Saturday. Jimmy Harpin could not get permission from his parents. Have just about given up hope of getting any letters.

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**Friday, March 24, 1916**

Studied. Received five letters and the brimson today. We walked to Brighthouse and visited Sister Berry and back as far as Hipperholm tracting all the while; we took the car from here to Halifax. After tea we went to a cottage meeting at Sister Helliwell's. I with others had to talk.

**Saturday, March 25, 1916**

Up at 6:30 am. Went to Bradford to a Priesthood meeting at the Horton Lodge; we made our reports. After dinner we went to the Feversham Baths where we held our baptismal service. Twenty eight people were baptized; the greatest number for some time. I have never been at any place where I felt the spirit of the Lord as I did at this time. There were a large crowd of Saints and visitors present. Mrs. Wilman and her daughter Doris from Halifax were among those baptized.

From this service we went to 49 Westgate Hall where we held the confirmation services. A large crowd was present. As at the previous service the spirit of the Lord was present in great abundance. I confirmed three members including Alice Brooks. This is the first confirming that I have ever done.

After this service Elder Hewlett and I went down town for some tea and went in the back of the building and sat on the stairway and ate. We had dry tea-cakes, ploney, and bananas; they tasted good too.

We then went to the concert in 49 Westgate Hall. I stayed at the Horton Lodge all night. We went to bed tired but felling that it was the end of a perfect day. This will be one of the big Red Letter days of my life.

**Sunday, March 26, 1916**

Went to Bradford Sunday School and then talked with saints until 1:30 pm. Then President Robinson and I took a tram, he for Leeds and I for Pudsey, where I attended Sunday School talking charge of the class. Our subject was on the Millennium. I went to sister Briggs for tea. George Bowers was there to assist me in talking that night I talked for about 30 minutes on the Love of God for Mankind. We returned to Bradford where we waited for an hour and a half for Fred Palfreyman who was at Batley. We came on to Halifax. Fred got seasick riding on the tram. When I got to the lodge Elder Hewlett told me about some trouble in the Halifax branch. Brother Doyle was called on to preach and he talked on some phases of war and it went against the opinion of most of the saints. Brother Joy when called on to pray said but very few words. He did not thank the Lord for the spirit that had been present. Brother Sutcliffe got up and left the room and many others would like to have done the same. After meeting there was a "free-for-all"; much anger displayed, a few taking Brother Doyle's side. There certainly was a disruption among the saints.

**Monday, March 27, 1916**

Wrote letters and studied. Percy Palfreyman came and spent forenoon and had dinner with us. We then went and visited Mrs. Stocks an investigator. Went to Joy's for tea; had a talk with on the previous nights episode. Went to cottage meeting at Brother Doyles, studied "Temptations of Christ". After meeting, a fiery discussion on politics, socialism, war and Mormonism.

**Tuesday, March 28, 1916**

Studied. Visited Sister Reynolds and had tea with Mrs. Muff, and had a talk with her and her husband. Went to Mutual, studied "Acts of the Apostles". Started choir practices tonight with a large number present. There were 25 persons to Mutual. This is the beginning of the choir work which I hope will

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be a success. We had some more arguments on Brother Doyle's talk. Brother Doyle believes very little in the power of God as shown in the works of man. I hardly know what to think about him.

**Wednesday, March 29, 1916**

Wrote letters and studied. Tracted two hours; had a few good conversations. At one time when Elder Hewlett was looking for me some women standing outside their doors asked, "looking for your parson lad?" They think I am rather young to be a minister of the gospel. Went to Relief. Elder Hewlett talked on the "Restitution of all Things". Talked with Bertha Evans on polygamy after meeting. Came home and studied.

**Thursday, March 30, 1916**

Studied. After dinner we went to a joiner's shop on King Cross to get a bookcase we had ordered for the branch. Not ready. We then went to Sister Wilman's and had tea with them. Learned some of her family history and of Doris' life and birth.

Made a fire in meeting room and were practicing singing when Doris and her friend came and told us that little Emly Doyle was lost. We went to help in the search but she was found just before we arrived on the scene. We went to Happy Hour and then stayed while some of the members practiced for a sketch they are going to put on.

Annie Sharman gave us a lemon pie and George Bowers brought us two big pieces of parkin and rhubarb pie, which we disposed of on arriving at our lodge.

**Friday, March 31, 1916**

Read papers from home. Tracted two hours. Met Annie Sharman while tracting and talked awhile with here. Visited Mrs. Widdop and stayed about two seconds. Decided to strike her off from our visiting list. Visited Mrs. Ambler and had a good talk with her. She seems to be a fine, reasonable lady. Had tea at lodge and then went to Sutcliffe's to visit. We then went to Brother Bland's and found Violet hard at work. Brother Bland and Violet walked down to Albert Bland's with us, and we spent an enjoyable evening with them; Albert Bland entertained us by playing the piano. Returned to lodge and studied.

**Saturday, April 1, 1916**

April fool day; and it certainly was; the sun was shining all day. It is the best day we have had since I have been in England.

I went for a walk and then studied for a short time. After dinner we cleaned meeting room windows and took pictures of the gipsy girls. Went to a concert at Stanningly given by the Pudsey branch. I enjoyed it very much; more so than the ride back to Halifax alone.

**Sunday, April 2, 1916**

At Halifax. Another champion day. Studied and then went to Priesthood meeting; Brother Bland talks on Duty; he brings in quite a lot of socialism. Went to lodge a few minutes and George Bowers and I went for a walk until 2:15 pm. After teacher's meeting we held a testimony meeting; almost everyone bore their testimony. It is the best testimony meeting I have ever been to. Brother Stead, from Pudsey, who had been appointed to this branch for today and I went to Sister Reynold's for tea.

At the meeting Brother Stead talked first and then I called on Percy Palfreyman to talk for a few minutes; he did; he talked half an hour. There was only five minutes for me to talk; of course I was sorry I couldn't talk longer.

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We went to Brother George Harpin's and administered to their baby who had the whooping cough. After seeing Brother Stead down to the tram line I went to Brother Doyle's where they were practicing for a sketch they are going to put on.

When George Bowers and I got to our terrace we talked until 12:00. Elder Hewlett did not come back from Bradford.

### **Monday, April 3, 1916**

Still good weather. The warmest day we have had. Studied and practiced on my clarinet. After dinner I went for a long walk out Savile Park way.

After tea we went to Brother George Harpin's and found the baby better. We called to see how brother Joy was and found him better also. Went to cottage meeting at Brother Doyle's. Took up regular lesson. Miss Saltenstahl a socialist and militant suffragette of wide repute was there. She came with Bertha Evans. We had quite a long talk with her. She is the secretary of the nonconscripton league of Halifax. She is well known all over England.

George Bowers came to the lodge with us and stayed until 1:00 pm.

### **Tuesday, April 4, 1916**

Studied. Tracted one hour. Visited Mrs. Widdop and Mrs. Ambler. We struck Mrs. Widdop off from our visiting list. We decided that we could spend our time some other way to better advantage.

Went to Mutual and choir practice. Studied "Acts fo the Apostles". During choir practice I had a good talk with Miss Evans on Utah. Sister Walker gave us some Parkin.

### **Wednesday, April 5, 1916**

Studied. Tracted for an hour. Went to Doyle's for an hour and hdlped Edith learn the part she is gong to take in conference, "How the Gospel came to England".

Went to "The Only Way", at the Royal. It is the Tale of Two Cities drama tized. I enjoyed it very much. I also enjoyed talking with some wounded soldiers who had been in the Battles of Morr, Loos and Yepres; three of the great battles of the war.

### **Thursday, April 6, 1916**

Studied. Visited Sister Brearley, and Doyle's to help Edith. Went to Happy Hour and then to Crabtree's. Spent the evening talking, playing, singing. Mr. Crabtree played on his violin.

### **Friday, April 7, 1916**

Studied. Tracted two hours. Went to Brother Doyle's to help Edith. I went to lodge for some oil and on my way back I stopped at Brother Joy's. While I was in there Elder Hewlett left Doyle's and went to the lodge. I stayed to Doyle's for tea and until Elder Hewlett cam back. We administered to Sister Doyle, and then went to Brother Joy's and conserated a bottle of oil and administered to Willie Joy. We With George Bowers spent the evening there.

### **Saturday, April 8, 1916**

Cleaned meeting room. Went to a recital given by Annie Irving. Edith Pratt and Lily Walton assisted

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by singing two solos each. The recital was very much enjoyed by a large crowd.

**Sunday, April 9, 1916**

Went to Bradford Sunday School and to Batley Sunday School where I took charge. Brother Simister was with me. Went to Brother Walker's for tea. In the evening Brother Simister talked on "tithing" for half an hour. I talked on "Christ as a Lawgiver", for half an hour. Brother Simister and I walked to Moorley with Lizzie and May Claphan. Brother Simister took a tram to Leeds. I went to Claphan's and had supper. Lizzie and May took me to Station at 9:50 P.M. Train was late and didn't come until 10:50. Waited in Drighlington half an hour and arrived in Bradford at 11:30 P.M. No trams running so I had to walk about two miles to the Horton lodge. After I left Great Storton I got lost and couldn't find Low Green Terrace. I knocked at a door and waked a fellow up, and was directed to the terrace. Elder Francis had got tired waiting for me and had gone to bed. It was 12:30 A.M.

**Monday, April 10, 1916**

After breakfast we read for a short time. President Robinson and Elder Hillyard came and then we stamped and folded tracts. After dinner we continued. The other three Elders came and helped us. We folded until after four o'clock and then Elder Hewlett and I went to the old Farcliffe lodge where we were to stay for the week. We went to Wibsey to a cottage meeting at Staywood's. Walked from where we left the tram down town, up to our lodge with the Race girls.

**Tuesday, April 10, 1916**

Tracted from 9:00 until 12:30 and again from 2:00 until 5:30 making seven hours. I distributed three hundred tracts.

Went to Sister Shirtleworth's for tea. Went to a cottage meeting at Sister Brooker's. Elder Laird from the Birmingham Conference was there. He is up here on a visit.

Walked to the lodge with the Race girls. Talked with Sister Sanders and some of her friends for a short time.

**Wednesday, April 12, 1916**

Tracted six hours. After several attempts and failures we finally found our way to Sister Claphan's where we had tea and spent the evening. Two of Sister Claphan's nieces came and we had an enjoyable time.

**Thursday, April 13, 1916**

Very cold and windy. Tracted half an hour in the forenoon. Spent forenoon reading. In the afternoon we tracted four hours and then went to Ingham's for tea. Found Elder Groome and Worthen there but they soon left. We also visited Ainsworth and had supper there. Went back to see Brother Ingham who was not there the first time we were in there. We left at eleven o'clock.

**Friday, April 14, 1916**

Tracted three hours and distributed the last of the tracts that we had. In the four days I have distributed about nine hundred and ten double tracts or eighteen hundred and twenty single tracts; knocked at over nine hundred doors.

Stayed in the lodge in the afternoon and did a little reading and studying.

Went down to the Bradford choir practice. After returning we studied for a short time.

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**Saturday, April 15, 1916**

Wrote letters, studied, etc. Went to the children's choir practice and then we held a Priesthood meeting. We Elders gave our report and then we received many good instructions from President Smith and Elder Sjordahl on our duties as missionaries.

Elder Hewlett and I went to Sister Atleys for tea. Then we returned to a local Priesthood meeting where President Smith and Elder Sjordahl gave some good instructions as to the duties of the Priesthood. These were two very good meetings; just the kind that were needed.

**Sunday, April 16, 1916**

Conference Sunday. Went to Sunday School at 49 Westgate. The different parts on the program were taken by the children (and were very good); such as singing, "Telling how the gospel come to England", by Edith Doyle of the Halifax Branch; "Parable of the Ten Virgins", "Origin of the Sunday School", "Sacrament Gem", "Concert Recitation". President Smith and Elder Sjordahl each talked for a short time; and their talks were very good. Went with Elder Groome and Worthen to Sister Haywood's for dinner. At the Conference in the afternoon President Robinson, Elder Francis, Elder Frisby of Nottingham Conference and Elder Hewlett did the talking. There wasn't a very large crowd present. Went to Sister Whitticker for tea (a family of girls). In the evening Elder Worthen, Elder Sjordahl and President Smith did the talking. They gave some very good talks. There were between four and five hundred people present.

We went to Dr. Higgins for supper (President Smith and Elder Sjordahl included). Elder Frisby stayed with Elder Hewlett and I for the night.

**Monday, April 17, 1916**

Studied and wrote letters. Went to the Horton Lodge and then walked back with President Robinson and Elder Laird, who went to Sister Shuttleworth's for tea. I had tea at the lodge and then we went for President Robinson and Elder Laird to go to the cottage meeting. Elder Laird in speaking to Bertha Shuttleworth said, "Is your word good or is it ain't?" We then went up to Haywood's at Wibsey to a cottage meeting (a surprise party on Elder Francis). A good program was given and then we played games. Elder Francis received two good presents.

**Tuesday, April 18, 1916**

Returned to Halifax and went to see how Brother Walker was on our way up to our lodge, he was no better. President Robinson and Elder Laird came and we went to Sister Helliwell's for dinner and then spent the afternoon visiting all the Saints. Went to sister Mozley's for tea. We then went to Mutual. I took the class. George Smith was put in as President of the Mutual and Brother Bland and Annie Irving remained as counselors and Elsie Thackery as secretary. We also stayed to choir practice. I talked with Bertha Evan's sister during the practice. We talked about Utah.

**Wednesday, April 19, 1916**

Studied. Visited sister Walker. Went to Relief at night. Elder Hewlett and I each talked a short time. Bertha Evans said that if her tongue was cut out her salvation would be assured.

**Thursday, April 20, 1916**

Studied. Called at Sister Walker's. Had tea with Sister Brearley. She recited several recitations for us. Went to the meeting room where some of the saints were practicing for a sketch they are going to give.

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**Friday, April 21, 1916**

Elder Hewlett went to Bradford to find a lodge. I read in the forenoon. After tea I went to Sister Joy's and on coming back to the lodge I met Percy and George. Went to Sister Walker's and then down town. We visited Sister Helliwell and then George came to the lodge and stayed until Elder Hewlett came.

**Saturday, April 22, 1916**

Studied in forenoon. In the afternoon Brother Horace Cook, Fred Palfreyman, and Brother Blank; the branch presidency in the future, came to learn how to keep the Branch books and something pertaining to the Branch affairs.

In the evening we had an informal social, consisting of a program and games.

**Sunday, April 23, 1916**

Went to Priesthood meeting for a short time. Left at 11:45 for Wakefield where I took charge. Brother Reed from Leeds was there to help me. I talked half an hour on the Resurrection. Sister Silverwood brought me some tea. Went to Bradford where I talked again on the Resurrection, but from a different standpoint. I wasn't frightened at all. Elder Hillyard was in charge.

We went to Dr. Higgins. for supper. I stayed at the Horton lodge for the night.

**Monday, April 24, 1916**

Wrote letters and prepared for a ramble. At 1:00 pm we met at North Bridge and from there walked to Shibdon Valley where we enjoyed ourselves playing games, etc. A new one for me was "bumping" the girls. I cannot say that I thought it all right and so I didn't take part. We returned by way of Queensbury and took a tram at Ovendon. We went to the meeting and played games. There was quite a large crowd out for the ramble in spite of it being a little stormy.

**Tuesday, April 25, 1916**

Another ramble. We met at the end of Queen's road. A large crowd came. We went to Ogden by way of Waynestalls. We enjoyed ourselves playing with a ball going. We played games, took pictures, at tea, etc. and returned on the tram. Today the girls made several attempts and failures as on the previous day to bump me.

George Bowers and I had a fish and chips supper at the lodge; at 9d worth of fish and chips.

**Wednesday, April 26, 1916**

Wrote letters. Horace Cook Came and got branch books, tracts, pamphlets etc. George Bowers came after dinner and we three wrote a letter to Elder Harper. We used all the big words we could.

George went with us visiting Mrs. Muff and Mrs. Remmer. Elder Hewlett and I went to Sister Shaw's for tea. We then went to a social that the Relief Society gave us before we left. After the program they presented us with a book each. They gave me *Longfellow's Poetical Works*. Of course we gave a short talk. When we go to leave we find how much our work has been appreciated. It is quite hard to leave the branch but it is our duty to obey our call.

**Thursday, April 27, 1916**

Spent the forenoon visiting tracting friends over near Shroggs Park. George Bowers came and brought us a fruit pie in the afternoon while we were away visiting Sister Walker, Helliwell, George Smith, Sister Wilman, Joy's, Doyle's and then went to Brighthouse and had tea with Sister Farrar and supper at

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sister Berry's.

**Friday, April 28, 1916**

Packed our trunks for leaving; notified police, etc. George Bowers ate dinner with us. Visited Mrs. Bowers, and Sister Walker. Brother Walker is worse. At 3:21 pm we left Halifax; I went to Leeds where I take charge of the Leeds Branch; I lodge with Elder Worthin from Salt Lake City who has charge of the Pudsey Branch. Went to Relief Society meeting; found it much smaller than the Halifax Relief. Met a few of the people.

**Saturday, April 29, 1916**

Studied in the forenoon. After dinner we went to Pudsey. Went to Brother Guy's and while there Sister Addy came in. The trouble that Elder Worthen had come to settle was brought up and discussed for some time. Sister Addy was offended because her son's picture was placed last in "the role of honor" (a picture of the soldiers of the Pudsey branch). She said that they were all in their right places except her son's. "Quite logic". She had even threatened to break up the meeting last Sunday and refused to come to church any more. It was just a case of petty jealousy and she was too stubborn to give in; she even boasted of the fact that she had never given in. She wanted her son's pictures taken out but her request was refused. she decided she would keep on cleaning the room as she had done. We then went to Brother Stead's where we had tea. Visited Sister Briggs and Mr. and Mrs. Shipman. We then went to Bradford to a concert given by a "juvenile pierrots troupe" in the LDS meeting room; given for the benefit of the soldiers.

**Sunday, April 30, 1916**

Studied. Went to Leeds Sunday School, presided and took charge of theological class.

Went to Sister Andres for tea. In the evening meeting Dr. Higgins assisted me in talking. He talked on everything from pre-existence to receiving the celestial glory. I talked half an hour on the atonement. There was a fairly large crowd present.

**Monday, May 1, 1916**

Went to Bradford and we Elders had a group picture taken. Priesthood meeting at 49 Westgate. Went to Manningham Park and Museum for a May walk and then to Sister Grundy's to a dinner given by President Robinson, the occasion being his 39th birthday. We had a grand dinner made in a Yankee style; roast chicken and dressing, Mormon gravy, lemon pies, pop-corn, etc. After awhile we went out on the lot in front of the house and played "rounders" until tea time; also jumping. After tea Elder Worthen and I went to Pudsey to a Relief Society meeting and then a practice afterwards and then returned to Leeds.

**Tuesday, May 2, 1916**

Renewed my passport at the American Consul's office and registered at the Police Office. Did other miscellaneous work. After dinner we visited Sister Woodhouse and Brother Camm where we had tea, and listened to gramophone. Went to Mutual; not many present, studied Book of Mormon, III Nephi.

**Wednesday, May 3, 1916**

Cleaned matings at meeting room. After dinner we tracted one and one half hours; had very good success; one invitation in and a number of good conversations. Visited Sister Lowe and then went to Sister Dutton's for tea and remained until 8:00 o'clock at which time we held a cottage meeting; studied St Matthew; three investigators present.

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**Thursday, May 4, 1916**

Studied. Elder Worthen went to Pudsey; I stayed at lodge and then went to a Priesthood meeting. President Robinson and Elder Hillyard were there and gave the brethren some instructions as to their duties and as to changes that are to take place. We three went to Andrews, had supper and also had a good time.

**Friday, May 5, 1916**

Studied. Elder Worthen went to Pudsey. I with President Robinson and Elder Hillyard met with the Relief Society where President talked to them on their duties and the work they were expected to do. Read until Elder Worthen come back.

**Saturday, May 6, 1916**

Studied. Went to Mitchell's at Bramley for dinner; administered to Nellie who has hear trouble; she is going to Morecombe for her health. I saw in Nellie's album pictures of Eliza Anderson and Zenobia (Anderson) Hansen. Met Pres. Robinson, Edler Hillyard & Elder Groome at meeting room, went with them to train. Then we went to a picture show and to the lodge for tea; to Sister Parker's for laundry. Spent night at lodge.

**Sunday, May 7, 1916**

Studied. Attended testimony meeting; Elder Hewlett was there. Went to Andres for tea. At the evening service Bro. Stead and Elder Hewlett took up the time. I talked about five minutes. Elder Worthen returned from Pudsey and we three went to Sister Varrse's for supper.

**Monday, May 8, 1916**

Went to see Nellie Mitchell off on the train for Morcambe where she is going for her health. Elder Hewlett left previous to this, for Bradford, and we learned later that he lost his purse containing 4 or 5 pounds. After dinner we tracted for an hour and a half. Visited Mrs. Holden, and then went to see Sister Geldart from Pudsey off on the train. We then met Elder Francis and we two went visiting. We visited at Anderson's, George Waites, Bertha Waites, Andrews and Smith's.

**Tuesday, May 9, 1916**

The three of us went visiting all day, and visted the remainder of the saints in the Leeds Branch. We went without our raincoats and so got wet. We bought some sandwiches for dinner and went down by the canel to eat them. A crowd of children came and tried to make fun of us. Elder Francis and I went to Hilda Payne's at Thorpe for tea. We returned to the meeting room where we held a farewell social for Elder Francis at which I presided. He received a beautiful toilet set from the saints and friends.

**Wednesday, May 10, 1916**

President Elder Worthen and I tracted for an hour and half. After dinner President went to Bradford and Elder Worthen to Pudsey. I pressed my suits, studied, etc. In the evening I went to Andrew's to hold a cottage meeting but only one came; Ivy was poorly, so we didn't hold one. I spent the evening and had supper with them. On returning home I stayed on the tram and rode a mile and a hlaf or two miles from where I should have got off. I got off way down on Meanwood Road. I was lost but after a long walk and a few inquires I found the lodge. Elder Worthen had a presentment that I was lost, and was wondering if he would have to find me the next day.

While tracting today one large man came from a crowd of people that were talking about us and yelled at the people that lived in the terraces and said, "come one everybody and be saved; come and have your sins forgiven; if you haven't got any we'll give you some".

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**Thursday, May 11, 1916**

Studied. Went to Craven's for dinner (at Roodley) and also for tea. Visited other saints in Roodley. Held a cottage meeting at Sister Craven's. Returned at 10 o'clock.

**Friday, May 12, 1916**

Spent morning in lodge. Tracted after dinner and we called by a crowd of women and by several individuals because we were not fighting. At Sister Machin's for tea, and spent the evening at Mitchell's at Armley.

**Saturday, May 13, 1916**

Saw tailors about having a suit made. Went to Pudsey to a concert practice and to Brigg's with Elder Hewlett for tea. Went to a concert and dance given by a mill for the benefit of the soldiers. The saints of the Pudsey Branch gave the concert at the request of those in charge of the mill.

**Sunday, May 14, 1916**

At Batley with Brother Reed. Took charge of Sunday School and class. Tea at Brother Walker's. Brother Reed talked about twelve minutes. Called on Agnes Sutcliffe and Lizzie Clapham and they gave some very good talks. I talked 25 minutes on Repentance. We walked to Morley with Clapham's and had supper with them.

**Monday, May 15, 1916**

At tailors to see about suit. Went to Sister Tweedy's for tea. Went to meeting room where Elder Worthen practiced the children in singing some songs to be sung at conference. Had supper at Sister Varrse's, (fish and chips).

**Tuesday, May 16, 1916**

After breakfast (9:00 o'clock) we left the lodge and walked to Morley tracting on the way. Had dinner at Sister Clapham's. After visiting there a while we tracted for an hour and went to Sister Sutcliffe's for tea and spent the afternoon; also administered to their little boy who is subject to fits. Also visited Sister Burton's and Sister Tenny's at Morley. Came back to Leeds for Mutual; 1 saints besides ourselves were present. Had a good meeting. Had a fish and chips supper at the lodge.

**Wednesday, May 17, 1916**

Brother Simister, who sells various kinds of bottled goods, took us with him one of his trips through the country. We went up around Shadwill, Thornton, etc. It certainly was very beautiful out there. The flowers were all in bloom and the fields green. It is the most beautiful place I have seen in England. While Brother Simister sold his goods, we did some tracting and had good success, a talk at almost every door. We bought some bread and butter and went to a farm house where the woman broiled us some eggs and we had a good dinner. We continued on our way as before and reached the lodge at tea time.

Went to Sister Dutton's to hold a cottage meeting but only one or two came so we just discussed different topics. There was one man there who did not believe in the apostles and we had quite a talk with him.

**Thursday, May 18, 1916**

Walked to Pudsey and tracted on the way. Went to Brother Guy's for dinner. Visited Mrs. Webster, and then went to Briggs, where we found Elder Hillyard there but he soon left. We stayed there for tea and

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a cottage meeting at night.

**Friday, May 19, 1916**

Studied. Went to see Sister Brierley but found no one at home so we left a note for her. Went to the meeting room and ate some tea. The children practiced singing and then a Relief Society meeting was held. At the beginning of the second song I took sick and had to leave and go to the lodge.

**Saturday, May 20, 1916**

Walked to Clayton and tracted on the way. Had dinner at Sister Ackroid's in Dudley Hill. In Bradford we went to a cricket game (the first I have been to). It is rather a slow game compared with ours. There was a concert at Clayton that night. After it was over, I had a long talk with Bertha Evans on Baptism. We walked with some of the Bradford girls to the Light Green Tram. We missed the last tram to Leeds from Bradford; took a Stanningly tram and a Bramley tram and then we walked into Leeds. Tonight is the night we put our watches one hour ahead (day-light saving drill).

**Sunday, May 21, 1916**

At Leeds. Went to Priesthood meeting, four present. It was report meeting. I talked to them on their duties. At Sunday School Brother Reed took charge and I took charge of the class. Went to Brother Simister's for tea. At the evening meeting Brother Simister talked and then I called on Mable Day and Sister Vause.

After meeting I went for a walk on Woodhouse Moor.

**Monday, May 22, 1916**

Studied. Went to Pudsey and visited at Sister \_\_\_\_\_. Her daughter Sister Sinnet has been convicted of manslaughter and has been in jail and the insane asylum. She worries so much that she is quite poorly and unable to work. She is accused of pushing her step father causing him to fall which caused him to die.

Had tea at Sister Fenton's. Went to a social at 140 Low Town. We listened to a short program and then played games.

**Tuesday, May 23, 1916**

Studied. Went to Sister Camm's and had a talk with her on family affairs. Had tea with Sister Swaine. The children practiced their song. Then we held mutual; I took charge of the class. Went to Sister Woodhouse's but they had gone to bed. Returning we walked through Woodhouse Moor. Listened to the men talking on religion.

**Wednesday, May 24, 1916**

Walked to Rodley. Sister Mitchell wasn't at home so we had dinner at Sister Craven's. Visited Mrs. Page and talked with her on baptism.

Came back to Leeds and went to Andrew's where we held a cottage meeting. We stayed and had supper with them. After returning to the lodge we made out our branch reports for the month. Went to bed at 2:30 am.

**Thursday, May 25, 1916**

Arose at 6:00 am left for Bradford after breakfast. Came to get a line on my future work as clerk of the office. Went to a birthday tea given by Elder Groome at 6 Burnett Avenue, Manchester Road,

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Bradford. We then went to Elder Francis' farewell party. I stayed at the Horton Lodge for the night.

**Friday, May 26, 1916**

Helped with office work. Three of us went out in the afternoon and played with the baseball for quite awhile. Then we went up to Ingham's for tea and to spend the evening. We had a very good time, singing, playing games, etc. until 11:00 o'clock.

**Saturday, May 27, 1916**

Helped in the office. After dinner we Elders held a Priesthood meeting. During the meeting we offered a prayer in behalf of Bertha Evans who was to be baptized that day, on account of her physical condition. Then we held the baptismal service at the Feversham baths. Before the crowd came I baptized Bertha; because of her condition she desired to be baptized before the crowd came. Elder Worthen gave the baptismal sermon. Then twelve others were baptized, I baptizing three others, Florrie Simister, George Willie Laycock, and Elsie Farrar. Elder Groome and President Robinson also officiated. We then went to 49 Westgate where we held the confirmation and testimony meeting. I confirmed two; Frank Craven (Clayton) and Olive Nicholl (Halifax). Quite a number bore their testimonies. Elder Hillyard gave the talk on the Holy Ghost.

At 8:00 o'clock we held a general Priesthood meeting. I returned to Leeds.

**Sunday, May 28, 1916**

At 2:30 we held our Sunday School Conference. There were quite a number out and we had a good time. Hilda Payne and Ada Rhodes conducted the Primary class in a lesson. They also sang a song, "Our Angles", singing the parts. Violet Beswick gave a talk on the "Book of Mormon", its history and what it is. George Simister talked on the Bible. The Sunday School Report was given and then Pres. Robinson spoke for a short time.

At 6:30 we held our evening service. The Relief Society report was given and the officers of the Church, mission and branch were sustained. Then Elder Hillyard spoke and gave a very good talk. Before he spoke Mable Day sang a solo and I talked for about five minutes. After Elder Hillyard and Zillah Parker sang a solo. Then Pres. Robinson talked to us. Then I called on Fred Farrar to talk, but he was so frightened that he only said a few words. The service was very good, many were weeping before it was over. There were about 60 present. We three went to Andrews to spend the evening.

**Monday, May 29, 1916**

Did a little miscellaneous work and after dinner went to Bradford and helped in the office. We three (Elder Hillyard and Pres. And I) went to Pudsey to Relief Society meeting where we found Elder Worthen. After meeting Elder Worthen and I went to the "Feast" where we saw the "Slaves of Utah", They were pictures of women. We returned to Leeds.

**Tuesday, May 30, 1916**

Studied. Tracted an hour and a half. Went to Sister Smith's for tea. Then we went to a little farewell social for Fred Farrar as he is leaving for the army. After a program we played games. Then Elder Worthen and I left for Padgett's where we had been called. We had prayer with them and then administer(ed) to Bro. Padgett's baby and her sister's Sister Clark; both small babies. The one I blessed was Cecil Clark. This is the first I have blessed.

**Wednesday, May 31, 1916**

Wrote letters and studied. Tracted and visited sister Machin's. Went up Oldfield Lane to where the

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Reorganized Church hold their meetings. We went to Sister Dutton's for tea and cottage meeting. Before meeting we listened to the phonograph. We came back to the lodge and studied.

**Thursday, June 1, 1916**

Went to Pridsey to Sister Honsecroft's for dinner but she wasn't at home so we went to Briggs for dinner. Went to Mrs. Page's for tea. While there we saw the canaries which Mr. Page keeps. We saw the old birds, half grown and different ages of small ones; also the eggs that were not hatched yet. Went to Craven's to a cottage meeting at which I took charge. After supper we left for Leeds.

**Friday, June 2, 1916**

Went to Otley to see the markets. Saw them sell cattle. The amusing thing about it was the way they made a deal. One would strike the other's hand with the palm of his hand as he made him an offer and he would do like-wise if he accepted it. Walked up the Chivon a ways; then returned and visited Sister Farthing at Yeadon. Came back to our lodge and then went to Tillotson's to visit and spend the evening. Grace is preparing to be married next week. Grace told my fortune. Dorris is quite poorly; her nerves are bad; she is subject to fainting. Had supper and returned to our lodge.

**Saturday, June 3, 1916**

Did a little miscellaneous work in the morning. Went to Armley Park after dinner. Elder Worthen was to bring the Pudsey children there on a ramble but a little shower prevented them. I stayed there some time, then went to Pudsey and played games with them for awhile and then went to Halifax to a concert. It was very very good especially the sketch.

**Sunday, June 4, 1916**

Went to Priesthood meeting at Leeds. Set brethren apart in their various offices, Bro. Simister as Pres. Of Branch, Bro. Reed as assistant, Bro. Reed as Sunday School superintendent and George Simister as assistant. We also administered to Sister Brierley and ordained Bro. Andres a deacon. Had Pres. Robinson and Elder Hollyard to help me. Had testimony meeting in Sunday School. A good spirit present. Bro. George Bowers came to assist me in the evening services and we went to Bro. Simister's for tea. George talked half an hour and I talked half an hour at aniaght. I talked on "The Other Comforter". Bro. Simister had been preparing to talk but I took all the time.

**Monday, June 5, 1916**

AM: Miscellaneous.

PM: Went to Bro. Metcalf's at Pudsey and at Sister Sutcliffe's for tea. Visited Sister Webster and then went to a social for the benefit of Bro. Metcalf.

**Tuesday, June 6, 1916**

Went to Halifax. Dinner at Helliwell's. Went to Shaw's and with Sister Shaw and Ivy went to Sister Farrar's at Brighouse. With them and Elders Groome and Hewlett went through a cotton mill and saw the different processes from when the cotton came from U.S. until it was made into thread ready for making cloth. It was the first I had seen and was very interesting.

Received word of the death of Lord Kitchener. Was drowned of the Orkneys. Sailing on "Stampshire" to Russia. A great blow to England.

**Wednesday, June 7, 1916**

Studied. Went to Anderson's for tea. Cottage meeting at Andrews. Stayed for supper. Hesba read our characters. Told me I would never fall away from the gospel; also that I was adapted to farming.

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**Thursday, June 8, 1916**

Stayed around lodge all day. Tea at Sister Vauzse. Went to the "City Varieties" with Sister Bennet to see the Briggs children in their parts on the stage; the children (juvenile troupe) were good but parts of the program were not of a very high class.

**Friday, June 9, 1916**

Went the Hartley's at Bramley for dinner. They are an old couple that live in a pretty little house all surrounded with hedge, flowers, etc.

Visited several places in Pudsey telling them of the Pudsey Branch Conference the next Sunday. Distributed a few tracts as we went from place to place. Found Sister Taytor ill, and administered to her. Tea at Bro. Stead's. I returned to a Special Relief Society meeting at Leeds. We reorganized the Relief Society. Pres. & Elder Hollyard were present. Sister Machin retained her position as Pres. And Sister Newsome was set apart as first counselor and Sister Vause as second counselor. Sisters Machin, Vause, Newsome and Dutton were set apart as special missionaries to act under the direction of the Relief Society. If this plan of having the women act in this calling works out well, it will be instituted in other conferences.

**Saturday, June 10, 1916**

Went to meeting room after dinner. Intended going on a ramble but it was too stormy, so we remained in the room. Hilda and Mable took the children to Woodhouse Moor for awhile after it had cleared up a little. We then had tea and then played games until nine o'clock. Elder Worthen and I went to the Empire and saw the Revue "Have a Banana".

**Sunday, June 11, 1916**

Appointed to Halifax. Had a good Sunday School. The children sang some Whitsuntide songs it being Whit Sunday. It seemed good to get back to Halifax. Tyhis is the first time I have been appointed there since I left tyhere. Had tea at Shaw's. At the evening services Whitsuntide hymns were sung. The children also sang some hymns. Bro. Doyle talked on "Authenticity of the Book of Mormon". He took all but five minutes of the time. I spoke about ten minutes commenting on his remarks. Visited Sister Walker. Bro. Walker continually gets weaker.

**Monday, June 12, 1916**

We with Pres. and Elder Hillyard are leaving for Bradford but receive a note asking us to go to the infirmary to administer to Sister Clark's little baby whose eyes were very bad due to carelessness on the mother's part. Could not go in then but went in at 2 o'clock. We then left for Bradford to go on a ramble with the Bradford Saints. A note was left telling us they had left for Manningham Park. There we went and spent the afternoon playing games, etc. We also went rowing on the lake, Elder Groome and two young ladies talking one boat, each of us taking turns rowing. Returned to the meeting room and played games. Went with Elders Hewlett and Groome to their lodge. On the way we saw two drunken women fighting. If Hell is anything like that I don't want to see it. They called each other the most vulgar names they could think of. The husband of one also entered the quarrel and tried to kick the door in.

**Tuesday, June 13, 1916**

Went with a few of the Bradford Saints to Cockersdale on a Ramble. Elders Groome, Hewlett, Worthen and I were there. Had tea at one of the resorts. Worthen and I returned to Leads and attended Mutual.

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**Wednesday, June 14, 1916**

Went to Mitchell's at Bramley for dinner. Only Nellie at home. She looks well after her stay at Morecombe where she went for her health. Visited Metcalf's. Tea at Sister Briggs. Special meeting where officers were set apart also special missionaries were set apart to work in the Pudsey branch. We also held a prayer meeting to pray for Bro. Stead who is called up, that he may not have to go.

**Thursday, June 15, 1916**

Wrote diary etc. After dinner we walked part way to Rodley tracting. Tea at Sister Craven's and then held a Cottage meeting there. Quite a large crowd present. Left at 10:15 for Leeds. On our way Elder Worthen and I argued on the "Adam-God" idea. After reaching the lodge we argued until after 12 P.M. on "Free Trade".

**Friday, June 16, 1916**

Miscellaneous. After dinner we visited Mrs. Foster, a woman who is sick in bed with dropsy; also Sister Holmes. We then went to Mitchell's at Armley but they were not home so we spent the evening at Clapham's at Morley; played cricket, pies ball, etc; and enjoyed the evening, finishing with a fish and chip supper.

**Saturday, June 17, 1916**

Stayed in lodge all morning. After dinner visited Sister Parker and did a lot of miscellaneous work. Went to an organ recital in Leeds town hall at night.

**Sunday, June 18, 1916**

Went to Bradford Sunday School and then to Clayton for the afternoon and evening. In the evening George Smith from Halifax spoke on First Principles; a sister spoke for a few minutes and I then talked half an hour on Repentance and of receiving the other comforter. I returned to Bradford and Elder Worthen and I visited with Tetley's. We spent an enjoyable evening. Every one in the family are good singers. We took the train at Shipley for Leeds.

**Monday, June 19, 1916**

Read Quo Vadis. Afternoon we visited Machin's, Simister's (went for a ride on the cycle) and Newsome's.

**Tuesday, June 20, 1916**

Read Quo Vadis. Afternoon visited Sister Lowe, Rhodes and then went to Mutual. I took charge. Talked with Lily Frank after meeting.

**Wednesday, June 21, 1916**

A.M. Stayed in lodge and studied and then went down town to do a little miscellaneous work. Had tea a Brierley's and then held a cottage meeting at Andrews. Stayed for supper. Had strawberries and cream. Hesba reads our hands. (Longest day this year).

**Thursday, June 22, 1916**

Tracted on way to Pudsey. Ate lunch in Armley Park, also Elder Worthen played a few games. Walked a little farther and then took a tram to Bramley Station. Visited Guy's and Sister Taylor (who is ill) and then to a cottage meeting at Sister Briggs. Stayed for supper. (Arabians declare their independence of Turkey).

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**Friday, June 23, 1916**

Studied. Went down town after dinner and did a little miscellaneous work. Tea at lodge; (strawberries). Went to Relief Society to help them make their report; this being their first report since they have been given this special work. Bro. Simister and Bro. Mc Donald came to lodge while I made out the monthly report so Bro. Simister will know how to do it when the books are turned over to him.

**Saturday, June 24, 1916**

AM: Miscellaneous.

PM: Went to Bradford and went with the Saints on a ramble to Wibsey Park where we played games, etc. Stayed at 6 Burnett Avenue Lodge with Elders Hewlett & Groome. ( Big strawberry and cream dinner).

**Sunday, June 25, 1916**

Bradford Sunday School and then to Batley. Bro. Ainsworth, the new superintendent, took charge, also took class. Tea at Walker's. In the Evening Bro. Walker took charge, he called Bro. Wilford Craven from Clayton first (10 min.) then Agness Sutcliffe (7 min), Sally Adams (refused), Nellie Meredith (refused), Lizzie Clapham (7 min.) and then I talked 30 min. on the Martyrdom. Walked to Morley; supper at Clapham's and then went to Leeds where I stayed alone that night.

**Monday, June 26, 1916**

Studied. Went to Bradford; worked in office awhile and then went to Shelf Plants on a ramble with the Bradford Saints; then to a cottage meeting at Haywood's; stayed for supper. Grace told me about Hettie Geldard sending her and Lucy each 15/ which she had saved up to get a costume. She had sent it by mail so they would not know the sender; but they found out another way.

**Tuesday, June 27, 1916**

Anniversary of the Martyrdom of the Prophet and Hyrum Smith. Returned to Leeds. Tracted one and a half hours. Took charge of Mutual alone. Had a good time. Had a good talk with Lily Franke after meeting. Stayed alone again tonight.

**Wednesday, June 28, 1916**

Miscellaneous. Expected Elder Worthen to come but he did not. At 5 P.M. went to Morley and went with Lizzie and May to Sutcliffe's and found Pres. Elders Hillyard and Worthen there. Had tea and then spent the evening singing and playing games. All four of us returned to Leeds.

**Thursday, June 29, 1916**

Tracted one and a half hours. After dinner Elder Worthen and I went to the police station to get an Identity book for going on our cycling trip to the east coast. Went to Craven's for tea and then held a cottage meeting, the last we will hold there.

**Friday, June 30, 1916**

Studied. Visited Tweedy's, Woodhouse's and Collier's. Mr. Collier took us through a shop where they make machinery with which they make munitions. (Italian offensive begins).

**Saturday, July 1, 1916**

Studied. Strawberry dinner. Went to a show at night. (British offensive begins).

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**Sunday, July 2, 1916**

Went to Priesthood Meeting. Testimony meeting was a failure. Very few out. Not a very good spirit in the meeting. Tea at Vause. We had a good meeting at night; fifty two present. Sunday School takes most of the time. Books are presented to them for regular attendance. I talked twenty minutes. Had some good talks with some visitors. Worth and I go to Simister's and get him and Newsome to sign our identity books.

**Monday, July 3, 1916**

Went to Wakefield and visited Silverwood's. Had a very good dinner and a good time. Saw the place where German prisoners are kept. Went to Ardsley and visited Payne's. Walked with Hilda to Bottom Boat to visit her grandmother.

**Tuesday, July 4, 1916**

We all celebrate at 6 Low Green Terrace at Bradford. Had a big dinner (all the strawberries we could eat included). Played baseball; went to a picture show and then met Elder Joseph Nelson of S.L.C. at Bradford Station. First Elder this year. Stayed at Low Green lodge. Nelson tells us about Zion.

**Wednesday, July 5, 1916**

Go to Pudsey (Worthen, Nelson, Pres. and I). Pres. and I go to Leeds for dinner. We tract. I was called a German and had to show a lady my passport before she would listen to me or take my tract. Go for a cycle ride to Lanswood. Meet Worthen at Bramley. We go to "The Great Divide" at Leeds.

**Thursday, July 6, 1916**

Stayed in lodge in morning. Visited Camms and then went to Bro. Reed's to spend the evening.

**Friday, July 7, 1916**

Went to Tailors. Then left on our cycles for Mitchell's in Bramley where we had dinner. We then cycled to Mrs. Page's and had tea. We were quite muddy when we got there because it had been raining. We spent the evening there and at 9:30 P.M. left for Leeds. We had to hurry to get to Leeds before lighting up time that we got very muddy and wet.

**Saturday, July 8, 1916**

Cleaned our cycles and then went for a little ride. After dinner we went to the police station and notified them that we were leaving on our cycling trip Monday. Went to Bradford had my picture taken. Went to hall to go to Priesthood meeting; no one there so we went to Otley's and had tea. Went to local Priesthood meeting. Stayed at Otley's for the night.

**Sunday, July 9, 1916**

Went to Bradford Sunday School; I took charge of the theological class. In afternoon meeting Bro. Tidswell took charge, opened with prayer and did all the talking. In the evening Bro. Simister related his experiences when he joined the church. I talked twenty-five minutes on the "Two Comforters". I had tea at Sister Otley's. Returned to Leeds.

