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**October 17, 1898**

Swft Creek Mon. Oct. 17 -- 1898

Shortly after breakfast we took our leave from our Mr. Tomicle, with whom we had spent the night, and returned to Bro. Milton's where our grips went. The time until noon was devoted to writing up my Journal for past days.

While setting at the dinner table we were happily surprised. Elders Robbinson and Randalls, visiting Elds. come in. A few hours were n passed in telling each others e ences At about two I commenced to rain and continued until night, so it was not possible for the visiting Elders to leave. Elders Robbinson and Randalls were excellent singers: and as the folks were very deserious to hear them, they were obligated to make use of their vocal organs. And as the air was from their lungs. it hat upon th pased between the glottis and epiglottis making the air ring with melody And as the sweet vibrations beat upon my ear drums, the melodeous strains were carried to my heart; and remenescence of home irrestable burst upon me. Just before night Elder Robbinson and my companion left for Bro Bryant's while Elder Randall stayed.

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with myself at Bro. Milton's. He [Bro. Randall] having visited the LDS Colleg

while I was attending - remembered of having seen me there. While setting around the glowing hearth as the flames ascended up the chimney, many reminiscences of College days were brought to ~~light~~ mind. Though the thermometer ranged far above freezing point; yet it was sufficiently cold to render sleeping impossible before morning.

### **October 18, 1898**

Swift Creek. Tue. Oct. 18 -- 1898.

Persuant to our agreement with the other Elders to meet at the still at eight o'clock, we started from Bro. Milton's at a quarter to eight. We were at the appointed place shortly after the appointed time. Our companions had not yet arrived; but came in the course of ten minutes. We accompanied them out a short distance, when we wrote out our report and sent it by them to the President. This done we separated, me and my companion started for Tyner. The morning was cool and fresh; and we felt alive and ambitious. In a beautiful grove by the road side, we spent an hour in reading; after which we went on to a widows place where we had stopped on many

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occasions before. We remained here until after dinner. While here I had the privilege of an extended talk with a man who had never heard anything about "Mormonism." When dinner was over -with a stock of cane in hand - we "hit the grit" Tynerward. We got to Daniel Brody's, at sun down. While setting at the supper table, some one hailed at the gate. Mr. Brody, on getting out found it to be our friend Tho. Bell, the deist; who had come to

Tyner on a electioneering tuir. His lecture was to be delivered to- night. Now we were in a position to go and hear some words of Popolism - as Mr.Bell is a disciple of the Omaha platform of 92.

The scene of the nights was in the front of the village school house. A large fire was built to afford light and heat.

Nearly a dozen of the young farmers soon surrounded the fire - setting on the ground as that was the only seat supplied for the occasion. Soon the apostle of popolism was on his feet making pre- postaiion to arrive at argumentative conclusions from populistic premises. Before proceeding he uncovered his head. A head of hair was revealed to the mind that would cause one to think that the posessor wa hailed from a land where the soil

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would not produce hair-brushes. But were one to look at the unarranged hair and form a conclusion therefrom as to the length, bregth and thickness of that which "lyeth under," he would be far from knowing the intrinsic worth and fertility of the brain that lays beneath the hair on Thos. Bill's head. Philosophy, language and ethics nestle beneath his temple; and on in constant readiness to be carried by the vehicle of thought to those who are fortunate enough to have the opportunity of hearing him converse. His "bump" of judgement is promenint. No problem- even if it be of the most profound depth - ever pass him unsolved. In arriving at the "whys" and wherefore's, he reasons from cause to effect. Often from his lips, falls thoughts clothed in as beautified retorical garb, as ever was made in the retorical dress-making apportment of Inger-sol's upper rooms.

Though I was listening to a "cracker." as Mr. Bell applia ed himself - I often imagined myself setting under the voice of a Cisiro. His deap set block eyes and pro-

minent nose. showed unmistakable signs of oroterial ability. More than one diamond thought enveloped in retorical silk, fell upon the night air only to be wafted to the ears of those who - because of ~~untrained~~ ~~lack of under-~~ ~~standing~~ ~~eyes~~- could not ~~appreciate~~ see and appreciate the sparkeling splendor.

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The surrounding trees offered a more listful ear than did those who sat near the fire. And as the words, arranged in retorical order, come wafted through their boughs;- after when the breeze arose - would echo back ~~ba~~ melodeous appause as evidence of their appreciativeness. Even the flames, as they ascended eternity-ward, glowed with inspiration. The fire itself burned the brighter - being fed by oxigen rendred pure by the shrill vibrations it and its co-component elements.

The speaker, while not clad in a dress suit, whould have graced the floor of the U.S. Congress. The eloquence would have cast a vale over his sact court clothes.

After the lecture we returned to Mr. Brody's where we passed an hour around the fier-place. Our friend here commenced to speak of things pertaining to eternity. Mr. Bell passes as an apostle of deism, and his ideas set forth were substantitory of this doctrine. I bore in mind a remark that he made in his talk conserning Isiah's prophecies. Now was a chance to fire back at him his own bullets, moulded in his upper apportments. Quoting Isiah 53<sup>rd</sup> - I inculcated upon his mind, that if was conflictory to deism to believe in Isiah's prophecies. This neccesitated some

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hand and knee walking, to get out of the corner. And it would not be arrogance, to say that he did not get out devoid of scars and bruises. I ----  
The were left down again: - In speaking of the Savior he said: "I believe that he was inspired, but not divinely sent." Belief in the inspiration of a man. augments the proving of his divinity. Now our friend was again in close quarters.  
- The Savior, speaking by inspiration discloses ~~the~~ in unequivocal terms that he was sent of God, or the Father. Then it is conclusion that he was devinely sent, as he - while speaking under the guidance of that Sprit which draws from the mind truth - testifies in unmistakable terms that he was sent of the Father.

### **October 19, 1898**

Wed. Oct.19 - 1898. Tyner. Fla.

Mr. Brady's cane patch being near the house, created in me a desire to chew. Told to go and help myself - resulted in me spending some time in the sweets of Florida.

Leaving Mr. Brady's, we went in route for Bro. Kemp's ware the day was passed.

Shortly after eating dinner. two young deciples of predestinationinism came in. Their object in mind was to acqu-

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aint themselves with another ism called, in the world. "Mormonism," but in the bible, the Gospel of the Kingdom. They as a matter coutisey, demanded our special attention. As a result I closed the work of writing which I was about, and devoted my attention to conversing with our visitors. Being a teacher of principles that conduce to our eternal well-

fare - it is needless to say that the subject of our talk was that of religion. In the possessions of one of the young men, was a paper at the head of which appeared a caption like the following: "The primitive Apostolic Gospel Advocate." It hailes from a press devoted to the upholding of the doctrine of predestination. From the pages of this blade, I read an article from the pen of a noted predestinationist. The object of the writer, is to prove that a certain class of people were predestinated before the foundation of the to be saved. It's also setforth that it does not matter how wicked this class might be - they will still be wafted to the bosom of Abraham. I devoted some time to the proving of the falsity of this doctrine - making use of numerous scriptural ings. This done, I entered into a long thunder talk on the authenticity of the B of M. This produced a desire in the young

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a desire to hear more of the notoreous ism. of which there is so much talk. As a consequence, we were invited to go home with them which we did.

The night was passed among the glowing hearth. Very often my mind ran through the bible in search of scripture to make plain and substantiate the principles of salvation, upon which I talked at some length.

Extract from a Gospel Letter written :

The stone still roles (Dan 2:45) The voice "as of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord." (Jno. 1 - 23) - is still heard in the land of Flowers. And it will not cease to be heard until the streemlets of light over the "Western" horizon - heralding the dawn of the day when he was slain will again come to reign on earth.

Those who are "called of God as  
was Aaron (Heb 5:4). still  
the doctrine annunciated by the  
apostle to the gentiles; who also "recieved  
the Gospel by the revelation of Jesus  
Christ." (Gal 1:12) And that doctrine is  
found (Heb. 6:1-2) to be Faith, Repentance,  
Baptism and the Laying on of Hands.  
In connection with this, it might be  
well to say, "Whosoever transgresseth

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and abideth not in the doctrine  
of Christ, hath not God." (2. Jno. 9)  
Perchance some one might call into  
question the necessity of having God  
- the same John said: "He that hath  
not the Son of God, hath not life."  
(1 Jno. 5:12) In order that we might  
have the Son, "Who is the only name  
under heaven among men given  
whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)  
- it is absolutely necessary that we  
abide in the doctrine of Him, who  
is the "author of our eternal salvation"  
(Heb 5:9)

An examination of the teachings  
of Peter on the day of Pentecost,  
will bring into mind the fact that  
he commaded the multitude, which  
had already believed through his words,  
-- "to repent and be baptized every  
one in the name of Jesus Christ  
for the remission of sins, and ye shall  
receive the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38) Also,  
it will be remembered that when the  
same apostle prayed for certain  
disciples, "he layed his hands upon  
them, and they received the Holy Ghost."  
(Acts 8:17) It is here appearrent that  
he who preached the "Pentecostical" ser-  
mon -- making the universal prom-  
ise of the Holy Ghost - adminestered  
an ordinance that Paul appilates us

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one of the doctrine of our Master.  
It is a conceded fact that remission of sins is a condition precedent to an entrance into the Kingdom of heaven. Then the fact that we are to "walk in the light as he is in the light, in order that the blood of Christ might cleanse us of all sin." (1 Jno. 1 & 7) - argues the necessity of receiving the "Light"- the Holy Ghost, which is given to those who obey him." (Acts 5:32) Moreover, "except a man is born of the water and of the Spirit, he can not enter into the Kingdom of God." (Jno. 3:5) It is equally as essential that we receive the birth of the Spirit as that of the water.

**October 20, 1898**

Tyner. Fla., Thur. Oct. 20 -- 1898.

After eating breakfast about two hours were spent in making plain, the a friend, the fundamental and basic principles of salvation. In the meantime our friend felt it necessary to take his leave. I shall raise not controversy in saying that the cause for his sudden leave, was due to the fact that he perceived the predestinarianism was antagonistic to the Law and Prophets. Every ray of light that caused to shine forth the "book of books," crumbled to the ground some dogmas ungendered in

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the mind of a certain class of people, who have been taught Luthereonism as long that they prefer it to the bible.

On the road to Bro. Kemp, where we went to spend the day - we chewed

a stock of sweet cane - making our walk pleasant. The day was spent at Bro. Kemps, reading and writing.

At about five o'clock some one hailed at the gate: I went to the door and enquired their desires: I found that one of the gentlemen wanted to preach on predestination. It was not only, about two hours until meeting time. This was a very short time to study up a subject. I nevertheless made the promise, and studied assiduously until time to go to meeting. In handling the subject, I devoted some time to explaining the universality of the Gospels - inculcating upon the minds of those present that God will save all that wills to be saved.

Before leaving, I talked almost incessantly for an hour around a fire to a congregation who were stopped around a fire at the front of the school house.

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### **October 21, 1898**

Tyner. Fla. Fri. 21 - Oct. - 1898

The day was spent with a Mr. Sistrunk, and the time was mainly devoted to writing Gospel letters. Before night we left Mr. Sistrunk's and accompanied a Mr. Edemfuld home and spent the night with him.

### **October 22, 1898**

Sat. Oct. 22 --- 1898

After shaving and cleaning up,

we went over and spent the day  
with Bro. Kemp. During the  
afternoon I read from the bible.  
At night we held an a  
very interesting meeting. Returned  
home with Bro. Kemp for the night.

**October 23, 1898**

Sunday. Oct. 23 -- 1898.

During the day we held two meetings  
At elven we meet at the school house  
and in a short time the house was  
filled, and many were obliged to  
remain out side for wont of room.  
Some of those present home came seven  
miles.

After a two hours intermission  
we again meet in the same place  
with a congregation nearly as large

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as the one he had this morning.  
We held them at the house until  
nearly Sun down. When we went  
home and spent the night with  
a Mr. Johnson.

**October 24, 1898**

Mon. 24 -- Oct.-- 1898

While the fornoon hours passed  
away, I attention was devoted to put-  
ting into history the hapenings of the  
last two or three days.

Our letter from the visitting  
Elders of last Saturday put us into  
silent antesipation - we expected  
them at every moment. In the  
meantime - looking east on the  
road we notice two gentlemen  
dressed in prince albert suits; not  
long after we were fully convinced that

the Elders had come.  
After a hearty hand shake, we  
took them into Mr. Brady. with whom  
we were staying. He then lyed  
on the bed sick. Shortly we returned  
out on the pizza and seated our-  
selves. While setting there, Mr  
Brody called me in; on getting  
to his bed he told me to go out in  
to the cane patch and get some  
cane to eat. This granted privelidge  
resulted in a ten minutes cane

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chewing. Consumating our work on  
the delicious stocks - we devoted our at-  
tention in other ways. A line was  
drawn and some one said: "How far  
can you jump?" The announcing of  
this intro-petion, necessitated some  
physical exertion. One by one we  
took on the mark in school boy style.  
a jumped a distance equal to the ratio  
that we posessed  
and the force of gravity acting upon our  
bodies. No computation is necessary  
to ascertain the result, as the distance  
was so short that no one's champion-  
ship is endangered.  
Our athletic sports occupied  
the time until supper. Having par-  
ticipated in Hog and homney, we  
made our way towards the shool house  
where we were to hold a meeting.  
Not long after ariving at the place  
of meeting, the house was full of eger  
listeners. - - A hymn was sung  
when all rushed in. As soon as  
all were seated meeting was announsed  
in session. Another hymn was now  
sung; when prayer was ofered by Eld.  
Monson. It now fell to my lot to address  
the congregation. Following myself, Eld  
Randall spoke for a short time. Now  
Elder Robinson got up and made the  
concluding remarks.

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**October 25, 1898**

Tue. Oct. 25 --- 1898.

The news brought by Eld Randall. that I was to proceed to the Presidents headquarters, made it necessary for us to start on our way for that point. The whole task before was the surmounting of 18 miles of Fla. sand - I say Fla. sand, as it is so much deeper, than other sand. Eight oclock found us on the road enroute for White Springs. Nothing of any note hapened on our road to the springs. However, on the way we met two boys with a load of sugar cane. My companions gaul power made us the posessors of two stocks; which sweetened the next two miles walk.

At Brown P.O. Columbia Co., we stoped in with a Bro. Wright and ate dinner. An hour or so was passed after dinner exchanging ideas.

We in the meantime continued on to another Bro. Wright, the place of our intended destination. There we met Elders Cutler & Mare.

The night was spent with Bro Wright. During the evening many hymns were sung by the Elders aided by the folks

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**October 26, 1898**

Thur. and Oct. 26 --- 1898

In view of the fact that we would spend the next night in New Zion, 25 miles to the south; and also being concous that we would be obliged to choose to walk the distance - we lost no time in separating ourselves from the friends with whom we spent the night.

The walk was indeed a tiresome one. Twenty two miles of it along the Ga. Southern R.R. It was, howe very cool a pleasant - a pleasant breeze was blowing the entire day. Our walk was very rapid - three and a half miles to the hour was avraged.

Nelson Dowling, a prominent New Zion "Mormon" was the man with whom we were intending to pass the night. And as the sun was slowly sinking behind the tall pine trees, we were fastley plodding our way to his house.

We were not long at the house before we were told were the cove was.

The fact that we were short one meat, gave us a reasonable excuse to go to the cane patch.

Shortly after dark we were joined by Prest. Brown and Eld. Gin; who had been at Lake City

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**October 27, 1898**

Thursday. Oct. 27 -- 1898

Shortly after leaving the breakfast table and getting back in the setting room; the realities of the day were unfolded before me. Two large records were brought out and layd on the table. Shortly a consignment of data was revealed that would give a "Moda asz" the writers cramp to look at.

By the table near the fire  
place, sat Elder Nephi Jensen  
until noon transcribing - tiresome;  
yes indeed - would rather be out  
preaching. A little boy coming  
in an announcing dinner. devirted  
my mind from the tedious task  
of the morning. My thoughts  
now centered on the goodies  
on the table. The table was very  
much deburdened by my cra-  
ving apitite coming in con-  
tact with it.

When dinner was over. I made  
up a record for the Chattonooga  
Office, and wrote a letter or  
two which completed the work  
for the day. Alas the first day  
in New Zion came to a close

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### **October 28, 1898**

New Zion, Fri. Oct. 28 -- 1898

Sleepyness necessitated a two hour  
nap during the for part of the day.  
Waking up- my attention was dirrected  
to the persual of some of the words im-  
pressed on histories pages by "God's first  
pen - Moses. Till noon, my thoughts  
mingled with the imagined reality  
of the battle fields of the Iseralites.  
In a shanty kitchen, - while the  
chilly October winds passed through  
the open cracks - we enjoyable per-  
tisipated in homney and corn bread.  
I mean - to explain - we ate din-  
ner.

Our bed for the next night was  
in a Mr. Six's house, two miles  
west. To render it available for our use,  
made it obvious that 2 miles would  
have to traversed. Persuantly, after  
aranging affairs, we transplanted our-  
selves two miles nearer the setting

sun. - - - Near Mr. Dixes house  
was a cane mill by which was  
a "heap" of cane, which we utilized  
to good advantage, in rendering our  
sense of task less sensitive. The juice  
of these stocks was soon made oil  
for my dejective organs. -- The  
night around the fire was spent  
in sweet contemplation, while

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music fell from my companion's  
lips, mingled with words of S.S. prase  
aranged in meter. The "Mormon" boy  
sung loud of sweet, vibrated upon my  
ear drums causing them to dingle.  
Nor did the joy end here -- the little  
nerves caried the music to the centre  
of circulation; and that organ, without  
hesitancy, commenced to beat time  
to the metre. -----

### **October 29, 1898**

Oct. 29 Befor the first streems of light, making  
know that our planet still trod its path  
way around the celestial luminary - had  
cast their first glimmer over the estern  
horizon - we were seated around the  
breakfast table partaking of the  
inititory meal of the day. - - After  
eating the bed again became my com-  
panion, and a nap of two hours duration  
was the first act on the stage of day.  
Following this, the arguments substan-  
titory of the Devinity of Jos. Smiths  
Mission - by Orson Pratt - were per  
used. for about two hours. - - Dinner  
was to be eaten at a neighbors; this  
made it obvious ~~that we~~ to arrange and  
get there in time to "get our names  
in the pot." Friend Beasley's wife  
had been buisy all the morning cook  
ing the fresh pork - - - - - The afternoon  
was enjoyable passed at Friend Beasleys

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To return the occasion, singing was engaged in by my companion and a young lady staying at the house.---- Our appointment to preach at the school house at night made it necessary for us to leave friend Beasleys before dark in order to be on time at meeting. And as the golden autumn sun was hiding its face behind the trees, we passed along the road towards the place of our night meeting. At a place half a mile from the T.house lived a Mr. Williams. We stopped in with him for supper.--- Our meeting was a success. Ears in every part of the room were strained to hear "the glad tidings of great joy."

