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April 28, 1906

I left Manassa for Salt Lake City to be set apart to fill a mission to England. I arrived in the city on the 30th. On the first of May I was set apart by Apostle Limon. May 1 I started from Salt Lake by way of Ogden over the U. P. R. R.

May the 4 we stopped over at Chicago and taken in the city. Each of the Elders gave one Dollar to a feller to take us out in an outtomebil. He taken us through some of the nicest streets in the city. While in Chicago we stopped at the Majist Hotel.

May 8

We got into Boston at 8:30 a.m. went to the Haymaker Hotel. After dinner we taken a walk over a little of the city we went down to the docks and saw the vessel that we are to sail on the name of it is the Arabic. Boston is all of a hustle and bustle.

May 10 (Thursday)  
12:30 p.m.

We sailed out of Boston harbor. The first night I quite sick, it was a peculiar feeling, I vomited and felt better, next morning I was quite sick I vomited again sevirl of the Elders was sick. We traveled 367 miles the first twenty-fore hours.

May 11

I was not feeling much better could not eat any breckfust the day was quite tiresom to me the weather was nice. We traveled 388 miles.

May 12, 1906

Sevrel of the Elders was not able to get to breckfust; I was feeling a little better, the weather was nice we traveled 395 miles.

May 13

Most all the Elders was up on deck; everybody was feeling quite well we traveled 409 miles the longest number of miles we had made so far.

May 14

We was all feeling well but getting tiroud of sea life. We traveled 370 miles.

May 15

I was feeling all right getting climated to the sea, nothing new with the exception that we had our pictures taken we traveled 372 miles.

May 18, 1906

We arrived in Liverpool on the 18th 2:45 p.m. had to lay over in the harbor two hours and 15 minutes before we could get in to the docks at the docks there was sevriil brethren to meat us from the docks we went to our Hotel from there we whent to headquarters and meet Brother Grant there we received our appointments. I was assined to the Norwich conference we also received some good councele from Brother Grant.

May 19

Elder Dimond and I left at 2 p.m. for Norwich conference arrived there at 10:00 p.m. there was nobody there to meet us so we stopped at the first temperence Hotel we could find.

May 20

After breckfast we started out to find the Brethren, we was not long finding them, after a good handshake we whent with them to Sunday School there we meet quite a number of the Saints, we also attended meetings in the afternoon there we had a chance to speak, we also attended meetings in the evening we had a very good time.

May 21

We dident do much during the day about 1:30 p.m. Brother Grover arrived from out in the country. Brother Grover is the President of this conference, that evening we attended a social a farewell party given to one of the Elders and a sister who was going to leave for Utah.

May 22

I dident do much whent out in town and visited a very old church that had bin built 7 or 8 hundred years came back to the house and studied the scriptures.

May 23

I stade at the house until after dinner, then I taken a walk with Elder Hallen to the depo came back and whent with Elder Brown to sister Bloomfields for tea from there we whent to hold a street meeting we had a good meeting everything whent off peasoble.

May 24

I started out tracting with President Gover he take one side of the street and I the other. I got along firstrate gave out 45 tracts found the people that I visited very poor. In the evening I whent out with the Elders to the Book of Mormon class lesson for the evening was 22, 23, 24 chapters of the Book of Mormon.

May 25, 1906

I whent out tracting on the same street that I was on the day before gave out 100 tracts from door to door. Had sevrel conversations gave one Book away. In the evening I whent out with President Grover and Elder Allen to hold a

street meeting. President Grover called on me to pray, I thought I was speaking loud but the Elders say they could not hear a word I was saying. Brother Scutter one of the saints and President Grover did the speaking we had a good meeting.

May 26

I spent the day mostly in studying, went down to the tailor and had him fit my coat on. In the evening Elder Allen and I walked down to the market it was certainly a great site for me, the street was just packed with people.

May 27

Being Sunday we fasted as usual went to Sunday School meeting in the afternoon went down with ? to tea held another meeting in the evening had a good time.

May 28

I was studying the gospel till noon. After dinner Elder Allen and I walked down to the Old Castle went through part of it. It was erected in the year 1090. They have remodeled it some and turned it into a museum. I want to take another day and go through it more thoroughly. Elder Brown and I went to sister Burleigh for tea. After tea we went to market and held a street meeting here I had a chance to speak on the street. Made me feel pretty shaky but Elder Brown and Grover so we had a fine meeting.