**Monday, July 10, 1916**

Start on our cycling trip. Left Leeds at 7:30 A.M. Good weather; good roads and so we had good cycling. Arrived in Wetherby (12 miles) at 8:30 A.M. Stayed there 30 minutes and reached York at 10:25 A.M. (26 miles from Leeds) 2 1/2 hour's ride. On entering the city we passed through the gate in the wall which surrounds the city which was built by the Romans. On this gate the head of the Duke of York who was killed near Wakefield in the "War of the Roses". We went to where the Elders lodged at

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one time but no one lived there. We spent 1 1/2 hours trying to find the L.D.S. meeting room. Everyone we asked told us it was at a different place but we found it in none of them and failing to find it we looked for a room to stay overnight; found one at 71 Union St., Gillygate Road. Went to the Park nearby and ate the dinner we brought with us; then went to Rowntrees Chocolate factory (the largest in the world) but was not allowed to go through it. We then walked around on the old Roman Walls; saw the moat on the outside. Then went to St. Mary's Abbey and many old relics of past ages. Then went to the York Minster to the services (how different from ours). We were then taken around and shown the many different parts of the Minister and heard the history of it. Different parts of the building have been built by the Pagans, Saxons, Romans, Normans and so on down to the present time. We climbed the 270 steps to the top of the tower where we could overlook the city. We saw the largest windows in the world. Two of the weigh 90 tons. We saw the Saxon Coronation chair; bible presented to Minister by King Charles I (1613); signatures of Frederick William of Germany (late king); saw place where a chained bible was kept and many things very interesting. (description found in guide book). We then saw the Shambles. (houses built so that the tops of the houses are so close that people can shake hands from their bedroom windows and at the bottom, two wagons can pass each other. Saw an old castle where prisoners were beheaded, whipped, etc. Went to the Empire and saw "Don't Tempt Me." (Saw where the Zepps had dropped bombs on York).

### **Tuesday, July 11, 1916**

Left York 8:00 A.M. Market Wheaton (19 mi) 10:00; Beverly (10 mi) 11:00 Hull (8 m.) or 37 miles from York at 12:00 noon. It was cloudy and a little wind. We had to walk up a few long hills. Near Beverly we saw a sign saying that the road which passed the Royal Flying corps was closed. We were mistaken as to which one; When we came near the grounds we saw the soldiers marching up & down. We made a quick retreat and not sure that we wouldn't go home making better windows than doors; but I suppose they needed all their powder & lead for the Germans so we passed over safely and arrived at Hull at 12:00 and soon found an eating place.

We went to the Elder's lodge. Found Elders Nielson & Jorgenson there. We stayed there while in Hull. We looked up friends and relative of different people in S.L.C. Went to a cottage meeting (the Elders do all the asking & answering questions).

### **Wednesday, July 12, 1916**

Elder Worthen and I look around the city. Went down to the river at the landing place. Saw the drawbridge in action when a large Danish ship passed through. Visited some friends of Elder Worthen's. One woman showed us some places where the Zepps had destroyed many building in Hull. Had tea at her house. We then took the train for Scarborough (shipping our cycles as we could not cycle through that district) arriving there at 9:30 P.M. and found a room on 5 Dean Road.

### **Thursday, July 13, 1916**

Went down to the seashore on the sands. Went bathing, rowing, sightseeing and having a good time in general. Visited the old castle and saw where the Germans had bombarded the building. When we went rowing we went out where the German ships had been. Saw British airships and ships patrolling up and down the Bay looking for German submarines that had sunk seven British ships the night before, (Wed). Went to a picture show at night. Enjoyed our stay in Scarborough very much.

### **Friday, July 14, 1916**

Left Scarborough at 8:30 A.M. Pickering (18 mi.) 10:45; Helmsley (13 mi.) arrived 12:15 and left at 1:00 P.M. Arrived at Thirsk at 4:00 (14 mi.) and left at 4:15 and arrived at Ripon (11 mi.) or 56 miles

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from Scarborough at 5:30 P.M. This was a hard day's ride. The wind was against us all day and from Helmsley to Thirsk was very bad roads and we had to walk a great deal of the way. The roads all the way were not in very good condition except from Thirsk to Ripon. We were very tired and hungry and had to talk sometime and pay an extra price to get a room. After tea we felt better. Everybody in Ripon wears khaki. Many soldiers are stationed there. Went to a picture show at night

**Saturday, July 15, 1916**

Left Ripon at 9:30 A.M., after fixing a puncture in my cycle. Passed through Harrogate (11 mi.) at 11:00 o'clock and arrived (15 mi.) in Leeds, or 26 miles from Ripon, (after climbing many hills) at 12:30, just in time for dinner and we were ready for it too. We were dusty, tired and hungry but nevertheless felt that we had had a good time all week. We left Ripon without breakfast, thinking we would get it on the way but we forgot about it until it began to get close to dinner time. After dinner we got ready to go on a ramble with the Bradford Saints but decided not to go. Went to a picture show instead.

**Sunday, July 16, 1916**

Studied. Pudsey Sunday School & Evening. Stayed at Meeting Room for tea. Percy Palfreyman spoke on "The Apostacy & Restoration", in the evening; I spoke 25 minutes on "Repentance". Came to Leeds & met several of the Saints going home. Went with Pres. Elder Nelson & Bro. Simister to Mrs. Holden's and then to ?Wimpleby's? and administered to Florence & her sister. I came back into town and saw some wounded soldiers come in.

**Monday, July 17, 1916**

Visited in Pudsey at Metcalf's, Brigg's where we had tea. Went to Relief Society meeting at Pudsey and had a little fish & ship supper after.

**Tuesday, July 18, 1916**

Went to Andrew's for tea but heard that four or five more Elders were coming so we intended going before they came but they came sooner than we expected and saw us as we went out the back door. We went to Smith's but they came and asked us to go back so we went. We then went to a farewell social for Elders Hillyard and Hewlett who leave for home. There was a good crowd out and we had a good program with the exception of Bro. Simister making a fool of himself. Elder Nelson stays with me in Leeds.

**Wednesday, July 19, 1916**

Tracted two hours. Started a new tracting district just below Woodhouse Moor. Visited Payne's for the last time before Hilda leaves for Zion. We Elders hold a Priesthood meeting at Bradford after which we hold a farewell social for the two Elders leaving us. We enjoyed the program very much. I stayed with Hewlett & Groome at Otley's.

**Thursday, July 20, 1916**

We Elders with quite a number of Saints went to see the Elders and Hilda off on the train. Worthen and I go to Leeds and pack up his trunk. He moves to Bradford. We have tea at the Horton lodge and then go to a local Priesthood meeting of the Bradford Branch.

**Friday, July 21, 1916**

Stayed at Otley's until in the afternoon packing up Elder Groome's things. We then come to Leeds. Elder Groome is my new Companion. We go to Relief Society meeting.

**Saturday, July 22, 1916**

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Tracted one hour. Went down to the meeting room where we met to go on a ramble. We left at 3:00 and rode on a tram to Roundhay Park and then walked for an hour and a half to a little cottage in Thorner. We had tea and then played games. During the afternoon two of the girls hurt their arms. At 8:30 we started back and arrived in Leeds at 10:30. We had a good time, but were tired. It was too long a walk.

### **Sunday, July 23, 1916**

Went to Morley and walked to Batley with Lizzie. I took charge of Sunday School. Bro. Ainsworth & Bro. Walker were absent. Tea at Walker's. Several of the local people talked at night and then I talked 20 minutes on the Pioneers. Walked to Morley and had supper at Clapham's before coming to Leeds.

### **Monday, July 24, 1916**

Celebrated Pioneer Day by having a big dinner at our lodge; the other Elders came over. In the evening Elder Groome and I saw them off on the train and then we visited Sister Clark (house not any to clean) and then went to Simisters (if any difference, worse), to help him make out the monthly report. As we were going to simisters we stopped at the bridge crossing the canal as saw some boys (from 12 to 17 years old) in bathing with nothing but their "birthday suits" on. It was on a main thorough-fare and a crowd of men, women, boys and girls stood and watched them swimming and playing on the bank.

### **Tuesday, July 25, 1916**

Studied. Tracted one hour and then sat in the Park for awhile and then visited Mrs. Toillotson's until 7:30. Had tea with them. At Mutual I took the class while Elder Groome took charge.

### **Wednesday, July 26, 1916**

Went to Halifax where we Elders were pall bearers at Bro. Walker's funeral. Had to carry the coffin on our shoulder. Held two services one at the house and one in the church at the cemetery. After the funeral we all went and had a big tea and ten all left but the family who stayed to hear the will read. While going to the cemetery we pall bearers walked along side the hearse. As we left Sister Walker's they were quarreling on account of the way the will divided the property. In the Halifax station we saw them bringing wounded soldiers in. We also saw live calves ready for shipping. They were in sacks. The sacks were tied up around their necks.

### **Thursday, July 27, 1916**

Miscellaneous. After dinner we visited Brother Webster's and Brother Stead's. Had a long talk with Mrs. Webster on the gospel.

### **Friday, July 28, 1916**

Went down to the recruiting station to see Brother Simister who was called to join the Army. Harry said "England's last hope," when he heard that his father had joined. We went again after dinner to see him off on the train. We saw them bring a dead soldier on a gun carriage with six horses pulling it, and soldiers as pall-bearers. Tracted one hour. Visited Tweedy's and Woodhouses' where we had a talk with Brother Woodhouse on Baptism and he practically decided to be baptized next time. Went to Relief Society meeting where we found President and Elder Worthen who stayed with us all night.

### **Saturday, July 29, 1916**

Miscellaneous. After dinner Elder Groome and I went on the moor and studied all afternoon. Went

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down town to the markets.

**Sunday, July 30, 1916**

Went to Halifax. In the evening we held a memorial service for Brother Walker. Tea at Reynold's. Went up to Doylis at Southowram with Annie Sharman, Lily Walton and Bertha Evans. Brother Doyle had joined the army. Went to Horton Lodge at Bradford.

**Monday, July 31, 1916**

Studies. Tracted one hour. Visited Lunn's and talked with them on baptism. They will be baptized next time. Tea at Bradbury's. Visited Verrs, and then went to meeting at Haywood's. After meeting we visited a friend who has been very ill. She has been in bed for eleven weeks and the doctors gave her three days to live. The minister of their church refused to come and pray for her. Some of her neighbors told her about the Mormons and so she said that if they could do any good to let them come. They came and administered to her and she was up the next day and has been improving since. We had supper at Haywood's.

**Tuesday, August 1, 1916**

Wrote out tithing receipts. Visited Atley's, ward's and then to Geldard's where we had tea. Returned to Leeds and went to Mutual. While at Geldard's we talked to two soldiers, one wounded and the other on leave. Saw many souvenirs from the front.

**Wednesday, August 2, 1916**

Wrote letter, etc. Visited Sister Smith and then went to Andrews where we remained all afternoon and evening until 11 PM. Saw two butterflies going down the street. They certainly went to the extremem in dressing.

**Thursday, August 3, 1916**

Tracted on our way to Craven's at Rodley where Elders Worth, Groome, Nelson and I had dinner. Elder Groome and I then went to Page's and had tea. The other Elders came later and we had some very good conversations on the gospel with them. We ate supper and then returned to our lodges.

**Friday, August 4, 1916**

Studied. Elder Groome buys a gold (?) watch at the auction sale. Went to several places but found no one home. Finally went to Sister Machin's for tea. Went to Simister's and got books' then visited at Collier's; went through foundry; had a good talk on the gospel. (Third year of war begins. England declared war on Germany August 4, 1914.)

**Saturday, August 5, 1916**

Tracted two hours. Visited Padgett's to administer to a child. Just before going to Padgett's, as we came in for dinner we found Zillah Parker at our lodge. We caught it right and left for not bringing laundry on time. Studied.

**Sunday, August 6, 1916**

At Leeds. Fast meeting in the afternoon. Tea at Machin's. Brother Knight from Bradford here to help me. I talk 20 minutes (all the time left after Brother Knight gets thru. I spoke on the resurrection.

**Monday, August 7, 1916**

All alone at Leeds. Study, tract, do a little work at meeting room, miscellaneous, go to picture show.

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Groome returns from Bradford at night. We do a little writing.

**Tuesday, August 8, 1916**

Studying, writing, etc. Tracted one hour. Visited at Clark's (Mrs. Clark out), Lowe's and Rhodes where we had tea. Mutual at night.

**Wednesday, August 9, 1916**

Studied. Tracted, visited Holme's Parker's and Foster's. Elders came.

**Thursday, August 10, 1916**

After dinner we all go to a picture show at Albert Hall, Leeds; called "Cabiria". Then we go to Pudsey, Elder Groome and I go to Honsecroft's for tea and later go to Sutcliffe's and spend a very enjoyable evening; the three sisters being good singers and piano players. Elder Groome and I return to Leeds.

**Friday, August 11, 1916**

Tracted one hour. Miscellaneous. Visited at Mitchell's at Armley Heights where we had tea. When Mr. Mitchell came home we got into an argument about England and America which ended in a draw.

**Saturday, August 12, 1916**

Went to Horton lodge for dinner. Then went to a Relief Society meeting; Pres. Smith, Bro. Sjordahl, and Sister Smith were present. This is their last visit before returning home.

The Pres. of the Relief Societies gave their reports, then Sister Smith spoke. At 5 o'clock we held another meeting; bro and sis present at which Bro. Sjordahl, Pres. Smith and Sister Smith spoke. Both meetings were very good. Went to a show.

**Sunday, August 13, 1916**

Bradford; Sunday School, Parent's class, sacrament meeting and evening service. Bro. Ward and local brethren helped me. I talked 25 min. on Paradise. Elder Groome and I stay at Atley's

**Monday, August 14, 1916**

Miscellaneous & study. Went to Wilsden with Bradford Saints on a ramble. Had a good time. Two farmers after us; one because we were playing in his field; the other because Sarah Race pushed a rock off his wall. We were caught in the rain.

**Tuesday, August 15, 1916**

Meet at 10 o'clock (although it is raining hard) and walk past Bingley on a ramble (916 of us). It rains all the way; after dinner in a public house, we return to Westgate hall and play games. Pres. and I then go and look for a new lodge. Go to bed at (9 O'clock!).

**Wednesday, August 16, 1916**

Study. Go visiting sister Fox, Sister Robinson; have tea at Haywood's and then go to Price's and administer to Ludy who is going under an operation on her nose. Go to Leeds and spend the evening with Andrew's. Elder Groome, Pres., and I stay at Leeds.

**Thursday, August 17, 1916**

Writing etc. Visited at Collier's, Simister's, Camm's and Swain's; then we went to Bramley to

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Mitchell's where we had tea and spent the evening; had a very good time; also a few jokes at the expense of Elder Groome's watch.

**Friday, August 18, 1916**

Tracted. Visited Tweedy's, Woodhouse's, Dutton's. After dinner we tracted part way to Pudsey. Visited Housecroft's, Brigg's had tea, Metcalf's and Sutcliffe's. Returned to Bradford.

**Saturday, August 19, 1916**

Miscellaneous office work. Visited Metcalfe's at Bradford. Returned to Leeds and pressed my suit. Wrote a few cards. Miscellaneous.

**Sunday, August 20, 1916**

Study. Went to catch train but none came until too late to get to Batley for Sunday School so I went to Leed's Sunday School and then went to Batley for the evening service. Brother Webster was there to assist me. He talked five minutes. Then several were called up; Brother Webster and three others took up 15 minutes. Lizzie Claphan spoke 15 minutes' and the remaining half hour was left to me. Walked to Morley with Claphans and had supper with them. Returned to Leeds and made out the branch report.

**Monday, August 21, 1916**

Left early for Bradford to help make out the monthly report. Just before finishing at about 2:00 O'clock, we hear a big explosion which shook the house and rattled the windows. We ran outside and saw in the direction of Low Moor a big puff of smoke arise. Various opinions were given as to what it was; some said Zepps, some said practicing with the anti aircraft guns, some said the gaso works had blown up; etc., but no one knew. The explosions continued. We finished the reports and went down town; and found the streets crowded with excited people with various tales, many very much exaggerated. Two of the Saint girls came to us crying and frightened and wanted to know what to do. We advised them to stay where it was safe and not to go home as it was not safe because they lived quite near. We saw them bring quite a number of wounded to Bradford. The explosions continued until 7 O'clock, from 17 to 25 in all. We eventually learned that it was the munition factory, ( a chemical factory) that had blown up. Bradford was crowded with people who had fled from the danger zone. We went to Stanningly and stopped at Housecroft's a short time and then went to Craven's at Rodley for tea; and then to Pudsey to a farewell party for Elder Worthen after which we all returned to Bradford.

**Tuesday, August 22, 1916**

Worked on reports. Then Pres., Elder Groome and I walked to Low Moor. Thousands of people were there. We found things in a very deplorable condition. All the houses within the radius of half a mile and in some places a mile, had the windows broken, plaster from ceiling and walls had fallen, and in many cases parts of the building had fallen in. The factories were entirely destroyed and all the terraces and buildings, trains, etc., in near vicinity were demolished. The gas-ometer had exploded. The destruction of property was great. When we arrived the men were digging the men who were killed out of the debris and carrying their bodies to the Red Cross vans to be taken to Bradford. Six firemen were killed by the explosion of their engine while trying to put out the fire. We learned that there had been a fire which burned for 15 minutes before the explosion which gave the many hundreds working there time to get away but in spite of ;this quite a number were killed and many injured. There were one or two hundred (number not definitely known as some were burned up) killed. We found a 250 lbs. Can of carboric acid thrown a quarter of a mile and half buried in the ground. A piece of machinery weighing 2 or 3 hundred was blown about the same distance and

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knocked a stone wall down.

We then went to Leweds, had tea at the lodge and then went to a farewell party held in Leeds for Elder Worthen.

After the party, I went to show sister Nicholl, Sister Shaw and Ivy the way to the station. On arriving there, we found that there was no train leaving for Halifax because of the disaster at Low Moor, as the train passes near the place. I returned to the meeting room and took Elder Nelson with me and we all went to Bradford. After consideration we found that the best we could do was to take a train to Banktop a two-penny ride and walk the remainder of the way to Halifax (about eight miles). They must get there that night so we did this. We left Bradford at 12 O'clock, took the train to Banktop and walked to Halifax reaching there at 2:30 A.M. They wanted us to stay but we decided that we would return to the lodge as we had some work to do early the next morning. So we returned, walking all the way (9 miles) because there was no train going even part of the way. On the way, I could hardly keep awake; a number of times I had to take violent exercise, as tired as I was, to keep awake. We finally reached the lodge at 5 A.M. tired, foot-sore and sleepy. This together with the long walk to Low Moor had been rather too much for one day. We retired soon.

### **Wednesday, August 23, 1916**

The women at the lodge called us to breakfast at 8 O'clock. It seemed as if we had hardly been asleep. They knew nothing of our escapade as we had entered very quietly taking off our shoes on entering, so they unmercifully called us when we would much rather remained asleep but to allay suspicion, we reluctantly arose and ate breakfast. Pres. came and with Elder Nelson left for Liverpool to attend a convention and a farewell for Pres. Smith who leaves for home soon. I was alone. I did some office work, wrote letters, etc. I was now the Conference Clerk, Elder Worthen, who preceded me having been released. I arranged for the use of Queen's Hall for conference in Oct. and paid for the baths for baptism.

### **Thursday, August 24, 1916**

Elder Groome and I spent the day visiting with Elder Worthen. I went with him to see the destruction at Low Moor and then we three went to Leeds; had dinner at the lodge, then visited Sister Lowe, Sister Andrews and then went to Mitchell's at Bramley for tea, and then to Henry Craven's at Bodley to spend the evening and have supper.

Maud Craven had received a telegram which was very indefinite and left us wondering whether or not she and Elder Worthen were booked to sail or not. On returning to the lodge we found a letter which was equally indefinite and we went to bed undecided as to what to do.

### **Friday, August 25, 1916**

Went to see Elder Worthen and Maud off on the train. Elder Groome and I return and have breakfast and then visit Evans and administer to their baby who is ill. Return to lodge for dinner and mail "Stars". Then visit the hospital to see Lucy Price who went under an operation on her nose. Found her getting along well and about to leave the hospital. Went to Leeds and to Sister Swain's for tea but could hardly keep awake, so we returned to the lodge and went to bed at 8 o'clock.

### **Saturday, August 26, 1916**

Arose at 9:00 A.M. Miscellaneous. Notified police that I was moving to Bradford. Returned to Bradford. The others had not returned yet. Did some office work. On my way up to the lodge, I saw the funeral procession of the firemen who were killed in the explosion. The procession was about a

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mile and a half long. The caskets were carried on the fire engines. Policemen, soldiers, firemen, mourners, etc., were in the procession. The band played the funeral march.

Went to Royal Theater to see "The Girl in the Taxi". After I returned I wrote my diary etc. Elders Worthen and Nelson returned. Elder Worthen and I press our suits.

**Sunday, August 27, 1916**

Sunday School at Bradford. Went with Elder Worthen and Annie Rowbottom and Agnes Watson to Atley's for dinner. I then left for Leeds arriving there late for Sunday School. I had to administer to the Sacrament alone. I also took the class. George Bowers, who came to assist me with the meetings, and I went to Sister Brierley's for tea; I had a talk with her father, Mr. Jones, on celestial marriage. In the evening service, I took charge and again administered to the Sacrament alone. I called on George and he talked 40 min. on "The Apostacy". I talked the remainder of the time 20 min. on "Obedience". I came back as far as Great Horton with George.

**Monday, August 28, 1916**

Worked with Elder Worthen on the office books until 5 o'clock at which time we went to Tetley's for tea. Pres. & Elder Nelson came later and had tea at George Waite's 2 doors from Tetley's. After visiting a short time we three went to cottage meeting at Wibsey leaving Elder Worthen at Tetley's. After meeting we had supper; they gave Elder Nelson bread and milk as Pres. Had advised in a jokingly way at a farewell party when he was speaking of Elder Nelson's good appetite. He said that the Saints were to give him such as bread and milk as he was too young to eat meat. The joke went well.

It was certainly dark coming home. We could hardly see each other. The search lights looked beautiful as they were playing about the sky.

**Tuesday, August 29, 1916 (Germany Declares War on Rumania)**

Worked on Books, appointments, etc. until tea time. Went to Hainsworth for tea and then visited Ingham's. Elder Worthen says good-by again. We go to Mutual; discuss "Spiritualism". Walk up to Great Horton with Alice, Grace and Lucy.

Search lights very beautiful again.

**Wednesday, August 30, 1916**

Nine month since I landed in England. Elder Worthen and I do office work. Went down town to get some office supplies. At 5 o'clock we saw Elder Worthen off on the train for Birmingham. He will visit there for awhile and then go to Liverpool and sails for America on September 1, Friday on the S. S. Grampian. President Hyrum M. Smith, his wife and Mand Craven are booked to sail on the same ship.

President and I go to Atley's for tea; go up to Westgate Hall and then to the Empire and see the opera "Carmen."

**Thursday, August 31, 1916**

Office work. After dinner I go to Craven's at Rodley to take her some booking papers. I roped Maud's trunk and then we have tea. I went on to Leeds to get some more of my belongings, and then returned to Bradford.

**Friday, September 1, 1916**

President and I spend all morning doing office work. Do a little studying after dinner while waiting for "Stars" to come, but they did not come so we took a train for Denholme and visited Whittaker's

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and then walked to Oxenhope and visited with Sisters Ingham and Groves. All these people are very faithful saints and we enjoyed the time we spent with them.

When we left Sister Groves, we had just 25 minutes to catch the train at Denholme and had 3 1/2 miles to go, up and down hill; so we walked as fast as we could until we got to the top of the hill and then ran the rest of the way to the station and got there just in time to see the train pull out. The next train left two hours later so rather than wait we walked to Thornton 9 1/2 miles) took tram to Lidget Green and walked to the lodge. We were ready to go to bed when we got there.

**Saturday, September 2, 1916**

Office Work in the morning. Halifax ramble in the afternoon. Met at Old Station; went to Cullingworth on train; went to Howorth where we saw the home of Charlotte Bronte (a Yorkshire writer). Saw the natural chair by a waterfall where she would sit and write. A very beautiful place. Ate tea here. Walked over moor to Oxenhope and on to Ogden. We met two couples several times, each inquiring the way. (It was) about 9 o'clock when we reached tram line. Took tram to Halifax, then to Banktop and walked to Southfield Lane.

**Sunday, September 3, 1916**

Bradford Sunday School (testimony meeting). I was put in Sunday School Superintendent, Elder Nelson released. Batley Sunday School in the afternoon. Tea at Waler's. Ethel and Nellie tell me about a lot of their good times. Testimony meeting at night so only had five minutes to talk. (very sorry).

**Monday, September 4, 1916**

Office work in morning. Tract one hour. Visit good old Sister Fox and read to her from Star. Tea at Sister Thorpe's. Mutual at Bradford. President goes to Clayton. Studying from 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Book of Moroni which is the blessing of the sacrament. As soon as Sarah Race finished reading it and said amen, Brother Ward said amen and then in confusion said, "o I'm sorry". Well, we had a good laugh but no more class. Hettie was alone so I walked to Wibsy with her and then went to the lodge.

**Wednesday, September 6, 1916**

Office work. Nelson and Groome come; all go to Halifax; get off at Boothtown; I show them a short cut (?) took them on wrong road; go around park instead of through it, but get there in time for diner. President and Groome at Joy's and Nelson & I at Sister Helliwell's. We go with Lily Walton to the mill where she and Bertha Evans weave. Go to Joy's; President and I visit at Harpin's to see the new arrival and talk to Mr. Harpin about having Jimmie baptized. All go to Doyle's at Southowram; they won't let me show them another short cut back. Went to Relief Society where we all had to talk; took tram to Banktops and walk to Southfield Lane.

**Thursday, September 7, 1916**

Office work until tea. Tea at Evans at Dudley Hill. Go to Birstall to see Metcalfe girl about baptism but she was not at home; spend evening at Walker's go to Leeds for the night.

**Friday, September 8, 1916**

Study until noon. Tract on way to Simister's and then to Andrew's where we have tea and spend the evening. Returned to Bradford.

**Saturday, September 9, 1916**

Office work. Nelson and Groome come. Hold a prayer meeting at Westgate Hall; go to Feversham

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St. Baths where we hold a baptismal service. Horace Cook takes charge' Dr. Higgins talks on baptism. President Robinson, Elders Groome, Nelson and myself officiate in the water. Thirteen candidates are baptized, I baptize four. Confirmation and testimony meeting at Westgate Hall. I confirm four. Many good testimonies borne. Hold a report meeting for Priesthood and special missionaries. We certainly had a good time today

**Sunday, September 10, 1916**

Bradford Sunday School. Pudsey Sunday School. Tea at Guy's. At the evening service Brother Sam Craven talked for fifteen minutes and then I talked on "Obedience" for half an hour. Brother Craven, his son and I return to Bradford.  
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**Monday, September 11, 1916**

Office work until tea time. At Sister Terry's for tea. Sister Robinson came and we had a little talk with these old ladies and then we called on a family by the name of Mitchell and had a little talk with them and then went to cottage meeting at Haywood's. Alice Rowbottom took charge and Sarah Race took the lesson. After meeting we stayed to supper.

**Tuesday, September 12, 1916**

Worked in the office until 4 o'clock. Went to Atley's for tea, and stayed there until time for Mutual. A good crowd and a good class at Mutual. Stayed and talked awhile after meeting.

**Wednesday, September 13, 1916**

Made out baptismal certificates and then wrote letters. Went to the Empire and saw, "The Birth of a Nation". It was certainly worth seeing and I don't consider the afternoon wasted. It was on the Civil War and the conditions after. Went to Sister Grundy's to Louie's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Found Elders Groome and Nelson there. We had a good tea and then spent the evening playing games, etc.

**Thursday, September 14, 1916**

Recorded baptisms; wrote out ordination certificates; studied. Went to Sister Akeroyd's at Dudley Hill. Her sister just going out so we went to Savage's for awhile and then came back and spent the evening at Akeroyd's; had supper. These are both good families and we enjoyed the evening very much.

**Friday, September 15, 1916**

Office work. Tea at Sister Warne's. Called on Sister Grundy for awhile and then went to Leeds.

**Saturday, September 16, 1916**

Elder Nelson and I return to Bradford. I came first and mailed Stars out; and then we went to Halifax; met with a few of the Saints at King Cross and went on a ramble to Hardcastle Craigs, a very beautiful place. There were Annie Harman, Lily Walton, Bertha Evans, Doris Wilman, Joe Heliwell, George Bowers, Elder Nelson and I present. We went wading in a little creek. Created a little amusement by sliding down a long flat rock in the creek; about 25 or thirty feet long and ended in the water knee deep. After we boys tried it awhile the girls tried it; I stood at the bottom to catch them. One time when Bertha was coming down her feet went too fast and the result was she got wet, and had to go to a farm-house and take all her clothes off and dry them. We were all wet as we had sat down several times. Had tea at this house and then went on up to the falls and then returned to Halifax and we Elders came to Bradford.

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**Sunday, September 17, 1916**

At Bradford for the day. Sunday School; I take charge of class in Book of Mormon. Parent's class in afternoon. Tea at Savage's. Percy Palfreyman from Halifax to help me at night. He talked forty minutes (15 minutes too long) on the Book of Mormon. I talked the twelve minutes that was left on Revelation. Supper at Dr. Higgins.

**Monday, September 18, 1916**

Make out appointments for next Sunday; etc. Tea at Sister Warnes. Visited Pearson's. Florrie poorly. Cottage meeting at Haywood's. Supper after meeting.

**Tuesday, September 19, 1916**

Office work. Called on Sister Ibbotson but she never asked us to stay to tea so we went down town and bought some fruit. Attended Mutual.

**Wednesday, September 20, 1916**

Office work. Dinner at Sister Briggs at Pudsey. Visit Housecroft's where we found Elders Groome and Nelson. We were to have met them at 2 o'clock, but we had the excuse that we stayed to hear the two Briggs girls who have just come off from the stage sing. Sister Craven there at Housecroft's also. We four go to Brother Guy's and administer to them and then go to Sister Mitchell's at Bramley and have a good tea and spend a very enjoyable evening. Elders Groome and Nelson have an appointment in Leeds so they leave early.

**Thursday, September 21, 1916**

Study until dinner, Tract and visit Andrew's. President and I go to a Priesthood meeting at Bradford and then return to Leeds for the night.

**Friday, September 22, 1916**

We four Elders go to Silverwood's at Wakefield; visit some of the Saints and then see some of the old historical places; where the Battle of Wakefield in the War of the Roses was fought; where the Duke of York was slain as he was retreating to the castle. A lady led the army that was victorious. He got almost to the castle when he was slain. His head was taken to York and hung on the gate to the city. We went up to the castle (ruins). We also saw an old chantry, the oldest in use at the present time. Saw a whale-bone arch. Returned to Leeds and go to the "Feast" on Woodhouse moor, and then go to a drama at the Royal, "The Girl who Didn't Care".

**Saturday, September 23, 1916**

Return to Bradford and mail Stars out. Then President, Brother Tidswell and I go to Heighley Relief Society meeting. We all three talk. It is decided to hold meetings there on Sundays.

**Sunday, September 24, 1916**

Bradford Sunday School. Leeds Sunday School. Tea at Machin's. Brother Balme with me at night. He gave a very good talk for 35 minutes. I talk 25 minutes on the Sacrament. Stay at the Leeds' lodge. Nelson at Bradford.

**Monday, September 25, 1916**

Make out appointments for next Sunday. Office work. Tea at Sister Robinson's at Wibsey. Visit Pearson's. Florrie could not get a passport. She is going to S.L.C. to marry Gus Dyre. Cottage meeting. Eva Race take charge of meeting; Agnes Watson takes lesson. Stay for supper.

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**Tuesday, September 26, 1916**

Work on the monthly reports all day. Go to Mutual at night. Sister Edith Phillips takes the lesson and did very well.

**Wednesday, September 27, 1916**

Worked hard and finished the financial and statistical report and then went to Leeds and spent a very enjoyable evening at Sister Andrew's. While going to catch the tram, I saw a man fall to the causeway in a fit. At Andrew's we tell ghost stories, etc. We found Elders Groome and Nelson there when we arrived. Had supper. All stay at Leeds.

**Thursday, September 28, 1916**

Study until dinner. Return with Pres. To Bradford and work on Special Missionary report. Tea at Brother Knight's (Bertha's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday.) Visit Grundy's; go to Clayton and visit at Brother Sam Craven's, Sister Woods' and Brother Kershaw's and return by train to Great Horton.

**Friday, September 29, 1916**

Finish reports write tithing receipts, write letters, etc. Visit with Sister Atley and talk with her about moving down to her place, with the office because it will be warmer and nearer town. Have tea with her. Nora soon going out to America. Talk about everything at home. Write my diary (for 3 weeks.)

**Saturday, September 30, 1916**

Office work. Elder Groome and Nelson come to Bradford and we all go to Bingley. We see the Druids alter where human sacrifices were made. The blood (?) is still where it ran from off the large rock. We found that this blood (so called) was tar which had been poured down the rocks. The top of this large rock shows ancient markings. The marks also show where the sacrifices were made. We all visit Sister Heaps and then we three wait while Groome calls on another sister. We all stay at Bradford.

**Sunday, October 1, 1916**

I take charge of the Bradford Sunday School. Have a good testimony meeting in our class. At Batley Sunday School tea at Sister Walkers' sister Middleton there also. She is one who asked to be excommunicated at one time. She lives at Wakefield. She bore a strong testimony at night. We ran twenty minutes overtime so I didn't get a chance to talk. (very sorry.) Returned to Bradford. Stay with Groome.

**Monday, October 2, 1916**

Write letters' send out appointments, fix scrapbook, etc. Elder Groome and I go to Scott's to arrange for a picture; I buy a hat, a pair of boots, etc. Find a note when we get to the lodge telling that one of the sisters is very ill. We have tea at Pearson's; call at Haywood's and arrange for someone to take meeting. We go to Sister Taylor's up Manningham way; we found her dead. She had a stroke at 6:00 a.m. and died at 2:30 p.m. We stopped and talked awhile and then returned to our lodge. A bad headache all day.

**Tuesday, October 3, 1916**

Wrote letters, etc. Studied. President came for dinner. After dinner he and Elder Groome went visiting and on business downtown. I went to Sister Robinson's for tea and had an interesting talk with her and Sister Terry on the relatives of Christ. Studied Mutual lesson a little at the lodge as I had been asked to take the lesson for that meeting. Went to Mutual, had an interesting meeting.

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**Wednesday, October 4, 1916**

Office work. Tracted on our way up Dudley Hill to Sister Walker's; heard she was poorly but it was another one that was poorly. Went to Dr. Higgins for tea and I remained there while President and Dr. Higgins went visiting. We go to the Bradford Relief Society meeting. President talks.

**Thursday, October 5, 1916**

Office work. At 12:30 went to Sister Taylor's funeral at their home and then to Bowling Cemetery. Tea at their house. We Elders conducted the meetings. Sister Taylor is 72 years old; and has been a faithful member. We then went to Leeds; President and I spent the evening at Andrew's.

**Friday, October 6, 1916**

Studied. Tracted one hour. Tea at lodge. Then we had a little fun in trying to decide where to spend the evening. Parliamentary Law was brought into use. Went to Empire.

**Saturday, October 7, 1916**

Tracted one hour. Elder Nelson gets into a discussion with two women. One throws tracts away; tells Tit Bits story; had been praying that she could see a Mormon and now her prayer was answered. We all return to Bradford. Send out Stars, fold tracts, etc. Tea at Tetley's; Winnie's birthday. Go to concert at Clayton.

**Sunday, October 8, 1916**

Bradford

Sunday School; took class alone; Brother Knight not there. Halifax Sunday School; Tea at Sister Joy's. In the evening Sister Brearley and Sister Helliwell talk and I take the rest of the time. After meeting I have a talk with Annie and Bertha on the Priesthood and women. They can't see why they should not belong to the Priesthood. Spend evening at Sister Shaw's. Have supper.

**Monday, October 9, 1916**

Office work all day. Harvest Festival Social at night. Elder Groome and I called on Sister Machin just before meeting and administered to her. Played games, etc. Everything auctioned off to highest bidder. A good time.

**Tuesday, October 10, 1916**

Returned to Bradford. We all four stamp and fold tracts. I write letters. President and I go to Warnes for tea and then down to the Mutual social.

**Wednesday, October 11, 1916**

Wrote a letter; office work. Tracted one hour. Spent afternoon and evening visiting tieh saints on Dudley Hill and East Bierley. Tea at Samuel Evans. Tied a monkey-nut on the cat's tail and watched it try to whirl around and catch it, (some fun.)

**Thursday, October 12, 1916**

Went down to Atley's. Tracted 1 ½ hours before dinner. A few good conversations. We are tracting with conference notices. We all four eat dinner at Atley's. President and Elder Groome go to Leeds to see Mr. Page and daughter who are in the hospital. Elder Nelson and I visit Mrs. Whitehead who is in the hospital in Bradford, who is very near death; isn't expected to live. We administer to her. We then go up to Dr. Higgins but he isn't home so we tract 2 ½ hours and return to their place for tea, and then visit Bantam's, a new family from Nottingham conference (Derby.) We have a good time tracting today; many good conversations, one invitation in; have a good talk with the man of the

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house. Elder Nelson and I stay at Atley's.

### **Friday, October 13, 1916**

Tracted 2 hours. Elder Nelson and I have dinner at Horton Lodge. Study awhile; tract one hour and then call at Jeffery's but they are not at home so we go up Farcliffe Road and have tea with Sister Sanders. We then visited Sister Suther's; Annie read a Yorkshire Reading for us. Visit Shuttleworth's and return to Atley's where we spend the night. Very stormy today.

### **Saturday, October 14, 1916**

We go to Horton lodge. Office work; sending out Stars, etc. Go to Station to meet President Richards, branch presidencies and special missionaries. President Richards and we Elders have our picture taken at Scotts. Elder's priesthood meeting at Westgate Hall. President Richards gives us some very good instructions as to our work. We then hold a Priesthood & Officer's meeting, at which the reports of the work in the different branches are reported. President Richards gave a very good talk on the duties of the Saints. George Bowers stays at the Horton lodge with President and me. Trams were crowded so we had to walk all the way to the lodge in the heavy rainstorm. It stopped after we reached the lodge.

### **Sunday, October 15, 1916**

Conference Sunday. Sunday School Conference in the morning; the children give brief sketches on the lives of the six presidents of the church. President Richards talks on the love of Christ; in his remarks he said that Christ died of a broken heart; by living a life of wickedness we crucify Christ anew, because of the fact that He died of a broken heart. (about 160 were present.) Elder Nelson and I had dinner at Savages on Dudley Hill. At the afternoon service Elder Groome was called on first, he spoke upon the necessity of combining faith and works. He also said that it was not a sin to be tempted but in yielding to temptation.

After a solo by Florence Bennett, I spoke for fifteen minutes on the "Kingdom of God," explaining the purpose for which we left our pre-existence and came to this earth. How the Kingdom was organized, and the blessings enjoyed by members of the kingdom. After a song by the Sunday School children, President Richards spoke upon the mission of Christ. How the Scriptures had been changed. Said that persecution was a legacy of the followers of Christ. Over three hundred present. Elder Nelson and I had tea at Ennett's at Thornton.

In the evening session, Elder Nelson made a few humorous remarks which caused laughter in the audience. He spoke of the duty of man to live according to the highest laws he could find.

Solo by Ethel Walker.

President Robinson spoke upon the Personality of God, quoting scriptures from Old and New Testaments to prove his statements.

A trio; Lilly and Maud Sutcliffe and Florence Bennett.

President Richards then spoke on the words of Enoch and first principles; also showed the folly of procrastination.

We all went up to Dr. Higgins for supper.

### **Monday, October 16, 1916**

Elder Nelson and I stayed at Horton Lodge, the other at Atley's. Nelson and I sleep overtime and are too late to see President Richards off on the train. We take charge of funeral of Sister Dutton's daughter, Mrs. Whitehead. All Catholics so we didn't have a very good spirit present.

Attended cottage meeting; I took charge of class. Close meetings until some future time.

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**Tuesday, October 17, 1916**

Office work. Also recopies minutes, correcting mistakes, etc. of minutes of Conference taken by Ted Higgins. Attended Mutual, rather dry meeting. Had a good talk with a Church of England girl after meeting. She is going to her Vicar with a few questions. Study awhile and then retire.

**Wednesday, October 18, 1916**

Write letters, etc. Went to Bramley where we spent the afternoon and evening at Sister Mitchell's, the occasion being Nellie's birthday. We had a very enjoyable time. At Leeds for night.

**Thursday, October 19, 1916**

Visited Sister Dutton who was poorly. Elder Nelson and I go out to Yeadon and after a little trouble finding the place, have tea and visit awhile with Sister Farthing. Return to the lodge and study. Just after dinner, Elder Nelson and I visited Mr. Page and Alma at the infirmary. Both were operated on for appendicitis. Both getting along very well.

**Friday, October 20, 1916**

President and I came to Bradford and did a little office work. Groome & Nelson come over. Nelson and I go to Saltaire and after a long hunt found Brother Steads and visited them for awhile. Went to Shipley; had tea with another Brother Steads and then spent the evening at Tetley's; music and supper.

**Saturday, October 21, 1916**

Send Stars out. Nelson and Groome go visiting. President and I go to Scotts but picture not finished. At tea time we all go to Savage's where we with a number of Saints and friends have tea and spend an enjoyable time playing games, etc. President and Elder Groome go to Clapham's soon after tea, and there in lies a tale. They were caught by Ted Higgins escorting two girls (the nieces of Sister Clapham) down the street; even holding their arm. They were so worried about it that they could not sleep that night and could not rest content until they went to Ted and explained that they were only helping them upon the causeway because it was so dark. This is the reason for taking their arm. Also they were taking them to the train.

**Sunday, October 22, 1916**

At Leeds for afternoon and evening. Bradford Sunday School. Tea at Dutton's. Memorial service at night. About half the audience were strangers. Brother Sam Ward talked 15 minutes on "Salvation for Dead." I talked a little over half an hour on "The Purpose of Our Earthly Life," bringing in Pre-existence and the Resurrection. After meeting I listened to a preacher at Town Hall Square. Crowd were calling him all kinds of names, ridiculing him, etc. Was very confused and in his speech made many contradictions, e.g. that there existed a race of people before Adam, and then said that Adam was the first man. Also many others. I stay with Elder Groome at Leeds.

**Monday, October 23, 1916**

Study. Tract. Visit Ianson's at Puidsey, Metcalfe, Webster's where we have tea and then to Harvest Festival Social at 140 Low Town Pudsey. Have an enjoyable time playing games, etc. Nelson and I return to Bradford and President and Groome to Leeds.

**Tuesday, October 24, 1916**

Write letters; office work, etc. Go to Higgins to administer to Sister Higgins who was poorly. We learned that she was up out of bed soon after we left and improving rapidly. Office work. Tried to find Nancy Thorpe's but went wrong road; to Mutual; get in discussion as to whether we can sin in

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next world.

**Wednesday, October 25, 1916**

Write letters, etc. President does not return until night. Leonard Higgins brings Bradford report but I find it wrong and send it back with him. Get my passport renewed. Work on monthly report.

**Thursday, October 26, 1916**

Work on reports until tea time. Tea at Virr's. The daughter plays piano. Visit with Mr. Lunn in the evening. A good gospel conversation with him.

**Friday, October 27, 1916**

Finish report and send it to Liverpool. Go to Leeds; We all go to "The Royal" to an opera; it was fairly good.

**Saturday, October 28, 1916**

Returned to Bradford with President and Groome send out Stars. Visit Dr. Higgins, where we have tea. President goes to Leeds. Groome & I spend evening at Atley's.

**Sunday, October 29, 1916**

Bradford all day. Rains very hard all day. Take charge of Sunday School, also of class; Make ruling as regarding time of starting Prayer Meeting and School. Parent's class in afternoon; drunken man disturbs class for a while, finally leaves. Tea at Atley's. At evening service Brother Horace Cook talks 25 minutes on "Salvation For The Dead;" Brother Tidswell talks for a few minutes; then I talk 20 minutes. I draw a parallel between a child's birth and development and the birth into the Church or Kingdom of God and the development. Supper at Atley's.

**Monday, October 30, 1916**

Take tracts to Haywood's. After dinner Groome and I visit Sister Fox. I read to her and Groome sings. Write letters, etc. President and Nelson come. We all spend evening at Grundy's. It is Sister Grundy's birthday. We have a good tea and then spend evening playing games.

**Tuesday, October 31, 1916**

Office work all day. Wrote letters to Relief Society Presidents congratulating them on their report. Wrote President Richards respecting emigration of Whittaker's. Nelson and I go to Mutual. Question came up as to whether we could sin in the next world. We decided that we could.

**Wednesday, November 1, 1916**

Write letters. Nelson and I go to Leeds. Study; tract. Tea at Swains. Visit Simister's; dirty house as usual. Spend evening at Newsome's. He entertained us with Japanese fiddle and puppets. Fish and chip supper.

**Thursday, November 2, 1916**

Study. Receive letter from Hilda, visit Payne's at Thorpe. They asked us to call again. Visit Dutton's and have a long conversation with Mr. Dutton on Book of Mormon. Tea at Andrew's. Social evening instead of Mutual. Program and then play games.

**Friday, November 3, 1916**

Studied. President and I return to Bradford. Visit Sister Grundy's and help her to fill out genealogy blanks. Fish and chip supper.