### **October 30, 1898**

Oct. 30. The night's rest was refreshing. Woke up to gasp the fresh cool air of the Sabbath, enjoying good spirits. - - - While the dew was yet trickling from the grass, we slowly trod over the ground to Sunday School. For the first time in eight months I could look in the faces of those who grasp celestial truth by inspiration as well as intuition. --- We spent two hours intermission at Bro. Crocker's, when we returned to the school house at two thirty P.M. for the purpose of holding meeting. Our afternoon gathering was productive

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of good. A full house with listful ears was in attendance. \_ \_ \_ After meeting we went home with Bro. Dowling: where we spent a pleasant

evening and a sweet refreshing night sleep.

### **October 31, 1898**

Oct. 31

An early rise was almost inevitable: due to our neatness during the evening hours - rendering sleep impossible at five o'clock. The days routine was well defined. After breakfast we walked to the P.O. 3miles distant to meet Prest. Brown and Elder Gee. On reaching the office we found our Brethren waiting for us. After posting a few letters, we accompanied each other down the RR track where - after a short exchange of words - we separate to go to our several fields of - Elder Randall & Parker Gee going to South Fla.; while Prest. Brown returned to New Zion to do our record work. The day was spent in recording. Spent the night with Bro. Murphy.

The remainder of the week was spent on the Records. -----

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### **November 06, 1898**

Thomas School House, Nov.6 - 1898.

While at Bro. Pierces Sat.evening Elder Olson, who was laboring in Bradford Co., came and informed me that his companion was taken down sick; and that he was desirous that I go with him to fill an appointment on Sunday, or the morrow. It was then about 5 o'clock nevertheless I hurriedly arose to go with [2] him. To the above named place from New Zion, it is three miles. As we speed our way from the house of the Saints the sun was hiding its face behind the Western horizon. We stoped at the

P.O., posted some letters. On the Ga. S & F. R.R. could be seen to young Mms' Elder making that way Eastward. As we stepped from tye to tye many pettles of speech dropped from our lips. Our new acquaintances made it possible to have a long talk. Passing a school house, we piloted towards a ~~school~~ light in the distance; which proved - on getting to it - to be the place of our destination. We were not long in being made concious that there was sugar boiling in opperation in the back yard. A man could be seen stirring up the sweet, yet hot liquid, to keep it from boiling out. Many stood around tasting the sweets. Cane chewing was a

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prominent feture of the night. Me and my companion interested ourselves with this number on the program, chewing until our apitite for sweets had adandoned us. - - Morning dawned wet and miserable. This, at the outset, materially changed our program; which was to hold two meeting at a neighboring school house; - Most of the day was spent in the schoolhouse. Our meetings being failures, the time passed slowly. At three we started for New Zion where we spent the night.

Mon. Tues. Wed. and Fri. was pased at New Zion doing record work. -----

**November 12, 1898**

Sat. Nov. 12 - 1898

A trip to Sanderson having being scudled, we left New Zion early in the morning with the intention of spending the night at Olusta. Our conveyance consisted of a cart with a pony attached to one end. The pony

was of the Constantinople kind; and hence afforded my companion - who handled the strings - with an opportunity of cultivating his oratorical powers. The want of a wip made it necessary oft. times to key up to "G." At Olusta we stoped in with a

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Bro. Godwin. And at night the neighbors were called in and we made use of the opportunity presented to us. After meeting Prst. Browns and others engaged in singing after which we retired for the night.

### **November 13, 1898**

Sun Nov 13 - 1898.

Before the sun light had commenced to color the trees, we were on our road Sanderson-ward. At about nine we were at Canon's where we met Elds. Snowball and Lewis. The time was now drawing on for S.S.

A walk of about a 1/4 of a mile brought us to the church house. Soon after arriving the house was nearly filled. With Bro. Wisker in charge. S.S. was opened by singing a "Mormon" hymn, after prayer was opened by Prest. Jno. Z. Brown. After singing again, the several classes went through their lessons.

School being dismissed, I accompanied one of the Elders to Bro Hills place where we spent the time until 2 o'clock, when we again returned to the church house. this time, for the purpose of holding meeting. Few benches were unoccupied at the commencement of meeting.

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Pret Brown presided. Elder Snowball was the first speaker. Following him it was my lot to talk a short time.

Prest. Brown made the concluding talk. After meeting I accompanied one of the Elders to Bro Hills where I took supper.

At night a meeting was held in Sister Canova's parlor which was well attended. The speakers were Elders Snowball and Brown.

The melodeous music from the piano, when executed by Miss.

Adeline Canova, kept us from retiring until a very late hour.

The clock had struck the midnight hour before our bed had an occupant.

**November 14, 1898**

Sanderson, Fla. Nov. 14-98

The day was one of ease and enjoyment. After eating breakfast, "the cane grinding" was first visited, and no small quantity of the juice from the cane stocks passed over the lip of the "Mormon" Elder that hailed from Forest Dole.

My sense of taste becoming weak I returned to the house. The open piazza on the front afforded several large easy rocking chairs - presenting a comfortable place to set down and pursue some interesting episode

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About two hours were passed here, when Miss Adilene entered the parlor and commenced to thump the ~~parlor~~ piano.

This drew my attention into the parlor.

Now I set for some time in case cane chair listening with rapt attention

to every note that arose from the piano  
Not unfrequently singing was engaged  
in - --- The afternoon was a duplicate  
of the fornoon's experiences.  
At night we held an interesting  
meeting in the parlor of Sister  
Conova.

**November 15, 1898**

Tues Nov. 15 -- 1898

We took our leave of Sanderson,  
returning to New Zion, ariving there  
at night, Nov. 16. I resumed the work  
on the Conference Records, completing  
them on the 18. -----

**November 19, 1898**

Sat. Nov. 19 -- 1898. -----

A letter to Prest. Brown from Sanders  
brought the sad news that one of our  
friends -- Ed. Canova - had lost his child.  
And also informed us that there were  
some folks from starke at Sanderson  
who were very desireous of hearing  
the Elders preach. Thomas Conova  
the writer of the letter, requested that  
we come at once.

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Persuant to request we hurriedly  
aranged our affairs, and secured a team.  
Dinner was eaten at Bro Dowlings  
and in a very short time we were  
on the road enrout for Sanders .  
Our intention was to go to a friends  
place midway between New Zion  
and Sanderson. This made a drive of  
about 9 miles. The roads being  
very bad we did not make our  
apperance at friend Godwins into  
about eight o clock.  
Our horse was soon put up and

we in a short time we were in the house by the glowing fire engaged in a pleasant conversation. A number of stocks of cane were brought in which naturally added entertainment to the occasion. It was not long after the cane was disposed of until supper was announced. The way was lead to the kitchen and at first glance an the table I perceived something unusual. I large fat chicken adorned the center. Although the sence of seeing was instrumental in making known to the inner man that it was about to be made the recipient of a dilecacy; yet it was but a short time until my sense of taste was much the keenst of any that I possed. My companion made appearent a strong appetite.

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**November 20, 1898**

Sun. Nov. 20. 1898. Sanderson

Shortly after the cock had crew we were on the scene of activity; bustling about making ready to get at the other end of nine miles. The folks were bid good-by; and as the sun light was casting a golden glimmer on the trees trinking with dew drops, two 'Mormon' Elds. in a road cart were hurring their horse on to Sanderson. The ride was far more laughable than pleasant. Stumps and abstractions along the road made the ride unmonatious. At nine we could cast our eyes over the little town of Sanderson. In a few minutes we had our horse put up and were in the palatial residence of Sister Canova pertacking of her hospitality. At least half an hour was occupied in an upper room preparing our toilet. Comming down and entering

in to the parlor, I was met there  
by Paul Canova, whose profession was  
that of a drummer. I was seated near  
the fire that had been made. No sooner  
had I got a comfortable position than  
our friend, the salesman made  
preliminaries for a parley. Current  
events were material for subject matter  
until we were inadvertantly brought

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face to face with questions, which in  
their bearing, pertain to man's eternal  
welfare. Our friend, the drummer, made  
apparent his desire to have elucidate  
a certain passage of scripture which,  
to his understanding, was evidence sub-  
stantiatory of the mortality of soul  
dogma. I was handed a large bible  
and in a short time I had the passage  
set before him in its true light. About  
this time Prest. Brown made his entrance  
into the room. His presence made an  
aberration of subjects- yet ecclesiology  
still remained the paramount use. The  
gentleman of the "road" now took the po-  
sition of spokesman. He drifted of on an  
epitome of a schism in the church to  
which he had alied himself - making  
apparent the fact that the leading  
clergies of the Advent Church were  
divided in opinon as to the time  
of the Melenium. I percived that he  
was unintentionally abregating one of  
the basic principles of the Advent Creed.  
To make clear what I mean, I would say  
that the first article of the above named  
creed sets forth that they believe the bible  
to be a suficient guide to faith a pro  
Being concious that he had, as I said,  
abregated this article, I put in a question  
that caused his vocal organs to get in  
to the same position. that a man

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is when trying to make a lackey horse go against his will. The interrogation that caused the inertness of the traveling man talking machinery, was this: Is not the bible a sufficient guide; does it not clearly explain all these matters? After he had been silent for a short time, he resorted to the only alternative of a "I - dont - know." Ten o'clock arrived and we are all at the church persuing the lessons of life and salvation. It was a time pl The sweet notes from the organ entering in with the notes from the living instrument came on the cool air to our ears with a vibration of inspiration. Dismissing school, we returned to Sister Canova's where we spent the time until two in pleasant conversation. The pizza afforded some large rockers which conducted to making our comfort approach on to a close proximity to the ideal Our meeting at two was instruct — and edifying. This was due to the fact that the Spirit of Truth was present. The building though not as capacious as some that I have preached in - was completely filled. The evening and night was pleasantly passed under the hospitable roof of Sister Canova's house.

**November 21, 1898**

Mon. Nov. 21 -- 1898. Sanderson

An early rise was the result of not being able to pass any more time in the land of "Nod" -- sleepland. After brushing and combing I made my way down stairs. The work of Ben E. Rich - "Durrant" that "Mormon".

lay on the center of the table. My previous acquaintance with the book was impitius enough to cause me to take it up an peruse it until breakfast. Afterbreakfast "Durrant" was read again until we were read to ~~now~~ take our departure.

The happening's on the road back to the New Zion were of no importance. At about five we rolled into Bro Dowlings. After pulling the horse up we went over to Ab. Pearces where we spent the night.

### **November 22, 1898**

Tue. Nov. 22 - 1898 New Zion

At about nine we left Pearses and went to Dowlings where we chewed cane, drank juice and commit other depredation equally as greivous til noon. After pertaking of a good Fla. dinner we took our team and made our way to Bro. Murph's. There we spent the afternoon and night.

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### **November 23, 1898**

New Zion. Wed. 23 - Nov.--1898

Taking our departure from Murphis we made our destination Mr. Watson's place. Having previously been informe that they were having a "House Raising." we were impressed that the dinner table would bare some delicacies. This impression caused us to waite on dinner. At about two oclock it was demonstrated to us that our impressions had lead us to true conclusions, - - There was pie on the table!  
After dinner we accompanied the men to the place of work. Shortly

after gether then opperation were inaugurated. For the first time in my life, I could now witness a Southern "house building." The work is not in any wise complex. Any one who can use an ax has suficient mecanical knowledge to pertispate. Leaving this scene we went to Hagan to fill an appointment that had been given out. - - Our meeting could not truthfully be said to a succs There were present about fifteen persons. - - After meeting we returned to Mr. Douglasses where we spent the night. - - The incoming train brought with Eld Southerland from Salt Lake County.

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It was not but a short time before I ascertained that he was acquainted with my folks at home. This knowledg made a bases for a string of interogation. At a late hour we retired for the night.

**November 24, 1898**

New Zion. Thurs. Nov. 24 - 1898

Shortly after breakfast Eld. South-erland I and took our leave and went to Bro. Dowling's, where the time was spent until noon. The cane grinding here materially conduced to pleasantry. The sweets of the cane was made us of in its different forms. Two or three cups of juice from the mill was a preliminary. Twice sone stocks were now granted in the mill of-fended by my Superior, and inferior Modelary's. The sugar in some barrels in the smoke house lowered as a result of a "Mormon" Eld. about the size of N. Jensen making a rade on it. A hearty dinner aquipted me for

a walk to a Mr. Ruttles about 2 miles distant. On this walk I was accompanied by Elder Burrows. Our intentions were to get out an appointment and preach at night. The folks at the place not being at home made it necessary to change our intentions

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**November 25, 1898**

New Zion. Fri. Nov 25-1898

Breakfast consisted of baken and potatoes. I might asside to the fact that this was commensurate with the power necessary to overcome the resisistance of the day - that of a five miles strole.

No doubt the first thing perceived on arising was that the atmosphere was cooler than usual. Under the circumstance, no one acquainted with the effects of Florida cool weather, will abnegate the propriety of getting near the fire. Acquenece was not asked, but as it master of the situation, I planted myself near the glow-ign herth. This position was kept until necessitated to set up by the table for the purpose of satisfying the wants of the inner man.

~~This~~ conceousness of the fact that Prest. Brown and Eld. Sutherland was at a neighbor's house was impetus enought to the place. We were greeted with a hearty good-morning. Shortly we left for Bro. Dowlings when I passed the day doing what any other "Mormon" Eld. would do at a place where there was a "cane grinding "

At five o clock we left ~~in-accp~~ accompanied by Sister Watson; to whose home we went and spent the night.

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**November 26, 1898**

New Zion. Sat. Nov. 26 - 1898

The cold gulf breeze made us conceious of the fact that winter was not far distant. This change of weather created in me a desire to get near the fire. No pressing duties robbed of me of this comfort. And from morning dawn until the sun had nearly reached its days destination, my position was by the fire mingling my thouts with those of the writers of the Law & Prophets. This mode of despising with time became monotonous; and we thought it wise to take a strole. Eld. Sutherland accompanied me. As we walk along through the timber talking about the differnt land marks- many ideas about home scenes were exchanged. The cercute was made and we went again to the house to resume our study.

**November 27, 1898**

New Zion Sun. Nov.27-98

The morning dawned clear and cold; so cold that an early rise was the only alternative for comfort.

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Some time was devoted to getting ready for S.S. which convened at 10 a.m. Having washed brushed and combed I set down by the

glowing fire and engaged reading from the "Law and Prophets" - making myself better acquainted with the happenings in Apostolic times. The time approached for S.S. I was accompanied by Eld. Sutherland. On entering the door my attention was drawn to the stove surrounded by all in the house. The scene was one that is analogous to that of a spill of sweets covered with flies. No doubt those around the fire enjoyed themselves as much as does the fly on the molasses. It was in some ways a thermometer but a very inaccurate one as the people of Fla. are very susceptible to cold. School was soon called to order. A hymn was sung when prayer was offered by myself. Another song concluded the opening exercises. The several classes were now busily engaged in perusing their several studies. After S.S. we accompanied Bro. Crocker home and took dinner with them. - - At the meeting in the afternoon a large con-

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gregation was present. It fell to my lot to manipulate the time. My subject was that of the kingdom of God. All present were well pleased with my remarks. Meeting having been dismissed and being invited to go home with Bro. Dixie we accepted the invitation. While the sun was slowly sinking behind the trees my thoughts were mingled with reminiscences of home scenes; insomuch that I was inspired to take up my pen and transfer some of them on paper to be consigned home. After supper we in company with some young folks, surrounded

the herth and engaged in singing  
the hymns of Zion. The time until  
retiring was thus pelasantly passed

**November 28, 1898**

New Zion, Mon. Nov.28 - 1898

A rapid walk soon put us  
at the end of three miles, the distance  
from Bro. Dixes to Br. Dowlings.  
At Dowlings the cane grinding  
was on in full blast. Here was  
an opportunity to sweeten up.  
I feast incompassed nearly 3  
cups of juice from the mill;  
when It went to the field

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when I made use of my own  
mill and ground out 2 stocks -  
this was quantum suffice. In  
the meantime Eld. Retchee calls  
and informs us that we ~~were~~ wanted  
at Bro. Pearces. At Pearces we  
passed the day in study and  
making preparations for the  
trip to Hamilton Co.

**November 29, 1898**

New Zion, Tur Nov. 29-1898

Shortly after breakfast we  
left New Zion intending that Elihi  
Richards's ten miles north, should  
be our destination. Lulu P.O. being  
on our road we stoped and posted  
some letters. Our road from  
this place to the place of our  
intended destinations is the  
one traveled by the Ga. S. & F. R.R.  
trains. A 2 hours tie count brout  
us to Richard's; here we took dinner  
Late in the afternoon we went  
on to Elihu's where we spent the  
night.

The evening hours were passed near the fire place. At commencement, the subject under discussion was that of current events. An incomer necesated an abrogation of this subject.

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Rooster fighting was now discussed in all of its phases. Though the subject was not one that was fascinating to me, yet my knowledge of this kind of sport was very much enhanced.

