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[6] **Wea.**

January 27, 1898

THUR. JAN. 27, 1898 Ther.

Received a call to perform

a Mission to the

Southern States

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[8] **Wea.**

January 29, 1898
SAT. JAN. 29, 1898 Ther.

Ordained a Priest by
James Hery, at Old
Farm House.
At night meeting
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[\[10\]](#) **Wea.**

February 05, 1898
SAT. FEB. 5, 1898 Ther.

Baptized at the tab-
ernacle by

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[\[12\]](#) **Wea.**

February 06, 1898
SUN. FEB. 6, 1898 Ther.

Confirmed by Bishop
[\[13\]](#) James
at "Old Farm House"
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[\[15\]](#) **Wea.**

February 09, 1898
WED. FEB. 9, 1898 Ther.

Received my priesthood
at the Old

Mission
Received my blessing

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Wea.

February 11, 1898
FRI. FEB. 11, 1898 Ther.

At

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February 17, 1898
THUR. FEB. 17, 1898 Ther.

Lef [19] home to perform
m Mission to
th Southern States

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Wea.

February 18, 1898
FRI. FEB. 18, 1898 Ther.

Riding from Grand
Junction to Pueblo
on the D & RG Ry.
This was written
at Grand Junction
in the car while
waiting for lunch.

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Wea.

February 19, 1898
SAT. FEB. 19, 1898 Ther.

Riding through Kansas
on Missouri Pacific
Ry. Arrived Kansas
city 6.40 P.M.
Left Kansas City
9 oclock.
Traveled all night
on Missouri Pacific
from Kansas City
to St Louis. Mo.
Traveled through
the State of Mo.

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Wea.

February 20, 1898
SUN. FEB. 20, 1898 Ther.

Arrived at St. Louis
7.10.
Left 7.56, on Louisville
and Nashville
arrived at Nashville
8.15.
Traveled through
Illinois, Indiana,

and Kentucky!

Was very much
Impressed with
the beautiful
scenery through
Indiana.

[22] The beauty of rolling
hills busy
green grass,
a sun
be forgotten though
this is
reading
going through Indiana
I can yet see the
beautiful fields of grain
as if the

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Wea.

February 21, 1898

MON. FEB. 21, 1898 Ther.

Arrived at Chattanooga
3o oclock this
morning, over the
Nashville & Chattanooga
Ry.

Staying at the
Roshore hotel
a waiting letters
home.

Had some very
fine music. at
the hotel by
some colored
people

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Wea.

February 22, 1898

TUES. FEB. 22, 1898 Ther.

Left Chattanooga via
the Southern ae
10 P.M.

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Wea.

February 23, 1898

WED. FEB. 23, 1898 Ther.

Arrived at Macon
Ga. 2 41 miles
at 8 oclock A.M.
had breakfast
at a Restaurant,
paid 25Â¢ for some.
Left Macon 11.20
A.M. Arrived at
Jasper 5.50 P.M.
and found that I
did not have sufficit
money with which
to get my ticket and
pay hotel fare, so
I was left withe
Mercy of God; and
a [26] ked Him to help
and he answered
my prayers.
Had the best nights
sleep, I have had
for many years.
Felt to rejoice in
the mornning.
Ritten in my room in
the hotel.

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Wea.

February 24, 1898

THUR. FEB. 24, 1898 Ther.

Left Jasper at 8.13 A.M.

arrived at Isachatta

3.23 P.M.

Had a conversation
with 2 gentelmen on
the train, one a Jew.

Had a very interesting
time conversing with

them. the Jew said

he never would

have fath enough

to go and preach

the Gospel. ----

Written on board

the train.

I was received at the

station at Isachatta

by Elder R.M Robinson:

who I was glad to

meet as I had been allone for

a night and day. I was taken

by Elder Robinson to a

family by the name of

Davis: which family

consisted of wife two daughte [\[27\]](#)

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Wea.

February 24, 1898

FRI. FEB. 25, 1898 24 [\[28\]](#) Ther.

a son and a child. They
were very Generous and
kind; and we enjoyed
their company.

It was here where
I saw the first orange
trees. I was feeling
quite well_slept quite
well during the night.

February 25, 1898

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Visited families with Elder
Robinson. We had
the privilege of visiting
a school; and also to
speak to ~~them~~. [29] to the pupils.
How different this
school is to schools
in our state.

[30] Children with bear
feet sitting on long
lumber benches; whose
minds, one would
think were not very
bright: but not so,
as then were studious
and willing to

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Wea.

February 26, 1898

SAT. FEB. 26, 1898 Ther.

Visited families and
held a meeting at night
at which we spoke
to the people.

Our meeting was held
at Rock Hill. There was
but a few present; but
those that were
present were quite
deeply interested
in what we had fo
It made me think
that they thirsting
for truth & knowledge.

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Wea.

February 27, 1898

SUN. FEB. 27, 1898 Ther.

We met by surprise
Elders Fisher and Richie
and held a meeting,
in which we all
spake to the people.
the people were
very much interest
in what was being
said.

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Wea.

February 28, 1898

MON. FEB. 28, 1898 Ther.

We Walked from Istach-
atta to Oreco a dist
~~18~~ 12 miles, and
at a family by the
name of
Oraoe.
Had supper
in the New Testament
while Elder Robinson
discussed with Mrs.
Smith on the God
of Mormons and the
divinity. Went to
bed and slept quite
well; felt quite ated
in the morning.

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[33] **Wea.**

March 01, 1898

TUES. MARCH 1, 1898 Ther.

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life
Where
over

walk my
out dinner
looking
some one
friendly
We called
said
and came
not

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Wea.

March 02, 1898

WED. MARCH 2, 1898 Ther.

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Left Bay City at
In search of the Elders
who there labor in
Pasco Co. We
and them. We
back and saw
I. J. Gideon who
a Baptist
Elder Robinson
Minister got in
discussion

This discussion
of Mormon
a
preacher was
on the Bible, and
prove not
up the battle
In
he tackled
polygamy and
quite a

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Wea.

March 03, 1898

THUR. MARCH 3, 1898 Ther.

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Left Bay City in search
a Elders who were
in Pasco Co.
Walked to Lacoochee --
a distance of 6 miles
but did not find a
We ascertained
that they
who a
the
We continued
to walk and finally
came back in our
own unt and stay
with a family by
the name of L. Hancock
in Willacoochee.
Her Co. We made
some questions
out an
a for
the
visited on March 14.

[37] During the afternoon
we cavassed most of
Withlacoochee. Stayed over
night with L. Hancock.

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Wea.

March 04, 1898

FRI. MARCH 4, 1898 Ther.

Canvassed around the
Village, Withlacoochee,
visited 16 families
Had one man reject
our testimony
this was the first time
I have had any one
refuse to accept our
testimony. Held a
Meeting at night
in the depot office
and a good audience.
All the sawmill
hands turned out
to hear us speak.
We had a splendid
time together.
Stayed over night with
Geo. Mills.

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Wea.

March 05, 1898

SAT. MARCH 5, 1898 Ther.

Started from Ladoochee 10
oclock for the line be-
tween Hernando and Pasco
Co. Elder Robinson &
I bathed in the Ladoochee
river; and while we were
washing at the river;
we met Elders Godfry
& Munson. We had
walked nearly 50 miles
in search of **ef** these

Elders. The had an agreeable meeting. ----
We tarted at 5 oclock.
Munson and
I stayed to gether that night with a family by the name of Hancock, in Withlacoochee.

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Wea.

March 06, 1898
SUN. MARCH 6, 1898 Ther.

We left the house where we were staying overnight--walked down to the Saw Mill and commenced arrangin ts with pin aid for the people [38] on. It was a beautiful rning- the birds w rning- the birds w singing. The people commenced side.
the Elders had to stay.
Our congregation consisted of about 6 females and a male. It being a saw mill town:
were mostly single
After meeting we some books. Leving the place of meeting, we walked down the rail road track to the WillLacoochee sat on the banks of the river that beautiful river and sang hymns
At about 5 oclock we parted each to our

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Wea.

March 07, 1898

MON. MARCH 7, 1898 Ther.

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Stayed over night with a family by the name of Ct; who treated us very kindly. We walked along the railroad track towards Elta Heights Station we were met by lady friends

take our grips and hauled them on our road for quite a distance; which relieved us considerable. When we arrived at the house of Firmons, we were taken in and made at home. Miss Firman soon began to play and sing for us. We were also treated to Syrup candy, which was very nice. They gave us some lunch with us for our dinner. We canvassed St. Joseph, and where entertained by a famil by the name of B Barthle

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[40] **Wea.**

March 08, 1898

TUES. MARCH 8, 1898 Ther.

We canvassed St. Joseph & St. Thomas. We met with 8 rejected testamones in canvassing around through St. Joseph. They being catholics, were very bitter, some of them. We got entertain-ment, without much trouble,

with a family by the name
of G. J. Hancock: whose wife
being sick and staying
with some other family -
was obliged to back.

Mr. Hancock, not being
be able to bake, had no
bread on the table. This
was the first time that
I ate a meal without
bread in some form.

Still, being very hungry,
I managed to eat what
was set before me with
a thankful heart.

Written at Mr. Bell's in
Shingleton, Pasco Co.
Florida.

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Wea.

March 09, 1898

WED. MARCH 9, 1898 Ther.

Left Mr Hancock's house
early in the mornning.

Canvassed one family;
where there was only
a lady in the house.

We told her that We were
Minesters of the Gospel
representing the Church
of Jesus Christ of Latter
day Saints; offered her
a pamphlet. She said:

"We have a minester." We
don't need you". Leaving
her, we came to a man
who, being catholic; was
very fixed in his opinions;
and hard to change.

I do not think, I will ever
forget; how much stress
he paced on **the** essentiality of
"Beleive in Christ and be
saved" doctrine. It was

here where I first learned
to know, how much
more knowledge, the youth
of Zion have as compared
with the world.

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Wea.

March 10, 1898

THUR. MARCH 10, 1898 Ther.

After laying awake nearly
all the night battling
with the fleas, I got out
of bed feeling more sleepy
than I did when I went
to bed. It was a garand
night, scratching first
on one side and then on
the other.

After getting ready to leave
and bidding the people Good-
day; we were greatly astonished
to have one of the little
boys come and tell us that:
"Pa said that it would be
fifty cents each: What shall
we do? Elder Godfrey had
I think, about 2 cents and
had 15 cents. During the
day, we canvassed the
town of Ehrin; and
gave out an appointmet
for the night. The
meeting was well
attended. Entertained by
Ormsby.

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Wea.

March 11, 1898

FRI. MARCH 11, 1898 Ther.

Not having any tracts;
consequently, we could
do nothing during the
day. Having no one to
entertain us, we went
out in the forest and
layed down in the
shade and studied
some; but not very
much, as the gnats
were thick and fierce.
The day passed away
very slowly. Haveing
an appointment to
fill at night, we left
the old oak tree, and
walked to the school
house. After waiting
a short time, the people
commenced coming.
After meeting we had
to look for someone
to entertain us for
the night. Had no
dinner nor supper
during the day.

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Wea.

March 12, 1898

SAT. MARCH 12, 1898 Ther.

After spending a restless night
fighting the fleas. As we are
getting used to fleas, the
night was not near so
restless, as the night previous.
Was very sleepy during the day;
and also hungry, as we
had only one meal yesterday.
Flelt very hungry, stupid
and sleepy. Were not in
a fit moode to study:

So we went out in the forest and found a shady place and lay down and went to sleep. When we awoke, we found that it was '10 past 11; and thinking we could get some dinner: we went over to the saw mill only to ~~find~~ learn that dinner was over with. We were obliged to go out and sleep away the afternoon. Returning, we called on a family for supper. Made ourselves ready to go to the meeting we had appointed. Stopped with Mr. Barksdale

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Wea.

March 13, 1898

SUN. MARCH 13, 1898 Ther.

It being Sunday; and having an appoinment to fill; we made ourselves ready to go to the schoolhouse where we were to have our meeting. Having slept quite well, we were somewhat envigorated. I was not in very good spirits, however: Although it was fast day, we ate a hearty breakfast. Our exquse for breaking the fast was due to the fact that we had fasted most of the week. Being very gant and hungry I felt justifiable in breaking breakfast. Had a good meeting -- the audience was very slim however. Elder Godfrey gave a very interesting discussi on Baptism and the Holy Ghost. Had dinner

at Barksdale's after which
we walked to Pasco, where
we were entertained by Mr

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Wea.

March 14, 1898

MON. MARCH 14, 1898 Ther.

Called at the P.O. at Pasco, in
the morning and found
that: the tracts we had ordered
had not come: So the only
thing we could do was to waited
untill the~~y~~ tracts came.

We returned out into the
woods; and wrote letters
most of the day.

We came back to town
and posted our letters;
and left in search of a
place to spend the night.

Not thinking we would have
any trouble in getting
entertainment: we waited
untill quite late before
we started in search of a
place, where we could get
a little sustenance for
our large empty stomachs,
and a place to lye our bodies
down to rest. After being
refused three times; and after
getting quite late: we
finaly succeeded in getting
in with a Mr. Vont

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Wea.

March 15, 1898

TUES. MARCH 15, 1898 Ther.

San Antonio, Florida.

We Called at P.O. in Pasco and got the tracts we were waiting for. Canvassed around San Antonio.

Went through San Antonio; Elder Godfrey expecting to have some mail at p. office - we called at the office. While passing through San Antonio, the people talked about us; and showed signs of ignorance.

While walking through the woods near San Antonio An elderly lady and a youth came riding along in a buggy at rapid rate. The youth who was driving: having his eyes on us; and the mule not being ~~used~~ acquainted with the road, ran the vehicle against a large pine tree. The tree being so large: was not injured in least. Was not so with the vehicle, as it was badly shaken.

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Wea.

March 16, 1898

WED. MARCH 16, 1898 Ther.

Pasco School House. Fla.

Canvassed around through the settlement about the school House. Met with some very good friends. People around this section not very prejudiced. Met with one ex-Utahan, who wanted to know about the "Mountain Meadow

Massacre"; who participated: what the "mormons" did, etc. We finally got his consent to preach in the School House. We notified the people of our appointment: Held a meeting at night which was quite largely attended; also left an appointment to preach the night ~~a~~ following night. Entertained by Selma Hancock. I was quite sick at night my not being order.

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Wea.

March 17, 1898

THUR. MARCH 17, 1898 Ther.

Pasco School House, Fla.
After breakfast Mr. Hancock asked us if we would have prayers with ~~^~~them to which we gladly consented. Elder Godfrey read the 1st chpt. of James' Epistle; after which we bowed in prayer with the family.
We canvassed the remaining families near the school house.
While passing along through one man's lot; there was quite a number of boy's picking berries; who when they saw us (knowing who we were) laughed and jeered at us. Waved at us and "Come and give us religion" "We want religion too"
Ate supper with a Mr. Parker: after which, we

went to the school
house.

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Wea.

March 18, 1898

FRI. MARCH 18, 1898 Ther.

Pasco, School House. Fla.
Having canvassed this settlement; and having an appointment at night to fill: we had nothing very pressing to do. We secured Mrs. Hancock's boiler and proceeded to practice the laundry trade. This being my first attempt at this kind of work, it took me some time to fully learn the trade; but after rubbing at some length; and using more Gold Dust than muscle: we succeeded in getting our clothes fairly clean. After our clothes were dry, we left Mr. Hancock and walked to his brothers house to inform him of our appointment. Came back to the school House and waited there until time for commencing.

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Wea.

March 19, 1898

SAT. MARCH 19, 1898 Ther.

Moody School House. Fla.
Cavassed what few hous
there were around this
school house. Ate
dinner with Mr. Johnson.
It was a very hot day
and we did not feel
much like walking.
We spent the night
with Mr. McGeachy, who
is the deacon of the
church at Moody.

March 20, 1898

--- Sunday. Mar. 20 ---

It being our fast day,
we abstained from
eating breakfast.
Parson Spivy was to
preach at the Moody
school house, and
thinking it might
be interesting to go
and hear him: we con
cluded to go and hear
him.

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[41] Wea. SUN. MARCH 20, 1898 Ther.

His text was selected
for the occasion.
He chose for his text
the 5th Chapter of
Galatians: and spoke
about false prophets
and deceivers; who
should rise up in
the last days to deceive
the people and lead
them from the
narrow way. It
was plainly to be noticed

that he was speaking
concerning us.
On first entering the
house a young man:
who probably knew as
much about "Mormonism"
as does a hog about a
parlor - amused himself
and those setting near him
by giving the biography
of Joseph Smith and talking
such other topics and
lies as he could manufacture
while telling the rest.

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[42] Wea.

March 21, 1898

MON. MARCH 21, 1898 Ther.

Walked from Pasco School
House to Pasco Station,
called at the P.O. and
found there 4 letters
from Mother and from
Father and one from
W^matt Johnson. This
was quite a greeting
after being away
~~from a~~ for a month and
not having heard
from home. This gave
some life and also
some work in writing
letters. On our way
we stoped at a church
Meeting. leaving we heard
one of the men say
"there goes the Latter-
day Tramps.
Walked to Ehren and
were entertained by
a family by the
name of Miller.
Before retiring we were
permitted to have prayers

with them.

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Wea.

March 22, 1898

TUES. MARCH 22, 1898 Ther.

Drexel Fla.

Left Eren and came down to Drexel, got our tracts and Books at the P.O. after which we proceeded to canvass and make arrangement for holding a meeting at night.

When we were through canvassing, we stoped at a house and ate supper, after which we walked to the school house where we were to hold our meeting.

We waited at the school house for some time: no one coming but a lady & a gentleman: we considered this a rather slim audience- hence we held no meeting.

We were entertained by Mrs. Sherouse, the P. M.

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Wea.

March 23, 1898

WED. MARCH 23, 1898 Ther.

Loyce, Fla.

Not being able to get to

hold any meetings, we
started out for Loyce about
noon. We walked all day
and about dusk we came
to a house where we tried
to get entertainment; but
the people we not situated
so they could take us in,
and told us that it was
3 miles to the nearest
place. We started out and
got lost; and hearing
a dog bark some distance
away: but lo and behold
there was a swamp between
us and the house.
The swamp, however, being
dry, ~~b~~we commenced
navigationg through.
It was a terable strugle
running against Palmettoo,
and geting tangled in vines
a falling down and getting
up. After getting through

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the swamp we found a trail
which lead to a house wherein
lived a family who had a daughte
belonging to the church; who
had written to her folks to "take
in the Elders for her sake, if
any should come around.
How thankful we were to get in
and rest ourselves, after walking
all day in the hot sun; and
some supper: not having
had anything to eat since
morning.

March 24, 1898
Thur. 24 -- 1898

Canvassed around Loyce
and tried to get out an
appointment, but did
not succeed on account of
the Deacon of the church
not being at home.
We spent the night
with Mr. Jordan.

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Wea.

March 25, 1898

FRI. MARCH 25, 1898 Ther.

Having finished canvassing
Loyce we started for
Hudson on the coast.
Came to a small settlement
4 miles from Hudson.
Canvassed what few
families that were there.
Spent the night with
Mrs. Brady who has a
son in the church.
Mrs. Bradey treated us
very kindly, but Mr Brady
was very cool.

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Wea.

March 26, 1898

SAT. MARCH 26, 1898 Ther.

Leaving Mr. Brady's, we started
for Hudson. We got on
the wrong road and
walked 5 miles out of
our way. After cutting
through the timber
we finally got on a

road that lead to Hudson
and arrived at Hudson
about 3 oclock. We being
very thirsty after walking
since mornning in the
hot sum - we called on
a family for a drink.
The water being very
poor, we nevertheless drank
very hearty.
We canvassed the place.
Called at the Post Office
where we were make
acquainted with a Bap-
tist Minister by the
name of Joseph Smith,
who soon tackled us on
Polygamy. We stayed with
Mr. Mosley's.

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Wea.

March 27, 1898

SUN. MARCH 27, 1898 Ther.

It being Sunday and
there being Sunday
School and preaching
in the Church. We
made it a point to go
to Church.
Joseph Smith being the
Pastor delivered a sermon
in the on
the doctrine of Christ.
In the course of his
placed
the first
principle of the Gosple.
He had undoubtly
read our pamphlet which
we gave him.
His sermon was mostly
delivered for our benefit.
At night it was our
good fortune to listen

to him again. He spoke
on faith and works.
We were invited home
and stayed with Mr.
Vaughn.

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Wea.

March 28, 1898

MON. MARCH 28, 1898 Ther.

Not having any thing to
do particularly [\[44\]](#)
the day down by
watching
freight. Being
I slept
the
Not having
meetings,
treated
did not eat
dinner nor
was not
were fasting
but
to.
Spent the afternoon
writing home and reading.
at night we held our
meeting which was
well attended. after
meeting we had no
trouble in getting enter-
tainment. We spent
the night with
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Wea.

March 29, 1898

TUES. MARCH 29, 1898 Ther.