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**Saturday, November 4, 1916**

Office work. Went to Denholme at 10:30 a.m. to help Sister Whitaker pack her things and rope them. We have dinner there. At 3:30 p.m. we go to Oxenhope and visit with sister Ingham, Rebecca Groves and Sister Emma Groves at which place we have a good tea. Hurry to the train (40 minutes walk) run part way and then wait 15 minutes for train to come. Office work. (Mischief Day. We receive dolls, etc.)

**Sunday, November 5, 1916**

Bradford Sunday School Theological and my class meet together for testimony bearing. Priesthood Meeting, Fast Meeting, testimony bearing, Keighley with Brothers Joy and Harpin. Talked 30 minutes on "Man's Progress, here and hereafter". Visited at Atley's until 10:30 p.m.

**Monday, November 6, 1916**

One of the best days since I came to England. Office work; writing letters etc. Visited Sister Smith to get some information respecting the special missionaries. Had tea there. A very good family. The husband a non-member but a good man. Unusually good to his children. President and I went up Manchester Road to the Albion Combing Mill. We did not know which door to go to or who to ask for. Without thinking, we walked passed several doors and stopped at one just as the man we were looking for opened the door. Quite a coincidence. He took us through the mill. We saw the wool as it came from Australia, graded, washed, and combed, ready to go to the spinners. It was certainly very interesting to me, who had only seen the wool as it grows and then the cloth made from it. We also had a good conversation with the man who showed us around. (an over-looker) He was at Sunday School last Sunday.

**Tuesday, November 7, 1916**

Office work. Tea at Sanders. Visited Shuttleworths and Suthers. Attended Mutual. President took class. Went with Alice Rowbottom to see Luch Price who is poorly. Administered to her.

**Wednesday, November 8, 1916**

Office work. Writing letters, etc. Elder Nelson and I go to Halifax. Tea with Sister Brearley. Administer to her; been quite poorly. Attended Relief Society meeting. Bertha Evans was called on to talk, quite nervous, didn't talk much, kept looking at clock; the hands didn't move very fast however. Had a talk on Priesthood with Annie and Bertha; everything is getting along all right. Supper at Shaws. Caught last Queensbury tram. Walked from Banktop.

**Thursday, November 9, 1916**

Office work. We all visit Sister Fox; read and sing. Go to Atley's for tea and talk about finding a house to move to. We consider staying with Atley's. Farewell party for the Whitaker family who are emigrating to Zion; leave tomorrow. A very good family. Have a good talk with an investigator.

**Friday, November 10, 1916**

Office work. Nelson and I go to Leeds. Study. Visit Sister Vause.

**Saturday, November 11, 1916**

Study. WE return to Bradford. Tea at lodge. Find three Yankee letters. Go to Priesthood meeting. Men go in on room, ladies in another. Groome and Nelson take charge of men; President and I take charge of ladies. The time is turned over to discussing affairs pertaining to their work. The ladies ask questions on different subjects. A very interesting meeting.

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**Sunday, November 12, 1916**

I ordain Brother Ainsworth to office of Priest. Bradford Sunday School. Take class alone; no interest in class. Talk with Nora and Agnes until 1:30; go to Clayton Sunday School; Tea at Sam Cravens. Walk to Banktop; Halifax in evening. Horace talks on tithing. I talk 30 minutes on "Repentance", Historical illustrations, Lily, Annie and I go to Evans; there are four Evans girls and the two that I went with makes six; I was the only man (put me among the ladies.) The mother came after we had supper and I was leaving; had good time; Annie and Lily walk to Station; Annie gives me a box of cakes, tarts, etc. Take last train (11:15) to Bradford and walk to lodge. Fast train; came in 14 minutes; nine miles.

**Monday, November 13, 1916**

Appointments. Office work. Visit Wilman's and Walker's at East Bierley; Savage's and Akeroyd's at Dudley Hill. Evans not home.

**Tuesday, November 14, 1916**

Office work. Visited Sister Robinson( gave us a cake) Sister Terry, Sister Haywood (had just fallen into "Pit" but managed to escape the "Fire & Brimstone" with only a sprained wrist); Pearson's; Sister Wright, an eccentric old maid, talked her in the notion of continuing with the "Star." After dinner we visited Sister Thorpe, Atley, Brooker, Clapham and then to Tidwell's for tea. Nealy all of these were poorly. Mutual; Hettie takes lesson. Have a good talk with the investigator.

**Wednesday, November 15, 1916**

Office work. Dinner at Sister Craven's at Rodley and at Mrs. Page. Saw Mr. Page and Alma who have been operated on. Getting along all right. Tea and meeting at Craven's at Leeds.

**Thursday, November 16, 1916**

Tracted two hours. Study. Visited and had tea at Andrew's. Mutual.

**Friday, November 17, 1916**

Tracted two hours. Had a good calling by some women who knew more about us than we did ourselves. Told me to go before she got her temper up (which could not be more than it was) or I would be sorry. Tracted to Branch Road. Visited Briggs. Fasted since tea yesterday, and then administered to Emily Briggs who is affected with consumption. Musical evening. Visit Honsecroft.

**Saturday, November 18, 1916**

First snow storm of the season. Visited Dr. Higgins, Sister Higgins poorly. Tracted. Met the new Elder, a brother to Verner O. Hewlett who went home last July. We go to Atley's, have tea and spend the evening there. President and Groome go to Huddersfield.

**Sunday, November 19, 1916**

Bradford Sunday School; I took charge of School and on my class. Leeds Sunday School; I take class. Groome and I talk at night. A good crowd out. Mrs. Collier and Lily Franke apply for baptism. We with Brother Fred Farrar and Elsie spend evening at Andrew's.

**Monday, November 20, 1916**

Study. Nelson and Hewlett come. Tract two hours. Call at Atley's for parcel. Write letters, etc.

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**Tuesday, November 21, 1916**

Office work; writing letters, etc. Order flags, Tea at Atley's. I go to Mutual, President at Halifax. In Mutual question comes up as to whether we should give to any one who asks. Tidswell says yes, no matter what they ask for or what they want to use it for. The class said we should use wisdom in charity.

**Wednesday, November 22, 1916**

Write letters; Office work, etc. Tact one hour. Visit Brooker's and have tea; visit and administer to Sister Clapham. Priesthood meeting.

**Thursday, November 23, 1916**

Office work. Tract one hour. Visit Sister Evans, Marshals and Akeroyds where we have supper. Sister Turner tells us how things are in Germany.

**Friday, November 24, 1916**

Office work. Tract one hour. Visit Walter Steads, Saltaire and Waites and Tetley's, Shipley.

**Saturday, November 25, 1916**

Office work. Go to Clayton and take pictures of Sunday School children. Study a little while. Go to social. Have a good time playing games, etc. Many strangers there.

**Sunday, November 26, 1916**

Bradford Sunday School. Batley to preaching service at 2 p.m. I talk 40 minutes and then return to Bradford and talk 30 minutes. Administer to several people, call at Sister Smith's at Lidget Green and administer to her. Spend evening at Atley's.

**Monday, November 27, 1916**

Making out Monthly report until tea time (5 p.m.). Tea at Pearson's. Spent the evening there, singing, reciting, etc.

**Tuesday, November 28, 1916**

Monthly reports. Mutual. Discussed charity again.

**Wednesday, November 29, 1916**

Finished reports. Went to Keighley to administer to Sister Dransfield; dinner there. President went to Leeds and I returned to lodge to get bag, etc., and met the others at Andrews where we spent the afternoon and evening in a party (birthday) playing games, etc. We all did justice to a big spread. A grand tea was provided. AT 12 p.m. we all went to the lodge at Leeds. There were about 25 people at the party.

**Thursday, November 30, 1916**

Thanksgiving Day. Remained in lodge. AT 3 o'clock we had a big feed; chicken, dressing, potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, turnips, corn, beans, boiled pudding, different kinds of fruit, nuts; and raisins, etc. We certainly celebrated. Mutual.

**Friday, December 1, 1916**

Studied. Held Priesthood at lodge. Discussed affairs pertaining to Conference. President and I return to Bradford, send out Stars and then spend evening at Atley's.

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**Saturday, December 2, 1916**

Office work. Take a few of my belongings to Atley's. Take Stars to Westgate Hall and then go to Sister Clapham's on Ripon Street. Have tea there, Frorrie and Ethel there or in other words "Happy and Glorious," singing, playing, etc. Go to social at Westgate, play games, etc. Have a good time playing with the older Saints of the branch.

**Sunday, December 2, 1916**

Bradford Sunday Wchool. Take my class in Testimony meeting alone. All of them bear testimony. Batley for afternoon. Talk five minutes and had to run overtime. Go with Brother Walker to tea at his house and then we go to Morley to administer to Lizzie Clapham who is poorly. Return along Scotchman Lane and go to Dewsbury and visit a family of friends where we had a good talk and administered to one of the women. Sister Ainsworth spoiled it by praying without being called upon. (a characteristic of hers, i.e. to act without authority.) Enjoyed the evening very much. I felt like talking; thoughts came quite readily. Spoke on various principles of the gospel explaining Mormonism; also the healing of the sick, anointing, consecrating oil, etc. Brother Walker talked a little while, seconding my remarks. I return to Bradford.

**Monday, December 4, 1916**

Moving day. We take our belongings, leave the old home where the Elders have lived for five years and move to the home of Sister Atley at 52 Chesham Street, Horton Road. Mother and grandmother were very sorry to have us leave (more so, I think for the remuneration they received than for ourselves.) Elder Joseph S. Nelson comes to lodge with us.

At Sister Atley's we will find much more comfort. It will be more convenient as it is nearer town and in a more central place; as well as more comfort. Sister Atley's family consists of Mrs. Atley, three daughters, Florence, Mabel, Nora; two sons, Bernard and Sidney.

We spend the day fixing our belongings in their proper place. The first night we have stayed in for a long while.

**Tuesday, December 5, 1916**

Office work. Call on Consul to register. Read Yankee papers. Call at post office and have our letters re-directed to new address. Visit at Brooker's after dinner. Brother Brooker is poorly. He has been very slack in attending to his duty for a few years and feels a bit conscious stricken. Says he will do better when he gets better.

Go to Dr. for tea. Amuse myself playing with the cats. We call at Sister Clapham's for a few minutes to see how they are. Mutual; I give a reading. Talk with investigators after meeting.

**Wednesday December 6, 1916**

Office work. Visit Stead's Waite's and Tetley's. Talk to Broth Waite on his duties and about having his boy baptized.

**Thursday December 7, 1916**

Fasted until tea. Office work. After dinner we all go to Page's and hold a little cottage meeting. We sing, pray and then administer to Alma who has not recovered from her operation.. We have hope that this will be the means of bringing them into the Church. We also administer to Mr. Page, who was operated upon. Have tea with them. President and I go to Sanders and have another tea because we had made an appointment to have tea with her and didn't like to tell her we had had tea. (We enjoyed it.)

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**Friday December 8, 1916**

Office work. Hold a meeting (we elders) and discuss the trouble at Clayton. We go to Clayton. Groome and Nelson have tea at Craven's, Hewlett and I at Kershaw's and President to be neutral had tea at Dalby's. We then meet at hall and hold a meeting where we discuss the trouble between Kershaw and Craven. The elders talk; Kershaw talks; elders talk; Craven talks. They are at first not feeling well although they say they have nothing against each other, but finally after we talk to them for a long while they decide to try a little longer. Brother Craven decided not to resign for a little while. We go home feeling good after settling that big trouble or jealousy. Each thought the other was trampling on his rights. We run races, etc., on the way back. Idaho wins.

**Saturday December 9, 1916**

Office work. Go to Halifax to a Priesthood meeting. Tea at Evans (Nelson and I). Go to concert at night; also sale of work.

**Sunday December 10, 1916**

Bradford Sunday School. I take charge. Pudsey Sunday School. I take class. Tea at Steads. In the evening Percy Palfreyman and I talk on resurrection, baptism for dead, Paradise, etc. A memorial service for Herbert Sutcliffe who was filled at the from. A shell fell on them while they were sleeping. He is not a member but the rest of the family are. Stop at Housecrafts and talk with them and Brigg's on Sprits, and intelligences. After we go to bed, Nelson and I talk for two hours on Intelligences, Spirits, etc. We come to the conclusion that a truly religious man is a great materialist. Intelligence is matter; Spirit is matter. Talk of Caterizer, etc.

**Monday, December 11, 1916**

Office work. Skpend afternoon and evening at the home of Vivian Crossley. Playi games, etc. Big "feed" Birthday Party. Musical evening.

**Tuesday, December 12, 1916**

Office work, etc. Mutual. Talk with strangers after meeting; Miss Illingworth and her friend.

**Wednesday, December 13, 1916**

Office work all day.

**Thursday, December 14, 1916**

Office work. Study.

**Friday, December 15, 1916**

Office work. Study. Do a little shopping.

**Saturday, December 16, 1916**

Office work. Preparing for baptism. Study. We hold an Elder's meeting to discuss baptism and conference affairs. We baptize ten candidates. We expected only six. We have five more applications. This makes 64 baptisms this year as compared with 58 last year. We held a very interesting confirmation and testimony service. I confirm two, Mrs. Collier and James Lunn. Talk with investigators.

**Sunday, December 17, 1916**

Bradford Sunday School. Halifax Sunday School very interesting. Discussing the Glories. Tea at Helliwell's. In the evening Sister Brearley talks on Utah and conditions there. I talk 30 minutes on

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Revelation. Spend evening at Shaw's. Train was late and I get talking to a well educated man on Mormonism. We talk all the way to Bradford and until we separate. He left me his name and wants me to send him a Book of Mormon. Arrive at lodge at 12:15 a.m. Nora and Mabel waiting up for me.

**Monday, December 18, 1916**

Office work. Go to Leeds to Relief Society meeting to get report for the year. Stay at Leeds.

**Tuesday, December 19, 1916**

Get up at 11:20. Return to Bradford and write a few letters and then go to Halifax to Sister Walker's for tea, visit Nicholl's and have a good talk with her and her husband. Go to meeting of Relief Society to get their report. Annie, Bertha and Lily black my face; then we have a snowball fight. Return to Bradford.

**Wednesday, December 20, 1916**

Office work all forenoon. Go to Sister Craven's at Rodley. Go to Sister Craven's at Rodley. A big tea; Albert home from the trenches; tells us a little about warfare.

**Thursday, December 21, 1916**

Office work. Tracted.

**Friday, December 22, 1916**

Office work. Tracted. Studied.

**Saturday, December 23, 1916**

Office work. Funeral of Sister Julia Clapham. Robinson and Groome speak. Get lots of XXX.

**Sunday, December 24, 1916**

Bradford Sunday School. Leeds Sunday School and evening. Machin's for tea. In the evening I called on local people. I talked 15 minutes. The longest 15 minutes I ever talked. Today has been miserable, all disappointments. Meet at Westgate Hall at 10:30 p.m. to go out carrol singing. About 40 of we young people go. Elder Nelson and I are there. Go to Dr. Higgins. They give us a feed.

**Monday, December 25, 1916**

Leave DR's at 12:00. Visit several families and sing to them. Get invited in at almost every place. Stay at Whitaker's until 6:00 a.m. Return to lodge. I stay up with Agnes and Nora until 8:45. Go to bed until 11:30. We all (elders) go to Haywood's for dinner and then to the hall to a social. Elder Nelson and I keep them going. Play games, etc. Stay up with Agnes and Nora until 4:30 a.m., also Alice and Mabel.

**Tuesday, December 26, 1916**

Office work. Dinner at Kershaw's. Laugh all day. Elder Nelson has his funny side out. Social at night.

**Wednesday, December 27, 1916**

Office work all day. Take pictures of Agnes and Nora dressed as boys. President gets angry but says nothing.

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**Thursday, December 28, 1916**

Office work all day.

**Friday, December 29, 1916**

Office work. Reports. See Nora and Florence off on the train to emigrate to America. Go to Pudsey with President and Elder Nelson to Sister Briggs to tea and spend evening playing games, singing, etc.

**Saturday, December 30, 1916**

Office work. Reports. Changing English money into American money in the tithing. Nelson and I go to Suthers for tea. Several friends there. Enjoy the afternoon. Go with Hewlett and Groome to It. Trovatore at the Royal. Enjoy it very much.

**Sunday, December 31, 1916**

Bradford Sunday School; last one this year. I take charge. This is my last Sunday as Superintendent of the Bradford Sunday School. We finish the Book of Mormon in our class. I talk with Agnes until 2 o'clock about everything we can think of. Agnes is a good girl; also good looking but her fault is that she knows it.

I go to Keighley and tell the Keighley Sunday Circle that we are moving the piano and then walk the streets until 5:30 when I meet Leonard Tetley. At the meeting there are only three there. I call on them to talk and then Leonard talks ten minutes. I talk 25 minutes encouraging them to the gospel and what it means to them. This is the last meeting at Keighley. (I preached the funeral sermon). I then returned to Shipley and had supper with Sister Tetley and then go to Leeds where we Elders spend the last part of the old year and the first part of the new year at Andrew's. We go to a midnight service at one of the chapels and then sing, play games, etc. until 3:30 a.m.

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**Monday January 1, 1917**

State the new year out by staying in bed until 10 o'clock. After dinner I return to Bradford and make out the statistical report of the Conference. Alice Brooks and Mable are angry because I didn't write about them last Monday. Serves them right. (See Wednesday, January 3, 1917.)

**Tuesday January 2, 1917**

Work on Special Missionary and Tithing reports until Mutual at night. Pres. Takes lesson and gives a sermon as usual. Agnes gave me some "parkin." Write a letter to Luna. (Mabel comes in and I tell her so many things that she goes to bed angry. She is so easy to get angry that it pleases me to make up a lot of things to tell her).

**Wednesday, January 3, 1917**

Work on tithing all day and finish it. There has been \$2,392.03 paid for tithing in the Leeds Conference during the year by 269 tithe-payers. It was certainly some job changing the value from English to American money.

(A Few thoughts: I just thought as I was writing: about Alice and Mabel. Last Monday they came into the room and started on about different things that I had done. I found that they were angry because I didn't mention their names in my diary for last Monday—I wonder how they found out? It served them right as they had no business poking their noses into other people's private affairs. That is a characteristic of the English people however. I wouldn't have had the cheek to mention it if it had been me. I suppose I will have to excuse them as they haven't got any better manners. I don't know

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how Alice is other than this time. I thought she had more sense but it seems as if she is falling in my opinion. Mabel is the limit. She hasn't any manners at all. She would read anything she took a notion to even if she had to look over one's shoulder or take it away from you. I wouldn't doubt but what she has been reading my letters as well. I hope she is satisfied. Nora has a little more sense than Mabel but has none to spare. Agnes is the best of the lot as far as I know. And Sidney; I would like to take a kick at him every time I see him. He is a little devil. None of them have been brought up right. Bernard is a little off in the "upper story." He'll go crazy over religion. He bores everybody he sees to death. He thinks he knows so much and doesn't know anything only a lot of foolish ideas which he is forever trying to explain to other people. I usually try to be busy when he comes around or else ignore him. Well, I suppose this will be enough about them for the present. I hope Mabel reads this. I'll bet she won't say anything about it. Wouldn't she be offended? It would serve her right. Maybe she would learn a little sense that would help her out.)

Go to Halifax to get Relief Society report for the year. They were so slow sending it that I had to go after it. Left at 11:30 P.M., took Shelf tram to terminus and then a Bankfoot as the last Bradford tram had left Shelf. The trolley kept coming off and we were an hour going a 10 minute's ride. I got off before we reached there and walked 2 miles into Bradford; had to wake Pres. Up at 2 o'clock to get in.

### **Thursday, January 4, 1917**

Worked on Relief Society report and sent all the yearly reports off to Liverpool. We are asked to make a Sunday School report for the year. Go to a party at Dr. Higgins; a big dinner and supper; play games, etc. All stay at Bradford. A Christmas box comes from Lund; a big box full of homemade candy. It sure tasted grand. Of course it would, look where it comes from and who made it. It was so much better than English candy that there is no comparison.

### **Friday, January 5, 1917**

Get Priesthood minutes ready to read the following Saturday. Prepare to leave for purich. Call. At Police office; detained so long that I miss train and then wait until 15:53 A.M., change at Hobeck and then stop at Doncaster at 12:20. Walk about town (an old fashioned town) get a hair cut. Leave at 1:42 P.M., change at Ely and arrive at Ipswich at 6:15 P.M. Orial did not meet me, he met 4:30 train. By inquiring, I found the way. We go to police office where I register. Walk about town. Talk over old times at school. (Lodge at 11 Hartley St., Stoke; Ipswich.)

### **Saturday, January 6, 1917**

Call on a family of saints, Orial gets Sunday School report. Saints not as sociable here as in the Leeds Conference. Stay at lodge and talk over old times. Lily Barker comes over to the lodge. She is quite a good looking girl and quite sociable. She ruffles our hair up and we then take her hair down (we have quite a jolly time. Go for a walk.

### **Sunday, January 7, 1917**

Stay at lodge until after dinner talking and studying. Go to Sunday School. About 18 there. Not as free in asking and answering questions as in our Conference. Go to Barker's for tea, a very good tea. There were Lucy, a friend, Margie, Helen, Lily, Sis Barker and Mr. Barker besides the children and we three elders, Brown, Anderson and I, there. I got a mince pie with orange peeling in instead of mince. Go to evening service; two gear testimony, others sing. Elder Brown and I talk. Elder Anderson reads written testimonies of some who could not attend. Write diary, record, eat cake, etc.

### **Monday, January 8, 1917**

After breakfast we notified the police that we were leaving. Leave Ipswich at 9:50 A.M. and arrive in

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London (Liverpool St. Station) at 11:20 A.M. There was no one to meet us so we (Oriah & I) had to find our way alone. We asked several policemen about directions and finally found the Bank of England corner. We inquired as to what bus would take us to South Tottenham but the policemen didn't know. (We should have asked for Stamford Hill.) Then we took the underground to Piccadilly and then from there to Finsbury Park. From there we took a tram to "Seven Sisters" corner and then walked about three minutes to "Deseret High Road" (Oriah had been there before, but didn't know the way so until we reach "Seven Sisters" corner we had to take a chance on being right. Although we were very uncertain as to where to go yet we went as direct as possible after we started out on the tube. We walked from the station to the bank about twice. We tried to stop a taxi but they were all engaged. We went to the station and got in a taxi and asked to go to South Tottenham but he wouldn't take us because it was too far and they only allowed them two gallons of petrol, so we had to get out again. We tried to "swank" a bit. We arrived at "Deseret" at about 1:00 P.M. just in time for dinner. We stay in all afternoon and go to a picture show at night.

### **Tuesday, January 9, 1917**

A class in "Articles of Faith" at 7:30 A.M. Breakfast at 8:00 A.M. Went to Stamford Hill and went a 2 ½ d ride on the bus to the Alien's office on Commercial Street and registered. There were Elder Oriah Anderson, Brother V. E. Thelin, a Canadian soldier staying at "Deseret" and myself. We then took a 3d ride on the bus to Baker Street. (the fare is 2 miles for a penny.) This is a place up town. We go to Madame Tussand's wax works. It was certainly grand. The wax figures were so natural that one could hardly distinguish the difference. There were represented all the leading men and women of the world (past & Present) all who have taken an active part in politics, art, music, poetry, literature, etc., all the present day rulers, American presidents, soldiers, criminals, beautiful women, kings, princes, princesses, etc. Also the chamber of horrors where we saw figures of men & women guillotined, hanged, electrocuted, shot, murdered, etc. It was certainly horrible. We ate dinner in the meantime. Went to a picture show, all this without leaving the building. We were in there from 12 to 5 P.M. We certainly enjoyed it. Brother Thelin stood still and some girls thought he was a wax figure and remarked how natural he looked. They were not long getting away when he moved. Go to Piccadilly Circus on the tube. Reserve seats from the show and then see sights around the noted Piccadilly we heard so much about. Pass through Leicester Square as well. Arrive at "Deseret" at 11:50 P.M. and wake them up to get in. (For other information of Madame Tussand's wax works, see Guide Book.)

### **Wednesday, January 10, 1917**

Too late for class, just in time for breakfast. Go to Stamford Hill and take 2 ½ d ride on bus to London Tower. Walk across Tower Bridge to other side of Thames and walk down through town to London Bridge. See policemen examining men as they come from work. Walk across the noted London Bridge. Not so grand looking as the Tower Bridge. Eat dinner and walk up to the tower. Go through all the towers, Wakefield Tower, Bloody Tower (where the princes were murdered), White Tower, etc. (See Guide Book.) The room certainly look dingy. I could just imagine what the prisoners felt. Saw scaffold sites where they were killed. They could watch from the windows the men building the scaffold upon which they were killed. In the towers were inscriptions and writings by the prisoners. In the White Tower is kept the different armors, guns, swords, spears, etc, etc. Used during the different centuries. This tower is where the kings lived up to the reign of Charles II. (See Guide Book.) We saw many things of importance. The defense of the place is certainly wonderful.

We go by the tube to the Bank corner; saw the Stock exchange. Go to Piccadilly Circus, have tea, sight seeing until 8:00 P.M. Go to a show and arrive at "Deseret" at 12:10 A.M.

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**Thursday, January 11, 1917**

Got up at 10:00 A.M. Too late for class and breakfast this morning. Trying to decide where to go. Decide not to go at all. Write cards to Saints up at our Conference, also a letter to Luna to thank her for the box of candy she sent me. This is an extra letter. Write diary. Eat tea at lodge. Go to show to get out of speaking at the meeting at "Deseret". Pres. Mc Kay was going to call on Oriol and I to speak so we slipped out and went to the show. After we came back we talked to some girls that had been to the meeting.

**Friday, January 12, 1917**

I was up in time for class as well as breakfast. After breakfast Oriol and I took tram to Finsbury Park and Tube to Regents Park. The train didn't stop at Regents Park but took up on to Charing Cross and we walked back and across the park to the Zoological gardens where we saw all the different kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, etc. (Tried to get some genealogy of my ancestors in the Monkey House.) Had lunch; a meat pie and roll and butter. We're in the park from 11 A.M. to 3:30 P. M. Went to Piccadilly and booked seats at the Drury Lane Theatre ("Puss in New Boots".) We then went to Westminster and there saw the Parliament buildings on the bank of the Thames, by the Westminster Bridge. These are very large buildings. We then went to a service in Westminster Abbey and then looked about a little, saw where poets, kings, noted people were buried. Here is where the kings are crowned. We then go to the Buckingham Palace (and call on George). It isn't very beautiful on the outside. Walk down the Strand to Whitehall and Horse Guards Service Museum isn't opened. Many taxis here. One can hardly cross the street and then they complain that there is a shortage of taxis. We go to the police station at Aldgate and notify them that we are leaving for our own conferences on the following day. Return to Piccadilly and have tea. Go to the theatre and meet Elders Loosle & Holland. Enjoy it very much. The scenery was certainly beautiful. Return to "Deseret" at 12:30 A.M.

(Remarks: Stamped in margin or book: "DESERET," 152 HIGH RD., SO. TOTTENHAM, London N England. Every Sunday evening at 6:30. Every Thursday evening at 8. Sunday School: Sunday morning at 11, Seats Free. No collection.)

**Saturday, January 13, 1917**

Was up at 7:45 A.M. Had been awake for several hours. I shaved, went to the Elders class, ate breakfast and then finished getting ready to leave. A policeman came to see me but having all his questions answered satisfactorily, he soon left and I went with him a little way. Took a tram at "Seven Sisters" Corner to Finsbury Park and then the tube to Kings Cross from where I took a through train to Bradford at 10:10 A.M. arriving in Bradford at 2:40 P.M. The time was spent reading and talking to a Canadian soldier who was coming to Bradford. I went directly to a Priesthood meeting at Westgate Hall. Then went to the lodge for tea and then returned to a social but was too tired and sleepy to enjoy myself and was glad to go to bed. However after I returned to the lodge, I sat and talked to Agnes, Elsie and Mabel until 1:00 A.M.

**Sunday, January 14, 1917**

Bradford Sunday School. Take class alone. Study "Authenticity of the Book of Mormon." Return to lodge for dinner and back to afternoon meeting. Agnes, Sarah and Bro. Knight talk. This was the first time for Agnes and the second for Sarah. They did very well. I went with Agnes to Shelf for tea. It was quite a long way and we were half an hour late for meeting. I suppose some of the Saints will have something to say about me coming in late with Agnes. Brother Balme and Brother Metcalfe did the talking. I had a cold and wasn't able to talk. Go to Dr. Higgin's for supper.

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**Monday, January 15, 1917**

Work in office all day. Tithing record incorrect. Elder Hillyard made a mistake of F1 in February and so the whole record was wrong. It certainly was some job straightening it out. Annie (Blackburn) Roberts came and stayed with Sister Atley all afternoon. Write letters, diary, etc. Tease Mabel a bit.

**Tuesday, January 16, 1917**

Tracted two hours. Office work nearly all day. Straightening out tithing account, etc. Go to Mutual. Brother Tidswell takes charge.

**Wednesday, January 17, 1917**

Send letter to Pres. Richards explaining mistake in tithing. Write letters, etc. Pres. & I were going out but instead I went to hall and practiced with the others on a sketch the Relief Society are putting on. Pres. Goes to Dr.'s.

**Thursday, January 18, 1917**

Pres. And I go to Keighley to pay rent, taxes, etc. I then go to Clapham's at Morley to get Sunday School report from Lizzie. Spend the evening. Surprise Elders Groome & Hewlett by walking in on them at 11:30 P.M. Stay all night.

**Friday, January 19, 1917**

Tract three hours. Study. Return to Bradford. Send out Stars. Go to Shipley; visit Tetley's and then Stead's where I meet Robinson & Nelson, spend evening. Their son is returning to France as a soldier. We return to the lodge.

Harry Simister of Leeds is seriously injured. Is run over by wagon.

**Saturday, January 20, 1917**

Office work. Hold Elders meeting at Westgate Hall. Discuss Conference matters. Attend Bradford Relief Society meeting. We set Relief Society teachers apart; I set Sarah Race apart. Tea at lodge. Hewlett, Nelson and I go to Batley to a concert and social; Sunday School prizes were given out. Nelson & Hewlett go to Leeds & I return to Bradford. It is very slippery on the streets. (Note: Munition factory explosion at London. Many killed).

**Sunday: January 21, 1917**

Bradford Sunday School. My class meets with the Theological class. Dinner at lodge. Go to Halifax Sunday School. Tea at Joh's. Brother Joy had an accident at his work. A piece of hot metal flew up and hit him in the face cutting and burning it. Brother Arthur Priestly (a soldier) and Brother Kershaw take all but ten minutes, which I use in saying a few words. Supper at Shaw's. Mr. Shaw brings a paper with an article by Winifred Graham about the Mormons. Return by way of Shelf; had to walk from Bankfoot; no trams; very slippery. Harry Simister dies from his injuries last nights.

At Halifax I was discussing the question about whether persons having diseases, mental or physical should marry.

**Monday, January 22, 1917**

Send out appointments. Office work, write letters, etc. Pres. And I go to Brooker's for tea. Annie Cleary and Lily Briggs come. We talk about them going to Canada. They have so great a desire to join the church that they are going to be baptized and then go to Canada with a company of emigrants sent by an organization who will find them employment so they can pay for their passage. One is a Catholic and the other is a Spiritualist. Their parents are very bitter and they don't want to cause trouble in their families by being baptized and stay here. We walk down town and talk with

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them on the way. Read era, write diary, etc.

**Tuesday, January 23, 1917**

Office work. Making out Sunday School report for 1916. Mutual. Edith Phillips takes class. Rather dry.

**Wednesday, January 24, 1917**

Finish reports; Write letter to Liverpool. Go to Leeds lodge for dinner which we have to eat in a hurry and go to Simister's to attend the funeral of Harry who died last Saturday. Pray in the house and then bring casket out in the street and sing (neighbors join in) "Lead Kindly Light." As they are singing the last verse we elders as pal bearers carry the casket to the end of the street and there place it in the hearse and then walk by the wide to the cemetery; the saints walk in head of the hearse. A large crowd attended the funeral. Pres. Robinson speaks. We go back to Simister's for tea. Sister Simister quite jolly while before she was heart broken. Pres. & I go to Samuel Mitchell's at Bramley; he is very seriously ill with pneumonia. Go to Craven's and meet Hewlett & Groome. Hold cottage meeting. Study Ephesians. Pres. & I return with them to Leeds. A very cold wind today.

**Thursday, January 25, 1917**

Tract two hours. Pres. & I return to Bradford and work on monthly report. (Very Cold.)

**Friday, January 26, 1917**

Work on reports, write tithing receipts, etc. Very cold today. Nora sends me a pair of souvenir cuff links with pictures of Missanibie on. Also sent me two cards yesterday.

**Saturday, January 27, 1917**

Finish reports, write letters, etc. Nelson, Hewlett and I go to Halifax to a party at Evans. We were there to tea and spent the evening playing games, etc. We're among high class society. We had a very enjoyable time. Pres. & Elder Groome were "sore" because they were not invited.

**Sunday, January 28, 1917**

Bradford Sunday School. Hettie is helping me in my class. I take charge. Have a preparatory lesson on the New Testament. Get a good calling from Alice Rowbottom because I hadn't talked to her enough, also to Rosa. They never ask me any questions to give me a chance.

**Monday, January 29, 1917**

Send out appointments, write office letters, etc. Pres. & Groome at Leeds. Nelson, Hewlett and I tract 2 hours. I have quite a number of good conversations. Hewlett and I go to Warnes for tea. Agnes & her mother are at Atley's.

**Tuesday, January 30, 1917**

Write office letters, etc. Tract two hours. Give out 140 tracts. Not such a good time today. Several turn-downs. At one place they set the dog on me. After I turned to walk from the door I heard a growl and then the dog had me by one leg; I turn quickly and kick him off with the other foot and then get through the gate and shut it just as he comes again. The women didn't try to call him off. They said, "It serves you right you fool."

All five of we elders go to a birthday party at the home of Vivian Crossley. Have tea and then spend the evening playing games, listen to music, singing, etc.

**Wednesday, January 31, 1917**

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Wrote letters. Tracted one and one half hours; several good conversations. The first door a man answered the knock; after I talked awhile he told me he knew all about "Joe Smith", what a bad immoral man he was. I asked what evidence he had. He said, "This is a free country; everybody has their free agency and he was not forced to be cross-examined by me." I told him I was only asking for information and if he could prove his statements I would believe him. (He said that he had no doubt but what Joe Smith was in "hell" now). He gave the "Press" as evidence, but would (or could not give anything more). Then he said that Christ was his teacher and he had learned all that was needed here on this earth. He then said that he was responsible to God for his time so he couldn't waste any more time talking to me. I then bore my testimony to him of the truthfulness of the gospel; and that Joseph Smith was a true Prophet of God. I told him that if he never found it out in this life he would in the life to come.

Tea at Sister Ward's and then to a practice at hall. At the lodge we talked with Annie Cleary and Lily Briggs about getting baptized before going to Canada. Write letters, etc.

#### **Thursday February 1, 1917**

Bad cold; feel miserable. Study. Write letters, copy minutes and other miscellaneous work. Tract one hour. Three good conversations, 2 men and one woman. The two men didn't take much stock in any religion. Tea at Sister Wilson's. Return to lodge, fold tracts, study, write letters, etc.

#### **Friday, February 2, 1917**

Tracted 2 ½ hours. Went to the infirmary to see Brother Stead who underwent an operation. Got to Higgins and administer to Ted who has been poorly. Tract 2 ½ hours and then go to Leeds. Tea at lodge. All go to pantomime, "Goody Two Shoes". Pres. & Elder Groome tracted four hours trying to catch up with Nelson and I but we got the better of them by getting five. (Have many good talks. Talk to Catholic for ½ hour; learn many of their teachings).

#### **Saturday, February 3, 1917**

Pres. & Elder Groome take 20 tracts and walk about the streets for a little while and call it an hour's tracting; so in order that they get nothing over us we take 46 and tract an hour on Woodhouse Moor. Nelson and I return to Bradford and go to Relief Society meeting. Pres. & Elder Groome come later. Set Relief Society teachers apart. Tea at lodge. Go to social at night. Play games, etc. Nellie Platt's mother who has been very prejudiced for three years since Nellie was secretly baptized and has forbidden her to come to the meetings has consented for her to come and would like to talk with we elders. Nellie is a happy girl. Her mother says she is much better since she has been coming to the Mormons. (Rumer is that N.S. declares war.)

#### **Sunday, February 4, 1917**

Bradford S. Sc. Testimony meeting. Not a very good testimony meeting in our class. I take charge. This is the first since they have been promoted and they feel a bit timid. I think they will be a very good class. Talk with Agnes and Rosy Ambler until time to go to Leeds S. Sc. Bear testimony again. Tea at Machin's. Hewlett goes to Simister's. I was glad that Wister Machin asked me to go with her first. Talk with some friends who are there. At evening service Hewlett talks 25 minutes on "Evil Spirits". I talk 20 minutes on the "Atonement". Have several interesting talks with members and saints after meeting. Supper and evening at Andrew's. (Rumer false. N.S. only severed relationship with Germany.)

#### **Monday, February 5, 1917**

Arose at 11:50 A.M. eat dinner, tract one hour miscellaneously, by books etc, call at Sister Brerley (Hirst) and get a book I loaned her. Tells us her troubles of married life. Elders warned her not to marry the man she did but couldn't persuade her not to; now she regrets it. Return to Bradford and

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with Nelson go to Anness' at Dudley Hill for Tea. Nelson tries to talk tithing to brother Anness but Sister Brooker in trying to help breaks in at the wrong time and spoils it all. Drifts off subject. Return to lodge and write diary.

**Tuesday, February 6, 1917**

Very cold today. Coldest day this year; also for many years. Prepare report of conditions in Conference for 1915 and 1916 to give at next Priesthood meeting. Nelson and I go to Terry's for tea, and back to social until 10 P.M. Study.

**Wednesday, February 7, 1917**

Make out a comparative report for 1915 and 1916 to read at the next Priesthood meeting. Nelson and I visit Payne's at Ardsley. Have tea with them. Mr. Harper a Josephite comes and we have a long talk with him. He persists in calling us on polygamy, but evades the real question on authority. It has made me think more on these matters. Return to Bradford and go to a practice of sketch.

**Thursday, February 8, 1917**

Weather moderating. Study; miscellaneous, etc. Tract three hours. Shopping, teasing Mabel, etc. Do a little studying.

**Friday, February 9, 1917**

Miscellaneous office work. Visit Sister Robinson at Wilsden; have tea with her. Eggs, toast, cocoa and treacle to eat. We certainly enjoyed it. Administered to her; she has been poorly. Tract one hour. Go to Shipley to visit Stead's but he isn't home from the infirmary. We forgot to go to Brigg's for tea and evening at the show where the girls are acting. Send out Stars, etc.

**Saturday, February 10, 1917**

Prepared reports for Priesthood meeting. We hold an Elder's Priesthood meeting at the lodge; discuss affairs pertaining to the conference; also reported as to how we felt in the work. Attend a general Priesthood meeting. Read reports for 1916 and a comparative report for 1915 and 1916 (financial) also report of labors of lady missionaries, and comparative report of the Priesthood activities for December and January.

They laughed at me for saying Pritsa instead of Pridsey when reading the reports. A big tea at the hall; entertain the old folks. Social at night. Talk with several investigators' also with Nellie Pearson about Florrie and Gus Dyre. I would hate to hear of her marrying him; she is far too good for him. Write diary, study, etc.

**Sunday, February 11, 1917**

Bradford S. Sc. Hettie takes class. Pres. & I go to Grundy's for dinner. I go to Clayton S. Sc. Tea at Shackleton's. At the evening service Bro. Kershaw talks 25 min. I talk 37 minutes on revelation. As there were a few investigators present I talked mostly to them. I also ordained Ernest Shackleton a deacon. Walk to Thornbury with Florrie Ennett. Mary Whitaker goes as far as Lidget Green with us. Sister Illingworth, Agnes & Elsie at Sister Atley's. Bernard takes Sister Illingworth home. We have a great time teasing him.

**Monday, February 12, 1917**

Write letters calling more lady missionaries and other office work. Go to Leeds and attend a social. Have "Faith" supper; play games, etc.

**Tuesday, February 13, 1917**

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Tract two hours with Elder Hewlett. Had one very good conversation. When I left she said that if she was late with her husband's dinner she would blame it onto the Mormons. Call at Honsecroft's on way back to Bradford (Pres. & I) to arrange for Nelson's birthday party on the 22nd of February. Annie Cleary and Lily Briggs are at lodge, we talk with them for quite awhile about baptism and going to Canada. Attend Mutual.

**Wednesday, February 14, 1917**

Write office letters, etc. Pres. & I go to Halifax and do some visiting; call at Walker's. George Harpin's (not home), Reynolds, Joys, Wilman's (not home), Crabtree's, Sutcliffe's, Helliwell's, Shaw's (where we have tea), Greenwood's, then attend Relief Society and set teachers apart. I set Emma Mozley apart. We with Sisters Walker & Sharman visit Nichol's & then return on the 5:56 train.

**Thursday, February 15, 1917**

Bad cold. Feel miserable all day. Don't do much of anything. Write a few letters. Go to Alhambra; Edith Phillips come and sits with me. I hope none of the Saints saw us.

**Friday, February 16, 1917**

Not feeling well. Remain in lodge until evening. Help prepare Hall for "At Home" for tomorrow. Lucy Price comes for us at 5 A.M. Rosa Ambler is taking fits at mill. Pres. & Nelson go.

**Saturday, February 17, 1917**

Study, etc. Go to the "At Home" in the evening. A short program, music by orchestra, all kinds of things to buy. Had a good time.

**Sunday, February 18, 1917**

Bradford S. Sc. I take charge of class; study Birth of Christ. Go with Elder Hewlett to Halifax S. Sc. Tea at Evans. Have a good talk to Bertha's mother. At the evening service Hewlett talks on "Ideals" 30 minutes. I talk 15 minutes commenting on what he spoke upon. Visits Nichol's, Annie Sharman gives us pie and cake which we eat on the train. Walk from Bankfoot.

**Monday, February 19, 1917**

Take laundry to Great Horton. Write office letters, etc., study. Send telegram to Pres. At Leeds to tell him of death of Brother Hollis. Attend Bradford Priesthood meeting.

**Tuesday, February 20, 1917**

Office work. We all attend funeral of Brother Hollis. There was a large attendance at the funeral. Brother Tidswell conducted. A Church of England minister spoke and then Pres. talked. The service at the Chapel was occupied by the Minister. After he had finished at the grave it was dedicated by Elder Groome and then the Minister, in order to have his last word, prayed again.

**Wednesday, February 21, 1917**

Office work and miscellaneous all day until tea. Pres. & I have tea at Sister Shuttleworth's. We administer to her. Return to lodge and Nelson & I go to Hall to practice sketch. Only Alice R. and Reggie S. there; go through our parts.

**Thursday, February 22, 1917**

Office work. We all go to Housecrofts at Stanningley and celebrate a combination of events, Nelson's birthday, Washington's birthday, Bro. & Sis. Housecroft's 21st anniversary of wedding, Maurice H. birthday and in memory of Nelson's father's marriage. We sure had some "feed". All the good things

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one could imagine. It didn't look like starvation in England. Groome & I spend evening there. Bro. Housecroft and I play checker, and then we have a general discussion on religion. Bro. & Sis. Stead come.

**Friday, February 23, 1917**

Stay in all day. Do a lot of studying; a little office work. Sister Atley gives a tea in honor of Elder Nelson's birthday. Party, play games, etc.

**Saturday, February 24, 1917**

Study. Office work. Go to a concert and social at Halifax.

**Sunday, February 25, 1917**

Bradford Sunday School Hettie takes class. After school I have a talk with Alice Brooks friend. She applied for baptism. Leeds Sunday School. I take class. Study until meeting. Nelson takes charge, talks 20 minutes on Apostacy, I talk 40 minutes on Authority. We go to Andrews for supper. Stay at Leeds.

**Monday, February 26, 1917**

Hewlett & I tract two hours. I take suit to tailor, go to barber shop and on way to Bradford tract one hour; get lost and have to inquire my way to tram line. Return to Bradford and work on Monthly report.

**Tuesday, February 27, 1917**

Make out Monthly report. We finish all or them today; the best time we have made yet. Attend Mutual. A man comes who had never been with us before. He was reading a book against the Mormons a short time ago when a tract was thrown in the door; he read it and as a result attended the meeting; he took a Doctrine and Covenants home to read.

**Wednesday, February 28, 1917**

Office work. Fix desk; miscellaneous; attend meeting of Lady Missionaries; Hettie; Sister Ward & Sister Ingham are set apart. We all instruct them in their work (Tidswell, Higgins, Nelson, Pres. and I) Write letters, etc.