**November 30, 1898**

Elihu Richards. Wed. Nov. 30-98.

Having left Mr. Richards at an early hour we were passing through Lake City at about eleven o'clock. Our presence in the city excited attention. On passing the depot a young man of the African race enjoyed himself calling to some imaginary friend to come and see the "Mormons" Shortly after 12 we were in Br. Wrights' house enjoying their hospitality. While the afternoon hours speed away I manipulate the time studying the Bible. A very pleasant evening was spent talking about current events. -- --

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**December 01, 1898**

Jas. Wnight. Thur. Dec.1 1898

Before the first rays of the sun had commenced to illuminate the air zenith -ward we were roused by Bro. Wright. His excuse for waking us so early was because breakfast was ready to be eaten. I indulged in a hearty breakfast of homney, meat, bisquets and syrup. The duties of the day now presented themselves before me. A shove was taken. From this on till noon I purused Paul's apistle to the Romans. Dinner having been eaten one hour passed away while my eyes were conveying to my mind some of the contents off the Gospel by B.H. Roberts. A little creek to the door of Bro Wright's house presented me with an opertunity to perform the operation of ablution. Being concious of the fact that I had not a bath for some time, the oppertunity was embraced. Returning to the house I again turned my attention to the acquiring of knowledge. Roberts position of the elivtatory principles of the plan of salvation afforded me

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the facilities. By the way, about half of an hour of the afternoon was taken up in athletical exercise. Any spectator would have avered that he had seen an exhibition agility. While my companion walked on his hands in indulged in a wan drill. A jig on the pizza was the closing scene. Supper having been eaten we returned to the parlor where the evening was pleasantly spent. Music from a harp by Eld. Burrow's was one of the conspicuous numbers.

Before returning all joined in and sung a number of hymns.

**December 02, 1898**

Fri. Dec. 2 - 1898

In view of the fact that we were desirous of resuming our journey towards Jasper; as soon as breakfast was over we commenced to make preparation to start. It was not long before we were on our road to Brown, a station on the Ga. S & F. R.R. A sawmill a short distance from here was in operation. As we passed some of the hands amused themselves informing each other that we were "Mormons"

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Judging from the tone in which they were talking, I would infer that they were desirous that we also should know that we were "Mormons." At White Springs we stopped in with a Bro. Stafford and took dinner. Here we met Bro. Bryon from a settlement 3 miles farther north. He was desirous that we go and spent the night with. Realizing that this would take us that much nearer our destination, we accompanied him home. The evening passed away tranquilly - many hymns were sung to add life to the occasion.

**December 03, 1898**

Swift Creek. Sat. Dec. 3 1898

Having taken breakfast, we started on our road towards Jasper. A mile brought us on the G.S.&

F. R.R. We followed the track from this point to the place of our destination. Along the track every thing was quite; and nothing happened to mar our peace. At about one we walked to the house of Mr. J.E. Willis an old friend with whom I had spent many nights in the past. We were made welcome and spent the remainder of the day here.

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**December 04, 1898**

Swift Creek, Sun. Dec.4 1898

At day break we left Mr. Willis on our return. By fast walking we reached Bro. Milton's on Swift Creek. at eleven o'clock. We had only got inside when we learned through Bro. Milton that there was a Methodist meeting at the church. We expressed our desire to go. At which Bro. Milton Hurriedly got ready and accompanied us. We arrived just in time for the meeting. Sunday School matters engaged the attention of the preacher when we entered, but they were soon wound up.

A small table in front of the pulpit covered with a white cloth drew my attention. It presented the idea to me that something unusual was going to take place. Nor did this prove to be the only special feature of the occasion. A young man was initiated into the fold by taking the oath of allegiance. This operation was performed before the preaching commenced. It might not be amiss to insert a short narrative of the operation of initiation. The young man was told to come to the front and take a

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seat facing the preacher. This done, the "Gospel Peddler" now read a few verses from the New Testament. He now took the prayer book and read the oath which, in part, is as follows: "You do solemnly promise to denounce the world, flesh, and the devil. To this the candidate answers in the affirmative.

The sermon was much in order.

It proved to be on regeneration. By illustrations, numerous and irrigated this subject was expand in different phases. Many synomins for the term were found notable among the were the following: "Born again" or "Changed from the Kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of light" "Translated," etc.

The Lord's Supper was next in order. It was now demonstrated before my eyes that the bible was considered by the Methodists as being an insufficient guide of faith and practice. The prayer book figuring prominently in this ceremony and was consulted very frequently. The different prayers were read from it. ~~The~~

The ceremony is briefly described as follows: Thos who considered them selves worthy went to the front

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and knealed by a bench, when the wine was carried to them. They each, while bowed, took a sip. The bread was next passed and t partaken of while in the same position.

After meeting we returned home and passed the remainder of the day at Bro. Milton's

**December 05, 1898**

Swift Creek. Mon. Dec.5-1898

Early in the morning we left Bro. Milton's enroute for Bro. Wrights. We arrived at his place at about 2 oclock. Here we passed the afternoon and night.----

**December 06, 1898**

Brown. Tue. Dec. 6 1898

It being impossible to hold any meetings here; and being desreous of preaching, we left Bro. Wrights in the morning. We had in mind to go to the Keen settlement. At eleven we got to the place of our destination. Dinner was eaten with Sister Robbison after which we went on to Bro. Keen. We found him engaged in sugar boiling. I had been at the place but a short time when he com

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menced to throw his Advent trash at me. But he soon run out of otism. I would avade all of his subturfuge argument with falicity; and at the same time adduce other scripture substantitory of the premise that I took. Our brother was not long in learning that error arayed against truth made a one sided battle. No doubt the knowledge of this fact was the impetus in the man who believes in a dead

sould, that caused him to "throw up the sponge."

The sugar boiling continued after supper. Around the kettles was the chief gathering place. I took a seat near by. In a short time the doctrines of a souless man was broached. The discussion this time did not last long, as I adduced some strong contradictory evidence in the commencement. My opponent soon lost interest and gave up the fight.

An ex-slave— one of Africas blackest - was one of the chief audience to the discussion. He noticing that Bro Keen was giving up the fight; attacked me on some other line of offence. This attack resulted in a sermon

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being delivered, <sup>^</sup>by myself on the basic principles of salvation - terminating in an extended elucidation of the all important point - authority. Revelation also received not a little attention.

At this juncture I perceived that it was getting cold, and thought it wise to retire for the night.

### **December 07, 1898**

Keen Settlement. Dec.7 -- 1898

Adentism was under discussion until noon. Having eaten dinner we started for Lake City. The road to that place was through the flat wooks, hence characterized by invincible swamps. Many times it was necessary to walk fast logs for nearly a quarter of a mile. Our destination was reached befor dark. Passing through the town we excited no little agitation. We took no cognezane of this but walked derict to Bro. Wright's place

where we were kindly invited in.  
I was here made acquainted with  
Sister Pullen and others. We spent  
the night **here** and next day at  
this place.

**December 08, 1898**

Lake City. Wed. Dec. 8 - 1898

Thursday was a day of discusion

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No day since coming into the field  
have I talked as much as I did toda  
A Mrs. Parnell was the cause of this  
discussion. She came in early  
in the morning: and was not in  
long before "Mormonism" became up-  
permost in our minds. Having  
talked a short time, she said  
there was not any particular  
difference between the Gospel as  
taught by the Missionary Baptists  
and "Mormons." This statement made  
it appearant to me that our lady  
friend was - pardon me - ignorant  
of the basic principles of the Gospel  
as taught by the Mormons.  
Cognizant of the vantage of ground that  
was given to me, I now centered my  
limited intenlecualal and spiritual  
powers to that of making a concise,  
yet some what inteligent exposition  
of the fundemintal principles of redemption.  
All the scripture at my component  
was utilized in substantiating my  
statements; and making plain to  
the understanding our friend the  
anology between the Gospel as  
taught by the Elders and as taught  
In the days when eccleaslogy was  
the momentus theme.  
Our talk terminanted in a denial  
on the part of our friend, to a belief

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in the "big" Book" - Of course this was not unexpected as it has **happened** been known that discussions have terminated with the same result not a few times before.

**December 09, 1898**

Lake City. Fri. Dec.9-1898

Shortly after breakfast we left Bro. Wrights intending to go as far towards New Zion as the Section House, five miles South of Lake City. We passed on down on of the streets of the city and hap hazzardly run on to Bro. Pullin's house. In view of the fact that we had been invited to call, a visit was the only alternative. This, however did not change our former intentions in the least.

After a friendly chat of about 2 hours duration with Sister Pullin, we had dinner. Retiring to the Parlor we again made use of two hours more in talking; when we left for the station house where we spent the night.

**December 10, 1898**

New Zion. Sat.10-Dec. - 1898

This was a disagreeable day.  
The Thermometer ranged -I would

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suppose - as about 20° above zero.  
A drizzling rain fell nearly all day.  
This added greatly to the discomfort of

those who, like ourselves, were obliged to be out of doors. --

Five miles on the R.R. track-walking South from Section House -- brought us to Stogan. We did not ~~delay our~~ lengthen our stay at this place; but got our mail and continued New Zion-ward - arriving at Bro. Dowling's at about half-past eleven. Here we seated ourselves around the glowing herth, putting our feet near the fire to permit the heat to evaporate the water which had accumulated in our shoes while wading through the swamps.

Shortly after eating dinner Elds. Parker & Olsen came in. About an hour was now occupied in exchanging ideas. We exchanged Companions and went to some of the other saints to spend the night. Eld. Olson and myself spent the night with Bro. Wilson.

### **December 11, 1898**

New Zion Sun. Dec 11 -- 1898

We were up just in time to make ready for Sunday School

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At about time we were at the house of worship. Owing to the coldness of the weather the attendance at S.S. was limited; nevertheless there was an adequate number present to make it a successful gathering. After S.S. a recess of about 10 minutes was given after which we conducted a meeting - Eld. C.G. Parker presiding. After opening exercises Eld. Burrows spoke for a short time. Following him it fell to my lot to occupy a little of the time. Elder Olsen next gave us

some timely instruction. A few closing remarks were next made by Eld. C.G.Parker after which meeting closed in the usual way.

Eld. Parker and myself accompanied Bro. Dowling home and took dinner with him. Around his fire place we passed the time until 3 o'clock when we left for the other side of the Olusta where where we spent the night with a Mr. Pearse.

### **December 12, 1898**

New Zion Mon. Dec.12--1898

Leaving Bro. Pearces, we went to the P.O. and to the mail and returned to Bro. Dowlings. Here a spent most of the day att-

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ing to my affairs. My Journal was first written up; when I directed my time to study. In the mean time Elds. Burows and Olson come in. Arrangements were now made to separate for the night. Eld. Olson and my self were assigned to go and spend the night with a Bro. Williams To go to this place necessitated a four miles walk through swamp most of the way. After walking about three miles we got into wild looking country; thoughts ~~commenced to~~ about where we would spend the night commenced to pass through our minds. The sun was passing behind the western horizon -- making it appearant that it would be but a very short time ere the darkness of night would be upon us. We hastened on with a determination to continue walking until some house was reach.

A half a mile farther brought us in view of the house. The first thing that struck our minds was that we had found the wrong place. Children of all sizes shape, shade, and clore could be seen in front to the rear and in fact

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on all sides of the cabin. The chance for spending the night seamed to be slim. How ever, on nearing the house we were met by a young man who assured us that we had found the place we were hunting for. We were invited in and made welcome.

### **December 13, 1898**

New Zion. Tue. Dec. 13-98

Shortly after breakfast we went to Bro. Dowling's where we found Prest. Brown and ~~the~~ others of <sup>the</sup> Elders. Some time was spent in pleasant conversation. At about tin oclock Eld. Burrows left for the Douberley settlement. We arrived there at about four. Here we spent the night.

### **December 14, 1898**

Douberley Settlement. Dec 14 98

We remained at Bro. Douberleys all day. Most of the time was devoted to washing our clothes. At night we held a meeting in the school House.

### **December 15, 1898**

Lake City, Fla. Thur. Dec. 15 - 98

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Leaving the Douberley settlement we started for a Mr. Chastine; where we intended to preach. But getting out a short distance we got on the wrong road. The result of us getting lost was that we got on a Lake City road and was near the City before we knew it. Not wanting to go back and find the road - we continued on to the City, and on arriving there we went directly to Bro. Wrights where we spent the night.

**December 16, 1898**

Lake City. Fri. Dec. 16 - '98.

The day was passed at Bro. Jno. Wrights place. While the hours slowly passed away my attention was directed inside of a book, endeavoring to rob it of its contents and thereby enrichen my uper storey. Nothing of any note happened during the day.

**December 17, 1898**

Keen Settlement. Sat. Dec.17 '98.

Having eaten breakfast, we commenced to make preparation to start for the Keen Settlement. It was not long until our preliminary work was consumated and we were on the road headed towards the Keen

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Settlement. It was not a new road to see as we had traveled it before. Nor was it any more pleasant to travel. The swamps were full

this as a consequence necessitated  
log walking. We lost no time  
on the road but walked at a rapid  
rate -- reaching our destination  
at about one. We met Sister  
Keen who was very happy to see  
us.

During the afternoon I devoted  
my attention to study and  
writing.

### **December 18, 1898**

Keen Settlement. Fla. 12/18-'98.

Having in view our appointment  
at eleven, I devoted the first hour  
of the day to putting my self in fit  
shape for the occasion. This done  
I set down by the fire and  
passed two or three hours reading  
from O.Pratts' Works. In the mean  
time we started for the little  
School House out in the woods.  
It was not long after we got there  
until our congregation, which con-  
sisted of about 12, was in; and  
meeting was opened. I presided  
After singing Ye "Elders of Israel"  
I opened with prayer. Another

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hymn was sung when I arose to  
my feet and occupied about 40 minutes  
talking on kindred topics. The closing  
hymn was sung, when the benediction  
was offered by Eld. Burrows.  
We returned home with Keens'  
folks, and at their place we spent  
the afternoon. Immediately on get-  
ting to the house, I layed down for  
a nap. Nearly 3 hours passed away  
whiel I lay on the bed in silent  
meditation. During the evening  
some hymns were sung which  
added enlivenment to the occasion.  
At an early hour I retired for the

night.

**December 19, 1898**

Brown, Fla. Mon. Dec. 19 - 1898

While the great luminary was (apparently) treading its pathway towards the Meridian I was wending my way towards Brown - now and then jumping from log to chunk to avoid getting my feet saturated with the liquid in the Fla. swamps, commonly called water. Not unfrequently I would slip and get one or two feet wet. I persisted however, and continued on the way - reaching the place of destination just before twelve o'clock. Just before getting to Bro. Wright

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place we were met by a negro who prove to be an apostle of Secteranism. We stoped and had a short interview with him. He told to us that he hailed from Baltimore, Md. Before leaving he kindly invited us to be present at his Church on Christmas Day, where he was anticipating to have a memorial time.

**December 20, 1898**

Snowball, Fla. Tue. Dec. 20-98

Shortly after breakfast we started for the Snowball Settlement to meet the appointment at night that had been arranged for us. At Brown P.O. we waited for the north bound mail train - thinking we might possible have some mail. The mail having been destrubuted, to started on our journey. Getting out about 2 miles we stoped at a place to inquire concerning the to a Bro. Jos. Wright who lived

in the settlement that we had started for. We got the desired information and started through a field. We took a trail that led diagonally across the field. About half way through the field we met a young man who was at work cutting wood. We inquired concerning

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our road. On being told that there was a road outside the fence, I asked where it would take us. The youth, full of the spirit which Satan so freely sheds abroad in his disciples heart, said he had lived in the neighborhood for sixteen years and had never yet seen it take any anybody, any where yet. Continuing, he said; "If you will keep the road about half a mile you will get to Jos. Wright."

**December 21, 1898**

Snowball, Fla. Wed. 21 -- 1898

The day being rainy we remained at Bro Wright until noon. We were now invited to go home and take dinner with a neighbor. At the neighbor's we spent the afternoon, taking supper at their house; and accompanied Bro. Wright home for the night.

**December 22, 1898**

Snowball, Fla. Thurs. Dec. 22 98

We spent the forenoon at Bro. Jos. Wrights. After eating dinner we crossed the Swanee River in to Hamilton Co. Our object in going over was to visit our friend Bro. Milton.

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**December 23, 1898**

Snowball Fla. Fri. Dec. 23-1898

While at Bro. Miltons we ascertained the whereabouts of Elders W.H. Jensen and H. Monson. We further learned that they were at a Bro. Staffords place, who lived on our road. In view of this fact - having a desire to see them we took an early leave from Bro. Milton's. We found the Elds. at the place above mention; and stopped in and spent about three hours with them - taking dinner before we left. Shortly after eating we commenced to council together concerning a change of companions pro temple. A conclusion was soon arrived at; and it was decided that Eld. Jensen should accompany me into Columbia Co. to aide me in filling an appointment at night. All having assented to this move, Eld Jensen and myself started for Cal. Co - arriving at Bro. Jos. Wrights at about 3 oclock. I immediately commenced to clean up for the occasion at night. An old oak tub near the house afforded me a work tub - not the best however. I soon carried

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a few buckets of water, and shortly I was engaged in absolution of my body. This done, I set down on

the pizza and read away the time till supper; after which we started for the School house, the place of our appointment. A short distance on the road we met some young men engaged in an out of door frolic. We enquired of them concerning our appointment; and as to where the people around knew of it. They informed us that but few of the settlers knew any thing about our intentions of preaching, and moreover, gave it as their oppinion that there would in all probility be no one present. This ascertainment changed our proccediture: we turned around and went back to the place from which we came. But alas, on getting back to the house we found to our surprise the door locked: and after scrambling around for a few minutes, we were made acquainted with the fact that the occupants had left. What should be done. We either had to waite on the out side till they returned, or resort to stratogem. Almost all Florida cabins have a window near the chimney through ~~the~~ which ~~they~~ wood is taken - it be-

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ing layed on a scaffold erected for that purpose. To get through the window was the only alternative. So I proceeded at once to commence orpuntions. I secured Eld. Jensen's knife to use a tool to rase the latch which of course was on the inside. It was but a very short time after commenced work before we were by the fire warming ourselves.