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Left Hudson made
for Dade City.
After walking about
7 miles, we came to a
vacant house; but a
well; - just the thing
we had been waiting
to find;
very thirsty
upon the
w through
We started
out again for we don't
know w same
still
found
canvassing
and we
our way.
About we called
on a widow wanting a
drink. She thinking we
wanted to stop for the
night. Told us that
she did not keep
borders.

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March 30, 1898

WED. MARCH 30, 1898 Ther.

Continued our journey
from the Stevens settlemen
walked all day. At about
5 oclock we came to Drexel
where we had some mail.
Having been feeling quite
down hearted all day;
and also
somewhat sick. When
I got letters from
my mother and
our Bishop
me up a little.
The letters
Bishop was written

in a Spirit of love and
touched me very deaply.
Contained some friendly
advice. Recieved a letter
from Elders Robinson
& Munson [47] which was
welcome. We walked to
Ehren and stopped with
Mr. Burksdales.

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Wea.

March 31, 1898
THUR. MARCH 31, 1898 Ther.

Leaving Ehren, we contin
our journey: coming to a
little creek on the road,
we stoped and took a
bath; after which we
felt some what refreshed.
At about noon I commeced
to feel quite sick, and
felt miserable. It was
upon me to
continue my walk. We
stayed with it and
finally reached our destin
ation. Stopping at Widow
Moody's for a drink; she
invited us to stay over
night. We left our grips
with her and walked on
to to see him
about [48] getting the school
house for the third
Sunday; when Elders
Robbinson & Fox would be
with us and help us
hold some meetings
Came back and spent the night
with widow Moody.

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April 01, 1898

FRI. APRIL 1, 1898 Ther.

Continued our journey
from Moody's towards
Owensboro arriving there
about 5 o'clock we called on
2 families for entertainment
but were refused. We found
it necessary to go to With
Lacoochee and stay with
Mr Lerum a friend.

At Owensboro we heard
from Mr Cleveland.
that the Elders that
we were to meet were
in Dade City. This
was somewhat of a
surprise to us as we
did not expect them [50]
Saturday.

Meeting a man
who was
Ice cream parlor: we asked
him to give out word
that there would be
preaching tomorrow night

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Wea.

April 02, 1898

SAT. APRIL 2, 1898 Ther.

We left Mr. Crums and
walked down to Elba Height
where we were to meet
the Elders; and succeeded
after some search in
finding them. We also
learned that the people
had become very prejudiced
towards us since we
had been there before.
It seemed as though the

Devil at been there to
work himself.
We called at one house
there being a lady in
the house, she came
to the door. We told
her who we were and
offered her a pamphlet.
To which she said:
"I don't think it will be
worth while to read
it; we have read the
history of your people"
We had no trouble
in coming to the con-

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Wea.

April 03, 1898

SUN. APRIL 3, 1898 Ther.

clusion that the devil
had been through the
country in the form
of a minister.

We changed companions
with the Elders, and
it fell to my lot to stop
with Elder Fox and
fill the appointment
at this place. We went
to the school House
had prayers and waited
for our congregation
to come.

After some time 2 families
came among who were was
the school supervisor.

After we were through he
stood up and asked why we
preached the Gospel of Christ
when Joseph Smith was
the God of this restoration!

After the people had gone, we
found it necessary to lay
down on the floor and
spend the night. The

night being cold we did not sleep much [51]

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Wea. MON. APRIL 4, 1898 Ther.

April 03, 1898

Sunday -- 3. Mar.

Walked from the Elba Heights
school House to Mr. Gills
store in Richland; who
was very kind towards
us. -----

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April 04, 1898

Being sick we remained
at the Gills all day.

I got some long needed
rest.

We tried to get to preach
in a private house, as
the school House had
been closed against us;
but did not succede.

We remained with Mr
Gill's and spent the night
with them.

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Wea.

April 05, 1898

TUES. APRIL 5, 1898 Ther.

Leaving Dr. Gills, we walked
to Mrs. Tucker's: She not
being at home -- I waited
out side untill she came,
while my companion
Elder Fox went to Dade City

for our mail.

After waiting some time Mrs. Tucker and her brother came. They had been out fishing.

As Mr Smith the brother (of Mrs. Tucker had not met any of our men I soon got into discussion with him he being very liberal - was somewhat taken up with our doctrine. We talked of the principles of the Gospel, and of the devinity of the Book of Mormon. ----

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Wea.

April 06, 1898

WED. APRIL 6, 1898 Ther.

Walked from Mrs. Tucker at Richland to the Slaughter Settlement for the purpose of filling the appointments we presumed we had out at that place.

We wrote a Gentleman at Slaughter to give out our appointment. But he did not get our card hence no appointment.

We also found after getting to Slaughter that the school house had been closed against us. So we tried to get an appointment out to preach in a private house, but did not succeed.

We spent the night with Henry Mobly.

Slept in a bed full of
flees.

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Wea.

April 07, 1898
THUR. APRIL 7, 1898 Ther.

We went to find Mr
Slaughter the Deacon
of the school house to
see if we could get the
house to preach in; but
did not succeed in finding
him: so we gave out
our appointment to
preach at Mr Henry
Mobly's house as he
had kindly consented
to let use it.
We did not have
a very large congregation
but held meeting just
the same. who
were present were
highly
the sermon preached by
my companion on
fath. We had our
washed and spent
the night again with
Henry Mobly.

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Wea.

April 08, 1898
FRI. APRIL 8, 1898 Ther.

After getting all the
strawberries we could
eat, we started on our
journey towards Lacoochee

where we had an appointment to fill at night. On the road my companion stoped and had a bath in the Lacoochee river. We came to Lacoochee about \hat{A} ½ past 2 and were kindly taken by Mrs. Cleveland who gave us a very nice dinner. After dinner we spent the time studing; and after supper, we walked to the socking shead where we held our meeting. We had a pretty fair congregation, and enjoyed ourselves. We went back and spent the night with Mr. Cleveland.

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Wea.

April 09, 1898
SAT. APRIL 9, 1898 Ther.

Leaving Lacoochee, we started for the Moody settlement where we had out appointments. On the road we stoped and talked with Mr Cleveland at his saw mill; and also meet M^cKay who refused to give us entertainment a few nights previous. We continued on and got lost in the woods; but knowing a little about the direction we finaly found the road again and continued on and came to Widow Moody's place, at about 5 oclock,

after having walked
15 miles.
We had supper and went
to the school house: an
We had a fair congregation.
and after meeting we
were invited home by
Mr. M^cNott: whose invitations we

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Wea.

April 10, 1898
SUN. APRIL 10, 1898 Ther.

We haveing appoint-
ments to fill made
ourselves ready to go
to meeting; When
we came to the school
house, we were met
by a good congregation
anxious to hear what
"Mormonism" is.
Not felling well, I did
not make any remarks.
We were invited home
by a lady where I took
dinner and lyed down
and rested during the
afternoon while Elder
Fox went to meeting
and filled the appointment.
I did not have much peace
of mind as I lay on the
bed contemplating
and thinking over my
passed life. After meeting
we taken down to Mr
M^cNotts and had supper.
After meeting we were invited
home by Widdow Moody

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Wea.

April 11, 1898

MON. APRIL 11, 1898 Ther.

Not having anything particular to do, we spent the day at Mrs. Moody's reading and sleeping.

My companion was discussing our doctrine with the family.

About 3 oclock we left Mrs. Moody's place in search of another lodging place: which we had no trouble in finding, as we had all ready been invited home by Mr. M^cNott.

We stayed with him and in course of our stay we talked on religious matters.

Mr. M^cNott [53] being a Methodist and his wife a Baptist: -- they were somewhat divided.

[54] and at variance concerning the proper mode of Baptism.

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Wea.

April 12, 1898

TUES. APRIL 12, 1898 Ther.

After eating breakfast we spent some time in talking with Mrs. M^cNott; and finally commenced singing.

We stayed with Mrs. M^cNott untill about 12 oclock and seeing that there was not

much prospect of
getting dinner: we
determined to leave.
Having some mail at
the Dixie P.O., we walked
up there and was invited
in and finally got
on religion. The lady
being a methodist, did
not believe in immersion:
not did she care to hear
any argument in favor
of immersion.
She finally asked us
to stay over night with
her which we did.

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Wea.

April 13, 1898

WED. APRIL 13, 1898 Ther.

The other Elders being
over at J. B. Hancock's,
we walked over to meet
them.

We spent some time
in talking, and at
length departed to a
secluded place where
we could hold a preist-
hood meeting.

Meeting was taken charge
by Elder Robbins: opened:
by singing: prayer
by Elder Godfrey. After
singing Elder Godfrey
reported the condition
of the county.

I was asked to make
a few remarks and
bear my testimony,
which I did.

Elder Faux next spoke
a short time followed
by Elder Robbins, after

which we sang and
were dismissed by
prayer by myself.

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Wea.

April 14, 1898

THUR. APRIL 14, 1898 Ther.

Leaving the Elders
at the school house,
we started for Loyce.
We were surprised
to walk right up to
a house where we
had spent a night
some time since:
and did not know
where we were.
We were invited
in and had dinner
after which we talked
on religious matters
which finally drifted
on the subject of
the Book of Mormon,
Elder Godfrey gave
had a lengthy con-
versation on this
subject. The people
were much interested.
We left Mr Jordans
and walked down
to Mr. Amos' where
we were intertained
for the night.

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Wea.

April 15, 1898

FRI. APRIL 15, 1898 Ther.

Not having an appointment to fill before saturday-night at Steedson; and having a chance to give out an appointment. We were quick to give out an appointment for night. We had a fair turn out, and enjoyed the Spirit. The people were interested in the doctrine.

After meeting we were invited home by Mr. Gillith, with who we went and spent the night. Mr. Gillith proved to be quite frendly. He invited us to come around and preach for them again: and also promised to give ouut an appointment at any time we we would write him.

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Wea.

April 16, 1898

SAT. APRIL 16, 1898 Ther.

Left Loyce enroot for Hudson to fill our appoint ment. It being cool our walk was very pleasant. we arived at Tanner's Still and ~~dinner~~ had dinner with them.

After dinner we con- tinued our journey towards Hudson arriving there about 5 oclock. We had a shave and also ate

supper with Mr.
Vaughn.
We met Mr. Michael
a Methodist preacher
who was very genial
in his ways. He treated
us very kindly.
After meeting we came
back and stoped
with Mr. Vaughn.
Mr. Vaughn being a
bible scholar asked
some questions which
were hard to answer

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Wea.

April 17, 1898

SUN. APRIL 17, 1898 Ther.

We made ourselves ready
to go to bible reading.
After bible reading the
time became ours
and was given into
our hands, and we
spoke on the principles
of the Gospel, and
enjoyed the Spirit
of God. In the afternoon
after Sunday School
~~we~~ Bro. Michael held
his meeting, and
gave a very good sermon.
considering his beliefs.
We took supper with
Mr. Mosley, and
went back to meeting
at night. Elder Godfrey
gave a very interesting
discourses which had
some effect on the people.
We went back and
spent the night
with Mr. Mosley

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Wea.

April 18, 1898

MON. APRIL 18, 1898 Ther.

Having finished our series of meetings at Hudson, we spent the day talking on things pertaining to the Gospel. We also wrote some letters. Hudson's people by this time were pretty well worked up concerning the doctrines of the Mormons.

The Baptists were tickled to hear Bro. Godfrey's sermon on Baptism; but did not like his discourse on the Holy Ghost: while the Methodist were much enthused over the sermon on the Holy Ghost.

We walked over to Mr. Jessie Hay and spent the night with him.

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Wea.

April 19, 1898

TUES. APRIL 19, 1898 Ther.

We left Mr. Hay in the morning and started for Varine, four miles distant. We came

there at 11 oclock and were made welcome by Mr Fryerson's: who kindly consented to let us preach in his house; and also went around and notified the people.

We had a good congregation: if not in quantity it certainly was in quality.

The doctrine took well and the people were enthused and highly interested. We spent the night with Mr Fryerson. I was sick during the night

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Wea.

April 20, 1898

WED. APRIL 20, 1898 Ther.

As the people wanted us to stay and preach some more, we finally consented to this.

Mrs. Fryerson consented to wash our clothes.

Thinking we would have some mail at Hudson, we walked down there and back during the day.

We were disappointed however when we arrived at Hudson and found that there was no mail; and after walking four miles and also had to walk back without the mail.

At night we were

met by a large
crowd anxious to
hear something about
"Mormonism".

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Wea.

April 21, 1898

THUR. APRIL 21, 1898 Ther.

After breakfast at
Mr. Carroway's, we
were taken around
by Mr. Carroway and
shewn about his
place; and finally
down to Bear Creek
where we engaged in
a bath for a short
time, which we enjoyed.
After which we went
to the house and had
a nap on the porch.
We ate dinner and
proceeded on our
journey towards Port
Riche where we arrived
at about 6 o'clock : and
were made welcome
at the home of Malcom
Hill; where was a
gentleman from Canada
who had seen our
people there; and was
highly pleased with
them

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Wea.

April 22, 1898

FRI. APRIL 22, 1898 Ther.

Canvassed around Port
Richie. Tried to secure
the Methodist Church
to hold meeting in;
but did not succeed.
We walked down to
the coast and had
dinner with a fisherman
We came back and
canvassed some more
families and finally
asked for entertainment
at Mr. Baily. During
the night Elder Godfrey
had quite a lively
discussion. Mr. Baily
being a Baptist Deacon
and some what acquainted
with the Bible: -- was
prone to hold his point
He finally got worked
up to quite a pitch
and told Elder Godfrey
that he did not
understand the
scriptures.

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Wea.

April 23, 1898

SAT. APRIL 23, 1898 Ther.

We canvassed some more
of the families. We
came to Mr. Pinder's
place. Mr Pinder not
being home, we got
permission to leave
our grips at the house
while we went to Anclote
a distance of 5 miles
for our mail.
When we got to the
house of the P.M. we

were met at the door
by a little girl. We
asked her if her pa was
in, to which she said
no. That he was in town.
We told her we was after
mail. She then said
that only mail for springers
came there. She finally
told us to take a seat which
we did; and in a short
time the Gentlemen came
out of the house where
he had been secluding
himself from us

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Wea.

April 24, 1898

SUN. APRIL 24, 1898 Ther.

After sleeping untill
quite late, we got out
of bed and made our
selves ready to go
to meeting.

We were next at the
school House by a large
crowd. Elder Godfrey
spoke on Baptism.

On account of there
being quite a number
of Methodists, this sermon
did not take well.

In the afternoon
we had the pleasure
of attending a Methodis
Sunday School.

At night we held
another meeting which
was largely attended.

Elder Godfrey spoke
on the Holy Ghost.

After meeting we
were invited home
by Mr. Pinder.

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Wea.

April 25, 1898

MON. APRIL 25, 1898 Ther.

Walked from Saplin Woods
down to Anclote Bay where
we got our mail. We
canvassed the place and
received two rejected testmones.
At one place the "lady"
of the house slanded
the door in our face.
After canvassing all
the families: and ascertaining
that it would be impossible
to get to preach to the
people: we rounded over
back to Saplin Woods
enrute for Key Stone.
Night over took us at
a gentlemen by the
name of Baily, a strong
Baptist, who was Supt.
of the Sunday School.
He also did some preaching
at times. We were en-
tertained by him over
night. He did not men-
tion religion. He seamed
to be a very generous
hearted man.

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Wea.

April 26, 1898

TUES. APRIL 26, 1898 Ther.

Leaving Mr Baily's place

we continued on our
journey enroute to
Myrtle. We came to
Keystone about noon
and inquired at a
house (the only one
there) concerning the
road and also got
a drink: we were also
in hopes that we
should be able to
get dinner, but our
hopes vanished away.
We continued on our
journey and came to
Odessa a small railroad
station where lives
a family who informed
us that there was 2
families a little South
from the station
in our county.
We started out throug
the timber in hunt
for the houses;
over

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Wea. WED. APRIL 27, 1898 Ther.

getting out about one
mile from the station
we lost our road and
after some studie
concluded to strike
out through the timber
due north to see if
we could get to the
railroad: which we
did. We walked along
the track towards
Drixel a distance
of 8 miles and came
to a place a short
distance from the
track, where lived a
good hearted Ex-confederate

Soldier who entertained
us for the night.

April 27, 1898

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After talking a short
time with Mr. Bradhaw,
the gentleman with
whom we stayed, a
short time; we started
out on our journey.

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Wea. THUR. APRIL 28, 1898 Ther.

towards Myrtle.
We came to a place
where lived Mr. Ellis
another Ex-confedrate solder.
We got inforfmation
conserning the church:
and after visiting
a few families, we
secured the house
to preach in.
We came back and
spent the night
with Mr. Ellis, where
we read war news
and talked about
war untill quite a
late hour; when
we retired for a
good nights rest.

April 28, 1898

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We canvassed the families
in Myrtle and gave
out our appointment
for preaching.

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Wea.

April 29, 1898

FRI. APRIL 29, 1898 Ther.

Concluded our canvass
in Myrtle and made
preparations for
our appointment at
night.

We ate dinner with
Mr. Clark and after
talking some time
with him we walked
through the settlement
and visited Dr. Witney's
place: He [Dr Witney] --
not being at home.--
we walked to the
church without any
supper: and where
soon met there by
a fair congregation
consisting mostly
of women, there being
but two men present.
After meeting we were
invited home by a
Mr. Clark who entertained
us for the night.

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Wea.

April 30, 1898

SAT. APRIL 30, 1898 Ther.

After breakfast, we got
the use of Mrs. Clark's
washing utensils
and proceeded to wash
our clothes. It took
us some time to go
through the performanc
but after a long siege

we finally succeeded
in extracting some
of the dirt which had
been gathered through
walking so long.

After washing we
ate dinner. By the
way, we had squirrel
for dinner, the first
I had ever eaten.

When dinner was
over with, we went
down to the creek
and had quite a pleasant
swim. Of course it
was a little shy as
we were somewhat
scared of alligators
over

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Wea. SUN. MAY 1, 1898 Ther.

After swimming, we went
to the house and studied
a while: when we
went down towards
the church house.

We stopped in at a
widow's place thinking
she would give us
supper; but seeing
that the prospects were
very poor, we concluded
to go to the church house
and wait until
meeting time.

We had a fair congrega-
tion. After meeting
we were invited home
by Mr. Clark.

May 01, 1898

Sunday May 1 -- 98

We took no breakfast
after reading a while

we walked slowly
towards the church
where we were met
by a good congregation

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Wea. MON. MAY 2, 1898 Ther.

they were holding
Sunday School.
After S. S. the time
was given into our
hands and we held
a good meeting enjoying
a goodly portion of
the Holy Spirit.
After meeting we
were invited home
by several. We ate
dinner with Mr. Ellis
and walked over to
the Godwin settleme
where we spent the
night with a Mr.
Godwin.

May 02, 1898

Monday 2 -- 98 .

Walked to Pasco Station
where we got our
mail. I received
letters from home
and also from fellow
missionaries. We
continued our walk

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Wea. TUES. MAY 3, 1898 Ther.

over to Providence
where we were intending
to hold meeting at

night; but when we
ascertained that the
trustees of the school
were not at home:
we abandoned our hope
for that night.
We walked to a Mr.
Vaughn's place where
we were entertained
for the night.

May 03, 1898

Tues. -- 3 -- 1898

Visited the trustees of
the Providence school
and got permission to
use the house.
We notified the people
through the settlement
and at night went
to the house only to
be disappointed, as
but Mr. Vaughn and
wife came out.
Spent night with Vaughn.

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Wea.

May 04, 1898

WED. MAY 4, 1898 Ther.

Not having been able
to get a congregation
at Providence, we finally
started for the Godwin
settlement where we
had an appointment
to fill ~~at~~ Thurs night.
We came over and
stoped with a Mr
Smith who made
us welcome.
On our road we stoped
in at Mr Tucker's

and ate dinner with
him; and also got
some war news.
Also talked on religious
matters a short time
Elder Godfrey having
a conversation on the
Gospel.
It was very hot and
I was not feeling
very well.

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Wea.

May 05, 1898
THUR. MAY 5, 1898 Ther.

Being disappointed at
Providence in not get-
ting out our appointment,
we decided to leave and
go over to **Richland**.
Godwin settlement.
we came over and
found that our appoint-
ment had been given
out for to-morrow
night. We were enter-
tained by Mr Smith
one of County Comm.,
who had also taught
School. Being an in-
teligent young man,
had been much taken
up with Elder Godfrey's
preaching there a week
or two previous.
We talked on war
news and other
topics.

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Wea.

May 06, 1898

FRI. MAY 6, 1898 Ther.

We left Godwin in the morning walked to another P.O. for some mail of Godfrey: after which we come back and got our gripes and went on our road towards Affott where we were expecting to hold meeting.

We stoped in with a Mr. Riley expecting to get dinner but were disappointed; so continued on our journey to-wards Abbott.

