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March 20, 1899

Peru. Fla. -- March - 20 - 1899

The past night was spent
with a Mr. Geo. Barns.
Persuant to previous arangement
we took our leave from this settlement
in the morning. ~~and~~ We jurneyed
eastword about 5 miles to a
settlement known as Bloomingdale.
At this place we expected a letter of
advice from our Pres't_ notifying
us of the time of conveyning in Con.
We were not disapointed in our
expectation. At the office we got
the letter which made us acquainted
with the fact that we were to be in
Orlando on the 26 inst.
We now called upon our friend
Mr. Fleming. Here we spent the
remainder of the day in study.

March 21, 1899

Bloomingdale. Fla. Mch. 21-'99.

To-day we started on our
~~way~~ journey to Conference. We

went east about 12 miles to a settlement known as Keysville. Here we spent the night with our friend W^mPervis.

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March 22, 1899

Mulberry, Wed. Mch. 22 --'199

In the morning we resumed our journey. During the day we walked about eight miles. This distance covered, we were now at a Mr. Coxs place. Here we passed the remainder of the day in pleasant conversation with one of my former friends from Hillsboro Co.

March 23, 1899

Mch. 23 -- 1899. Thur. ----

A walk of 18 miles brought us to a Mr. Reynolds place at just before dark. Ofcourse we tryed for entertainment. We almost failed. Mr. directed us to a neighbors telling us to come back to his place if the neighbor will not keep you. We did so. The neighbor refused. Reluctantly we retuned to Mr. Reynold's where we spent the night.

March 24, 1899

Fl. Davenport -- Mch. 24 --'99.

In the hot sun we counted 23 miles of ties. Just after dark we commenced to look for entertaimt. We were refused three times before we were sucessful in getting shelter

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March 25, 1899

Mch. 25 -- Sat. -- 1899

Again we covered 23 miles from sun rise till dark.

We had walked some distance in the dark before we found any Christian hearted people. At thee first place we enquired.- the gentleman infomed us ,^{than} he was alone. He refered us on to to his neighbor who was an Old Methodist preacher. Here we halted at the gate the lady of the house come to the door first. She enquired "who was there." I enformed her; and asked for the gentleman of the house. In the meantime both came out to the gate. I kindly infermed them of the object of our call. No sooner had I got through than the "old gent", in aents hash -- and actuated by the Spirit of the under word -- "no sir"; you can't stop here." We know all about the "Momons." Our neighbor lived near Novou, and has told us all about the "Momon" people. Changing the theme -- ~~he a~~ the man who perfoms in the pulpit attacted us on continued Revelation and outhter knnded subjects. I refuted his argunents against this doctrine -- giving him a litle sermon and at last bore him a strong testim [\[6\]](#)

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March 26, 1899

Orlando. -- Mch. 26 -- 1899

Before leaving the frend with whom we spent the night two of the Elders called and accompanied us on the road. Twelve miles were

pleasantly stepped off. We were now in the City of Orlando walking on the paved side walks instead of wading in the sand. Some one on the street directed us to the "Tremont," the hotel at which the Elders were stopping. A few blocks were soon covered, and we wended our way up the stairs of the building in which "Mormons" Elders were very numerous. Eld. Rondal came and shook us by the hand. Soon others came and performed a like operation.

This house being full, we were conducted to another known as the Geo. House. Here we made ourselves perfectly at home. After taking toilet, I took a seat on the front piazza on the second floor and buried my thoughts in a religious book.

It was not long before /others of the brethren come in. Before night there were eight of us at the house. -----At night we listened to an eloquent address by Ben. E. Rich.

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March 27, 1899

Orlando. -- Mch. 27 -- 1899

At ten o'clock we assembled in a room on the top floor of a Business block. Here we held our regular council meeting. Each Elder made a few remarks - stating in brief his feelings with regards to the work of the Lord. -----

March 28, 1899

Orlando. Mch. 28 -- 1899

This was the first day appointed for public meeting. Meeting opened

at ten; but very few visitors were present. We nevertheless went right on with the services of the day. A number of the Elds. talked upon the first principles of the Gospel.

March 29, 1899

Orlando. Mch 29 -- 1899

To-day's exercises were a representation of yesterday's.

March 30, 1899

Orlando. Mch 30 -- 1899

After paying our fare at the hotel myself and new companions started for our field of labor. A short distance from town we were overtaken by two other Elds.

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who were going our way. At night we all met together in meeting in Orange Co. For the first time, I had the privilege of preaching in this county.

March 31, 1899

Mch. 31 -- 1899. ----

We walked to Kissimmee where we took the train and rode 20 miles on our road. At our destination we called upon a Scandinavian for entertainment. He informed us of his poor circumstances, and gave us to understand that he could not do it for nothing. Fifty cents for the two of us he thought would be very reasonable. He, however, reduced it to 40 ¢ - which we paid him in

the morning. --

April 01, 1899

Apr. 1 -- Saturday -- 1899

After a walk of about 18 miles we called upon a Mr. Reynold's who entertained us when going to Con. He refered us this time to a neighbor were we were kindly treated. ---

April 02, 1899

Ap. 2 - 1899 Sunday

Eld. Sedgwick who had traveled

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in this county gave us the name of a family who were very friendly towards the Elds. We enquired about them a finly learned of their whereabouts.

At one of the places at which we enquired we were invited to stop and take dinner. This at first seamed singular, as invations with Momon Elds. usually have to be asked for. We learned, however, after getting in that other Elds. had been there before.

After dinner, we continued on our way - getting to the place we had started for just before sun-set. We were kindly envited in by Elder Sedgwick's friend. __

April 03, 1899

Apr. 3 -- 1899 Monday. --

We road with our friend, Mr. Smith, to Keysvill a distance of 10 miles. Here we took dinner

with our friend Sister Pervis.
After dinner we continued our
journey to Bloomingdale. Our
friends here were pleased to meet us
again.

April 04, 1899

Apr. 4 - 1899. Tuesday. --

The day was spent at Mr. Flemings
place devoted to study. -----

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March 05, 1899

Bloomingdale, Mch. 5-- 1899.

From morning until about
eleven I devoted my attention to
writing up my Journal. At about
this time the mail arived. so I
called at the P.O. Leaving the office
I went on in company with my
companion to our friend's place -
Mr. Steins. Here we took dinner
after some frolics with the boys
was engaged in. At two we left
for a neighboring settlement where
we spent the night. The evening
hours passed away while engaged
in a pleasant convesation.

April 06, 1899

Bloomingdale, Apr. 6 -- 1899 [7]

After eating breakfast we engaged
in a pleasant conversation. Some
of the time was also manipulated
in singing Hymns. At about
ten we left for the Bloomingdale
Settlement. Here we spent the
afternoon reading.

April 07, 1899

Bloomington, Fla. Apr. 7 - 1899

While the rain drops gentle
beat a tattoo on the roof of the house
I lay on the bed with my mind

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absorbed in Robert's New Witness
for God. After dinner was eaten
we started for Keyville. We went
direct to the house of our friend Mr
W^m Pervis. Here the evening was
passed in pleasant conversation.

April 08, 1899

Keyville Fla. Apr. 8 -- 1899

The weather being inclement, we
remained at the house of Mr. W^m Pervis
the entire day. I devoted most of
my time to the study of Robert's
New Witness for God.

April 09, 1899

Keyville Apr. 9 - 1899.

The first important event of
the day was at ten o'clock. Pursuant
to our appointment a number of
the neighbors gathered in and we
held a meeting in which we enjoy-
ed ourselves greatly.

At three o'clock we all gathered
at another neighbor's place and
held meeting again, resulting in
an experience like that of this
mornings.

We spent the night with a
friend by the name of Giddens.