**December 24, 1898**

Brown. Fla. Sat. Dec. 24.-1898

Having in view to spend Xmas at Bro. J.B. Wrights, we left Bro. Jos. Wrights place shortly after breakfast. Passing through Swanee Valley, we stopped in at Brown P.O. and got what mail there was for us. We lost no time but continued right on our road towards our destination. A mile on the road brought us to Falling Creek. Here we where stopped. In consequence of the heavy rain fall the creek had swollen enormously. The foot log was floating on top of the water, and it would require more acrobatic skill than we were gifted with to ~~eross~~ walk on it. To cross was obviously necessary, or, at least, the only alternative between eating

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turkey and remaining on this side. Mental exertions was the inititatory move. It was necessary to plan the modus opperanda before physical power could be manipulated to convert theory into practice. Some time was mainpulate in discussing the phroability of various plans which had come to our mind. It was at once appearant that it would be obvously necessary to take of our trousers in order to keep them dry. ~~Th~~ We now got into the water and commenced to floating logs and building a bridge. This took some time. In the meantime we had the foot log placed in such a position that, with the utmost care, we could we could remain on the top side of it. Some experimenting was indulged in before we attempted to carrie our grips across. about this time a negro came to our resque. We now commenced to farrying ourselves and possessions to the turkey eating side of Balling Creek. I pioneered the way. While crossing Eld. Jensen held the log to prevent it from turning.

When I got across. Eld Jensen followed.  
The African stodied the log for him.  
Thus we got safely across and at  
the same time had a Xymas Eve  
selebration; which, however, was

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a little cold. This did not dis-  
courage us: "The hope of reward" moved  
us to action. Our asthetic sens ocupied  
the the sense of feeling.

At Bro. Wright I got a letter  
which, on opening, proved to be from  
Mother. I perused this with pleasure.  
About this time Elds. Brows and  
Monson came in. - - Till noon, I  
mainpulated the time reading from  
the Book of Books - the bible. A hearty  
dinner was eaten, when we retired  
to the parlor and engaged in a pr  
for about an hour. Some one now  
talking about going swiming. The subject  
was taken up and discussed in all  
to oyen. The conclusion arrived at  
was that it would be quite an appropriate  
number on the program. Probably  
the reason we assented to this enjoyment  
was from the fact that it was so in-  
expensive. Yet notwithstanding  
the fact that it was inexpensive: it  
was cold enough to make our  
teeth chatter. Owing to the fact  
that the water was at so low timpeture  
we had pressing business at the  
house. We hurriedly dressed and  
went back to the house where we  
passed a an enjoyable evening.

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**December 25, 1898**

J.B. Wright Christmas.1898

~~When~~ Were one, who had been raised  
among the snow clad peaks of fair  
Utah, to look out of the window  
and by the appearance of the trees  
and vegetation, to give his opinion  
as to what time a year it was: he  
would not unprobably say that  
it was the Noble Day of the Nation.  
Nothing in nature presented one with  
idea that it was Christmas Day.  
It remained for the breakfast table  
to reveal this to us. On account of  
its elaborateness, it was deferred for  
some time. In the meantime we  
were bidden to go in and see the  
scene that was more pleasant to  
the palate than to the visionary organs.  
To partake of a table in Florida bedecked  
with such delusion as pies and cakes,  
was indeed a pleasure. ~~You may~~  
I - not wanting to be arrogant - was  
the chief participant; and was instru-  
mental in relieving the table of a  
share of its burden commensurate  
with my size and weight.  
Having eaten breakfast we all  
devoted about two hours to polishing  
up. This done, we surrounded the Xmas  
fire, and those in the company  
who had phrenological bumps of

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music, cheered us with some  
beautiful ~~musical~~ vocal selections.  
"Old Kentucky Home" ~~by Eld. Wm Jensen~~  
~~was~~ was melodiously sung by  
Eld. W<sup>m</sup> Jensen. The tender, sweet notes  
as they were full upon the Cold Xmas  
air ~~carried~~ my thoughts and  
wafted them homeward; there to be  
mingled with youthful and  
home enjoyment. It was indeed  
inspiring to an Eld. 32" hundred miles  
from his mountain home; nay more,  
the place where it is honor to believe

and cherish celestial truth. Where to be a follower of he who was slain is the predominating desire of ones heart. - - Hardly had the last notes of "Old Kentucky home." fell upon the air when the first notes of "Far away" peeled open our ears. This song led the way for "Down upon the 'Swanee River." A few good old Gospel hymns were sung to conclude the morning's enjoyment.

Dinner was next on the program. On getting into the Kitchen - people Fal. do not have dining room- we found that the table from which we ate breakfast was more elaborately decked at this time than it was on the previous occasion. The inner man now celebrated

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Xmas for about half an hour.

When dinner was over we went back to the parlor and passed the afternoon as we had the forenoon.

At night was when the enjoyment commenced. The first mischievous act on my part was to Ghost ~~to~~ Bro. Wright.

While we were sitting around the fire some hailed at the gate. Bro. Wright went to the door and inquired what they desired. He was told that they wanted something out of the store: so Bro. Wright got the key and went out. While he was out serving his customer I got a white sheet from Sister Wright, and made preliminaries for the fright. I told one of the Elds. to come out on the piazza after a short time and when he saw me with the sheet on to rush into the house as though he was scared nearly out of his wits. He agreed to this. I took the sheet, put it over my head and went up the road a short distance

and got behind a tree a waited until  
all was in readiness when I run by  
the door in a slow trot. I need  
not say that when Bro. Wright  
came out he stood aghast not  
knowing what to say or do.

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Our next number was blind  
man's buff. There were fun in all  
who pertisipated. The game went on  
in boy style. At a distance a  
spectator whould have pronounced  
a game of college Boy Rugby. This  
game made us about 3 hours of  
solid boy enjoyment. Refreshments  
were now served. Pies and cakes  
were in abundance. It it would  
only be an asismmatic statement  
~~to say that~~ over that the inner man  
was again reminded of the fact that  
it was Xymas.

### **December 26, 1898**

J.B. Wright's Fla. Dec.26-'98.

The day was spent at Bro.  
Wrights. Reading was indulged  
in most of the day, and as a  
sequence my knowledge of ecclesalogy  
was materially enlarged. A mimic  
debate on some of the principles  
of the Gospel. between Eld. Jensen  
and myself, attracted some attention.  
I took the affirmative side; and avowed  
that the Mormon were teaching  
doctrines that where not congruent  
with the standard of ecclesiastical  
truth - the bible. Eld. Jensen followed  
with the negative. Essentially of  
Baptism was the first principle

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under discussion. This opened up the way for a pro and con argument on the necessity of the imposition of Hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost. Apostacy was not passed by untreated. Thirty minutes was devoted to elucidating this principle. I alleged that Faith was not the moving course of action. This allegation brought on a discussion of this principle. The afternoon was quickly passed near the fire reading the Bible. Nothing noteworthy happened. Another frolic at night similar to that of last night was in order shortly after supper. It is needless to say that we greatly enjoyed ourselves. At a very late hour we retired for the night. ---

### **December 27, 1898**

Benton. Fla. Dec. 27 -- 1898

Shortly after breakfast I accompanied Elds. Jensen and Monson to Brown to get my mail. I waited at the Station until the team came. It brought with it two letters for me. one from Prest. Parker and one from father. Getting these I started back.

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We had an early dinner at Sister Wright's, and started for Big Creek. We got on our road about seven miles, we met a young man and inquired of him where Big Creek was; he told us that we were two miles past it. The Sun was nearly down. We knew it would be dark before we could come the two miles. The stranger informed us that Bro. Dunence lived

but a mile and a half on futher.  
This being the nearest place where  
we could stay we went right on-  
getting to Bro. Dunence about  
five o clock.

### **December 28, 1898**

Benton. Fla. Dec. 28 - 1898

Having in view to preach at  
the Oak Grove Church, at a short  
distance from Bro. Durrence's, we  
remained at the above day during  
the entire day.

Just before Bro. Durrence's children  
started for school I wrote a note  
to the teacher when I sent by the  
children. In the note I politely  
impertuned her to give out notice  
about our preaching. It was  
demonstrated to me afterwards  
that she was an enemy to the

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cause. When the children came  
home they brought back not only  
my note, but also words to the ef-  
fect that she would not have any  
thing to do with it.

I spent the entire forenoon  
writing up my Journal for the past  
days. While the afternoon hours  
passed in to eternity, I assidiously  
perused the scriptures. Nothing that  
was a departure from the ordinary  
happened until night.

Shortly after leaving the supper  
table, and being seated around the fire,  
some one hailed at the gate.

The strangers proved to be a family  
traveling through, who, as a consequence  
of night having overtaken them were  
desirous of staying over the night  
with the man at whose place  
we held tempoary quarters. Bro. Durrence  
being a 'Mormon' with a 'Mormon'  
heart beating in his breast, made

them welcome under his ~~board~~ roof  
The gentleman on entering was introduced to me. In the meantime he took a seat near the fire. He had been seated but a short time when I inaugurated a conversation, by interrogating him relative to his place of residence and place of birth. My aim, of course, was to lead

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him on to themes of a religious character. Our friends answer to my questions made me acquainted with the fact that he had been living for some time in the state of Texas. This ascertained knowledge made a vantage ground from which I could pilot directly to the subject upon which I was desirous of deliberating. One more question on my part put us adjacent to the ~~question~~ theme which is, or, should be the paramount-rose with the human family. In trend of the fact that I had already, by quizing, made myself possesor of the knowledge as to ~~our friends~~ where † our friends hailed from; I now asked "the-onse ranger" if the people in Texas were devotionaly inclined. He answered me that they were. Continuing my tactics: I asked him what churches they had. I was told that the had Baptists , Methodist and Catholics. In order to get our friend interested, I proseeded to talked on the relative claimes of Protestant and Catholic Churches to being devinely established -of course I defended the "Mother Church", as this was the most efficacious modus op-  
porandus. † When it is known that our friend was a Baptist, it is needless to say that my

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proceedings produced the desired effects.

For about ten minutes

I played "High Cards" on authority beating my antagonist at every game. Meanwhil time it was perceavilbe that "Apostasy" would be a winning game. I adduced an adaquace of scriptural evidences to maintaing the cononosity of this doctrine, which is so obnoxious to the adhearents of the secterian denominations. About this time our discussion was at the climax. The man from Texas had learned that the ism comonly called "Mormonism" was more than he could handle. HIs only alter-native was to say that he did not like to talk scripture.

His object for taking this step was perceptable to me. The object was obvious. He was of the class of whom the apostle said could not indure sound doctrine.

In view of the fact a conver-sation is a dead issue, when there is but one side to it. I concluded - saying that I was aware of the fact that Paul had said that "the Kings should come when they would not

endure sound doctrine." but I had never thought that you was one of this class. This as a matter of fact was a rather abrupt ending; yet it answered the purpose. In a short time I was in bed. I could lay there and hear our friend going over the ground aagin

in a vain attempt to mend  
up what he had done.

**December 29, 1898**

Benton. Fla. Dec. 29 - 1898

The day was spent at Bro.  
Durrences attending to the  
multifaceted duties enjoined  
upon me. During the morning  
hours I transferred a few ideas  
from my mind ~~an~~ to paper  
which I had in view to consign  
to the Word at home. The doings  
of the afternoon, to some extent,  
were analogous to those of  
the forenoon. I continued on  
my letter for about two hours  
when I turned my attention  
to the perusal of the Gospel by  
B.H. Roberts

At night we met in  
the church near Bro. Durrence's  
and held a short meeting

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**December 30, 1898**

Benton. Fla. Dec. 30 - 1898

In view of the fact that we  
were desirous to preach at the  
above named place, we left  
Ben. Durrence's starting for B  
a Bro. Kirklan's. The distance  
to the br covered was but four  
miles consequently it was not  
long ere we were at our pre-  
determined destination.

A short distance from  
Kirklan's we met a young  
man, dressed in a College  
uniform. Knowing that he  
lived near the place which we  
were in search for, we asked

him if he could tell us the road.  
He being insolent, indignant arrogant and above all ignorant-tolds us to go right on down the road - adding that we could inquire at the "Mill" which was situated beyond our destination.  
At Bro. Kirklan's I found a book treating on the Gospel as beleved by the Missionaries Baptists.  
Having an avidity to acquaint myself, as far as possible, with the doctrin of all churches, I took up the book and perused its pages for some 3 hours - reading

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about "Conviction." Repentance "Faith in Christ" "Confessions of Christ in Baptism and other topics equally falacious. I pursued my investigation adequately for to ascertain that their dogmas were not congruent with the standard of truth - Bible. I noted in particular a comment of the "Holy Trinity. The author proceeded by explaining the character of the three personages - manting at the beginning that there were three personages in the God Head. Futher on in explanation he was brought face to face with the task of proving that three equals one. One could ~~pe~~ easily perceve that however onlious a preacher the author might have been, he was undeniable deficient in Mathematics Getting himself into a delima, he resorted to strategem which was the only efficacious prosediture to extracate himself from the labrynth that he had inadvertantly heaped upon himself; in a vain attempt to demonstrate a principle of which he was so egregiously ignorant. In extricating himself

he said that it is Biblical to maintaining that there are

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three distinct personages in the God Head, also to believe that those three personages constitute on being, or words to the same effect. But, says he, how this is, we can not comprehend. Continuing, he says: There are other things that are explicable. We do not even know ourselves. I suppose [3] that, if this man were to get our boat three miles from shore, he would apply the same arguments; and convert the three miles into one so he could get to the shore before the "breath of life" left him. A pleasant evening was spent around Bro. Kirklan's fire, talking on sundry topics.

**December 31, 1898**

Hope Will, Fla. Dec. 31 - 1898

With a desire to preach at Hope Will we left Bro. Kirklan's shortly after breakfast. On getting within a mile of our predetermined destination, it commenced to rain. We saw a house in the woods a short distance ahead, and not being desirous of getting wet we hurried on to the place of shelter. We hailed at the gate and were kindly invited

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in. We were given a chair on the pizza, and shortly were en-

gaged in a friendly talk on current events. In the meantime the gentleman of the house came in. Our talk now drifted towards realitys. After a short preliminary the bible writings afforded adequate material for chats. We had not proceeded far when our friend attacked me of the "terable crime" of Polygomy. I adduced scriptural evidences in an adiquate quantity to prove the doctrine biblical. My arguments on this subject proved to be efficacious. ☩ The man who would provo Polygamy a malicious practice now proceeded on other lines. -

Realizing the effiacy of our hymn's, and the effects that they produce upon people, we thought it a good plain to sing some. After singing a few hymns we resumed our talk.

I proceeded by reading our articles of faith. Following this I entered into a lenghty and comprehensive discussion of the Devine Authentisity of the B of M This took up some time.

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In the meantime we took our leave - continuing on our journey. As we went on we notified the settlers of our intentions of holding meeting on the morrow. A short distance on the raod lived a Mr. Green,- an Advent Pastor. We called at is place and found the desc of the church, Mr. Howard. By him we were invited home for the night. At his home, we passed a very pleasant evening talking on doctrinal points, and singing hymns.

**January 01, 1899**

HopeWill, Fla. Jan. 1 - 1899

New Year's day was rendered unpleasant by the extreme coldness of the weather. A chilly wind blew incessantly during the entire day; this too, was derogatory to enjoyment. Some of the duties enjoined upon me for the first day in the year 1899 was to preach in the church at eleven o'clock. Having this in view I commenced to make ready as soon as I had arisen. Fully half an hour ~~of~~ was taken up in combing and brushing my hair and clothes.

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In the meantime when this was done. I sat down by the glowing hearth and engaged in a Gospel talk until meeting time.

At about half past ten we started for the church. I buttoned up my coat and tied a handkerchief around my neck ~~to keep~~ so as to keep as comfortable as possible. We walked along briskly covering the distance in a short time.

On the Sunny side of the church we found about a dozen human beings of the male sex. After shaking hands with all I set down on the steps. In the meantime a Baptist Pastor made his appearance on the scene. He approached me and took my by the hand. after which he seated himself near ~~my~~ where I was holding forth. It was not long before he commenced taking on the alimportant subject of ecclesiology - attempting to show that the Gospel that he

advocated was similar to that which we believed. He said the only difference was in fact that we practiced the imposition of hands for the reception of the the Holy Ghost. Continuing, he argued that the

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† imposition of hands was not an essential ordinance of the Gospel. His argument was based upon the fact that the Savior did not receive the Holy Ghost by the compliance with that ordinance. It took me but a short time to appease him and bring him to his and I proved at once to show that no one had the authority ~~to John~~ to confer the Holy Ghost by the imposition of hands anterior to John's time. I adduced my proofs from Holy Writ - surrounding all points with scriptural evidences - making it impossible to confuse my assertions. A few minutes later one by reading our Baptist friend's physiognomy would assert to a decision that he was ~~of a taciturn man~~ characteristically taciturn. I, however, talked on - explaining comprehensively my point. This done I went inside I prepared to open meeting. When all had come in we sang a hymn to commence meeting with. After prayer another was sung; when I arose I talked for some time of the principle of Repentance

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No sooner had we got out side till the Baptist Pastor approached me and asked me if we would go and preach at his neighbor's hous. I assured him that we would be pleased to. In consequence of our new appointment we accompanied a Mr. Walker home and spent the after noon at his house - as a matter of course around the fire. Singing was engaged in for some time. After which I ~~asked consent~~ asked our frind if he would like to have me talk on the scripture. He consented. I took a card with the articles of our faith on the back and read them. This done, I proceeded at once to explain them - taking them up one by one. At least an hour was taken up in this talk; and I had only got to the fifth article. We were now disturbed by some young men coming in. We made a change of proceedings now - commencing to sing hymn again. After supper the room was filled to its utmost capacity. A table was arayed and and a light sit upon it; when we proceeded to have preaching. -----

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**January 02, 1899**

Hope Will Fla. Jan 2- 1899

To-day was similiar to yesterday - cold - dreary; and consequently necessitate taking quarters near the fire.