May 29

I went out tracting until noon. Received a letter from home which gave me much joy to know that they was all well. In the afternoon I did some studying and Elder Brown and I went down and had tea with sister Nickles and Southwight from there we went to the market and held meetings. President Grover, Elder Allen and Webb meet us there had quite a good meeting.

May 30

I went out revisiting some that I had called on the week before. In the afternoon I did some studying and Elder Allen and myself went with President Grover to Rollen for tea from there we went to the market and held a meeting.

May 31

I spent the day mostly at the house studying in the evening. I went to the Book of Mormon class had quite a nice time there.

June 1, 1906

I studied till noon after dinner I went out tracting had quite a long conversation with one man. He did not think there was any chance for a man after he left this earth also did not believe in the Book of Mormon. When I got back to the house most of the Elders had arrived from their field of labor coming in for conference, in the evening we all went out and held three street meetings had quite a good time.

June 2

I did not do much. Studied some but there was so many Elders coming and going all the time that I could not do much. We held two street meetings, had some good meetings. Brother Andersen, Liverpool came in this afternoon.

June 3

This being our Conference we had a very nice day. Our first meeting commenced at 10:30 a.m. the saints was about all that came out in the morning. In the afternoon we had a few more out. In the evening we had the house full. Had a fine spirit with us in all our meetings. Brother Andersen compared the Church with a tree, he made it so plain that all could understand.

June 4

We all went and had our pictures taken. From there we went to our hall and held a priesthood meeting. Had a good spirit with us. Brother Anderson gave us some good council in regards to our labors. In the evening we had a tea party for all the Elders and saints. We had singing and reciting. Spent the evening in a good time.

June 5

I did not do much. Helped get the chairs down out of the hall.

June 6

I left Norwich at 2:10 p.m. for Cambridge. Arrived at Cambridge at 4:55 p.m. Elder Jones and Davice was there to meet me. After supper we walked one mile and a half to a little village to hold street meetings but we could not get enough people together so we called on a friend they had there. Had a talk on the gospel from there we called on a family of saints, Brother and sister Edwards.

June 7

Elder Jones and Davis and myself called on Sister Cox and husband and from there we walked down to the river to see the boat races. There was thousands of people there it was a pretty site.

June 8, 1906

We did not do any think about tracting on a count of it being a holiday. Elder Davis left for Norwich. After dinner Elder Jones and I walked up in town to see what I could do about getting a bicycle.

June 9

I bought me a bicycle. I paid 3/10 in the afternoon we road our bikes down to the river to see the boat races. It was sirtenly a sight to see the number of people that come out. There is thousands of them. The river is just lined with them.

June 10

Being Sunday, we fasted till supper. We held Sunday School in the morning and meeting in the afternoon. We also held meeting on the Commons. Sister Forsdyke and her daughters helped us out with our singing. Elder Jones did the speaking. We had quite a good meeting, there was a ??

June 11

In the forenoon I written a letter to my Father and mother. After dinner we went out tracting. I didnt do much, didnt feel just right, came home and had supper, then we walked up and spent the evening with Mr. Cox and wife talked to them on the gospel and had tea with them.

June 12, 1906

We went out tracting in the city in the forenoon and in the afternoon we went out in the country 5 or 6 miles and tracted a little vilidge. It seemed so nice riding threw the green fields, when I got home I had a letter from my dear wife and boy. I was truly thankful to hear from them. I also received a lot of tracts and books from Liverpool.

June 13, 1906

I went out tracting in the forenoon in the afternoon I staid at the house and studied. Elder Jones went out to visit some friends.

June 15, 1906 Mill Road

It was raining. The weather was very unsettled so we did not go out. I written a letter home and finished the day reading and in the evening we went into Sister Tlousdikes room and practiced some songs to sing at our Sunday School meeting.

June 16

I went out tracting in the forenoon got along all right but found the people quite busy and had a conversation with one man that had known of our people for 50 years but did not know anything about them only that they had more wives than one. I sold him a Book of Mormon and he was quite reasonable. After dinner I went up in town and got a bath. Went up and spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Cox.