Stoped in at a Mr Gigger where the lady of the house was at home. We asked her if she thought her husband would entertain us. She said she did not know: But told us of another place

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Wea. SAT. MAY 7, 1898 Ther.

who we knew could not entertain us.

We finally went to a Mr Lang (who (though poor) entertained us welcomely. -----

May 07, 1898

-----Saturday -- 7 --

We went around and notified the people of our ap-

pointment at night.
Were invited to dinner
by a Mr. Arnold who had
lived in Denver. He being
very intelligent, talked
quite freely on different
topics. After talking
some time, we went
around and notified some
more people. We came
to some old women
who were out picking
berries. We told them
of our appointment.
when one old lady spoke
up and said: "You come

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Wea. SUN. MAY 8, 1898 Ther.

hold your meeting".
"We dont go", and went
away mumbling some-
thing to herself.
We walkes on and
stoped in a shady
place and sat down
and studied for about
an hour when we
went to the school
house only to be dis-
appointed as we had
been before. Only
four young men
came, and no lights,
and also being very
late: we considered
it a slim chance
for meeting. . The
young men finally
started away when
Elder Godfrey (who
not thinking in good
policy to put up with
U.S. as it was very cold) --
haild them and

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Wea. MON. MAY 9, 1898 Ther.

asked them for entertainment. After consideration we were invited to go along with Mr. Long's boys a distance of 3 miles to where they lived. which we did. It being very cold and having but little covering; we spent a very sleepless night.

May 08, 1898

Arising in the morning which was Sunday, we made preparations to go to meeting: and after talking a short time, we went to the school house only to be disappointed again. No one came: so we finally concluded to go on to Richland and see our kind friend Dr Gill. On our road we

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Wea. TUES. MAY 10, 1898 Ther.

stoped in at a place desirous of getting dinner, but found that the prospects were very slim: so we finally decided to go on towards

Richland. We got to
Dr. Gills place just as
they were ready to go to
Sunday School. They
invited us to go along
with them which we
did. After Sunday
School one gentleman
who was very prejudiced
posted a notice on
the house: "No Mormon
Preaching allowed
in this house".
We finally walked
over to Dr. Gill's place
and after supper
we had a friendly
talk with Dr Gill.
Having a very
good bed, we slept

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Wea. WED. MAY 11, 1898 Ther.

very good and rose
in the morning
quite refreshed. ---

May 09, 1898

Mon - 9 -- '98.

After a good night's
rest we arose quite
refreshed and invigorated.
We spent some time
talking with Dr. Gill and
wife, after which we
walked over to a family
by the name of Cums
from St Louisville who
seamed to be quite
friendly disposed.
We talked about the
war, religion and other
topics. After dinner

we talked for a short
time after which we
started on our road for
the Slaughter settlement.
We got over to Mrs. Puckers
a widdow lady where

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Wea. THUR. MAY 12, 1898 Ther.

we spent the night.

May 10, 1898

Tues. -- 10 - 1898.

We started out early in
the morning on our
journey of 16 miles to
the Slaughter settlement.
On starting from Mrs.
Tucker's, we got on the
rong road and were rapidly
walking out into the
wilds where no one
lived within 40 miles;
But fortunately we
overtook some people
picking barries who
informed us that we
were on the wrong
road to go to the place
where we were headed
for. They put us on our
road; and we continued
on-- coming to a house
on the road: we called
for a drink. It being

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Wea. FRI. MAY 13, 1898 Ther.

about dinner time, we were invited to stay for dinner. We found the folks to be quite friendly disposed; and after talking a while, They told us that they would like to have us come and preach to them sometime in the future. The house at this place had been closed against the Elders: so the prospects seemed to be poor; but the gentleman told us he had an orange packing shed in which we could preach; and also promised to arrange seats: so we wrote some notices which were posted up in the settlement.

We continued on our journey: coming to a family by the name of Mobley.

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Wea. SAT. MAY 14, 1898 Ther.

Mr. Mobly and some other gentlemen were out in the Cow pen. Among the men was one who; being quite well versed in the Scriptures: and who also was also on the verge of becoming a Hard Shell finally commenced an argument with my companion -- finding my companion a little too much for him, he finally gave up and went home.

May 11, 1898

Wed -- 11 -- 1898,

Haveing come to this
[slaughter] settlement
for the purpose of
holding some meeting
we went to the Deacon
of the church and
tried to get permission

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Wea. SUN. MAY 15, 1898 Ther.

to preach, but failed
to get it.

The Elders having preachd
in the house before,
we left the deacon fully
impressed with the
truth of a passage Scripture
[2 Tim. 4: 3] which reads thus: -
"For the time will come
when they will not indure
sound doctrine: but after
their own lusts shall heap
to themselves teachers having
itching ears."

We came back and
spent the night with
Mr. Henry Mobly where we
had spent the night
before; and had also
preached in his house.
We found, to our sur--
prise that he had
turned cold towards
us. We did not feel
that we were made
welcome at all.

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Wea. MON. MAY 16, 1898 Ther.

We left Mr. Mobley's en
rute for the Hull house
where we had given out
appointments for Sat.
night and also Sunday.
On the road we stoped
at a house and got
dinner also permission
to stay for the night.
After dinner we went
with the gentleman
of the house (Mr. Akins)
to his garden and
helped to pick beans.
This was quite a departure
from the ordinary
rotine of walking;
and it also being very
warm -- we sweat
profusely. After picking
the beans we went to
the house and had
supper after which
Elder Godfrey at the
request of Mr. Akins --
engaged in a lengthy

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Wea. TUES. MAY 17, 1898 Ther.

discussion of the principles
of the Gospel
We engaged in prayer
and retired for a good
nights rest.

May 12, 1898

Thur. -- 12 -- 1898

Leaving Mr. Akin's early
in the mornning; and
only having six miles
to walk during the day --
we spint considerable

time along the road
reading.
On our road we stoped
in at a Mr. La Nesp's
place where we had
dinner, talked "war" &
a short time and went
on. Continmuing on,
we finally arrived at
our destination. and
w~~h~~ere made welcome
at the home of Mr.
Ashley; who (though

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Wea. WED. MAY 18, 1898 Ther.

not considered a Christian
by his neighbors) -- we
found him to be a
generous broad minded
liberal man: having
all the qualifications
which go to make a
Christian, but the
name.

May 14, 1898

Satur -- 14 -- 1898

As we had our appoint-
ment out for night;
and not thinking all
the people had heard
of our appointment,-
we went around and
notified them. After
completeing our round
we came back to
Mr. Ashley's and ate
dinner after which
we prepared for
our meeting at
night. We were
met at the house

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Wea. THUR. MAY 19, 1898 Ther.

by a very small congregation.

I tried to talk of

Faith, but did not have

the Spirit: so set down

as humiliated as I

ever was, I think.

We went home with

Mr. Ashley and spent

the night with them.

May 15, 1898

Sun -- 15 - 1898

after sleeping untill quite

late in the day, we

arrose somewhat refreshed.

We made preparations

to go to meeting. Mr.

Ashley & my Companion

went to the house and

arranged seats.

We expected to have

a good congregation, but

our expectations fanished

when we got to the

house and waited

untill 12 o'clock and

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Wea. FRI. MAY 20, 1898 Ther.

no one but Mr. Ashley

and wife came.

We returned to Mr.

Ashley's house and

spent the day.

As we set there on

the porch, Mr. Ashley
and wife were singing
hymns which reverted
my mind back home.
Though the hymns did
not have the soothing
influence that our
hymns do; yet, under
the circumstances they
touched me at a tender
spot. Not only the
singing, but the friendly
feeling the folks were
in possession of added
more joy to the occasion.
One under these circum -
stances: away from home
and among strangers,
yea, more, stranger
who (where in not

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Wea. SAT. MAY 21, 1898 Ther.

for the shield of the
law) would do us harm --
soon learns to know
"a Friend in need is a
friend indeed"
We spent a very pleasant
day: and after thanking
the Lord for raising up
this kink friend. we
retired for a good nights
rest. --

May 16, 1898

Mon -- 16 -- 1898

We left Mr. Ashley's early
in the morning,
went to Pasadena. and
canvassed a few families
in this neighborhood.
While at the P.O. writing,
there was some people

there who were very
bitter, even as unto
gaul: -- who made hints
for us to leave.
After canvassing those
families around

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Wea. SUN. MAY 22, 1898 Ther.

Pasadena we went
on over to Abbott where
we alto canvassed a
few familes. Having
walked all day; and
it also being very hot --
we were very tired
and tried to get en -
tertainment a several
places, but where re-
fused six times.

The last one who
refused us was a well-
to-do man; a baptist
deacon. He had a large
house and from all ap-
pearance could easly have
entertained us: but
politely told us to
go to his brother's place
who was very poor.

Having been refused
so many times: and as
it was getting late: --
we desided to call
upon the Lord to

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Wea. MON. MAY 23, 1898 Ther.

soften the hearts of
the family on whom

we were intending
to call for entertainment.
We walked to the house
and were made welcome.
We were quite forcibly
impressed with the
Christianity which
characterized the man
we had just called on.
Yet this man would
be called a Christian
by the world; but
shame on such Christ-
ianity. The very idea
of turning persons from
their door and sending
them to their poor
brother!

May 17, 1898

Tue. -- 17 -- 1898

Having a few families
to canvass over near
San Antonio, we walked

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Hancock Fla. [\[62\]](#)

Wea. TUES. MAY 24, 1898 Ther.

over a canvassed them
and walked on down
to Pasco where we
got our mail.
I got 2 letters from
home, these I were
glad to get as I had
not heard from home
for nearly a month.
Being very tired, they
also livened me up
and gave new courage.
We walked on over
to the Hancock settle-
ment and spent the
night with Mr. Arp.

We were very thankfull
to get entertainment,
as we had walked
25 miles in the hot
Sun. We were very
tired, hungry, thirsty
and sleepy.

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Hancock Fla.

May 18, 1898
Wea. WED. MAY 18, 1898 [63] Ther.

Owing to the fact that we
had walked such a dis-
tance the day before: we
remained at Mr. Arp's
place until after dinner
and rested ourselves.
After dinner we talked
a short time, after which,
we walked over to our
friend Mr. J.B.Hancock;
who had made us wel-
come at his place as
many times. We talked
about the war at some
length. We spent the
night with Mr. Hancock.

May 19, 1898
Thur. -- 19 -- 1898.

Mr. Hancock having some
wool to sack at his mother's
place, we went over and
helped him sack it.
This was the first wool
that I had ever helped
to sack: so I learned

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Hancock Fla.

Wea. THUR. MAY 26, 1898 Ther.

how to sack wool.
We ate dinner with
Mrs. Hancock; and
after talking a short
time, we went around
a notified some more
of the concering our appoint
ment at night. After
setting in the shade
and reading for some
time -- we, in the mean
time, walked over to
the school house whe
we read until dark,
then had a word of
prayer. After waiting
a short time longer
Mr. Arp and his daughter
came. Waiting still
fully half of an hour
later, we desided
that no one else was
coming; so desided to
go home. Leaving the
house; and after havin
walked but a few rode

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Hancock, Fla.

Wea. FRI. MAY 27, 1898 Ther.

we were met by three
ladies and a gentleman.
This made a congregation
of five persons all told:
and thinking this enough
to preach to, we desided
to go back and hold meet-
ing which we did.
After meeting we went
home and spent the

night with Mr. Arp.

May 20, 1898

Fri. 20 -- 1898

We left Mr. Arp's place in the morning and went on our way down to the Moody settlement. On the way we stopped with a gentleman by the name of Johnson and ate dinner with him -- We talked a short time, after which we continued on notifying the people along the

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Moody -- Fla.

Wea. SAT. MAY 28, 1898 Ther.

of our appointment to hold meeting at the Moody school house. On coming to the school house, we thought we would stop in and read a while; which we did. We had been there but a short time when some children came along; and seeing us in the house; and having also pertaken of the Spirit of their parents -- the Spirit persecution -- they began to throw wood chunks at the door to show us their ignorance. We were at once impressed that there was something working in the settlement. Our impression was

confirmed when got
to Mr. McNatt's place

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Moody. Fla

Wea. SUN. MAY 29, 1898 Ther.

and found that they had
turned cold towards.
We also got futher in-
formation from Mrs.
McNatt who told us of
the preachers who had
been preaching Antimor-
mon sermons; telling
not to go and hear the
mormons under any
conditions.

May 21, 1898
Sat. -- 21 -- 1898.

Not having any work to
do, we spent the day
at Mr. McNatt's studing.
I also went out and
preached to some trees
not because I thought
I could convert them;
but for practise. Yet,
after all, I do beleive
that I could just as
aslly have converted
the trees as the people.

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Moody Fla.

Wea. MON. MAY 30, 1898 Ther.

My reasons for believing

this -- is due to the fact
that the trees appeared
to possess a higher
degree of intelligence
than the people.
While this might
appear as if I were under
estimating the intelligence
of the people; Yet, when
at night -- we went to
the school house for
the purpose of holding
meeting; and after waiting
until nine o'clock and
no one came out -- I
was fully convinced
that I had under esti-
mated the intelligence
of the trees rather than
the people.
Leaving the school
house we walked
back to Mr. McNott's
only to find that they
had gone to bed.

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Moody Fla.

Wea. TUES. MAY 31, 1898 Ther.

We, however, waked them
up and were unwelcomely
invited in.

May 22, 1898
Sun. -- 22 -- 1898

Having given out an appoint-
at the Pasco School hous,
for 3 o'clock, we left
Mr. McNatt's intending
to go up to the school
house for the purpose
of studing.
As we came walking

along and nearing the
school house, we were
struck with consternation,
when at once we stoped
still and stood spell-bound
and gazed upon the
ghastly scene. Benches
thrown out and broken
up! stairs torn up and
carried away and splintered
At first sight one would
naturally conclude that

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Pasco School House, Fla.

Wea. WED. JUNE 1, 1898 Ther.

there had been a volcanic
eruption; but, nay, none
for worse than that-- the
very forces of hell had
been work! The princes
of darkness had entered
into some poor mortals;
and they, utterly helpless
to resist the monster
power, blindly and un-
intentionally did that
which demonstrated
that they were working
under a dillusion, or,
if not that-- they at
least lack a little in
their upperstorie.
Be this as it may - The
perpitrators were no
doubt Christians, I mean,
as termed by the world,
But in the language of
the bible -- Pharasees,
Hypocrits.
One can not rationally
set in judgment again

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Pasco School House

Wea. THUR. JUNE 2, 1898 Ther.

them, because, were he
to give the matter a sober
second thought, he would
have to agree with the
Savior's words where he
says, "Father forgive them
for they know not what
they do!"

We gathered up the
benches and peaces and
put them in the house
and arranged them as
best we could-- went in
and set down to waite
untill meeting time.

We did not expect a very
large congregation.

After waiting until
a little after 3 oclock,
we saw some one
coming; this gave us
courage. In a short
longer we had a
congregation of five
who we preached to.

After meeting we went
and spent the night

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Pasco School House Fla

Wea. FRI. JUNE 3, 1898 Ther.

Mr. Johnson. Those
who came to our
meeting seemed to
be quite freindly after
meeting, notwith
standing the bitterness
of some of the people.

May 23, 1898

Mon -- 23 -- 1898

Started on our way
for Loyce. Stopped
on the road to rest
and were overtaken
by a politisian who
stopped and talked
to us for a short
time, after which
we continued on
our journey. Stopped
at Jordans and had
dinner. Walked on
down through the
settlement notifying
the people of meeting.
When we got to widdow

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Loyce, Fla.

Wea. SAT. JUNE 4, 1898 Ther.

Gillett: and after
notifying her of
meeting: we were
soon made acquainted
with what had been
going on in the
settlement since
we had been there
before. -- She told us
that the preacher had
given orders that we
could not use the
Church.

Little did we think
that Mr. Gillett who
we stayed with when
here before: and who
was so friendly disposed
when we left him:
could ever turn so
cold. But how strong

the powers of darkness!
Especially when operated
by a "Christian" minister.
We, however, spent
the night with him,
tho not made welcome.

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May 24, 1898

Loyce, Fla. May -- 24

Wea. SUN. ~~JUNE-5~~, 1898 Ther.

Not be able to secure
the church to preach
in we secured the
school house and
held our meeting.
Congregation was
very small - consistin
of about a dozen
in all. After meeting
we were invited
home by Mr. McNatt.

May 25, 1898

Wed. -- 25 -- '98.

Started for Varine;
and having a family
on the road that
we had not visited
so we had to go off
our road to visit them
We came to the house
a little after 11 oclock.
Being very thirsty
after walking a dis-
tance of 6 miles; so
we called in; but

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Varine, Fla.

Wea. MON. JUNE 6, 1898 Ther.

there was no one at
home and only a
little pond water
not enough to wet
one's tongue hardly.
We drank what was
there and went out
on the road & sat
down in the shade
to waite for the
folks to come; after
waiting an ~~hour~~:
no one coming -- we
desided to go on.
On the road we came
to a pond of water;
and not having had
a bath for nearly
2 weeks: I proceeded
to take a bath.
After which we con-
tinued on down
to Varine. When
we go to Mrs. Bailey's
we were very
thirsty and drank

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Varine, Fla.

Wea. ~~TUES. JUNE~~ 7, 1898 Ther.

very harty. We found
that Mrs. Brady had
gone cold: so we did
not stay very long;
but walked over to
Bro. Friersons where
we were made
welcome. ----

May 26, 1898

Thur. 26 -'98,

We gave out an appointment
to preach at night.

Bro. Fryerson went around
and notified the people in the
settlement. We rested
at the house and read.

Sister Fryerson also
washed our clothes.

We held meeting
at four o'clock.

With a good congregation:
and enjoyed ourselves greatly.

After meeting

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Hudson, Fla.

Wea. ~~WED. JUNE 8, 1898~~ Ther.

we were invited and
went over and spent
the night with Bro.
Carroway.

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May 27, 1898

Fri. 27 -- 1898

Left Mr. Carroway's in the
morning and walked
to Hudson. Calling upon
our friend Mr. Vaughn,
an investigator of the truth,
we were invited in and
made welcome. After
washing myself I walked
over to the Post Office and
got our mail. Got a letter
from my friend, Prof.
J.E. Depul, which I was
pleased to get. Wrote a

letter to Prest. Brown.
Retired early for a good
nights sleep.

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Hudson, Fla. May

Wea. ~~THUR. JUNE 9, 1898~~ Ther.

May 28, 1898

Sat. 28 -- 1898 [65]

After breakfast I walk
over to the P.O. and
posted several letters
among which where
one for mother and
one for father.

Leaving P.O. I walked
down to Mr. Mosley's
store which is near
the dock: and notified
the people of our
intentions of holding
meeting at night.

Got Mr. Mosley to
give out the notice
to all those who
came to the store
during the day.

I walked back to
Mr. Vaughn where
my companion
was. We ate dinner
with Mr. Vaughn
and after talking

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Hudson Fla. May

Wea. **FRI. JUNE 10, 1898** Ther.

a short time, we
decided to go down
and have a bath.
This being my first
bath in salt water:
we enjoyed ourselves
putting one another
under. After dressing
we found a place
in the shade where
we sat down and
read for a while;
when we went back
to Mr. Vaughn's,
brushed our clothes
and made ready for
meeting.
We had a large
turn-out at our mee-
ting. After meeting
we went home and
spent the night
with Mr. McMosley.

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Hudson, Fla. May

Wea. ~~SAT. JUNE 11, 1898~~ Ther.

May 29, 1898
May 29 -- 1898

Went to Sunday school
at 11 oclock. After Sunday
school, the time was
given into our hands
and we held our meeting
which was largely att-
ended. As we had not
given ount any other
appointment; and the
people being anxious
to hear some more
about "Mormonism" --
invited us to preach
at nigh, which we

desided to do.

We went to Mr. Mosley's
by, invitation, and I
ate dinner after which
we all partisipated in
eating a large water-
melon -- the first for
the year -- My companion
although he was
fasting gave away

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Hudson Fla, May 29

Wea. SUN. JUNE 12, 1898 Ther.

to the temptation
and "did eat". After
eating the watermelon
we walked down on the
beach; and set down
in the shade and read
for an hour. Returning
to Mr. Mosley's, we ate
supper and went to
meeting. Had a large
congregation who listened
attentively to what was
being said. After meeting
we went home and
spent the night with
Mr. Mosley.

May 29, 1898

Mon. May 29 - '98. [\[66\]](#)

Left Hudson and walked
to Varine a distance of
four miles. Stopped with
our friend Mr. Fryerson.
Held meeting at night
in Bro. Fryerson's House
Spent the night with
Bro Frierson.

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Varine Fla. May 31 [\[67\]](#)

Wea. ~~MON. JUNE 13~~, 1898 Ther.