On arising I walked out from the house a short distance and while there two gentleman who were not consious of me being there, come

along a road near the place where I was at. As they **neared** approached next to me I could hear that they were conversing about the "Mormons" and the doctrines advocated by them. With a desire to ascertain more in particular concerning the subject of their talk, I concealed myself behind some brush. I succeeded in keeping them ignorant of my presence. It was alleged by one of the gentlemen that Eld. Isom, who had traveled in this co, for nearly a year, had claimed to possess the power of raising the dead; continuing he said: "I know that he can't, because <sup>[4]</sup> there was a lady **living** that died at Oak Zion when four of the Elders were present and they could not raise her from the dead. During the forenoon hours I

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worked on my letter that I was writing to the Ward at home. About three o'clock we left Mr. Walkers, starting for a Mr. Milton who lived about five miles from Mr. Walker's. Just before dark we arrived at our predetermined destination. We were met at the gate and kindly invited to in. While seated at the near the fire we talked on, for some time. In the meantime Sister Milton, a member of the church; who lay sick in bed was desirous that we should come in and talk to her some. I gladly complied with her wishes, and went in and spent about two hours near her bed side. Before leaving - at her request - we administered to her. As a consequence of Bro. Milton's

room being scares, and his house being incommodous, we made ready, after supper, to go and spend the night with a kind neighbor.

At this place we passed a very pleasant evening singing Gospel Hymns.

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### **January 03, 1899**

Benton. Fla. Jan. 3. 1899

After eating breakfast we went back to Bro. Milton's place. At his request we remained here nearly the entire day. -

At about ten I went to a pond of water near the place to have a bath. This was the first experience of this kind in the winter month of January. I water, of course, was "not so warm."

Just before sun down we left Br. Hugh Milton and to his brothers where we spent the night.

At this place the evening hours were made lively by a violin in the hands of Bro. Milton who, - judging from the ease with which he handled the bow - have played the a ~~se~~ similar instrument before. -----

### **January 04, 1899**

Benton. Fla. Jan. 4 - 1899

With the intention of going to Big. Creek we left Bro. Sol. Milton shortly after breakfast. On the way we stopped in at a sisters and ate dinner.

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and also got some cane to chew. Leaving here we continued on to a John Milton's where we passed the night.

During the evening hours were enlivened by Mr Milton playing the violin.

**January 05, 1899**

J. B. Wrights Thur. Jan 5 - 99

A walk through swamps an along sandy roads for a distance of about nine miles changed our surroundings from that of being in under the roof of Mr. Jno Milton to that of being at the home of Bro. Wright - a "Mormon" to the subject of believing in the hideous? principle of plurality of wives. Then we were surprised to meet Elds. Monson at W.H. Jensen. It was not long after that we ascertained the ~~w~~h the object of these Elders being out of their Co. Hardly had I taken a seat in the pizza when Eld. Monson commenced to make known to me the radical changes that had been I was to take Eld. Jensen and go and work the City of Jasper -

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**January 06, 1899**

J. B. Wright. Fri. Jan. 6 - 1899

Owing to the change that had to inacted my mind, as usual, was in an unsettled state. We remained at Bro. Wright's the entire day - also spending the night with him. Elds. Monson and Burrows left us shortly after dinner.

**January 07, 1899**

Swift Creek. Sat. Jan. 7 - 1899

Having in view my future field of labor, we took our leave from Bro. Wright's shortly after breakfast. We stoped in at Benson P.O. and inquired for mail and continued on our road - walking at a rapid rate we arived at Bro. Stafford's - who lives at White Springs, before noon. He was very pleased to see us. After eating we passed three hours in pleasant conversation. Desiring to go futher on our road, we took our leave and walked on to Bro. Milton's, at Swift Creek.

**January 08, 1899**

Jasper. Fla. Sun. Jan. 8 - 1899

In consequence of an inadequacy of course the cold necessitated

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an early rise. Opening the door of my room I could see before me the golden sun casting a golden glimmer over in nature's bussome. We hastened to make ready to start on our road to our predetermined destination. Notwithstanding the fact of our consiciousness of twelve miles ahead that had to be transversed in order to reach the next stoping place - we

kept the fast - eating no breakfast.  
We bid the folks Good-by and in  
a short time two Eld. Jensens' were  
making a rapid march to-wards  
Jasper.

We stoped in at Bro. Willis  
for a rest- remaining there about  
an hour chatting on current events.  
Leaving here we went on to Mr. Hogan  
where we spent evening and night.

### **January 09, 1899**

Jasper. Fla. Mon. Jan. 9 - 1899

The day has now come  
in which I was to be initiated  
into city work. The contemplation  
of this caused no little sitr near  
the regions of intelectual headquarters.  
All kinds of immaginations consum-  
~~ing~~ concering the outcome of our  
move, passed through my mind.  
Nevertheless, I lost no time in

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amalgamating all the available  
reasources, in my feable anatomy,  
into a capital stock; which ~~aggre~~  
~~gated to~~ in the aggregate, amounted  
to grit to<sup>an</sup> adaquacy of grit - making  
a force equal to the weathering of  
the storm.

A four ~~with~~ miles from Mr.  
Hogan's is situated the city of  
Jasper, the city we were billed to  
work. The distance was covered  
in short time. As we stepped from  
tye to tye, on the Ga. S. & Fla. R.R.  
we chatted about mobs, rejected testimony  
slambed doors and other kindred subjects.  
Two miles of the distance is covered, and  
we are now in front of the home  
of a Mr. Bell, a noted deaist. We  
rehearsed the result of the attemp of  
Elds Blood and Lunds, to work the  
city we where about to enter; and

the part played in the affair by Mr. Bell. The scene was fresh before us. I had not forgotten how our friend, the deist, had protected the Elds. when they were attacked by those who pretended to be followers of He who said 'Peace on earth and good will to man'

~~When~~ The above named Elders had interviewed the proper authorities and obtained their consent to use

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the Hamilton Co. Court House for the purpose of holding a few religious meetings. The When the time came to fill the appointment a good congregation came out. Among the rest was an Ex Methodist preacher, who was now State Attorney. This 'christian?' or in other words Phorsel had opposed the cause of truth from the outset; and had executed himself in doing all in his power that was derogatory to the success of those who being called of God as was Aaron - bear the message of truth to the inhabitants of the earth. It is not an unfair inference to say that his sole object in coming out was to break up the meeting. Of course there were others present with like notion, but the ex-Gospel Merchandiser was the prime mover. The meeting had only opened when the man who in the days of ~~the Son of Man~~ the Master would have been styled a hypocrite - commenced to asking some questions relative to the practice of plural marriage. While ~~some~~ the Elds. were answering him some one blew out the lights leaving all in the dark. It was not long after this happened before some one came forward and

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slaped Elder Blood on the cheak.

The Elder being a true disiple turned the other cheak. This put every thing in an uproar and it was found to be a wise plan for the Elds. to make their escape. Mr. Bell accompanied them to offer protection. He took them home for the night.

We talked of these things as we wendid our way to-wards the city.

The two miles from Mr. Bells to Jasper were soon covered.

Our first move, on getting to the place of destination, was to see the authorities concerning the use of the Court House. We had no trouble in finding the Sheriff, Mr. Paulhill. He seamed to be willing to permit us to use the building; but not wanting to take the whole responsibility upon himself, he refered us to the Clerk of the Court - telling us that he was the proper man to interview. We found the Clerk in the form of a little black eyed Methodist - commonly known as Mr. Call. He as a consequence of having an ax to grind or, in other words, had~~ving~~ some false doctrines, stamped upon his bump of conviction, <sup>^</sup>and that he feared very much ~~that they~~ would be obliterated should they rub ub against the sturdy oak of truth - opposed us, and

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would not grant us permission.

It was now perceptiate that our only alternative was to resort to the streets. We determined to canvas the entire town before ~~we~~ attempting to preach.

Commencing at the P.O. we went on down the principal business

street of the town. Our first attempt was in a Hardware store. Elder Jensen lead out with a tract in his hand towards the proprietor -asking ~~thim~~ if he would not accept a tract?

The hardware man gave him a negative answer. A by-stander had a like apperation performed upon him, also, by Eld.Jensen; the result was a second rejected testimony.

My turn came next. I had no trouble in getting rid of my tract. We continued on down the block, giving every body we met the ~~pap~~ little pamphlet containing the principles of truth.

On getting to the corner we determined upon giving the Methodist. Pastor a call. A by-stander directed us to his place of residence. A walk of ~~a-block~~ about a quarter of a mile to the South, put us in front of a large two story cottage, which is owned, furnished and kept

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up by the people for the benifit of the man who tells fables ~~to-tickle their ears~~ fifty-two times a year to tickle the ears of those ~~people~~ who pertend to be a followers of He who was slayn. No doubt the reverend gentleman manipulates ~~of~~ some of the time during the week in manufacturing the fables that are so valuable that fifty two discourse on them, commands the enormous sum of \$900. on the market.

Our object in calling upon the ~~man whose head was a fable-machine~~, mill was not to get the use of his church. We not only entertained no hopes of securing the <sup>[5]</sup> from the outset use of the building, but fully realized that it would be as near an impossibility for a "Mormon" Elder to be permitted to reiturate ~~from~~ the Gospel of apostolic times from his pulpit,

as it will be for him to enter  
heaven unless he repents. Of course  
we excused our call by asking  
permission to use this church.  
On getting to the pizza I taped  
lightly on the floor; the door was  
opened and young lad about to  
come out. I enquired for his father.  
The young lad said that he was  
in the house - taking us in and  
seating us in the parlor, he went

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for his pa. Meanwhile the man  
we wanted to see made his appear-  
ance. He had on a coat of the  
preaching fraternity's special make.  
Futher description would hardly be  
necessary, unless it should be noting  
the fact that his chin was adorned  
by a bird that defies description inside  
of the boundary lines of my vocabulary.  
However, if plagiary is permissable,  
I would add that our friend, Mr. Bell  
says that is the envy of any Billy  
Goat in town. His manners externally  
were igregeously affible. With all the  
courtesy of a prince he walked across  
the parlor floor; as he approached  
us he said: "Good Morming"  
"Gentlemen." "Good Morning" - "I am  
pleased to see you. Continuing  
his pharasairal manuever, he  
bid us have a seat. Meanwhile  
the man who reminded me of the Q3  
Chp. of Matt. also took a seat. Now  
was the time for us to make known  
the object of our visit. Without any  
formalities, I made him acquainted  
with the fact that we were ministers  
of the Gospel; and that we were de-  
sireous of using his church for the  
purpose of holding a few meetings.  
We now gave the Rev. Gentleman  
time to make his answer, which

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was delayed <sup>some</sup> owing to the obstruction in his throat that had to be removed. The phlegm was carried down from the vocal organs by an effort that was remarkably audible. He was now about ready to make us an answer. We listened attentively for the decision. Clearing his throat again - he said: "I can not possibly let you have it: for the outcome of your religion is polygamy. I impatiently gave him to understand that his ideas were egregiously erroneous. Our friend, however, was obstinate in maintaining the truthfulness of his allegation: and to abnegate the good faith of the saints in abrogating the practice of this - to the world - heinous crime, he said - having referred to B.H. Roberts - "how is it that you are sending a man to congress that has three wives." I explained, in few words the situation - being very careful to leave a gap through which the Reverend gentleman could pass ~~and~~ ~~it~~ into an argument on the biblical doctrine of a man having more than one better half. This attempt did not, however, prove efficacious as the soul dealer was slow to bite the bait that I put out for him.

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I charged again, this time, right to the point. Assuming my privileged voice in the prattle - I said: The practice you have reference to can not be ~~a~~ ~~very~~ considered ~~ignominious~~ immoral by any one who believes in the sacred volume called the bible: as you,

will<sup>^</sup>find by reading one chapt. That it commads the practice of polygamy. Moreover, we read in the good old book that God gave a certain man ~~his~~ a plurality of wives. At about this juncture the man of sanctity, with some effort, cleared his throat, and said: "I do not wish to discuss the subject with you! Adding ~~that~~ he gave us to understand that he had read the bible more than we had. Notwithstanding his familiarity with the good book his was very cautious, and exerted all ~~the~~ his powers to avert an argument. At last, finding that my avidity to talk was irrepulessiable, he arose and politely - and I might say-pharasaically - said: "you will have to excuse me. He now withdrew from the room; we accompanied him to the door. Just before leaving we offered him a tract. This act on our part was

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the means of raising the good man's temper. He indignantly said: "I will not permit one to be around the place: As he walked into another room, we politely bid him good morning and took our leave. We now convassed on down the street. In the meantime coming to a house and knocking - a young lady ~~come~~ stepped to the door. I taped my and simultaneously said Good Morning. Taking a tract in my hand I informed her who we were and told<sup>^</sup>her that we would like to present her with this tract. She shook her head in a manner that designated ~~in-the~~ a negation in the dumb mutes; and at the same time making use of a word that in the hog vocabluary, is etomologically rendered no. After this manuverism

the young damsel slipped inside,  
closing the door with some force.  
From this on until about  
three o'clock every thing went on  
smoothly. At about this time we  
beheld a gentleman coming down  
the street towards us. It proved to be  
the Gospel man. We fully understood  
his motives for parading the  
streets. False teachers had come  
and it was obviously necessary

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for the good shepherd to warn the  
sheep, and, if possible, prevent  
them from perusing the "letuse"  
literature that these ~~were~~ distributing  
wolves in sheep's clothing were  
distributing.

As the preacher passed us I was  
in the act of handing a lady  
a tract. A physiognomical reading  
[8] this time of the countenance of the man,  
who pretends to believe in the bible, would  
in all probability, reveal the fact  
that, away down in his heart, he  
was praying that the good woman  
would refuse to accept ~~ance~~ to the little  
pamphlet. His eyes stuck out  
as though they were suspended on  
pins: To our joy his prayer was  
not answered. The lady gladly  
accepted the tract, and we, as  
the unich, went on our way  
rejoicing.

Nothing of any note transpired  
during the remainder of the  
day.

At about four we left town  
- going out about three miles  
to a family of saints to spend  
the night.

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**January 10, 1899**

Jasper, Fla. Tue. 1/10 - 1899

Having eating breakfast we made ready to go to our field of labor. It was not latter ~~that~~ than eight when we commenced counting the ties towards Jasper. We first called at the P.O. after which we took our grip to the Co. Clerk's office and left it there to save the energy that would ~~be~~ **required** had to be expended in taking it. We filled our pocket with tracts and ~~comme~~ resumed our work canvassing. At about noon we had consomated the work begun yesterday. As we walk through the town we run on to a young man who was acquainted with quite a number of the Elders. He kindly invited us to go home with him for dinner. We gladly yealded and accompaned him to his home, spending about an hour ~~with~~ at his place in pleasant conversation.

On getting back to town, we went to the Court House for our grips and commesed to make ready to preach on the streets during the afternoon.

After interviewing the City Marshal

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and securing his promise of protection we called upon a man who owned a vacant corner near the center of the city. We asked permission to preach on the lot, which was granted. We ~~p~~ now walked up the street to the place where, in a few minutes, we stood up and preached the Gospel

to those who come near. A business house had been burned down on this spot leaving a safe on the ground, which afforded us a seat and pulpit. Walking to ~~this~~ the iron case which had been used for storing money in days gone by, we took a seat upon it and immediately commenced to sing. "Do what is right," was selected as a starter. ~~Eld~~ I went off with the lead and Eld. Jensen followed up with the tenor. The vibrations of the air carried the notes to every nook and corner in the burg. Two lines had hardly been sung when windows and doors commenced to open on all sides. People of nearly every description with the vacant lot as their objective point, could be seen walking nearly all the streets. White men, Black men, gentleman and men that were not gentlemen

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at all surrounded us. standing at a sufficient distance ~~away~~ from us, as ~~not~~ to render it impossible for us to sprinkle Mormon powder upon them, and as a consequent, cause them to want to go to the land of "Mormondom" A few of the fairer sex also came around to hear of the religein of many wives. Before commencing to talk we sang two more hymns. Looking around I saw that there were enough to open fire at. I took of my hat layed it upon the safe arose and faced the greater portion of the people. ~~and~~ My opening words - due to the surroundings - were of a political nature. Standing erect I said: Fellow citizens I have the honor of appearing before you as a representative of the Church

of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints -  
the church commonly known as  
"Mormons." Every body was hushed  
to silence, With crained necks and  
mouths open they listened with eagerness  
to catch every word that droped  
from my lips. After talking a  
short time upon the unpopularity  
of the church and Gospel of Christ,  
I directed my attention to the  
subject of Repentance.

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Owing to the fact of not being  
used to speaking in the open air,  
I soon became hoarse and was  
obliged to sit down. No sooner  
had I taken my seat than Eld.  
Jensen arose and talked until  
he was hoarse. I followed him-  
talking on the imposition of hands  
for the gift of the Holy Spirit. In  
the course of my remarks I  
refired to the 6th Chp. of Hebrews -  
quoting therefrom the doctrine of  
Christ. In conjunction with this  
quotation I inculcated upon  
the minds of those asembled the  
fact that it was written that "who-  
so ever trans gresseth and abideth  
not in the doctrine of Christ  
hath not God." (2 Jno. 9). I made  
it appearant that they needed the  
Gospel ~~fr~~ by showing that none  
of the crafts of chistendom abided  
in the doctrine of salvation.  
I talked on for some time  
when Eld. Jensen made his  
second discourse. We now both  
so hoarse that we could hardly talk  
We sang a hymn and  
left the town to itself.

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**January 11, 1899**Jasper. Fla. Wed. 1/11 - 1899

We had determined to go back to Jasper and resume our labors, but owing to the fowl weather, we were obliged to change our plans. We, however, went in and got our mail and returned to Mr. Wille's where we passed the entire day. At night we had an enjoyable meeting at the house of Mr. Willis.