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April 10, 1899Keysville. Flo. -- Mon. Apr. 10-99

An early rise made a long forenoon. During the morning hours I devoted my attention to writing a lengthy Gospel letter. I had only completed some when dinner was announced. — After dinner, we took a stroll around Mr. Giddens' place, talking as we went on our way. Returning to the house, we made ready to go and visit another friend. On the road we stopped and took a refreshing bath in a little stream. Another half mile was covered when we found ourselves at our destination. At this place we found both Landlord and Land Lady in the field following each a horse to which was attached what, in Fla. is known as a plow. It seemed that the Landlady was equally as skillful in the handling of one of these farm implements, as the Landlord. When I say that the lady was a member of the Church, it is needless, I think, to say that we were made quite welcome. We were told to go to the house and have a seat, which we did. During the remainder of the day I read from Robert's New Witness for God. ---

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April 11, 1899Lillibridge, Fla. Tue. Apr. 11 -1899

Leaving Mr. Weed's place, we went on to Mr. Pervise's. Here we spent some time talking about the road. Having got our directions we started

South, having for our destination a Mr. Jone's place. After walking about three miles we learned that we had got on the wrong road. Seeing a house to our left we took of to it. At this place we learned how we had gone astray, and also, were directed on the right road. Two miles more of the sandy road had passed behind us when we found ourselves in front of a farmers house enquiring about the road. The result of our inquiry was an invitation to come in and rest. In view of not having had any dinner, it is needless to say the we accepted the invitation. While sill on the pizza talking we were asked if we had had any dinner. The lady on learning we had not, went direct to the kitchen and made ready for us. Having partaken of the scanty fare, we again returned to the pizza. While waiting for our food to settle we sang hymns in exchange for our dinners ---

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April 12, 1899

Pic- Nic. -- Wed. Apr. 12 -- 1899

From the place where we spent the night to our next stoping place is a distance of about 5 miles. In view of this we took advantage of the oppertunity. Along the road we would opten get in the shade of the large oaks and read for an hour or two. Befor sun down we were at a Mr. Adam's place.. Here we spent the evenning singing Gospel hymns

April 13, 1899

Pic - Nic -- Thur. Apr. 13 - 1899

A walk of about half a mile brought us to the P.O. We posted our letters; enquired the way to a Mr. Lastinger's place. Getting the information we started enroute for the place above mentioned. A short distance on the road we stoped in the shade to read for a short time. Resuming our walk we arrived at the house at about half past eleven. For an excuse to get in the pat for dinner I asked for a drink. The water being on the other side of the house we were invited in. After getting a drink we were told to have a seat on the pizza. In the course of our conversation we learned that the Elds. had been there before s and also

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that they had preached at the house. This news revived our hopes of dinner. Our hopes were realized. While at the dinner table Mr. Lastinger, who had been out fishing came in. He proved to be an agreeable and fair minded man. Leaving the table we took our seats on the pizza, this time to be entertained by a Spiritual minded man. Our friend soon made known to us that he delighted in religious talks. After half an hours prattle on the "Deity" our friend desiring that we should remain and talk to him, -- made us a proposition like this: "If you will agree to stop and talk with me till morning, I will agree to board and bed you." We assented to the agreement. Nearly the entire evening passed away while we were buisily engated in exchanging ideas on religeous topics. The program after supper was somewhat verigated. One of the young ladies played the orgean while others of the members of the family sang gospel hymns. Between times our religious talk would be resumed. -----

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April 14, 1899

Apr. 14 --- 1899 ---

While our friend, Mr. Lastinger, hoed his Strawberries. I kept him company talking and eating berries -- of course, more especially the latter -- eating berries. It was about eleven when we took our leave. Three miles of flat woods was soon covered. We were now at a little running stream. In view of not have had a bath we took advantage of the opportunity. After splashing around in the cool water for a time we dressed and lied down in the shade to pass a few hours in silence. While my companion produced some hymns, I had my mind buried in the Law and Testimony.

Leaving this solitary spot we again journeyed on towards the north. At about dark we called upon a Mr. Bryant for entertainet for the night. Once was all we had to ask.

On Mr. Bryant's table I found a book treating on the claims of the Baptist church. It was composed mainly of extracts from historical writers. The aim from the outset was to prove that the Missionary Baptist Church was the church of Christ. The author in suming up puts into italic's two evidncs which he considers conclusive. (1) It was shown that there had been some one during the entire time from the apostles till the present that Baptized by immursion

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(2) According to Ecclestial History the churches in the days of the apostles were small republics: --- Hence the Baptist church must be the Church of Christ. Very good argument, indeed. ---

April 15, 1899

Apr. 15 -- 1899 ---

According to previous appointment we returned to Bloomingdale. At the P.O. we got a number of papers which kept us busily engaged during the remainder of the day.

April 16, 1899

Bloomingdale Apr. 16 - 1899

The morning hours passed by very peaceable -- nothing of any importance happend to mar the stillness of the day. At half past one we started for the ~~a~~ creek wherein we had determined to Baptized. The distance of 2 miles was soon covered. Me and my companion were the first on the scene of action. We set down in the shade of the tall green trees. Soom the spectators commenced to surround us on all sides -- making up quite a congregation. For a time we sang hymns to content them. At ten minutes to 3 I called them to order and gave out a hymy. We went through the regular ~~servises~~

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opening excersises, after which I spoke for an hours on the first principls of the Gospel-- at last teaching a little on authority.

I Baptized to of the number present and started out of the creek when I was call back by a third who also desired make a covenant with the Lord.

On our road back to the home of the folks we had occasion to stop in at a farmes house for a drink of water. The folks were Methodists of a deep dye-- even to the stage of have the spirt of hate implanted in their hearts. I commenced

to talk about our people -- explaining that we were badly miss represented; and tried to reason some of the satanic spirits out of them. I failed in my endeavor.

It was not long before the old gent. gave us to understand that he knew all he wanted to know about the "Mormon." Understanding the uselessness of trying to talk to a man who is dead to reason; we determined to leave.

At the home of our friend Bro. Fleming we held meeting at night, and confirmed the members: --- Their names are as follows: ---

Lenoard Fleming. ----

Sister Lenoard Fleming. ----

Sister Sarah Stearns. -----

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April 17, 1899

Mon. Apr. 17 -- 1899

Spent most of the day at Sister Stearn's place. ___ _____

April 18, 1899

Tuesday -- Apr. 18 -- 1899

Nearly the entire day was spent at Sister Stearns. At about four we called at the P.O., and went from there on to Bro. Fleming's. 'Neath their roof we spent the night. While the evening hours passed away we amused ourselves singing hymns.

April 19, 1899

Wed. Apr. 19 - 1899

Our letter from the Prest. of the Con. informed us that we were to remain in the Co. for some time. In view of this

we determined to open up some new country. So after aranging our affairs at Blooming dale we started north. As we walk along the road two men overtake us. We soon learned that they hailed from the neighboring Co. Moreover, we also learned that they had met with our Elds. in their Co. It was not long befor our talk run into religious matter. As common, one of our co-travelors had a hobby scripture that the desired solved. In speaking of it he said

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there was a scripture that give him the idea- that man was a free agent; and also another that says that God is a sovregn. Commenting on these "supposed," sciptures our friends said that he did not believe that any one could harmonize them. -- At this junctur we were de the road leading off in our direction: so we had to part. Our course now lay alon an old rail-way which some years ago was used for hauling phosphelt, but was now abandoned owing to the cheapness of phospelt. We had counted tys but a hundred yards when we met with another encounter. This one hailed from S. C. He was canvassing a patent Syrup evaporator. He being very apt in his speach soon opened conversation. Stopping as he neared us, he asked -- "Are you not affraid of getting lost in these woods"? I aswered in the affermative -- assuring him that we were used to the 'woods.' "You are futher from home than I am." From these words from our afrind I knew that he had seen "Mormons" before. -- In answer to my question concerng his acquaintance with our people. he said they had preached in his country. "But -- he said -- they don't make much headway -- the people up that way are very much upposed to them." I explaind how that way -- showing him that it was the hertage

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of the Saints to suffer persecution. Our talk last an hour. In the course of this time, many subjects were touched up -- chief among which was the divinity of Joseph Smith's Mission. ____

Two miles further on the track -- we noticed a house to the right. Not knowing just where our road took off, we stopped in and enquired. We were bid have a seat. In the process of time I learned[^]that this gentleman had been raised in the state of Missouri. The hour hand on the clock passed two mile points while here. Getting our directions for Turkey Creek, we started in that direction. Only a mile was covered when we found ourselves at a Mr. Odoms place. Here I had been before, and hence was acquainted. From here we went and saw a Mr. Mathas about the use of a church that owned. It not being in use we thought that he would permit us to preach in it. Our call was^s successful. Mr. Mathas said to go ahead and preach all you want.

On arriving at the Church house at night we found no seats. In view of this we gave up our appointment and went home with a Mr. Swenson for the night.