May 31, 1898

May Tue. 31 -'98

We left Bro. Fryerson's and walked over to our Friend Carroway a distance of 3 miles. We remained there the remainder of the day and also spent the night with them.

June 01, 1898

Wed. ~~June 1~~ 31 -- 1898

Left Mr Carroway's enroute for the Saplin Woods Settlement. On our way, we stoped in at a Mr. Hills with whome we had stayed before and finding them very friendly; and inviting us to stay over night; we thankfully accepted their invitations.

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Saplin Woods, Fla. June 1

Wea. ~~TUES. JUNE 14~~, 1898 Ther.

June 02, 1898

June 2 -- 1898

In the morning, after talking a short time we started on our road. We we got to the Saplin Woods settlement we heard that someone had died the day previous and was to be buried in the afternoon: He being a brother to a friend of ours -- we desided to attend his funeral servises. We went to Mr. Pinders where we had been very kindly entertained before; but what a change: we find that he had turned cool to - wards us. Mr Pinder being the only one around with whom we could possibly spend the night. We deseded that we would have

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Saplin Woods, Fla.

Wea. WED. JUNE 14~~5~~, 1898 [68] Ther.

to stay with them; welcom or not welcome. We left our grips at his place and went to the funeral servises. Bro. Pitman, a baptist Minester preached the obseques; taking for his text 1 Cor. 15. Mr Parker, the man.- dead, having been a Apiscapalian, and Bro. Pitman being a Baptist, Mr. Parkers relatives did not get much of hope of him going

to Heven.
In the course of his
remarks, Bro Pitman
said: "I don't preach
any man in Heaven"
As he went over
the chapter of is text
he came to the 29th
verse where Paul
speaks of baptism

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Saplin Woods, Fla.

Wea. THUR. JUNE 16, 1898 Ther.

for the dead. I was
particularly impressed
with the interpretation
he placed upon this
passage. I had been
anxiously waiting for
his explanation of
this verse.
In explaining: he
said that Christ
died and we are baptised
for Christ. After service
we went back and spent
the night with Mr.
Pinder.

June 03, 1898

Fri. June 3 - '98, [\[69\]](#)

Walked down to Balris'
point on the coast, with
intentions of preaching
to the spungers who
come there Saturday
nights and waited until
monday mornning;
When arriving there

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Barley's Point Fla

Wea. ~~FRI. JUNE 17, 1898~~ Ther.

^we found to our dismay that
the Spungers had
gone out for a two
weeks trip! hence no
use of us staying
at the Point.

So after taking a
good bath, we started
back for Bro. Carroways
a distance of 14 miles
to walk in the sand.

Coming to Bro Pitman's
place; and being
exceedingly thirsty:
we stoped in and
got a drink after
which we walked
on over to Mr. Hills
where we had stoped
a night previous,
we stoped in and
had a drink.

Walking on about
3 miles, we got on
a wrong road and
had to take through

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Varine Fla. June 2

Wea. SAT. ~~JUNE 18, 1898~~ Ther.

the timber to find
our right road. We
got to Bro. Carroway's
at about 6 oclock,
very tired thirsty and
hungry. We were
made welcome and
spent the night with
Bro. Carroway.

June 04, 1898

Sat. 4 June, 1898

Leaving Carroway's in the morning, we went to Varine with the intention of notifying them of our intentions of holding meeting on the morrow. After notifying the people, we went to Hudson on the coast where we were having our mail forforded to and got our mail: wrote some letters and posted them and went over to Mr Vaughn and spent the night.

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Varine, Fla.

Wea.

June 05, 1898

SUN. JUNE 19, 5 1898 Ther.

After writing a postal card to Dade City to have our mail reforwarded; and bidding the people good-by for the last time, we went on our way to Varine to hold meeting in the afternoon. We got to Bro. Fryersons at about 12 oclock intendin to hold meeting at 2 oclock but the people did not get out so soon: so we waited until they came.

We had a fair congregation considering the size of the settlement and enjoyed the Spirit of God. I spoke a short

time on Church histo
while my companion
followed with an interest
discourse on the "fall
and attonement. After
meeting we spent

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Varine. Fla June 5 -- 98.

Wea. MON. JUNE 20, 1898 Ther.

the evening talking to the
people. We spent the
night with Bro. Fryerson.

June 06, 1898

Mon. June 6 --'98.

Bidding Fryerson's good-
by, thinking for the last
time; and starting on our
road-- My companion com-
menced talking about baptism
and finally Bro. Fryersons,
who had expressed his
intention of joining.
said he was waiting
for his wife to get ready.
On hearing this, his
wife said she was ready;
and it only remained to
set the day:-- which we
finally desided on.
We set for the day Tues
June 14. Leaving, we
went on our road towards
Ehren. Coming to a place
on the road where lived

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Wea. TUES. JUNE 21, 1898 Ther.

a family; and it being
a little after 12 oclock.
we stoped in expecting
to get dinner; but failed.
After talking a short
time with a young
man at the place
who was blind - we
took our leave. Walking
on without anything
of note happening we
finally came to a house
we had not visited,
and as it was getting
late and also having
walke a good distance;
we desided to try for
entertainment for the
night. We were told
that they would do
the best they could
by us. They being
very poor, had nothing
but cornbread and
milk to eat. We were
made welcome to

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Drexel Fla

Wea. WED. JUNE 22, 1898 Ther.

what they had. My
enormous apetite which
I was attribuated by
my companion to have,
was some what abaeted
on noticeing the manners
of the lady of the house;
who due to the scarcity
of water, had not washed
herself for some time,
Another peculiar feature
about her was that
she did the smoking
for the family.

We all slept in the same room due to the smallness of the house.

June 07, 1898

Tue. June 7 -- 1898

We left Mr. Draudy, the family whom we stayed over night with, and walked on towards Drexil. On the way we stoped in at a house and got a drink

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Drexil Fla. June,

Wea. ~~THUR. JUNE 23, 1898~~ Ther.

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the folks expressed their desires of hearing us. We went on to the P.O. where we got our mail wrote out our report and mailed it. After which, we went out a short distance from the station and set down in the shade to read. We stayed there until about 5 oclock when we went back to the station and notifie the people that we would preach the coming Saturday night and Sunday - mornning, We walked out west of Drexil a distance of 2 miles to Mr. Bradham, a generous old southerner with whom we had spent a night before. We where made welcome at his place and spent the night with him.

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Myrtle. Fla. June

Wea. ~~FRI. JUNE 24, 1898~~ Ther.

June 08, 1898

Wed. 8 -- 1898 ----

Left Mr. Bradham's at about
9 oclock enroute for a small
settlement west on the
line between Pasco & Hillsborow
Co's, called Myrtle. We had
but six miles to walk: so
we took our time -- stoping
on the road in the shade
and reading.

Nothing of interest happened
on our road.

We came to a family
by the name Ellis with
whom we had stoped
before: and being invited
in we spent the night
with them.

While setting on the porch
in the evening some of
the female members of the
family where singing
hymns. The music, while
not as melodious as what
we hear at home: yet

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Myrtle Fla. June

Wea. SAT. JUNE 25, 1898 Ther.

it had an enchantment
about it that would lead
my fmind home - ward
despite all efforts to
prevent. How oft youthful

scenes would refresh themselves in my mind;
and childish memories invite the muse of thought
as the untrained notes rang out on the clear
evening air and echoed back to my ears by
the thick timber surrounding the place.

June 09, 1898

Thur. June 9 - 1898

It being fast day, we remained in bed in the morning until quite late in the day. After getting up and washing, we went around in the settlement notifying

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Myrtle. Fla. June 9 - '98.

Wea. SUN. JUNE 26, 1898 Ther.

the people of meeting. Having notified all on the west side of the creek, we went down to the creek and found a nice shady spot where we had our morning prayers after which we turned our attention to reading: and after reading for some time we got sleepy and layed down and had a pleasant mid-day nap. After waking up; we went over the creek to our friend Mr. Clark where we were made welcome.

We stayed with Mr
Clark until supper
and had supper with
him. after supper we
walked to the church
a distance of two
miles. Getting lost

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Myrtle. Fla. June 9 --

Wea. MON. JUNE 27, 1898 Ther.

on the road; we were
some what detained.
We, however, got on
our road after menuvering
around in the brush
for some time. When
we got to the church
most of our congregation
was there and making
the air ring singing
hymns.

June 10, 1898

Fri. June 10 -'98.

After eating breakfast
with Mr. Clark; and
having been invited
by Mr. Denison to calle
upon them -- we went
over to see them.
Having been in the house
a short time, Mr.
Dennison's son came
in from the fied having
been out hoeing in the
hot sun with the

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Myrtle. Fla June 10

Wea. TUES. JUNE 28, 1898 Ther. 100

thermometer up at 98°;
and being a little warm
ourselves: we gladly accept
his invitation to go down
to the creek and bathe.
And soon we were in
the cool refreshing waters
of the syprus creek enjoying
ourselves as in days of
your. With boyish glee,
we dove, swam, and
splashed as if in the in
the "Old Swimming Hole" back
in the days of our boyhood.
After we got our satisfaction
of the water, we got out and
dressed and went to the
house and ate dinner.
After dinner the thermom-
eter registered 100° in
the shade. Resting a
while at the house --
young Denison soon
got in the notion of
going to the creek again
and persuaded me

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Myrtle. Fla. June 10

Wea. fair WED. JUNE 29, 1898 Ther. 10

to join him which
I did, though to my
sorrow afterwards.
I contracted a fever
which, though not
very severe, impressed
me with the idea that
I was sick. I do not
suppose that I was
as sick as I thought
I was. After eating a
little supper, I layed
down on the bed and
soon was sound asleep.
Having an appointment

out at night I was
soon roused by my
companion. I got up
feeling more like
sleeping than preaching.
We walked to the church
a distance of 2 miles.
It was a hard walk
for ~~me~~ feeling as I did.
After walking a short
distance, it commenced

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Myrtle, Fla. June 10

Wea. fair ~~THUR. JUNE 30, 1898~~ Ther. 100

to rain. We sat down
under a shed for a
short time. When it quit
raining we walked on
to the church finding
there two young men.
As it was then quite
late we almost concluded
that our meeting would
be a failure -- thinking
that the rain would
compel them to stay
home, yet, after waiting
a short time: others came
and we finally had a
fair congregation.
Though I was not
feeling well, yet my
companion urged upon
me to get up and speak.
My resistance not being
equal to my companion's
persistence, I was
compelled to get up.
After meeting we went
home with Mr. Ellis.

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Drexil, Fla. June 11

Wea. ~~FRI. JULY 1, 1898~~ Ther.

June 11, 1898

Saturday June 11 --

Waking up in the mornn
I found myself feeling
some better than when
I retired. Getting up,
washing and eating
breakfast -- we sat on
Mr. Ellis porch for an
hour or so. My companion
was busily engaged in
devouring the contents
of a news paper, and
discussing Samson,
Dewey and Schley and
other war topics, while
I was devoting my
attention more to
the study of religion.
After bidding the
folks good-by, we started
on our journey to
Drexil, a small R.R.
Station about 6 miles
north west. It being
extreemly hot and

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Drexil, Fla. June 11

Wea. **SAT. JULY 2, 1898** Ther.

dry, we took our time;
stopping occasionally
in the shade and
reading. We got very
thirsty in walking in
the hot sun and stopped
in at a house on the
road and succeeded in
getting out side of nearly

two quarts of water each.
When we arived at the
station, we went to
the P.O. and got our mail.
We were invited in by
the Post Mistress.
On opening our letters
we learned that we
were to move South
into Hillsboro Co. and
there meet Elders Blood
& Jones and change com-
panions. After writing
a letter to Elder Blood
informing him of the
proposed change - I
devoted the remainder

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Drexel Fla. June 11

Wea. ~~SUN. JULY 3, 1898~~ Ther.

of my time until super
to reading. When super
was over I sat down
on the front steps of
the house. While setting
there gazing heavenward,
the lady of the house,
Mrs. Shireouse, was playing
the organ and singing.
As the notes rang out
on the clear evening air,
they gave wings to my
thoughts and carried them
homeward.

Music sweet, with its
enchanting charm; and
clothed in inspiration
sublime and sweet, has
scarce a meaning until
one is in a land far
from home and friends.
My companion who
had taken a stroll, soon
came and we went
to the school house,
only to be disappointed.

Returned and spent night Sherous

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Drexel Fla. June 12

Wea. ~~MON. JULY 4, 1898~~ Ther.

June 12, 1898

Sunday June 12 -- 98.

After sleeping until
we had our nap out,
we got up. I walked over
to a R.R. watering tank,
where were some men,
in talking with them,
we finally drifted on the
subject of keeping
Saturday as the Sabbath.
The train came in
as we were waiting
at the tank, bringing
the mail: in which
I got a letter from
mother. When Mr. Yearey
had pumped the tank
ful we walked with
him down to his
place and spent the
time until meeting
time.

Our meeting commenced
at 11 o'clock. We had a
fair congregation con-

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Drexel Fla. June 12

Wea. ~~TUES. JULY 5, 1898~~ Ther.

sidering the size
of the settlement.
We enjoyed the Spirit

of the Lord and had
a good time together.
After meeting, we
were invited home
by a family by the
name of Aberson
who had lived in Colo
near Durango. At
his house I had a
very interesting talk
with [^]him about Colorado
and also about many
old settlers there who
he was acquainted
with. In the course of
our conversation, he
told us that the Saints
who emmigrated from
Utah to St. Louis Valley
stoped at his place
in passing through
and also held meeting
in his house.

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Drexel. Fla. June 12

Wea. ~~WED. JULY 6, 1898~~ Ther.

Mr. Riles, a baptist preacher
who preached in Ehren
a settlement 2 miles
East of this place, in the
fornoon: was to come
down and preach at
Drexel at 4 oclock but
failed to come. We
however, went out
to the church; and
waited until night
when we held meeting.
Our meeting was
quite well attended and
after meeting we went
home and spent the
night with Mr. Aberson.

June 13, 1898

Mon. June 13 - 1898,

Before leaving Varine about a week ago, two applied for baptism and set for the day to have the ordinance performed, - Tuesday June 14. So we

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Varine, Fla. June 13

Wea. Cloudy ~~THUR. JULY 7, 1898~~ Ther.

we started in the morning on our way. From Drexel to Varine it is 18 miles. It was a very hot day and we had to walk pretty rapidly. It rained a little on the way. Nothing happened of any importance on our way. We got to Bro.. Fryerson's about 6 o'clock and were made heartily welcome. We spent the night with Bro. Fryerson.

June 14, 1898

Tue. June 14 - 1898,

Waking up in the morning I found that I had contracted a very severe cold: caused by being over-heated the day before and cooling off too soon. After eating a hearty breakfast, we moved out on the pizza and turned our attention

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Varine. Fla. June 14

Wea. ~~FRI. JULY 8, 1898~~ Ther.

to study. Soon Mr. Weaver,
a friend of ours, came;
and our time was turned
more to discussion.

Our appointment for
meeting and Baptism
was at 3 oclock; and
having three miles
to walk: we no more
than got our dinner when
we started for bear
creek.

Bro. Fryerson had
prepared a place for
meeting in a beautiful
grove near the creek.

Under those beautiful ~~tall~~ tall beautiful
trees, was a lovely place
for worship. We had
unlimited space for
gather while the seating
capacity was rather
limited. The seats consisted
of two inch boards placed
in a triangle, affording
sufficent room for

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Varine, Fla, June 14

Wea. ~~SAT. JULY 9, 1898~~ Ther.

our congregation. After
holding a short meeting,
My companion led down
into the waters of baptism
Bro. Fryerson and wife.
Shortly after performing
the ordinance it commens
to rain, and we were
obliged to rush to the
house of Bro. Carroway's
where we dismissed: and
discussed with the people

until night, We spent
the night with Bro.
Carroway. ---

June 15, 1898

Wed. June, 15 - 1898

I awoke and found that
my cold had increased
so that I felt very poorly.
After eating breakfast,
we walked over to La
Mars, a distance of
about half a mile.
They had invited us

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Varine. Fla. June 15

Wea. ~~SUN. JULY 10, 1898~~ Ther.

to come and see them
on several occasions,
but we had failed to
get time before this.
After spending an hour
or so with Mrs. La Mar.
Mr. La Mar was not at
home, -- we walked on
over to Bro. Fryerson's,
with the intention of
washing our clothes, but
when we got there
we found that Bro. &
Sister Fryerson had
went to work and washed
them for us.
Dinner was prepared
and we sat down and
ate a hearty dinner.
Our dinner consisted mostly
of green ear which was
relished by me. After
dinner we sat on the
porch and waited for
the people to come.
Waiting some time

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Drexel, Fla. June 16

Wea. ~~MON. JULY 11, 1898~~ Ther.

we concluded that our congregation, which consisted of four, was all that was coming out, We held a short meeting, confirmed Bro. & Sister Fryerson and blessed their two children after which we dismissed. I spent the remaining time in reading and study. After having prayers with the family at a very late hour, we retired for the night.

June 16, 1898

Thur. June 16 -'98.

After eating a hearty breakfast, we commenced preparations for our journey down into Hillsborro Co. to meet Elders Blood & Jones. We packed our

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Drexel, Fla. June 16

Wea. ~~TUES. JULY 12, 1898~~ Ther.

grip and arranged to commence our long walk of 18 miles when Bro. Fryerson brought from the field a large

water-melon: and
we turned our attention
to devouring the delicious
fruit of the vine.
Having gotten outside
of a good portion of
the melon, we bid
the folks good-by and
started on our road
inroute for Drexel.
It was a very hot day
and we sweat perfusely.
Before we had walked
very far our clothes
were saturated with
sweat. We reached, at
length, a house where
lived a family by
the name Keans, one
of the members of which
was blind; and we

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Drexel. Fla. June 16

Wea. ~~WED. JULY 13, 1898~~ Ther.

being very thirsty, we
stoped in and got a
drink. While setting
on the porch cooling
ourselves, the young
man who was blind,
got out his violin
and commenced playing
jigs with and "Old
Time" air. After listing
for a short time to
the lively notes wrong
out of the violine, we
were called to dinner.
When dinner was over
with, we moved out
on the porch and
talked a short; afte
which we resumed our
walk to Drexel.
We got to Drexel at

about 7 oclock, having
then covered 68 miles
in the hot sun.

We were entertained
by Mr. A. Aberson

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Drexel, Fla. June 17

Wea. ~~THUR. JULY 14, 1898~~ Ther.

June 17, 1898

Fri. June 17 -- 1898

We walked from Mr. Aberson
up to the P.O. to see if
there was any mail come
in on last nights train.

Finding that there was
none, we got a drink
at Mr. Stricken's well after
which we started out
on our journey over
the flat timber country,
having a distance of
7 miles to walk to the
next settlement on
our road. It was very
hot; and there was no
one living on the road
where we could get a
drink: so we got very
thirsty and were obliged
to drink some pond
water to keep the pres-
paration going util
we got to the next house -
At half past 12 oclock
we found ourselves

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Myrtle, Fla. June 17

Wea. ~~FRI. JULY 15, 1898~~ Ther.

at Mr. Ellis place asked
for a drink, we were
invited in and ate
dinner with him.
After eating we set
on the porch and
talked war news for
a short. Bidding
Mr. Ellis Good-by and
walking on to-wards
the cyprus river.
As we got pretty near
to the cyprus, we over
took a lady with a
child on a horse.
When we got to her
she pointed out to
us a large ratle snake
which ran across the
road in front of her.
The lady wanted us
to kill the snake; but
seeing that we were
some what shy about
getting near the
snake; she finally

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Myrtle, Fla. June 17

Wea. SAT. JULY 16, 1898 Ther.

got off her horse with
child in arm -- proceeded
to pick up chunks of wood
and throwed at the poisnous
serpent as it vigorously
shok its ratle in order
to make known its presence.
Not wanting my companion
to have it to tell me
from this on; that the
lady had more courage
than myself: so I
proseeded to get a long
rail and strock the
snake on the back which
stuned the snake and
made it helpless long

enough so I could
give it another blow
on the head which
set it up. We walked
over the river and
stoped with Mr.
Clark for the night.

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Myrtle. Fla. June 15

Wea. ~~SUN. JULY 17, 1898~~ Ther.

June 18, 1898

Sat. June 18 -- 1898

Left Bro. Clark's quite
early in the mornning
enroute over into Hills-
borro Co. to meet our
new companions. We
walke four and a half
miles and got to a
gentlemen's place by the
name of Strictlin.

We asked for a drink
and were invited in
to dinner. After dinner
my companion had
a lenght discussion
with Mr. Strictlin on
religious matters.

We soon found our
selves out on the road
again waking at a
rapid rate towards
our destination.

We came over near
Sefner at a late hour
and commenced inquiring

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Sefner. Fla. June 18

Wea. ~~MON. JULY 18, 1898~~ Ther.

for entertainment for the night. We found the people very bitter; and had a hard time to secure a resting place. We were refused twice. At one place the lady of the house told us that they never took any one in. We finally went to the third place and succeeded in getting in for the night. We were very tired and sleepy; and after eating supper we lay down for a good night's rest.