**January 12, 1899**White Springs. Thur. 1/12 - '99

Persuant to request of Prest. Parker, to come to New Zion after working Jasper, we left Mr. Willis place shortly after eating breakfast. We counted ties southward about fifteen miles on the G.S. & F. R R. We stoped at a Bro. Staffords for the night.

**January 13, 1899**J.B. Wright. Fri. 1/13 - 1899

Leaving Bro. Staffords we walked on to Bro. Wrights where we put in the day, attending to such duties as presented themselves befor yo.

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**January 14, 1899**

J.B. Wright. Sat 1/14 - 1899

The day was passed at the above place, devoted mainly to study.

**January 15, 1899**

J.B. Wright. Sun. 1/15 - 99.

In view of the fact of being requested by our Prest. to come to Lulu; and not wanting pack sand the entire distance; we determined to take the train early in the morning.

We were roused out early in the morning. At five we were making our way towards Brown station to meet the train.

We arrived at New Zion OK. Meet with the people in S.S. and preached to them afterwards. Being invited home by Bro Murphy, I spent the night under his roof.

**January 16, 1899**

New Zion. Mon. 1/16-99.

A walk of about 3 miles to meet the Elders was the beginning of the days ant

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Meeting the Elders at Dr. Dowling  
We now went to the P.O. -Returning  
I went and spent the night  
with Bro. Jordan. While the  
evening hours passed away,  
I was engaged in pleasant  
conversation.

**January 17, 1899**

New Zion. Tue. 1/17 - 1899

Walked to P.O. and returned  
and spent the night with  
Bro. ~~John Jordan~~ Dowling.

**January 18, 1899**

New Zion Wed. 1/18 - 1899

After going to the P.O.  
I returned and passed the  
night with Bro. John Jordan.  
During the evening hours  
I talked Gospel to some strangers.  
They having a child requested me  
to bless it. This was the first  
event of this kind in my experience.

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**January 19, 1899**

New Zion. Thur. Jan. 19 - 1899

Leaving Bro. Jordons' where we spent  
the night. I went to Bro. Dowlings.  
Here I was surprised to meet  
Prest. Parker, and others of the Brethren.  
After talking a short time about  
happenings during our situation,  
I was put to work on the records.  
Thus the time until night was  
mainpulated working writing  
up the ~~history~~ genaologies of  
baptisms. This done, I went  
to Bro. Murphys where I spent  
the night.

**January 20, 1899**

New Zion Fla. Jan 20 1899

Persuant to request of Prest

Parker, I returned to Bro. Dowlings  
where I was met by the Prest.  
and other Elders. I had <sup>^</sup>not been here  
long before it was revealed to  
me that I was billed for a  
trip South. This news was  
unexpected and undesired.  
Acting upon the call, now  
I commenced to pack my grip  
and made ready for the trip  
which was about 200 mile walk.  
After dinner we started

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Shortly after dinner we bid  
the folks good-by, shouldered our  
grips and turned our faces  
Southward. Our predetermined  
destination was Mr. Blockwelder.  
We walked rapidly along through  
the woods, reaching Mr. Block's  
place just as the sun was  
hiding its face behind the  
western horizon.  
We were kindly invited  
in. In consequence of the cane  
grinding at the place we  
enjoyed ourselves for some  
time drinking juice, chewing  
cane and eating sugar foam.  
At night we passed the  
time around the hearth taking  
about the thing that pertained  
unto life eternal.

**January 21, 1898**

Ward Station. Fla. 1/21 - 1899

When our eyes opened and the  
vale of sleep passed from over  
our organs of thought; about the  
first message that run down the  
run lines was 'Going South'  
Shortly after we were ready  
breakfast was announced. We

went in and partook of the "Grits  
and Greece." Returning afterwards

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to the fireside we talked Gospel  
to the Land Lord.

Just as were making  
ready to start Elders Jensen  
and Staples come to the house  
to enquire about the road.

They were invited in and treated  
to cane and cane juice. Of course  
it would be superfluous to add that  
I partook with them.

With a long stock of cane  
in our hands we turned our faces  
Southward.

We walked together but a  
short distance: when Elders J  
and Staples went on ahead while  
my companions and myself came  
up on the rear.

When about fifteen miles was  
covered the sun was hiding its  
face behind the trees. It was time  
to be looking for a place to spend  
the night. We agreed to call at the  
very next place and try for  
entertainment. Another half mile was  
stepped when we saw to our left,  
a short distance from the road, a  
farm house. Without hesitating we  
walked up the place. Finding the  
gentleman in the front yard, I told  
who we were, and asked him if he  
could entertain us

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informed that he never took any  
. Bidding the man who "would  
not do it unto the least of these"  
good-morning, we went on to the

next home. Our attempt here proved to us that the man had a stone heart For an excuse he refused us on to the next place where for the third time we were refused. A mile from here was Ward City. We had the name of a gentleman residing there who had been in the habit of entertaining the Elders. With the hope of staying at this man's place we hurried on in the moonlight to his place. But alas to our discovery, he was not at home. My companion looked at his watch and found it to be seven o'clock. The sun had now been down for over an hour. It was a cold night. And stopping out would be very uncomfortable. Says I we must try again. We did. After six refuse we came to the house of the P. I hailed a number of times before I could get any answer. In the meantime he came to the door. I kindly told who we were and explained our situation. After some pleading, we were invited in.

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**January 22, 1899**

Ward City, Fla. Sun. 1/22 - 1899

Notwithstanding the fact that it was Sunday, we were for obvious purpose obliged to continue our journey. Of course oft seems almost unnecessary to say that the reason why, we were so eager to walk on the Sabbath was due to the fact that we were not welcome at the place where we had been stopping for the night.

We had walked about five miles when we come to a house facing a land. Seeing a man on

the pizza, we enquired of him concerning the road to Waldo. The Gentleman came out and in a short time we were in the midst of a friendly conversation on religion. The result was, I sold him a V of W. Taking tour, we were invited to come in. I understood that it was only meant for a temporary invitation. ~~But being~~ But Being desirous of staying over until morning, I said we did not like walking on Sunday and would be pleased to stop over until morning. The old gentleman agreed. In a short time we were sitting on the pizza talking about current events. It was

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not long before the subject of our conversation drifted to that of religion. We talked on until noon when we went to the Kitchen and partipated in the regular fare.

~~As the~~ sun commenced to pass on down from the earth, it commenced [9] is gets cold. Our friend made a fire in the old fire place. We took a seat around the herth. In a little while our conversation was again in progress. One principle of the Gospel lead on to another. "The Gospel is for all." requied our first attention. This subject explained, Faith presented itself for illusidations. Continuing my talk I showed that repentance was a principle of the Gospel. The scripture saith "tho Baptism is for the remission of sins; and that a man could not enter heaven unless he was baptized. I explained the ordinance. I next showed that the after they were baptized received the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands. [10] Other scripture was

cited to prove that this ordinance  
must be complied with.  
Returning from supper we  
again took our seat near

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the fire. The Divinity of the  
B of B. was material for chat.  
Nearly an hour was taken up  
in the discussion of this important  
subject.

**January 23, 1899**

Waldo, Fla. Mon 1/23 - 1899

Having come from the breakfast  
table, we took a seat around the  
glowing hearth. Our minds were  
centered on the principles of the Gospel.  
About half an hour was manipulated  
in talking on them. We now sang  
a couple of hymns; when we  
bid our friend Good-by and started  
on our way to a Man's place  
by the name of Hans Dowling.  
The distance to this place  
was about five miles, and that  
too, through swamps.  
A hurried walk brought us  
to our destination at about half  
past eleven. At Hans Dowlings  
we found Elds Snow and Staples, who  
were waiting over till the next  
day. We however, were invited to  
stay also.  
During the afternoon we all  
indulged in the good old time swim  
in a creek near Bro. Dowlings  
At night the Elds. sang hymns

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**January 24, 1899**

Orange Heights, Fla. 1/24 - 1899

Being aware of the fact that there were members on the above place, we determined to make it our next stopping place.

We lost not time in arranging our things: and in a short time we filed out two by two down through the flat woods towards the place which at one time, was noted for its oranges. Not having any boat we were obliged to wade through the swamps that were nearly made by the recent rain fall.

As we passed through Waldo, an R.R. town, we elected no little attention.

From Waldo, we took the R.R. to Orange Heights. On the way we stoped in with a Bro. Goodrich who lived on the road. Before leaving him we had dinner. Leaving his place we, walked on through the town, and went ~~not~~ west about two miles to a Bro. Dyle where we spent the night.

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**January 25, 1899**

Gansville, Fla. Jan. 25 - 1899

Having in view a friend at the above town we determined to transport ourselves that much nearer the place of our predetermined destination.

We, however, waited at the place at which we had spent the night until the other Elds came.

On their arrival, we engaged in

a sing, after which we started  
on our journey.

A characteristic of the road  
from Orange Heights to Gainsville  
was that of many swamps. This  
as a consequence necessitated no  
little foot log walking and acrobatic  
exhibitions. Suffice it to say, that  
my understanding's were very  
damp before we got through all  
the mire.

As the sun was slowly sinking  
~~before~~ behind the Western horizon  
we were walking down one of the streets  
the above city. We soon ascertained where  
our friend live; we walked to the door  
and was kindly invited in. In  
the house was a minister of  
the Seven Day Advents, the first  
I had met. We were soon well  
acquainted; and a friendly con-

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vercation ensued. One by one  
different subjects were considered  
and religated to the rear. In conseq-  
uence of our friends belief in  
the Jewish Sabbath, our argument  
on this point ~~was~~ lasted some  
time. Otherer subjects were also tuched  
upon. Thus the time until supper  
was manipulated in bartering  
ideas.

After supper, pursuant to previous  
arrangement, the rooms were made  
ready to commode those who would  
come in to hear the Gospel according  
to "St. Adent." Before we had finished  
partispation at the supper table, the  
neighbors commenced to pour in.  
Very little time pased ere one room  
was filled to its utmost capacity.  
We - as eager as the rest to hear the  
Gospel according to the believers in Saturday  
Sabbath - also took a seat in  
front of the apostle of "Adventism",  
At about this time the principal

partisipant of the evening was at his post, with the Law and the Prophets in one hand and turning the leaves with the other. Of course he was looking for the text. Meanwhile he layed down the good book: and took of a hymn book turned to a reprise and announced: after

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which the congregation arose and sang. Taking their seats after words - they were bid to kneal in prayer. Another hymn concluded the opening exercises. The text was now read, of which the following are the most important words: "He [Jesus] will save his people from their sins.

It was noticable at the outset that the Rev. Gentleman entertained the erroneous idea that the merits of the atonement of Messiah went ahead of his people saving them from their sins as fast as they would commit. This aspect of the doctrin of salvation makes it appear that one can go on in his sins and yet be saved. Such a doctrine - to one who is cognigant of the motive that Gospel merchandicers have in view in preaching their so-called Gospel - reveals as it were, the cloven foot; and often leads them to make remarks like the following: "That is fine section doctrine from the fact that it is as merchantable as are hot cake on a street corner when the thermometer registers 10o below zero. In the course of his remarks he attempted to show that faith was all that was necessary in order

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to Jesus save you. To prove this allegation he built a false premises out of a few fragments of the account of the fall of Adam and Eve, as recorded in Genesis. He assumed that our for-Parents had been told that it was not good for them to partake of the forbidden fruit. Having assumed this as his premises, he commenced to build the upper structure of his tower to heaven. "Now, he said: "Adam and Eve did not sin until doubt entered into their minds. As long as they believed that it was not good to partake of the forbidden fruit they kept hands off. But when Satan came and told them that it was good, they doubted the Lord and transgressed. Now then, ~~doubt cause one to sin~~ inasmuch as doubt causes one to sin; faith will cause him not to sin. This you will understand to be the case when you are made conversant with the self evident fact that faith and doubt are just the opposite of each other in their operations. You can now see that it is only of a matter of faith. The talk was explicit and argumentative from the beginning to close. The main fault was in that the premises were almost always

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false. But despite the fadacity of the premises, the upper structure of the argument was congruent with right reason.

**January 26, 1899**

Levy Co. Fla. Thur. Jan. 26-99.

When we left Gainesville this mor

ning we had in view no place to spend the night. Moreover, we were quite sure that Uncle Sam would be the only man who would accomodate us ~~with~~ inside of a 25 mile walk. Nevertheless, we walked to the depot taking the track, we followed it about ten miles.

At this point we found that ~~our~~ the R.R. was taking us in the wrong direction. A "dirt" road leading off to the South carried us for the remainder of the day. When about fifteen miles was covered on this road it became dark. We were now away from houses. However, continuing on we in the meantime, came to a farm house. With a desire to get in, we went to the gate and made known our business. We were refered to the next place. At the next house we suseded to get in.

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### **January 27, 1899**

Phenix. Fla. Fri. 1/27 - '99.

Notwithstanding the fact that it was raining, we took our leave from the place at which we had been stoping shortly after eating breakfast. Our objective point was a Mr. Brooks place a short distance from Phenix We found our friends as warm as ever. On hailing at the gate we were kindly invited in.

Just before night Elds. Blest and Jones came in. To see Eld. Jones was a treat after an absence of about six months. After supper we held a

meeting in the house of Bro.  
Brooks. After meeting we talked  
gospel some ere before we  
went to bed.

**January 28, 1899**

Phenix. Fla. Sat. 1/28 - 99

We spent the entire day  
at Bro. Brooks - Preaching  
again at night.  
I talked Gospel almost  
the entire day. --

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**January 29, 1899**

Phenix. Fla. Sun. 1/29 --'99.

The day was spent at a  
Mr. Mullis place - talking  
on the principles of everlasting  
truth.  
At night we preached at  
Mr. Brook's place to a good  
congregation.

**January 30, 1899**

Mon. Jan. 30 - 1899

After a two days rest  
we again resumed our journey.  
We had in view to go to  
a Mr. Ffolks place; about  
fourtee miles distant.  
On ariving at this place we  
found that they had turned  
cold - as a consequene of the  
Robert's episode. We, howver,  
got entertainment with a  
neighbor who turned off  
two Elds. the night before.  
It happened at this place  
that the gentleman of the place

was out. The lady of house  
being a christian headed woman,  
invited us in. Moreover, it  
can be seen that it was a  
narrow escape. --

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### **January 31, 1899**

Viana, Fla. Jan. 31 - 1899

We resumed our journey south  
ward shortly after breakfast. Our  
objection point was a little  
settlement in Citrus Co., that  
was 21 miles distant.

We had only covered about  
seven miles when it commenced  
to rain. At this time we were ~~among~~  
~~strangers~~ in the midst of the  
mining region of Fla. Among  
people who were imbued with  
the spirit of Satan; The fruits  
of which is hate, predujise and  
Mob violence. In consequence  
of our peculiar surroundings we  
were obliged to walk on notwith  
standing the rain. It was but  
a short time before it was  
raining in in torrents consequensly  
the wetting of our clothes.

At Hartshorn station we  
enquired about the road to the  
settlement that we had in view.

Our inquiring resulted in finding  
a gentleman from the settlment,  
and one too, with whom the Elds.  
had stopped before. He ~~accompanied~~  
~~us~~ he took us home with  
him.

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**February 01, 1899**

Viana. Fla. Feb. 1 - 1899

Feeling somewhat tired from our yesterdays walk and being pervaded upon by the folks to stay over a day; we consented. We gave out an appointment to preach at night. Elds. Monson & Burrows come in at about ten oclock. At our meeting we had a good time - great interest being taken in what was said. After meeting I returned and spent the night with Mr. Anderson.

**February 02, 1899**

Viana. Fla. Feby. 2. 1899

In consequence of our clothes being dirty we determined to remain over a day and have them washed. Sister Anderson gladly consented to do the work. After playing catch with a base ball for about half an hour we took a walk to a pond where we engaged in a frolicom bath. Returning to the house, we devoted the remainder of the day to study

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**February 03, 1899**

Floral City. Fla. 2/3 - '99

This morning we left the folks with whom we had be stayng and **started** resumed our walk

Southward. One by one the miles  
were put behind us until we  
had arrived about fifteen  
miles were covered. We now found  
ourselves in Floral City. It  
but little time to find a friend  
with whom we could spend the  
night.

**February 04, 1899**

Istachatta, Fla. 2/4 '99

Leaving Floral City, we had  
in view to go to a settlement a  
short distance west of Istachatta  
where we used to have quite a  
number of friends. We contemplated  
to hold some meetings on Sunday.  
On getting into the settlement  
our plans were changed. We found  
all of our friends had turned  
cold. We even find it a hard  
thing to get entertainment for  
the night.

Just before sund set we  
met Elds. Jensen & Staples  
who told their respective tales  
of woe. How they had kept

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out and had been refused entertainment  
some 36 different times. We  
talked some time and then  
separated - we going to hunt  
a place to spend the night.  
Before enquiring for entertainment  
we knelt down in the woods  
and asked the Lord to open  
up the way before us. Our prayers  
were answered, we were taken in  
and entertained, but not made  
welcome.

**February 05, 1899**

Brooksville, -- Sun. 2/5 - '99

Notwithstanding the fact of it being Sunday we were obliged to go on our journey Southward. The only home we had in which to spend the Sabbath was in the woods. We started for Spring Lake, a settlement a little South of Brooksvill in which the Elds. ha preached. All was quite and monotonous until about 2 oclock when we called at a house for a drink of water. At this place we were invited in and became acquainted with a gentleman who had traveled quite extensively in the West

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He spoke very highly of our people. After talking sometime we were invited to go along to S.S. We gladly accepted. On our way we passed overy the highest hill in S. Fla, and also had the priviledge of drinking out of a very peculiar Spring. This spring is about 75 feet above sea level; yet when the rain it rains with it.

After S.S. was out we were kindly invited home by a good Christian headed man. At his place we preached at night.