**Thursday, March 1, 1917**

My 24th birthday. Write out tithing receipts. Pres. and I visit the two families of Groves at Oxenhope and a Sister Ingham. We tracted on the way there from Denholme. I had one good talk; she brought up the Jarman question. Returned and studied.

**Friday, March 2, 1917**

Not feeling well. Study; office work, tract two hours; attend practice of sketch.

**Saturday, March 3, 1917**

Office work, preparing for conference. Party at Savages at night. Play games, etc. Agnes's birthday.

**Sunday, March 4, 1917**

Bradford Sunday School. Hettie takes class. Batley testimony meeting. I talk a few minutes. Back to Bradford, but don't get there until 7 P.M., so I sit in the audience, what a change.

**Monday, March 5, 1917**

Office work. Go to Pudsey with Pres. and Elder Groome. Set Relief Society teachers apart. Visit Sis.

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Housecroft and administer to her. She is very poorly. Go to Leeds. Winter weather.

**Tuesday, March 6, 1917**

Study. Pres and Elder Groome go to Hull to see Fred Farrar who was injured by falling from a scaffold while working on an areoplane. Has never regained consciousness. Mutual at Bradford. Call at Metcalf's and Housecroft's on way back.

**Wednesday, March 7, 1917**

Nelson and I call at Dr. Higgins and administer to Muriel. Call on Sister Banham. Write letters, office work, etc. Agnes W. comes and I talk all afternoon with her. Pres. still at Hull so I am left to meet with the Lady Missionaries at Halifax. Seven of the ten there.

I go by way of Queensbury and have to wlk most of the way (6 miles) in a blizzard. At Relief Society meeting. Hold a meeting with missionaries afterwards instructing them in regard to tracting; making out reports, answering questions they asked.

Tease Sister Atley and Agnes about something they have done, but don't tell them what it is. (O! woman's curiosity!)

**Thursday, March 8, 1917**

Fixing up Lady Missionary report book, etc. Pres. & I go to Clayton and meet with Lady Missionaries and give them instructions. I talk ten minutes on reporting and then encourage them in their work.

**Friday, March 9, 1917**

Cold and a blizzard. Office work, study. Pres. & I visit Sander's, have tea; call on Shuttleworth's (Sister Shuttleworth better) and Suthers. Study.

**Saturday, March 10, 1917**

Study; miscellaneous, office work. Hewlett, Nelson and I go to Halifax to Percy Palfreyman's birthday party. One or two Saints, and quite a number of friends were there. We had tea, played games, had supper and then game home; Nelson and Hewlett stayed all night. Very heavy rainstorm; half an hour's walk in it to station.

**Sunday, March 11, 1917**

A "right" spring day. Bradford Sunday School. Go with Brother Knight and administer to Sister Kershaw on City R. Go to Pudsey with Reggie & Leonard. Sunday School. I had tea at Briggs. At night Reggie spoke a few minutes and then I talked on revelation for 35 minutes. Some of us go to Housecroft's but doctor comes so we go away; tram off line; trams line up, about 15 of them; fuse blows out 6 or 7 times; crowded streets. Call on Housecroft's again and then return to Bradford.

**Monday, March 12, 1917**

Studied, office work, Pres., Groome and Nelson go to Housecroft's and Nelson returns. I study, tract, etc.

**Tuesday, March 13, 1917**

Office work. Visit, Thorpe's, Dalby's at Clayton, also Kersham's find them ill but improving. Call on Cravens also. Return to Mutual, then go to Housecroft's and sit up all night with her.

**Wednesday, March 14, 1917**

I slept for an hour and Nelson slept for an hour. She is better when we leave after breakfast, at 9

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o'clock. Office work. Nelson goes to bed. I tract, etc. We go to a practice of sketch.

**Thursday, March 15, 1917**

Office work; study. Visit with Sam Ward's at night.

**Friday, March 16, 1917**

Stayed in all day doing office work, etc.

**Saturday, March 17, 1917**

Practice for sketch. Fold tracts, etc. Go to the Felief Society Social. We put on our sketch "Bardell vrs. Pickwick," a divorce case. It was -----en. "Nuf sed".

**Sunday, March 18, 1917**

Bradford Sunday School. Talked with Alice R. about "Gods" for a long while. Took pictures. Batley, spoke 40 minutes on Authority. Bradford; Tidswell knew I had a subjerct prepared but left me only 10 minutes to give a 30 minutes talk. Visit Dr's for supper, Pres. also there.

**Monday, March 19, 1917**

Fold tracts; Tract three hours, visit Sanders & arrange for Groome and Hewlett to stay there this week. Have my photo taken. Go to picture show where we are to hold our conference to see if they show the advertisement. Pres and Groome stay so long before coming to lodge that it is too late to go to Sanders; crowded beds.

**Tuesday, March 20, 1917**

Office work. In afternoon Hewlett, Nelson and I go up Thornton way tracting for three hours. I have many good conversations. We all go to a social at night. A supper and games. Have a good talk with Eliza Thornton.

**Wednesday, March 21, 1917**

Tract two hours. Lidget Greeway with Pres. and up Leeds Road in the afternoon for two hours. Good conversations. Relief Society meeting at Halifax. Visit Sister Nicholl. Meet with Lady Missionaries.

**Thursday, March 22, 1917**

Nelson and I tract up Thornton Road. One and one-half hours and in the afternoon up Manchester Road. Hewlett and I stay in lodge for evening.

**Friday, March 23, 1917**

Tracted two hours with Pres. This make me 24 hours this month. Office work and study. We go to Pudsey and have tea at Briggs and then hold a meeting with the Lady Missionaries at Brother Metcalfe's at which we all speak.

**Saturday, March 24, 1917**

Study; Pres., Nelson and I meet Pres. Richards at 1:48, and then we meet with the Relief Society sisters. Pres. Robinson and Richards talk. Tea at lodge. We elders hold meeting with Pres. Richards at which we receive instructions. I found that I was very likely to be kept over my time. We hold a general Preisthood and officers meeting at which the Branch presidents report, Pres. Richards talks. Study.

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Semi-annual Conference. Sunday School Conference at Westgate. The children take most of the time. Pres. Richards talks on "Repentance: Spoke of the love we should have towards our fellowmen instead of hatred. Gave example of Christ and Stephen, showing that even when persecuted we should have the Spirit of love and forgiveness. 175 Present. Elder Nelson and I have dinner at Banham's; meet Miss Levy from Derby

Afternoon and evening session at Thornton Road, Picture House. At afternoon session, Pres. Robinson talks on Redemption and Resurrection. Elder Nelson talks on the "Productive Religion". Pres. Richards spoke on the Free Agency of Man. 250 present. Nelson and I have tea at Crossley's. Evening session, Pres. Richards spoke of the Church organization and baptism. Pres. Robinson talks on Revelation. Supper at Dr. Higgins. Pres. Richards left the meeting to go to Liverpool after he spoke.

### **Monday, March 26, 1917**

/work on Conference minutes all day.

### **Tuesday, March 27, 1917**

Work on financial report all day. Go to Mutual and take class.

### **Wednesday, March 28, 1917**

Financial reports all day. Visit Grundy's in the evening. There was a friend there that wanted to know more about the "Mormons"> I go with Lonie and Connie to take her home.

### **Thursday, March 29, 1917**

Statistical report in the morning. Made out Star Statements in the afternoon. At 7 P.M. I go to meet Brother Ward at Town Hall. We meet Brother Tidswell, Elder Nelson, Sarah Race and Lonie Metcalfe and we all go to Ingham's and Hainsworth's and spend the evening.

### **Friday, March 30, 1917**

Write tithing receipts. Write letters, etc.

### **Saturday, March 31, 1917**

Office work. Look for new lodge. Go to Bradford Market. Nelson returns from visiting. Stay in lodge.

### **Sunday, April 1, 1917**

Six inches of snow. Bradford Sunday School. I have a long talk with Sarah Thornton. Elder Groome and I go to Halifax, have to walk from Queensbury through a foot of snow. Meeting room cold; testimonies. We go to Shaw's for tea and evening; no meeting, is too cold. Sisters Walker, Sharman, Bearley, Bertha Evans, Annie Cliff, Sister Shaw and Ivy were all there and talked gospel all afternoon and evening. Supper at Walker's. We talked on "Eternal Marriage," "Conference", "Priesthood", "Baptisms for dead", "Revelation and Inspirations", etc. Return on train at 10:56 P.M.

### **Monday, April 2, 1917**

Office work all day. Snow 1 foot deep.

### **Tuesday, April 3, 1917**

Office work. Mutual.

### **Wednesday, April 4, 1917**

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**Word comes that America has declared war but we find that Wilson has only asked Congress to declare war.** Elder Nelson talks of joining and Pres. refuses to give his consent. Cottage meeting at Page's. Elders Groome and Hewlett talk.

**Thursday, April 5, 1917**

Studied. At 1:30 we hold a funeral service at the home of Mrs. Kershaw whose child died. We go to Lister Hills Cemetery. I speak at Cemetery Chapel for 10 or 15 minutes. Return to their house for tea and spend afternoon. Go to meet Brother Ward at Town Hall to go teaching, but he didn't come so I returned to lodge. Nelson and Tidswell go teaching. I met Sarah Race on my way to lodge and talked to her.

**Friday, April 6, 1917**

Studied; office work. We attended a "Sacramental" service it being "Good Friday". Nelson and Hewlett speak. Services not enjoyed, mouse runs around floor. Call on Doris Weatherill and administer to her. She had fallen from tram and sprained her ankle.

**Saturday, April 7, 1917**

Studied. Alice and Mabel come into room and Nelson asks them to leave (nuf-sed). We (Hewlett, Nelson and I) visit Crossley's for the evening. Maud's husband is home.

**Sunday, April 8, 1917**

Instead of turning our clocks ahead as we should, we dturnd them back one hour. We waited around the cold office until 9:50 A.M. (11:50 A.M.,correct time) waiting until time to go. Nelson had gone at 9:15 to turn lights on to warm room but found he arrived at 11:25 (correct time) Hewlett and I got there just as School was over. Didn't we get bawled out? Oh no! We then went to Leeds and with Pres. held the Branch Conference. Sunday School program and talk by President in the afternoon. Tea at Vase's. At evening meeting Presidents of organizations give reports and ten I talk for 25 minutes on "Christ as a teacher". Pres. talks 35 minutes. Hewlett and I stay at Leeds. Pres. at Bradford.

**Monday, April 9, 1917**

Office work. We all go to party at Haywood's in honor of wedding of Billy and Grace. Spend afternoon and evening playing games, etc. Have a big tea.

**Tuesday, April 10, 1917**

Study; office work. Party at Hettie Geldard's. Play games, etc.

**Wednesday, April 11, 1917**

Office work. Nelson and Hewlett go to meet Pres. and Groome at Leeds. I tract 3 hours and visit with Tetley's.

**Thursday, April 12, 1917**

Study and office work. Pres. and I spend afternoon and evening at Brighthouse visiting Faffar's and Berry's. No coal at the lodge.

**Friday, April 13, 1917**

Office work, etc. Pres and I see "Birth of a Nation:;, Visit the two families of Walker's, Akeroyd's and Evan's. No coal at the lodge.

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**Saturday, April 14, 1917**

Got some coal at noon. Office work; study.(All day).

**Sunday, April 15, 1917**

Bradford Sunday School. I take class. Study Beatitudes. Pres. and I go to Batley. Branch Conference. Regular Sunday School. Tea at Walker's. Release Sister Ainsworth from office as Sunday School teacher and put May Clapham in her place. Sister Ainsworth leaves meeting and makes a big fuss about it. I talk 25 minutes on the "Efficacy of the Atonement". Pres. talks 35 minutes.

**Monday, April 16, 1917**

Office work, tract 3 hours. Pres. goes to Leeds. Visit with Elder Nelson at Schofield's sick children. Go to cottage meeting at Savage's. There were 30 at this the first meeting. Nelson as class leader. Study Exodus.

**Tuesday, April 17, 1917**

Office work. Study. Mutual. Nelson takes lesson.

**Wednesday, April 18, 1917**

Visit Schofield's sick children. Also Muffets, Lunns where there is sickness. Look for lodge. **Submarine fires at American ship. Did not hit it**

**Thursday, April 19, 1917**

Study. Pres. returns from Leeds. We two take tram to Thornton and walk to Oxenhope tracting 2 hours. Tea at Ingham's. Visit Mrs. Simpson, administer to baby; visit with the two families of Groves and return to lodge. **Heavy firing reported off American coast.**

**Friday, April 20, 1917**

A fine spring day. **American flags are floating all over the city.**

I tract 3 ½ hours in the morning; several conversations. Pres. and I look for lodge. Have tea at 4 P.M. Have been fasting for Mrs. Smith who is seriously ill. Study. Pres. and I walk to Clayton (1/2 hour tracting) where we meet with the Lady Missionaries.

**Saturday, April 21, 1917**

(Arose at 7:30 A.M. ( a record). Study. Go down town and get varnish. Varnish our writing desk. Groome and Hewlett come; we all go to Grundy's at 3:30 and stay until 10:30; have a good dinner and tea; play games, etc.

**Sunday, April 22, 1917**

Arose at 7:30; Studied. Bradford Sunday School. Hettie takes class; continue study of Beatitudes. Teacher's meeting to discuss affairs. Dinner at lodge. Pres. and I go to Clayton to hold Branch Conference. Sunday School very good. Brother Edgar Balme gave a very good talk or review of the Book of Mormon for 45 minutes. He certainly has a wonderful memory and has a good knowledge of the Book of Mormon. Tea at Craven's. At the night meeting I talk 25 minutes on the "Effects of Mormonism". Pres. talks 30 minutes. Walk home with Bradford people who had been at meeting. A fine spring day.

**Monday, April 23, 1917**

Made out appointments, study, office work, etc. Pres. and I have tea at Savages and stay there to cottage meeting. Pres., Nelson and I call at Schofield's to arrange for funeral of little Norma who died

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on Saturday the 21st.

**Tuesday, April 24, 1917**

Office work. Nelson and I go to Schofield's at 1:30 and from there to the cemetery where we hold the funeral service. I take charge; Nelson talks; and I dedicate the grave. We go back and have tea with them. A peculiar thing happened.

On Monday night as we were praying around the bed of the little boy who is very ill, Pres. said that he felt that the spirit of the little girl was hovering around and wanted to take the boy with her. Today the baby seemed to be better; he looked quite bright. Just as soon as the corpse of the little girl was taken out of the room, the baby went into convulsions. This afternoon it is very serious, I don't think it will live until morning.

Return to lodge and study. We attend Mutual. After preliminary program it is turned into a priesthood and Lady Missionary meeting at which reports are given.

**Wednesday, April 25, 1917**

Study, office work, etc. Pres. and I go to Queensbury, walk to Halifax tracting; tea at Shaw's. Relief Society meeting; instruct Lady missionaries, etc.

**Thursday, April 26, 1917**

Work on Monthly Reports. Go teaching with Brother Ward at Sisters Jagger's and Tom Evans.

**Friday, April 27, 1917**

Office work on Reports all day. Nelson and I call at Schofield's to arrange for funeral.

**Saturday, April 28, 1917**

Study. Funeral of Little Leonard Schofield. This is the second to be buried out of that family in one week. We then go to the baptismal service. Pres. Robinson, Elder Groome and I baptize 19 candidates. I baptize 7. Hewlett, a few others and I go in swimming. Attend confirmation meeting. I speak upon the Holy Ghost. I confirm Alma Page. Testimony meeting. We were certainly pleased to see the Page family come into the Church.

**Sunday, April 29, 1917**

Bradford Sunday School. I take class. After school I talk with Eliza and Ida. Also talk with Alice Rowbottom about Ivy Shaw and Elder Worthen. Leeds Sunday School. Talk with Sister Neal from Sheffield. Stay at Hall until evening service. Take charge. Brother Virr talks 40 minutes. I talk 20 minutes. Conversations with Sis. Collier and Emma Senior's niece. Stay at Leeds Lodge.

**Monday, April 30, 1917**

Return from Leeds after dinner. Office work. Nelson and I attend Cottage meeting at Savages. 38 there. Visit Schofield's on way home.

**Tuesday, May 1, 1917**

Office work. Study on Apostacy. Attend Mutual. We begin the study of the "Pearl of Great Price".

**Wednesday, May 2, 1917**

Office work. Study on Apostacy. Nelson and I go to Cottage meeting at Page's. I talk on Apostacy. He talks on restoration. I talk 35 minutes. Have good conversation with Mr. Page after meeting on the Apostacy. Groome and Hewlett there.

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**Thursday, May 3, 1917**

Office work. Study. Tract three hours. Brother Ward didn't meet me to go teaching so I return and when passing a picture show a man asks me if I would like to go. He has two tickets so I go and enjoy the show.

**Friday, May 4, 1917**

Tract three hours. Study. Send out stars. Nelson and I go to Whitaker's for tea. Study.

**Saturday, May 5, 1917**

Office work. I go up to Grundy's. Study, etc. Alice and Mabel come in and I talk to them about everything and everybody. I had some great fun teasing them and Sister Atley. They thought they had a secret and Sister Atley was rather angry when she knew how I found out all about it. I know more about it than she thinks I do. Though I know it yet I am sorry that it is the truth. I do not care for Nora any more than many other. I only think of her as a friend or a sister in the gospel. She is not one that I would want to care a great deal for. She is all right as a friend but no more and never will be. I have found that Agnes is not what I thought she was at first. I have found that she is rather deceitful, and two faced in her ways. The less I can have to do with her the better off I'll be.

**Sunday, May 6, 1917**

Testimony Sunday at Bradford Sunday School. After school I talk with several. Alice Ronbottom talk a long while on the question as to whether one should pay tithing on money earned in a brewery. I also talk with Eliza Thornton, advising her to have nothing to do with Annie (Blackburn) Robberts, but that and other things she refuses to do so she will have to go and she will certainly need the Lord's mercy. I have done all I can to help her so its up to her now, I'm through unless she shows that she wants advice.

Halifax testimony meeting. Tea at Palfreyman's. Sister Hudson and I talk at night. I talk on "Unity" for 20 minutes. Visit Nichols.

**Monday, May 7, 1917**

Office work and study. Go with washing, study. Attend Cottage meeting at Savage's. Pres. is at lodge when we return.

**Tuesday, May 8, 1917**

Office work. Study. Pres. and I look for lodge,. Attend Mutual. I take class. Study 1st chapter Moses.

**Wednesday, May 9, 1917**

Office work; study. Nelson and I, also Pres. look over hymn looks at Westgate Hall. Nelson and I have tea at Terry's, visit Robinson's Talk genealogy to them. Write letters, etc.

**Thursday, May 10, 1917**

Office Work. Wrote letters. Nelson and I help Brother Tidswell move into his new house. Stay for supper.

**Friday, May 11, 1917**

Office work. Go to Leeds. Tract part way. Study at lodge until Hewlett returns.

**Saturday, May 12, 1917**

Did a little shopping. We go with Leeds saints on a ramble to Halton. There were only four there besides Hewlett and I. They were Sisters Machin and Clara, Alice Armitage and Annie Anderson.

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Had a very enjoyable time.

**Sunday, May 13, 1917**

Bradford Sunday School. I take class. Talk on the Godhead with Sarah Race. Pres. Robinson, Groome & I go to Pudsey to hold branch Conference Sunday School. Conference in the afternoon; 53 there. Children take part; reports given, Pres. Talks. We all have tea at Steads; Sister Page & family and another lady there. In the evening we have duets and trios. I talk first, then Groome and Pres. 73 there in the evening. Caught in a thunderstorm on the way home.

**Monday, May 14, 1917**

Office work. One hour tracting. Nelson and I have tea at Sullivan's; then attend cottage meeting at Savages; 34 there. Explain some questions to Barbara and Ivy Whitaker.

**Tuesday, May 15, 1917**

Office work. Pres. and I go down town and get the answers to our advertisement for apartments. After dinner all three of us go out and look at the different places. I had to do the talking. The best place we have found thus far is facing Peel Park, Undercliffe. Attend Mutual. Meet French lady at the lodge. She desires us to live at her house.

**Wednesday, May 16, 1917**

Write letters, etc. Tea at Dr.'s (Pres. and I) then visit Sam Evans who has been ill; also visit and have supper with Sisters Akeroyd and Walker.

**Thursday, May 17, 1917**

Pres. and I go up to the new lodge at No. 10 Park Crescent, Otley Road to make arrangements for moving. We with Nelson start walking to Leeds. I stop at Metcafe's and there I get Hewlett's cycle and ride it over. I buy a cycle of George Sinister. Attend Mutual all of us. First we had a tea in honor of Elder Groome's birthday.

**Friday, May 18, 1917**

Elder Hewlett and I fix cycles all day. Pres., Nelson and Groome go to Knaresborough. We ride to Bradford. Nelson comes to Bradford. A soldier called Sergt Johnson who is nothing but a bag of hot air. Sister Atley thinks he is a God-send.

**Saturday, May 19, 1917**

Stay at lodge. Attend Sunder School concert at night. A good program.

**Sunday, May 20, 1917**

Bradford Sunday School. Hettie takes class. Pres. & I have dinner at Grundy's and then attend branch conference at Halifax; 68 out at night. Pres. does talking. I spoke a few minutes. Tea at Evans' Supper at Walker's. Stay so late that we miss our train and so we stay at Walker's all night.

**Monday, May 21, 1917**

Return to Bradford. Office work. Cottage meeting.

**Tuesday, May 22, 1917**

Move to new lodge at 10 Park Crescent, Otley Road, facing Peel Park, a very good location. Attend Mutual. (See May 18). The Sergt. Was a God-send all right. All he left was his bill, he failed to return.

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**Wednesday, May 23, 1917**

Pres. & I go to Halifax. We get separated. I go to Race's with an article for Mabel to learn and then to Halifax. Visit Smith's, Helliwell's and Shaw. Attend Relief Society meeting. Talk 15 minutes. Visit Sister Nicholl who is ill.

**Thursday, May 24, 1917**

Go to Atleys for mail. Pres. and I go to Clayton. Tea at Harry Craven's. I learn how to make fire-lighters. Visit Shackleton's and Dalby's. Attend Lany Missionary meeting. I talk a few minutes. Visit Sister Wood (her mother dead) and then at Kershaw's at their new home. Have supper & then return. On our way from Lidget Green we meet and old friend of some of the Saints.

**Friday, May 25, 1917**

Go to Atley's and get mail. Work at reports. Go to Leeds to have suit made. Stay all night at Leeds.

**Saturday, May 26, 1917**

Get measured for suit. Return and work on reports. Finish them at 8 PM. Study.

**Sunday, May 27, 1917**

Bradford Sunday School. I take class. Talk to some of the Saints until afternoon meeting. Sunday School children take part. Brother Tidswell called on me to speak. I was surprised but spoke for 5 or 10 minutes. Pres. and I have tea at Edith Phillips. Tidswell, Dr. and Brother Knight and Pres. speak. I present authorities. Nelson and I spend evening at Atley's. Her relatives there.

**Monday, May 28, 1917**

Go with washing. Pres. & I have dinner at Grundy's. Sister Ward from Barnsley. The Sunday School meet at Westgate Hall at 12:30. Go to Shipley Glen on a ramble. Some of us walk, others take tram. Play games, etc, have tea; go to Baldon Green, play games, walk back to Bradford. An ideal day for a ramble; had a good time. Pres. with Pudsey Saints.

**Tuesday, May 29, 1917**

Finish Conference reports. Pres. and I go to Halifax to go on a ramble with the Saints. It rained very hard (a real Yankee rain-storm) so no one met us. We visited with Sister Nicholl for an hour and then returned to Bradford and went to the hall where we found about 25 Bradford people. We play games etc. A crowd of us gather up on the stand where they keep me busy telling stories until 10:30 from 7 o'clock.

**Wednesday, May 30, 1917**

Office work; writing letters' transferring tithing to ledger, etc. Study. Go to swimming baths. Return and study, write letters. Elder Nelson advises me in regard to my attentions to Luna.

**Thursday, May 31, 1917**

Office work, etc. Party at Sister Savage's for Bob who leaves as a soldier. Elder Hewlett moves to Bradford and Pres. to Leeds. Pres. Robinson got an impression that he should go to Leeds and have Elder Hewlett come to Bradford. This impression came from his pocket book, however, because we pay 21 shillings and they pay only about 12 shillings at Leeds.

**Friday June 1, 1917**

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Office work. Called for my cycle but it wasn't finished. Call at Atley's. Study.

**Saturday, June 2, 1917**

Get tracts ready for afternoon. We go with Lady Missionaries and Saints to Wilsden to tract and hold a street meeting. It was a poorly arranged affair; however it rained so we didn't hold a meeting but returned to Westgate Hall and held a social.

**Sunday, June 3, 1917**

Bradford Sunday School Testimony meeting. I take charge. Elder Hewlett and I go to Leeds for Testimony meeting and evening service; tea at Machin's. Hewlett talked 30 minutes on "Christ on the American continent". I followed with 30 minutes on "Second Coming of Christ". Stay at Leeds.

Socialists try to hold a meeting; a riot; streets crowded; special policemen called out. Soldiers ready if needed.

Jews and Englishmen have a free for all, because Englishmen think Jews should be at war.

**Monday, June 4, 1917**

Tract two hours. Return to Bradford. I don't have time to eat tea; go with Nelson to administer to a child; sister Wilson's sister's child. Cottage meeting: 35 present.

**Tuesday, June 5, 1917**

Try to get cycle again but fail. Mutual.

**Wednesday, June 6, 1917**

Called for cycle not finished, call again in afternoon and wait while they fix it. Study, etc.

**Thursday, June 7, 1917**

Nelson, Hewlett, Leonard Higgins and I go on a cycling trip to Grassington. Pass through Benriddington, Ilkly, Bolton Abbey and on to Grassington, and returned by way of Hebden, Bolton Abbey and on back the same way as we went. Left Bradford at 7 AM and returned at 6:30 PM. We certainly had a grand time. (Elder Nelson at Benridding; "It's a good thing cows don't fly. Ha! Ha!") Stopped at Bolton Abbey (see Guide). It certainly is beautiful about there. Rained and kept us there from 10:30 until 12 o'clock. Tired when we returned. About 70 miles. Supper at Higgin's.

**Friday, June 8, 1917**

Write letters, etc. Pres. and I go to Keighley. Dransfield's for dinner; visit Lund's Midgley's and then at Browns for tea and evening. One of the Brown Sisters, Mrs. Lambert) had her whole scalp taken off in a mill. It certainly gives one an uncanny feeling to look at her. It was taken off even to her eyes; she has no eyebrows.

**Saturday, June 9, 1917**

Write letters' office work, etc. We go with Lady Missionaries and Saints to Cullingworth to tract and hold meeting. A better success than the previous week. I enjoy tracting. We hold an open-air meeting; the first I have attended. Pres. Robinson, Tidswell and Sister Sanders speak. Besides Saints there were 60 or 70 there; about 100 all together. I felt shaky in praying; nothing exciting. Go in park and play games. Some of us catch train; others walk. I caught train. Nelson & I have supper downtown.

**Sunday, June 10, 1917**

Bradford Sunday School. Hettie take charge. We arrange to go on a ramble to Esholt the following Saturday; just our class. I remain at hall until the evening meeting talking to Saints etc. At the

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evening service Rowland Higgins and Brother Knight talk and then I take the remainder of the time 30 minutes. I talk on the text "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect". Visit Atley's.

**Monday June 11, 1917**

Hewlett & I cycle to Leeds. I call on the tailor. Return to Bradford. Call on Brother Metcalfe at Pudsey. All of we Elders have a birthday tea at Sister Robinson's, Wibsey, Cottage meeting at Savages. 31 present.

**Tuesday June 12, 1917**

Write 22 letters and cards. Study, etc. We all go swimming. I try to learn to dive. Mutual. Write diary and record for past 2 weeks.

**Wednesday June 13, 1917**

Fixed my cycle. Wrote letters, stud, etc. Go to cottage meeting at Hettie Geldard's. It is a meeting where only those invited may attend. It is composed of about eight members. They study Doc. & Cov. And any question that may arise. We discuss "election". I walk back with Edith Phillips and we talk until 11:30 P.M.

**Thursday June 14, 1917**

Tracted one hour. Office work, etc. Go visiting with Brother Ward at Metcalfe's, Muffet's and Virr's.

**Friday June 15, 1917**

Get our cycles, go down town and up to Atley's. Study; send out "Stars" etc. Have a long talk with Miss Collins on the gospel. *A munition factory explosion near London.*

**Saturday June 16, 1917**

Wrote office letters, etc. We hold Elders' Priesthood Meeting at Westgate Hall. It is decided that we hold a meeting each Saturday. Hettie Geldard and I go on a ramble with our Sunday School class to Esholt. It is a very beautiful place just outside of Bradford. Played games, etc There were 14 of us there. After I returned I met Edith Phillips and Doris Weatherill and talked to them for a long while.

**Sunday June 17, 1917**

Very hot. Bradford Sunday School I take class; study Matt. 6, where Christ is speaking of the manner in which we should pray. Groome, Nelson, Hewlett and I go to Sister Grundy's for dinner. An appropriate dinner for a hot day. Cold fruit & custard and lemon pie. We all go to Halifax to hold a district meeting. I walked so fast I melted my collar and had to borrow one of George Smith's. In the afternoon Pres. Richards took all the time; spoke on the manner in which people are converted; also of how people judged the religion by the lives of its members. The Gospel law is a perfect law and if people transgress they are to blame and not the gospel. I went with Alice and Annie Rowbottom, Leonard Tetley and Leonary Knight to Sister Shaw's for tea. In the evening Pres. Richards spoke of the value of the religion; why people reject it. The condition of those who embrace it and then turn away. Spoke of the Prophet Joseph Smith. Pres. Robinson took Pres. Richards to the train and left me in charge. Pres. said to call on Elder Nelson but I decided that it was time to close; it being so very warm. Talked to the people for awhile. We all go to Sister Walker's for supper. We have to walk from Bankfoot down town and then we three up Undercliffe. Arrive at 11:30 P.M.

**Monday June 18, 1917**

Make out appointments, etc. Groome & Pres. come; we play with baseball in the park. I work at records of children blessed, transferring the names from one book into another. Attend Cottage

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meeting at Savage's, 32 present.

We started a class at our lodge this morning; study 20 Sec. Of Dec. & Cov.

**Tuesday June 19, 1917**

Received a letter of transfer from Leeds Conference to the Liverpool Conference. Work at transferring of record of children blessed. Attend Mutual Talk with Hettie and Alice until 11:25.

**Wednesday June 20, 1917**

Office work until 2:30. Hewlett and I cycle to Halifax. Visit Brearley's and Doyle's for my last time. Attend Relief Society meeting. We stay at Dawson's all night.

**Thursday June 21, 1917**

Went through a weaving mil. Cycled back to Bradford. Pres. came and I wrote letters for him. Had to rewrite one that Nelson had written. We go to Clayton and hold a meeting with the Lady Missionaries. Get their reports, Pres. leaves. I go to Kershaw's and assist in administering to Sister Kershaw. I return with Mary Whitaker to Bradford.

**Friday June 22, 1917**

Wrote letters, etc. Went to Leeds to try on suit. Returned and went visiting with Brother Ward. Visit at Dobson's, Brooke's, Lunn's and Bradburys. Supper at Ward's.

**Saturday June 23, 1917**

Study, etc. Attend Priesthood meeting with Elders. We go with Lady Missionaries and Saints to Queensbuty, tract and hold a street meeting. I talk first for 10 minutes. Brother Kershaw talked. The wind was blowing so that it was hard to speak. There were 60 or 70 present. Return to Hall and play games, etc.

**Sunday June 24, 1917**

Bradford Sunday School. I take class alone. Go to Leeds Sunday School. Tea at Machin's. At evening service I call on Brothers S. Craven and Moore. I talk 30 minutes on "Worship". This is my last Sunday at Leeds. Supper at Andrew's.

**Monday June 25, 1917**

Spend all day visiting Leeds. Elder Groome and I visit nearly every home in Leeds. This is my last trip around. Meeting at night, Relief Society. Return to Bradford.

**Tuesday June 26, 1917**

Hewlett and I work on the report for the month and for the half year. Attend Mutual. Brother Knight and I call and administer to Sister Kershaw's little girl who has the measles.

**Wednesday June 27, 1917**

Work on reports; tract. Visit all afternoon at Halifax. Pres. came over at night and we attend the Relief Society meeting. Have a big supper following. We have to walk from Banktop to Undercliffe.

**Thursday June 28, 1917**

Finish reports. Nelson and I visit Clapham's, Sander's, Suther's and Shutteworth's.

**Friday June 29, 1917**

Go to Leeds and get suit.

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**Saturday June 30, 1917**

Hewlett and I have dinner at Race's. Go on a ramble with the Bradford Saints to Ilkley. We go to Shipley and there we get divided. Elder Hewlett and I lost the others. We went to Baldon Moor for a while and then went over then to Ilkley Moor. There we found all of the crowd. After tea we crossed the Moor to Ilkley and then back home. We walked about 30 miles. Some to the girls were "all-in". We arrived home at 11:45 P.M.

**Sunday July 1, 1917**

Bradford Sunday School. Hettie Takes charge of Testimony Meeting. I go visiting at Halifax in the afternoon. Tea at Sister Shaw's. At night Sister Hudson talks. I talk 30 minutes on "Worship". Return to Bradford.

**Monday July 2, 1917**

Miscellaneous. Cottage Meeting is changed into a farewell social for Elder Hewlett and I. After a program Elder Hewlett and I talk. We also had tea at Sister Savage's.

**Tuesday July 3, 1917**

Call as Banahm's. Miscellaneous; Elder Hewlett and I cycle to Pudsey and Rodley visiting Housecroft's, Brigg's, Sister Taylor's, Guy's (have tea), Craven's (Strawberries & cream), Elliott's, Mitchel's (strawberries & cream). Elder Hewlett returns to Bradford; I visit Pages (have supper). Have a fine ride back between 11 and 12 P.M.

**Wednesday July 4, 1917**

Independence Day. We celebrate at Leeds with a big diner and then go to a show; have tea and go to another show. Return to Bradford.

**Thursday July 5, 1917**

Study. Pres. and I have tea at Sister Phillips. Nelson, Hewlett and I visit at Shipley, Stead's and Tetley's. (A musical evening.)

**Friday July 6, 1917**

Elder Nelson and I visit Wibsey. In the afternoon we visit Schofield and Whitaker's in the evening. Francis and Ivy present me with a beautiful table center.

**Saturday July 7, 1917**

Visit Warnes and the Ladies at 6 Low Green Ter. We hold Priesthood meeting. Tract Wilsden and hold a street meeting. Not very good success. Too cold. Returned to Westgate Hall where a farewell social was held for Hewlett and I. After a program we were each presented with a ring and of course gave a talk. Edith Phillips gave me "Cowper's poetical works". Annie Rowbottom gave me a book and Mabel Race a "doll".

**Sunday July 8, 1917**

Bradford all day. My Sunday School class present me with Browning's poetical work.s Visit Grundy's for dinner; at Knight's and Atley's for tea. I only speak 10 minuets at night. Supper at Dr.'s. Stay at Atley's all night. Agnes there.

**Monday July 9, 1917**

After breakfast I call at a few places in town and then go to the lodge and prepare to leave. After

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dinner I go to Leeds and then at 5 o'clock I leave for Nelson arriving there at 8 o'clock; After changing trains at Todmorden and Rose Grove. Elder Danielson met me. We have tea at the lodge and then call on the police to register; take a walk about the city. Elder Danielson is a cousin of Arvilla Johnson of Logan; a brother of Esther Danielson.

**Tuesday July 10, 1917**

Write letters. Go shopping buy in food for the week. I am a looker on. Walk to Burnley. Stop at Co. Police Station and register. We then visit at Burnley. Visit with Sisters Esply and L. Wilkinson. Take tram back to Nelson.

**Wednesday July 11, 1917**

Studied, etc. until after tea. Visit at Brown's and Edward's. Brother Brown is president of the Nelson Branch. We administered to Sister Louisa Edwards who is quite ill.

**Thursday July 12, 1917**

Study. We go to Rose Grove and visit Brother Owens, President of the Burnley Branch; have tea with them. They ave a large family of girls; one boy at the front. Louisa Edwards greatly improved.

**Friday July 13, 1917**

Study; tract 2 hours at Burnley. Have tea at Jaskson's. Call at a few move homes but find no one at home. Go to a show.

**Saturday July 14, 1917**

Study all day. Picture Show.

**Sunday July 15, 1917**

Study. E. Danielson goes to Burnley; I stay at Nelson Sunday School at 2:30; Study Book of Mormon, Alma 33. Tea at Parker's. Pres. Brown and I speak. I talk 25 minutes on "organization". There were about 25 people present. We visit a home of Saints where the wife has just died. We sing and have prayer. Return to lodge.

**Monday July 16, 1917**

Study; miscellaneous.

**Tuesday July 17, 1917**

Study. Tract at Burnley for 2 hours; had several good conversations. Visit and have tea a Bailey's. They live at Colne; a very sociable family.

**Wednesday July 18, 1917**

Study and write letters. Announcement in paper of a boy 8 years old getting his "calling up papers", and reporting to the officers. Also a baby 14 months old, who was brought by his mother to the recruiting office.

**Thursday July 19, 1917**

Study; write letters. Tract 2 hours at Burnley. Not very good tracting. Visit at Hardy's, Whitaker's and Hill's. Trams not running so we have to walk back to Nelson.

**Friday July 20, 1917**

Study; write letters. Tract 2 hours at Burnley; several conversations. Go to picture show.

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**Saturday July 21, 1917**

Study, etc. Go to Park. Social at Meeting-room. Singing; reciting, play games, etc. My first social at Nelson. 33 present.

**Sunday July 22, 1917**

Study. No Trams running so I walk to Burnley. Sunday School at 2:00 P.M. Study Book of Mormon. Tea at Esply's; about 30 at evening service. I talk 25 minutes. Brother Esply talks. I walk to Nelson (4 miles).

**Monday July 23, 1917**

Study. Visit Mrs. Brown's at Burnley.

**Tuesday July 24, 1917**

I go to Bradford. On the way I stop at Skyston; visit the Parish church and the Skyston Castle. When I get to Bradford I go to lodge, walk right in and find them eating dinner, (all five elders). Nelson and I visit Sister Grundy who is ill and administer to her. Call at Kewshaw's and Atley's but find neither at home. Tea at lodge. Ludlow, Nelson and I go swimming. Attend Mutual. No one knew I was coming so it was a surprise to them. It seemed like home to be there. After the meeting there was a rather disagreeable discussion among them in regard to a division of the class or a change of subjects. I stay at 10 Park Crescent.

**Wednesday July 25, 1917**

Study. Go to Leeds and attend to having my trunk shipped to Blackburn. Return to Bradford for tea at lodger and then go with Pres., Nelson and Ludlow who go as far as Halifax; I go to Nelson.

**Thursday July 26, 1917**

Get tracts ready and then we go to Btown's; Tom Brown goes with us to Barnoldswick. We eat dinner there and then tract for 2 hours distributing 300 tracts. Many people were off on their holidays so it wasn't very good tracting. Attend picture show. "Seventeen." Ha! Ha!

**Friday July 27, 1917**

Study and miscellaneous. Go down to the park to study.

**Saturday July 28, 1917**

Pack suit-case. After dinner I leave for Blackburn. Work on reports. Call at police station. I am to labor with Pres. James T. B. Mason, an elderly man, who came to England when I came.

**Sunday July 29, 1917**

Pres. Mason and I go to Liverpool to attend the Branch Conference. We were at the Alien's office so long that we arrived just in time for the last 15 minutes of the morning meeting. Dinner at Durham House. In the afternoon meeting I was called on first and talked 15 minutes. George F. Richards, Jr.. And Brother Cottam also talked. Singing formed part of the services. Tea at the lodge (Durham House). In the evening Pres. Mason, Elder Sjordahl and Pres. Richards spoke. About 45 there. Pres. Richards, Mason, Cottam and I go for a walk in the park.

**Monday July 30, 1917**

Pres. Mason and I leave after breakfast for Birkenhead and spend the day visiting the saints there. Found many of them weak in the faith, one apostatized; we intend to excommunicate her. Return for

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tea.

**Tuesday July 31, 1917**

Pres. Richards talks with me in his office about several matters pertaining to the missionary work. Informs me that I will probably succeed Pres. Mason. We call at the Alien's office to report out and then return to Blackburn. Work on reports. Call at Alien's office, then at Sister Haye's.

**Wednesday August 1, 1917**

Arranging things in the office. Attend Relief Society meeting. Seven present besides we elders.

**Thursday August 2, 1917**

Office work; writing letters to Lady Missionaries. Study. Pres. and I visit a family of investigators. Belgians. They cannot speak English distinctly. We had an interesting conversation with them for an hour. They come from the northern part of Belgium and speak Flemish. I learned that all the Belgians were Catholics. One peculiar thing is that the man wore a wedding ring as well as his wife. Go to the Palace. I was quite surprised to know that Pres. Mason would go to anything like that.

**Friday August 3, 1917**

Miscellaneous, study. Visit and have tea at Sister Sharrock's. Father, mother, four children. Stays away from meeting because she was offended some time ago.

**Saturday August 4 1917**

Tooth ache all day. Go to dentist, starts work on them. Didn't have any sleep last night.

**Sunday August 5, 1917**

Go to the Park. Study. Blackburn testimony meeting at 2:30 P.M., a very good meeting. Tea at lodge. In the evening service Pres. Mason and I bless two children of Sister Leak's. assisted by Pres. Thompson of the Branch. Pres. Mason and I use time in speaking; I talk first for twenty minutes. Return to lodge and talk with Sister Leak and Lily until 11:30 P.M. We look at pictures and then talk about the religion. Sister Leak and her daughter certainly have their heart and soul in the gospel. They are very energetic workers and I hope that the Lord will continue to bless them because I believe they are worthy of his blessings. They try to live the gospel in their everyday life.

**Monday August 6, 1917**

Write letters, office work, etc. In the afternoon we go tracting at Church for 3 hours. I have seven good conversations. Only one refusal. Attend Mutual; 5 there besides us elders. Study "Jesus the Christ".

**Tuesday August 7, 1917**

Study. Tract at Witton Stocks for 2 ½ hours; not very successful. Go to the dentist and get my teeth filled. We call on Sister Haye's and then to Mutual at the home of Pres. Thompson at Acurington. (Aurington) Study the Book of Mormon, Alma 28-30.

**Wednesday August 8, 1917**

After breakfast we go out into the country tracting. We tract Pleasington. We eat our lunch in a field. It rains so we stand under a bridge, but it continues so we returned to our lodge. At 8 P.M. we attend a Spiritualist meeting. The medium, a woman describes to several present, some of their relatives who are dead but have returned in spirit form. She finally tell Pres. Mason and I about a lady who has come to us but she got everything mixed up so badly that she had to give up and go on with someone else. Have a long talk with Mr. Leak.

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**Thursday August 9, 1917**

Write letters, etc. Study. Tea at Sister Haworth's. Have a talk with her in regard to attending meetings. She has been an active member but has grown cold. So many stay away because someone has offended them.

**Friday August 10, 1917**

Study, write letters, etc. Go to Palace, Pres. and I. I talk with Sister Leak and Lily until Pres. calls me to be, 11:30 P.M.

**Saturday August 11, 1917**

Take tram to Acrington then walk 4 ½ miles to Rose Grove, tram to Nelson. Have dinner with Danielsen and Marley. This is the first time I have met Marley. He is from Robin, Idaho. Both of us know Parley Christensen that pitched for B.Y. College baseball team. Marley is 32 years old. Not very serious minded, very sociable, well liked by the Saints, but not by Pres. Mason. We then go to Burley where we hold a Priesthood meeting; also Lady Missionaries. Pres. called on me to talk, I spike upon the sacredness of their callings. Testimonies were borne. Tea at room; Social at 7:30 P.M. Program consisted of songs recitations, games, etc. Pres. and I returned by train, along with the Blackburn girls, Lizzie Blackledge and sister (good singers), Sister Hayes and two others.

**Sunday August 12, 1917**

Dust Meeting room. At 1:47 take train to Wigan Station and trains crowded with people going on their holidays. Arrive at Wigan at 3:03 P.M. I had never been to Wigan before and had to find the room alone. It was very easily found. I was there for only one half hour of the Sunday School. Tea at Brother Rickard's. He is President of the branch; formally a Salvation Army member. I speak thirty minutes in the evening on Unity. Took the 8:11 train back. Wait at Bolton 45 minutes; arrive in Blackburn at 10:14 P.M. About 20 out at meeting.

**Monday August 13, 1917**

Go with about 25 of the Blackburn Saints to Houghton Bottoms on a ramble. Have a good time even though it does rain. Returned at 9:30 P.M.