June 19, 1898

Sun. June 19 - 1898.

Waking up after a long nights sleep, we found ourselves somewhat refreshed although very sore and stif. Eating a hearty breakfast,

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Sefner. Fla. June 19

Wea. ~~TUES. JULY 19, 1898~~ Ther.

we proceeded on our journey once more, Although it was Sunday, we had 24 miles ahead of us to cover in order to reach our companions. We walked on 3 miles and came to Sefner, a small R. town; we inquired about the road to Keysville and also the distance.

We were told that it
was 13 miles to our
destination; this some
what lightened our
hearts as there was a
difference of 11 hot miles
in the sand of Fla.
less to our credit; but
alas! only in hope
not in reality, as
we learned after
walking 23, and
that without any
dinner.

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Sefner. Fla, June 19

Wea. WED. JULY 20, 1898 Ther.

At last after a long
days walk; and as
the sun was slowly
sinking down into
obscurity and heralding
the approach of the
coming of night. we
thought it wise to
try to get a place
to spent the night.
We tried several with
out avail. Having tried
several, we came in
the mean time
to a place where lived
a tyenal 'Mormon'
eater. He having a
great deal of immaterial
subjects upon which
to talk, commenced
laying down the law
to us with an air
that would impress
one with the idea
that he was a Dad.
It being dark and

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Keyville, Fla. June 19

Wea. ~~THUR. JULY 21, 1898~~ Ther.

perceiving that there was no chance for entertainment; and knowing that we had 2 miles to walk to the next house.

We soon dismissed and proceeded on, but not at as high a rate of speed as we had been walking 3 or 4 hours since; as we were now nearly exhausted. Knowing that our only hope was at the next place, before getting to the house we knelt down and asked the Lord to soften their hearts towards us, which was done. We did not, however, get any supper. We felt to thank God for answering our

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Keyville, Fla. June 19

Wea. ~~FRI. JULY 22, 1898~~ Ther.

prayers. As we lay down to rest for the night, little did we know that we were only one mile from members of our church; and those, too, who are friends indeed. Little did I know while at home the real meaning of

"Mormonism". We may
talk of the beauty and
Grandness of the prin-
ciples. How insignificant
the meaning in theory
when compared with
the divine effects which
they ~~they~~ have on the
hearts of man; in
bringing them into
the bonds of brotherly
love and adds joy
and peace to that
human heart!

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Keysville, Fla. June 20

Wea. ~~SAT. JULY 23, 1898~~ Ther.

June 20, 1898

Mon. June 20. 1898

Arising in the morning,
we found ourselves very
hungry after having
fasted since the morning
before. After eating break
fast we talked a short
time and then walked
over the branch to Keysville
to be welcomed by the
Saints there. Having walked
a mile a past a house
and inquired for the
Elders, we soon found
ourselves in front of
a house where lived
a lady with her daught
who belonged to the
church. My companion
equired if they had seen
any 'Mormon' Elders
in the settlements to
which the daughter,
who stepped to the door,
said 'yes,' and that

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Keysville, Fla. June 20

Wea. ~~SUN. JULY 24, 1898~~ Ther.

she was also a member of that church; and kindly invited us in. On getting in, we were informed that the Elders had left their grips there and would come to their house in the afternoon: so we sat down and made ourselves comfortable. We took a bath and changed our clothes. Sister Jordan kindly consented to wash our clothes.

At about five o'clock Elder Jones came. It was a cheerful meeting. to clasp the hand of a fellow laborer in the cause of truth. We made preparations to hold meeting at night. Our meeting was well attended, consisting mostly of Saints.

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Keysville, Fla. June 20

Wea. ~~MON. JULY 25, 1898~~ Ther.

After meeting, we were invited home by many friends, but accepted the invitation of Bro. Simith: where Elder Blood and myself went and spent the night.

June 21, 1898

Tues. June 21 - '98.

After eating a light break fast, I turned my attentio to reading. - finding in the house the Journal of dscourses of the last conference: I read, with some degree of pleasure some of the discourses. At about eleven oclock Elder Blood, who went to the P.O. returned with the other Elders, We did some writing and talking. Dinner was soon prepaired, and the

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Keysville. Feb. June 21

Wea. TUES. JULY 26, 1898 Ther.

other 3 Elders surounded the table and partook of the bounties of like, while I remained out on the porch reading. I thought that I needed more Spiritual strength than I had in taking upon myself the responsib- ility of a new Elder with less experience than I had had.

At four oclock we all walked down to Mr. Jordan where our grips were. Elders Godfrey & Blood blessed two of Sister Jordan's childeren. We bid the folks Good-by and took our leave. We were soon at the place where the roads forked

where we had to part
with our old companions,
and set our fares out
on the cold world with

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Keyssville, Fla. Jun 21

Wea. ~~WED. JULY 27, 1898~~ Ther.

scarcely any experience.
It was a test indeed.
Now the time had come
when I had to put
my trust in God
and look to Him for
aid and protection.
What thoughts passed
through my mind;
and how pathetic
the moment; when
grasped the hands
of our dear companions
to bid them good-by.
As they hold my hand
in theirs and bid us
God speed, what a
sensation crept
over in whole body.
Soon we faced the
breeze with tears in
my eyes, we started
for a place two miles
South where lived
a family who we did
not know. We stood

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Keyssville Fla. June 21

Wea. ~~THUR. JULY 28, 1898~~ Ther.

the test, trusting in
God, and with a prayer-
ful heart we walked

up to the house.
We were invited in
by the young lady
who was a daughter
of the family. We
talked with a short
time when the Gent-
leman of the house
came in; and, for
the first time I asked
for entertainment.
He replied in the afir-
mative. Our hearts
were again made
light. We spent the
evening in a pleasant
conversation on different
topics. -----

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Picnic, Fla. June 22 -'98,

Wea. ~~FRI. JULY 29, 1898~~ Ther.

June 22, 1898

Wed. -- June 22 -- 1898

Arising in mornning,
I took my toilet while
the family were eating
breakfast. Having
been fasting since
yesterday mornning --
the ratle of the
dishes at the table
caused the saliva
to flow in my
mouth. The folks
having finished eating
came in the setting
room and we had
a friendly discussion
on different religious
subjects. Bidding
the folks good-by,
we started on our
road for a settlement

by the name of Pic-
nic. Being very
weak due to the fact
that we were fasting,

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Pic-Nic. Fla. June 22

Wea. ~~SAT. JULY 30, 1898~~ Ther.

we took our tim,
walking slowly and
setting down and
resting often on the
way. After walking
about the miles we
came to a house wher
lived a family by the
name of Jones. We
stoped and inquired
about the road; and
were some surprised
to be invited in, We
did not at first ac-
cept the invitation;
but on ~~th~~ receiving
a second invitation,
we finally desided
to go in and rest a
while. Mr. Jones
was not in when
we came.- this
was our reason
for not accepting
the invitation at
first.

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Pic Nic. Fla, June ~~23~~ 22 [70]

Wea. ~~SUN. JULY 31, 1898~~ Ther.

I had a short talk
with Mrs. Jones. After
the folks had dinner.
(We did not take any

dinner, but continued
our fast). - Mr. Jones
came in; and after
eating his dinner
we had a friendly
discussion. After
which we continued
on our road to Pic
Nic, getting there
at about 6 o'clock.
We asked for enter-
tainment at a place
where lived a Hard
Shell Baptist by
the name of Adams.
We spent the evening
talking and singing,
And after reading
the first chp. of the
first Apiste of James,
we had prayers
and retired for

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Pic Nic, Fla. June 22

Wea. ~~MON. AUG. 1, 1898~~ Ther.

the night. Thus ended
the first day of my
missionary experience
with an enexperienced
companion.

June 23, 1898

Thur. June ~~24~~ 23 --'98.

Having talked a short time
with Mr. Adams, we walked
over to the P.O. with
the intention of mailing
a card; but finding the
mail had gone; we delayed
mailing. We found at
the P.O. a typical
Hard Shell Baptist who
was so thoroughly "Christ-

ionized," that one could
read the word hate in
her eyes. Enquireing of
her the road to the
trustee of the school;
and getting the information:
we walked over to his
house but did not find

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Bloomington Fla. June 24
Wea. ~~TUES. AUG. 2, 1898~~ 23 Ther.

him at home -- hence no
use of trying to hold
meeting: so we con-
tinued on to the next
settlement and found
that the Elders had
canvassed the settlement
and also held a meeting.
We decided in the mean-
time to go to Bloomington
where lived a Widow
who was very friendly
to-wards the 'Mormons'
and knew that she
would entertain
us. On crossing a
river it commenced
to rain. We came
to a house and was
invited in by the lady
of the house and had
a lengthy conversation
with her. It having
ceased raining, we
walked on over to
Mrs. Sterns.

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Bloomington Fla. June 24 23 [71]
Wea. ~~WED. AUG. 3, 1898~~ Ther.

On arriving at her house
we found that she was
not at home. We however,
went in on the porch
to waite for her to come.
No sooner had we got
in when we heard, at
a distance, a lady
singing. My companion
said that is her, coming.
Soon we got sight of her
cheerful face as she
drove up to the house.
Steping out to her, I was
made acquainted with
her. I could see before
me a Christian indeed,
though despised by
the people around her.
A friend to the hated
"Mormons". We soon
learned to our surprise
that she had taken
Elders Blood & Godfrey
on their road in her
wagon. We spent the
night with her.

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Bloomington, Fla. June 25
Wea. Fri ~~THUR. AUG. 4, 1898~~ 24 Ther.

From the time I lay
down last night, I was
at home at different
places in a dream.
Was in all kinds of
predicaments.
I awoke at about seven
oclock, turned around
and looked out of the
window which was at
the head of the bed;
and lo and behold
there was the majestic
sun of day arrayed in
its glory soring high
above the horizon.

In another instant
the noise of the coffee
mill in the Citchen
rang out on the clear
still mornning aire.
This signal almost
invariable means "get
up for breakfast"; and
~~acting-upon~~ not
wanting Mrs. Stern

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Bloomingdale Fla June 25
Wea. ~~FRI. AUG. 5, 1898~~ Ther. 24

to give us any futher
notice: - I soon
found myself up and
dressing. Having washed
myself, I set down in
the setting room, found
a book of Bible stories;
and was busyly engaged
in transferring some
of the contents of the
book into my "store
house"; when Mrs. Stern
who had been out milk
ing, came in and in-
vited us to breakfast.
My apetite being keyed
up to a Florida pitch,
I offered no resistance
to the invitation; but
freely accepted the call.
Judging from the at
quanity of food I succeeded
in getting out side of,
one would come to
the conclusion that
I was a born Florida

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Bloomingdale Fla. June 25

Wea. ~~SAT. AUG. 6, 1898~~ 24 Ther.

Cracked. When breakfas
was over with, then was
before us the problem
of the moment. What
should we do during
the day? was the questio
to be solved. We were
in a place where
there was but one family
within a radius of 6
miles. who would permit
a "Mormon" Elder to step
over their threshold.

Taking a shave and
sewing the sleive lining
in my coat- I, in
the mean time, sat
down and wrote to
the office for a few
articles also sent a
card to Tampa to
have our mail forward
to Keysville.

After studing a
short time, we decided
that we would have

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Bloomingle. Fla. June 25

Wea. ~~SUN. AUG. 7, 1898~~ Ther. 24

to brave the storm:
so bidding Mrs. Sterns
good-by, we were up
grips on sholders.
Umbrellas open and
out in the scorching sun.
Before leaving Sister
Sterns, she bid us God-
sped and wished us
success; and also made
us promise to come
around and see her
again.

Mrs. Stern is a lady,
who like many offers

have become dissatisfied
with the modern
business of "Gospel
Merchandising", or as
she calls it "Gospel
Peddeling", She told
us not a little about
the hate that the people
in the settlement
had for the "Mormons"
Leaving Mrs. Stern's

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Bloomington, Fla. June 25

Wea. ~~MON. AUG. 8, 1898~~ 24 Ther.

we walked over to the
P.O. and mailed our
letters; and after getting
a drink of water, we
started out for a place
that we did not know
where was nor even
that it existed at all.
F In walking along
the road, we came
to some large live
oak trees about a mile
from Bloomington,
We were no time in
desiding to take the
shade [^]afforded by them, and study for
a few hours; and
after having our mor-
ning prayers, we
directed our attention
to the inside of some
of the Church works.
Having been there
until about three oclock;
and [^]not knowing how
far it was to the

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Bloomington, Fla. June 25
Wea. ~~TUES. AUG. 9, 1898~~ Ther. 24

next house: we decided
that (if we wanted
superior accommodations
to those given by Uncle
Sam). - we would have
to walk on in search.
Having walked on
about a mile, we spied
a house some distance
from the road to our
left. We walked over
to the house with the
intention of trying
for entertainment.
On nearing the field
which was to the South
ward of the house -- our
eyes caught a glance
of something which
would add glee to a
darkey's heart of a moon
light evening when no
one was around. Spread
out before us was five
acres of melon vines thickle
interspersed with large

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Bloomington, Fla. June 25
Wea. ~~WED. AUG. 10, 1898~~ 24 Ther.

striped green objects
which generally cause
the saliva to run
in your mouth.
We walked over
to the house and found
that it was vacated.
What a chance to step
over the low fence and
help one's self to the
sweet juicy fruit of the
vine; but no; it is
written "Thou shalt
not steal." Notwith-

standing the fact that
we had had no dinner,
and could have (without
any trouble) devoured
more than one of those
melons -- we walked
away triumphant over
the solicitations of
Satan in search of
another place to spend
the night.
Walkin on about

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Bloomington Fla. June 25

Wea. ~~THUR. AUG. 11, 1898~~ 24 Ther.

two miles, we got sight
of another house: and
our hopes became some
brighter.

We had not attended
to our noon prayers
yet. This was owing to
the fact that I had
be feeling discouraged
all day and let my
faith slack up.

We, however, desided
to ascend to heven the
thanks and gratitude of
our hearts, before we
dared to ask for enter-
tainment. After having
our prayers, we walked
on to the house and found
that the gentleman of
the house was not at
home, hence no use of
trying for entertainment.
We went to another
house and were
received kindly.

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Keysville, Fla. June 26

Wea. ~~FRI. AUG. 12, 1898~~ 25 Ther.

Sleeping until quite a late hour, we commenced to rouse to get up. Ate a hearty breakfast after which I talked with Mr. Satom for a time. And after bidding the folks good-by, we were again on the road ready for the regular routine of the day. Having walked on about a quarter of a mile, we came to a house which had not been canvassed. Walked on to a house where lived a Mr. Fryerson who had rejected our testimony twice. Thinking he would reject again, we did not canvass him but walked on by. While walking by we were stared

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Keysville, Fla. June 26 25 [72]

Wea. ~~SAT. AUG. 13, 1898~~ Ther.

at by the folks in the house. Walking through the settlement, we came to a large cherry tree and stopped and participated in eating cherries. Walking a short distance farther we came to a mulberry tree, we stopped and ate

of the berries.
We walked over the
river and found a
place in the shade
and set down and studied
for three or four hours.
About this time it
commenced to rain:
and not wanting to
get wet, we were obliged
to seek shelter in
a church by the road
side. We found in
the church a table
and set down and
made ourselves at

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Keysville. Fla. June 26

Wea. ~~SUN. AUG. 14, 1898~~ 25 Ther.

home writing letters
and reading. In the
mean time I proceeded
to address the benches
on the principles of the
Gospel. At about five
o'clock we started from
the Church for Bro.
Pervis where we made
welcome to their
hospitality.
After taking a seat
we were soon busily
engaged in giving in
our experience during
the week. Talking
to quite a late hour,
we retired for the
night.

June 26, 1898

Sun. June, 26 '98,

It being fast day
and not having any-

thing to hurry us out
of bed we lay until

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Keyssville, Fla. June 26

Wea. MON. AUG. 15, 1898 Ther.

quite a late hour.

Getting up, we walked
over to Sister Jordan's
to get our clothess.

When we got over to
Sister Jordan's we
were provided with a
place where we could
take a cool refreshing
bath and change
our clothes.

After having our
bath, we walked up
to the place of meeting
for Sunday School,
where we were met
by Elder Sedgwick
and Steel who where
laboring in Polk
Co. Had a very interesting
Sunday School.

After S. S. Eld. Sedgwick
and I went over to
Pervise's where we
spent the time until
meeting time at

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Keyssville, Fla. June 26

Wea. TUES. AUG. 16, 1898 Ther.

three oclock. At meeting
we had a good congregatio
of interested listeners.

After meeting Eld.
Steel and myslef
went down to Sister

Jordans and had
supper. While at
Jordans I had a
long conversation
with Mr. Jordan
who was very bitter
towards the Mormons.
At 7.³⁰ we went
again to the house
of meeting where
we were met
again by a good
congregation.
When meeting
was over with Eld.
Segdwick went down
to Sister Jordan's
with the intention
of spending the
night with them.

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Keysville. Fla. June 26

Wea. ~~WED. AUG. 17, 1898~~ Ther.

When [^]we had got inside;
It being late Sister
Jordan asked us to
read and have prayers
with them. No sooner
had Eld. Sedgwick com-
menced to read than
Mr. Jordan, who was
lying in bed ~~d~~ commencd
to curse and swear.
We finally decided
that it would be wise
for us to leave: so
we made ready and
left with the intention
of going up to Mr.
Pervis to spend the
night. It was now
eleven oclock and
very dark, and in
walking through
the woods we got
of our road. After

wandering around
through the timber
for an hour or two,

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Keysville, Fla. June 26

Wea. ~~THUR. AUG. 18, 1898~~ Ther.

and not being able
to find any road which
would lead us to our in-
tended destination,
we decided that the
best we could do under
the circumstances
was to ly down under
a tree and make
the best of the night.
We took off our coats
and lay down and
covered ourselves with
our coats. Having
my umbrella with
me, I opened it and
placed it over my
head to keep of the
dew which falls very
heavily in this coun-
try. I slept most
of the night. My
companion was
not quite so
fortunate being
troubled with the

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Keysville, Fla. June 26

Wea. ~~FRI. AUG. 19, 1898~~ Ther.

heat breaking out
on his body. Those
who have spent
a few months in
Florida know what

sport it is to be
jumping up and
down and at frequent
intervils scratching one's
self with all the power
one can command.
As the sun was
rising above the pine
trees, we got up put
on our coats and
started out in search
of the place which
we started out for.
We were not long
in finding our road.
Soon we were at
Mr. Pervis and had
all the news to tell
to our inquisitive
friends who were
so anxious to know
why Sister Jordan arose so earley

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Keysville, Fla. June 28.

Wea. ~~SAT. AUG. 20, 1898~~ 27 Ther.

June 27, 1898

Mon. June 28 -- 1898

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Our bed not being as
comfortable as some
I have occupied, we
were not troubled in
the least in awaking
in the mornning;
In fact my companion
did not sleep a wink.
At about four oclock
I awoke because it
was so cold that it
almost reminded me
of winter in the Rokeis;
and yet we were only
in the Land of "Flowers"
wher the thermometer

not unfrequently registers 100° and above, and that, too, in the shade. It was about 12 o'clock when we layed down. The room which we occupied was without walls and ceiling except that afforded

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Keyssville, Fla. June 28 27
Wea. ~~SUN. AUG. 21, 1898~~ Ther.

by the outside curtains of the universe, and they were so far distant that we were unable to find the corner [^]in where the bed was: Hence we concluded to ly down on the midle of the floor. We did not have the least ide as to what our surroundings were until morning. I went to sleep after awaking the first time and slept until about five oclock which [^]is about the time the sun arises; and removing the umbrella from over my head, which I had placed there to shed of some of the dew: I turned up, turned my head and looked to the East and the first thing that caught my eye was the sun, arrayed

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Keyssville, Fla. June 28 27 [73]
Wea. ~~MON. AUG. 22, 1898~~ Ther.

in golden, casting its
glimmering light through
the tall green trees from
which trinkled the silvery
drops of dew,- A lovely
sight to behold, indeed;
and one, too, that no one
can imagine how grand
to see except those who
have been fortunate
enough to make a
trip to Florida.

While with the sublim
of this scene painted, as
it were, upon the retina
of my eyes; something
way out west towers
heavenwards and arrayed
in majestic spender,
speaks in accents low;
and as it rings out on
the clear morning and
I hear distinctly the
word "nay"; and listening
on I hear these words.
No scene was ere so Grand.

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Keysville, Fla. June ~~28~~ 27 ^[74]

Wea. ~~TUES. AUG. 23, 1898~~ Ther.

Nor ever the human mind.
With such inspiration
Remid; as those towering
mountains high whose
snow-clad peaks cool
the summer air as it
is wafted over the lea.
Returing to the subject:
After looking around a
framing something about
the lay of the country,
we started out ~~for~~ in
search for our friends.
After walking about two
miles we found a
road which lead to Mr.