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April 20, 1899

Turkey Creek. Apr. 20- 1899

In this settlement lives a gentleman who for some years has devoted nearly his entire attention to study. This ~~result~~ ~~of his~~ extend intellectual research has resulted in building an agnostic mine on the ruins of once oing mind. This gentleman -- Mr. Mathas -- desired

very much to have us come and talk with him on eternal things. So after breakfast we gave him a call. We were greeted with a spirited "Good-morning gentlemen," -- Com in." In a short time we were seated in a room containing nearly a tun of paper, in book form, --affording a resevoir for truthes and erriors also, for that matter - of all kinds. Most of the day was passed mid these surroundings. -- At about three we started for Knight's station_ having in view to hold some meetings here. On the way we passed through Plant City. He we purchased a few articles of nn. It was about eight oclock when we got to our destination. We went direct to the place where we had stoped befor. -- Being assured that they would entertains; as they had invited us to call again. But our hops were in vain. The folks played sick and told us they could not

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keep us. We calld at the next neighbor. Here we were also refused. Our next call was sucessful. --

April 21, 1899

Knigh's Station Apr. 21 -- 1899

While sitting on the piazza of the house at which we spent the night the idea entered my mind to sing some hymns for effect. In order to get permission, it was necessary to ask a few questions. Changing the subject of our convecation, I asked the gentleman of the house if they liked singing. My question brought an ~~seagative~~ affirmative answer. Having got permission I got out the hymn book, and turned to page (354. My companion joined in and we sang in a full strong air. The notes falling on the still morning air were carried across the little pasure to__ west of the house to the ears of those living on the other side. The spirit in which they

were enveloped had an effect on the inmates of a little cottage. One young damsel being desirous of getting nearer to the sorse from whence the object of her enjoyment came. soon appeared at the house where we were staying. She being acquainted with the folks walked in without any question At this time we were in readness to leave. But we could not yet. The young damsel insitede on us singing one of those "pretty" Songs. We consented and sang

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thee more. We now bid the folks good-by and started on our round. We called upon a Mr. Knight, the school supervisor _ to ascertain if a was permissible to hold servises in the school house. He offered not resistance, but told us to go ahead. We now started around to invite the people out. Winding aloung through a thicket in order to avoide waiding a swamp we came suddenly onto a house. On the pizza was a midlle aged man. neatly es'd. About this time a young lady also appeared. As we neared the gate I greated them whit a pleasant good morning. The gentleman recipocated. At this I commenced to make known the object of my call. Before I got through, the gentle man said, "come in." I thought it very strange. Nevethelss I responded. As I walked through the gate I thought to my self "you don't know who you are inviting in." Getting on the pizza I made myself and companion acquainted with the folks. We given a seat. Taking cognizanc of their civility I asked if they knew who we were. I answered in the affirmative. I soon learned that the middle aged man was an Ex Cambelite preacher. He was, however quite different to the general run of sectarian preachers.

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He respected us in our capacity, and also our doctrine. Not many minutes passed away unused. One question was discussed after another. In the meantime our friend touched on the subject of the B of. M. This was what I desired very much as it opened the door to the room of discussion. I hurriedly explained said book- and also the prophecies of the Bible relative to same. To say the least it was interesting to the folks. Other subjects followed -- manipulating the time till noon. We now participated in a well cooked dinner. When this was over we again returned to the front pizza. There was of course, no time to use in talking upon other than religious subjects; so we again resumed the chat on celestial things. Before leaving we sang several of Our hymns. Leaving this place visited nearly all of the immediate settlements? -- telling them of our intention of preaching at night. At about sun-down, we had completed the round. We stopped in both school and contented ourselves in this solitary place until a few of the neighbors come.-

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April 22, 1899

Knights - Apr. 22 -- Sat. - 1899

Having given out an appointment for the morrow, it was necessary for us to remain in the settlement and await developments. So we decided to give a Mr. Branan a call just for pass time. Mr. Branan is an old friend to the Elders - having entertained a number of them. To get to his place necessitated a walk of two miles. -- One mile is covered and we are now

on the bank of a creek. A good chance was here afforded to have a bath. We were now slow ~~to-m~~ in making up our minds to not to pass the opportunity by. 'Neath the shade of the green tree we triped, and shortly we were in the cool refreshing liquid. We arived at Mr. Branam's at about eleven. He was pleased to see us. -- Here I spent the afternoon reading. At night we accompanied the folks to church -- Missionary Baptist preaching. The preached [8] of the evening was a Rev. F His text was read from the 35 chap - of Ezek. From this scripture the gentleman constructed a strong plea to the sinner. In the course of his remaks he peached quite conclusively the ality of the Gospel.

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April 23, 1899

Sunday -- Apr. 23 -- 1899

Our first appointment, to-day was at ten. Mr. Brannan hitched his mule to the farm wagon and ha us the Station. We waited at the school house until about eleven, when we had a congregation of about a dozen. Deaming it useless to wait in for any more, we opened in the regular way; a made a general talk at some length. ~~After the people dispersed~~

We remaned at the S. House until three the time appointed for our evening meeting. Ony four adults came, so we decided not to hold meeting. Being invited we went home with our friend Mr G. Here we passed the evening hours in pleasant conversation.---

April 24, 1899

Mon. Apr. 24 -- 1899

Persuant to previous plans we started west, canvassing as we went. We had no trouble in desposing of the two first, tracts. Calling at a third house we were invited in. The g [9] an of the house -- - preacher's brother. He was very an and tried hard to hold is own. Poli~~g~~gamy seamed to be his theme. To prove it bad was his ardent desire. After each ~~f~~volley that the preachrs brother

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would send, I would, ~~retaleate with one~~ send one two fold more disastireous. In the meantime the wife of the "preachers Brother" noticed that her "old man" was getting rather the worst of the affair. She said, "you better quit arguing." It was apparent to me from the outset that it was worse than useless to argue with ~~our fr~~ this character. Changing the subject, I asked if they liked singing. Of couse they answered in the affirmative. After singing a few of our Momon," hymss we took our leave. ---

Our next encounter was at a place were some men wer at work building a corall for sheep. There a half a dozen in all. We stoped and enquired the road to a Mr. Alderman's. -- After getting this information, I offered each of the men a tract. The first accepted. Approaching the second, I asked him if he would care to read a "Mormon" tract. He was not reserved but spoke at once-- "No sir, I don't take any stock in "Mormonism"-- he ejaculated in a nazal sn [10] istic of a Cracker ~~who~~ -- especially hen ~~if~~ actuated by the spirit
The one of the laborers -- I asked him if he would read a tract -- said "the bible is good enough for me" --

The remainder of the day we had "pretty smothe sailing"-- runnig aganst no rocks or obstructions. However, at about four oclock we met with a wood be infidel, with whom we had a little skirmish on the "Law and Tistimoney"--. This "apostle" of agnosticism had be a "christian" in a number of factions of Prodestantdom: Sprinkled into the Methodist fold-- for a time he was made to believe that he "had religion". But, the Baptist in the course of time come along and enformd him of the fact that one must be "buried with Christ in Baptism"-- or immersed -- before they can get "religion". Mr. Aldeman studied over this for some time, when, at last, he concluded that the Methodists were wrong. Of course he was put under the water and become a "christian" in the Baptist church. "Aagain, the man who now believe that all are wrong, thought that he had religion. But in vain. His Brother-in law had a wife that was more hand than the fro at his own bo. His love? for this woman got to be stronger than his love for God; so, one fair day they eloped -- going to Georgia, where they spent about a year and returned. While awy his name was taken of the Bapist Church books, and ~~Mr.~~ as a consequence, Mr. Alderman was not ~~a Christian~~ longer a "christian". He found after talking to the Baptist preacher that he could not be a christan in his chuch

again. He was now dismayed, not knowing how to proceede. About this time a Camballite preacher cane along d and preached in Mr. Aldernan's neighborhood. In the couse of his preaching, he gave the people to understand that the Baptists were without authority, and had no right to Baptize. Here the was presented a third chance for Mr. Aldeman to become a "christan." So one fair day the Cambelite

put Mr. Alderman beneath the waves of a little creek near the home of the candidate. A third time Mr Alderman has religion- But alas; not so. The Seventh day Advents made their appearance on the scene, and succeeded in shewing the man who had now been a "christian" thrice --that he must worship the Lord on the Jewish Sabbath or Saturday. The triple christin believe the advents table for a time. One of the book agents of the Advent church come around & tells Mr. All that he must have about \$2 V worth of books in order to keep up with the new. As this was in the spring of year, Mr. Alderman's corn was not ripe- hence he could not raise money. And not having the financed th to be a full "christian", Mr. Alderman became what he is now -- a - be Infidel.

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April 25, 1899

Tue. Apr. 25 -- 1899

Yesterday we failed to secure a house in which to hold meetings. Today we determined to try again. The gentleman with whom we spent the night told us of a neighbor who had a Blacksmith shop in which meetings had be held. H assured us that we would have no trouble in getting the use of it. Having obtained this information we strated for the shop. On arriving there we were met at the gate by a landan six footer wearing a chin beard. This gentleman resembled very much a Kansas farmer. His voice was a coarse nazal snort: ~~exceedingly joval and witty~~ He was exceedingly joval and witty. At the gate we stoped and made ourselves acquainted after which I offered ~~him~~ Mr Jon a tract. He accepted interestedly. We were about to leave, when he "said come

in a we will have talk." In the
we were seated on an old broken chair.
We had only seated ourselves when Mr.
commenced to prance ~~the~~ up and down the
fl preaching a back woods orthox discourse
listened attentively, saying nothing
to answer him. At about this time
a nather character appeared on the scene
This proved to be a Missionary Baptist
Preacher. He also took a seat and

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and also took advantage of the morn-
ning's discourse. In the meantime afhngs
took a change. This turn was brought abut
by Mr. Johnson, making reference to John's
prophecy relative the angle bringing the
Gospel. I took up the subject from the
same text and preached Restoration
of the Gospel for about 15 minutes. At
this juncture the Gospel man of the
Baptist Church objected to something
I had said. With the aid of the Bible
I showed ~~to his~~ that the position taken
by this preacher was wrong. My effort
at once brought silence. Again I
continued the same theme. Now
it was Mr. Johnson's turn to talk.
He made good use of the time allotted
to him. He at once made refrence to
me. Said he: "That man [pointing to me] has
read the scripture, and I want to hear
him preach"-- He can preach in my
shop." Continuing his remarks; he said;
Here is a Baptist preacher and there is
a "Mormon"-- what must I do to
be "savgd?" The Baptist representative to
advantage of an oppertunity to tisk
the "Mormons"-- He said: "Bee on
the Lord Jesus -- not on Jo th."
At this juncture I rushed into the thick
of the fight: in order to devend my
cause. I lcatcd upon the mined
of the man who belived in dead