**Tuesday August 14, 1917**

Study. Eight of us go on a ramble to the River Tibble. Pres. does not go. There are Brother Thompson, Sister Hargreaves, Lizzie, Beatrice, Hilda, Sister Leak's two boys and myself. We play games; after tea we go down to the river and go boating for an hour, Brother Thompson, Sister Hargreaves, Lizzie and I; we have a very good time all day; much better than yesterday. Return at 10 P.M.

**Wednesday August 15, 1917**

Study etc. Tract four hours at Mill Hill. Visit at Gregory's. They are a family who have not attended of late. When Sister Leak's two boys came home they find a woman out in the ash pit. We have to go and get her out and send her home. She was drunk but not so much that she couldn't walk.

**Thursday August 16, 1917**

Miscellaneous. Ramble to Sunnyhirst Woods, Brother Thompson, Sisters Hargreaves, Blackledge, Hayes, Longworth, Hilda and Sister Leak's two boys and I were there. A fine day and had a good time.

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**Friday August 17, 1917**

Met for another ramble but it was too stormy. Office work. Sister Yates sends for us to administer to her.

**Saturday August 18, 1917**

Miscellaneous. Visit Queen's Park. Caught in a rain storm; thunder shower.

**Sunday August 19, 1917**

Study. Blackburn Sunday School and evening. In Sunday School we study Doc. & Cov. Sec 61 & 62. Class do not take much part. Tea at lodge. At evening service I speak 25 minutes on character. Pres. Mason speaks remainder of time. After meeting I have to explain a few things that I said while speaking. Lizzie Blackledge at lodge. I go in with her and Sister Leak. Lily returns from Liverpool where she has been spending her holidays.

**Monday August 20, 1917**

Country tracting for six hours, around Whalley. Mutual; I am called to take class. Write in diary, etc.

**Tuesday August 21, 1917**

Write letters, etc. Tract one hour at Acorington. Visit Mrs. Tyson, also Sister Taylor and hae tea with her. Mutual at her house.

*Whistle blows to give warning of air raid. I didn't hear it.*

**Wednesday August 22 1917**

Write letters, etc. Tract at mill Hill for 2 ½ hours. Talk with a Catholic who is very insulting. I tell him what I think about him. Would have tracted longer but we ran out of tracts. Visit Sister Hayes after tea and then attend Relief Society.

**Thursday August 23, 1917**

Miscellaneous. Tract 3 ½ hours. Tea at lodge. Administer to Sister Leak who is quite ill. Visit Waring's; all members but father and one daughter.

**Friday August 24, 1917**

Too stormy to tract. Study etc. Receive letter from Pres. Burton of the Manchester Conference in regard to Sister Simpson of Acorington who is with her sister in Manchester. She is 92 years old and on the point of death; her memory is almost gone. She calls for the elders, and intimates that they have some money of hers which she gave to them to keep until she died. The elder according to her husband's story, has returned home. We called at Brother Thompson's and Mr. Simpson's but were unable to find out very much. The daughter is very bitter and threatens to prosecute the Church. The elder is supposed to have either, £ 45, £100 or £395.

**Saturday August 25, 1917**

Miscellaneous; Study, etc.

**Sunday August 26, 1917**

Study; etc. Pres. Mason left at 7:25 A.M. For Wigan to attend the Branch Conference. It seems rather a long day being alone. At Sunday School we studied Doc. & Cov. Sec. 63; rather dry; Brother Thompson, siste Hargreaves and I being the only ones to do any talking. It seems a habit with the members of this Branch to just sit and let someone else do all the asking and answering questions. I wonder what they come to class for? They certainly don't learn much.

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Tea at lodge. Brother Thompson and I take up the time at the evening service; I talk 25 minutes. Several of the Saints come to see Sister Leak who has been ill for a week. We sing, pray and then Brother Thompson and I administer to her. While I was sealing the anointing, I felt impressed to promise her health and strength; I truly believe she will get better. After singing, "Nearer My God to Thee", we left her. The first song was "Guide Us O Thou Great Jehovah". I truly hope the Lord will speedily raise her from her bed of affliction and I believe He will.

**Monday August 27, 1917**

Miscellaneous; work on reports all day. Attend Mutual. I give review of last week's lesson. Write letter to Luna.

**Tuesday August 28, 1917**

Finish reports. Tracting. Went out at 1:30 P.M. I knocked at one door, no one came; put tract under door; at second door a man invited me in. He was 73 years old; a Salvation Army man. He had many Mormon ideas. After leaving him a pamphlet and conversing with him I left; when to my surprise I found that it was 5 o'clock and that it had been raining all afternoon of which I was unaware. It certainly was an interesting afternoon. I promised to bring him a Book of Mormon. Pres. Mason returned after staying an hour.

**Wednesday August 29, 1917**

Too stormy to tract. Study, etc. Visit at Yate's, Scholes and Duerdon's. At the two later places we encouraged them. They are two families who have stopped because of little quarrels. We spoke very plain to them.

**Thursday August 30, 1917**

Pres goes to Manchester to get passport. I tract six hours. Pres. returns. Tea and evening at Eccles, another family who doesn't attend meetings.

**Friday August 31, 1917**

Tracting all day at Whalley. Saw many soldiers from hospital. Send out "Stars".

**Saturday September 1, 1917**

Miscellaneous. Visit at Sister Haye's. Beatrice Longworth there.

**Sunday September 2, 1917**

Pres. and I go to Preston, the first place the gospel was preached in England, 80 years ago in July. We arrive at 9:30 A.M. Visit Leaver's, Waring's, Smith's, Parker's, Sharrock's and Rogerson's where we hold a meeting at 2:30. We excommunicate Annie Parker Sharrock; add Preston Saints to the Blackburn Branch. Pres. and I talk. After tea at Rogerson's we return in time to attend half an hour at Blackburn. 15 present at Preston.

**Monday September 3, 1917**

Tract 4 hours. We have tea at Sister Haye's. Attend Mutual.

**Tuesday September 4, 1917**

Tract 2 hours at Mill Hill and 3 ½ hours at Acorington. Tea at Brother Thompson's. Mutual.

**Wednesday September 5, 1917**

Country tracting, 7 hours. Mill Hill, Feniscoles, Reedly Green and Houghton. I got in a regular

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hornet's nest today; quite a few turn-downs. 98 tracts. Attend Relief Society.

**Thursday September 6, 1917**

Office work; Study. Tract 2 hours. Visit at Sister Harrison's, have tea there; visit Ingham's.

**Friday September 7, 1917**

Tract 3 hours. Send out Stars. Visit H. Eccles at Oswaldtwistle and have tea with them. Receive a very loving letter from Luna. She's a puzzle to me; I hardly know how to take her.

**Saturday September 8, 1917**

Miscellaneous. Study, etc. Attend Priesthood; social at night.

**Sunday September 9, 1917**

Burnley Branch Conference; three sessions. Sunday School program in the morning; Pres. speaks Marley and Danielsen speak in the afternoon; Pres. and I at night. A large crowd present; between 70 and 80.

**Monday September 10, 1917**

Write letters, etc. Tract 2 hours; attend Mutual.

**Tuesday September 11, 1917**

Country tracting trip to Withness, Houghton, etc. 7 hours. Attend a concert at Weslyn School.

**Wednesday September 12, 1917**

Country tracting trip. Houghton, Brinscall, Withness. 7 hours. Help Relief Society sister scrub Hall.

**Thursday September 13, 1917**

Office letters, etc. Visit at Mr. Ha3wkes.

**Friday September 14, 1917**

Tract 2 1/2 hours. Send out Stars. Help Maggie Blackburn and Lizzie Blackledge clean meeting room.

**Saturday September 15, 1917**

Study, miscellaneous. Social at night. Play games after short program until 11:45 P.M. policeman comes up to see what we are doing. Girls hear him as they go out.

**Sunday September 16, 1917**

Blackburn Branch Conference, three sessions. 41 out in afternoon and 44 at night. I speak at night on "Fall of Adam".

**Monday September 17, 1917**

Study, write letters, etc. The young man who wanted to be baptized did not come today as he said he would. Go to social. A ramble was arranged but the weater was rather threatening so we didn't go.

**Tuesday September 18, 1917**

The soldier we were expecting yesterday came today. Pres. and I went with him to Wilpshire on the tram then followed a small stream until we found a place where the water was deep enough to baptize him. Here Pres. performed this ordinance and then I confirmed him immediately after. I

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believe he was very sincere. He came all the way from Chorley to be baptized before going back to France. After being confirmed he said, "Well now it is up to me". This showed that he did not believe that baptism was all that is necessary but that he must work. So many people expect others to be perfect when they are baptized.

After dinner I went with the Blackburn Saints on a Ramble to Houghton Bottoms. It rained when we were almost there. Then it cleared up so that we could go out. I was the only man there so I went for a walk for two hours. Then we had tea at 4:30. Brother Thompson comes. Spend evening in the house (Mrs. Yates) playing games, etc. Walk home in the rain. This is the last ramble of the season.

**Wednesday September 19, 1917**

Study, etc. Tract 2 hours. Go through paper mill. See paper made from old rags; also from wood pulp which comes from Norway.

Sister Leak, Lily, Pres. and I go to the Princess to see "At the Mercy of the Mormons". It was ridiculous. Anyone with reason would not believe it, but the people who go are ignorant enough to believe those things. It was also a poor company. I talk with a man who comes there. He went away with a better opinion of the Mormons.

**Thursday September 20, 1917**

Study, etc. Tea and evening at Eccles at Oswaldtwistle.

**Friday September 21, 1917**

Fract 5 ½ hours today. Go to Palace.

**Saturday September 22, 1917**

Study, clean meeting room. Go to Nelson. Danielson, Marley and I go to a social at Parker's. About 30 there. Play games, etc. I stay at Nelson lodge.

**Sunday September 23, 1917**

Nelson Branch Conference. 49 at Sunday School. After a short program Pres. and I spoke for a few minutes. Marley, Danielsen and I ate dinner at the lodge. At the afternoon meeting there were 72 present. I present authorities. Marley and Danielsen speak. Tea at Brown's. At the evening service there were 96 present. Brother Faucet speaks about two minutes. I speak on the "Second Coming of Christ" for twenty minutes. A quartet. Pres. speaks on the Prophet Joseph Smith. A solo. This is the last and most successful conference as far as numbers are concerned. Pres. and I return with some of the Blackburn Saints.

**Monday September 24, 1917**

Tract 5 hours. Attend Mutual.

**Tuesday September 25, 1917**

Tracted four hours. Study, etc.

**Wednesday September 26, 1917**

Office reports; letters; Relief Society.

**Thursday September 27, 1917**

Tract 2 hours. Visit Sister Yates who is ill. Tea and evening at Sharrocks.

**Friday September 28, 1917**

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Working at reports all day.

**Saturday September 29, 1917**

Study; clean meeting room. Spend afternoon and have tea at Blackledge's. Party at Buelah Hayes. Several strangers there. President leaves early, but I stay.

**Sunday September 30, 1917**

Blackburn. Study in morning. President goes to a service at the Palace. I go to Sunday School. Tea at lodge. At the evening meeting Pres. and I speak. I talk 25 minutes on Revelation. I didn't feel like talking. It was certainly warm work.

**Monday October 1, 1917**

Finish reports. The report from the Liverpool Branch just came. Tract 3 hours. Study. Attend Mutual. After Mutual Pres. and I have a discussion on the conditions during the Millennium. We don't agree at all, on the other hand we decidedly disagree. *Munition explosion at Lancaster.*

**Tuesday October 2, 1917**

Tract 2 ½ hours. Pres. and I attend and take charge of funeral of the child of Brother Henry Eccles' daughter, which fell into a tub of hot water; it died two days later. Attend mutual at Brother Thompsons. *A big munition explosion at Lancaster. I heard some before I went to bed. No detailed report yet.*

**Wednesday October 3, 1917**

Wrote letters, etc. Tract two hours at Darwen. Relief Society.

**Thursday October 4, 1917**

Raining all day. Tea and evening at Gregory's. Gramophone!!!!

**Friday October 5, 1917**

Read, Etc. Tract 2 ½ hours at Darwen. Evening at Brindle's.

**Saturday October 6, 1917**

Clean meeting room. Study. Go with Pres. to Nelson; attend a very good Priesthood meeting. Pres. and I go to Lancaster; call at Police office and arrive there at 11:30 o'clock; sit and talk with Sister Reid until 1:00 A.M.

**Sunday October 7, 1917**

Spend morning at Reid's; visit Thompson's, Parkinson's and then to Bell's where we hold a meeting at 2:30. I presided. I talked first and then called on President who took up the remainder of the time. Visit with Bell's a short time; return to Reid's for tea (or dinner). Spend evening talking to Mr. Reid, wife, daughter and daughter-in-law. Of course we learn all about the explosion last Monday; People haven't recovered from the excitement yet. They told about one woman who ran out in her night clothes carrying a large picture; many similar occurrences were related.

**Monday October 8, 1917**

Pres. got a bit "huffy" this morning because they didn't get breakfast soon enough to suit him and didn't have any better manners than to show it by his actions and talk, even though we were there only as guests. We go to Barnforth and then walk 4 miles to Burton to visit Sister Lancaster who is

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ill. She is a real Latter Day Saint. We have dinner there, then return as we came in the rain. We were given a chicken and a bag of plums. Attend Mutual. Talk with Sister Leak and Lily until 11:30 P.M. *We saw where the explosion was today.*

**Tuesday October 9, 1917**

Visit Sister Yates. She is very ill; mortification has set in. Study. I go to visit Sister Hayes. Pres. comes later. We go to Mrs. Connolly's for tea. A birthday party at night. Sister Leak, Lily, Lizzie, three friends, Mrs. Connolly, her daughter, Pres. and I were there. Played games, etc. Returned at 11:30.

**Wednesday October 10, 1917**

Pres. goes to Accrington. I stay a lodge. Attend Relief Society meeting. Pres. & I don't quite agree on a few points.

**Thursday October 11, 1917**

Visit Sister Yates. Notify her children of her condition. Visit Sister Taylor who is ill. Visit Sister West. Tea and evening at Sister Haworth.

**Friday October 12, 1917**

Study, etc. Go with Pres. M. to Chorley and Addlington to visit Sister Sharples. Sisters Shays and Birchall were there. Sister Birchall seems to be a real Latter Day Saint. She is also a fine looking young woman. We administered to Sister Sharples. Only had a two hour visit with them because of train hours. Send out Stars. Talk with Mrs. Connolly, Lizzie and Leak's. *425 years today since Columbus discovered America.*

**Saturday October 13, 1917**

Clean meeting room; study, press suits, take bath; total my missionary work for one year, ending November 25, 1916 and average it. I find that I am doing a little better during the 2nd year. Enjoy listening to Lizzie and Lily sing, although they are in the other room. Have been doing a little day dreaming today.

**Sunday October 14, 1917**

Fine A.M. Stormy P.M. clear evening. Study A.M. Blackburn Sunday School study Doc & Cov Sec 71-74. Tea at lodge. 30 at evening service. I spoke first on "Charity" and "Kingdom of God" for 30 minutes. Brother Eccles tells how he gained a testimony of the gospel which was very interesting. I had a little more freedom in speaking than for the last few Sundays. Return to lodge and read. Pres. Mason at Wigan today.

**Monday October 15, 1917**

Clear most of the day. Read sermons in paper, etc. A.M. A little carpentry work at meeting room A.M. Pres. and I have tea at Sister Hayes. Instead of regular Mutual we held a social. Potato Pie supper, games, etc. Fourteen present. Everybody seemed to have their funny side out. We all had a good time. I laughed enough to last for a month or two. Return to lodge at 11:30 P.M. Pres. Mason left early as usual. He certainly is a "kill-joy".

**Tuesday October 16, 1917**

Stormy most of the day. Studied the introduction to the "Articles of Faith". Tea at Sister Taylor's at Accrington. Five of us at the Mutual class at their house; study 38 and 39 chapters of Alma.

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**Wednesday October 17, 1917**

Pressed my suit. Wrote to Mother. Studied. Too stormy to tract A.M. Tract 3 ½ hours P.M. Was sitting in the meeting room reading when two strange girls opened the door cautiously. They looked about the room. I said "What will you have?" They left unceremoniously and descended the stairs in an unlady like manner. They seemed to be frightened. Attend Relief Society meeting. An eider down comfort is presented to Brother Thompson and Sister Hargreaves as a wedding present. Write a letter to Sister Shaw of Halifax before going to bed at 11:30 P.M.

**Thursday October 18, 1917**

Quite stormy all day. Pres. Tracts at Darwen. A.M. study, buy a few shirts, (P.M.) Try to decide what to give Brother Thompson and Sister Hargreaves for a wedding present. Tract one hour, study "Articles of Faith", and make an outline of the first "Lecture".

**Friday October 19, 1917**

A fine summer day. Sun shines all day. A.M. Tract 2 hours; one invitation in and a long gospel conversation with a Unitarian. He couldn't believe the Bible since being enlightened by science. He believes that the only way God inspires a man is by the knowledge and wisdom a man has obtained through his own efforts. Of course, I wouldn't call that revelation. P.M. Send out Stars' clean typewriter tract 2 hours; one invitation in. Study "Articles of Faith". Pres. tracting at Darwen. Send two jam spoons in a case to Sister Hargreaves as a wedding present.

**Saturday October 20, 1917**

Tract two hours. Prepare for wedding of Brother Thompson and Sister Hargreaves. At 1:30 Brother Thompson calls at the lodge for me. We go to home of Sister Hargreaves where I meet my partner, the Bridesmaid, Miss Hargreaves. At 2:15 we march to St. Thomas' Church (I am best man). Of course there is a crowd of people along the road and in the church. About 5 minutes later the bride comes on the arm of her father. Then the minister comes in and we are arranged before the altar where we listen to the service which is said in a dull monotone. The minister read awhile and then we kneel in prayer; after repeating this method for about 20 minutes, the service is finished and we go to the vestry where we sign our names to a record. Then the four of us march in couples out of the church between the crowds and receive a shower of confetti and on to the house. After a little while we go down town to a café where we have a wedding breakfast; then a program, composed of songs, recitations, games, dance, etc. We all go to see the newly weds in their new home. About 35 were at the wedding party. I have found out that the best man is not the one that is wed but the one that escapes.

**Sunday October 21, 1917**

At Burnley. Cloudy all day. A.M. Study. P.M. Take 1"20 train to Burnley and arrive in time for Sunday School. I took charge of the Theological class; study 50 chapter of Alma. Tea at Esply's. At the evening service, I talk first for 35 minutes on spiritual food and character building. Pres. Owens talks 10 minutes. I take 8:38 train to Blackburn.

**Monday October 22, 1917**

Cloudy. Tract 2 hours in forenoon. Tract 2 hours in afternoon. Attend Mutual. Pres. Mason was called upon to take charge of the class but he suggested that I take it; this was also the opinion of the class. It had been decided that I take it but some thought Pres. would be offended. We commenced our study of the "Articles of Faith" by Apostle Talmage. We read and discussed most of the introductory.

**Tuesday October 23, 1917**

Tracted five hours today. Showers very frequent today. Sister Leak had invited some friends to spend

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the evening and I suggested to Pres. Mason that we go visiting so that they could have our room as the gas would not burn in theirs; but he thought he might get a conversation if he stayed. Of course we disagreed. I knew that were only coming to spend a social evening. Well, I went to the Royal and saw the "Private Secretary". It was certainly a comedy.

**Wednesday October 24, 1917**

Raining all day. Write letters, study, etc. Attend Relief Society meeting. A strange woman asks for administration; she says a dark cloud comes over her and she loses her memory. Talk with Sisters Leak, Connolly and Lizzie for an hour.

**Thursday October 25, 1917**

Very stormy and wild, a regular gale; several houses blown down last night. Study, write letters, etc. Visit and have tea with Sister Waring.

**Friday October 26, 1917**

Stormy all day; quite cold. Work on reports; study. P.M. Visit Sister Yates and have payer with her. She seems to be getting weaker. Tea at lodge. Visit Sister Hayes in evening.

**Saturday October 27, 1917**

Work on reports, study, etc. Liverpool report did not come today. Buy a Funk and Wagnalls dictionary. First snow of the year, tonight.

**Sunday October 28, 1917**

Snowing this morning. Rains most of the day. At Blackburn; Pres. Mason at Nelson. Study; make out the financial report, A.M. Liverpool branch report just came this morning. We have an interesting Sunday School class. Study Doc. & Cov. Sec 76. Do not eat "Tea". Study, At evening meeting we have six new investigators out; two of them are Jewesses and two are men from the Gospel Hall. I speak first on "Authority" for 45 minutes. Brother Thompson talks 10 minutes on a passage of Scripture; he is excited because there are strangers present. After meeting I talk with the Gospel Hall men for a while and then have a talk with the Jewesses. They gave me their card and invite me to call at their home.

**Monday October 29, 1917**

Office work. A.M. After dinner we tract at Darwen for 3 hours. I have 4 gospel conversations. Attend Mutual. Have an interesting class. Study 1st Article of Faith. Class takes an active part. Sit at M. room and talk with Mrs. Leak, Mrs. Connolly, Lizzie and Lillie. Pres. went to Spiritualist meeting.

**Tuesday October 30 1917**

Too stormy to tract. Study. Go to Mill Hill to visit tracting friend but he isn't at home. Tract one hour. Pres. & I don't agree about visiting so he stays in. I go to P. Show.

**Wednesday October 31, 1917**

Clean meeting room, light fire, etc. Help Mrs. Connolly and Sis Leak clan in afternoon. Pres. and I go to Hayes for tea and remain until almost 9 o'clock. I go to Hall and help Sister Leak, Hargreaves (Thompson), Blackburn and Lizzie finish cleaning.

**Thursday November 1, 1917**

Pres. tracts. I do a lot of odd jobs such as clean meeting room, windows, fix organ, mend tables, try

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to find chairs for conference, etc. Pres. & I go to Royal at night and see "Damaged Goods". It is a drama showing the evils in society, especially syphilis. It shows what the government could do but doesn't. All under 18 are excluded but they are just the ones that should have been there. The house was crowded as it has been all week.

**Friday November 2, 1917**

We arrange to get 60 chairs at the Co-operative Society. Visit Sister Yates. Study, etc.

**Saturday November 3, 1917**

Drizzling all day. Pres. and I with Alfred Leak and a pony and cart haul 56 chairs to meeting room. After dinner I work at meeting room. Lizzie and Maggie B. work also. I carry tea in from Regent Street. Study.

**Sunday November 4, 1917**

Bright and warm all day. The Lord certainly blessed us with a good day for conference. Pres. Richards, Elder Cottam and Richards Jr. and Edith Richards were up from Liverpool. The Sunday School program consisting of recitations, took most of the morning session. Sister Richards, Pres. Richards and Elder Cottam speak. Elders eat dinner with Saints at hall. Pres. Mason flies into a temper over a little of nothing. At the afternoon session I present authorities, Pres. Mason reports conference, Pres. Richards gives report of mission work. George F. Richards, Jr. speak. Musical numbers' solo, Emma Thompson, Duet, Marley and T. Brown; Quartet Pres. Owens, Marley, Sisters Duckworth and Owens. At evening session Danielsen, Marley, I and Elder Cottam speak. I talked about 30 minutes. Talk with a number of the saints that are present from other branches while they are waiting for their train.

**Monday November 5, 1917**

Help Pres. Mason take chairs back. Write minutes of Liverpool conference; send them to Pres. Richards. Attend Mutual; study Art. I; rather dull class; I had been too busy with minutes to think of lesson.

**Tuesday November 6, 1917**

Studied, tracted; etc. Try to find place to have typewriter repaired but cannot or rather do not. Study.

**Wednesday November 7, 1917**

Tract three hours. Rather stormy. Study. Attend Relief Society meeting. Help "spin yarn" or rather wind into balls.

**Thursday November 8, 1917**

Stormy. Pres. and I have a little differences which we discuss. P.M. I visit tracting friend at Mill Hill, lend him Book of Mormon; have a conversation for 2 ½ hours. At 8:00 P.M. Pres. and I go to home of Jewess' and have a conversation for 2 ½ hours with four sisters. Of course they don't believe in Christ. We gain one point; we convince them that we existed before we came to this earth. We left them a Book of Mormon and two other books; we are to call again.

**Friday November 9, 1917**

Stormy. Pres M. goes tracting but returns because of storm. Study. Write out transfers for Brown family who have removed to Manchester. I take typewriter to be repaired. We call on Belgian family; husband not home so we remain only a few minutes. Sister Leak very ill.

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**Saturday November 10, 1917**

A fine clear day. Cleaned hall, etc. We visit a Miss Abbott & sister. I found her to be a regular "talking machine". They are friendly but satisfied with their own religion. Walk to Oswaldtwistle to birthday party of Brother Eccles (Bob's 21st). Tea, games, songs and recitations occupied the afternoon and evening. About 40 present. Marley and Danielsen there also. We elders leave 9:45 P.M. I received an announcement of Elsie Skidmore's wedding with Levi Allen today. They were married October 17, 1917. Home at Cove Utah.

**Sunday November 11, 1917**

Pres. Mason and I at Blackburn. I dust meeting room; while there the Mayor of Blackburn with his long procession composed of soldiers, boy scouts, firemen, office holder, policemen, etc, marched by. They certainly make a big fuss over a little of nothing. They went to the Parish Church. Thousands lined the streets as spectators. Sunday School, testimony meeting; a very good spirit present and a number of good testimonies were borne. Tea at lodge. Pres. & I speak at evening service. I talk on "Worship" for 20 minutes. Pres. makes another "beef"; mentioning names in speaking before a congregation. I write a letter to Luna. She is in North Promontory teaching school. She tells me she is lonesome so I have decided to write once a week.

**Monday November 12, 1917**

Check the monthly reports from beginning of year in preparation for yearly reports. I find several mistakes made by Elder McAlister and Mason. Tract 3 hours. Attend Mutual; finish study of 1st Article. Pres in his bull-headed way opposes me on the subject of the "Holy Ghost" before he knows what I was talking about. I will be glad when we get rid of him. I have a little talk with Mrs. Connolly, Lizzie and Lillie. Sometime during the night Pres. Mason wakes me up and starts lecturing on staying up so late at night. I felt like telling him to go to h----. He expects everybody to go to bed at dark like he does. I have certainly lost the spirit of missionary work since living with him. I wanted to attend the Leeds conference next Sunday and even received permission from Pres. Richards, but Pres. Mason was too ornery and pig-headed to approve of it.

**Tuesday November 13, 1917**

Tracted 5 hours. Pres. at Accrington all day. I go at night to attend Cottage meeting at the Thompson girl's home. 6 present besides elders.

**Wednesday November 14, 1917**

Leave Blackburn at 8:09 A.M. and arrive at Manchester at 8:52 A.M. Elder Hewlett meets me. We walk about the city; get my passport extended, call on a family of saints, look at L.D.S. meeting room. In afternoon we go to Ford motorcar shop where we see the parts as they come from the U.S.A. The remarkable thing is that almost everything is done by machinery, even the painting; the parts are hung on machinery which is continually moving; it is carried up and dipped in paint and then up into a furnace room where they are dried and brought back to the place they were started from without being touched. The parts are placed on machinery which carries them to the places where they are needed. About eight men are engaged in putting the parts together. They place them on a moving frame, each man doing a certain part; after traveling about 100 feet they run off the frame, a man gets in the car and off he rides. It is certainly very interesting, everything carried on just like clockwork. I had dinner & tea with the elders; there were Pres. Burton (soon going home), Elder Hewlett (newly appointed president) and Elder Cluff. Elder Hewlett and I stayed at the lodge and talked so long that I almost missed the last train (9:05 P.M.) for Blackburn. We had to run to catch it. Arrived in Blackburn at 10:20 P.M. My passport expired today and I had to get it extended; that was the main purpose of my visit. While there took advantage of the opportunity to do a little sightseeing.

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**Thursday November 15, 1917**

Remained at the lodge most of the day; talked with Sis Leak 1 ½ hours. She is still quite ill. Pres. and I visit the Belgian family; also Carter's, a family the elders lived with when Elder Giles got into trouble with a neighbor girl. Of course the Elders had to move to another part of town.

**Friday November 16, 1917**

Drizzling all day. Stayed in lodge most of the time. Purchased a fountain pen and a watch. Pres. & I visit Mrs. Hawkes. She claims to be interested but says that the stairs are too hard to climb. I am afraid she will find the stairs into the Kingdom so steep that she will find it impossible to climb them when she gets on the other side. Wrote a letter to Luna.

**Saturday November 17, 1917**

Cleaned meeting room. Read, studied, etc. Pres. M. wanted to go visiting but I objected because I have found Saturday to be a bad visiting day. He couldn't see it that way, because he doesn't care if he does inconvenience others as long as they do and say just as he would like. Well we didn't go. I was willing to go visiting Sister Hayes, she being a cripple, is always in, but he didn't want to. Then about 7 o'clock he jumped up and said, "let's go to Sister Hayes". Since he had refused I had not dressed for going out so I refused to go on such short notice. I am sure I will never get used to him indefinite way of doing things.

**Sunday November 18, 1917**

Blackburn; Pres. at Burnley. Study A.M. Sunday School. We have quite a discussion about who are the Sons of Perdition. At night Pres. Thompson talks 15 minutes on "I am the light". I talk 30 minutes on "Practical Religion", showing how the gospel embraces all truth concerning temporal as well as spiritual things. Sister Barnes gives me a pound of sugar.

**Monday November 19, 1917**

Tract five hours. Study. Attend Mutual; start on second Article; have an interesting discussion on free agency.

**Tuesday November 20, 1917**

Tract one hour. Stormy in afternoon. Study. Pres & I visit Sharrock's; tea with them; talk to Sister Sharrock about attending to her duties.

**Wednesday November 21, 1917**

Stormy all day. Study. Tea with Sister Hayes. Attend Relief Society.

**Thursday November 22, 1917**

Tract six hours. We visit Sister Yates and talk to her children (grown ups) who are not members.

**Friday November 23, 1917**

Tract six hours. We visit and have tea with Mrs. Connolly.

**Saturday November 24, 1917**

Clean meeting room. Then Pres. M. reads a letter he had written to a tracting friend and asks for my opinion and because I happened to touch a little point that he didn't agree with, he did as usual, got angry and made things unpleasant. I certainly pity his wife and children. I read, write letter, etc.

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Lizzie Blackledge comes in and we have a good chat, with plenty of fun; Sister Leak takes part as well. The laugh did me good after the way I felt since the quarrel with president.

Yesterday I visited Mr. Richardson my tracting friend; had a talk about the Book of Mormon which he is reading. Pres. M. and I receive invitations to a social at Durham House, Liverpool next Thursday; also to go on Wednesday.

### **Sunday November 25, 1917**

Very cold and showry. A very strong wind all night. Dust hall, study, etc. Leave on 1:58 train for Preston arriving there at 2:30. Pres. M. remains in Blackburn. I visit Leaver's and Johnson's. Call at P. L. Cookman's address but find that he has removed to Manchester. Received a very cold reception from his father who is prejudiced against the Mormons. Go to Rogerson's where we hold a meeting at 6:30. 13 present. I take charge; after the Sacrament I call on Brother Leaver who talks 10 minutes. I then speak for one hour on "All things are governed by law"; compared earthly and heavenly kingdoms. Brother Leaver shows me the way to the station where I take the 8:52 train arriving in Blackburn at 9:30; eat supper and retire. I arranged with the Preston people to hold a meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month commencing January 10th at 7:30. I haven't received Pres. M. sanction yet.

### **Monday November 26, 1917**

Stormy all day. Worked at reports. To Picture show. Mutual. We continue study of 2nd Article.

### **Tuesday November 27, 1917**

Finish reports and send them off. I have been ill all day. Do not go to Accrington with Pres. M. Retire at 7:30.

### **Wednesday November 28, 1917**

Get haircut, cash check. Call on police; leave at 2:11 arriving in Liverpool at 3:32. Go to Durham House where we remain until Friday. After tea I go to the sitting room and read, until 8:00 P.M. at which time we hold a meeting, Pres. and I do the talking. I then renew my acquaintance with the Liverpool people.

### **Thursday November 29, 1917**

Thanksgiving Day. I arise at 7 A.M. and help decorate the rooms until evening, with the exception of time for breakfast at 9:30 A.M. and a Thanksgiving dinner (turkey included) at 3:30 P.M. At 8:00 P.M. a social commences; there were about 75 people present. The decorations looked grand. An orchestra furnished the music. Refreshments were served in the dining room. We had a very good time. It lasted until 12:00 o'clock. Pres. M. stayed up until it was over. He wouldn't do that up at Blackburn. It was because Pres. Richards was there.

### **Friday November 30, 1917**

Two years since I landed in Liverpool. After breakfast Pres. M. and I leave for Blackburn arriving there at 11:54, eat a cold dinner because Pres. M. (now that he is away from Pres. Richards) couldn't wait until any was warmed. I go to picture show. We then visit Belgians

### **Saturday December 1, 1917**

Clean meeting room. Study, etc. Elders come; administer to Sister Yates & Hayes. Social evening. Program, games, etc. until 10:30 P.M. 4 Burnley people present.

### **Sunday December 2, 1917**

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Received letters from Mother and Charles Blackburn. Pres. M. and I study in forenoon. A good testimony meeting in afternoon. Pres. and I speak at night. I talk on "Thanksgiving Day", why we have it set aside for that purpose, etc. 24 present. Pres. M's. speech didn't go well.

**Monday December 3, 1917**

Very cold. Study. Tract three hours. Attend Mutual. Pres. M. not there; ill (mostly homesickness). We enjoyed his absence at Mutual.

**Tuesday December 4, 1917**

Very cold. Study. Tract three hours. I go to the Palace with Mrs. Leak, Mr. Leak, Lily and Lizzie. It was very good, especially the pony performance.

**Wednesday December 5, 1917**

Weather moderated a little; rains P.M. Write a long letter to Mother, (7 pages). Attended Relief class. Pres. M. who is better, reads "The Lady of His Dreams".

**Thursday December 6, 1917**

Drizzling all day. Tract 3 hours. Pres. M. didn't care to go visiting, so I went to Royal and saw "Sweethearts", in order that Sister Leak could clean room.

**Friday December 7, 1917**

Went to Manchester today to get typewriter repaired. I had to talk quite "hard" to get them to do it, but after awhile they fixed it up fairly good. Called on the elders and had dinner with them. They happened to get on the same car as I was on I returned on 5:40 train.

**Saturday December 8, 1917**

Clean hall. I go to a birthday party at Brother Eccley at Oswaldtwistle. Pres. M. wouldn't go. We had tea at 4:30 and then spent the evening listening to a program, playing games, etc. Elder Danielsen was there but Elder Marley was at Manchester. We left at 10:15.

**Sunday December 9, 1917**

I was at Blackburn. Pres. M. at Wigan where he gave one of his usual speeches and upset the branch. We don't know how it will turn out. We studied 77 Section of Doc. & Cov. At Sunday School. I talk 30 minutes at evening meeting on "Willingness to work:.. Brother Thompson occupies the remainder of the time. 29 present; 8 non-members. Lizzie B. comes in and talks with me for awhile at the lodge.

**Monday December 19, 1917**

Have trouble with Pres.M. again. He starts it by grumbling about time for breakfast; he wants it at 7:30; I don't care for it so early. Then we get on to other things; I asked for a transfer to Nelson and let one of the other elders come here, but he refused. Finally I told him I would remain until the yearly reports were made, then I would insist on some change. He said that he and Elder Danielsen had got along alright but Elder Danielsen wouldn't live with him again. I tract 3 hours. Attend M.I.A. finish 2nd Article. M. Blackburne gives review of last week's lesson. Class rather dead. After class we have a birthday supper given by Lizzie Blackledge, it being her 21st birthday. We had a very good supper of potato pie, 2 kinds of blanc-mange, 2 kinds of jelly, cocoa, nuts, biscuits. Then we enjoyed a social evening playing games until 12 P.M. Pres. M. leave early as usual.

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Write letter to Dan' tract 4 hours. I go to Accurington alone to take mutual class at Thompson's. Pres. M. doesn't like to go out after dark. 6 present. Study Book Of Mormon Alma 43 & 44.

**Wednesday December 12, 1917**

Tract 6 hours in Darwen. Write to Mother. Pres. M. and I have tea at Mrs. Conolly's, then attend Relief Society.

**Thursday December 13, 1917**

Miscellaneous, tract 4 hours. Study, etc.

**Friday December 14, 1917**

Stormy all morning. Start a letter to Charles. Send out Stars. Clears up so I tract 3 hours in Darwen.

**Saturday December 15, 1917**

Clean meeting room. Receive 2 letters from Mother. Read all afternoon. A social at night program, games, etc. A number of strangers present. Pres. M. leaves early as usual.

**Sunday December 16, 1917**

At Blackburn Pres. M. at Nelson. At Sunday School study 81st and 82nd section of Doc. & Cov. Tea at Thompson's. Sister Thompson speaks on 4th Article of Faith; takes up nearly all of the time. I didn't talk. Pres. M. didn't have a very good reception at Nelson; only 12 present at Sunday School and evening meeting. A very cold winter day; a blizzard.

**Monday December 17, 1917**

Ground covered with snow this morning. Studied M.I.A. lesson. Tracted 3 hours. Attended Mutual. We have a very interesting class; the members took a very active part. We have commenced the study of the 3rd Article.

**Tuesday December 18, 1917**

Sent circular letters to branch presidents in regard to yearly reports. Read some of Longfellow's poems. Tracted 3 hours. Pres. M. and I had "tea" and spent evening at Sister Hayes.

**Wednesday December 19, 1917**

Wrote to Mother. Tracted 2 hours. Attended Relief Society. 6 present besides Pres. M. and I; small attendance.

**Thursday December 20, 1917**

Studies, etc. Went to Pantomine at Princess; "Hop O My Thumb". Also to Palace at night.

**Friday December 21, 1917**

Wrote letters to Branch Presidents in regard to Annual Relief Society reports. Tracted 3 hours in Darwen. Went to Central Hall.

**Saturday December 22, 1917**

Received letter and Xmas card from Sister Atley. Cleaned room, took bath, shaved, washed my head, etc.

**Sunday December 23, 1917**

Received Xmas card from Sister Conolly who was baptized last Monday. Write up record and diary

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for several days. Dust meeting room. Pres. M. at Burnley. I went to Wigan; 9 present at Sunday School. Tea at Tinsley's. About 15 present at night. I took up all the time; spoke on "Mission of Christ; Prophet Joseph Smith's work", for 50 minutes. The people certainly didn't have anything good to say about Pres. M. He certainly stirred things up two weeks ago with one of his usual (?) -talks. They don't care to have him come again. Talked with two soldiers home on leave, on way back. Arrived back at 10:30 P.M.

**Monday December 24, 1917**

Drizzling all day. I work at records straightening them. Send letter to Branches in regard to record of Ordinations. Xmas eve social began at 8:30 P.M. and lasted until 5:30 (A.M.). I arrived back at lodge at 5:45 A.M. just as President M. came downstairs. He didn't attend social; we got along better without him. We had potato pie, played games, told tales, etc. About 20 or 25 present.

**Tuesday December 25, 1917**

Christmas Day. Went to bed at 6 A.M.; arose at 120 A.M. Pres. M. and I had Christmas dinner with Sister Leak and family. At 3 P.M. there was a program given by the Sunday School children, followed by a social which lasted until about 11:30 P.M. About 40 or 45 present.

**Wednesday December 26, 1917**

Boxing Day. Worked on reports for year 1917; am waiting for branch reports. Liverpool's report is last as usual. Go to Relief Society at night.

**Thursday December 27, 1917**

Work on reports. Picture show.

**Friday December 28, 1917**

Work on reports. Lizzie comes to Sister Leaks. We play games.

**Saturday December 29, 1917**

Clean hall, get haircut, take bath; call on Sister Yates who is passing very rapidly. Bing Boys at night.

**Sunday December 30, 1917**

Liverpool branch report came this morning; I make out report for month of December, also of Lady Missionaries reporting out of 49 set apart. Dust hall. Pres. M. and I at Blackburn. Study Doc. & Cov Section 88:17-52 at Sunday School. 27 present at night. President M. talks first and takes all the time. He reads from Book of Mormon and Doc. & Cov. Talk with Sister Barnes and Smith.

**Monday December 31, 1917**

Work at tithing record all day; writing alphabetically all the tithe payers of the conference and the amount in U.S. money; I had to change it from English to U.S. We went to a New Year's Eve potato pie social at Blackburn's, 14 Hickory Street. We go at 9 P.M. Pres. M. returns at 10 P.M. We play games, have songs, etc. Potato pie at 12 P.M. I return with Thompson's and Lily at 4: A.M. There were a number of strangers there (3 men!!) besides myself.

**Tuesday January 1, 1918**

Bright clear day. I arise at 12 A.M. Compete and send to Liverpool, Record of tithe payers, of Baptisms and Confirmations, of Ordinations to the Priesthood; also monthly Priesthood report. Lizzie comes so we all play games until 12 P.M. (Not Pres. M.).

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**Wednesday January 2, 1918**

Miscellaneous; tract 3 hours. Attend Relief Society. Pres. M. and I had a little dispute just before meeting because he had not given me the report of a death in the conference so that I could report it. I found it as I looked through old letters lying around. He didn't go to Relief Society meeting.

**Thursday January 3, 1918**

Miscellaneous; tract 3 hours. Stormy today so I clean hall. I visit at Brother Thompson's at night. Sister Thompson leave me in the house while she with Sisters Blackburne and West take a wreath for Sister Yates' funeral thinking Brother Thompson would soon return, but he didn't return from work until they did at 10 P.M. an hour late. Pres. M. didn't go out' he went to bed

**Friday January 4, 1918**

*(Rec'd parcel (fruitcake and chocolates) from Charles. 7 weeks in coming; sent November 17, 1917. Arrived in good shape).*

**Saturday January 5, 1918**

Took bath. Went to Sister Yates' funeral at Tochills. We took no part because her family were prejudiced. I went to Nelson to farewell social for Elder Marley who has been transferred to the Leeds Conference and Elder Danielsen who comes to Blackburn. We had potato pie; then played games until 11P.M. My last train was at 10:00 so I stayed with the elders all night.

**Sunday January 6, 1918**

I returned to Blackburn. Testimony meeting rather dull. Memorial service for Sister Yates. Pres. Thompson and Mason and I speak, 33 present; several of Yates' family.

**Monday January 7, 1918**

Miscellaneous; tracted 3 hours. Attended Mutual. Lizzie gave a good reiew of last weeks lesson. Class rather dull.

**Tuesday January 8, 1918**

Tracted 3 hours. Mutual at 6 Fern Gore, Accrington; 2 present besides Elders. I got lost in trying to find the place. Bitter cold today.

**Wednesday January 9, 1918**

Stormy. Write to Mother; etc. Relief Society re-organized at Blackburn. Death of Sister Yates as President disorganized it.

**Thursday January 10, 1918**

Office letters, etc. Pres. M. and I go to Preston. Hold cottage meeting at home of Brother Leaver. 16 present (3 children). I spoke first for a short time. Pres. M. uses remainder of the time. We return on 10:7 train arriving at 11 P.M.

**Friday January 11, 1918**

Stormy. Send out Stars' look over old records and prepare them for shipping to Liverpool. Go to Palace.

**Saturday January 12, 1918**

Clean hall; make out Relief Society report for year 1917. Take bath, etc.

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**Sunday January 13, 1918**

At Burnley. Room very cold. Blizzard. Not many at meeting. Tea at Pres. Owens. I spoke short time at night. Several of sister spoke.

**Monday January 14, 1918**

Tracted 4 hours. Elder Danielsen comes from Nelson, so I will have some one for company. Attend Mutual. Lizzie and Lily only ones there besides 3 elders. Interesting class.

**Tuesday January 15, 1918**

Tract 3 hours. Pres. arranges to visit Harrison's but doesn't go. Danielsen goes alone. I go to Palace.

**Wednesday January 16, 1918**

Tract 2 hours in Darwen, finishing the tracting there. In the afternoon Elder Danielsen and I tract at Church 2 1/2 hours. 7 conversations, 128 tracts distributed, 2 pamphlets, no refusals, 1 invitation in. Stopped by detective, who asked for my identity book and registration card. I always carry them with me so it was all right. Pres. M. tracting at Accrington We three attend Relief Society meeting. I talk with Sister Conolly about trouble between her and Sister Leak.