Pervises; and, walking
on a mile farther we
were at the house.
The folks thinking that
we had stayed with
Sister Jordans were very
inquisitive about the
reasons for us getting
up so early. Many and
varied were the question

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Keyssville, Fla, June 28 27
Wea. ~~WED. AUG. 24, 1898~~ Ther.

asked concerning this
that and the other. We
explained as best we coul
the details of our experience
After eating breakfast
I proceeded to write a
letter to Mother, and
also wrote up my journa
to-date. Getting very
sleepy owing to the fact
that I had not had
very much the past
night: I went and layed
down and slept until
noon. After dinner I
did some more writing
which occupied my
time until about
four oclock; when
Eld. Sedgwick and
myself walked over to
Mr. Clarks who lives in
Polk Co. We had been
there but a short time
when we had placed
before us two water

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Keyssville, Fla, June 28 27

Wea. ~~THUR. AUG. 25, 1898~~ Ther.

melons cut in half
and a knife in each;
followed by a command
to "take and eat". We
were not disobedient to
the command as it was
not a hard one to com-
ply with. After devouring
the contents of those
to melon vines we were
invited to take a strol
down in the field. We
accepte the invitation
and were soon in the
melon pach in search
of a ripe melon which
soon found; and walked
over to the fence and sat
down and got outside of
this one also.

Returning to the house,
I sat down and read
from O. Prats Works
until supper time.
We spent the night
with Mr. Clark.

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Keysville, Fla. June 28

Wea. ~~FRI. AUG. 26, 1898~~ Ther.

June 28, 1898

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Having eaten breakfast,
we started out with the
intention of going over
to Mr. Pervis to meet
the other Elders and mak
the necessary exchages
of companions. We had
only walked about 10 0 acc
when to our surprise
we say the other Elders

coming. Having exchange
mornning greetings with
had shake, we separated
and each pair went to
our several counties.

I soon found out
why the Elds. cane over
so soon, when I had
a chance to speak to
Eld. Jones. He told me
that Mrs. Pervis had
scored them about eatin
upon then so long;
and also told them that

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Keysville, Fla. June 28

Wea. ~~SAT. AUG. 27, 1898~~ Ther.

they had better go home
because the people did
not want to hear them.

We went to the house,
packed up our things
and went on down to
Sister Jordans where
our clean clothes were.

We packed our grips
and made ready to
go out in to a strange
country. Sister Jordan
kindly made dinner
ready early and I
ate a very hearty dinner,
and started on our road
enroute for Terkey creek.

We met on our way
Mr. Jordan who saluted
us as though he was
our best friend notwith-
standing he had driven
us out of his hous only
two nights previous.

We made a rapid
walk covering the

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Turkey Creek, Fla. June 29

Wea. ~~SUN. AUG. 28, 1898~~ Ther.

fifteen miles in good time. We came to Turkey creek at about six oclock. Tried for entertainment a gentle man's place by the name of Odom. Being invited in; and after talking a short time we ascertained that the Elders had stayed at his place on several occasions. During the evening we had a friendly talk.

June 29, 1898

Wed. June 29 - 1898.

Talked a short time with Mr. Odom ~~for a short.~~ And after getting directio to go to Sidney we started on our road for that place. Having walke about a mile, we came to an old man working in a field near the

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Turkey Creek, Fla. June 29

Wea. ~~MON. AUG. 29, 1898~~ Ther.

road; we stoped and told him who we were, presented him with a tract and had a friendly talk with him. We went to his house and got a drink and walked on. We came to a branch

after walking about three
quarters of a mile; and
finding a lovely shady
spot we sat down and
wrote up our Journal
and record. Then I read
a short time from O. Prats
work. Getting sleepy-
I decided that it would
be a good idea to get up
and preach to some
of the trees; acting upon
the phesibility of this idea:
I was soon on my feet
and [^]the air was soon ringing
~~w~~he with words that droped
from my lips ungrammatly
and unretorically

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Sidney, Fla. June 29 -9.

Wea. ~~TUES. AUG. 30, 1898~~ Ther.

Having delivered two sermons
to this hearingless con-
gregation, we walked
on canvassing as we
we went on our road.
When we got to
Sidney Sation, we
walked up to one house
and hailed;- the gentleman
of the house came out-
I told him who we
were; and no sooner
had I told him than
he said "I will see you
later" and imedately
turned and walke back
in the house.
Finding that most
of the families around
the station had been
canvassed, we walked
westward. We came
to a house where lived
a santified man 84
years old, we had

a very lengthy talk

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Sidney. Fla. June 29

Wea. ~~WED. AUG. 31, 1898~~ Ther.

with him on religious subjects. Leaving the Sanctified man, we walked on a quarter of a mile and came to a little cabin where lived an old gentleman who was keeping backlore hall. We hailed him, and he imidately invited us in. We went in with him and had a loud discussion lasting three or four hours. He seamed, at first, to be quite bitter at first; but after talking a short with him he became quite friendly. Bidding him good-by we continued our canvass. By this time it was getting quite late and it was getting to be time to look for a place to spend the

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Dover, Fla. June 29

Wea. ~~THUR. SEPT. 1, 1898~~ Ther.

night. Having neglected our noon prayers, we did not forget to call upon the Lord to soften the hearts of those on whom we might call for entertainment. Our

prayers were heard
in our behalf. We
had no trouble in
finding a friend.
At about dark we
walked up to a gate
and hailed when a
boy came out to the
gate and invited us
in. We got in we
were surprise to learn
that the folks had
been out to some of the
meetings of the Elders
and were highly peased
with the doctrine.
Notwithstanding that
I could not sing we
were compeled to try.

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Dover, Fla. June 30 - 1898

Wea. FRI. SEPT. 2, 1898 Ther.

June 30, 1898

Thur. June 30 - 1898

As it was fast day with us,
we were in no particular
hury about getting up; but
slept until we could
sleep no longer.

Got up and took a shave
and after getting ready
to go, we bid the folks Good-
by and commenced on our
round of canvass.

After canvassing most
of the families in the
settlement, we retired
to a secreated place were
we rested in the shade,
and occupied the time
in practicing our oretorical
powers on the trees.

Having been here some

time, we went back to
the station to see
about getting the church
to preach in.
We called upon a

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Dover, Fla. June 30 - '98.

Wea. ~~SAT. SEPT. 3, 1898~~ Ther.

gentleman by the name
of Creamer, who seemed
to be one of the principal
members of the church.
After asking him for
permission to use the
church we, we were
informed by him that
it was not in his power
to give any one permission
to use it.

Remaining and talking
to Mr. Creamer for a short
time: he in the mean-
time invited us in to
his house. We accepted
the invitation; and
after talking a short,
we asked him if he
would entertain us
until morning to
which he answered in
the affirmative.

During the after-
noon we had quite
an interesting talk

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Dover, Fla. June 30 - '98.

Wea. ~~SUN. SEPT. 4, 1898~~ Ther.

with the member of the
family. They expressed
their desires of hearing

us preach.

After eating an early supper I walked over to the depot which was just opposite the house at which we were staying; and having ben made acquainted with the gent -- had an interesting conversation with him.

He gave ~~s~~me some information on Rail Roding.

Returning to the house again, I had a short talk with Mr. -- Creamer after which we retired for the night.

It was very warm and the house was close: so we had some trouble in going to sleep.

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July 1 -- Dover, Fla

Wea. ~~MON. SEPT. 5, 1898~~ Ther.

July 01, 1898

Friday July 1 -- 1898

[75]Arose very early and after taking my toilet, set down in a rocking chair of the piazza and read until breakfast time. After breakfast I wrote a letter to Prest. Brown sending him our report. As we had not been able to secure a buld. to preach in, is was unnecessary to remain in the settlement any longer: so we

desided to go on to
a settlement by the
name of Collins
two miles to the
North.

On our way we
stoped in the shade
for several hours
and done some

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Dover, Fla. July 1 -- 1898

Wea. ~~TUES. SEPT. 6, 1898~~ Ther.

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writing and also reading.

Having walked about
a mile and a half
we came to a large
modern dwelling
house. We stoped
at the gate and hailed,
a young man come
out to the gate - we
told him who were were
and offered him
a tract. The young
man said he would
see the gentleman
of the house about
it i.e. accepting the
tract. He must evidently
have supposed that
it was something
very serious. In a
short while the "old
gent" came out and
said "come in gentlemen
don't stand out there
in the sun". He
no doubt was ignorant

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Dover, Fla. July 1 --1898

Wea. ~~WED. SEPT. 7, 1898~~ Ther.

of the fact that we were
"Mormons", or he would
not have invited us
in. We ascertained after
talking a short time
that he was bitterly
opposed to "Mormons"
in any shape or form.
It was now dinner
time and dinner was
on the table, and
we were invited
to go and dine with
them. After dinner
we had a very lengthy
discussion on various
subjects of religion;
and different phases
of "Mormonism" were
taken up in turn
and discussed and
laid by.
It was about four
o'clock when we left
the place and started
for the Collins set-

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Collins. Fla. July 1 -- 1898

Wea. ~~THUR. SEPT. 8, 1898~~ Ther.

tlement. We canvassed
the families along
the road. At About six
o'clock we came to
a place where lived
a "Kambalite" who hailed
from Indiana. We
asked for entertainment
and received an answer
in the affirmative.
We went with Mr.
Oglesbe, the gentleman,
to his house and
were made acquainted
with his wife and

daughter.

We talked a short time on religious subjects. Mr. Oglesbe getting a little afraid to hear to much, changed the subject by bringing a large mellow and bidding us to eat. We unreluctantly accepted the invitation.

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Collins, Fla. July 2 -- 1898

Wea. ~~FRI. SEPT. 9, 1898~~ Ther.
rain

July 02, 1898

Saturday July 2 -- 1898

Deeming it wise to fast, we did not eat breakfast. After the folks with whom we were staying had finished eating, they came out on the piazza and we had a friendly talk. We then walked to the next house and canvassed and also talked a short time. We next went and visited the deacon of the church to see what the prospects were for getting the use of the church to hold a few meetings. We were invited in and soon ascertained that it would be useless to try to get the use of the house. We, nevertheless, remained at his house quite a time

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Collins, Fla. July 2 - 1898

Wea. ~~SAT. SEPT. 10, 1898~~ Ther.

talking on the religious
aspects of the world.

One subject lead on to
another, ~~and~~ we talked for
upwards of two hours.

Leaving the deacons
place we went on

canvassing and trying
to secure a dwelling
house to preach in:

We tried several but
did not succede: so

we retired to an out-of-
the-way place where
we could be alone;

and did some writing
and reading. When

we had been in this
place for about two
hours, it commenced to

rain; and we desided
that it would be good
policy to find shelter:

so we started out
in the rain in search
of some one who

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Collins, Fla. July 2 1898

Wea. ~~SUN. SEPT. 11, 1898~~ Ther.

would invite us in.

We walked on about
a mile and came to
a large two story house

We hailed, the folks
came to the door and
invited us in. We

had not been in long
before the folks began
to make interogation
conserning ~~of~~ our bus-

iness; and after they
had satisfied their cuiosity
as concerning our
business: they commenced
asking questions about
our belief; and soon
we were in the midst
of a heated discussion.
Having been there
about an hour; and as
it was becoming
night; and the lady
of the house thinking
we might want
to stop over night

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Collins. Fla. July 2 '98.

Wea. ~~MON. SEPT. 12, 1898~~ Ther.

with them; and she,
not wanting us to
stay -- asked us where
we were going [^]to stop for
the night. I said that
we hadn't any place,
~~an~~and that we would
be pleased to spend
the night with them.
The lady informed
us that they had not
the accomodations,
notwithstanding the
fact that their house
was a large roomy
two story building.
Bidding the folks
good-day, we took our
leave and went now
in search of a place
where we could be
entertained for the
night. We came next
to another large house
and thinking we could
get entertainment

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Collins, Fla. July 2 - 1898

Wea. ~~TUES. SEPT. 13, 1898~~ Ther.

we went of our road
to it. We found that
the gentleman of the
house was not at
home. We inquired
where he was and on
ascertaining, we went
to him where he was
at work. When I got
to where he was I
made myself acquainted
with him and also
informed him who
we were. I told him
we were ministers
of the Gospel. No sooner
had the words droped
from my lips than
he inquired, with
an air of astonishment
"What kind of misters",
I explained more clearly,
informing him ~~more~~
that we were commoly
called "Mormons"
Says he in reply: --

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Collins, Fla. July 2 -- 1898

Wea. ~~WED. SEPT. 14, 1898~~ Ther.

"You got seven or eight
wives thin?" I said
in reply, that I hadnt
succeeded in getting
one yet. Afterwards
we had a heated
discussion lasting
about half an hour.
I asked him for enter-
tainment, in the mean-

time, and was told
that ~~they~~ had no accom-
modations for taking
in strangers. He
gave us directions to
go to another house
which he said was
about 3 quarters of a mile
from there. We went
on with the hopes
of finding it; but
soon learned that
he had so kindly
told us a falshood.
Keeping the straight
road and walking on

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Plant City. Fla. July 2 98

Wea. ~~THUR. SEPT. 15, 1898~~ Ther.

something over a mile,
we found ourselves
in Plant City where
it would ~~be~~ almost be
impossible to secure
entertainment. We,
however, determined
to try a few places.
The first house we
came to was the one
to commence with.
We walked up to the
gate and said good-
evenning to the lady
who was on the porch,
and also told her
who we were. She
said. O you are "Mor-
mons? I answered
in the affirmative,
when she said "I
am a baptist and
our denomanation
is very antagonistic
to your church"
I said: yes mam;-

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Plant City, Fla. July 2 - 98

Wea. ~~FRI. SEPT. 16, 1898~~ Ther.

antagonism is not
Christianity.

Learning that the prospects
for entertainment were
poor, we decided to go
out of town. When we
got about a mile from
town it was just about
dark. There was a large
house on the left of
the road. We had no
intentions of calling
at the house; but as the
gentleman was near
the road we thought
that it would harm
nothing to ~~call~~ try
him for entertainment.
We found him to
be very bitter. He
referred us to another
family who lived
a mile from there.
He also told us that
he had read all about
"Mormonism"

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Plant City, Fla. July 2

Wea. ~~SAT. SEPT. 17, 1898~~ Ther.

We walked on to
within a few rods of
the house when we
bowed down and asked
the Lord to soften
the hearts of the family
upon whom we were
about to call for en-
tertainment. We then

walked up to the door
and hailed; the gentle-
man came to the door
and invited to come
in. During the
evening we talked
on religious subjects
and sang some and
also had prayers with
the folks before retiring.

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Plant City, Fla. July 3 - 98

Wea. ~~SUN. SEPT. 18, 1898~~ Ther.

July 03, 1898

Sunday July 3 -- 1898

As it was fast day, we
remained in bed until
a late hour and slept
until we could sleep
no longer. After getting
up and washing, I had
a long Gospel conversation
with Mr. Allen, the gentle-
man of the house on
the Divine authenticity
of the Book Mormon.
When we left Mr.
Allen's place we walked
out a mile and found
a lovely shady spot
where we stopped and
had our morning's
prayers and also
done some reading
and writing.
Having been here
about three hours, we
went on again can-
vassing a few houses

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Dover, Fla. July 3 -- 1898

Wea. ~~MON. SEPT. 19, 1898~~ Ther.

Rain

on the road. Not having any pressing work to do, we took our time. Getting out from the settlement and finding a secluded spot, we stoped and sat down in the shade and read for about two hours when it commenced to rain. We started out to find a house where we could get in shelter. We had only walked a short distance when we could see a house. We walked up to it: but alas! there was no one at home: so we too had to look for other accommodations. We soon got to another house and were invited in and spent most of the afternoon

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Dover, Fla. July 3 -- 1898

Wea. ~~TUES. SEPT. 20, 1898~~ Ther.

with them. During the afternoon it rained as I had never seen it rain before. We sang a few hymns for the folks which delighted them, also had a Gospel conversation with them. As they were very crowded. They were

unable to entertain
us for the night: --
so we were obliged
to look for a place
where we could get
entertainment for
the night. Walking
on about half a mile,
we came to another
house where lived a
man who had no use
for "Mormons". I hailed
him at the gate and
asked him if he did not
want to read a track

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Dover, Fla. July 3 - 98

Wea. ~~WED. SEPT. 21, 1898~~ Ther.

rain

on religious subjects.

He said I [^]will take it and

read it, but I don't

believe in that doctrine

I asked him if he did

not believe the bible -

he said yes. The I

said ~~he-bel~~ if there

is anything in this

tract that was not biblica

I would be pleased to

have him point it

out, for, I had not yet

found it.

I asked him for

entertainment but failed

to get it. We tried an-

other house a short

distance from there

and failed there also.

On the road we were

overtaken by two young

men who invited us

to go to a prayer meeting

which was to be held

at Dover. We thanked

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Dover, Fla. July 3 --'98.

Wea. ~~THUR. SEPT. 22, 1898~~ Ther.

rain.

them for the invitation
and told them that we
would come if it were
possible.

Having failed now
on two occasions to
get entertainment,
we desided to go before
the Lord and ask Him
to soften the hearts
of some one towards.

We went into a School
house by the road side
and ofered up the desires
of our hearts and then
went on in search
of a place where we
could spend the night.

The first house we
came to was the
place where we should
spend the night.

After supper Mr. Wingate,
the gentleman of the
house, went with us
down to prayer meeting

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Dover. Fla. July 3 -- 1898

Wea. ~~FRI. SEPT 23, 1898~~ Ther.

This was the first time
I had been at a meeting
of this kind and hence
it excited my curiosity
some to see how they
carried on. Meeting
commenced by singing
after which I was
called upon to pray,--
then singing again.

And thus it continued
for some time: - singing
then praying.
The whole manuever
reminded me of the 21 verse
of 7th chp. of Matt.
In the mean time
we were asked to talk
a short time. We ac-
cepted the invitation.
I taked for a shot time
on faith.
After meeting I got
permission of Bro. Yates
to hold a meeting
to-morrow night.

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Dover. Fla. July 3-- 98

Wea. SAT. SEPT. 24, 1898 Ther.
cloudy

July 04, 1898

Mon. July 4 --'98.

Our bed consisted of
two blankets an two
small pillows. We layed
one upon the floor
and used the other to
couver with. It was
a very hard bed and
our sleep was not of
a refreshing order.
We heard no fire crakers
nor any of the noise which
distinguishes the 4th [77] of
July from other days,
but everything was
as quite as if it were
the mornning of a
funeral.
We retired to a lonly
place where we could
study a practice un-
molested for a few
hours. It was an ex-

ceedingly quite day.

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Dover, Fla. July 4 -- 98

Wea. ~~SUN. SEPT. 25, 1898~~ Ther.

No music to stir the
stilness nor give life
to the day. There was
a picnic in the set-
tlement wher a few
had congregated to :-
gether. I ascertaind
afterwards that it was
almost a failure.
This was no doubt due
to the fact that the
people of this settlement
had got so highly
"christianized" that they
can hardly abair the
appearance of each other.
I have noticed that
were the people are
"christianized" or falsly
considered so: that
in just such places
you will find that
the people are the
most bitter towards
each other.

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Dover, Fla. July 4 - '98.

Wea. ~~MON. SEPT. 26, 1898~~ Ther.

I spent most of the
afternoon sleeping to
make up for last
night. ~~We~~
We ate an early
supper, consisting
of nothing out of the
usual order, at Mrs.

Wingat's after which
we went to the place
of holding our meeting.
We were meet there
by a fair congregation.
This was the first
meeting I had helped
to hold where I was
obliged to take the
lead. I got up, however,
a took the medicine.
After meeting one in
the congregation asked
for permission to
say a few words which
priviledge I granted
him. He said that
he expected when

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Dover, Fla. July 4 - 98

Wea. ~~TUES. SEPT. 27, 1898~~ Ther.

he left his home to
come out to hear us,
that he would hear
something new.

He said that he hadnt
heard anything new,
and that he endorsed
all that was said; and
also said that it was
good. I got up after
words and expressed
my appreciation for
is kindness in endorsing
my remarks.

July 05, 1898

Tues. July 5 -- 1898,

After spending an hour
or two in wrting, we
left Mr. Yates en route
for Turkey Creek.
Got to Sidney about

noon, canvassed a few
houses around the sta-
tion after which we
continued on our road

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Dover, Fla. July 5 -- 98

Wea. WED. SEPT. 28, 1898 Ther.

Rain

for Turkey Creek.

It commenced to rain
about 3 oclock and we
were obliged to find
shelter ofor a while
until the rain ceased.

The rain having stoped,
we walked on again,
and got of our road.

It commenced to rain
again very fast -- here
we were of our road
and it a raining.

We went to a house
expecting to be invited
in while it rained; but
were badly disappointed.

We enquired about the
road and went on.