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prophets and persecuted the living ones -- the fact that ridiculing a man does not refute his teachings. My remarks were sharpened and pointed. They had the desired effect. Mr. Baptist said nothing further about Joseph Smith. The time was again allotted to me. Joseph Smith, ~~was~~ a prophet was my theme. I talked fast and to the subject -- proving, before closing, that Joseph Smith was a true prophet or else the Bible was false. At about this time dinner was announced. We washed; sat down and ate; and returned to the shop. Mr. Johnson now assumed "the aggressive." With thundering eloquence he ~~moved into~~ ~~the [11] ghts of the Rebel Soldiers~~ pictured the patriotism of the Rebel Soldiers. Explain the horribleness of warfare; and how he narrowly escaped and returned home. It will be proper to state here that Mr Johnson was a little out of his mind -- hence the verigated program of subjects. The short hand on the Clock was no going to the Roman numeral I. Mr. Johnson took his seat. Simultaneously a "Hard Shell" preacher appeared on the scene. He had a knife and gun that he wanted ~~fixed~~ repaired at once. It is needless to state that this work was deferred. Mr. Johnson again took the floor and with flowing eloquence explained what

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what had happened -- How the "Mormon" Elder and the Baptist preacher had had a fight over the bible; and how he had demanded of them what he was to do. Abruptly changing the subject he demanded the same thing of the Hard Shell-- "What shall I do?" The Preacher with the hard shell being ready-witted, said: "Fix this home." Mr. Blacksmith would not adhere to this, but continued his ejaculations. We had in mind to go 6 miles further west before night; and it was now about

three "oclock." We gathered up our deeds and made ready to leave. Just as I should my grip the Missionary Baptist preacher attacked me a second time on the B of. M. This time he asked me if I had one with me I said yes, and immediately took it out of my grip. He desired me to read from it; I responed. After reading a chapter. I discussed Baptism for the Dead in connection with the question - "Is the Bible a sufficent guide to faith and practice?" In the midst of this discussion we took our leave. Everything at the shop was now in confusion. _____

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April 26, 1899

Wed. Apr. 26 -- 1899

Having no pressing business to attend to we determined to remain at our frind's -- Mr. William's -- place. We settled down for the day. I first devoted some time to writing up my Journal. After this was done I took a book read the remainder of the time away.-----

April 27, 1899

Thur. Apr. 27--1899

In view of our appointment at Antioch our attention was directed to that point. After breakfast, -- at Mr. Williams -- we made ready to call on a Mr. Williams on our way to Antioch. We took dinner at Mr. Will place; after which we continued our jouney on to Antioch.

April 28, 1899

Fri. Apr. 28 -- 1899

At our meeting last night, a desire was manifested to have us hold another meeting to-night. Being requested we gave out the appointment. In view of have given out this appointment, we had nothing pressing to-do only to wait for the time appointed for convening. I passed most of the day at a Mr. Johnsons shop--the place appointed for holding our meetings.

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At night, a goodly congregation assembled in the "old" shop -- having come out for the purpose of acquainting themselves with the principles of "Mormonism." I took advantage of the opportunity, and made two talks. My first attempt was on the personality of God -- shewing at some length the absurdities of the Christian God, without body parts and passions. Taking my seat for a rest, my companion followed me with a few timely remarks on generalities. I now made an exposition of Baptism. ---

April 29, 1899

Sat. Apr. 29--1899

At the house of a Mr. Davis we spent the entire day--devoting our time to study, and the storing of our minds. At night we again assembled at the "old" shop. for similar purpose for which we met there last night. Our auditors were fewer to-night than last night; nevertheless we had a good time.

April 30, 1899

Sun. Apr.30 -- 1899

Before six o'clock we were on our road to a settlement 5 miles west, where he an an appointment at 10 --.

By a rapid walk we covered the distance before nine. We were kindly received

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by a Mr. Williams. We learned on arriving here that our meetings were to be held at his house. One of Mr. Williams' neighbors had been around and notified the people. In his round he met with many who would not come out. In one case the gentleman of the house told him that he would not come out unless he came with his gun to help run them out. We did not become discouraged, but went right on with our meeting - preaching at eleven and two. The Spirit was with us, and consequently we had a pleasant [12]

Having run out of books we

Being requested by one of our friends, we called upon a Mr. Weston,

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but alas the old gent did not have room -- I mean in his heart for any. To the next place was two miles. and they had to be covered ~~to~~ unless we could content ourselves with Uncle Sams accommodations. At seven it was pitch dark, and we had then covered nearly three miles and yet we were not at our destination. We increased our speed and continued right on. At eight we found ourselves in the house of Mr. Daves. Here we had [13]

May 02, 1899

Tue. May 2--1899

Leaving Mr. Daves' place we started east, have in view to go to Knight's station. Along the road we canvassed those families ~~whom~~ that we had missed in our previous canvass. At about eleven we called on a Mr. Hawthorne for a drink of water. Of course our object in calling was to get dinner, and get a chance to talk to the folks. Our move was effective. We were invited in. After eating dinner we had a long conversation lasting about two hours. _____

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May 03, 1899

Wed. May 3--1899

Leaving the night settlement we went South to Turkey Creek settlement. Here we spent the night with a Mr. Odoms. ----

May 04, 1899

Thur. May 4 -- 1899

From Turkey Creek settlement we went on to Bloomingdale. ---

May 05, 1899

Fri. May 5 1899

The entire day was passed at Bloomingdale reading and talking.

May 06, 1899

Sat. May 6-- 1899

At Bloomingdale I passed the day storing my mind with ecological knowledge.

May 07, 1899

Sun. May 7 -- 1899

At Turkey Creek, a settlement six miles to the east of Bloomingdale was the scene of to day's work. Here had -- a few days previous -- given out an appointment for ten and 8 P.M. The member at Bloomingdale accompanied us _taking their leave.

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The distance was soon covered. It was a pleasant spring day ride. At the school house we were greeted by a small congregation which before the time for opening, swelled to the filling the house. Our evening appointment was equally as as that of our forenoon meeting. At our meeting ~~one~~ one young man who was suffering with too much sugar. Alone dismissing I took a seat on the step. The young Christian approached me anxiously inquiring about something that our people was supposed to have done. His first interrogation was concerning B.H. Roberts. I appropriately ~~ed.~~ My reply clapped the throat of the young that want to bark in order to let us know that he was a dog. Shortly he recovered sufficiently to bark again. Excluding his thinking face for an instant in order to conceive a question that would be efficacious - he came at me, as it were, on all four -- fully assured that he had me in a corner. "Why did ~~they~~ the people drive the "Mormons" West." -- Demanded the stripling. I responded with another question. -- "Why did the people crucify Christ"~~s~~. This was

not question. affect. They d you
aut of Mi too - "What did they

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do that for? Agin I replid without
hesitation -- "Why did the people
Marty the apostles"? This question seamed
to be sufficient lead to floor the "wolf".
I continued my remks in[^]the train that
I commenced. It was not long before
the young "chap" had businss elswere.

May 08, 1899

Mon. May 8 -- 1899

Having left some clothes at a
Mr. William's -- some 12 miles N.W. --
we decided to make[^]useof the days time
in calleing on them. At this place
we remained till mornning.

May 09, 1899

Tue. May 9 -- 1899.

Leaving our friend Mr. Williams
we continued on Eastward, having
in view to call on a Mr. Davis and
stop there for the night. But on the
road we met another friend who in-
sisted on us. staying with him.
At his house we spent the evening
hours in talking on Gospel Topi.

May 10, 1899

Wed. May 10 - '99.

One mile East of the place
at which we stoped last nght
lives a Mr. Davis. Leavng Mr

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ohnson's place we made him a call. We found his wife at home. She made us welcome; and gave us to understand that we were at home. After dinner Mr. Davis came in. He desired very much that we should stop over till morning and preach in his house at night. In view of being on our road North, we ~~were~~ resented for a while. But our resenting would avail nothing -- "you must stop" insisted our friend. We reluctantly consented. ---

During the evening hours we passed a few hours in Mr. Davis Strawberry patch, picking a mess of the fruit that is so delicious.

At night a good congregation came in. There we seated on the front pizza. At one end a little table was ~~p~~ to commodate the Bile, was place. At about eight we began servises.

May 11, 1899

Thur. May -- 11 -- 1899.

The place that we had in view to spend the next night, was a Mr. Sees'. Mr. See is an Ex. Cambal preacher who has by reaserch ascertaned that that Chuch was not the Church of Chist. At his place we had passe many plant hos.