**Thursday January 17, 1918**

Make a list of tithing payers of conference; the three of us look it over and state whether they paid a full tithing or not. This information was asked for by Pres. Richards. I go tracting for 2 hours. Mason and Danielsen remain at lodge. We three visit Gregory's. Elder D and I had arranged to go and Pres. M. invited himself to go with us, not with our good will. During the evening he went to sleep or looked glum, thus contributing to the pleasure(?) of the evening. When we did get a conversation and were getting along very well in encouraging him (Gregory) to attend the meeting, Pres. M. spoiled it by his "preaching". I made this resolve, never to go visiting with him again. Of course he was angry when I spoke to him about preaching too many things at once and wouldn't walk home with us, for which I was very sorry (?). It will be a happy day for Danielsen and I when his release comes, not half.

**Friday January 18, 1918**

Too stormy to tract. Elder D and I visit Mr. Richardson at Mill Hill, my tracting friend. After tea we visit with Sister Hayes, Pres. M. was at Sharrocks. He wanted us to go there but we didn't care to visit with him. When we all returned Pres. M. and I had quite a confab; we finally decided that it would be best for Pres. to go alone; and Elder D and I together.

**Saturday January 19, 1918**

Stormy. Clean Hall, write letters, etc. Elder D. and I attend social at night. Sundry School children receive books for attendance. Had a fairly good time. Sister Leak quite ill again. Dolly had got the measles.

**Sunday January 20, 1918**

At Nelson, Elder D. at Burnley, Pres. M. at Blackburn. 15 at Sunday School. Study Alma 50. I stay at room. Pres. Brown and I speak at night. 35 present. Meet Elder D. and return together. We three and Pres. Thompson visit administer to Sister Bracken in the forenoon.

**Monday January 21, 1918**

Send Sunday School annual report blanks with letter of instructions to branch presidents. Elder D. and I tract 2 hours at Church, 150 double tracts, 4 conversations. M.I.A., at night, rather dead; I did

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all the asking questions. 5 besides elders present.

**Tuesday January 22, 1918**

Finish letter to Charles. Write up record and diary. Received a parcel containing home made candy from Lois and Goldie. It sure tasted good. Elder D. & I go to Accrington, attend M.I.A. class at 88 Monk Street. I was called on to take class. Study 47, 48 and 49 chaps of Alma. 4 present besides elders. Supper with Thompson girls.

**Wednesday January 23, 1918**

Clean hall. Tract 3 hours at Church, 192 double tracts, 5 conversations, 1 refusal, 2 invitation in. Elder D. and I assist Relief Society sisters clean hall. Write letter to Mother after 11 P.M.

**Thursday January 24, 1918**

Letter from Mother; a great many D. N. papers came from U.S. Elder D. & I tract 2 ½ hours at Church; 150 double tracts, 3 conversations, 1 pamphlet, 4 refusals. Write office letters to Pres. McKay and Bro. Richard Tinsley. Write to Hewlett. To Palace.

**Friday January 25, 1918**

Purchased Wrappers. Sent out Stars. Elder D. & I started tracting in Accrington but found too many busy so we go into country by way of Clayton le Moors, Whally, Billington, Wilpshire, Blackburn. Tracted 4 hours. 50 tracts. We visit Thompson's at night. Dorothy and Maggie Blackburne there. We talk about a Mother in Heaven; and whether we are the begotten spiritual children of Our Father in Heaven.

**Saturday January 26, 1918**

Clean meeting room, windows. Monthly reports; bath, etc. Bro. Thompson brings reports of Blackburn.

**Sunday January 27, 1918**

Dust hall, etc. Pres. M. and I at Wigan. After Sunday School we talk with Brother Richard about branch affairs. At the evening service the people state their complaints and we have a regular jangle. Some of them call Pres. M. over his speech some time ago, even to saying that he did not speak under the Spirit of the Lord, and intimated that it was the opposite influence that directed him. Finally Bro. Richard was unanimously released as branch president; Edith Rickard as branch clerk. Richard Tinsley was accepted as president. And Marry Jane Arbuthnot as clerk. The organization is to be completed later. We had tea at Tinsley's.

**Monday January 28, 1918**

Work at reports, tithing receipts, etc. all day. M.I.A. at night; dead class. 10 present. *Tank comes to Blackburn.*

**Tuesday January 29, 1918**

Write to Willard whose letter I receive this morning. Elder D. and I tract 2 hours at Accrington; 21 tracts, 2 conversations; 2 pamphlets. All three of us at Haworth's for tea. Sister Sharrock there. Lillian Leak released from position as Lady Missionary.

**Wednesday January 30, 1918**

Wrote letters to Mother, Ammon Relief Society and Luna. Elder D. and I tract 2 hours in Accrington. 180 tracts, 1 pamphlet, 3 conversations, no refusals. Attended Relief Society meeting. Talked with

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the M.I.A. officers about improvements to make.

**Thursday January 31, 1918**

Tract three hours at Accrington. 200 tracts, 2 pamphlets, 5 conversations. Elder D. and I go to picture show.

**Friday February 1, 1918**

Tract 4 hours in country toward Haslingden and Accrington; 90 tracts, 6 pamphlets. We have tea and spend evening at Sharrock's.

**Saturday February 2, 1918**

Elder D. and I leave A.M. for Nelson. Visit old lodge, Wilkinson and Brown's. Go to Burnley where a Priesthood and Lady Missionary meeting held. 17 present. Social at night. Pres. didn't remain.

**Sunday February 3, 1918**

Elder D. and I at Wigan. Tea at Tinsley's. Elder D. and I speak at night. Also set apart Richard Tinsley as president; Sister Arbuthnot and Sister Mc Garry as branch clerk and assistant clerk respectively.

**Monday February 4, 1918**

Work at Sunday School report. Funeral of H. Duerdin's child--5 months old. I preach funeral sermon. Pres. begins but is unable to find passages so gives up. I also dedicate grave. Tea at Duerdin's. Several friends there. M.I.A. I received good support tonight. The best since I first took charge of the class. I have been calling them for their non-support.

**Tuesday February 5, 1918**

Office work etc. Buy a new fountain pen; my old one is but very little good. Too stormy to tract. Elder D. and I fix scrapbooks. Pres. Condie of the New Castle conference arrives at 5:40 P.M. He is from Preston, Idaho. He came to England at the same time as I did and is returning home with the next company. After tea we attend farewell social given to Presidents Mason and Condie. Mason is given 12\$ because he thought they might get something that he didn't care for; so they gave him the money to get what he wanted. Pres. Condie received two tablecloths. Program consisted of songs recitations, speeches, games, etc. About 50 present. Haworth's, Duerden's, Sharrock's, Gregory's, Carter's were there beside the usual ones. I think every body had a good time.

**Wednesday February 6, 1918**

Pres. M. and C. do shopping, visiting, etc. Elder D. and I write letters, etc. I write to Mother, Sister Shaw, Edith Phillips, Alice Brookes, Eliza Thornton. Attend Relief Society.

**Thursday February 7, 1918**

Write letters to Pres. Hewlett, Lois and Brother Tofte. Make out Sunday School Annual Statistical and financial report. Elder D. and I go to Picture show. Lily Leak quite ill.

**Friday February 8, 1918**

Write letters to Sarah Race, Luella; port "Stars". Tract 4 hours. Go to Palace. Pres. C. and Elder D. at Nelson and Burnley.

**Saturday February 9, 1918**

Clean meeting room. Bath at Corporation baths. Talk for a long while to Lily who is ill in bed. Study, etc.

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**Sunday February 10, 1918**

Pres. Condie and Elder D. at Blackburn. Mason at Nelson; I am at Burnley. Quite a number at Sunday School; about 35. I took charge of theological class. Tea at Espley's. Pres. Brown of Nelson and I did the speaking; no interest shown by those present; very hard to speak. Met M. Blackburne and A. Aspinall on train as I returned. Lizzie at lodge with her fun as usual. Pres. M.'s arrival stops all of it. Pres. Condie suddenly became quite.

**Monday February 11, 1918**

Too stormy to tract. I make out "transfer statement" of conference belonging. Attend M.I.A. An interesting class.

**Tuesday February 12, 1918**

Still stormy. Make out a transfer statement, turning conference belongings over to me. Elder D. and I attend Book of Mormon class at 6 Fern Gore. Accrington. 5 present; I take charge of class; study Alma 50 and 51.

**Wednesday February 13, 1918**

Mason and Condie receive word that date of sailing has been postponed until February ;22. However they take 9:46 A.M. train to Liverpool intending to remain there until they sail. I clear out desk and straighten up things a little. Attend Relief Society meeting. Write American Consul in regard to questionnaire which I filled out today.

**Thursday February 14, 1918**

Lincoln's birthday. Wrote in Lily's and Lizzie's autograph albums, etc. Elder D. & I walk to Preston (11 miles); tract 4 hours on way. Visit Sisters Johnson and Smith. Tea at Rogerson's. Meeting at 7:30, 9 present besides elders. Elder D. and I divide time in speaking. He talks on prophecy and I talk on Revelation for 35 minutes. Return by train to Blackburn.

**Friday February 15, 1918**

Office work, etc. Elder D. and I go to picture show at Exchange Ha.. Wrote to Luna.

**Saturday February 16, 1918**

Cleaned meeting room. Bath at corporation baths. Study, etc. At lodge all day. Received appointment as president.

**Sunday February 17, 1918**

At Blackburn. Elder D. at Nelson. Fair Sunday School. Evening Brother Thompson and I speak. The saints seem pleased to call me president. The English people recognize position.

**Monday February 18, 1918**

Office work. Write President Richards expressing my feelings in regard to appointment as president. We tract in country 4 hours P.M. I have a good conversation with one man who wants me to call on him tomorrow night and bring a Book of Mormon. Elder D. was lost and after he came into Blackburn he inquired as to what town he was in and was surprised to learn he was so near home. A good M.I.A. class tonight. Commence on study of Baptism.

**Tuesday February 19, 1918**

Office letters ans. We go tracting in country at 10 A.M. and return at 5:30 P.M. Haslingden, Guide

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and almost to Darwen (about 25 miles), 160 tracts, 4 conversations, 1 invitation in, 1 pamphlet. Tonight we visit Mr. Carter with whom I had talked yesterday; spent two hours in a good conversation, loaned him a Book of Mormon and pamphlet. Arranged to call at 7:30 one week from Friday.

**Wednesday February 20, 1918**

Stormy all day. Visit Conolly's, Wright's (have tea) then Thompson's at Accrington (tea again) and spend the evening playing games, etc.

**Thursday February 21, 1918**

Cleaned raincoat. Tracted 4 hours. Tea and evening at Sharrock's. Lizzie and two strangers there besides the family; singing, etc.

**Friday February 22, 1918**

Washington's birthday. Stormy. Buy new raincoat 45/; old one didn't wash very good (???) Received letter from Mother. Go to Palace.

**Saturday February 23, 1918**

Clean meeting room; buy pair of gloves; take bath, etc. Write branch presidents in regard to conference and other matters. Play "Halma" with Elder D. We talk with Lily about her love affairs. Receive letters from Luna and Mother.

**Sunday February 24, 1918**

Dust meeting room. We visit Sister Bracken. I go to Wigan. Elder D. at Burnley. Tea at Ibbotson's. Brother Rickard and I speak at night; I talk 30 minutes on "Law". Return by way of Bolton. Meet Lizzie and May in Bolton at 9:30. Of course I enjoy the ride to Blackburn with such good company. It was to short, by far.

**Monday February 25, 1918**

A fine spring day. Tract 2 hours in morning; and then we tract in country around Whalley & Wilpshire in afternoon for 4 hours. M.I. A. study article on bapatism. M. Blackburne gives review. We visit Brother Thompson and talk over conference matters.

**Tuesday February 26, 1918**

Monthly reports. M.I.A. at ;88 Monk Street Accrington. Visit a short time with Barlow's and Thompson's.

**Wednesday February 27, 1918**

Monthly reports. Picture show. Write office letters.

**Thursday February 28, 1918**

Finished reports (Liverpool branch report late as usual) & sent them to Liverpool. Went to M/c/r/ to execute my "registrant affidavit". Went to Elders lodge had dinner, tea and attend a picture show with them; also visited a family, Stayed all night at elders' lodge. We four Hewlett, Cluff and Wilding are there.

**Friday March 1, 1918**

My 25th birthday. We all go to baths for two hour swim. They have a very good swimming pool. After dinner I return to Blackburn where I find 9 birthday cards for me, from Lizzie, Sister Leak,

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Lily, Brother and Sis Sharrock, Ethel, Herbert, Bertha, Sarah Race and Eva Race. I send out "Starts". We visit Mr. Carter, my tracting friend. We discuss 1st Article of Faith for 3 hours.

**Saturday March 2, 1918**

Office work. We attend football game; Blackburn Rovers vs. B'pool. I typewrite 100 tickets for Relief Society Anniversary entertainment.

**Sunday March 3, 1918**

Elder E. At Blackburn. At 1:20 I take train to Nelson; fair Sunday School. Tea at Brown's I talk on "laws of kingdom's" for 40 minutes at evening meeting. Brother Brown talks 10 minutes. Take 9:30 train to Blackburn.

**Monday March 4, 1918**

Write letters, etc. Tract 3 hours M.I.A. 9 present.

**Tuesday March 5, 1918**

Ordered 2000 handbills advertising conference. We have tea at Eccles, Oswaldtwistle. Spend evening. 10 of family present.

**Wednesday March 6, 1918**

Tracted 6 hours country between Blackburn and Harlingden. Tea and evening at Sister Taylo's on Logwood Street.

**Thursday March 7, 1918**

Write letters, etc. Tea and evening at Blackledge's. Musical evening.

**Friday March 8, 1918**

Send out Stars, write letters, etc. Arrange to leave on 12:50 train but the time of departure had been changed. We went on 4:30 train. Tea at Sister Sharples of Adlington. Held meeting there. 6 present besides elders. (2 investigators). Elder D. speaks 30 minutes on the restoration; I speak 35 minutes on Laws of Spiritual and Temporal governments. We with J. Morris and Susie Sharp leave on 8:37 train, they stopping at Chorley. We arrive at Blackburn at 9:30. Notices were up in Adlington of a meeting to be held at St. Philips Church; subject "Mormonism". I would like to hear it.

**Saturday March 9, 1918**

Clean meeting room. Do odd jobs about the house; mending table, desk, doors, etc. Lizzie comes so we have a rather rough time. I enjoy teasing her and Lily. Elder D. and I go to Palace; very good. After we come home Sister Leak, Lizzie and I have quite a time. I have Lizzie's glove and they are trying to get it. I write a love letter to Elder Knight which Lily must sign and she writes one to Luna which I must sign. It certainly is hard work writing it, my first attempt at writing a love letter. I can't imagine how Luna will take it; she may get angry, but I should worry.

**Sunday March 10, 1918**

Dust meeting room. When I return Mr. and Mrs. Leak are fighting, children screaming. I don't go in since I think it wise not to interfere in their family troubles. Write record and diary. Go to Burnley Sunday School. Tea at Owens'. I take all of the time at evening service; talk 50 minutes on "Obedience to Law". Brother Owens and I visit Sister Wilkinson after meeting. Catch 9:42 train back.

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**Monday March 11, 1918**

Wrote letters, etc. Tract 3 hours. Attend M.I.A. I was very disappointed because Lizzie would not give review. Fair class. Wrote to Luna.

**Tuesday March 12, 1918**

Wrote letters (5). Tracted 4 hours. We go to Accrington: tea and meeting at Taylor's. I take charge of class. Study 54 and 55th chapters of Alma, Book of Mormon. *Heard that there was an airii-raid on Manchester; probably a rumor.*

**Wednesday March 13, 1918**

Breakfast at 9 A.M. Walked and tracted to Burnley (12 miles). 6 hours tracting. Visit at Hilton's, Brown's (tea) Esply's and the Holgate's where there was a choir practice. They are preparing an anthem for conference. Catch 10:14 train back.

**Thursday March 14, 1918**

Sister Thompson called to see me at 9:30 and hound me in bed. (or rather not up). Sister Leak prepares to go to infirmary to be operated upon for female troubles. We administer to her; in sealing the anointing, I feel impressed to promise that she will successfully under go operation if it is necessary. I think the rough handling by Mr. Leak on Sunday made her worse. I hope I never get married if I cannot keep from treating a woman in that way. Elder D. and I walk to Preston, tracting (11 miles). Visit Smith's, Parker's and Leavers (tea) where we hold meeting. 13 present. Brother and Sister Eccles present. We return on crowded train at 10:7.

**Friday March 15, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Elder D. And I call with Lily at Infirmary to see Sister Leak. She hasn't undergone operation yet. We then visit with my tracting friend Mr. Carter; talk 3 hours. Not as good as other conversations; he becomes rather skeptic. Appointment again March 29th.

**Saturday March 16, 1918**

Clean hall; take bath; arrange hall for social. Entertainment begins at 7:30. Tableaux and dialogue. They were all very good; the lights flashed from a lantern aided in making them a success. Lizzie did very well as Debra in the dialogue. Beatrice sang very well during the presentation of tableaux. There were 123 present.

**Sunday March 17, 1918**

At Blackburn. Elder D. AT Nelson. Good Sunday School. Brother Thompson and I call at infirmary to see Sister Leak who was operated upon yesterday. She looks quite badly but I think she will get along all right. We administer to her by her request. At evening meeting Brother Thompson and I speak. Neither one of us speak well at all; we wander all around in speaking. 33 present. After meeting I talk to Sister Preston and daughter while they wait for their train.

**Monday March 18, 1918**

Stormy. Wrote to Sister Atley (B'fd). Tracted 4 hours. Called on Education committee in regard to Hilda remaining away from school. M.I.A. A very interesting class. I didn't have to ask many questions. 9 present.

**Tuesday March 19, 1918**

Office work, etc. Visit Sister Leak at infirmary. Visit Eccles' at Wilshire; Durend's there. Sister Leak improving rapidly.

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**Wednesday March 20, 1918**

Received letter from Mother. We go on 10:22 train to Liverpool. Stay at Durham House. Meeting at night; Elder D. and I occupy time. State England is there. He is a great bed-fellow; he isn't satisfied unless he had his arms about you.

**Thursday March 21, 1918**

Visit the saints of Birkenhead and Bootle.

**Friday March 22, 1918**

Visit saints in Liverpool, West Derby and Wavertree. Our visits were made to "Spiritual Delinquents". We had very good weather for our visiting.

**Saturday March 23, 1918**

We returned on 9:42 train, I.E. I did; Elder D. was too late to catch it. We had to run and I jumped on as it was going; he followed 2 hours later. Sister Morris died on Thursday. We visit their home and make arrangements for funeral.

**Sunday March 24, 1918**

At Blackburn; Elder D. at Burnley. Fair Sunday School. Brother Eccles and I talk at evening meeting. Sister Conolly and her friend talk during service so that it was very difficult to speak. Write letter to Sister Leak, who is still improving.

**Monday March 25, 1918**

Office letters, etc. Tract 4 hours. Attend M.I.A.; very interesting class.

**Tuesday March 26, 1918**

Work on reports. At 1 P.M. we go to Morris' where we have prayer; then go to Harwood; hold funeral service in church & dedicate grave, all of which I do. Then we return and have tea at their home. They are Catholics but treated us very well. Hold cottage meeting at 88 Monk Street. I Take charge of class.

**Wednesday March 27, 1918**

Work on reports. We call on Sister Leak at infirmary. I go to Burnley to see about conference program.

**Thursday March 28, 1918**

Office work all day. Elder D. acting as clerk of conference.

**Friday March 29, 1918**

Order programs for conference. I go with Blackburn saints on ramble to Hoghton bottoms. About 25 present. We have a real good time. Return about 9 P.M. I wheeled the carriage for Sister Conolly's baby out and helped by lifting it over styles on way back. Walk with Lizzie B. and have a good talk with her on the way back.

**Saturday March 30, 1918**

Cleaned room, etc. Left at 2:00 for Bradford arriving there at 5:51. Met Nelson, Hair and Pres. Richards at lodge. We go to concert by L.D.S. orchestra at night. I stay at lodge.

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**Sunday March 31, 1918**

Conference at Westgate Hall. Pres. Richards & I talk after Sunday School Program. Dinner at Grundy's, Nelson, Marley, Hair and Pres. Richards talk in afternoon. Hair and I have tea at Atley's. Latimer Hewlett and Pres. Richards talk in evening. A very good conference. We all go to Dr. Higgins for evening.

**Monday April 1, 1918**

Hewlett, Latimer, Hair and I go to Mitchel's for dinner; visit Kirkstall Abbey and then visit Elliot's and tea at Craven's. I go to Page's for evening. Others go to Thornbury.

**Tuesday April 2, 1918**

Stayed in lodge until after dinner. I go to Halifax; tea and visit at Shaw's. Talk to them in regard to Ivy and Elder Worthen. Annie Sharman, Fred and Emma come later. Edith Phillips and Doris Weatherill come to lodge.

**Wednesday April 3, 1918**

After diner I go to Sanders, get cycle and then take 5:6 train to Blackburn arriving at 7:25. Elder Browning supposed to arrive at 7:35 but did not come until 8:46. He is from Ogden, 6 ft. 1 ½ in. high, about 24 years old. I have had a very good time visiting in the Leeds Conference.

**Thursday April 4, 1918**

Wrote office letters, etc. Cleaned room. Tracted 5 hours with conference notices. Cleaned windows at meeting room. The sister scrubbed and cleaned room; Lizzie worked all afternoon and evening.

**Friday April 5, 1918**

Finished cleaning windows, etc. Tracted 5 hours. Visited tracting friend at Mill Hill. At 7:30 I visited Mr. Carter another tracting friend; talked three hours on justification by faith. He believes that a man's works is of no avail; that if he has faith he will be saved. Of course he does not believe in degrees of salvation.

**Saturday April 6, 1918**

Tracted 2 hours with conference notices. Cleaned room, miscellaneous. Pres. Nelson and Elder Marley arrive in the evening.

**Sunday April 7, 1918**

Morning session of conference commenced at 10:30. I presided at all of the meetings. A short program was rendered by the Sunday School. Then I spoke, after which I called on Elder Marely, Sister Richards and Elder Richards. We five elders have dinner at lodge. Afternoon session commences at 2:30. I present authorities. Then call on Elder Browning, Branch presidents and Pres. Richards. Nelson and I have tea at Blackledge's. Evening meeting at 6:00. Pres. Nelson, Elder England and Elder Sjodahl speak. There were 89 present in morning; 121 afternoon; 136 evening; 15, 26, & 27 more respectively than at the last conference. The conference was a success and I think it will be the means of waking up the people somewhat.

Musical Program: Solos: Lizzie, Ivy and Emma Thompson. Duets: Sisters Andrew and Richards. Anthen: Burnley choir. Solo: R. Tinsley.

**Monday April 8, 1918**

Nelson and I visit Sisters Lancaster and Reid at Sister West's home. Meet Brother Bell of Lancaster at lodge. Nelson and Marley leave on 2:00 train. M.I.A. at night; 11 present.

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**Tuesday April 9, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Elder Browning and I attend Mutual class at 6 Fern Gore.

**Wednesday April 10, 1918**

Tract 3 hours. Attend Relief Society and read to them.

**Thursday April 11, 1918**

Tract 3 hours. Miscellaneous.

**Friday April 12, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Danielsen and I visit Mr. Carter and continue our discussion of "Justification by Faith".

**Saturday April 13, 1918**

Miscellaneous, cleaning meeting room, etc. Cycled to Hoghton and back. Elder D. and I go to pantomime at Princess.

**Sunday April 14, 1918**

At Nelson. Elder D. at Blackburn; Elder B. at Burnley. 13 present at Sunday School; testimony bearing. Tea at Brown's. I take all of the time at evening meeting; talk to Lady Missionaries, to those who should attend Sunday School, etc. After meeting a number of the sisters come and order tracts. I hope to see a number of reports at the end of this month. Return on 9:30 train.

**Monday April 15, 1918**

Tracting 3 hours. Attended M.I.A. 9 present. Not much interest in class.

**Tuesday April 16, 1918**

Miscellaneous office work. Send tracts to Sister Lancaster, etc. Tract 3 hours. Elder D. and I visit Brindle's and Gregory's in the evening.

**Wednesday April 17, 1918**

Did a little shopping, etc. Tracted 3 hours. Go to Palace.

**Thursday April 18, 1918**

Office work. Tracted 4 hours. Elder D. and I visit at Brother Eccle's. Several friends present.

**Friday April 19, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Tracted 4 hours. I went alone to visit Mr. Carter. Had a 3 hour conversation on Eternal Marriage. Elder D. Goes to Sharrock's.

**Saturday April 20, 1918**

Cleaned meeting room. Left on 1:7 train to M/c/r. Had photo taken for passport. Called at elders' ledge for address of meeting room. Attended Priesthood meeting. Pres. Richards speaks. We then attend baptismal service; 3 baptized. I speak on Baptism and Hold Ghost. Pres. Richards, Hewlett, Parker and I stay at lodge. Pres. Richards and I sleep together.

**Sunday April 21, 1918**

M/c/r semi-annual conference held at Downing Street. 80 present at Sunday School session. Sunday

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School program; Pres. Richards & Elder Sjordahl speak. Dinner and tea at rooms. In afternoon and evening meetings respectively. After seeing Richards and Sjordahl off, we elders spend evening (have supper) at the home of some saints Pres. Richards told me today that he would release me whenever I wanted to go. I stay with elders at lodge.

**Monday April 22, 1918**

Register with police, apply for new passport. We talk awhile after dinner then I return on 4:45 train to Blackburn. Tea at lodge. M.I.A. class. 12 present. Discussed organization of Church and Apostacy.

**Tuesday April 23, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Tract 4 hours. We three elders attend Book of Mormon class at 88 Monk Street, Accrington. 4 present besides elders. E. Browning takes charge of class and does very well.

**Wednesday April 24, 1918**

Office work. Tract 4 hours. Elder D. and I go to Palace.

**Thursday April 25, 1918**

Tract 2 hours A.M. Write a few office letters, etc. Tracted 6 hours. Received 6 reports today from Lady Missionaries making a total of 9 received up to the present. I am very pleased to see them taking hold of the work again. Elder B. and I visit Sister Bracken, who is ill. I visit Sister Hayes. Beulah has left home and is living with Mrs. Bass.

**Friday April 26, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Tract 5 hours. Visit Mr. Carter. This is my last visit for the present. I have tried to explain the various principles of the gospel; now I must leave it to him to think about it. Lizzie at lodge when I return.

**Saturday April 27, 1918**

Clean meeting room, take bath ect. Lissis and Sister Leak in lkodge after tea. Spend enjoyable evening.

**Sunday April 28, 1918**

At Wigan; Elder D. at Blackburn; Elder B. at Burnley. Tea at Tinsley's. I spoke 40 minutes at evening meeting on Power of God and Man; also to Lady Missionaries. Lizzie at lodge. We all have fish and chip supper. *Saw where the bombs had been dropped on Wigan. They are certainly destructive.*

**Monday April 29, 1918**

Take suit to tailor to be repaired. Also take money to bank. Write record and diary for past week. Sister Leak and Lizzie go to Queen's Park. Tracted 3 hours. Attend M.I.A. A very interesting class. Elder D. and I call on Sister Bracken who is ill and administer to her.

**Tuesday April 30 1918**

Elder D. Goes to M/c/r on cycle. Tract 4 hours. Miscellaneous. Write 9 letters to Lady Missionaries. Go to Palace.

**Wednesday May 1, 1918**

Write to Mother. Miscellaneous. Tract 3 hours; one conversation with a woman one and a half hours. Elder B. and I spend evening at 88 Monk Street, Accrington, playing games, etc.

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**Thursday May 2, 1918**

Pres. Wyatt of Irish conference comes. I haven't seen him since November 30, 1915, when we separated at Liverpool. We visit about town. The four of us go to Royal Theatre and see "Mr. Jubilee Drax", The Chase for the Blue Diamond, Chip supper.

**Friday May 3, 1918**

See Pres. Wyatt off to M/c/r on 9:38 train. Write up record and diary. Tract 3 hours. Elder D. and I visit Sister Bracken who is improving.

**Saturday May 4, 1918**

Clean meeting room, etc. Elder D. and I go to Lancaster. Stay at Brother Bell's, 46 Graham Street.

**Sunday May 5, 1918**

Go for a walk. A bright morning. Hold meeting at 2:30. Elder D. and I speak. 15 present. We have tea and supper at Sister Reid's, 34 Salisbury Road.

**Monday May 6, 1918**

Visit Sister Reid and then return to Blackburn. Attend M.I.A. Was glad to see Lizzie there. She is a good girl and I would be sorry to see her discontinue attending her meetings as she intended.

**Tuesday May 7, 1918**

Wrote letters, etc. Tracted 3 hours. Elders D. & B. attend class at Accrington. I remain at lodge so that I can continue my treatment.

**Wednesday May 8, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Write letters, etc. Tract 3 hours.

**Thursday May 9, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Tract 2 hours.

**Friday May 10, 1918**

Office work. Tract 3 hours.

**Saturday May 11, 1918**

Study. Go to cricket match with Mr. Leak; we meet several other men there. It rains so the game is not finished. Lizzie is at the lodge. In a scuffle over a box of powder with her, we break the box and throw powder all over Elder B. Much laughing.

**Sunday May 12, 1918**

Nelson branch conference. We all three take 9:23 train. Sessions held at 10:30, 2:30 and 6:00. Short Sunday School program. Elder D. and I speak. I take for my text the 23rd psalm. I go in the park to study during noon hour. In the afternoon, Brother Owens of Burnley and Brothers Brown and Bell of Nelson speak. I have tea at Duerden's. Sister Duerden has a daughter she would like to get rid of, especially to an elder. I played "greeny"; I appeared as if I knew nothing about what they were getting at. At the evening meeting Elders D. & B. and I speak. Elder D. rambled all over as usual and said nothing. He took 40 minutes to do it. He is very bad in quoting scripture. However he is a willing worker. Elder B. spoke for about 20 minutes on "compensation". I spoke on the subject of "unsettled conditions of the Church of the world; efforts to crush Mormonism; vitality of Mormonism is such that it will continue to thrive". Took 8:24 train back. 25 present in morning; 59

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afternoon; 94 evening. Lizzie at lodge. Sister Leak, Lily and Lizzie have decided to continue attending Sunday School and Relief Society. They had decided to discontinue. I am very pleased to see them take renewed interest in the work. I know it will be the best for them. I would have been sorry had they stopped coming; they are some of our best attendees. I feel much encouraged after the conference at Nelson; there was a good spirit present. Sometimes I feel discouraged because of the lack of interest among the members. They don't seem to have the work at heart.

**Monday May 13, 1918**

Miscellaneous, writing letters, etc. Tracted 3 hours. Attended M.I.A. a very poor class.

**Tuesday May 14, 1918**

Office work. Tracted 3 hours. Elder D. is transferred to Newcastle conference. Elder Bodily will come here.

**Wednesday May 15, 1918**

Office Work. Tracted 2 hours Attended Relief Society and read article from Era.

**Thursday May 16, 1918**

Office work. Tracted 3 hours, Visit Sister Bracken. She is still improving. It is remarkable how well she gets along at her age. She was baptized at the age of 82.

**Friday May 17, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Tract 3 hours. Lizzie and I play with a ball in the back yard like two children. It ended by each of us blacking the other's face. She is certainly a jolly girl; it would be almost impossible to get angry with her. She has such a pleasing disposition. She isn't like most English girls; you can talk and have a good time with her without being afraid of being misunderstood. Lily is quite ill today. Elder B. and I administered to her. I hope she soon recovers. I think she is worrying too much about Elder Knight and about going to Utah. I hope, for her good that it won't be long until she can go. I sometimes wonder if Elder K. will continue to be true to her. If he doesn't, he ought to be thrashed within an inch of his life. Lily is too good and sincere a girl for him to trifle with. She almost worships him. She never goes about with other fellows. Of course she shouldn't be doing right if she did.

I can't help but have a dislike for Elder Knight since he called us "cowards" in a letter to Sister Leak. I would like to have hold of him. We should see who was the coward. He hasn't got sense enough to realize that it was harder not to interfere than to have done so. I still think we did what was right in not interfering in the trouble between Mr. & Mrs. Leak sometime ago. Elder K. will have to take back what he said if I ever meet him. I think it is partly Sister Leak's fault for saying anything about it; it seems that she gave him the impression that we were afraid to interfere. If we had known Mr. Leak was beating her we probably should have interfered but we thought they were just quarreling. Sometimes I think that she does believe we were afraid. There is something else that isn't right. She isn't treating her husband right by telling anyone else about it. She should have kept it to herself. How can she expect him to care for her when she acts as she does. I wouldn't want a wife unless I could not only respect her but have her respect and trust.

**Saturday May 18, 1918**

A fine spring day. Elder B. and I go for a walk toward Pleasington; we take a few snapshots. We go to pictures. Elder D. visits some of the saints before he leaves for the Newcastle Conference. Sister Leak thought I should have told her as soon as I knew of the change but she is mistaken. Because

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other presidents have done so doesn't mean that I must. I don't believe in doing something because someone else did. Elder Evans recently from the Birmingham conference came at 6:43 P.M. on a visit to see Elder B, his former companion.

I spend the evening with Sister Leak, Lily and Lizzie. They told me that they knew something that would make me angry. Of course I questioned them about it and had them quite worried, thinking that I knew, especially Lizzie. I don't suppose it would do me any good to know and I didn't care much but couldn't resist having some fun with them. I suppose they felt better when I assured them that I didn't know.

I knew what they were talking about, that they had read my diary but thought it best not to let them know I did. Although I don't like anything like that, yet I forgave them because I think they were sorry they did it. A diary should be something private.

### **Sunday May 19, 1918**

Another bright morning. In reading the papers this morning I find that the trouble over conscription in Ireland is causing a great deal of excitement.

There is another article in the paper written by Winifred Graham. That "she-devil" still fights the Mormons. In the next world she would be glad to be where the Mormons are instead of in "hell" where she is sure to go. It doesn't hurt the Church much because only the ignorant will believe such trash.

No Yankee mail came for me this morning although the others received some. I suppose Mother is very busy; she will have a lot to think about having to manage the farm. If I go home in July, I shall be there for the busiest season. It seems ages since I left home. Many things have happened since then. When my mission is nearing its close I wonder if I have done any good; have I been as sincere in the work as I should? If I had had different companions than I have had I think I could have done better. Since I left the Leeds conference I haven't had a companion I could "pal" with. Elder Danielsen is sincere in the work but there is something about him so that I couldn't pal with him. However we haven't had "words" or trouble of any kind; we are able to work together in harmony. Elder Browning hasn't got the real missionary spirit; he is "putting in time" more than anything else. I don't know what to do to help him. There are some things he does that are contrary to missionary instructions but it is impossible at present to mention them to him. It would only make matters worse. Pres. Richards sent him here for me to try to help him, others having failed. I am afraid it is impossible since he is so "set" and stubborn in his ways.

This is a very difficult conference to work in. Pres. Richards told me that it was the most unresponsive conference in the mission. The members don't as a rule have the religion at heart; it resembles a cloak that can be put on or taken off as thought convenient. They seem to think that it is a favor shown to us elders if they do any thing in the Church; they do not realize that they are part of the Church and that they are working for themselves and for the Lord. I am afraid there will be a terrible awakening some day. I am afraid many who are weak in the faith will apostatize in the immediate future. Now is a time when one must be for or against. I am glad that I have got a strong testimony of the gospel. I know that I will hold to it no matter what happens. When I see those who are falling away it makes me feel more firm in the gospel. I know it is the truth and no one can take that testimony from me. It is my desire to live so that I will be worthy of meeting my Father in Heaven. I have many faults which I must overcome. My daily prayer is that by the assistance of My Father in Heaven, I may do so. I often think of my father who passed away when I was a child. I wonder if I will be worthy to meet him when my time comes. At the close of my mission I hope that I shall have done some good though it be but little. I hope I have strengthened some one's testimony. I know mine has been strengthened a great deal. I hope that when I return I can do so clean from the sins of the world. Well do I remember my Mother's last talk to me. It was been a means of keeping me from temptation, or rather, to help me overcome them for there have been many. I know of

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nothing worse than to become immoral. There is so much of it here in England. I am glad that I have been able to withstand temptation of that kind though it is difficult at the time. The knowledge I have regarding diseases caused through immorality is a great help to me. I am thankful for my "bringing up", that I have been taught what is right and what is wrong. Above all I am thankful that I am a "Mormon". Many times I feel discouraged because of the lack of interest among the members; but I feel better when I think of the few who are sincere and interested in the work. We have some excellent workers and it is from these we receive encouragement.

I haven't received a letter from Luna for two months. If she has discontinued writing she should have told me. I suppose she has grown tired of writing. Well, I suppose it is just as well that she doesn't write because we should probably be nothing more than friends anyway. I only care for her as a good friend and I think that is her opinion as well. However, I like to receive letters from her; also others from U.S.A.; but I shall not write again until I receive one from her.

I see that I have had quite a talk with myself this morning while sitting here alone. However I feel better, after it.

Elder D. is at Nelson today; Elders B. and Evans at Blackburn and I shall be at Burnley. I will stop to Blackburn Sunday School while waiting for a train. I will leave at 3:30 P.M. While on train going to Burnley I talked with a man who had been to America and would go again if his wife and daughter would. I walked about Burnley until 6:30. Pres. Owens and I spoke. I spoke to Emily Mares and Emma Owens in regard to their lady missionary work. Returned on 8:38 train.

**Monday May 20, 1918**

Elder B. and I see Elder Evans off on 8:42 A.M. train. Miscellaneous. At 12:30, we meet at rooms and go on ramble to Sale Wheel; about 20 or 25 present. Elder B. wouldn't go. We went by way of Wilpshire. The day was rather hot but we enjoyed ourselves very much, especially the latter part. We played games, etc. I walked back with Lizzie B. and Alice Sandford. Lizzie was very good company as usual. I can't help having a good time when she is there. We take last car from Wilpshire. Some of the ramblers left early. Janie, May and Lizzie Blackledge, Sister Conolly, Dorothy Blackburne, Alice and Bell Sandford and I remained until late arriving at.....

**Wednesday May 22, 1918**

Write to Mother. Tract. Attend Relief Society and read story entitled "The Miracle". Quite a large class. Only to be held every two weeks during summer months.

**Thursday May 23, 1918**

Visited Mr. Richardson, my tracting friend in morning and Rostron's in afternoon.

**Friday May 24, 1918**

Write letters, etc. Tract 2 hours. Elders B. & D. and I go swimming. Elder B. and I visit Brindle's and Gregory's. At Brother Brindle's I spoke to them about having their child (11 years old) baptized, but they couldn't see the necessity of it. They thought she was too young. They wouldn't take the word of the Lord upon the subject. They are not very strong members.

**Saturday May 25, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Went to a cricket match at Church with Mr. Leak. Blackburn vrs. Church. Blackburn 85; Church 61. Attended farewell social for Elder D. Informal social composed of songs, recitations and games. About 20 present.

**Sunday May 26, 1918**

Blackburn branch conference. Sunday School at 10:30 A.M. Sunday School program. Speakers; M.

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Blackburne, I. Sandford; M. Thompson; Elder B. and Brother Thompson. In afternoon; speakers; Elder D. & Brother Thompson. 45 present. Evening; speakers; Brother Eccles, Elder B. and I. Present 47.

After meeting Sister Haworth and Sharrock jumped on to me over not visiting, ramble and the elders' conduct. Some of these "kickers" make me disgusted. After they finished I told them straight just what I thought about it. They were full of complaints; I hope they feel better after getting rid of it. I told them that we were not to be governed by any custom established by previous elders; that we should visit where and when we please. I suppose they think we have nothing to think about except them. If they were what they should be, we wouldn't need to visit them at all. We have got too many of such as they in the Church.

### **Monday May 27, 1918**

Elder B. goes to M/c/r for passport. Elder D. leaves for Sunderland where he is to labor. I learned that Elder B. has been seen with girls about town. That when he goes tracting he just throws tracts in door or over gate. The saints are complaining because he goes to the theatres so much and does not visit with them.

Work at reports all day. Wigan's not here yet so can't finish the report until tomorrow. Attend M.I.A. A splendid class. The member did most of the asking and answering questions, which is as it should be. Elder Bodily who met Elder Browning on train, arrived from Nottingham conference to labor here. He is tall, red headed, age 30 years. Although not striking in appearance, I think he will make a good missionary. I hope he and Elder Browning will work together; it will help to stead Elder Browning. Lizzie comes to lodge; she and Lily come in our room. I had a pleasant chat with Lizzie; I do enjoy her company. She is so full of life but not what you would call frivolous; she can be serious when the occasion requires. She would make a good Yankee girl.

### **Tuesday May 28, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Go to Burnley. Visit Duckworth's, Hilton's and Brown's. Have a talk with Sister Wilkinson's nephew. He thinks he knows a great deal and likes to try to argue.

### **Wednesday May 29, 1918**

Work on reports and send them to Liverpool. We elders go for a swim. I visit Rostron's and have a gospel evening.

### **Thursday May 30, 1918**

Do some shopping. Go to Burnley. Arrange for baptism. Visits at Holgate's and Owens. Have photograph. Lizzie at lodge. We decided to "fall out" for a week. Whenever we see each other we are not to speak. It will be difficult not to speak to her for a week.

### **Friday May 31, 1918**

Office work. Elder Bodily and I call at homes of Wareing's and Bracken's but find them out. Had to pass Lizzie tonight without speaking; she was at Leak's.

### **Saturday June 1, 1918**

We three left at 9:46 A.M. for Liverpool. Stayed at Durham House. Went on Ramble with Saints to Otterspool. Pres. Richards had a talk with me about Elder Browning who has been the cause of a great deal of trouble in various conferences. I wasn't able to give a very favorable report of his work. I hope that conditions will be better in the future.

### **Sunday June 2, 1918**

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Liverpool branch conference. Sunday School 11:00 A.M. SundaySchool program; speakers, Pres Toft, Elder Browning, Elder Richards, Jr. Afternoon speakers; Elder Bodily; Elder Cottam and Pres. Richards. Evening speakers; Elder Sjordahl, Pres. Richards and myself. 45 present at night. Sister Maud Smith set apart as a Lady Missionary. An interesting conference. We all go for a walk after meeting.

### **Monday June 3, 1918**

Pres. Richards talks to me again about Elder Browning. If there isn't some change in the near future he will be sent home. He has already caused a great deal of trouble in this conference by his carelessness. He has been seen in Public Houses, with strange girls and several other things. I am sorry that he was ever sent here. I leave for Wigan; the other eders for Blackburn. I attend funeral of Mary Ibbotson; tea at their mother's home and then return to Blackburn too late for M.I.A. Lizzie returns with Leak's. I learn that she and Lily used our bed while we were gone. Mr. Leak told me so I had a little fun making them think I found something in the bed. They don't know Mr. Leak told me. They wanted to know what I found but of course I didn't tell them. I did look in the bed to see if there were any brushes in it but found nothing.

### **Tuesday June 4, 1918**

Arose feeling fine. Such dreams! The only trouble with them was that they were too short. I suppose the fact that the girls slept in our bed had some influence upon me, because I dreamed of one of them. I dreamed that I went with the Blackburn Saints on a ramble to Houghton Bottoms. In returning Lizzie and I were alone behind the others. We were walking across some uneven ground when she stumbled and as she fell I caught her in my arms. Neither of us were in a hurry to change our position. While holding her in my arms I kissed her. Then I awoke to find that it was only a dream. I should have been better pleased had it been a reality.

Had a talk with Elder Browning about his work; I hope ;that he will do better. I gave Pres. Richards as good a report as I could but I hope to give a better one. I would feel better about going home if I could. Pres. Richards said he would arrange for my passage home sometime in July so I won't have much time left. I suppose Elder Bodily will cussed me as conference president. Elder Bodily is clerk now so I turn over the books to him. He is very sincere in his work and will be of great assistance in this conference.

### **Wednesday June 5, 1918**

Tracted 3 hours. Miscellaneous. Attend Relief Society. Sister Blackburne wanted to know if I was going to read. She asked it as if they were granting me a favor by permitting me to read. I certainly will not read when asked in that manner. They don't seem to care to have me read so I think I shall not attend very often.

Lizzie and I are friends again and had one of our usual times. It certainly seemed to be a long week since I spoke to her.

### **Thursday June 6, 1918**

Tract 2 hours. Elders B. and B. visit Ingham's and Duerden's. I write 6 office letters. Spend evening with Leak's and Lizzie as usual.

### **Friday June 7, 1918**

Miscellaneous, writing letters, etc. We go swimming today. Evening with Leak's and Lizzie.