June 17

We held Sunday School in the morning and meeting in the afternoon with the children at 7 p.m. We held another meeting and invited the neighbors in after that we walked up to the ? and held an open air meeting. We had a large crowd to hear us Elder Jones did the speaking and we had a fine spirit with us. We felt that our meeting had been a success after we had started home a young man that was studying to become a minister overtook us for the purpose of asking some questions. We had a short talk with him. He invited us to come down and have tea with him the next evening.

June 18

I went out tracting in the forenoon. In the after noon we went down we went and had tea with the young man that invited us Sunday evening. We spent a very nice evening with him. Elder Jones explained the gospel to him and he seemed to be interested in what we had to say. We left him a friendly discussion and two other little book to read. I received a letter from my Dear wife and all was well with them wich I was thankful for.

June 19

We went out in the country 12 miles to see Sister Titchmarsh we got there about 2 p.m. She was pleased to see us. Roustled around and got us tea and while we was eating she gave us a little of her history. She has bin a member of the church for 50 years Jediah Grant and President Joseph F. Smith has stoped at here house.

June 20

After brekfast we went down to the little villige and disstributed tracts and notified the people that we would meeting there that evening. We held our meeting in the Gail at 7:30 p.m. Quite a number of the people came out to here us, in this naborhood Tom McBain Alf and Ike Godd had labored we had a good meeting.

June 21

We left Sister Titchmarsh for Cambridge about 1 p.m. After working all forenoon on Brother Jones weel. After leaving there we had quite a time with all a long the road. Got to Cambridge at 4:30 p.m.

June 22

I went out tracting in the morning. This was the second time I had called on them. The tract I left with them first did not seem to have any impression on them. They don't seem to want to know any thing about the gospel. In the evening we walked over to Charryinton about one mile and a half and called on som people that had bin reading some of our books that Elder Joans had left with them we also held a meeting on the street.

June 23

Being Saturday we did not go out tracting but stade at home and studied. In the afternoon I walked up in town and got my hair cut and bought a walking stick.

June 24

Sunday we held Sunday School in the morning and in the afternoon we held a children meeting and at evening we held a meeting on the Peaise after our meeting we had a little disstribence, first one and a nother asking questions about Brigham Young and is wives but we got away from them as soon as we could. One or two of our friends stade there to talk to them. It was a familey whare the Elders first lodged that was sturing up the devil, there little girls came up and said the Elders tried to get them to go to Utah and

told a lot more lies, we had a good meeting the Sunday before and devil tonight that would never do so he had to make is apearence threw these people.

June 25

I whent out tracting in the forenoon found the people to be quite indeferant with the exception of two or three in the after noon. I stayed at home and studyed in the evening we whent down to the fair and whent into two of the moving pictures shows.

June 26

I received a letter from my Dear wife and all was well with them. I whent out tracting in the forenoon got along pretty well in the afternoon. I stade at the house and written home, in the evening we whent out and visited sister Edwards and husband and Mr. Cox.

June 27

I whent out tracting in the city in the morning and in the afternoon we whent out in the country about 10 miles and tracted a little vilidge and held a meeting on the streat coudent get the people to come out to here us but we held our meeting just the same. There was three or fore men and a few children stood and listened to us.

June 28

It was raining all forenoon so we stade home I posted a letter to my wife. In the afternoon I whent out tracting. Called at one mans house and left a tract with is wife and when he found it out he followed me up and gave the tract back and warned me not to come to his house any more with any thing from Salt Lake. He was terrable angery.

June 29

It was raining until noon. We had arainged to visit Brother Bradbury. So after dinner we started out, got about a block and Brother Jones bike go puntcherd and we had to go back to the house and fix it. Started out again and got about the senter of town and he puntcherd it again so we desided that the Lord did not whant us to go so we came back home and whent up and spent the evening with Brother Edwards.

June 30

Being Saturday I did not go out but stade at home and spent the most of the day in studying.

July 1

Being Sunday our fast day, we held our Sunday School and childrens afternoon meeting. Sister Edwards sent for us to come up and have tea with them, after tea we came back to the house and made arrangements to go on the ? to hold meeting. I felt pretty shaky but we whent and had a good meeting. Brother Jones did the talking, the Lord was with us and stoped the mouths of our enemys so we held our meeting in peace wich we was truly thankful to him for.