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We knew that we would be greeted at his gate with a pleasant "Come in". The distanc of eight miles was soon covered, and at about one oclock we were seated in an easy chair on the pizza of our friend. In a few minutes dinner was ready. After partesipating

we returned to the pizza. Here the conversation was spent in pleasant conversation.

May 12, 1899

Fri. May 12 -- 1899

Owing to the lateness of retiring last night, we continued our snooze until about seven. Being awakened by the folks at work we arose.

When breakfast was over we took a seat at the table. Material for chat was soon supplied. The pertinent question of the personality of Deity absorbed our minds. I soon learned that our friend had some strange ideas on this theme. God is Love; Jesus is life, and the Holy Ghost is Wisdom. This in detail was the definition.

After about two hours talk on the above theme, we started on our road north. At about sundown we found ourselves in Richland, a little village (in Paa Co.

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We were invited in at the house of Dr. Gill, an old friend of ours. _____ Owing to the picnic that was scheduled for the morrow, a number of Dr Gill's friends came to spend the night with him. Among the rest was a Baptist preacher. After supper we took to the parlor. Not long after reclining in the easy chairs. religious topics commenced to present themselves for consideration. At first Myself and the Dr. were the only parties to the discussion. Meanwhile the preacher made ~~him~~ appear the fact that he was present. He at once attested our doctrines, alleging that it was false. Very little time was necessary to convince him that his allegation was fallacious. . _____ The discussion

went on for about a hour. At this junctur the Gospel man perceived that he had got in to the wrong place. Without any explanations he gave up the sponge. Before retiring Dr. Gill come to me and told me that I had gotten the better of it.

May 13, 1899

Sat. May 13--1899

After breakfast we spent a short time in Dr. Gills parlor before ~~starting on the our jour~~ resuming our

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journey north. Our days task was a seven mile stroll through the woods. It was completed at sun-down, when we called on a friend who took us in for the night. This friends name was Ashley. With him I hdd spent several nights in the past.

May 14, 1899

Sun. May 14 -- 1899

Although it was the Sabbath, we nevetheless continued our journey to the north. Eight miles of hot sand was covered before noon. We called at a farm house and, haddinner. After eating we took a seat on the piazza and sang hymns for some time before leaving. Two miles more brought to a Mr. Mobley's place. With this man I had spent several ninghts. Here I had also eaten strawberries untill they became sour. I soon learned that beyond yonder corn field was a straw-berrie patch loaded the We were told to pass through and eat all

we wanted. Of course we did so. Nearly a hour we spent bending over the rows.

Leaving here we went on to a Mr. Kemp's place. re we spent the night.

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May 15, 1899

Mon. May 15-- 1899

Shortly after eating breakfast we resumed our march. During the day we couvered abut 19 miles. No trouble was experenced in getting entertainment for the night. The first place we called at was the place were we spent the night. While the evening hours passed away we sang hymns untill the air verly rang with music(.)

May 16, 1899

Tue. May -- 16-- 1899

Befor the Sun had hid its golden face - behing the tall trees we had left behind us 20 miles of deep sand. At about dark we tried for entertant at several place, but failed three times. At this luck we become discouraged. ~~and~~ ~~them~~ We thought it in vain to ask others. As we walked along the R. R. nothward, I saw a house to the rght. I said to my componion I am go - ing too try this place. We did so, and were invited in. Thus we narrowly escaped stoping in the wood

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May 17, 1899

Wed. May 17 -- 1899

The frined with whom we spent the night was a section farmer, who had to go to work at sunrise. Owing to this we were arosed early. The sun was only casting a golden glimmer over the tops of the trees when we ate breakfast. We remained no time after eating, but started on the road again. We took the R. R. -- couvering 14 miles of ties before dinner. At 1 Oclocoha we caller on some of our members. there dinnr was prepared for us.

We spent the evening at the place.

At night we held services at Bro. Blak home. ----

May 18, 1899

Thur May 18-- 1899

After a good night's rest we againe resumed our journey. During the day we couvered seven miles. At night in a cozy litle room we held meeting with a few of the neighbors. As usual, after meeting, we sang hymns for nearly an hour. At a very late hour we retired for a good night's rest.

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May 19, 1899

Fri. May 19-- 1899

Continued our jouney. Couvered 15 miles during the day. At night we stoped with a place whr a blnd man resided. He bilnd man was very talkative.

May 20, 1899

Sat. May 20--1899

This was another hot day. While the sun poured down at the rate of 104° we paddled through 20 miles of deep sand. Just as the sun was hiding its face behind the western horizon we were passing a house, where lived some folks that had heard the Elds. preach, and were very much pleased with the doctrine. The gentleman came out and hailed us. We stopped. As the gentleman approached us he enquired if we were "Mormon" Elders. We assured him that we were; and simultaneously made ourselves acquainted. Presently we were invited to the house to take supper. After eating we accompanied the folks to a neighbor's place where we arranged for a meeting. After walking 20 miles in the hot sand I stood on the piazza of a Mr Brusons house and delivered a lengthy discourse.

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May 21, 1899

Sun. May 21 -- 1899

The night was spent in torment. The mosquitos outnumbered us, and consequently took possession of the bed: Judging from the noise my companion was making, they must have taken possession of him ~~took~~ also. When I awoke this morning he was up and dressed. In the center of the floor he was sitting in a chair with a bible in one hand, and a handkerchief in the other. With the latter he vigorously exerted himself, trying to annihilate the enemy that had kept him awake the entire night. After washing and shaving I felt refreshed. I spent a few hours on the piazza reading. At half past

nine we started for the school house. After arriving there we waited but a short time before our congregation was in. I enjoyed the Spirit. and spoke nearly an hour on Authority [14] When meeting was over we returned to the house where we spent the night. Here we took dinner, after which we continued on our journey. During the evening we moved ourselves 8 miles further to the north.

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May 22, 1899

Mon. May 22 -- 1899

The Program of the day be summed up in a few words -- "pound sand." Leaving the place where we spent the night we walked to the nearest R.R. station. Here we took the first north bound train to Orange Heights in Alaucha Co. We spent the evening at a Bro. Dyle's place. During the evening our clothes were washed by the folks.

May 23, 1899

Tue. May 23 -- 1899

At about eleven o'clock we were on the F. C. & P. R. R. counting ties towards a town by the name of Waldo. We had in view to go ~~as far as~~ 6 miles north of this town for the night. We spent the night with a friend by the name of Hans Dowling. -----

May 24, 1899

Wed. May 24 -- 1899

Again we took the R. R track.
During the long rainy day
we counted about 23 miles of
ties. At night we found
shelter neath the roof of a
Bro. Walker's house.

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May 25, 1899

Thur. May 25 -- 1899

Owing to the fact that we had
about 30 miles to couver during the
day, we decided to make use
of a few pennies that we had in our
pockets, and ride on the train.
We acted upon this plan, and took
the train at a flag station, and rode
as far as Lake City. Getting of the
trian and starting up the track to-
ward our destination -- we wre met
by a member who invited us to
the house to have dinner. Of couse
we consented. After taking dinner
we continied our jouney to Suonnee
Valley, thens to Bro Wrights, where
we spent the night. ---

May 26, 1899

Fri. May 26 -- 1899

We spent the entire day at
Bro. Wright's. In the evenng Elds
Robinson and Maag came in.
The presence of these Elders added great-
ly to our pleasurs. We made use
of some time exchanging ideas on
the principles of the Gospel. -----

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May 27, 1899

Sat. May 27 -- 1899

Shortly after nine in the morning we retired to a grove to the West of the house. Our object in view was to hold a concel meeting. We soon find an appropreate place. We set down in a circles. Elder Robinson 1st coucelor to the Con. Presdent took charge. Meeting was opened by singing, "ye who are called to labor. After prayer by myself, Eld. Robinson stated briefly the object of the meeting. Taking his seat.--Eld. Sellers arose and spoke for a short time, explaining how he felt. Following him Eld. Maag spoke for a short time. My turn came next. I spoke for some time, mainly upon the necessity of humility. Elder Robinson now gave us some good instructions.

After closing meeting we returned to Bro. Wright's place for dinner. After dinner Elder Sellers and myself took our leave,-- starting enrute for our new field of labor in Ga. We were accompanied by Elds. Robins and Maag as far as the Station a mile West of Bro. Wright's. We walked a distance of 6 miles -- crossing the line of Hamilton Co. We spent the night with a Bro. Stofford

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May 28, 1899

White Springs May 28-- 1899

This was a day for lively scenes. In the mornning we gave out an appointmet to preach at 3 oclock. All went on smoothe-ly untill that hour. Shortly after the appointed time the neighbors commenced to pour in. It was not long untill

the congregation had swelled to such a number that the house was not sufficient large to commode them. Some seated themselves on the outside, others stood in the door. In the congregation could be seen people of nearly all walks in life. Not only the laborer had come out to hear of the "Faith which was delvred to the Saits"; but also the capitalist and those who lounge in ease.