We of course set the
lady, on whom we called,
up, as being a "Christian".

As no one but a so
called "Christian" would
leave one out in the
rain.

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Turkey Creek, Fla. July 5 -'98.

Wea. THUR. SEPT. 29, 1898 Ther.

Rain

On our road we came
to a house where lived
a Missouri "Mobocrate,"
who had lived hear

Navou III. We had quite a heated talk about the "Mormons."

In the course of our conversations he said that he considered the "Mormon" church as the most abominable church on earth and us as nothing but tramps.

Finding that he would not consider facts, we decided to go. We came to another house about a mile from this where we had our testimony rejected.

The next house we came to we got entertainment for the night.

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Turkey Creek, Fla. July 5 -'98.

Wea. ~~FRI. SEPT. 30, 1898~~ Ther.

During the evening I had a very lengthy and interesting discussion on the apostasy and authority.

We did not get to bed until a very late hour as my contestant was a baptist preacher who was prone to hold his own.

Finding that he would not accept the bible, I thought it about time to let up.

July 06, 1898

Wed. July 6 -- 1898

Leaving Mr. Hutichenson's,
we walked to Mr. Odoms,
a gentleman who is very
friendly towards the "Mormons",
and with whom we
had stayed with before.
We were invited to the
house and stayed with

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Turkey Creek. Fla. July 6 - '98.
Wea. SAT. OCT. 1, 1898 Ther.
Cloudy
them until after dinner.
We intended to leave
after dinner; but Mr.
Odom insisted on us
staying until morning
and rest up. After con-
sidering we decided to
stay over. We had a
much need bath and
spent the afternoon
reading. We were
invited to hold mee-
ting at night. We did
not fancy the idea
very much as there
had been old Elders
in the settlement holding
meetings, and we did
not think that we could
do justice. We, however,
reluctantly accepted
the invitation.
We had a fair crowd
at the meeting who
seemed to be somewhat
interested in what
was being said.

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Turkey Creek, Fla. July 6 -'98.
Wea. SUN. OCT. 2, 1898 Ther.

Cloudy
After meeting went
home with Mr. Odom
and spent the night
with him.

July 07, 1898

Thur. July 7 - '98.

Left Mr. Odom's at about
nine oclock en route
for Valrico. Spent
some time on the
road reading. We
canvassed around in
the settlement.

Met up with some
hard people, among
who was a Christian
Minister who we spent
the night with.

After getting in the
house and having
washed and made
ready for supper: Mr.
Yates commenced on
our doctrine, saying
that some of our

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Valrico. Fla. July 7 -- '98.

Wea. MON. OCT. 3, 1898 Ther.

cloudy
doctrine was all right,
while the rest was
herisy. I asked him
what it was that was
not all right. He com-
menced on the Poly-
igamy question. I
quoted him some
scripture on the
subject: informing
him, among others
things, that the Sav-
ior came through

the lienage of David
who was a polygamist.
This enraged him
greatly: he said that
he thought any
one who would talk
that way was sining
against the Holy Ghost.
and that they would
be in danger of eternal
damnation.
Finding that
he could do nothing

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Valrico, Fla. July 7 -- 98

Wea. ~~TUES. OCT. 4, 1898~~ Ther.

with the polygamy
question, he started
on prophisice. I quoted
a few passages on
that phase of the ques-
tion, which convinced
him that it was no
use of talking religion
with us: so he asked
us to drop the discussion,
which we did.

Mr. Yates had three
men working for
him, who where present
on the porch with
us: and he did not
like to have them hear
him get beat in an
argument.

After we went to
bed, occupying an upper
room, we could hear
him talking to the
men concerning our
religion. He told the
men, among other

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Valrico, Fla. July 7 -- '98,

Wea. ~~WED. OCT. 5, 1898~~ Ther.

things, that the reason
we were "Mormons"
was because that we
had been raised that
way. I thought of
it some, and come
to the conclusion that
his statement was
true in many cases;
Yet, I do not believe
that it is true in
the majority of cases
at least ~~not~~ with those
who are sent out on
missions.

July 08, 1898

Fri. July 8 --'98.

After talking a short
time with Mr. Yates
a Cambellite minister,
with whom we staye
for the night, we
started for Bloomingdale,
a settlement 3 miles
to the South.

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Bloomingdale, Fla. July 8

Wea. ~~THUR. OCT. 6, 1898~~ Ther.

After getting to Bloomingd,
we met Widdow
Sterns, the lady with
whom we were in -
tending to go and
spend the night.
On approaching her
we could see that

something had gone
wroung with her.
We stoped and talked
with her. She told
us the story all in
all. It was this: her
son had gone to
Tampa with the in-
tention of joining
the army; and the bld
seamed to worry her
seriously.
She was on her
way to get some of
his clothes which
were left a short
distance from
here; and wanted

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Bloomingle Fl. July 8

Wea. ~~FRI. OCT. 7, 1898~~ Ther.

us to go with her.
My companion
went on with her
while I went to
her house and made
myslef at home as
she told me to.
I was not feeling
well during the day,
so I layed down
on the pizza and
slept slept a good
part of the day.
I was waked up
by a gentleman who
came to the gate
and enquired about
a mule. He came
in and sat down
and we had a
friendly talk about
the country and
other subjects.

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Bloomingtondale, Fla. July 9

Wea. **SAT. OCT. 8, 1898** Ther.

July 09, 1898

Sat. July 9 -- '98.

Ate a very hearty break
fast which annoyed
me most all day.

After eating I wrote
up my diary for yes-
terday. Having done
this, we found the
hand on the clock
was pointing towards
nine; and having
about 15 miles before
us to cover during the
day, we thought it
wise to make ready
to start.

When we informed
Sister Sterns that
we were about to
go she imidately
burst in to tears,
and asked us to
remain longer.
We talked to

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Bloomingtondale, July 9

Wea. **SUN. OCT. 9, 1898** Ther.

rain

her a few minutes
and cheered her up
all we could. We
finally took our dread
ed leave. It was
hard to leave a
friend so dear. How
little one knows

about the bonds of
friendship until
he is severed from
all who are near and
dear to him; and
turned upon a cool
world?
As I took her
hand in my own,
she said: God bless
you." I could no
longer hold back
the tears. With
tears in my eyes,
I bade her good-by
and took my leave.
Shortly after leavin
the house it commenced

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Bloomington. Fla July 9

Wea. ~~MON. OCT. 10, 1898~~ Ther.

to rain. We nevertheless
continued to walk on.

We came to a
vacated house by
the wayside, and
stop in out of the
rain. We spent
about an hour there
reading.

As we got within
a mile of Keysville,
we met some people
who had been to
church and were
returning home.

There was a fork
in the road; and I
asked which would
take us accross the
"branch". One of the
gentlemen gave us
the desired information.
And as they they drove
on one of the ladies
said, in a tone loud

enough to be heard;

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Bloomington Fla. July 9

Wea. ~~TUES. OCT. 11, 1898~~ Ther.

"none of them will
take you accross." "If
you get accross, your
legs will have to carrie
you"

After, I was informed
by Elder Jones that
they were going home
from church. I could
then excuse their ill
manners, as they no
doubt had been fed
with such "speritual"
food as would (when it
commenced to act upon
their systems) cause
them to hate their
brothers with all their
might mind and
strenght. Such is
the effect of Modern
"christianity" upon
it's hearers.

On coming to
the church where
they had just held

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Keyssville, Fla. July 9 -'98,

Wea. ~~WED. OCT. 12, 1898~~ Ther.

their meeting, we
steped inside and
had our prayers.
We the walked on
to Mr. Pervise's and
stoped in and got our
mail and talked

a short time with
"Lee" Pervis, who is
a member of the
church. She was
very pleased to see
us. We then went
over to Sister Reeds
and spent the
night with them

July 10, 1898

Sunday July 10 --'98.

After getting ready, we
went to Sunday School.
This was the second
time I had attended
S.S. of our people
since I left home.

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Keysville, Fla. July 10 --'98,

Wea. ~~THUR. OCT. 13, 1898~~ Ther.

Rain

On account of it raining
the attendance was
not large. Notwithstanding
this, I enjoyed the
spirit wick was mani
fest. It was indeed
enchanting to hear
those good songs sung
as at home in S. S.
Sunday School
opened by singing
Beautiful Zion, prayer
by myself; singing
again. We had
for our lesson Jesus
and **the** Woman of Samaria.
Text Jno. 4:5-42. The
lesson was well pre-
pared by the students.
When the regular
lesson was over with,
we answered a few

question which "Lee"
Pervis had prepared.
When we sang to-day
and closed -- Benediction

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Keysville, Fla. July 10 -'98.

Wea. ~~FRI. OCT. 14, 1898~~ Ther.

by Elder Jones (my comp).

After School we
spent some time talking
with Sister Jordan
and Pervis; When me
and my companion
went to Sister Wreads
and spent the after-
noon. It was a
dreary day. I was
not feeling well;
and spent most
of the time sleeping.
Occasionally, I would
wake up and and
spend a few moments
in meditation and
study.

After eating a supper
consisting of grits
and grits, we retired
early for a good
night's sleep. ---

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Keysville, Fla. July 11 - '98.

Wea. ~~SAT. OCT. 15, 1898~~ Ther.

Rain

July 11, 1898

Moon.-- July 11 --'98.

Left Sister Wread's
at eight o'clock and

went over to Sister
Pervises and spent
half an hour talking.
While there we met
a gentleman from
Manatee Co. who had
meet Elders Blood &
Godfrey. From him
we ascertained that
they had been holding
some meetings in
Braidentown.
Leaving Mrs. Pervis,
we went on our way
for Bloomingdale,
which is about 12
miles west of Keysville.
We had not walked
far before it commen-
ced to rain. Coming
to a vacant house
by the road side,

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Keysville, Fla. July 11 -'98,
Wea. ~~SUN. OCT. 16, 1898~~ Ther.

we stoped in for shelter.
Having been there about
two hours we resumed
our journey; and again
it commenced to rain
and continued until
we reached Bloomingdale.
We arrived at Sister
Stern's place at about
2 oclock and were
invited in to partake
of her hospitality.
During the afternoon,
it rained in torants.
We occupied the time
reading and writing.
Occasionally Mrs.
Stern's, who is opposed
to "mock-worship", - would
tell of some insidents
which had happened

since we were here
before. Not unfrequently
would her vivid des-
criptions cause us
us to laugh heartily

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Bloomington Fla. 7/12

Wea. ~~MON. OCT. 17, 1898~~ Ther.

Rain

July 12, 1898

Tues. July 12 -'98.

I was compelled to
rise very early because
of the action of
some medicine
I had taken just
before retiring. The
medicine consisted
of a vegetable comp-
ound; and claimed
by its discoverer
to be a shure cure
for all kinds of
diseases -- "a quack
cure all"-- to make
a long story short.
I spent the time
until breakfast time
reading. When break-
fast was announced
as being ready I
took my chair and
stepped out in Mrs
Stern's shed roof

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Bloomington, Fla. July 12

Wea. ~~TUES. OCT. 18, 1898~~ Ther.

rain

kitchen and proceeded

to make away with
a hearty breakfast,
consisting mainly of
that celebrated Florida
dish -- hominey, or grits
as it has been christened
by Florida Crackers.
Having about half
satisfied my enormous
apetite, I next turned
my attention to
reading and writing.
It was not long
until dinner was
pronounced as being
ready for consump-
tion; and again I eat
as though I were
a "Cracker."
The afternoon was
spent mostly in
meditation. My
mind was now com-
pletely absorbed in
the theme of the hour.

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Bloomington, Fla. 7/12

Wea. ~~WED. OCT. 19, 1898~~ Ther.

rain

My health had been
on the decline it
seemed, ever since I had
arrived in my field
of labor. Should I
write to Prest. Kimball
and inform him?
was one of the problems
which caused, me to use
my thinking faculties.
Not unfrequently
the tears would run.
Thoughts of the future
would pass through
my mind.
While my mind
was thus occupid, I
sat down and wrote

to my father inform
ing him of the sit-
uation and asking
him for his counsel.
Such an afternoon
I never spent.
During the after-
noon Dallas, one

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Bloomington, Fla July 12

Wea. ~~THUR. OCT. 20, 1898~~ Ther.

of Sister Stern's sons
came from Tampa.
Mrs. Stern's heart was
made light again,
after four day's of
sorrow.

After eating a hearty
supper, I retired
early for a very
poor nights ~~rest~~. I do
not mean that I
retired with the
hopes of spending a
poor night; but never
theless ~~this was the~~
~~ease~~, it proved to
be so notwithstanding
my hopes to the
contrary. -----

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Bloomington, Fla. July 13

Wea. ~~FRI. OCT. 21, 1898~~ Ther.

Rain

July 13, 1898

Wed. July 13 -- 1898

Fasted two meals.

During the morning
I got ready some
letters and went to
the Post Office with
them. When I returned
from the P.O. I turned
my attention to
reading; and writing
up my my Journal.
While reading, I
got very sleepy and
lay down a sleep
for nearly an hour.
During the after-
noon I read some
in the bible; and also
from Orson Pratt's
Works.
Was very much
impressed with the
strong arguments.
produced by O Pratt

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Bloomington Fla. July 13

Wea. SAT. OCT. 22, 1898 Ther.

Rain

in favor of "Mormonism."

"Read the chapter on:

Blessings enjoyed by the
subjects of the Kingdom
of God in this life."

This chapter is suffi-

cient; or in other words

sets forth enough

argument itself to prove

the awful apostate con-

dition of Christianity.

Among the striking

features of the chapter,

are the characteristics

by which the Kingdom

of God can always be

know, and distinguished

from all other organization

claiming to be the

Kingdom of God.

The fact that the

gifts and blessings which
were promised by the
Saviour -- do not flow
those who claim to
believe: - is a proof

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Bloomington Fla. July 13

Wea. ~~SUN. OCT. 23, 1898~~ Ther.

Rain.

positive that they
have not complied
with the conditions
of salvation. For
if one had faith enough
to lay hold on the
blessing of eternal life:
the richest gift promised
to mortal man; it
evidently follows that
they would have faith
enough to obtain
those lesser blessings,
such as the gift of
healing, speaking in
tongues etc. But says
the pretended believers
"those gifts and blessings
are done away with
now"; they are no longer
needed: they were only
needed in the first cen-
turies to establish
the church; and after
that they were done
away with

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Bloomington, Fla. July 13

Wea. ~~MON. OCT. 24, 1898~~ Ther.

July 14, 1898

Thur. July 14 -- 1898

As it was fast day, we
remained in bed
until we could sleep
no longer. I woke
up once and heard
the coffee mill grinding.
After it ceased to
disturb the still mor-
ning air, I went
back to sleep and
slept for about an hour.
Soon the sun made
us aware of the fact
that it had risen, by
sending its warm rays
through the winddow
which was on the East
side of the house.
Realizing the uselessness
of lying in bed when
I could not sleep, I
desided to get up;
notwithstanding that

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Bloomingle, Fla. July 14

Wea. ~~TUES. OCT. 25, 1898~~ Ther.

rain

I felt less refreshed than
I did when I retired.

✘ After getting up
and taking my toilet,
my companion joined
me; and went out in
the woods a had our
mornings prayers.
We then sat down
on a log a real for
some time. Desiring
a change, I got [^]up and
preached faith to
the trees. I did not
talk at any length,
however, as as my sup
ply of faith gave out.
We returned again

to the house and
made use of the time
until noon, reading.
Shortly afters noon
we took a walk to
the Post Office. I
was not at all dis-
appointed in not

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Bloomingtondale, Fla. July 14

Wea. ~~WED. OCT. 26, 1898~~ Ther.

rain

getting any mail; as
I held no hopes, of
getting any, when
I left the house.

We lost no time on
the way, but walked
on vigorously back
to the house; and
turned our attention
,again, to reading.

During the afternoon
my companion,

~~my~~ took a notion
that he would like
to eat rabbit for
supper: so in order
to make his notion -
applicable to the
satisfing of his apitite,
-he got one of the boys'
guns, and doned a cap
and soon disappeared
in the woods in
search of the much
covited game.

It was not long

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Bloomingtondale Fla. July 14

Wea. ~~THUR. OCT. 27, 1898~~ Ther.

Rain

before he made his appearance, again, at the house. It is not necessary to state that he did not get the rabbit: and as to why he did not get it [the rabbit] - it seems almost superfluous to make any explanation; yet, for fear that some one who read this should think that he did not see the rabbit -- I would add his own words: -- "I saw one; but he ran so fast that I could not get a chance to shoot,"

After supper we were treated to green cantelope. I do not mean that the ~~eantilope~~ the

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Bloomington Fla. July 14

Wea. ~~FRI. OCT. 28, 1898~~ Ther.

color of the cantlope, ^{was green;}

but that it should have remained on the vine about two weeks longer. By using plenty of salt, we obviated the task of eating it; and made it somewhat palatable. Mrs. Sterns, the lady of the house, said that it tasted like raw potatoes. As concerning what it tasted like to me: I said nothing, but

only acquiesced in what
had already been said.
After having helped
to devour the much
talked about cantilope,
I read a short time
and then retired
for the night.

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Bloomington Fla. July 15

Wea. ~~SAT. OCT. 29, 1898~~ Ther.

rain

July 15, 1898

Fri. July 15 - '98.

When I awoke this
morning, I felt
comparatively refreshed
more so than I had
felt for some time.
While breakfast
was a preparing, I
wrote a letter to
the office. When
breakfast was over
with, we commenced
making preparations
to go down to the river
for a little out.
We hitched up Sister
Stern's little white
more to the little
one horse wagon;
and took two axes along
which we were going
to use in cutting
palmeto Cabbage.
We also took our

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Bloomington Fla. July 15

rain

Wea. ~~SUN. OCT. 30, 1898~~ Ther.

rain

umbrellas along-- fearing
that it might rain
before we got back.

A drive of a mile
and a half, through
the pinewoods, brought
us to the river bank.

Here we were hemmed
in by large green
trees, which presented
a sight beautiful to
behold. Beneath was
dense under brush
of various kinds; inter
spersed with palmettos.
In any direction could
be seen tall, slender
branchless trees with
a large bunch of fangs
on the top. These are
called the palmetto
tree. On the very top
of these is a bud called
palmetto cabbage which
is very delicious to eat
when stewed with Meat.

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Bloomington, Fla. July 15

Wea. ~~MON. OCT. 31, 1898~~ Ther.

Rain

One of the objects,
of our expedition,
was to get some
of these salubrous
buds. It is no easy
task to get them, as
the trunk of the tree
is very hard and
requires the expenditure
of no small amount
of energy; in cutting
the tree down. After
the tree is cut down,
then another task pre-

sents itself before you:
that of getting the
bud out of the tree.
One, after cutting
a few of these cabbage,
soon arrives at the
same conclusion
that Political Economist
have arrived at: That
it is labor that makes
anything valuable.
The cabbage, while

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Bloomington Fla. July 15

Wea. ~~TUES. NOV. 1, 1898~~ Ther.

rain

in the bud, is as cheap
as the air we breathe.

The resistance to be
overcome in procuring
them, is what makes
them taste of energy
expended; and also
proves the truthfulness
of the saying: "By the
sweat of thy brow thou
shall eat thy bread."

Having gotten three
buds, we sat down and
ate one with relish.

We were now nearly
exhausted and desired
a change in the pro-
gramm. We went to
the river and undressed
and swam accross.

Then we were led by
Dallas Stern, the boy
that went with [^]us to
some sulpher springs
where we partisipated
in a boyish swim.

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Bloomington Fla. July 15

Wea. ~~WED. NOV. 2, 1898~~ Ther.

rain

The springs were very cool and refreshing, and our pleasure was made complete.

When we got tired of swimming, we returned to the house. Soon the cabbage were cooked and ready to be ate.

I ate a very hearty dinner. After dinner, we walked over to the Post Office and back.

During the remainder of the afternoon I read from the new Testament.

After eating a very light supper. I read for a short time; when I retired for the night.

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Bloomington, Fla. July 16

Wea. ~~THUR. NOV. 3, 1898~~ Ther.

July 16, 1898

Sat. July 16 --'98.

Spent the fornoon reading and writing.

After eating a hearty dinner, consisting mosly of palmetto cabbage; we walked to the P.O.

It was one of the hottest days that I have experienced.

We perspired profusely, walking in ~~h~~ the hot sun. We enquired

for our mail and started
back; when the Post
Master invited us
in. We were suprised
to have one who had
heretofore, been so
cools towards -- invite
us in. We stepped
in and had a drink
and talked for a
few minutes.

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Wea. FRI. NOV. 4, 1898 Ther.

Hot!

During the progress
of our conversation,
we were invited to
attend church at
night.