**February 06, 1899**

Richland. Fla. Mon 2/6 -- '99.

Having in view to go as far on our Southward journey as Ebba Heights, - a little R.R. town about 10 miles distant - we left the folks with whom we had spent the night. Owing to the shortness of the distance we took our time.

At about four we were at the door of the house at which we expected to spend the night. I hailed; the gentleman came out. He walked nearly to the gate before he knew whether he wanted us to come in or not. I could understand the situation

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at once. The Robert's episode had kindled the flame of hate in his heart. and burnt up the Christly attribute of love for his followers.

We were very much disappointed not to be invited to stay night - understanding as we did that it was about 12 miles to the next Christian's home. Nevertheless, after eating a lunch we started Southward walking at a rapid rate. At Just as the clouds of night were matting over us, we were walking down the streets of Jude City. After posting some letters we called at the Depot and ascertained that there would be a train going to Richland - where lived our friend - in about an hour. A ticket would cost us 30 c could save us from spending the night out. Inasmuch as this was the case we did not spare the means, but mounted the train ~~and in~~ In a few minutes we were in the house of a good friend - Dr. M.R. Gill.

**January 09, 1899**

Knights Sta. Fla. Tue. 2/9 - '99

After singing some hymns which detained us until after ten o'clock, we again resumed our Southward march. A M

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Brannon's place, at least 20 miles distant, was our objective point. But after we entered Hellsborro Co. we could see at once that it would necessitate two miles wading to get to this point. As it was cold ~~th~~ such proceeding would not be very agreeable. We contined on covering about 19 miles, when night ovetooks us. After being refused several times, we were welcomed under the roof of an Old gentleman. The evening here was pleasantly spent singing and talking ---

**February 08, 1899**

Bloomindale. Fla. Wed. 2/8 - '99.

Shortly **after** eating breakfast we took our leave starting for the above place. I walk of about 16 miles brot us to the door of our friend Mrs. Stuns with whom we had stoped several times in the past. She was pleased to see us and bid us welcome.

**February 09, 1899**

Bloomindale. Thur. 2/9 - '99

We spent the entire day with Mrs. Stuns. At night we held a meeting in her house.

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**February 10, 1899**

Riverview. Fla. 2/10. Fri. 1899

With the intention of preaching at the above place we left our friend Sister Stuns and started on our road for that place. On our way we called at the different houses and offered them a tract. Along about three oclock we come to a house at which the Elds. had been before. Here we were kindly invited in. Dinner was prepared for us. And after eating we continued our walk. At Auriwine we crossed the river on a ferry. On getting across we went directly to the house of a Mr. Biggady. We were kindly invited in and made at home.

Sat. -- last. -----

### **February 11, 1899**

Sunday -- Feby. 11 - 1899

We had secured the ~~use~~ promise of the School House in which to hold a meeting and had given out an appointment for three oclock. While setting in Mr. Bugbys house the school teacher came in and informed us that we could not use the house as the Co. Sp had passed an order against it

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We learned afterwards that the Methodist would preach at 11 oclock. This news made it appearant to us that it was only thos who are sent of God that should be excluded and shut out. Those who assumed the authority themselves can preach when they desire. We attended the meeting held by the the above named sect. After meeting we returned and

spent the day at Capn Bugaby.

**February 12, 1899**

Mon. Feby. 12 1899

Leaving Riverside, we went East a few miles into a settle known as the Barn's settlement. Here we spent the day around a fire built outside of the house. Just before night we went on a short distance further to a Mr. Knowles whom we spent the night.

**February 13, 1899**

Tue. Feby 13 - 1899

We continued on Southward in our Co. Our road passed through the flat woods so we were obliged to wade most of the

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way. We had no trouble in securing a place to spend the night.

**February 14, 1899**

Wed. Feby. 14 - 1899

We walked to a settlement by the name of River Head. Having heard that the Elds had preached there; we had in view preaching there. On reaching there we assesed the situations. We found that there was no chance of preaching. In consequence of this we desired to go on back winds Bloomingdal; During the afternoon we waded throug swamps of all depths. At night we had a hard

time in getting a place to spend the night.

**February 15, 1899**

Thur. Feby 15 - 1899

We walked ten miles North arriving at a Mr. at night

**February 16, 1899**

Fri. Feby 16

We continued our journey on to Bloomingdale. where we preached at night. --

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**February 18, 1899**

Bloomingdale. Sat. 2/18 - 1899

In consequence of the heavy rain fall during the night we changed our plans. from that of going to Kaysville to that of remaining at the place at which we spent the night Having settled upon the days plan I sat down and wrote up my Journal; which manipulated about two hour's time. When this was done I took a seat near the kitchen stove and engaged in a long Gospel Conversation. In course of the conversation many important topics were touched upon. My auditors were extremely attentive. Meanwhile dinner was announced at this we postponed our prattle. After dinner was over we resumed. At night a few of the neighbors come in and we held a very

entertaining meeting - enjoying  
a good portion of the Spirit of  
the Lord.

Among those who came in  
was a gentleman from Maine  
who had also lived in Chicago  
Ill and other large cities. His  
inquisitiveness brought on a talk  
after meeting. At a late hour we

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### **February 19, 1899**

Bloomington, Sun. Feby. 19-'99

Sunday dawned bright and  
clear. I arose early so as to get  
the benefits of a full day. After  
attending to my toilet I set  
down to read the time away until  
Sunday School.

At about half past nine we  
started for the Church. On arrival  
there we found about a half  
dozen young people. No man  
came until after the commencement  
exercises, when two or three other  
came in to participate in the  
Sabbath Day performance.

In the recital all but the  
most important points were  
brought out. -----

After S.S. we went to another  
church near by to hear preaching.  
The "Lesson" was read just as  
we got inside. A hymn was  
next sung when the Pastor  
arose to comment on the  
scriptural read. It was not  
long before he commenced to  
shed tears - for an effect of course.

After meeting we returned  
to the house at which we had  
be staying. During the after noon  
we preached some 3 times.

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**February 20, 1899**

Bloomington, Fla. 2/20 -- 1899

The day was spent with our friend Sister Stuns. The time was devoted to study. At night a congregation came in and we held a meeting. -----

**February 21, 1899**

Bloomington, Fla. 2/21 - 1899

Owing to the fact that our clothes were not dry, we were compelled to remain ~~a day~~ at the above place a half day longer than we ~~expected~~ intended. This half day was spent in reading from different books from which theological information could be obtained.

After eating dinner and bidding the folks good-by we took our leave starting for the Western point of the Co. Three miles were soon left behind. Being thirsty after the rapid walk, we determined to stop in at the next place. It proved to be a Gumon who was prosper in the Lord. He kindly invited us in gave us a drink of water after which we were invited in the house. We had

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not been long when a bottle containing pure wine the 3 glasses

were brought in. It is needless  
to say that we siped with him.  
Having empied his glasses we talked  
some about current happenings  
after which we took our leave.  
At the next place lived a Baptist  
Minister. We next gave him a call  
and offered him a tract which he  
accepted. A little chat ensued  
from which I gathered that he  
had heard the Elds preach. Moreover  
he informed us that he purchased  
a ~~B.M.~~ Voice of Warning from them.  
Having learned this I knew that  
he was, at least, partially acquainted  
with some of our doctrines. And  
desiring to feel his pulse in order  
to ascertain how much esteem  
he had for the Doctrins of the Mormon'-  
I commenced to quiz him. I arived  
right at the point - asking him  
how he liked the reading in the  
little "Red Book." The 'deviner' excused  
his thinking faculties a shortime before  
he could respond. In the meanwhile  
he said that he read it as far  
as the chapter treating on the B.M  
and found it all quite good  
but the chpt. on the B M.

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I now understood that he was  
opposed to Latter Day Revelation  
Having this vantage ground  
I proceeded at once to make  
our friend conversant with the  
fact that the Book found in nearl  
all pulpits partly taught the  
doctrine of continued Revelation.  
with Ezeks 37 chp. in the wagon  
with me I traveld from more  
than one capital letter to a period  
explaining, as we ~~road and~~ drove along  
from wood to wood, the Stick of  
Ephraim that was to be united  
with the Stick of Judah - the Bible -  
before Israel should be gathered

out from among the heathens. As we passed Isiah's Barn full of Prophetic words, I took the "preacher" into chp. 29 and showed to him that the deaf should hear the word of the "Book" in the day when Lebanon should be turned into a fruitful field." A few other passages of scripture were explained when we bid our friend Good day and took our leave. We next called upon a Mr. Willis who - we were told - was the supervisor of the school. Of course the object of our call was to discuss whether or not he would grant permission to use the building for

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holding a few meetings. We

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against the will of the patrons.

As night was now on us we next tried for entertainment. At the first three houses we got nothing but excuses of different kinds ranging from "the gentleman of the house is not at home" to place where "we have not got the room." We hailed at a fourth house - having been directed there - the lady came to the door and on ascertaining that we were "Mormons" told us that she never took any one in. We finally got back to the previous place where we spent the night.

**February 22, 1899**

Limona, Fla. 2/22 - 1899.

Understanding that it would be useless to try to preach in the settlement in which we had spent the night, we determined to push Northward in to settlements which had not yet

we canvassed. Acting on this decision we commenced canvassing in the Bimden settlement. On our towards we learned **ef** that there was a School house in which preaching had been caried on

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in the Limon's settlement. We queried and found out who could authoritively give us permission to us it. We now started in search of those in charge. Mr. Brown, the supervisor, was first interviewed. No trouble was experienced in securing his consent. A talk with a one of the trustees, was next in order. He being fair minded, grant us permission also. Our next task was less agreeable. A lady from the empire city also held authority which we could not consistantly overlook. At her house there were some visitors who - when we came to the door -invited us in and bid us have a seat on the pizza. In the meantime the lady of the house came out and informed us that she had no objection to us making use of the house. This was the information for which we had called and hence after obtaining we were again ready to leave. But a young lady - a believer in Christian Science - came out and imediately opened the way for a religious discussion. As a matter of fact I followed up. Our talk lasted some time. In the course of our discussion the guest of the house went in ate dinner

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- leaving us on the pizza to hear

the dishes rattle. To say the least this was unpleasant. We had been on the pizza but a short time after the folks within had conquered to eat when our lady friend asked to be excused and left us alone. Realizing that we were not wanted we also took our leave.

We next called upon a Mr. Coe, a gentleman along in who had visited the city of the Saints and made an with Prest. Snow. He bid us have a seat on the pizza. In a short time dinner was made ready for us. After eating we sang a few hymns while sitting on the pizza to rest.

During the evening ~~the~~ we completed our canvas of the settlement. At about six o'clock we met up with a Mr. Loid, a Banker from Maine. We had a long talk with him. Before getting through with our conversation it commenced to rain very heavily. We then started for our friends Mr. Burns house where we were invited in for the night. Then before getting to the house we were nearly saturated with the rain

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**February 23, 1899**

Limona, Fla. 2/23 - 1899

After notifying most of the settlers of our appointment at night We went to the School House and spent some time in study.

At night a vaily good congregation came out and we had an enjoyable time. After meeti we sold 4 V of Ws.

We were taken home by Mr.

Beam for the night. ----

**February 24, 1899**

Thonotosasa Lake 2/24-1899

Leaving our friend, Mr. Burns,  
we started for the northern part  
of the Co. -- canvassing as we went.  
A walk of 3 miles brought us  
to a farm house in which lived  
a man who had some say so  
in a School house in the vicinity.  
We called upon him and inquired  
of how he felt about preaching  
in the S.H. He was not long  
in telling us that he was not  
willing; and would not, under  
any circumstances, grant permission  
This knowledge obtained made an  
end to our stay there. We resumed  
our journey- continuing northward.  
At the end of two miles Fore

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we came to a swamp that had  
to be waded. [12] on  
the other side  
greatly witnessing the "Damn  
Dam Yankies We Sing."  
At the end of another mile  
we found ourselves on the borders  
of the Thonotosasa Lake and very  
beautiful flushing orange groves.  
It was now about 3 oclock, and  
as an consequence of not have had  
any dinner we were quite hungry.  
And finding an emmence quantity  
of oranges on the ground we Did eat.  
Just as the sun was changing  
from its briliancy to a golden hue,  
we called on a place where lived a  
man who - we were afteward informed - was  
an Ex - N.Y. City Grocer. I taped  
lightly on his door step and waited  
for a respond but could hear no one  
for some time. In the meantime, howvr

the gent came to the door. I politely informed him of the object of our call and simultaneously offered him a tract. Taking the tract in his hand he scanned it closely, and noticed at once of course that it was from "Utah." He now commenced to show his colors. Trembling as though he had a fever -he ~~said~~ asked in accents loud "Is this from Utah?"

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I politely gave him an affirmative answer. Hardly had I got the word out of my mouth when the once Grocer responded, in accents more harsh than before - "I do not want any thing to do with you ; I had enough of them last year." Furthermore you had better make yourselves scarce around here. You are not wanted in this community." I said all well and good and bid him good evening and was about to leave when the deranged fanatic commenced to lash us with the whip of Polygamy with a B.H. Roberts popper braided in it. He soon learned that his mode of procedure was inefficient and adopted other means. As he got nearly to the door he commenced to abuse us shamefully. Shad he: "You have been admitted to the union of States, but the people of the U.S. are sorry of it." ~~You~~ Many other things of a like character were said after which he commenced to threaten us with violence. At this I asked him if this was not under the American Flag? ~~Are~~ Moreover I am a citizen of this nation and am entitled to protection. "You a citizen?" retorted the deranged

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man on the pizza. "You are not a citizen." Continuing his ejaculation he threatened to run us out of the country and other things equally as bad. Being desgied with his views I asked him if he was the Governor. This question cooled him to some effect and he had but very little more to say. He steped in an slambed the door in our faces.

We were now not a little alarmed, and thought that we had got into a hard community. We, however, determined to called on the very next family for entertainment for the night. It was remarkable that we should be entertained so near hell; Nevertheless, however strange it might seam, we got entertainment at the very next door.

**February 25, 1899**

Thonosas. Sat. 2/25 - 99

Before leaving the folks with whom we had spent the night we entered into a little friendly talk, in which I explained briefly our object in being in the midst of the people preaching the Gospel. I also made some comments on our people

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In the course of conversation I learned that two of the Elds. had held a meeting at a station near by. This knowledge was appreciated by us as we now had hope of holding some meetings on the morrow. A half mile walk brought

us to the station. Here we met the Post Master who seemed fair minded. He having charge of the Mill Shed granted us permission to make use of it ~~to be in wh~~ for holding meetings. From the section Boss, who was working near the Station we learned that there was a widow lady living a short distance north of the station who had an Uncle in S.L. City that was a member of the Church. We were told that she was enclined to that belief; and that she had charge of a church house. This information caused us to have formed ideas. We started for her place with the intention of trying to persuade her to grant us permission to use the house. After walking a mile we met a wood hauler who bid us stop and talk. He asked us if we were looking for a place to stop while in this station. We thanked him and gave him an affirmative answer. We now

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were now directed to his house where we found his wife. At the gate we stoped and hailed; and <sup>^</sup>when the lady of the house came out we informed her of the invitation of her husband. We were invited in a given a seat in the abode. In the meantime the girl came in and a friendly conversation ensued. After dinner we called on the lady who had the Uncle in Utah. As usual, we hailed at the gate; one of the daughter stepped to the door. We politely gave her to understand that we were ministers of the Gospel, and that we had a little tract that we would be pleased to give her. She being posessed with a good supply of impodence; indignatly asked why we did not preach the

Gospel to those who have not heard  
it. I understood at the outset that  
the young miss was desirous of  
having us spend our time among  
the heathens. I was used to the situation  
and responded by telling her that  
she had not heard the Gospel [14]  
we preached. She told us of  
Uncle in S.L. Ci informing  
that he had sent of  
to her. Continuing on  
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and Uncle has corresponded with  
us for a long time, but has not been  
able to her. When she got through  
we bid them good evening - understanding  
that it was useless to and  
her. It was easy to be felt that Satan  
had power over her.  
We now walking out in the  
woods about a mile were we took  
a seat on a log and spent about  
an hour and a half writing up our  
journals. After our stop here  
we walked back to the house of our  
friend Mr. Web where we spent the  
night. -----

### **February 26, 1899**

Peck, Fla. Sun. Feby. 26-99

The morning dawned clear  
and bright. The gentle sea breeze  
rocked the all green trees to and fro,  
and as the waft of the air passed through  
the green boughs they made various  
[15] was melodeous and .  
Ever once in a while the note would  
be carried on the ripples of the air to  
our ears and as they beat gently on  
our ear drums they told of spring  
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### **February 27, 1899**

Peck, Fla. Mon. Feby. 27 - '99.

As it had been some time since we had be able to get any washing done, and inasmuch as Mrs. Webb had offered us her services, we determined to remain over one day and have general clean-up. -- I spent the forenoon writing up an account of what happened in the church.

While the evening hours passed away I perused some pages in Oron Pratt's Works.

At night some young [\[21\]](#) came in and for about two hours we sung hymns to enliven the occasion. --- ---

### **February 28, 1899**

Heath Settlement. 2/28 1899

Having been invited personally we walked South the the above settlmeent We found a Mr. William who took us home for dinner. At his place we talked Gospel for about an hour [\[22\]](#) to enliven the occasion we sung some hymns.

During the afternoon we called upon some of the [\[23\]](#)

[\[24\]](#) inquire as [\[25\]](#)

Saha [\[26\]](#)

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proved to fruitful. We secured the use of the house. This done we went to the place of our meeting

and waited for the congriration.  
It was after seven before any one  
came. In about a half an hour  
we had our congregation and of  
course commenced operations.  
After meeting we were invited  
to go home with a bachelor. --

### **March 01, 1899**

#### Heath Sett. Mar. 1 - 1899

The first half of the day was  
[27] spent at a Mr. Baebris place in  
reading and talking. Shortly after  
dinner we took our leave - going to  
the place of our nights appoint-  
ment.