Different motives had prompted the people to come out. Some came because they were seeking after truth: Others out of curiosity; and not a few came out to refute "Mormonism," and to prove the truthfulness of their own tenets. We enjoyed the Spirit of the Lord. My companion spoke for a short time. I followed him with a lengthy discourse on Faith and Works. After closing meeting several came forward and expressed their pleasure in being present.

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In a short time others came forward. These had scriptures that they wanted explained, or in other words -- false doctrine that they wanted to prove true. They were Advents, who believe that the Spirit of man is mortal. Several of them voiced their presence. I let them talk for some time unmolested-- assuring them that I did not want to take part in an unchristianlike conversation. When they had wrangled for some time I asked, them all to set down for ten minutes. When they were silenced I took my bible and proved to them that man's Spirit was the offspring of Deity, and hence was immortal because God is immortal. This was sufficient for most of those present. They at once withdrew --saying as they left -- "that's enough." One, however, was not satisfied. I talked with him some time. In the course of our conversation I ascertained that he had at one time been a member of The Church. Having

learned this, I at once ~~belive~~ asked
if he believed that Joseph Smith was
a prophet. He said "I did at
one time--until I leaned better."
We gave out another appontment
for the night. I agreed to prove that
Joseph Smith was a prophet. This
was runered abrod in a short tine,
and when the time appointed for meetng

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arved the house was filled to overflowing.
Many stood in the doors; not a few
stood before the open windows.
We sang a hymn, and my compan
offered up prayer. Another hymn was sung.
I asked my companion if he would
like to talk for a short tine. He said,
I think it wise for you to take up the
entire time. I arose and skope one
my chosen subject -- The Dive Misin
of Joseph Smith. The Spirit was with
me, and I talked at some length. ---
~~No~~ No sooner had I taken my
seat than all arose simultaneously
and left the room. No one objected
to what I had said, notwithstanding
I gave them permission to ask any
questing they desired. Moreover, many
had come out prepared to refute
my arguments.
After meeting I was impressed
that I had spoken on the proper
subject, so I felt contented.

May 29, 1899

May 29 -- 1899

Having in view to continue
our jouney northword, we left the
friend with whom we had spent
the night at about nine oclock.
On the R R. we plodded our weary
way for a distance of four

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May 29, 1899

Swift Creek. May 29 -- 1899

Having in view to go to the above place we left Bro. Stoford's place shortly after breakfast. Very little time was consumed in covering the three miles. At about ten oclock we were at Bro. Milton's place. Here we spent the remainder of the day. During the evening my companin joined me in a refreshing bath in Swift Creek.

May 30, 1899

Jasper. May 30 -- 1899

During the fornoon hours we counted off 10 miles of track. At about twelve we called at a frinds place., where we took dinner. While seated on the pizza after dinner we were surprised to see Elders Skidmore and Eldredge approaching the house. At first we were at a loss to know of their object in calling. We soon leaned that they had given out an appointment to preach at night, and were on their rounds notifying the people. We accompanied them to the Church House, were we remained untill meeting time.

At a late hour we opened neetin a preached to a small congregation

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June 01, 1899

Jasper June 1 -- 1899

Nearly the entire day was spent at a friends' place.

June 02, 1899

June 2 -- 1899 ---

Haviing given out an appontmit to prech in a neighboring chuch next Sunday, we were obliged to remain in the neighborhood. To avoid wearing out our welcome at the place where we spent the night, we determined to go West a few miles into a neighboring settllet. On our road to this place we passed through a little town by the name of Jasper. On the outskirts of this town we were met by a friend who had heard some of the Elders preach. He was very desireous of hearing them again. Learning this we proposed to go out into his settlemet. All was agreeable, and we were soon padling our way through the deap sand to the place of our destination. Just before getting to the house where we spent the night we passed a preachers place. He was out in the field at work. Seeing us on the road he called us in. While an hour of the evening passed away, we sat in the shade conversing upon the Sctres

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June 03, 1899

June 3 -- 1899. ----

Persuant to agreement we called on the methodist clergy with whom we had chatted a short time yesterday - evenig. We foud him at the house, at the dinner table. We were given a seat. The lady preparad dinner, and in a short time we made away with some corn break and hog. Returnig to the front pizza we again were

given a seat. The parson got down the Good Old Book, and in a short time a lively discussion of what man must do to be saved, ensued. This prattle lasted the remainder of the day. ---

June 04, 1899

June 4 - 1899

While the sun poured down at the rate of 105° we walked 8 miles in the hot sand. At noon we called at a friend's place. Here we spent the remainder of the day. -----

June 05, 1899

Sun. June 5 -- 1899

This was an active day. At ten we met at the church and held services. After dinner we returned and held another meeting at three o'clock. After this meeting we went home with a Mr. Hogom

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At his place we held services at night. A large congregation came, and we had an enjoyable time together.

June 06, 1899

Mon. June 6 -- 1899

Early in the day we started on our journey northward. During the day we covered some 21 miles. At a late hour we called at a friend who invited us in for the night.

June 07, 1899

Tue. June 7 -- 1899

We continued on our journey walking 14 miles during the day. At night we had no trouble in getting entertainment at a farm house. -----

June 08, 1899

Wed. June 8 -- 1899

Arising early, we took an early start. Before eleven o'clock we had covered about 5 miles. At about this hour, we called at a place to get a drink. We were invited in and given a seat. It was not long before the mistress of the house announced dinner. After participating we seated ourselves on the pizza

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and sang hymns for some time.

June 09, 1899

June 9--1899

Eighteen miles north of this at which we spent the night ~~was the~~ lived a man by the name of Dred Newburn. At his place we had in view to spend the next night. Acting on this plan we took an early start. At about half past eleven nine miles of the hot sand of Ga. was left behind us. We called at a farm house for a drink. The gentleman of the place bid us come in. We were seated on the pizza. And for about half an hour we engaged in a friendly conversation on the Church which I represent. In the meantime dinner was ready. We partook of the corn bread

and greens, and returned to pizza.
It was not long after being seated
that we resumed our conversation began
before dinner. In a short time we
'tabled' ~~in~~ the conversation to make
time for something [^]which to the folks, was most
interesting. Of course it was singing.
And for the next half hour the woods
were ringing with music.
At about 3 we took our leave
from this place, to go on our road
farther north. At about Sun down

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we were within a mile of Dred
Nuburn's place. At a farm house
we enquire the road and started for
the place in view. We had not
walked long through the thick
woods before we were conscious of being
lost. Which way to go ~~we had~~ in
order to reach the first house we
did not know. ~~It was no~~
It was now dark; and we were
tired having already walked about
20 miles. We discussed our situation
between ourselves. It was soon agreed
to continue the road that we were
on. One mile further; and we passed
by the settlement church. From this
place we took the plainest road leading
north. At ~~a~~ short distance on this road
a trail lead ~~up~~ of to a field to the
right. We took the trail. Having
followed it about half a mile
we met a colored gentleman, who
directed us to house.
Our hearts were again gladdened.
As we walked along through the stillness
of the night we breathed a prayer
to God, asking Him to soften the
hearts of the folks upon whom we
were about to call. Our prayers were
answered. We were taken in, and
kindly treated by the folk; but very
badly by the bead-bugs . ---

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June 10, 1899

June 10 -- 1899 -- Coffee Ga. --

The bead-buds, numerous and well armed, made such an attack upon us that an early rise was almost inadvertant. Not for the best, however, as I felt very much depressed. Owing to resting conditions we determined to remain in the settlement and hold meetings. Leaving our stopping place we started on our round through the settlement. Only a mile on the road we were met by a sturdy gray bearded Georgia farmer. We greeted him with a kind good-mornnig and manifested a desire to speak. The Georgian reined up the mile. I took him by the hand and made myself acquainted. After explaining the object of our travels through the Country, I took a seat in the shade. A talk on religious matters soon ensued. On a mile further we found a man in the field. He was the docton of the settlement Churth. And of course the man that we wantd to see. After making ourselves acquented, we were told to go to the house and make ourselves contented untill he cane in. After dinner a number of neighbrs came in, and the evennig was passed convesing and sing ging -----

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June 11, 1899

June 11 -- 1899 Coffee - Ga

The entire day was spent a friends house. During the fornoon we convesed

on religious subjects, and sung Gospel Hymns. In the evening a congregation was gathered in and we held services. ----

June 12, 1899

June 12 -- 1899- Coffee, Ga.

Eight miles to the north is situated the little town of Douglas, the county seat. To this place we have had our mail run for some time. Being anxious to get the news we stated for that place. At the Douglas P.O. we learned that some letters that we had ordered ~~had~~ to that office had been forwarded to another P.O. 6 miles to the north east. Leaving this we started for that place.

The sand being deep and the sun hot-some time was consumed in covering the distance. Not until sun down did we get a glimpse of our destination.