Having made arr-
angements to go to
the springs, before
we left the house-
when we returned --
we did not prolong
our stay. When
we got back to the
house we were joined
by Dallas and went
down to the river to
bathe. As it was
extreemly hot, the
cool water refreshed
us greatly. We remained
in the water some
time, swiming up
and down the stream.
The sun was fastly
sinking back of the
tall green trees inform

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Bloomington Fla. July 16
Wea. SAT. NOV. 5, 1898 Ther.
Hot!

ing us of the fact that
another day was being
wafted into eternity.
We haistly got out
of the refreshing liquid
into the seemingly
cool air. I say seemingly
cool because it was
in fact hot; and was
only made senseable
cool because of the fact
that our skin was
wet and the water
was evaporating.
We got to the house
about dust. After
eating a light sup-
per, we made ready
to go to Methodist
meeting; or circus
as it is denominated
by Sister Stern.
When we got to the
church, they had
already commenced
the services.

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Bloomington July 16
Wea. SUN. NOV. 6, 1898 Ther.
Hot!
The first thing I
heard, as I neared the
church, was the
minister announcing
the commencing hymn
We got inside in time
to hear it sung.
For the first time,
I heard an organ
played in a meeting
since I left home;
or, correcting bad
grammar: Here I
heard for the first time,

since I left home an organ played
in a meeting assembly.
The singing was fair
considering the un-
cultivated talent.
After sing, the young
minister knelt down
and offered up what
they termed a prayer.
To my mind, it
was presented the idea
of an immaterial

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Bloomington, Fla. July 16

Wea. ~~MON. NOV. 7, 1898~~ Ther.

speech intermingled
with vain repetitions.
One would infer from
the nature of the
prayer, that ~~their~~
the minister did not
believe that God new
one's heart and deeds
unless He was informed
repeatedly by us.
I was very much
reminded of the Hypo-
crite, who, when praying
continually told
God of his good deeds;
and thanked Him
that he was not like
the poor Publencan who
had so many sins.
The preacher spaired
his ever power in
trying to add grace
and eloquence to his
recital. His deep coarse
voice rose and droped
as if guided by the

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Bloomington Fla July 16

Wea. ~~TUES. NOV. 8, 1898~~ Ther.

notes on the staff.

"Not all those who
saith onto me, Lord,
Lord, shall enter into
the Kingdom of Heaven;
but he that doeth the
will of my father
which is in Heaven."

Matt. 7 - 21.

He read for his
text the 22 chp. of Rev.
and also the 15 chp.
of Luke. After reading
he commenced to preach
"from" the bible; and
the longer he preached
the farther he got
from the bible.

His diction was in-
ferior; ~~was not up~~
~~to the average~~ and
his grammar was far
from being up to the
average. I noticed,
in particular that
his choice of words

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Bloomington, Fla. July 16

Wea. ~~WED. NOV. 9, 1898~~ Ther.

was very poor. Not
unfrequently, he would
make use of exceedingly
homely phrases. At
times he would, ~~use~~ try with
extra effort to dress~~ing~~
his sentences; and
would make use
of high-sounding ~~^~~words
in places where they
were absolutely mean-
ingless. Probable the
greatest criticism that

could be made on
the sermon in general;
was the lack of sin
cerity. Frequently, in
the course of his rem-
arks, he would tell
some ~~f~~ storey, and
very often border
on the humorous.
After the sermon
was the time when
the most importan
work was done

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Bloomington Fla. July 16

Wea. ~~THUR. NOV. 10, 1898~~ Ther.

The people were now
worked up to a
high pitch; Having
had depicted in such
a vivid maner the
awful torment to
which the siners are
bound for. Many
were affraid that
they were on that
road which lead
through the "sulpherous
streets of Hell"; and
were anxious to be
saved. For the first
time, I had the
priviledge of seeing
someone saved.

The process of being
saved consists of this:

The candidate for
salvation walks
up to the alter and
kneals down. When
all ~~who~~ those who
want to be saved

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Bloomington, Fla. July 16

Wea. ~~FRI. NOV. 11, 1898~~ Ther.

have come forward;
as many of the
"Christians" as can
find room to kneel
around the altar,
comes forward; and
when all is ready
the "Christians" take
turns praying. When
all those of the laity
who desire, have
prayed; then the
minister offers
up the final saving
prayer which, I
believe, is claimed
to give them the baptism
of the Holy Ghost.
There were three
in all "saved."
Ten minutes of
the time was now
allotted to the members
in which they could
get up and give in
their experience.

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Bloomington Fla. July 16

Wea. ~~SAT. NOV. 12, 1898~~ Ther.

This was by far
the most interesting
feature of the evening.
One would get up
and express his gladness
because of the fact
that he was saved;
and tell the congrega-
tion how long
he had lived without
sin. One followed

another until the
full ten minutes
were exhausted,
when the doxology
was sang and
the benediction
pronounced.

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Bloomington, Fla. July 17

Wea. ~~SUN. NOV. 13, 1898~~ Ther.

July 17, 1898

Sunday July 17 - '98.

Once more the diurnal
rounds of our planet
have numbered seven;
and we behold again
the beloved Sabbath.
Arose early and
turned my attention
imedately to writing
up my Journal for
yesterday. This done,
I next retired to the
woods for the purpose
of exercising my vo-
cal organs; returning
to the house, I read
from Pauls apistle
to the Corinthians.
There being meeting
at eleven oclock, we
made ready to
attend. As this was
the last of a series
of meeting which

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Bloomington, Fla. July 17

Wea. ~~MON. NOV. 14, 1898~~ Ther.

had been runing day
and night for the
past three weeks -- the
house was litterally
jambled: we, however,
suceeded in getting
a seat near the front.
As soon as we got inside
of the door, all eyes
were strained to
get a view of what,
to them--is a curiosoty--
a "Mormon".
The oppening hymn
was sang, and then
was offered up the so-
called paryer. After
singing another hymn
the young minister
arose and announced,
in accents low,-- The
text, or lesson, as it
was termed by the
preacher.
He read, slowly,
the 6th chp. of Romans;

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Bloomingle, Fla. July 17

Wea. **TUES. NOV. 15, 1898** Ther.

when he commenced
telling all manner
of toyish tales: many
of which, a youth
of ten,-- would not
be childish enough
to tell. He still
gave wing to his
thoughts in sentences,
just as ungrammatical
as those of **this** last
nights sermon.
He did not make
use of the "whole- bus-
siniss of it" -- phrase
as much as in his

previous sermon.
He retained, however,
the "thing-of-it" phrase;
and used it quite
unsparingly; and
that too -- irrespective
of sense or grammatical
construction.
The subject matter
of his sermon was

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Bloomingtondale. Fla July 17

Wea. ~~WED. NOV. 16, 1898~~ Ther.

irreproachable, from
a Methodist stand-
point. In the main,
the sermon consisted
of tongue lashing.
those who had not
yet been "saved."
When the sermon
was delivered, the
general saving ordi-
nances were per-
formed. There were
three candidates
for salvation. The
choir and congregation
next engaged in
singing a closing
hymn; when the
benediction was
announced by the
minister.
We returned to
Sister Stern's house
again. I had not
been at the house
long before I fell

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Bloomingtondale, Fla. July 17

Wea. ~~THUR. NOV. 17, 1898~~ Ther.

asleep. When I awoke
I found that there
was a stranger
at the house; In
the person of an
old lady: known more
particularly as being
a Hard-Sheel Baptist.
While setting on
the pizza, she came
out a took a seat
by me; and commen-
ced talking: soon we
drifted onto religion.
She said, by way of
introductory; that
she was a baptist
and always expected
to be one. Continuing,
she said: All the men
in the world could
change me". She
then commenced to
talk baptism: says
she: "If you were dead;
and they throwed you

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Bloomington. Fla. July 17

Wea. ~~FRI. NOV. 18, 1898~~ Ther

out and sprnkled
a little dirt onto
you?" You would
not call that burried"
Would you? Certainly
not: said I. Then
I went on-quoting
some passages of
scrture to prove
that baptism was
anciently performed
by immersion. She
was highly interested
in my arguments
in favor of immersion,

and no doubt com-
menced to think
that Mormonism
was ~~something~~ similar
to ~~her doctrine~~ the
doctrins wish
she was raised.
I next lead her
step by step onto
authority. She did
not relish that

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Bloomingdale, July 17
Wea. ~~SAT. NOV. 19, 1898~~ Ther.

like baptism by
immersion. About
this time our con-
versation was broken
up by Sister Stern,
who called us to
supper.
After supper
we made ready
to go to meeting again.
We got to the Church
in good time.
This meeting did not
differ matereally from
the previous two that
we had attended.
While going out
of the house, my
companion was
hit on the back by
one of the claimed-
to-be-sanctified "Chris-
"tians.

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Bloomingdale, Fla. July 18
Wea. ~~SUN. NOV. 20, 1898~~ Ther.

July 18, 1898

Mon. July 18 - '98.

Arose early, took
my toilet; and ate
a hearty breakfast.
Sent the fornoon
reading.
Having eaten din-
ner and started
for the. P.O. -- we were
happily surprised,
as we stepped out
of the gate, to heare
someone speak: on
looking around, we
saw Eders Blood
& Godfrey coming
towards the house.
We waited and
exchanged greetings
when we went
on to the P.O. We
were fully rewarded,
when we got to the
P.O. for the many

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Bloomington. Fla. July 18

Wea. MON. NOV. 21, 1898 Ther.

trips that we had taken
in vain. We got a
large mail. Among
the letters recieve
was one from the
office informing
us that a Conference
was to be held at
New Zion, Aug. 4 - 5.
This news was some
what startling in
its nature, as we
were 150 mile from
the place of meeting;
and the weather

almost unbearable
hot.
During the after -
noon, we had an
interesting time
relating each others
experiences; and making
plans for future
moves.
Elders Godfrey
& Jones left for

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Bloomingdale Fla. July 10
Wea. TUES. NOV. 22, 1898 Ther.

Turkey Creek, a set-
tlement 5 miles north
of Bloomingdale, --
where they would
hold meetings.
Elders Blood and my-
self remained at
Bloomingdale over
night.

July 19, 1898

Tue. July 19 --

Edder Blood and
myself made ar-
rangements to go
to Keysville.
The sun now at
noon-day, was so
near overhead, that,
notwithstanding
I am a six-footer--
would scacely cast
a shaddow.
Occuping such a
position as this on

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Bloomington, July 18.

Wea. ~~WED. NOV. 23, 1898~~ Ther.

the earth, one need
not make any spec-
ulations as to weather
it is warm or not,
as the continuous
running of prespartion
unceasingly tells
you that "its a pretty
warm day."?

We arose unusally
early, and after
eating breakfast;
we turned our faces
eastward--on our
road to Keysville.
We walked at a rapid
rate, during the first
part of the day.
Having walked
about six miles, we
met Mrs. Frances, a
widdow who lived
at Keysville. She
was on her way
to church. We stoped
a talked to her a

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Bloomington, Fla. July 18

Wea. ~~THUR. NOV. 24, 1898~~ Ther.

short time. When
leaving her, she
gave us dirrections
to go to Keysville by,
a shorter way
than that which
we had traveled
heretofore.
We learned by
experience's sad teachr
before we got to Keysvill,

that; either, Mrs. Francis
judgment was poor,
or we must undoubt
ly got on the rong
road.

When we got to
Keysville, it com-
menced to rain;
and that too, in
Florida style.
We got behind a
pine tree for shelter.
It must have
rained about half

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Bloomington. July 18

Wea. ~~FRI. NOV. 25, 1898~~ Ther.

an hour, when it
ceased to rain we
went on to Sister
Wreads. The children
got dinner for us.
After dinner, we
went on to Pervises
where we spent
the evening and
night.

July 20, 1898

Wed. July 20 -'98.

Having eaten breakfast,
we walked over to
Sister Wreads. I took
my grip and went
back to Mr. Pervise's.
Wrote up my Journal
for the two previous
days.

Mr Pervis now
brought out on
the front pizza,

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Keyssville, July 20

Wea. ~~SAT. NOV. 26, 1898~~ Ther.

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three large water-
melons; and the
task now before
was one of pleasure.

I ate away until
there was none
of the delicious fruit
left.

The day was
exceedingly hot; and
I lay around almost
motionless. Dinner
was soon annouced
when my attention
was again devoted
to the satisfiing of
my craving apetite...

The meal was a dep-
arture from the ordi-
nary Florida setting:
as you may be assur
that incompasse no
small ration.

When dinner
was over with I
joined the boys

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Keyssville. July 20

Wea. ~~SUN. NOV. 27, 1898~~ Ther.

and went to the creek
to have one of those
good old in-days- of
yore--time.

I lost no time
in undressing; and
soom I was on the
bank ready to dive.
The water was

cool, considering the
hot weather, and we
enjoyed ourselves as
in boyhood days.
The after effect
of the swim was not
as enjoyable as that
of the present pleasure.
When I got to the
house again, I was
made aware of the
fact that I had con-
tracted a severe cold.
I was in bad spirits
during the remainder
of the afternoon.

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Keysville, July 20

Wea. ~~MON. NOV. 28, 1898~~ Ther.

At night we went
to meeting, and were
met by a small
~~go~~ congregation.

July 21, 1898

Thur. July 21-- 98.

Having eaten breakfast,
we were next treated
to our fill of the juicy
fruit of the vine.
I ate melon until
I could scarcely breathe.
We waited for the
mail to come. When
the mail came, Eld.
Blood had to read his
letters; this occupied
all the time until
dinner. We ate dinner,
and then it commenced
to rain and that too,
in Florida fashion.

We were obliged to
waite until it

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Keysville. Fla. July 21

Wea. ~~TUES. NOV. 29, 1898~~ Ther.

ceased to rain before
we could go on our
journey. At two oclock
it stoped raing, and
we went on over
to Sister Wreads where
we remained until
about three oclock.
Frank Wread went
and hitched up the
team, and took us
about six miles on our
road. When we left
him, it commenced
to rain and continnued
until night. We had
not walked very far;
before we were practically
acquainted with wadings.
During the afternoon,
we had to walk through
water from sole to
knee deep.
We arrived ~~at~~ in Plant
City at about 6 oclock.
We were pretty sp

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Keysville, Plant City

Wea. ~~WED. NOV. 30, 1898~~ Ther.

rain
men's to walk through
a town. Our clothes
were completely saturated
our shoes were full of
water. As we walked
along, our feet sloped in

our shoes; making pretty
music to keep slept
by.

We passed though
the town quickly. When
we got through, it was
just about dark; and
we had four miles
yet to walk.

We got to our destination
at nine oclock. We were
made welcome to Mr.
Brandon's hospitality.
We melt the Eds. Godfrey
& Jones.

Spent a very restless
night and woke up un-
refreshed. ---

July 22, 1898

Fri. July 22 --'98.

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Plant City. ---- July 22

Wea. ~~THUR. DEC. 1, 1898~~ Ther.

rain

The task be-fore us for
the day, was to cover 20
miles-- no small task
in the hot July sun.

Having eaten breakfast
we turned our attention,
for a short time, to writing
and discussing plans

for the future. We then
went out in Mr. Brandon
Gordon, where he was
working -- to bid him Good
by. Returned to the house,
got our grips and com-
menced surmounting
the obsticle before us.

We got out about two
miles where we were
informed that we were
on the rong road. We
then took of through the

woods to the R.R.
We came to the
Hillsborro River at about
2 oclock; being very hot
and tired; we thought

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[79] Richland. July 22

Wea. ~~FRI-DEC. 2, 1898~~ Ther.

it wise to take a bath.
We walked down
the river a short dis-
tance and found a se-
cluded spot where we
undressed -- soon we
were in the cool refresh-
ing waters of the Hills-
borro. We froliced about
in the water ~~about~~
half and hour, when
got out and resumed
our walk.

As we got near Rich-
land, a train came along:
we stepped of the track:
as the engineer went by,
he waved his had to
us. We learned after
that it was Mr. Clevelan
a friend of ours with
whom we had stayed
several times. When we
got to Richland, we
divided up; Eld. Jones
and myself went to
M^r. for the night

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Notes

- [1] The front cover is white.
- [2] This book has new binding. A train wreck caused considerable damage to this diary. In order to better read the text, the contrast has been pushed, therefore resulting in a wide range of colors of the pages. The priority of this project is legibility and it is acknowledged that the color may not match the original journal pages. Some pages have been grayscaled so that they are easier to see and read. Those pages are 7, 17, 40-45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 60, 63-67, 69, 71, 83, 89, 91, 93, 95, and 316.
- [3] The inside cover is white with a patch of brown in the middle on the right edge.
- [4] Pages 1-6 were blank and therefore not scanned.
- [5] This page has been grayscaled to enhance legibility.
- [6] The first line of text on every page in this journal is typed. The typed text has been transcribed as bold.
- [7] This page is damaged, therefore much of the text is illegible.
- [8] Page 8 was blank and therefore not scanned.
- [9] This page has damage on the right edge.
- [10] Pages 10-15 were blank and therefore not scanned.
- [11] This page has been damaged, therefore much of the text is illegible.
- [12] This page has been grayscaled to enhance legibility.
- [13] All following text is significantly darker than the previous text.
- [14] Due to damage, much of the text on this page is illegible.
- [15] Pages 18 and 19 were blank and therefore not scanned. This page is labeled as page 20 and 21 (the actual page 21 is blank and therefore not scanned).
- [16] This page is damaged, therefore much of the text is illegible.
- [17] This page is damaged, therefore the text is illegible.
- [18] Pages 23-27 were blank and therefore not scanned.
- [19] This page is torn right here.
- [20] This page has considerable damage on it.
- [21] This page is considerably damaged.
- [22] The following text is considerably lighter than the previous text.
- [23] This page is damaged, therefore much of the text is illegible.
- [24] This page is damaged, therefore some of the text is illegible.
- [25] This page has a rip on the lower right side.
- [26] There is a tear in the page through the words 'asked' and 'and.'
- [27] Due to damage on the right edge of this page, some of the text is illegible.
- [28] The '24' was handwritten, as opposed to all of the other text on the first line that was typed.
- [29] 'them' was crossed out in a lighter color and 'to the pupils' was written in the same lighter color.
- [30] The text in this paragraph is considerably lighter than the text above it.
- [31] This page is damaged, therefore much of the text is illegible.

- [32] This page is damaged, therefore much of the text is illegible.
- [33] Pages 40-45 have been grayscaled to enhance legibility.
- [34] This page has been damaged; most of the text is illegible.
- [35] Due to the damage on this page, the end of each line is illegible.
- [36] Due to the damage on this page, much of the text is illegible.
- [37] This text is considerably darker than the text above.
- [38] Due to damage, from here to the end of the page, the end of almost every line is illegible.
- [39] This page is damaged, so some of the text is illegible.
- [40] The odd-numbered pages until 59 have been grayscaled to enhance legibility.
- [41] This page has been grayscaled to enhance legibility.
- [42] This page has been grayscaled to enhance legibility.
- [43] This page through p. 67 has been grayscaled to enhance legibility.
- [44] Due to the damage on this page, the ending of each line is illegible until the next paragraph.
- [45] This page is damaged; large spaces indicate illegible text.
- [46] This page has been grayscaled to enhance legibility.
- [47] There is a tear in the page right here.
- [48] There is a tear in the page here.
- [49] This page has been grayscaled to enhance legibility.
- [50] The end of this line and the next line are illegible due to page damage.
- [51] Insert written sideways in right margin.
- [52] The remaining text on this page is the journal entry for Monday, April 4, 1898.
- [53] There is a dot underneath the 'c' of McNott.
- [54] The following text is written in a considerably lighter shade compared to the preceding text.
- [55] This page has been grayscaled to enhance legibility.
- [56] There is illegible writing at the top of the right side of the page.
- [57] This page has been grayscaled to enhance legibility.
- [58] This page has been grayscaled to enhance legibility.
- [59] This page has been grayscaled to enhance legibility.
- [60] This page has been grayscaled to enhance legibility.
- [61] Text illegible due to page damage.
- [62] From this page on, the diarist writes a location at the top of the page. For the sake of transcription, these locations have been typed under the page numbers, even though they are written above.
- [63] Diarist wrote '18' on top of '28.'
- [64] The following text is considerably darker than the preceding text. It looks as though the original text has been traced.
- [65] For transcription purposes, the entire date has been underlined.
- [66] There is some damage on the date for this journal entry.
- [67] Both times it is written on this page, '31' was written over top of '30'.
- [68] Preceding insertion was made below the line.
- [69] There was a two underneath the three.
- [70] '22' was inserted below the line of text rather than above it.
- [71] The '23' is inserted below the line rather than above it.
- [72] '25' was inserted below the line rather than above the line.
- [73] '27' is inserted below the line of text rather than above it.
- [74] '27' was inserted under the line rather than above it.
- [75] There is water damage on this page that makes some of the text difficult to read.
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- [77] There are two parallel vertical lines underneath the 'th' of 4th.
- [78] On the top right side of this page is a large ink spot.
- [79] This page has been grayscaled to enhance legibility.
- [80] The back inside cover is white with a patch of brown in the middle of the left edge.
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