At night our congregation  
came in and meeting was com-  
menced. ~~Me~~ I spoke first after  
which my companion occupied  
a few minutes. I now arose  
the second time and talked about  
30 minutes on Baptism. ---

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### **March 02, 1899**

#### Ybor City, Fla. Mch. 2 - 1899

On arising this morning  
I was feeling quite sick. In  
view of this fact, I determined  
to remain at the place where  
we spent the night untill  
after dinner. --

Mrs. Williams, her  
house understanding that I  
was not well. cooked a nice  
chicken dinner. We did not  
remain long after eating but  
started on our road northward.  
At the first station was a letter  
from Mother. This I read with  
pleasure as we set in the shade  
of the P O. --  
On the south side of the

Hellsborro River is a ~~place~~ island called the "Cow House." Under standing that there were people living on this island we decided to go over if possible. and hold a few meeting [28] with on getting to place of crossing we found water is deep that we could wade. This of course necessitated a change of plans. We ~~determined~~ made up our minds to travel around towards Ybor City. so that

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we could walk in on the morrow. A two miles walk brought us to Harney Station. It was now night - being about seven oclock We commenced to try for entertainment. We were sent from one house to another untill we had gone through the town. Finally we were directed to a house outside of town. This being our only chance for the night we followed directions given and found a little house in which was a very big family. It was apparent at once that it was impossible for his family to entertain us, so we resorted to the woods. As it was a low swampy country we hunted about untill we found a high place. Here we built a large fire around a stump; and placed our grips on the ground for pillows night nea [29] he glowing fire. Very often, ing the night it was neces fire up" anew. My comp ion not being able to sleep did most of the firing while I slept.

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**March 03, 1899**

Ybor City. Mch. 3 -- 1899.

Arising from our bed afforded  
by the ground, we walked on a  
short distance to a pond of  
water. Here we washed ourselves  
and made redy to go into town.  
Four miles on the "ties" brought  
us into the town of  
and Cubano. We did our shoping  
and went to a lady friend  
in town and had dinner. This  
done we departed out of that  
city "-and started for  
a settlement 12 miles South.  
About 3 miles from town  
we met a member of the New  
Jerusalem Church. He talked about  
his church and the different  
methods of interpreting the scrip  
tures. He had three methods in  
all - viz Literal, Spiritual and  
Celstial. A half [30] mile further  
was the [31]  
for entertainment but  
After [32] about  
further through  
we were nearly  
our fate of last night ne  
be repeated. But as w  
wading through a se  
we caught sight of

through the timber in head of  
us. This gladened our hearts and  
we hurried on to the place. We  
found a family camping in  
a shack. They were new comers  
having left Texas only last  
year. But notwithstanding their

circumstances they bid  
us welcome to what they had.  
Our bed for the night was in a  
wagon bed. To say the least  
it was far more comfortable  
than our last nights encounter.

### **March 04, 1899**

Riverview, Fla. Sat. 3/4 - 1899

Before starting on our journey, our  
Texas friend showed us around his  
place - pointing out to us the  
improvements that he had made  
in the short time that he had  
been on the place. Returning to  
the camp [33] we sang a few hymns  
after which we bid the folks good-  
[34] we [35] ned our faces south

eleve lock we found  
as on the banks of the Alifine  
ore we were met by one of our  
Mrs. Buzbee; she informed us  
e was to preaching at the  
Church, across the river

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Desiring to live up to the Saintly  
exhortation of Paul - "hear all things" - we  
accompanied her to church. It is needless  
to say that our presence [36] ed  
the attention of the congre  
After the singing of the op ing hymn  
the text - "God will set a time in  
the midst of this people was  
read. After a short discussion the Rev.  
Gentleman" same to the subject proper -  
"What is meant by the Plumb Line? - " He  
lost not time in presenting the congregation  
with the idea that the above figure referred  
to the Bible. This done, he proceeded  
to explain the use of the "Plumb Line -  
stating that it was explained the  
doctrine of the church - the church  
it self and also the people. But  
in stating the use of the P.L the Bible

and its use [37] as the doctrine  
of Christ; our fr d did not explain  
that the doctrine was plumb.  
the case of the preaching of the  
did he show that the Baptist Church  
was idea not parallel with  
the New Testament Church.  
After meeting we remained on  
the outside, hoping to be able to get  
a chance to talk with the Pastor.  
Meanwhile he came out; we explained  
ourselves. I immediatle commenced  
to fail his [38] in example

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of ascertaining his position relative  
to the doctrines of the "Mormons." He  
informed us that he had met Eld. Blev  
[39] us that had a conversation with  
I had this vantage ground  
on's opinions of our doctriens  
explained - stating at the  
same time some of his objections.  
I loaded up with some good ideas  
in front of scrptural powder and  
☞ and opened fire. The result  
was our friend - the preacher - percieved  
that he was in dangerous quarters.  
He immediately looked at his watch  
and simultaneously said: "I must go  
to dinner." He of course was not the  
only one that was thought it wise to  
go to dinner after such circumstances  
Leaving church we walked  
for a [40] 2 miles where  
we spent the ght with a Mr. Boons.  
At night we held a meeting.

**March 05, 1899**

Sunday -- Mch. 5 -- 1899 ---

As it was the Lords Day." and  
the weather being inclement, we rem-  
ained at the house of Mr. Boons --  
passing the time in study.

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**March 06, 1899**

Bloomingtondale, Fla. 2/6 -- 1899.

Expecting some mail at the above place, we determined to make our way to said place. On the way we stoped in with Mrs. Stevens and took dinner. After dinner we walked on to the P.O. and hence to ~~our~~ friend Flemnings place. At night we held a meeting in his house.

**March 07, 1899**

Keysville. Fla. Mch. 7 -- 1899

Having a desire to see our friend at the above place, we took our leave from Bloomingtondale shortly after breakfast. At about five oclock we had covered the 15 miles and were at our destination. Our friends were highly pleased to see us. The night was spent at Mr. Pumice's place.

**March 08, 1899**

Keysville Fla. Mch.8 - 1899

We spent the day visiting our friends. At night ~~we h~~ we found ourselves under the roof of a Mr. Wead, who had just returned from Cuba. He talked to some lenght about the country of the Cubans This was intellectual food for us.

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**March 09, 1899**

Kaysville -- March 9 -- 1899

This day was also spent at the above place and the time passed in visiting friends. At night we preached at the house of Mr Weads.

**March 10, 1899**

Keysville March 10 - 1899

Like Yesterday this day was spent. ----

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~~March 11 was passed in Keysvill  
visiting with friends.~~

**March 11, 1899**

Bloomindale. Fla. 3/11 - 1899

Expecting at the above place, we aranged our affairs took the road running in that direction. A few miles from Keysvill is a little brook where we stoped and had a refreshing shower. Continuing on our journey - we found ourselves at Bloomindale in time to eat dinner from the table of our friend Mr. Fleming. At his place we found a number of visitors who all manifested a desire to know something about of doctrines, After dinner I took my bible laid on my knees and talked upon the first principles of the Gospel for

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some hours. At night a few of the neighbors came in and we held a little meeting. -----

**March 12, 1899**

Sunday March [42] 1899

While the forenoon had passed away I was busily engaged in talking Gospel to the folks. At half past two a small congregation came in and we held a meeting. At night we also preached at Mr. Flemings house.

**March 13, 1899**

Monday 3/13 1899

Persuant to invitation we went and visited our friend Mrs. Stuns. After dinner my self in company with the boys engaged in athletic sports. Jumping was indulged in for a time. A ball was next found and we played catch. Last of all a foot race ensued resulting in defeat for me. At night we preached at Mr. Flemings.

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**March 14, 1899**

Valenco. Fla. 3/14 - 1899

At eleven oclock we took a walk to [43] P.O. From here we went to Sister place, where we took dinner. 3 oclock we left for the abov ace. We had no trouble in find the friends who had invited us to call. -- At night a few of the neighbors were called in. and we talked to them. ----

**March 15, 1899**

Bloomington Fla. 3/15 -- 1899

Persuant to previous arrangement we returned to Bloomington Our purpose in returning was to attend a prayer meeting at night. --- At the prayer meeting there was but a very slim attendance A Mr. Kinglsey, who is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church was master of sermons. At the appointed time the congregation was called to order; a hymn was sung, after which all bowed in prayer - Mr. Kinglsey taking lead. Another hymn was now sung, when the lesson for the occasion was read. After the reading, all hands joined in a discussion of the scriptural lesson which is to found in Matt. 5:38 One verse was treated at a time.

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It was soon made appearant that **at** the scripture was ailing; and in view of this fact much time was consumed in sergical opperations. In oppertune any one were privledge [44] grat any remedy that be th fficaious The first verse in the l eye for an eye etc" - was ca ully examined. Different oppinions as concerning the origin of his saying. One maintainted that an **unwanted** **h** unregenuated man was the originator. A second person entertained the idea that no one by the Devil could be the inventor of such scripture. These oppinions were now arraigned before a court composed of all present. and after some discussion the jurors brought in a verdict against a one Mr.Satan. So it was now settled that the Devil also made scripture and that this was quoted for his bible. The origin of his saying having

be determined, the meaning was ~~next~~  
the next step in the degression. Just  
as many oppinions quoted with regards  
to the meaning as to the originally.  
One supposed that it meant what  
was said. A second objected to this  
opinion - mainting that no one  
would turn the other cheek

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on one. And still a third after some  
mental effort arriving at the conclusion  
that the import of the passage, or  
[45] es to intended to be presented, was  
th were to turn and walk away  
wh r brother slaped you on  
one e. To settle this matter. this  
mast f cermoner - not thinking there  
was any one present who had seen  
this tested - asked if there was any one  
in the house who had,everseen this  
scripture treated. I promptly resond  
in the affirmative. This caused all  
eyes to be turned upon me, and  
at the same time startled the man  
with the Big Bible.

### **March 16, 1899**

Thur. Mch. 16 -- 1899

Spent the day at Bloomingdale,  
devoting the time to study. --

### **March 17, 1899**

Fri. Mrch. 17 - 1899 -

Went south from Bloomingdale  
about 5 miles and spent the  
night with a Mr. Knowles. --

### **March 18, 1899**

Sat. Mch. 18 - 1899. --

Leaving Mr. Knowles place  
we walked to Riverview

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a little town upon a River.  
Here we took dinner with a  
friend. After dinner we went  
about 2 miles and spent  
the night with a Mr. [46]

**March 19, 1899**

Sun. Mch. 19 -- 1899

We spent the entire day  
at our friends place - Mr. Burns  
devoting the time to study  
and writing. ---

Birth of Water and Spirit. --- Composed -- in Florida by Jos. A. West of S.L. City Utah  
Sing and wake this  
wordly nation  
Shout repentance to the world  
Work oh work for your salvation  
Keep your banner wide unfurled  
-- Cho --  
Thunder forth to all this message  
That the Gospel is back to earth  
And to heaven there is free passage  
If you have had the second birth  
For we all can be the sons of Zion  
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Sound to heaven and all creation  
That the time is drawing nigh  
God will close this dispensation  
And [47] nd Jesus from on high -- 3 --  
We , workers in His vineyard  
Why will not you head His call  
God is anxious to save you  
As He saved you from the fall -- 4 --  
Come be buried in the water  
This is one of God's commands  
Then be born of His own Spirit  
By the Laying on of Hands. -- -- 5 --  
Unless you are born again of  
water  
And the Spirit too, He said  
You can never enter Heaven  
And with Spiritual meat be fead  
6 Peter Paul and Annias  
When they preached in holy Lands  
Gave the Spirit as we now do  
By the Laying on of Hands -- 7 --  
Don't reject the Holy Scriptures  
Nor one jot nor title take  
We must live by all that is spoken  
For to miss the burning lake --

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Florida - J.A. West - S.L. City  
We have come to preach the truth  
To you so far away  
Yes, down to this penni  
[48] la  
The land of Florida.  
To fish and hunt the sheep of God  
And gather those who stray  
As we go marching  
through Florida -- Cho --  
Hurrah! Hurrah! The Gospel's come to stay  
Hurrah! Hurrah! We are on the narrow

wayWe will make this chorus ringWith the saints so near the seaAs we go marching through Florida. 2Come all ye sons and daughters tooCome hear the words of Jesus ChristWho died your souls to save.Come now's the time to serve the LordEre death makes you as slaveAs we go marching through Florida. 3Oh! Can't you see the path of sinWhich prophets have foretoldOh don't you know that truth will winIf to the word you will holdNow leave the wrong accept the rightAnd garner up the goldAs we go marching through Fla. Continued on next page.

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172 -- 4 --The scripture is the "Word of God"To guide you through the nightDont [49] decoyed ~~to darkness~~ by Satan's rodTo darkness from the lightThen shoulder arms to hold the wordTo war for God and rightAs we go marching through Fla. -- 5 --The world may hiss and scoff at youAnd count the word a lieVenomous censure to the truthAnd vengeance loud they cryBut harder still we'll workTo win that crown on highAs we go marching through Florida 6Yes they may taunt the Saints of GodAnd count them only chaffStill persecute as Christ they didAnd of their sins sill quaffBut waite and watch the time will comeThey'll mourn instead of laughAs we go marching through Fla. -- 7 --Stock up the beacon for on highAnd strike the signal lightOh, make repentance your last cryAnd shout for truth and lightWe'll keep the Gospel or we dieWe'll stand for God and fightAs we go marching through Fla.

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Marching On -- Sam. Isom - UtahFrom the broad pacific oceanTo the gulf of MexicoTo the everglades of Fla.The "Mormon" Elders goAnd they herald this salvationWhich true Christians only teachAs they go marching on -- Cho -- Glory! Glory etc -- 2 --From the cabin on the To the vaulted city domeThey'll bear this Gospel to And they'll gather Israel homeWhen this labor is completedThey rejoicing will go homeFor the time is rolling on. -- 3 --We have see the fall of babylonMedo Percia Greece and RomeWe have heard the thunders and quakesIn our country Soon we'll see the stars a fallingAnd the darkening of the SunFor the time is rolling onContinued on next page

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174 -- 4 --John saw the Gospel cover the earthThirteen hundred years agoAnd Johns St would return againAnd to all nations flowThe kingdom [50] askedWhich sawAnd the stone is rolling on. -- 5 --This Gospel of that ; shall nners wide unferldSatans empire long has flurishedBut it must be hurledFor the time is rolling on -- 6 --Strike the harp on ZionWake the neley layThe glories ~~of~~ are approachingOf the bright melenium dayWhen Christ with saintsWill dwell on earthThroughout eternitySalvation is rolling on ---

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Proclamation -- composed by ElderR. L. Humpres - Swanee Co. Fla. -- 1Are you staying safely stayingIn the tender shepherd foldOr are you straying, strayingOn the mountains dark and coldAre you hearing gladly hearingHow He bids His flock rejoiceOr are you fearing, fearingThat you have not made Him your

choiceWhy not believe the BibleAnd what those prophets sawWhy not believe Paul and PeterAlthough they may be deadThey gave their testimoniesWhile here upon the earthAnd said to get to HeavenYou must have the second birth. - Cho. ---Oh, hear the proclamationCome walk the narrow wayAnd battle with temptationTo gain that blessed abode -- 2 --You say that revelation There is no more to beThat God has closed the HeavensFor all eternityYou say that all prophetsProphesied till JohnAnd then God closed the Heavens

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178Continued from page 177. -----For all His work was done.If there be no more prophetsNot since the days of JohnIt leaves out Paul and PeterAnd Jesus Christ the SonIt leaves out RevelationsThat God gave to St. JohnUpon the Isle of PatmosBefore his work was done. -- Cho -- -- 3 --The Hebrew Prophet DaniellLooked down the stream of timeAnd saw when God establishedHis kingdom with mankindSaw when all other kingdomsWould crumble with decayAs the fishers and huntersWould open up the way.The kingdom establishedGod power is drawing nighYour young men shall see visionsYour daughters prophecyAnd now kind Friends rememberThe angle that John sawWas to bring the mighty GospelTo men on earth below. -- Cho. -- -- 4 --John saw another angleStand on the earth and -- see p.

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The following verses were composedby Elder Hiram Olson of MayfieldUtah -- Composed in Baker Co. FlaJan. 11 - 1899 - in the morning by thefire: ---On Jan. 10 of the year ninety nineThe sun shone out clear and the weather was fineThe family with whom for some days we had a guestInsisted we stop for another days restWe declined, said we other souls we must findThis Latterday message is for all mankind[52] We must trust in our as The harvest is great and the laborers fewIn order that we might all counsels obeyWe started out for Bluff Creek inquiring our wayThe creek we soon reached to a farm house we walkedFor friends we enquired of school house talkOur friends they informed us had all moved awayThey falsified greatly to lead us astrayThey told us where to find the school Had we gone the other way we would have found itInstead of his house we found a nasty swampIt seamed as though it a The sun had been new did settingFor the hour was late and dark it was gettingJust when it would set we by a tellTo know straight where was very wellWe on untill dark overtook us[53] It seamed at the moment our God had forsook us

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180Continued from page 179 ---There is an old adage, you have heard itAt this trying moment we found it just soIt is oft repeated by those who're in needGive some aide if you can and your my friend indeedWe found such a friend it is strange I He made us quite welcome though rough was his He'll entertain Elders though others refuseDont wear out your welcome but stop when you chooseHis beds are solid you can-not fall throughYou will roast or freeze in spite of all you can doHe wont say "have you headen or cover enoughHis tired "Mormon" Elders and knows there areHis diet is such as to need no attentionIt would do you no good should I of it make mentionHe dwelling is roomy, no shoving, no jambI here introduce him as "Old" Uncle Sam.

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[54] From 178 And swear by Him in HeavenTime was no more to beHe then saw that the angles was clothedUpon with clouds.A rainbow in his foreheadWith thunder rolling loudThe angle then recordedThat John on earth must comeAnd prophecy to nationsAll kinderds thi a tounsAnd when the seventh angle

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181His voice shall utter loudYou may look for kind JesusDescending in the clouds.

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