In a large two-story building used for a Store was the Shepherd P.O. ~~to which~~ the office to which our mail had been forwarded. At a desk in the office was seated

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the man who owns 4600 acres of land a, large store, and money in abundance. He was the P. M. After getting our mail; and in view of our surroundings, we asked for entertainment. It was granted, and in a short time we were ~~strolling~~ seated 'neath the roof of a magnificent residence. Over our heads were hanging lamps; around us upholstered chairs: and on the floor was carpets from Buntits factory.

Around a revolving table we partook of the bounties of the land. When supper was over we took a seat on the

large pizza. In a short time all the inmates of the house joined us. We sa [15] sang a number of hymns after which I talked for a short time on the Necessity of Obedience to the Gospel. The audience listend attentively to my remarks. When meeting was dismissed we sang hymn untill bead-time.

June 13, 1899

June 13 - 1899. Coffee Co. Ga.

Having a desire to preach in the settlement school House, we went on the rounds and visited the people. We had no trouble in getting persin so as we went on we gave out

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our appointment for the night. Having canvassed nearly the entire day -- when the sun was about to set we wended our way to the place appointed to preach. While the evening hours passed away we contented ouselves reading and singing. At a late hour, a small congregatin came in; and I talked on the divinity of Christs mission.

June 14, 1899

June 14 -- 1899 Coffee Co. Ga.

Leaving the place at which we had spent the night, we started in a south easterly directed. ~~We~~ canvassing as we went on. Between 11 and 12 oclock we called at a fam house where we were invited in. ~~We had no sooner~~ a In a short time we we seated aroud a table beaing a good old country dinner of corn bread and greens. On the pizza after eating we sang

hymns and talked Gospel for upwards
of 3 hours. Taking our leave here we
called on some old folks. With them
we held prayers, sang and talked Gospel.
At this place we directed to a place said
to be a mile to the east. At about
four oclock we started for this place, folling
the directions given. Before dark we
had covered fully two miles, and yet

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no place was in sight. At about
this time the trail that we were follwing
ran into a large travel road. We
took the right end,-following it some
thee miles before we got sight of a human.
It is needless to say that we were tired
and worn out. As we neared the
house we could see that it was large
and comodeous. Our hearts beat with
joy in expectation of getting entetant
for the night. But our hopes wer vain.
In answer to our plea for entetinmtt,
we were told that all in the house were
sick.

We must resort to some othr place
Directions were given us to go to a neighbor
who was said to live a mile distant.
As the shades of night were slowly setting
upon us, we trudged our way through
the woods. Before we got to the house we
were fully persuaded that the distance
had been understed.

At this place ~~we almos~~ our treatm
came within a hair's beadths of being a
repetition of ~~being what~~ our previous
experence. But I persuiet; and I might
say reseirted to strategem. My efforts
with the assistance of God were efficien
But our welcome was a cold one; we
went to bed with an empty stumoch

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June 15, 1899

June 15 -- 1899-- Coffee Co. Ga.

Finding that we were not welcome at the place where we had spent the night we determined to take an early start. As we went on our way we canvassed all the houses that we passed. Calling at a farm house at about 10 o'clock we were invited in. Finding the people anxious to learn, we talked Gospel for some time. After eating dinner we again started on our rounds canvassing. At the next neighbors we were again invited in; and of course, we took pains in explaining the Gospel.

Just as the sun was hiding its face behind the trees we called upon a Mr. Ward, with a hope of spending the night with him. The reason we had hopes of spending the night at this place was owing to the fact that Mrs. Ward's Mother was a member of The Church-- being a daughter of Sister Canova. As usual we hailed at the gate; we heard no one say, "come in"; so we asked for a drink of water. Getting to the well a conversation ensued. Mr. Ward soon shewed his colors. From his lips could be heard such expressions as "I don't like the 'Mormon Church'".

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In answer to my question, 'why do you not like them'; he said they believe in the B of M. and D & C, and other things that were wrong: Learning his objections, I commenced at once on his text and talked on the Deity of the B of M. It was not long before the man of law -- as Mr. Ward was a lawyer -- was at his wits' end on this line of thought. So he resorted to stratagem -- Polygamy was the whip with which he now tried to lash us. It is needless to say that

he failed. I took up the same whip and lashed our legal friend till he had a sufficiency.

It was now getting dark, and there was no hopes of spending the night at this place. Those circumstances necessitated fast talking. I assumed the aggressive. With the sword of the Spirit I cut our friend to the heart. In a firm voice of bore a strong testimony to the truthfulness of "Mormonism". Before I was through the tears commenced to gather on the eyelids ~~of the law man~~. of the man of law We walked to the next neighbor's and spent the night. While the evening hours passed away we sang hymns to please our host and hostess.

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June 16, 1899

June 16 -- 1899. Coffee Co. Ga.

Leaving the place at which we spent the night, we called on the next neighbor in course of our canvass. We were kindly invited in. He we spent the time until 2 o'clock, talking and singing. Taking our leave here, we walked west about 3 miles, and spent the night with a **Mr. Canon**. -----

June 17, 1899

June 17 -- 1899. Coffee Co. Ga.

From the gentleman of the house we learned that there was to be preaching in the settlement at eleven. And having no pressing duties, we determined to make use of the opportunity. On reaching the church we were greeted by a bitter Anti-"Mormon" who was brim full of "slime" which he had culled from novels and News papers. He desired to make manifest to us

that he was a dog. As we approached him he said: "You believe in having as many wives as you want?" I unhesitatingly gave him to understand that he had been misinformed. Before closing I presented before his mental vision some word pictures of actual life in Ga. I also gave him a lecture on virtue -- explaining the stand of our church on the finding.

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In the meantime the Parson came and we all took seats inside. It was not long after before the Parson opened the bible and announced his text -- "I find not fault in this man." (Jno 19-) No singing was done, and the Preacher went on with the sermon, which only consisted of glorifying our Master. It reminded me of "those who draw nigh me with their **lips** mouth and with their lips do honor me." Before closing it was deemed necessary to have the minutes of last meeting read. The man who had attracted us of Polygamy was the clerk, and consequently the man to attend to this work. But underestimating his own ability, he called on some one to aid him. The two took a seat by a table directly in front of the pulpit. Now we could read the guilt of the man who was so much opposed to the pure part of Polygamy. I kept my **eyes directly in a direct line on him** eyes constantly on him. This put him on pins, as it were. He looked to one side and then to the other. Once in a while he would spit in order to have an excuse for looking down to the floor. During the entire evening it rained. We walked through the slop a distance of seven miles and spent the night with a kind friend - -----

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June 18, 1899

Sun. June 18 - 1899 ----

As I arose this mornning the rain was pattering on the roof, having continued nearly the entire night. In consequence of this the air was cool and fresh, making an ideal Sabbath.

Having had a shave and attended to other matters of toilet, we took our leave -- having in view to call on a **Mr. Wilsons**, who was said to be a Yankee from Ohio. The distance of 2 miles was soon couvered. Crossing a branch on a foot log, we took up a lane a few yards, and found ourselves directly in front of the house. There being no one out I hail; the gentlem came to the front, and ~~said~~ greeted us with a kind "good- morning." Before I had time to explain who we were, we were bid come in. And for the next few hours I was buisily engaged explaining the Gospel -- explaining in particular the Restoration.

At three we were escorted to a Negro Church. We were in hopes that we should have the oppertunty of hearing an African Sermon. But in vain; The assembly tuned out to be a collection meeting. A big meeting was antistpated in the future, and of course, it was necessary to rase funds to defray the expecne. I noticed that the negros' method of dg was diferant that of the whiete. One of the leading members would go to each of the laiety by turn using language something

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"Now then **Bro. Smif** how much is yo gwine to gif us for de ice-creem? _ Twinty-five cent I recond." Bro. Smif my be heard saiying: "I didn't say so." If he did the big black deacon would hit harder next time, he would come in this style -- "Dat don't make any difference; we got to have dat ice -- put down Brro. Smif for 20 cents." This would be the end of the contreversy, and the deacon would pass to the next. -- I next attend a White M. E. Church.

On the outside I met the pastor, and made myself acquainted. That he was full of hate was manifested in the fact that he turned his eyes to the ground _ not being able to look me in the face. On the inside he again manifested his unclean concence. While singing he would look to the floor the entire time.

After meeting we called upon a neighbor who was a rich farmer and merchant. Here we were invited in. At night the people congregated in the hall and we held a meeting with them.

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June 19, 1899

Mon. June 19 -- 1899 - Ga

After a good night's rest I arose feeling refreshed. While breakfast was being prepared I mused myself reading from the Holy Writ. Not a long time after eating we were again on the road, traveling South. The air being fresh we soon covered a mile. We called at the P.O., mailed a few letters. The P.M. being kind bid us help him eat a melon. Of course no orotory was necessary to obtain our consent.

About two miles futhr, and we were at an old farm house. Seeing the children on the out side, I enquired if their pa. was at home. The childrn not knowing who pa was. commenced to wake their mothr who lay sleeping on the pizza. In the meawhile she awoke; I made known my business. At first, ~~she did~~ the lady did not understand what I said, so she made use of the common Ga. interrogation-- "Hay?"