### **Saturday June 8, 1918**

Elder B. and I fix electric bell. I am in our room only about one hour during the day. After dinner I

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have a rough time with Lily and Sister Leak. Lily seems downhearted today. I suppose she is tired waiting so long to go to Elder Knight. Lizzie comes at 3 P.M. so we have our usual time. We scuffle in back yard over a "bulb" with which we squirted water on the other. We were scuffling for a long while, then we squirted water all over each other. Lizzie had to change clothes. Take her picture with the clothes she puts on. Also in various other ways; hanging out (?) clothes, etc. She put on a tie; cap, and my sweater-coat for a picture. She looked fine in them. After we clean up a bit and the other elders come in, they sing a number of songs. Then Lizzie and I have another chat. I tell her some trade-lasts in return for seeing a book of powder-papers she has. I was "sold" that time. She wants to know what Pres. Nelson said about her. I promised to write it and give it to her in return for a letter telling about a dream she had some time ago. I think I know what it was but I would like to read it any way. I certainly enjoyed her company today. I think I am getting rather fond of her; to tell the truth, if I should make an analysis, I should find myself in love with her. If I was not a missionary, I would probably let myself think more of her. However I think she treat me only as an elder; as a good friend; so I must conceal my feeling from anyone. She has some faults, but she has so many good points that the bad ones are far out numbered. She is a very pure minded girl and I believe she has kept herself clean. Although she has been a little careless in running about with strange fellow yet she has been able to take care of herself. She has a rather difficult time of it at home; her sisters don't treat her very well. She would probably remain with them more if they treated her right. I pity her or rather sympathize with her because of the way she is treated and at the same time admire her for her pluck in holding on to the Church as she does. I hope she will always remain with it. I enjoyed myself with her today, more than ever before.

Sister Leak told me that she thought more of me than any other elder. I am glad of this because I like her very well. She has her faults but she also has many good points. She tries to live her religion and help her family to do so. She has always treated me very well; just like a son. I shall always think of her as "mother". I have felt that it has been home to me since I came. I spend a great deal of my time in there, probably more than I should. I probably hinder her a lot in her work, but I enjoy going in there. Elder Browning doesn't like her because of a few faults, but he should learn to overlook them even as he hopes to have her overlook his many faults. I should have been very lonesome when Pres. Mason was here if I hadn't gone in there. Mrs. Leak gave his consent to have George baptized tomorrow.

**Sunday June 9, 1918**

District meeting at Burnley. We take 9:23 A.M. train. Baptismal service at Central baths. 7 baptized; Anthnell Duckworth, George Leak, Agnes Holgate, Maud Mc Lacklan, Thomas Hardy, Nellie Olds and Mary Olds. Elder Bodily officiated. They were confirmed on coming out of the water by the elders present. I hope the Lord will bless them that they may remain faithful to the covenants they have made with Him, that they will become strong members in the Church. A good crowd was present at the meeting.

The other meetings were held at 2 & 6 P.M. I presided. Elder Browning and Pres. Richards talk in afternoon. I. Hill and Sister Wilkinson sing duets. Pres. Richards and Elder Bodily speak at evening meeting. I. Hill sings solo, assisted by quartet chorus, very good. The branch also rendered an anthem "Come Let Us Sing Unto the Lord". A very good spirit was present at the meetings, especially in the evening. Pres. Richards delivered an excellent sermon in the evening. I felt very happy after such a good time. We return with Blackburn saints on 8:38 train. There were 85 present in afternoon and 110 in the evening. Talked with several investigators who were present. Received several orders for tracts from lady missionaries. I spend remainder of evening with Leak's and Lizzie.

Elder Browning looks troubled. I suppose Pres. Richards had a talk with him about his conduct. I hope it will do him good.

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**Monday June 10, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Pres. Hewlett and Elder Perkins of M/c/r conference came on a visit. Walk about town in afternoon. Attend M.I.A. fairly interesting class. Browning asked to be excused from class but I thought it best for him to attend. Perkins stayed at the lodge; he would not go to the meeting.

**Tuesday June 11, 1918**

Hewlett and I go for a walk in Corporation Park. After dinner, we two and Bodily go to Queens Park; rowing for an hour. Elder Bodily attends class at Accrington. The other four of us go to Palace.

**Wednesday June 12, 1918**

Write to Mother. Register out with Police for Lancaster. Write diary. Receive pictures from Moffitt's. Elder Browning and I take train to Morecambe. Tea at Sister Hartley's; also cottage meeting there; 17 present. Brother Bell takes charge; Elder B. and I speak, rather wanderingly. We go to Lancaster & stay for the night at Sister Reid's. Sister Bell angry because we do not stay at their place; I expect trouble tomorrow.

**Thursday June 13, 1918**

We visit Dobson's and Bell's. Trouble came. Brother Bell resigns. I asked him to write me in one week about it. Sister Bell is "boiling" mad. Florence (the one who just returned from asylum) is the most sane of the three. They think we favor Sister Reid. They try to tell me some tales about her but I tell them I do not care to hear them; of course that makes them more angry. Before leaving I had to set them in order on a few matters. Tract 6 hours. Visit old castle. Return to Preston; hold meeting at Rogerson's. Elder B. and I speak. Return to Blackburn.

**Friday June 14, 1918**

Tract 3 hours. Miscellaneous.

**Saturday June 15, 1918**

Miscellaneous. We elders and Brother Thompson go to spiritualist's meeting.

**Sunday June 16, 1918**

Elder Bodily and I attend Wigan branch conference 10 A.M., 2 & 6 P.M. I spoke at all three sessions. A good spirit prevailed; good attendance. Could not get a train; stayed at Sis Arbuthnot's, after visiting at Sister Harvey's.

**Monday June 17, 1918**

Return A.M. Miscellaneous. Attend M.I.A. Lizzie at Leaks. Sister Leak takes baby to nurse

**Tuesday June 18, 1918**

Tract 3 hours. Miscellaneous. Write Pres. Richards offering to remain longer than July.

**Wednesday June 19, 1918**

Tract 4 hours. Miscellaneous.

**Thursday June 20, 1918**

Tract 2 hours. 2 conversations. Miscellaneous.

**Friday June 21, 1918**

To M/c/r Passport, show, etc. Stay at Elders lodge. Tract 2 hours. Miscellaneous.

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**Saturday June 22, 1918**

Return from M/c/r. Blackburn ramble to Hoghton Bottoms. About 15 present. Fairly good time. Browning and Bodily come later but unable to find us. We play games, etc. Return 9:30 P.M.

**Sunday June 23, 1918**

To Nelson. Browning and I walk from Accrington to Rose Grove. I use all of the time speaking on the "Apostacy". Return at 8:24. Talk with Lizzie.

**Monday June 24, 1918**

Tracted 6 hours part of it with Elder Browning. Attended M.I.A. A good class. Discussion on Sons of Perdition.

**Tuesday June 25, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Elder Bodily and I attend Book of Mormon class at 88 Monk Street.

**Wednesday June 26, 1918**

Tract 1 hour. Attend Relief Society.

**Thursday June 27, 1918**

Help Elder Bodily make out monthly reports. I have assigned part of the work to Elder Browning in order to assist him in getting interested in the work; he makes out elders' and Lady Missionaries' reports. The lady missionary report is the best this month that it has ever been. More of them reported than ever before.

**Friday June 28, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Talk with Lizzie.

**Saturday June 29, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Talk with Lizzie in afternoon. Elder Bodily goes to Liverpool to see two elders off for home. Had I not written to President Richards (June 18th) offering my services for a longer period, I should have been returning next Monday. I received a letter accepting my offer so I shall be here for some time yet, probably until next spring. Elder Browning and I go to social. M. Blackburne and Beulah Hayes are leaving to work on munitions near Birmingham.

**Sunday June 30 1918**

At Burnley, Elder Browning at Nelson. We "tram" to Accrington, walk to Rose Grove and tram remainder of way. Fair Sunday School. Sister Leak, Lily and Lizzie arrive from Blackburn late. Tea at Pres. Owens. Pres. Owens will probably leave on the 10th to join the army; I don't know whom we will put in his place. At the evening meeting Brother Espley and I speak. He raves about other ministers, I don't like to hear them take that attitude. They should set a better example for the world instead of following the world's example. We (Elder B. and I) return on train with the sisters from Blackburn. Lily and Lizzie eat a chip supper with Elder Browning and I. Then we talk. Lizzie and I have quite a talk together; then we all talk about temple work until 12 o'clock.

**Monday July 1, 1918**

Tract 2 hours in morning. Talk with Lizzie all afternoon until 6:30. I intended to go tracting but would rather talk with her. We have quite a rough time. I brush her hair half an hour, then we have a scuffle. I should like to know whether she cares for me or not. I am afraid I don't conceal my liking

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for her, very well. Attend M.I.A. 12 present. Not very interesting. Bodily returns.

**Tuesday July 2, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Tract in country 3 hours with Elder Bodily in afternoon. Lizzie here again so we have another scuffle. I wonder if she knows how it thrills me to hold her in my arms as we are scuffling. I always make it last as long as I can so as to enjoy it more. One time her face touched mine; how I would have liked to hold it there pressed against mine. She gave me a letter tonight which I am to read when I get on the boat going home. She gave it to me some time ago but took it back to add some more. It is 7 ½ pages long. I am to write her one.

**Wednesday July 3, 1918**

Tract 5 hours morning and afternoon with Bodily in morning at Little Harwood. Alone PM Wrote to Mother; write diary, etc. Had a good day tracting. Play Halma with Browning. Lizzie came but left soon to attend Relief Society meeting. I always know her step. Well, I think I shall go and write my letter to her. Write several pages. Lizzie thinks I have my release. Only a lady missionary certificate.

**Thursday July 4, 1918**

Independence Day. Browning at Manchester. Bodily and I spend day at Blackpool seeing the sights. Quite a crowd there. Didn't enjoy it much. Yankee flags up. Return on 5:20. Receive letter from Pres. Richards asking what I think about going to Sheffield.

**Friday July 5, 1918**

Tract 3 hours. Bodily and I go swimming. Browning returns. Bodily and I visit Sister Hayes. Talk with Lizzie. She certainly is a grand little girl.

**Saturday July 6, 1918**

Tract 2 hours. With Sis.

**Sunday July 7, 1918**

At Blackburn. Browning at Burnley. Bodily at Nelson. I take charge of 2nd intermediate class; study Acts 7. Tea at lodge. I take all of the time at evening meeting talking on "Apostacy". Talk with Lizzie and Lily at lodge. Lizzie and I arrange an appointment for March 21, 1920; I am to take her motor riding.

**Monday July 8, 1918**

Tract 2 hours. Talk with Lizzie. Write her a letter (10 double sheets) which she is to read after I sail for home. I have one from her I am to read when I leave. I told her my dram of June 3rd; also what Pres. Nelson said about her. I like her better the more I am with her. Attend M.I.A. 7 present. Fairly good class. Go swimming with elders.

**Tuesday July 9, 1918**

Tract 4 hours. Browning and I go to Sis. Taylor's for tea. Attend Book of Mormon class. First part is testimony bearing. I take charge of class.

**Wednesday July 10, 1918**

Receive letter transferring me to Sheffield and appointing me to the office of President in place of Hough S. Latimer who is going to London. I am to labor with Elder Hair. I met him in Bradford. I am going to leave tomorrow for Sheffield. Elder Bodily takes my place as President of Liverpool conference. I don't like leaving here but feel it my duty to obey President Richards. I am sorry to

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leave Leak's and especially Lizzie for I have learned to love her early. Start packing up. Browning and Bodily at Burnley. Sister Leak sends for Lizzie since this is my last night in Blackburn. We have a little talk, then scuffle; I make her get on her knees; comb her hair; we had a good time, at least I enjoyed it. She stayed until 1:30 A.M. or nearly that time. It was difficult to part with her; I have always enjoyed her company and have always looked forward to her coming. She certainly is a find girl; I think a great deal of her.

**Thursday July 11, 1918**

Arrange for shipment of my trunk to Sheffield. Finish packing. Say good-bye to Hilda, Lily and Mr. Leak in the morning. Eat dinner hurriedly. Say good-bye to "Mother" and the elders. Leave on 12:20 train. I have left a good home there; I don't expect to find a better. Change stations at M/c/r. Arrive in Sheffield at 3:35 P.M. Take tram to lodger. Pres. Latimer and Elder Hair there. Attend M.I.A. 10 present. Study Articles of Faith; mostly non-members present. Not a very active class.

**Friday July 12, 1918**

Miscellaneous. We attend funeral of Mr. Rhodes' son who died as a soldier in London. Tea at house. They are friends of the elders. Visit awhile. Visit Smiths.

**Saturday July 13, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Go for a walk alone. Very lonesome today. I certainly miss Lizzie. We all visit O'Neil's in evening and have supper.

**Sunday July 14, 1918**

Latimer and I at Sheffield. Hair at Doncaster. Study. Attend Sunday School. Not many present. Study Book of Mormon. Stay there until evening meeting. 22 present. Latimer and I speak. Meet those present.

**Monday July 15, 1918**

Tract 4 hours. Write letters to Leak's and Lizzie dating it tomorrow.

**Tuesday July 16, 1918**

Tract with Elder Hair 2 hours. Visit Sis. Martha Smith. We all three visit Shaw's; 1st counselor in branch presidency; the girls play and sing. Walk up to their gardens.

**Wednesday July 17, 1918**

Miscellaneous. We attend meeting at home of Sister Barton. Latimer and I speak. Good attendance. Administer to Sister Ethel Barton.

**Thursday July 18, 1918**

Miscellaneous. We all attend M.I.A. 14 Present. Brother Bradbury takes charge class.

**Friday July 19, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Receive letter from Lizzie; a grand letter. Yesterday I received a card from her sent in a parcel of clothes of mine sent by Sister Leak. Also letters from "Mother" and Lily. Lizzie has sewed on one of my socks. "Lest ye forget the little devil. Nay--not so". "Mother" stitched the legs of my garments. She (Lizzie) is full of mischief. She gave me permission to read the letter she gave me sometime ago. I read it several times. It is a fine letter; the best I have ever received. She is a splendid girl. She has done well not having a mother. I am to answer the letter within seven days. Write to Nelson, Anderson, Mable and Sarah Race and Edith Philips. Visit cutlery works and see the

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parts in the making. Write diary etc. Have been alone all evening. Others not here at 11:15 P.M. so I retire.

**Saturday July 20, 1918**

Pres. Latimer leaves for South Hampton to meet his brother who is on his way to France. From there, Pres. L. will go to London. Elder Hair and I go to Barnsley; call on Pres. Richards at Sister Robinson's; then call at Potts. We stay at Brother Lee's at night.

**Sunday July 21, 1918**

Barnsley branch conference. Sunday School Program. Pres. Richards and I speak. Pres. Richards and I have dinner at Potts. Afternoon Brother Potts and Pres. Richards speak. Elder Hair and I have tea at Potts; Evening service Elder H, Pres. Richards and I speak. 56 present at night. Elder H and I visit With Sister Ward whom I had met in Bradford. Her daughter Olive plays piano. We stay at Brother Lee's.

**Monday July 22, 1918**

Take Pres. Richards to 8:10 A.M. train. We visit Ospring's, Potts' and then tract to Wombwell where we visit with Morral's and Barnes. Mr. Morral has been to Utah. He is a regular talking machine. Return to Sheffield; attend social held to present Pres. Latimer with a little token but he was not there; played games.

**Tuesday July 23, 1918**

Wrote to Lizzie in answer to letter she gave me dated July 1; also letter received July 19. Elder H. and I go to Doncaster; birthday party at Sister Skpencer's. Sister Spencer, two daughters, Sister Ward and Brother Hamstead there. Returned at 8:05.

**Wednesday July 24, 1918**

We arrange with carter to bring desk to lodge from meeting room. Go for swim. Tract 2 hours. Attend class at home of Sister Barton. Study "One Hundred Years of Mormonism". Elder H. takes charge of class.

**Thursday July 25, 1918**

Tracted 5 hours today making a total of 40 hours for this month. We go to attend M.I.A. but only three non-members are present. We have a gospel conversation with them.

**Friday July 26, 1918**

Received a very nice letter from Lizzie; also from Mother; received \$100.00. Tracted 2 hours. Visit Sister Bradley to encourage her to commence work as a lady missionary. Call at Brother Wilson's and get monthly report. Study.

**Saturday July 27, 1918**

We work at reports; send them to Liverpool shortly after dinner. Elder Hair takes clerk's work and does very well for the first time. He is a very willing worker and is willing to be corrected. I think I shall enjoy laboring with him more than with any one since leaving the Leeds conference. Write to Latimer in regard to his book account. Receive letter from H. P. Allen who is in France. I haven't seen him since I left school (B.Y.C.). Wrote letters to Danielsen, Browning and Bodily, Lily Walton and Henry Maxfield.

**Sunday July 28, 1918**

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Hair at Sheffield. I go to take train to Swinton and walk from there to Doncaster. Left lodge 8:25 A.M. was directed to wrong station and found no train. No trams until 12 o'clock so I walked to Rotherham (6 miles) then to Rawmarch (tram to Swinton, walk to Edlington, tram to Doncaster. I walked about 16 miles from town (Sheffield) and arrived in time for Sunday School at 2:30. 6 present. Tea at Sister Spencer's; I took charge of evening meeting, administered sacrament alone and did all the preaching (1 hour). 8 present. Take 7:55 train.

**Monday July 29, 1918**

Wrote to Lizzie and several others. Miscellaneous.

**Tuesday July 30, 1918**

Tracted 3 hours. Went to bank, to park. Miscellaneous.

**Wednesday July 31, 1918**

Write letters. Went to baths. Tract on way to Martha Smith's. I tract on way to cottage meeting of which I take charge. Elder H. comes later. Talked to investigators on way home.

**Thursday August 1, 1918**

Receive letters from Ethel and Sister Leak. Ethel said that Lois was married; I don't know who to; they have told me nothing about it.

**Friday August 2, 1918**

Tract 3 hours. Receive letter from Lizzie. Etc.

**Saturday August 3, 1918**

Studying mostly all day. Priesthood and Lady missionary meeting at night. 3 of priesthood (branch presidency); and two lady missionaries present. We tried to awaken them; we told them the condition of the conference; that it is below the standard. I find that the branch presidency do not agree with each other; until they do they can't hope to have unity in the branch.

**Sunday August ;4, 1918**

Branch conference at Sheffield; also baptismal service, three baptized; 2 from Doncaster, 1 from Sheffield. Elder George F. Richards Jr. from Liverpool. There were two sessions held at 2:30 and 6:30 P.M. Brother Wilson, Elder Richards, Elder Hair and I speak; about 50 present at evening session. Elder Richards sleeps with me.

**Monday August 5, 1918**

Arise at 4:30. Go with Elder Richards to catch 5:50 train. Walk to station and back. Then I write a letter to Lizzie. Elder Hair and I talk with Mrs. Peacock and children and friend at station. We go with saints on a ramble, fairly good time. I certainly miss Lizzie on ramble. Very tired at night.

**Tuesday August 6, 1918**

Wrote two letters. Letter from Pres. Nelson telling of celebration at Leeds. I leave at 11:35 beginning my Scotland trip with Pres. Hewlett. Arrive at Leeds at 1 P.M. Go to Roundhay Park. Do not find elders so I enjoy day alone. All kind of Military sports. Go to Bradford. Talk with Sister Collins until elders return. Nelson, Marley, Clarke (local elder) and Hewlett.

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We go swimming. Hewlett and I leave Bradford at 3:35 P.M. for Leeds. Leave Leeds for Sunderland at 4:30. Stop awhile at Durham. Arrive at Sunderland at 9:10; lodge with elders at 12 Vilette Mt. Elders not there; let in by cripple who is very much opposed to us. Some one asked from up stairs who was there; "Some more Mormons. The house is full of the damned Mormons", he answered. The landlady is rather deaf. Elders return late from ramble. Pres. Loosle, Danielsen and Rennie (local). Elder Rennie is a fine young fellow; not 16 years of age yet. Write to mother.

#### **Thursday August 8, 1918**

We all go for walk about town, register with police; see shipyards. Dinner at lodge. We go bathing in Ocean at Roker in afternoon. We meet Elder Rennie's sister and friend from Glasgow; very nice girls. After "tea" we go to picture show.

#### **Friday August 9, 1918**

We leave at 9 A.M. Stop at Newcastle for an hour; look about town. Dinner there; leave at 12:50, stop at Hexham from 1:43 to 2:20. Change trains. Scenery very beautiful, more so than further south. Change trains at Riccarton Junction. Arrive at Galashiels at 5:50; take cab to Abbotsford, Sir Walter Scott's home; very beautiful. Take 6:40 train, arrive in Edinburgh at 7:30. I like this city very much; it is more like an American city than any I have seen in Gr. Britain. Get lodgings at Yonnies' Hotel. Walk about streets until bedtime. Fight between Yankee and English sailor. Visit police station.

#### **Saturday August 10, 1918**

Commence sight seeing after breakfast. Call on police. High Street of historical importance; John Knox's home (reformer; founder of Presbyterian Church), Holy Rood Palace, old castle, and several other places. Calton Hill with it monuments. Take bus 12 miles to Forth Bridge; a magnificent structure. Go to Empire.

#### **Sunday August 11, 1918**

Leave at 9 A.M. for Glasgow. Arrive there at 10:40. To elders lodge, 54 Gamethill Street. Pres. Harper and Elder Mc Alister. Attend Sunday School. Hewlett and I have tea at Sister Hood's. Hewlett and I speak at evening meeting, about 50 present. We stay at home of friends, Erskin's.

#### **Monday August 12, 1918**

Meet elders at corner of Argyle Street and Jamaca Street. Take 9:45 train to Calander. Then take coaches through Trossachs, a very beautiful trip. Stop at Trossachs Hotel half an hour for lunch, then on to Lock Katrine; take steamer to end of lake, coach to Inversnaid hotel where we stop for an hour. We go for a walk gathering heather. Then at 5:15 take steamer down Lock Lomand and a train to Glasgow arriving there at 8:30 P.M. We passed through beautiful scenery, the most beautiful I have ever seen. It was worth coming all the way for. Stay at Sister Hood's. A very profitable day.

#### **Tuesday August 13, 1918**

Go to elder's lodge. Write a letter to Sis. (Lizzie) telling about my trip. Send cards to a number of people. Walk about town (all of us); Hewlett and I have photos taken in kilts. Sit in lodge and talk. Stay at Sister Hood's. Talk with her and her two daughters. Her son is a sailor, her father a soldier.

#### **Wednesday August 14, 1918**

Elders go to station with us. Take 11 o'clock train, arrive at Ayr at 12:30. Take car to Burn's monument; then walk to his birthplace; rather old-fashioned house with thatched roof. Walk on sands; dinner. Could only buy 1-2 dinners so bought buns and ate on Street. Leave Ayr at 4:15 pass Gretna Green (matrimonial station), arrive Carlisle at 6:40. Stay at Sister Taylor's (saints) find Pres.

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Loosle there (a surprise) address 17 Harraby Green Road. Call at Police Station.

#### **Thursday August 15, 1918**

Leave (3 of us) 8 A.M.; Arrive at Windermere 10:37. Coach to Ambleside. Dinner. Steamer Down lake to Lakeside. This is a very beautiful country but not to be compared to Scotland. It is too tame, artificial, while Scotland is wild and rugged. Train at 3:40 to Carnforth. Loosle returns to Carlisle; we pass through Preston to M/c/r; arrive at 7:5 P.M. I stay with Hewlett, Parker and Perkins. We have had splendid train connections on our trip so that very little time has been wasted.

#### **Friday August 16, 1918**

Call on Consul about alien question. Go swimming; Browning comes; he tells about the people at Blackburn. Lizzie has been seriously ill; he tells me that it has been caused through our scuffling. I hope I had not hurt her. It makes me feel a bit worried. I think I shall go up there. Sister Leak is giving a birthday party tomorrow. I didn't intend to be there although I should like to. I decide a little later. After dinner I leave for Blackburn at 5:40 arriving there at 6:30. Walk in at "39" and surprise "mother"; was glad to see her looking better than when I left. Pres. Bodily there. Talk with "mother" until tea time. She tells me Sis. will be there later in the afternoon. Have "tea" with Bodily. Lizzie comes and is playing and singing not knowing I am there. I walk in and surprise her; Lily there also. My, it seems good to be "home" again. Glad to see Sis. Is quite well again. We are a little rough tonight but not as we used to be. She leaves a little past 12 o'clock. I talk with "mother and Lily until 2 A.M. It seems just like old times.

#### **Saturday August 17, 1918**

Rather stormy today. Too bad. Sister Leak intended to have "tea" in the back yard. I call on Alien officer at boot-shop; then press my shirt. I didn't have a chance to change clothes for the party. Sis comes about 1:45 so I spend most of my time talking to her; we cut up lettuce, onions, cucumbers for salad. Since she was helping it was more interesting to me. At 3:30 a few others come; tea at about 5:30; quite a grand spread, especially for wartime. There were about 36 at the party; Beatrice, Bell S., Bro. And Sis. Thompson and a few others I know were there besides a number of strangers; also Sister Conolly. After tea we played games, had songs, recitations, etc. Then supper. Mr. Leak returns from Scotland. Browning comes late. I do not feel very well so I go for a walk. At about 12 o'clock the visitors leave. Sister Conolly stays all night. "Mother", Sis and I stay up all night. "Mother" lies on the floor (I don't know whether she went to sleep or not) Lizzie and I talk all night. Got my brush from up stairs and brush her hair; we "box" each other's ears a bit.

#### **Sunday August 18, 1918**

At 6:30 A.M. "Mother" makes breakfast for us three. Then I get ready for leaving. I hate the thoughts of leaving. I certainly have enjoyed myself this visit. My train left at 8:24 so I left the lodge at 8:12 A.M. Sis. Conolly had gone home; Lily wasn't up yet so I said goodbye to her as I come down stairs. Then when I shook hands with Lizzie I said, "May I?" She said "O, I don't know, President." But then I thought she was willing, so I put my other arm around her and kissed her. I certainly surprised myself as well as her. I wanted to but I hardly dared to; I wasn't sure she would permit me to do so. Then I said goodbye to "mother" and left. After I left and all the way to Sheffield I couldn't help but think of kissing Sis. I wondered whether she was offended or not. It made me happy; the only real kiss I have received from a girl. I am sure that I love her and believe she thinks quite a lot of me but am not sure. I stop at M/c/r two hours, and arrive at Sheffield 1:42. Not feeling well I go to the lodge instead of Sunday School. I find 8 letters and a card for me including two letters from Sis. None from America. I go to the evening meeting but not feeling well I talk only a few minutes; I speak to them

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about coming to the front of the room for the meeting. Sisters Green, Fagan and Skidmore do so with bad grace. Hettie Geldard (here on a visit) and Sis. Stagg each spoke. After meeting I talk with Hettie; also to those three sisters who object to coming to the front. Elder Hair hasn't arrived yet. Retire at 11 P.M.

**Monday August 19, 1918**

Tract 5 hours. Write to Sis. I am in doubt as to how she will have taken the kiss. Elder Hair returns. Retire at 7 P.M. not feeling well.

**Tuesday August 20, 1918**

Rather ill. Tract 2 hours. Sit in park awhile. Retire early.

**Wednesday August 21, 1918**

Tract 2 hours. Write to Mother. Call at bank and learn that the draft I thought lost has been cashed by them and the money placed to my account. We attend cottage meeting at Barton's. I take charge of class; Study "One Hundred Years of Mormonism." Speak to Ethel Barton about accepting call as a lady missionary. She will let me know Sunday what her decision is. I want her to work with Agnes Robinson.

**Thursday August 22, 1918**

Receive letter from Lizzie. She is not only not offended but is pleased. I really believe she is in love with me. She certainly wrote me a fine letter. She said that the happiest moment of her life was when I kissed her; she said it has made her very happy. It seems that I can think of nothing except her; either day or night. I take her letter with me and read it several times while I am in the park. I suppose I have read it eight or ten times today. Tract 2 hours. We go to hold M.I.A. class, but only three there so we don't hold it. I write to Luna.

**Friday August 23, 1918**

Elder H, Brother Stagg and I catch 7:50 train to Grindleford (9 miles) then walk through villages, over moors, through valleys, along clear streams back to Grindleford and by train to Sheffield arriving at the lodge at 7:30. We walked about 25 miles. We passed through Eyan; in 1666 there was a plague here which killed 333 of the 350 inhabitants; only 17 left, the vicar was one of them. It seems that the plague was brought from London in some cloth goods. We certainly enjoyed our walk; the scenery is very beautiful. Write part of my letter to Sis.

**Saturday August 24, 1918**

Finish my letter and mail it with some Kodak pictures of Lizzie to her. Receive letter from Mother, the first since July 26th. Lois married Add Olsen of Brigham City, Utah. I understand they were married without Mother knowing it. Elder H. and I have photographs taken at Gales for exemption card from Consul. We go to Wednesday football grounds; American sports; races, jumping, tug of war, baseball game between Army and Navy teams. Army much the better of the teams. Win by big margin. Get photos from Gales. Write diary up to date.

**Sunday August 25, 1918**

At Barnsley; Elder H at Sheffield. Walk to Mid Station; take 9:5 A.M. train, arrive in Barnsley at 10 A.M. Tract until 2 P.M. Sunday School fair attendance; no order. Theological class study II Nephi 18. Tea at Brother Pott's. We administer to Sister Johnson. Evening meeting at 6:15. I speak until 7:15 on "Need of a Church". Leave meeting early to catch 7:25 train; arrive in Sheffield at 9:20. Take Walkley tram, Crookes trams crowded. Eat supper, retire.

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**Monday August 26, 1918**

We call on Consul and arrange about exemption cards. Tract 3 hours, 50 tracts. Sisters Oxspring and Leabaury visit us at the lodge. Study, etc.

**Tuesday August 27, 1918**

Assist Elder Hair in making out monthly reports. Only two lady missionaries report. I have a total of 44 hours tracting.

**Wednesday August 28, 1918**

We go swimming. Receive letter from Sis; also from "Mother" (39). Write to Mother. 143rd letter. Commence letter to Sister Leak. Tract 2 hours; attend the cottage meeting at Barton's. I take charge. I didn't expect Lizzie's letter until tomorrow, but was pleased to receive it one day early. Sister Leak told me about the day I left. She said that Lizzie did not believe I cared until I kissed her. Sister Leak seems to think everything is settled between Lizzie and I.

**Thursday August 29, 1918**

Finish letter to Sister Leak. Elder H. and I walk and tract to Wombwell. Visit and have tea with Morrals' Meet Bro. And Sis. Potts, Sister Rogan; go with them to cemetery; dedicate her husband's, grandfather's and grandmother's graves. Sister Rogan faints. We return on 6:41 train by way of Mexbro. Arrive in time for last half hour of M.I.A. Left lodge at 10 A.M.; arrived at 3:P.M. in Wombwell; 5 hours tracting.

**Friday August 30, 1918**

Study; miscellaneous. Hair cut. We visit with Rhode's (friends) from 8 to 11:15 P.M. Son Clarence a newlywed.

**Saturday August 31, 1918**

Write to Sis, using nearly all forenoon. Receive photograph from Isabella Sandford; it would look better if she had longer dresses. We go to competition and display by firemen. Too slow to be interesting. School children (about 2000) dance; very good; only event worth seeing. Lasted from 2:30 until 6:30. Sister Gregory out so we arrange our tea. I break one of her ornaments; expect to hear her complain about it for several weeks. It would be a good thing if they were all broken. Write diary; letter to Hewlett.

**Sunday September 1, 1918**

Elder H at Doncaster. I am at Sheffield. Receive letter from Pres. Bodily telling of the trouble Elder Browning has caused for me. He has told the elders at Manchester all about Lizzie and I and I suppose a great deal that never happened. He threatens to tell Pres. Richards all about me as well as Pres. Bodily and Belle Sandford if any thing more is said about him. He is doing just as he pleases now because he thinks he had the upper hand. I didn't think he was such a Judas. I write to Pres. Bodily about it; also to Pres. Hewlett asking him not to place too much confidence in Elder Browning's word. Sunday School, testimony bearing; fairly good attendance. Tea at Brother Wilson's. Testimony bearing at evening meeting. I talk 20 minutes. Priesthood meeting at 12 noon. Discuss means of making meetings more interesting.

**Monday September 2, 1918**

Received letters from Nelson, Sarah Race and Sister Leak. Sister Leak tells me about Browning. Call at Consulate to see about joining American army here in England. We visit Sister Martha Smith in the

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evening.

**Tuesday September 3, 1918**

Tract 2 hours. Brother Stagg comes to the lodge; suggests that we join in prayer for the branch to see if we can get it in a better condition than it is. I think the suggestion a good one. We (Elder H. and I) call on Pres. Wilson about it. We decide to each offer prayer in our homes at 10 P.M. each evening. I hope it will be the means of helping to enliven the members of the branch. We go to a picture show. Visit Brother Shaw at his garden; talk to him about branch affairs; try to get him to take up his duties as 1st counselor in the branch presidency and as Sunday School superintendent but he doesn't feel like doing so hence we shall release him next fast Sunday. Sisters Green and Fagan at his house when we return with him from the garden. Also visit Bailey's.

**Wednesday September 4, 1918**

Letters from Brother Hamstead, Bodily and Sister Leak (more about Browning affair). We go swimming. Write to Mother. Receive letter from Wyatt. Write to Pres. Richards, etc. Another letter from Sister Leak. Lizzie learns of the trouble and is very sad. She blames herself for it. I don't feel that she is to blame at all. I am the one who has made the advances. She has met me no more than half way; that is, she hasn't encouraged me in paying attention to her. I hope this trouble will soon be over. Elder H. and I attend cottage meeting; 2 there besides family and elders. I take charge.

**Thursday September 5, 1918**

Receive release for Sister Wilson as lady missionary. Received letters from Sister Shaw, Elder Danielsen and Lizzie. She also had a presentiment of the coming trouble. It is another nice letter, although she was feeling sad when she wrote it. I feel sure after receiving Sister Leak's letter telling about what happened when I left there August 18th, and then to know that Lizzie read it before it was sent to me and did not deny it but confirmed it in my letter, that she really is in love with me. I am sure I love her and that love has helped me to make new resolutions to try to live a better life in order to be worthy of her because I intend to ask her to become my wife. It has also given me a more hopeful outlook upon life; there is some thing more to live for now. I hope I shall continue to feel toward her as I do now. I here resolve that I shall not prove false to her, but that I shall marry her as soon as possible providing she continues to feel toward me as she does. Sometimes there is just a doubt in my mind whether she really loves me or not; it may be only a fascination, or it may be because I am an elder; if the latter is true then complications will arise later in life when the novelty has worn off. She has been in love or fascinated by a number of others before. However I hope this is different, that it is real and lasting. Oh course I shall ask her plainly before there is any definite understanding between us. When that will be I know not, probably after I receive my release. Attend M.I.A.

**Friday September 6, 1918**

Tract 2 hours. Miscellaneous. Call at Christian Science rooms to speak to them about renting or selling our meetinghouse. We desire to get rooms nearer the center of the city. The officials were not there so I obtained their addresses from the girl who was there. Write to Pres. Richards in regard to this matter. Write to Lizzie.

**Saturday September 7, 1918**

We go down town' meet Mrs. Peacock who talks for about two hours. Pay a bill for church. At 2:30 we meet about 8 members and friends at Darnal; go to Burley Spa on ramble. Not a very enjoyable time. Return at 9:30 P.M.

**Sunday September 8, 1918**

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I intended to cycle to Doncaster but it was stormy so I took tram to Rotherham, walked to Park Gate, rode to Denaly, walk to Edlington, tram to Doncaster; attend only evening meeting. I take charge, administer sacrament and do all of the preaching except about 5 minutes. Sister Ward speaks. Ward and Spencers take me to station; give me pies, tarts, etc.

**Monday September 9, 1918**

Receive letter from Luna. She thought I was on my way home. I hardly know whether to continue writing to her or not. She closed by saying "With Love", but I don't think she means; at any rate I don't take it that way. Wrote letters, etc. Write to Hettie G. Visit Shaw's at his invitation; talk over branch affairs; he may decided to continue to act as 1st counselor to Brother Wilson. He and Brother Wilson can't get along together very well. Too late to catch tram through to Crookes so we walk in rain from town arriving at lodge at 11:45 P.M. wet through.

**Tuesday September 10, 1918**

Tract 1 hours. Receive letters from Wyatt and Sister Leak. Wyatt sent me two tablecloths and ½ dozen napkins, cost £5-16-9. Sister Leak tells of more trouble at Blackburn. Bodily is called to Liverpool; something important not of a pleasing nature. I suppose it is about he and Belle Sandford; she is in love with him Word must have reached President Richards. Bodily refuses to work with Browning and intends to ask for a transfer for one of them. I am afraid they will bring me into it. I wrote to Bodily telling him I had said nothing to Pres. Richards; he thought I may have done. Call on Consulate; learn that the government will give me a ticket to Winchester where I can enlist in the army. We visit Mr. Harrison and discuss our teachings.

**Wednesday September 11, 1918**

Write to Mother, Sister Leak. Tract 2 hours. Miscellaneous.

**Thursday September 12, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Attend M.I.A. about 30 present. Brother Bradley gets rather muddled over a few matters. Brother Shaw attends meeting. I think he will do better now. Receive another nice letter from Lizzie.

**Friday September 13, 1918**

Tract 7 hours. Distribute 450 tracts & 7 pamphlets. Write to Lizzie.

**Saturday September 14, 1918**

Stormy again. Receive letter from Sister Leak. More trouble. Bodily has told Bell Sandford about Lizzie and I. He has encouraged Bell and now throws all the blame on her. He has had her return his letters and has told her she did wrong in interpreting his attentions as she did. He and Browning went to Liverpool. I am rather anxious because they may tell all about Lizzie and I. I can never trust Bodily again after the way he has treated me. Sister Leak has resigned from positions as M.I.A. president and as Librarian. Finish letter to Lizzie and write to Sister Leak. Go to meeting room and fill font for the baptismal service tomorrow. Received my raincoat from the dry cleaners. Study, etc.

**Sunday September 15, 1918**

A miserable day. Elder H. at Barnsley. I am at Sheffield. Brother Gregory and I go down early to heat water for baptism. Not many at Sunday School. Three Bailey children baptized and confirmed. (Brother Gregory officiates). 5 present at evening meeting besides 4 brethren presiding. Brothers Wilson, Shaw and I speak. Meet Elder H. on tram. Letter from Mother.

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**Monday September 16, 1918**

Study, Etc. Elder H. and I go to Brother Hamstead's at Rawmarch (tract on way). Have tea, go to a friend of his, then the four of us go to another friend where we spend the evening explaining the gospel to him and his wife and the first friend; they are very interested and I believe they will soon join the Church. Leave there at 9:30 P.M. return by tram to Sheffield.

**Tuesday September 17, 1918**

Tract 6 hours. Heavy rain P.M. Elder H. and I disagree over buying food. I have to treat him just so or he gets "peevied". We have arranged to take turns by the weeks. Study, etc.

**Wednesday September 18, 1918**

Tract 5 hours. We go swimming. Elder H. goes to Doncaster. Receive letter from Sister Leak. I suppose the "trouble" is settled. Pres. Richards knows nothing about it. Write to Mother.

**Thursday September 19, 1918**

Elder H. goes to Nottingham. Tract 6 hours, etc. Receive a very nice letter from Sis. She is disappointed because I do not intend to go to the Liverpool conference October 6th. She seems to want me to come so much that I suppose I shall go providing the Sheffield branch trouble is settled before then. If not then I must remain here to attend to the reorganizing of the branch. Brother Shaw is to let me know before then what he intends to do. I hope I can go because I should be pleased to see dear little Sis. I'm sorry to disappoint her so I shall make an effort to go. Dear Sis; how often do I think of her; yes, I learn to love her more every day; she is in my thoughts all day and in my dreams at night. I certainly look forward to Thursday the day I receive her letter. I read the letter many times the day it comes. Then quite often I reread all I have received from her. In Sister Leak's letter I read that Lizzie is improving in health, that is, from the effects of our scuffling. I hope she recovers entirely; yes, I pray for her. Attend M.I.A. 11 present. I take charge of class instead of Elder Hair who is away. Fairly good class.

**Friday September 20, 1918**

Send out "Stars". Visit Sister Green and administer to her. Mrs. Lint is there. Tract 5 hours. Write record, diary, etc. Talk to Sister Gregory about Lady Missionary work. Receive a letter from Hettie Geldard.

**Saturday September 21, 1918**

Tract 2 hours. Study, etc. Elder H. returns from Nottingham and receives his transfer to the Liverpool conference.

**Sunday September 22, 1918**

Elder H. at Sheffield. 33 present. I cycle to Barnsley (12 miles--one hour); when nearly there I have an accident; my cycle slips as I am going down a very steep hill when I make a turn to avoid running into someone. My brake broke in the first place. I landed down the hill. My left arm and shoulder as well as my hip was bruised a little. I took the cycle to be repaired; the wheel was twisted. A young lady brushed my suit and I went on to the meeting. I took charge of Sunday School class. Tea at Pott's. Sister Rogan and I speak at evening meeting. I return on 7:25 train and meet Elder H. on tram.

**Monday September 23, 1918**

Tract in forenoon. After dinner I go to Barnsley, get cycle and ride it back to Sheffield. (14 miles--1 hours 40 minutes). Tea at lodge. Attend farewell social for Elder H. who leaves soon for Blackburn; he is presented with cufflinks. About 35 present. Play games, etc.

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**Tuesday September 24, 1918**

Tract 5 hours. Order groceries; get meat. Get my trousers and shoes which were being repaired. Meet Elder H. at Mrs. Peacock's. Visit with her 2½ hours. She is a regular talking machine.

**Wednesday September 25, 1918**

Tract 1 hour. Write letters to Nelson, Hewlett and Brother Potts. Meet Elder H. at Barton's; tea and then cottage meeting. Elder H. takes charge of class. Write to Mother.

**Thursday September 26, 1918**

Receive a fine letter from Sis. I certainly shaved in a hurry to get the mail as soon as it came because I knew her letter would be there. She is still happy' and still wants me to come to conference. If I go it will be only to see her. Of course I shall be pleased to see Sister Leak and family, but Sis is the real attraction. I read her letter several times and shall probably read it many more times. Tract 5 hours. Attend M.I.A.

**Friday September 27, 1918**

Brother Hamstead hasn't sent Doncaster branch report in. I write him a card. Tract 5 hours. Meet Elder H. at Sister Smith's at Darnal; spend evening. Write to Sis and Lily.

**Saturday September 28, 1918**

Tract 2 hours. Sister Harker of Nelson comes to Sheffield; I meet her at Station, bring her to lodge and back to station too late for 2 P.M. train. We go to picture show; walk about town until 6:13. She takes a train to Lincoln. I return to lodge.

**Sunday September 29, 1918**

Elder H and I at Sheffield. Fairly good Sunday School. I remain at the meeting room. Elder H. and I occupy time at evening meeting. I speak on "Organization and Recognition of Authority".

**Monday September 30, 1918**

Doncaster report not here yet, however, I make out reports and send to Liverpool. Elder Hair leaves for Blackburn. Tract 3 hours. Elder Parker comes at 7 P.M. Talk about the various conferences. *Bulgaria surrenders to Allies; hostilities ceased at 12 o'clock noon.*

**Tuesday October 1 1918**

Doncaster reports come. Write out tithing receipts, etc. Elder Parker and I tract on way down town and back. Call at bank; got my fountain pen, or rather a new one; they had lost my other one so they replaced it. Look at "war pictures" in Western Park Museum. After diner, study, etc. Tract to meeting room and down town. Call at Police station for Elder Parker to register. Study in evening. I have been thinking of Sis all evening, wondering what she is doing. I suppose she will be writing to me. Only four days more until I shall see her. It will seem rather strange at first; we have become more intimate since I saw her last.

**Wednesday October 2, 1918**

Write to Mother. Brother Stagg comes and we go with him to his brother-in-law's home where we talk gospel to him and his wife. His wife is quite prejudiced; she thought it unfair for there to be so many against her husband. She wanted to see us beaten in the argument. Tract 2 hours. Visit Willie Jory at Wharnecliffe Hospital. He was wounded at Cambria. He is from Halifax.

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**Thursday October 3, 1918**

We go for swim. Receive letter from Sis. Press suits, etc. Go to meeting room but there are not enough there to hold M.I.A. class so we sit and talk. Receive letter from Henry Maxfield, who is now attending the B.Y.C. Receive \$100 from Mother.

**Friday October 4, 1918**

Office work etc. in morning. Tract on way to meeting room to see if coke has been delivered, and then down town. Write letters, etc.