July 2

It was a beautiful morning. I received my blessing from home that I got in Salt Lake. I went out tracting in the morning in the afternoon I written a letter to my dear wife. Spent the evening at Mr. Cox had a nice talk with him on the gospel.

July 3

I went out tracting in the morning after dinner we started to ? about 16 miles from Cambridge to see Brother Wm Bradbury and ? we found them feeling well and after tea Brother Bradbury taken us fore miles out to a little vilidge to see a lady who was invistagting the gospel we had a talk on the gospel with her after wich we returned to Brother Bradburys. Sister Bradbury had supper whating for us at the supper table we had a long talk with them on the gospel.

July 4

We left Brother Bradburys about 10:30 a.m. had a very pleasant trip home threw the butiful fields. I never saw sutch a pretty country in all my life. We got to Cambridge at 1 p.m. after dinner I spent the rest of the day reading the news.

July 5

I went out tracting in the morning. Got along pretty well distributed tracts but I could not find any body that seemed to want to liston to what I had to say. They all seem to be satisfide with what they have. In the evening we warked over to Charryinton about two miles and held a meeting on the street. We didnt get any body to come up clost some stood in the doors and listened. Elder Jones did the talking. My heart failed me again. I could not muster up currage to speak when there wasent any body to speak to. We had a pretty good just the same.

July 6

I went out tracting in the morning. In the afternoon we went up in town and bought us a straw hat each as they seem to be all the go. When we got back we found the Deseret News had come so we spent the balance of the evening reading that.

July 7

Being Saturday I did not go out tracting. I spent the most of the day studying. Went down in town as far as to the Post Office and back when I got back my box that I had at Norwich for my cloaths had come.

July 8

Sunday we held our Sunday School in the morning had a nice time. The children seem to take sutch an intrust in us and the lessons. In the after noon we held our meeting for the children. Went up to Mr. Cox for dinner, they sirtently had a fine meal for us. Duck, peas and potatoes. In the evening we went up to the Peace and held our meeting every thing went off peasoble until we had brought our meeting to a close then we had a young preacher want

to ask us a question. He wanted to know if we didn't practice polygamy in Utah. Elder Jones told him no. At that he said he could show letters stating that we did. Also a man by the name of Worthington was trying to oppose us. We left them and came home. Went up and had supper with Mr. Cox.

July 9

I received a letter from my dear wife stating that Glenn was quite bad with his throat. It made me feel quite down in spirit. I answered her letter in the evening. I didn't do anything about tracting. Mr. Cox came down and wanted us to go up and see Mr. Lindsey one of the City Council about the disturbance there was on the Peace Sunday evening after our meeting. Mr. Lindsey said he would do what he could for us but told us that most of the City Council was very bitter to words us. The trouble was caused by a man named Leverington and a Preacher they had gathered up a lot of newspaper reports scandalizing the Mormons. Mr. Lindsey seems to think there will be trouble if things go on as they did Sunday evening.

July 10

I went out tracting in the morning in the afternoon we went out in the country about 6 miles and canvassed a little village. I punctured my wheel and it looked as though I was going to have to walk home and get wet? but I didn't. I kept pumping up and riding as far as I could.

July 11

I was fixing my wheel until about 11 a.m. so I didn't go out tracting in the morning. In the afternoon I went, and it was my third visit and I met with so much indifference that I came to my lodgings quite discouraged with myself and with the people. Went up and spent the evening with Brother and Sister Edwards. Brother Langley was there. We had a nice talk with them on the gospel.

July 12

I went out tracting in the forenoon but I did not enjoy myself at all. I met several that were quite bitter and it seemed to dishearten me and I lost all my courage. In the afternoon we staid at home. It was looking so stormy and did some studying.

July 13

I went out tracting in the forenoon. Had a much better time today than I did yesterday. Found the people more willing to listen to what I had to say. In the afternoon I did some reading and in the evening after tea we rode our wheels up to Charryhinton to distribute some? from there we came by Sister Edwards and spent the evening.

July 14

Being Saturday I didn't go out tracting about noon President Grover came. In the evening we took a walk through part of the city where some of the colleges were located and it was a fruitful sight to see those parks every thing to make people happy in this life. Natchur has done a great deal for this country.