**Saturday October 5, 1918**

Send out "Stars". Call at Police Station; also for cutlery but it isn't ready. Leave on 12:41 train for Blackburn. Met Sister Harker while waiting for train; we journey together to Manchester. I take 3:40 train from there arriving in Blackburn at 5 P.M. Go to 39 Mill Lane. Elders at Nelson holding Priesthood meeting. Sis was at the lodge with "Mother" and Lily. I was especially glad to see Sis although I felt a little strange at first; I think she felt a little that way also. We talk until tea time. Then after tea I call at Police Station. Then we all talk until Elders return. I go in with them although I would rather have stayed in the kitchen. Just go in again for a few minutes to say good night. Sis stays with Lily all night. Pres. Hewlett and I sleep together.

**Sunday October 6, 1918**

I am up quite awhile before the other elders. Talk with "Mother" awhile, then go down cellar and talk with Sis and Lily while they make sandwiches.

Sunday School session commences at 10:30 A.M. Pres. Richards, Elder Richards and Elder Cottam from Liverpool office, Pres Hewlett from M/c/r; Elder Marley from Leeds, Pres. Bodily and Elder Hair of Liverpool conference and myself present as missionaries. Program consisted of Recitations and songs by children, duet by Ivy Hill and Maggie Brown. Remarks by Elder Hair, Pres. Richards, Pres. Hewlett, then I spoke, then Elder Marley. We all (visitors) have dinner with Sister Leak (Potato pie and boiled pudding). Then hold meeting where we are given instructions by Pres Richards; elders speak a few minutes each. Speakers at afternoon session are Elders Richards and Cottam. Songs: Beatrice Longworth.

Tea at Sister Leaks. Speakers at evening meeting are Pres. Hewlett, Pres. Richards and Pres. Bodily. Solo by Lizzie, Brother Tinsley.

Not as many present as at last conference. After meeting I talk with a number of people. Have quite a long talk with May B. Then Sister Sharrock comes and complains as usual; finds fault with me as well as Sister Leak and Lizzie. She makes me tired, always complaining. The elders (Liverpool office force have returned to Liverpool) have supper with Sister Leak. After supper I have a talk with Sister Leak. She thinks I have grown tired of Lizzie; she said I ought to tell her if I had. Sis thought she was the cause of the trouble. I saw Sis was sad so I wanted her to tell me what was wrong but she wouldn't. I assured her that the trouble I had wasn't her fault. She felt bad about it and looked unhappy when she went to bed. She came down in a few minutes to tell me she was all right but Pres. Hewlett was there so I didn't know until morning. I felt like talking her in my arms when she began to cry but I couldn't with others being there.

**Monday October 7, 1918**

Spend quite a lot of the morning in the kitchen. Go with Hewlett and Marley to Police Station; they go to Nelson ramble. I visit with Sister Hayes, then return and spend remainder of day with Sis, "Mother" and Lily. "Mother" and Lily go up stairs. Sis and I talk a long time, then I muster up

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courage to go to her and hiss her; I sit on arm of chair with my arms around her. I was very happy although I was rather timid about doing it. I could hardly talk when I sat there. I believe it made her happy. I did not tell her I loved her, but I think she understands that I do. I told her that I should tell her all I felt at another time. When "Mother" came down stairs, I hurried to my own chair. Am not left alone with Sis again. Talk with all of them until I am called in for prayer with the elders. Sis goes home for tonight. I asked her if she would like me to stay another day and she said yes, so I promised to do so.

### **Tuesday October 8, 1918**

Awake after dreaming of Sis. I can hardly believe that the things which happened yesterday are true. I go about thinking of Sis all day. Visit Sister Bracken who is ill; also my tracting friend Mr. Richardson. Dinner with elders. Hewlett left at 10:45 A.M. Marley went to Burnley last night. Visit Sister Gregory. Then talk with "Mother". Help elders with their work by typewriting part of their minutes. They go to Sister Conolly's for tea. Talk with Leak's until Sis comes. "Mother, Lily, Sis and I go in sitting room; after awhile Sis and I are left alone. We talk for awhile but are afraid elders will return so we exchange rooms. "Mother, Lily and Hilda stay in sitting room and Sis and I in kitchen. I sit with her on my knees and my arms around her. I have never felt so happy in all my life. The clock seems to gain speed. We expected the elders back about 10 P.M. so "Mother" told us to call her at that time. We didn't though. Then I kissed Sis three times; a thousand times better than in dreams. After a few minutes the elders come. "Mother" who had been standing at the door comes in but before then Sis was in her own chair. We all talk together (Lily and Hilda came in) until the elders go to bed, then I go with Sis out the back way to the end of the passage. I didn't dare keep her there long for fear someone should see us so taking her in my arms, I kissed her twice and said good night. I was sorry to see her go but happy because of what had happened. Dear little Sis, how I do love her; yes, love her with all my heart. I have never loved any one before in that way, only as friends; but this is something different. I believe she really loves me; she seemed so happy. I waited until she reached the end of the street then I returned. In a few minutes I went to bed.

### **Wednesday October 9, 1918**

Talk with "Mother" until breakfast. Say good morning to Mr. Leak, Lily and Hilda. Call at Police Station. Talk with "Mother" until 12:10, then leave to catch a 12:20 train. Arrive in Sheffield at 3:33. Call at Police Station and then go to lodge; eat tea, go to cottage meeting with Parker, return and go to bed. Tried to write a letter to Mother (Yankee) but could only write a few lines. I felt so lonesome without Sis. I cut off my mustache this morning. My lip was swelled about three times its usual size tonight. Letters from Oriol and Elder D.

### **Thursday October 10, 1918**

Elder P. and I walk down town, shopping. At baths for swim. Brother Potts and sons at lodge. Discuss branch matters with him. Write diary, record, etc. Office work, etc. M.I.A. 30 present. I give current events. Fairly interesting class. I felt lost without my regular letter from Sis today.

### **Friday October 11, 1918**

Leave on 9:5 Train for Barnsley. Visit Brigg's; talk lady missionary work with them. Visit Hainsworth and Sister Field. Sister Field according to reports is living in adultery but she denied it. I did not believe her but will have to wait for further evidence. Brother Briggs made the charge against her and he said he was sure. Visit several other families. Return on 4:25 train. Write to Sis. It seems a long while since I saw her. Commence letter to Sister Leak.

### **Saturday October 12, 1918**

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Make a few calls down town. Get cutlery from Wostenholm's. Send 1 set of carvers to Wyatt. Write diary. Go to Royal to see "East Lyne". Not very well played.

**Sunday October 12, 1918**

Elder Parker at Doncaster. I am at Barnsley. Leave on 9:5 A.M. train. Sunday School at 2 P.M. I take charge of Theological class. Book of Mormon II Nephi 25-26. Tea at Brother Potts'; Memorial service for James Oxspring. Several local speakers; I talk 10 minutes. Return on 8:25 train. Receive a letter from Luna. She mentions the letter Lily wrote and which I signed. She does not believe I wrote it. This letter was rather cool.

**Monday October 14, 1918**

Late when we get up. After diner we call to see about coke for meeting room; we're promised it in the morning. Call at bank; Post Office. Call on Dr. Robertson for examination of my heart. He said there was nothing serious; a little wrong with one valve. I have been a little troubled of late but he said it was caused by pressure from the stomach. Study, etc.

**Tuesday October 15, 1918**

Tract to meeting room. Wait until 12:30 for coke but it was not delivered. Return for dinner. Receive letter from Sister Leak. She is in trouble again and is going to stay away from the meetings. She is too easily influenced, and too hasty in her decisions.

*Peace negotiations still on. Pres Wilson in replying to Germany says that the Allies will not make a treaty as long as the Hun continues to sink passenger ships, destroy French and Belgium towns, etc., nor will they treat with Kaiser and his associates. Makes appeal to German people.*

Coke is delivered at 5 P.M. We tract on way down town, take car to lodge. Study write diary, etc. Write letters to Elder Hair, Mable Race and Florence Silverwod.

**Wednesday October 16, 1918**

Write to Mother; also to Henry Maxfield. Tract 2 1/2 hours, part door to door and part otherwise. Attend cottage meeting. Sister Smith besides family and elders. I take charge.

**Thursday October 17, 1918**

Receive a fine letter from Sis. It seems a long while since I heard from Her. She tells me that she has loved me for several months. She sent me a small photo of herself and May; also an individual one of May. May and Sis look quite a lot alike but there is a much better look in Lizzie's face. May has a rather sly, hidden look about her while that of Lizzie is open and clear, showing better characteristics. May's face has a "harder" look about it; not easily moved while Lizzie's is more emotional. Both show determination.

I certainly did enjoy reading the letter this morning. It seems that I love her more every day. This afternoon I went upstairs by myself and read it twice more.

Tract 2 hours door to door this morning and 1/2 hour otherwise this afternoon distributing 194 tracts and 8 pamphlets. To Baths. Study, etc.

**Friday October 18, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Tract 1 hours. Commence letter to Sis. Elder Parker and I go to Royal. "The Mormon and the Maid" is played. It was disgusting. Things were done which I did not think would be permitted. It seemed to please the crowd; they continued to laugh over it until the next act. I suppose its vulgarity corresponded to the condition of their minds. The production of such a play will assist us among the people who are possessed with a little reason. Of course the play was of a sensational nature so as to please the public.

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**Saturday October 19, 1918**

Do a little shopping. Am unable to cash my draft. We tract up to Fulwood and then down Ecclesall tram line to the city. Finish letter to Sis and write to Sister Leak.

**Sunday October 20, 1918**

Elder Parker at Sheffield. I go to Doncaster; train to Swinton and then walk and tract. Visit Elks. They will not attend the meetings because the women are called upon to pray and speak. They said that some elder had told them that only those holding the priesthood were allowed to speak or take part in the meetings. They also found fault with various elders because they called on the women, also with the Mission President. They believe the whole Church is going wrong and they are right. I told them that they were apostatizing, which they did not like. Sunday School at Sister Spencer's. Brother Hamstead, two of Spender's and I were there. Tea at Spender's. I take evening meeting alone. Hamstead at Denaby. Speak 45 minutes on the apostacy and genealogy. Sister's Spender and Ward take me to the train; also give me parcel of cakes, tarts, etc.

**Monday October 21, 1918**

Order groceries, tract, etc. "Feed the guns" demonstration on Fargate. Band, speeches, etc. Tract door to door afternoon. Visit Sister Bailey's. Study, etc.

**Tuesday October 22, 1918**

In lodge most of the day. Rather stormy. In the evening we visit Harrison's. Administer to Mr. Harrison and Lorenzo. Study. Elder P. Dug potatoes for Brother Gregory this afternoon.

**Wednesday October 23, 1918**

Receive letter from Sister Leak. She is in still more trouble. The elders are removing on Friday to another lodge. They decided to leave and Sister Leak had decided to ask them to leave. Mr. Leak has asked them never to come to the house again. It is claimed that Sister Leak has said a number of vulgar and indecent things to other members; that she has also said things about Lizzie and I. In her letter to me she denies saying these things. I haven't been told what they are. It also seems that Lily had been talking about Lizzie and I at the Standard Press where she works and they have taken it to the mills where some of the Saints(?) work, and they carried it to Brother Thompson and Pres. Bodily. I suppose I am to blame for most of this trouble.

Tract 2 hours. Call at Peniston to see the Whitehouse family in response to letter. Found 5 (including wife) ill with influenza. Administer to them. No one will help them because they are Mormons. One of them is very ill (little girl). On return find letter from sis, a very good one. I didn't expect it until morning.

**Thursday October 24, 1918**

Tract 2 hours. We go to Barnsley. Visit Sister Ward, Leabury and tea at Potts. Social. Brother Benfell's sketching and acting only things on program worth seeing or hearing. Return by way of Penistone. Little girl still very ill. Others getting better. Telegram saying that Elders have left 39 Mill Lane. Sis staying there this week.

**Friday October 25, 1918**

Tract 2 hours. Call Penistone. Little girl no better. Write to Sis.

**Saturday October 26, 1918**

Writing letters, etc. Get reports from Brother Wilson. Work at reports. Elder Parker at Penistone. Visit

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O'Neil's.

**Sunday October 27, 1918**

At Sheffield. Parker at Barnsley. Priesthood meeting, tract, Sunday School. Brother Wilson and I call on Sister M. Smith and administer to her; influenza. Study at meeting room. Several strangers at evening meeting. Brother Stagg speaks on Bible. I speak 40 minutes on "Vitality of Mormonism". After meeting I talk with Bower's and Quinney's from Rawmarsh who are very interested. It is encouraging to have some strangers present. I felt good in speaking; there seemed to be a good spirit present. 30 in attendance.

**Monday October 28, 1918**

Parker orders groceries. I go to Penistone. The little girl is dead. Tract. Return Help make out reports, etc.

**Tuesday October 29, 1918**

Receive letter from Lily. She and Sis are troubled over Sister Leak who threatens to ask for excommunication; also to commit suicide. The recent trouble is worrying her a great deal. She is too easily upset. I answered Lily's letter. In it I asked her not to talk about me to any one. She has been rather careless in that way. That is the cause of part of the trouble. It has gone from the "Standard Press" to the mill where Dorothy Blackburne and Annie Aspinall work, about Sis and I, also about Ray Knight and Lily. Mail letter to Sister Leak. No advice for my draft yet. Study, etc.

**Wednesday October 30, 1918**

Write letter to Mother. Elder P. and I tract 2 hours, attend to business in tow, etc. Study. Attend cottage meeting. I take charge.

**Thursday October 31, 1918**

Receive letter from Sis; a very nice letter. Also one from Mother with snapshots from home. Mother wants me to come home before joining the army. We go to Penistone; hold funeral for little Ruth who died Sunday. After finishing a man came for me to bury his sister; their minister hadn't come. After telling them the Church we belonged to I offered to go if they wanted me to. As they were taking me there in a cab someone came and told the man that the minister had come so I returned with Elder Parker to Whitehouse's for "tea". Several friends from Bradford were present. We left on 5:5 train for Sheffield.

**Friday November 1, 1918**

Tract 3 hours. Visit Sister Martha Smith; find her better. Write to Sis, Elder Hair and Pres Wyatt who sent me £5 when he learned I was "broke". "A friend in need".

**Saturday November 2, 1918**

Blowing very hard today. Tract 3 hours. Pay bill on Firth Park Road. Visit Sister Paley. Write diary and record.

**Sunday November 3, 1918**

Elder Parker and I at Sheffield. Attend Priesthood meeting, Sunday School and evening meeting, the two latter ones are testimony meetings; we do not speak. Fairly good attendance. Sister Gregory's relatives come and we talk awhile with them.

**Monday November 4, 1918**

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Receive letters from Wyatt and Mc Alister. Order groceries; tract, etc. Visit Harry Smith's at Malin Bridge.

**Tuesday November 5, 1918**

Receive a very short letter from Sister Leak. She is still very troubled. Tract 3 hours. Write to Sister Leak. Received another letter from Luna. (See November 7th).

**Wednesday November 6, 1918**

Write to Mother. Tract 2 hours. We go to Whamecliffe hospital. Found W Joy up walking around. Tract back to baths. When I arrive at the lodge I find a letter from Sis. I didn't expect it until morning. It was a very good letter as usual. It was full of expressions of love for me. I wish I were more worthy of her love. In my last letter I told her I would stop writing to Luna if she wished it, but she said it was all right with her. She certainly is an unselfish girl, always considerate of others. I hope I shall be able to make her happy. Were I to choose between Luna and Sis there would be no hesitation. I have never loved Luna while I love Sis with all my heart. Attend cottage meeting.

**Thursday November 7, 1918**

Write office letters. Write to Luna in answer to the third letter I have received since writing to her. It was rather difficult to write to her since I do not write regularly. Although I like her as a friend yet I do not care much if she doesn't write. Tract 2 hours. We go to a picture show. Attend M.I.A. (On Tuesday November 5th, we attended a Spritualist meeting. The medium told me I would made a good medium and an elegant speaker. He described my brother Dan to me).

**Friday November 8, 1918**

Write several office letters, etc. Tract 1 hours. Commence my letter to Sis. Receive a more cheerful letter from Sister Leak.

**Saturday November 9, 1918**

Tract 2 hours. Finish my letter to Sis. Write to Lily. Read "Ten Nights in a Bar Room". Go to doctor for examination. My stomach is troubling me a little. Play Ludo with Sister Gregory.

**Sunday November 10, 1918**

Parker at Sheffield. I am at Barnley for evening meeting. Speak 35 minutes on "Salvation for dead".

**Monday November 11, 1918**

*A day of rejoicing. A very tame celebration in Sheffield. Mostly an exhibition of flags and standing around. I should like to have been in America to see a real celebration.*

**Tuesday November 12, 1918**

At Barnsley visiting saints with Bros. Potts, Lee and Whitehouse. Visit Pott's, Steele's, Grayson's, Gelder's, Holt's and Haworth's. Visit Whitehouses at Penistone on my way home Letters from Mother, Luella and Willard Harris.

**Wednesday November 13, 1918**

Write to Mother, also Sister Leak. We visit Gratton's at Woodhouse and administer to Sister Gratton. Tract 2 hours. Attend cottage meeting. I take charge.

**Thursday November 14, 1918**

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Receive a nice long letter from Sis. Tract 1 hours. Miscellaneous.

**Friday November 15, 1918**

Very foggy. Tract 3 hours. Visit Stagg's and Wilson's. Get conference notices. Write to Latimer, Sister Ward, Potts, Oriol, Miss Chester, Leonard Higgins, Brother O'Neill and Sis.

**Saturday November 16, 1918**

Tracted hours. Miscellaneous.

**Sunday November 17, 1918**

At Sheffield. Fair Sunday School. Brother Bradley and I speak at evening service. Tract 2 hours. Elder P. at Doncaster.

**Monday November 18, 1918**

Tract 3 hours. Go to picture show. Miscellaneous.

**Tuesday November 19, 1918**

Get hair cut. We walk to Worksop tracting 4 hours. Visit Hartvey's, Gretwell's and Cook's. Administer to Sister Book and her son. Catch 9:20 train to Sheffield.

**Wednesday November 20, 1918**

Write diary and record. Pres. Hewlett has been released and returns home November 29th. He has been here only two years. I don't think it is fair to let him return and keep us who have been here three years. Tract 2 hours. Visit Sister Martha Smith. Get her to get us some butter, sugar, etc. for conference. Meet Oriol at 4:10 at G. C. Station. We talk over "Old times" during the remainder of the day.

**Thursday November 21, 1918**

Tract 2 hours distributing hand bills (notices of conference). Did not receive my letter from Sis this morning but it came at noon. Attend M.I.A. at night. I have one topic to treat.

**Friday November 22, 1918**

Not much of anything today except have a good time. Go to see "Romance" at night. Commence my letter to Sis. Oriol and I visit cutlery works.

**Saturday November 23, 1918**

Finish letter to Sis. We clean out baptismal font, repair organ, etc. Meet Pres. Richards and George F. Jr. at 4:37 at G.C. Station. Hold Priesthood and Lady Missionary meeting at 6 P.M. followed by a social. We all have supper at lodge. Oriol, Parker and I sleep at Sister Smith's. Perkins and Hair stay at Barton's. Letter from Luna.

**Sunday November 24, 1918**

Two letters from Mother. Ethel's children, Lois and Mother ill with influenza. I return to lodge eat breakfast and go with Pres. Richards and son to meeting. Sunday School at 10:30 A.M. 56 present. Sunday School program. Pres. Richards and I speak. Afternoon meeting at 2 P.M. 2 musical numbers. Pres. Richards, George F. Jr. and Elder Perkins speak. Baptismal service at 4:30. Two children baptized by Oliver Shaw; confirmed later. Evening meeting at 6 P.M. Hair, Parker, Oriol A. and Pres. Richards and George F. Jr. speak. An organ solo. 86 present. Spend awhile visiting with the saints.

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**Monday November 25, 1918**

We return to lodge from Smith's. Go with Pres. Richards and George F. Jr. to Station at ;8:33. Perkins and Hair for dinner. Orial and I go to Albert Hall see "Les Miserables".

**Tuesday November 26, 1918**

Make out reports. Parker writes minutes. We all go to M/c/r to Hewlett's farewell party. Leaves on the 6th of December with Browning and Dickson. Orial and I go to Oldham with Hewlett and Day. Others stay at M/c/r.

**Wednesday November 27, 1918**

We go to M/c/r meet the others. Go for swim at Victoria baths. Dinner at restaurant. Hair leaves for Blackburn. I talked with him about conditions at Blackburn. Quite a lot of talk about Lizzie and I. I suppose Sister Leak and Lily have caused a lot of it. We (Hewlett, Orial, Parker and I) go to Hipodrome. Return to Oldham.

**Thursday November 28, 1918**

Orial, Parker, Day and I go with one of the girls through a cotton mill. See the cotton from its raw state pass through various processes until it is made fine thread. Look about town. A very foggy and smoky district. Great cotton factory district. We all go to theatre, see "Uncle Anyhow".

**Friday November 29, 1918**

Orial returns to Norwich. I return to Sheffield, arrive at 12:20. Find a letter from Sis, one from Mother and several local ones. Tract 3 hours. Visit Harrison's. Commence my letter to Sis.

**Saturday November 30, 1918**

Three years today since I arrived in England. Find Elder Parker in bed when I awake. He arrived about 1 A.M. I did not hear him come to bed. Finish letter to sis. Also to Luella and several local letters. We go to meeting room for books, music, etc. Write letters, record, diary, etc.

**Sunday December 1, 1918**

Arise too late for morning train to Swinton. Elder Parker and I go to catch 2:25 train but are too late. He takes later train. It is too late for me to take cars so I remain at Sheffield. Tea at lodge. Testimony meeting at night; about 20 present.

**Monday December 2, 1918**

Miscellaneous. Tract 1 hours. Order groceries. We go to a picture show. Neither of us feeling well. Remain in during the evening.

**Tuesday December 3, 1918**

Miscellaneous. We tract going down town; Elder P. gets haircut. I tract 2 hours. Get cutlery in market.

**Wednesday December 4, 1918**

Write to Mother, Mabel Pederson and Sister Shaw. Miscellaneous. Got haircut and bath.

**Thursday December 5, 1918**

Receive fine letter from Sis. We tract to Barnsley. Visit Potts' and Oxspring's. Attend meeting of

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Relief Society. I take charge; testimonies borne, complaints made, etc. Sister Oxspring released from position as president. Sister Whitehouse set apart as President with Sister Potts and Rogan as counselors. There has been a great deal of trouble between Oxsprings and Potts. It seems that it started over 2 pence which was short when Relief Society report was made out a year ago. The trouble increased as time passed. We go to Penistone with Sister Whitehouse, have supper and return on 11:37 train and walk to lodge.

**Friday December 6, 1918**

Write to Sis. Later I send birthday cards and another letter. I wish I could send a present but it wouldn't be wise to do so. I don't want to cause any more trouble for her and Leak's. Tract 3 hours. Remain in during evening.

**Saturday December 7, 1918**

Tract 3 hours. Visit market. Receive letter from Hettie. Write to her. Go to Empire. Sit on bald headed row. There was no other seats left.

Received letter from Sister Leak. Answer it. Try to tell her to forget her trouble and attend her duties again. The gospel didn't have a very firm root with her. It seems that Lily too has discontinued attending meetings. I am glad Lizzie is as regular as ever in attending. She is made of better stuff than Leak's. Sister Leak and family have been good to me and I want to help them all I can. I think Sister Leak will drop the Church altogether when Lizzie leaves. I shall be glad to have Lizzie leave because I don't think Sister Leak is a very good companion for her. However I am not afraid of Lizzie not taking care of herself. She is a good girl and is not easily influenced for bad. I hope it isn't long until she can come to America to me. I certainly love her as I have no other. She loves me with all her heart. I hope I shall be able to make her happy.

**Sunday December 8, 1918**

Too late for 9:15 train. Walk to Rotherham, take car to Mexboro. Walk to Edlington; car to Doncaster. Tract on way. Sunday School at Spencer's; tea there. Evening meeting at Rollinson's, 40 Duke Street. Brothers Hamstead, Smith and I speak on Genealogy./ Return on 7:55 train. Hamstead and Smith come part way on same train.

**Monday December 9, 1918**

Wrote letters. Miscellaneous. I order groceries. Meet Elder Parker down town at 7 o'clock. We visit Brother Shaw, talk on genealogy. A friend there with whom we talk.

**Tuesday December 10, 1918**

Call at "Telegraph" office and get answers to our advertisement for lodgings. Get tickets for show on Saturday. After dinner we call at three addresses to see about lodgings; not satisfied with any of them. Go to a picture show. Study, etc. Last night I dreamed of Sis. I was with Luna, Deloraus Anderson and Sis. In leaving them I shook hands with the two and kissed Sis. Then Sis said "again" so I kissed her again.

**Wednesday December 11, 1918**

Very foggy all day. Dreaming of Sis last night but did not speak to her. At 10:20 we go tracting in the country. Get on wrong road or rather we are mistaken in the road we are on We inquire and learn that we are 14 miles from Sheffield. It is 2:30 very foggy and will be dark in 1 ½ hours. We start back. Some boys in motorcar stop and give us a ride, the first I have had in England. Take bath, have "tea", attend cottage meeting, I take charge, 11 present. Sister Smith brings sugar, jam and butter for us. Receive letter from Mother. Also write to her.

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Today I received a letter from Pres. Richards telling me to be prepared to return home between the 1st and middle of next month. Hurrah! Elder Parker received a similar letter. I suppose Sheffield will be left without elders for awhile.

**Thursday December 12, 1918**

Receive a fine letter from my sweetheart. Tract 2 ½ hours. Write letters. We have tea with King's (Hettie Geldard's sister and brother-in-law). Other friends there. Musical evening. (?) Last Crookes car gone so we take Walkley car and walk up to lodge.

**Friday December 13, 1918**

Writing to Sis all morning. Also write to Oriol and President Richards. Tract to Millhouses to inquire about lodge; lady not at home, tract awhile and call again. Still not home. Return to lodge. Write to Brother Potts. We spend evening at Rhodes'. Shows us a lot of Cutlery.

**Saturday December 14, 1918**

We go to Millhouses again (tracting). We decide to lodge at 26 Carter Knowle Road. Talk with lady about our religion. Agree on terms for lodge. Return to lodge for dinner. Pack my truck. We remove on Monday. After "tea" we go to Lyceum. See "Nothing But The Truth", an excellent comedy. Quite well acted.

**Sunday December 15, 1918**

Elder Parker at Doncaster. I attend Sheffield meetings. Fair Sunday School. I take charge of class. Hettie is there; also at evening meeting. At evening meeting Brother Gratton and I speak. 30 present. Nine investigators present. I talk to them after meeting.

**Monday December 16, 1918**

Finish packing our things. After dinner we go to new lodge at 26 Carter Knowle Road, Millhouses, Sheffield. A widow of about 50 years of age keeps the house. 3 other lodgers, 2 men and a woman. After "tea" we visit with Sister Martha Smith.

**Tuesday December 17, 1918**

Tract to old lodge. Get some conference books, etc. and return. Elder Parker works on yearly reports. We go to picture show, "Within the Law".

**Wednesday December 18, 1918**

Write to Mother, also receive one from her. Cash money order. Parker works on yearly reports. I visit Rhodes', get 1 dozen dessert knives. Visit Sister Bradley concerning Relief Society Report. Tract 4 hours. Write to Lily Leak and to Luna. Received letter from Luna today.

**Thursday December 19, 1918**

After breakfast we tract to Rawmarsh to Hamstead's. We learn that local preacher who was to meet us backed out. He had a friend to meet. (?) Very inconvenient, I'm sure. We go to Tuinney's and they take us through the coal mine where they work. Dressed in old trousers, cap, shirt sleeves, carrying a safety lamp we enter by means of a lift; the shaft is 160 yards deep. Then we ride in little cars about a mile or more down a steep incline (1 in 1). From there we walk through various passages. See a miner's dial, then on sometimes we had to walk stooped over, other times straight up. Sometimes uphill and sometimes down. We see the "faults" where the earth has slipped causing the vein of coal to be lowered or raised. We could see the effect of the friction on this earth. Finally we came to where the men were working at the "face". Some of the men were naked with the exception of a cloth

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about the hips. It is very hot in here. They get the coal loose with picks, then put it in little cars which are drawn by "pit ponies" to the shaft where it is taken out. I used the pick for awhile and brought away a little piece of the coal I picked from the "face". We saw several places where the men were getting coal. Then we returned another way to the cars which took us to the shaft. After a wash we dressed and hurried through mud and water to Hamstead's to get me bag. Then caught a car to Rotherham, another to Tinsley and then to Sheffield and walked 2 miles to the lodge, arriving there at 12:15. After a bath I went to bed.

**Friday December 20, 1918**

Received a letter and Christmas card from Sis. I write to her in the evening. Tract. Visit Wilson's. Get tracts, etc. from desk at meeting room. Write to Pres. Richards and Oriol. I have a bad cold.

**Saturday December 21, 1918**

Work on tithing record books to see if the individual record corresponds with the monthly reports. After some difficulty, I get it straightened out. Tract down town. Get stationery, etc. Go to picture show. I think of Sis a great deal today; thinking of the time I shall see her and of the future. I picture her as my wife and our life of happiness together. I'm sure I love her. Write up record and diary.

**Sunday December 22, 1918**

Parker at Sheffield. After breakfast I ride down town in a motorcar with Mr. Watts, take train to Wombwell, tract to Barnsley. Help Brother Potts make out reports. Attend Sunday School; poor attendance. Brother Briggs and I speak. Tea at Briggs. Briggs and I speak at evening meeting. Go with Brother Whitehouse to Penistone, have supper. Return. Take taxis to lodge.

**Monday December 23, 1918**

Work on yearly reports all day. Write names of tithe payers, get a total of what they have paid and give its equivalent in U.S. money. We go to picture show.

**Tuesday December 24, 1918**

Write to Ammon Relief Society thanking them for the \$5 which I received yesterday as a Christmas present. Go to 187 Bobden View Road get several Christmas cards, also two photos from Luna. They are good ones of her. I really wish she hadn't sent them. Work on reports. Receive greeting from Pres. Richards. Receive cards from Sister Leak and Lily' also letter from Sister Leak. Sis sends a note. Write record and diary.

**Wednesday December 25, 1918**

My fourth Christmas in England. Rather dull time. Elder P. and I spend day with Whitehouses at Penistone. A cold crisp day, quite appropriate for the occasion. Write to Mother. Receive a few Christmas cards.

**Thursday December 26, 1918**

Receive a letter from Sis, also Christmas cards. Work at reports. Attend social at Barnsley in the evening.

**Friday December 27, 1918**

Work on reports at meeting room. Attend social at Sheffield. Hamstead and Tinsley (Tuiney) come to the lodge for tea. Write to Sis. We walk to lodge from social in the rain.

**Saturday December 28, 1918**

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Elder Parker leaves at 4:50 for London on a holiday. Tract 2 hours. Write letters, etc.

**Sunday December 29, 1918**

At Sheffield. Quite a number at Sunday School. Elder Latimer and Elder Ellis here on a visit. They occupy the time in speaking. I am to set said January 21, 1919.

**Monday December 30, 1918**

Work on reports and send to Liverpool several reports. Go to Mr. Rhodes for tea. Elders Latimer and Ellis there. Buy some razors. We go to social where Elder Latimer is presented with a token of respect by saints and friends. They leave on 2:13 A.M. train for Liverpool. Those two will set said tomorrow for America. Receive "Little Brown Roll" dated Jan. 21st.

**Tuesday December 31, 1918**

Meet Mr. Rhodes at meeting room at 11 A.M. where he reads the water meter. Visit Bailey's and get information for reports. Write three letters to Pres. Richards. Write record, diary and letters.

**Wednesday January 1, 1919**

Write to Mother and to Pres. Richards. There probably will be another elder in Sheffield before we leave. Go to social at 3 P.M. Play with Sunday School children. Tea for all at 5 P.M. Post a letter. Play games, etc. Some older people come. A program, then I am asked to distribute the prizes (books) to the Sunday School children. Play games. Letter from Sis.

**Thursday January 2, 1919**

Write letters. Get information at meeting room and send off Relief Society report, the last of the reports from this conference. Visit and have tea with Harrisons. A good conversation with Mr. Harrison on baptism for the dead. He gives me a pearl handled knife.

**Friday January 3, 1919**

Send out Stars. Receive letters from Mother, Sister Leak and others. Work at office books. Write up record and diary. Write to Sis.

**Saturday January 4, 1919**

Pres. Nelson and Elder Parker arrive from London and find me in bed. Receive a letter from Luna. It certainly wasn't a very nice letter. I intended to call at Logan but if I do I shall not call to see her. I have arrived at this decision since receiving her letter. We all go to cutlery works; buy knives, order razors, etc. Pres. Nelson returns to Bradford at 2 P.M. I follow at 6 P.M. Stay at lodge with Nelson and Clarke.

**Sunday January 5, 1919**

Bradford Sunday School. Visit all the classes. Speak for a few minutes just before the meeting is closed. I was pleased to see many of my old friends of Bradford. Nelson and I go to Leeds. Sunday School is testimony meeting. Tea at Andrews. At evening meeting I use most of the time. Pres. Nelson speaks. Visit Farrar's. Return to Bradford.

**Monday January 6, 1919**

At lodge writing. Visit infirmary with Nelson to see Brother Dalby. I visit Atley's, then go to cottage meeting. They hold class for awhile, then I speak. Visit Haywood's. I met Agnes (Watson) Wallace.

**Tuesday January 7, 1919**

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Writing at lodge. I go to Halifax, visit Shaw's; Nelson meets me there, we have tea, then visit George Smith and Sister Helliwell who recently lost her husband. Return to Bradford.

**Wednesday January 8, 1919**

Visit Banham's. Report out at Police Station. Dinner at lodge. Nelson and Clarke go to station with me. Take 2 P.M. train from Bradford; arrive in Sheffield 4 P.M. Go to lodge. Write diary, record, letters, etc.

**Thursday January 9, 1919**

Receive a letter from Sis. She is looking forward as eagerly as I am to my visit to Blackburn. Miscellaneous. Visit Martha Smith's in the evening.

**Friday January 10, 1919**

Receive another letter from Sis; also a photograph of her. It is a good one; better than the other I have of her. Read, etc. Write to Sis and to Orial. We go to Sister Green's for "tea" and evening.

**Saturday January 11, 1919**

Go to Sister Gregory's with some things to put in trunk. Tract 2 hours. Parker cables for money. Spend evening with O'Neil's.

**Sunday January 12, 1919**

Parker At Doncaster. I am at Sheffield. Talk with lodgers. Sunday School fairly well attended. About 25 at evening meeting. Brother Shaw and I speak. Talk with saints and investigators..

**Monday January 13, 1919**

A cold day. Meet Elder Welchman who arrived from Nottingham to succeed me as president of the Sheffield conference. We discuss conference matters. After tea we visit Wilson's. Walk back to lodge.

**Tuesday January 14, 1919**

Receive letter and pictures from Sarah Race of Bradford. Work on conference books, making out statement transferring monies, books, etc. to Pres. Weldhman. Explain reports to him. A farewell social is held for Elder Parker and I. After a short program we were each presented with a jam dish. The remainder of the evening was spent playing games.

**Wednesday January 15, 1919**

Visited Sister Barton's with Pres. Welchman. We go to meeting room and make out transfer statement. Elder Parker and I visit Shaw's during the evening. We try to encourage him in his work.

**Thursday January 16, 1919**

Receive letter from Sis. Tomorrow night I shall see her. That will be much better than writing letters. Finish packing trunk. Have it taken to the station. Wyatt and Wilding come. They go with Welchman to Mutual. Elder Parker and I spend the evening at Rhodes.

**Friday January 17, 1919**

Elder Parker and I go down town, cash cheque, go to Wostenholmes. Then I register out at Police Station and take 10:54 train to Liverpool. Stop one hour in M/c/r. Arrive in Liverpool at 2:45. Call at Consulate about having my passport vised. Leave at 4:18 for Blackburn, arrive at 6 P.M. At "home" again! Meet Mr. Leak and "Mother". Later Lily comes. Then Sis came. It was grand to see her again.

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After "tea" we all sit and talk. (Two nephews of Sister Leak were also there). Then Sis and I go in the sitting room. Words cannot express how happy I was to be with her again. I am sure I love her more than ever. I certainly enjoyed the evening with her. The time passed so rapidly that it was 1 A.M. before we knew it. The evening seemed far too short, but all good things end too soon. I sleep in the sitting room. I was thinking of Sis until I went to sleep and as soon as I awoke.

### **Saturday January 18, 1919**

Sis is working this morning. I remain in the house all day. Sis comes after dinner. After awhile we go in sitting room until "tea" time. We have a scuffle but not so rough as we used to. After "tea" we all sit and talk. Sis plays piano and sings, also others. A friend of "mother's" nephew is here. She plays awhile. Then the two nephews, this friends and Lily go. Sis and I go in sitting room after awhile where we spend the remainder of the evening. We stayed until 1:50 A.M. Again words would fail to express my happiness. She grows more dear to me each day. O but I do love her. When I am with her I have very little to say. I cannot find words to express my feelings toward her, but I love her all the same.

### **Sunday January 19, 1919**

Arise at 10 A.M. Remain in the house all day. We have potato pie and pudding for dinner. I enjoyed it. Then Sis and Lily go to Sunday School I stay and play with Mary and Dolly until Sis and Lily return. We all have tea. Then they go to evening meeting. I go for a walk then talk with "Mother". Sis and I spend evening together and I enjoyed it as usual.

### **Monday January 20, 1919**

Take bath, etc. Sis and I spend afternoon and evening together. May worked at the mill for her. During the afternoon I asked Sis if she would marry me and she said "Yes". O how happy that made me. I thought she would but still it made me very happy to know that she would be mine some day. I'm sure I love her and will do all I can to make her happy. A telegram comes informing me that the sailing is postponed until Friday. I am pleased because I can spend a few more evenings with dear little Sis. We had been rather sad thinking this would be our last visit together. We have supper by ourselves. It made us think of how it will be some day when she becomes my wife.

### **Tuesday January 21, 1919**

Mend chairs, bell, etc. Spend a happy evening with Sis. I love her more each time I see her. Supper together again. My release takes effect today.

### **Wednesday January 22, 1919**

Mend chairs, etc. Spend an enjoyable evening with Sis.

### **Thursday January 23, 1919**

Press suit; call at elders' lodge to see if there are any letters. Report out at Police Station. May weaves for Sis so we spend afternoon and evening together. We have tea with the others. Sis plays the piano awhile as she has done each day but spends most of the time with me. I gave her a locket as a little token of remembrance. We have supper together again. She stays until nearly 1 A.M. Then I walk home with her. All the family are in bed. I sit with her on my knees until 1:50. I enjoy my lessons in kissing. Then comes the parting. I was sorry to leave her yet happy because I knew she would be coming to America to me. All were in bed when I returned. I found notes from Hilda and Lily saying "goodbye". I go to bed but do not go to sleep for a long while. Thinking of Sis keeps me awake until quite late.

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**Friday January 24, 1919**

Eat breakfast. "Mother" takes me to station. Leave on 6:22 train; change at Preston Junction, arrive in Liverpool at 8:30. Go to Durham House; meet returning elders and those of the Liverpool office. Receive tickets, etc. Go down town. At 11 A.M. we all meet at the pier. There are eleven of us returning; Elders Wyatt, Bodily, Hair, Loosle, Parker, Wilding, Ririe, Perkins, Winter, Ludlow and myself. Pres. Richards, his son and Elders Nelson and Evans see us off. We go aboard at about 12 noon. At 12:30 we have lunch. At 5:30 the boat leaves. We spend remainder of day walking the deck, etc. We are to have our meals at 8 A.M., 12:30 and 6 P.M. In my stateroom are Wyatt, Bodily, Ririe, and myself. I have a top berth.

**Saturday January 25, 1919**

Feeling a little sick today. Read, eat, sleep, walk deck, etc. Lifeboat drill. Write diary. Sailing around the southern coast of Ireland all day. Nothing striking took place. About 2000 Canadian soldiers on board. The men are in third class, the officers are 1st and 2nd class. We associate with them.

**Sunday January 26, 1919**

Went to breakfast but soon returned. It was with difficulty that I finished the first course (porridge). After parting with all I had eaten and some that I hadn't, I kept to my "bunk" the remainder of the day. I shall not attempt to describe my sea-sickness. Words cannot do it. The steward brought me some supper. And so a perfect day ended.

**Monday January 27, 1919**

Succeeded fairly well with breakfast this morning. Felt a little giddy. Lay down awhile. All right the remainder of the day. Concert consisting of songs, musical numbers, etc. at night. Not up to much.

**Tuesday January 28, 1919**

Feeling fine. Ocean was rather rough Sunday but has been very calm since then. I have an insatiable appetite. Play draughts every day, walk deck viewing scenery (some scenery)!

**Wednesday January 29, 1919**

Ocean calm. Still feeling well and eating heartily. Play draughts, write to Sis. I certainly have thought a great deal of her while sailing. Day finally merges into night. Wyatt and sea sickness severed friendly relations. He comes to the dining room for his meals. Ririe rakes to his bunk. Play draughts, etc.

**Thursday January 30, 1919**

Ocean very calm. Saw a ship in the distance. Eat, sleep, play draughts, etc.

**Friday January 31, 1919**

Very cold. Ocean calm. Wrote letters to Orial, Danielsen, Nelson and Sister Leak. Play draughts. Wyatt and I have a long walk after dinner. Wrote to Sis.

**Saturday February 1, 1919**

Going around the southern coast of Nova Scotia today. Ocean a little rougher today.

**Sunday February 2, 1919**

We arrived in bay at 2:11 A.M., but had to wait until 2 P.M. for the tide before landing at St. John. The civilians landed first. After a little red tape we passed immigration officials. We landed in West John. It wasn't much of a town, still we were glad to be on land again especially since it is America.

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Wyatt and I have a good dinner. At 7:30 P.M. we take train to Toronto. It was a special and ran very slowly. There is a little snow here.

**Monday February 3, 1919**

On train all day. Passing through part of Maine and Canada. Quite a lot of snow here.

**Tuesday February 4, 1919**

Arrive at Toronto at 7:30 A.M. No snow here. Quite warm. I like Toronto very well. Plenty of chocolates, etc. We go to picture shows and walk about town. Leave at 7:15 P.M. for Chicago.

**Wednesday February 5, 1919**

Pass along shore of Lake Michigan. Arrive at Chicago at 9 A.M. Go to Majestic Hotel. Visit Sears and Roebuck. Shows, etc. Wyatt and I are together during the trip. Commence letter to Sis.

**Thursday February 6, 1919**

Wyatt buys suit, etc. We go to shows, etc. We were to leave on 11:30 train but were notified that we must have clergy books to get clergy rates. We were rather disappointed. Finish letter to Sis.

**Friday February 7, 1919**

Go to mission headquarters. Obtain clergy books and tickets. Leave at 5 P.M. on N.P. for Omaha.

**Saturday February 8, 1919**

Arrive in Omaha at 8 A.M. Look about city, attend show, etc. Leave at 4:10 P.M. for Denver.

**Sunday February 9, 1919**

Arrive at Denver at 8 A.M. and leave on D. & R.G. 15 minutes later for Salt Lake City.

**Monday February 10, 1919**

Pass through the Royal Gorge during the day. It certainly was very beautiful scenery. At one place we passed over a hanging bridge. I took some photographs as we were going through. At one place we were 10242 feet about sea level. We passed through Provo and arrived at Salt Lake City at 12:30 P.M. After checking baggage, etc. we booked rooms at a hotel. Wyatt went to see a girl. I visited Raymond Knight. He is not the kind of a fellow I expected to find him. I don't think he wants to marry Lily. He is more talk than anything else. Wrote to Sis tonight.

**Tuesday February 11, 1919**

Leave Salt Lake City at 9:15 A.M. Spend a few hours at Ogden with Luella and then take 2:30 train to Logan. Mother met me at the station. Met Goldie and Dan at 90 West 3rd North where they are staying while attending school. Goldie has changed so much that I hardly knew her. The others haven't changed a great deal. Spend evening at home.

**Wednesday February 12, 1919**

Visit B.Y.C. See quite a number of former B.,Y.C. students and professors. Visit Goldthorp's (Mrs. Goldthorp is dead). Evening at 90 West.

**Thursday February 13, 1919**

Get clothes at Howell's. Afternoon at A.C. Evening with Mother at theatre. Saw a few more B.Y.C. students.

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**Friday February 14, 1919**

Visit at B.Y. See several of the students. In the evening I call Luna over the phone and talk awhile with her. Write to Sis.

**Saturday February 15, 1919**

Leave on 9 A.M. train for Idaho Falls with Mother. Arrive at 3 P.M. Charles and Hyde meet us with cars. I see quite a number of people I know. I go out home with Orr and Ethel and return in the evening with Charles for my luggage.

**Sunday February 16, 1919**

Remain home until afternoon. I speak in afternoon. About 200 present at meeting.

I now close my diary except when I desire to put something special in it.