At the next place on the road we were fortunate enough to get dinner-- It was by strategem, however. After giving the gentleman a tract, I see that we were not going to be invited in;

so I asked for a drink of water.
In a short time we were on the pizza waiting for din

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June 20, 1899

Tue. June 20- 1899 -- Ga. --

To-day was the time appointed for meeting two of the Elds. on the R.R. at a station known as Husford. † So we started for that point. For about 3 miles we followed a train Road which was used for hauling logs to a saw-mill. Three About two miles on the road we noticed some men at work. As we approached them one of the company seemed to be very intimate. We made ourselves acquainted; and learned shortly that the man that was so intimate was a Minister of the Gospel. I am sure that I should have remained ignorant of this fact if he had not told me given me the information; as his clothes were ragy, and worst of all his beard, of a white growth, was smeared with tobacco juice.

We soon covered the remaining 3 miles, and found ourselves at a Mr. Hufford's Still. But the Elds. were not there. At the office we waited some time, but in vain. In the meantime we were escorted to Mr. Husford's house. Here we took dinner, after which we engaged in a lengthy Gospel talk. At 3 the Elds. had not made their appearance, so we deemed it

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useless to wait longer. We walked out South of the Still where we spent the night with a man 85 years old.

This old gent. supentended the farm, while
2 young ladies did the work,--both plough
ing and hoeing.

June 21, 1899


Wed. June 21 -- 1899 -- Ga. --

After a good nights rest I arose
and partook of the corn bread and Sy-
rup. On the cool side of the house
we took seats, and engaged in
conversation. In the meantime
I read a chapter from the V. of W.
for the Old Gent. who was so old
that he could not see.

We had determined to return
to the R.R. and waite for the visiting
Elds. who we failed to meet yesterday.

On our our road we had to pass
several house. At the first we cane
to we were invited in. In a short
time we ascertained that the old
gentleman was an Advent preacher.

In view of surounding conditions
it is needless to state that a
discussion ensued. The pros. and
con of the Soul question was
comprehensively ventilated.

Leavig this place we went
right on  the R. R. station

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On ariving there we were again dis -
apointed at not meeting the Elds.

Our friend Mr. Hudford accousted
to his store where he treated us
to melon.

From this place we went on
north canvassing a few place as
we went on the way. As the sun
was passing behind the horrison
we were kindly invited in for
the night.

June 22, 1899

Thur. June 22--1899

Having in view a place where we could hold a few meetings, we made a move in that direction. At a saw mill we were kindly granted permission to ride on the log train. We boarded on of the flats, and in a short time we were passing over the rails at a rapid rate.

At a friend's place we passed the morning hours attending to different duties. After eating dinner we made a round and invited the neighbors in to meeting at night. Our gathering at night was a success. On a **Mr. Harris'** pizza was ~~gathe~~ seated a number of the neighbors, and we held a formal meeting

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June 23, 1899

Fri. June 23 --1899 Ga.

Persuant to invitation we called upon a neighbor; ~~and spent the day with where~~ at his place we spent most of the day talking on scriptural subjects.

June 24, 1899

Sat. June 24 --1899--

Desiring to be in a solitary place, so as to be able to study without interruption -- we took to the village church house. Here we passed the time till eleven. While the hours passed away we pursued some of our books. At intervals we would arise and deliver a short oration. Looking at my watch I observed the hour hand pointing at eleven.

I was aware of no one living any nearer than a mile. ~~So in order~~ ~~to~~ that we might help eat the mid day meal, we were obliged to start. As the sun was pouring down at the rate 90° we glided over the mile and in a short time found ourselves in a blacksmithshop. Of course a Gospel talk ensued which lasted until dinner was announced. On the pizza after diner we sang hymns ~~for a time~~ to please

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our entertainers. At about this time another character appeared on the scene. He was an old man religiously inclined. As soon as he had taken his seat a gospel convoked ensued. I aimed directly at the forth principle of the Gospel. - I proved conclusively the necessity of receiving the Holy Ghost by the Laying on of Hands.

The folks of the house were **Missiny Baptists**. Owing to this peculiar belief the doctrine of the Laying on of Hands was antipathetic. The gentleman of the house was not slow to manifest his dislike for our doctrine. He appeared in the door and without any preliminary bid us go hence to yonder place to talk. We of course obeyed, and in a few minutes we were comfortably seated on the pizza of a neighboring house. ~~What~~ Again our discussion we resumed. Having manipulated about two houses, talking on the Gospel, we again took to the church. Here [16] passed the time in solitude until the congregation came in

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June 25, 1899

Sun. June 25 -- 1899. Ga.

At ten o'clock we found ourselves seated in front of the pulpit of the village church, with a fairly large congregation looking us in the face. No time was lost, but as soon as all were seated we opened by singing. Following the first hymn I offered prayer, when we sang a second hymn. **Elder Sellers**, my companion now spoke for a short time. My name was next on the program. I followed Elder, Selles with a discourse on **of** Faith and works, closing with an exhortation to repentance. **We** We now gave **them** an **t** intermission of a few minutes. On the outside our auditors congregated together to discuss what had been said. When I stepped to the door and bid them come in, no one dissent. Some could be heard to remark: "let us get in, **in** time to hear it all." This time I did all the talking, making a general exposition of the first principle of the Gospel. Before dismissing we gave out an appointment for 3 o'clock in the evening. It being fast day me and my companion remained at the Church until the evening ~~meeting~~ appointment. At the appointment

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time all who had been our auditors in the morning were seated near the pulpit. Some new faces could be seen dispersed through the congregation. After meeting we were invited to go home with so many parties that we hardly knew where to go. Many requested us to come to their churches and preach. ___

June 26, 1899

Mon. June 26 -- 1899 ----

Having given out an appointment at a place seven miles north, we started in that direction. A short distance on the road was a little branch or creek which afforded us water for a bath. We made use of this opportunity, and had a refreshing bath, after which we continued our journey. At a farmhouse we stopped and took dinner. After eating a nap was in order. I slept for about half an hour, after which we again ~~state~~ resumed our journey. At about sun-down we were at our destination. We were kindly received by Mr. Adam the man at ~~house~~ whose place we went to preach. _____

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June 27, 1899

Tue. June 27 -- 1899 Ga.

Our appointment for night necessitated ~~our~~ a stay in the settlement of a day. So we remained at a Mr. Adam's place. Having eaten breakfast I devoted some time to writing up my Journal -- ~~putting~~ converting to history that which had taken place during last few days. This done, I took up the Law and Testimony and perused its pages for an hour or so; when Mr. Adam's come in from the field. We now entered upon a conversation, in the course of which we discussed several Gospel subjects. At night a ~~+~~ good congregation came in ~~and~~ At eight we opened meeting by singing. - - -

June 28, 1899

Wed. June 28 -- 1899 . -----

Yesterday's stay at our friend's **Bro. Adam's** place resulted in making us quite intimate with the folks. They had almost commenced to consider us home folks. So before we left we spent some time on the pizza talking and singing. The hours rolled on. In the meantime a stranger came in. One who had not yet heard of the "Faith once delivered to the Saints." His preach-

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necessitated a continuation of our conversation. In the course of this conversation I made plain our object in being abroad preaching the Gospel. An appointment waited us at night ~~sever~~ six miles to the north; and we had promised a land-lord that we would take dinner with him. These circumstances ~~necessitated~~ made it necessary for us to sever ourselves from the friends, with whom we had spent some time. With reluctance the folks grasped our hands and bid us good-by. Each insisted on us coming back again. Four miles along ~~the~~ a train road brought us to the place where we were to take dinner. At the gate a welcome came in greeted our ears. ~~No sooner had we~~ As soon as we were comfortably seated on the pizza a ripe water melon was split in two and layed before us. To say that we 'did eat' in obedience to the invitation -- "help yourselves -- would be making a statement that is self-evident. After dinner we made our way to **Wilsoville P.O.** Here we were met by a gentleman who had insulted us a few days previous. He had now repented and asked us to pardon him.

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From the P.O. we walked West a distance of 3miles. At a farm house we held a meeting at night. ~~It~~-we The congregation was so large that we were obliged to met out side. Beneath the canopy of heaven, while the stars slarkled forth their light we engaged in the worship of the Lord.

June 29, 1899

June 29 -- 1899. Ga. ___

During the day we canassed through a few neighborhods . ___ At about four oclock we ap- poached a farner at work in the field. As usual we made ouselvs acquainted. Talking a short tine, - we were told to go to the house and make ourselves at home. ---- We acted upon the invitation. As soon as the children came home from school they wer sent around to notify the people that there would be meet at the house where we were stoping. Just befor dark it commesd to rain. This rendered our meeting a falure. After supper we all seated ouselv upon the pizza and sang hymns a talked upon the pincples of the Gospel. --

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F Letter from Prest. Rich.

Chattanooga Tenn . June 16 99
Elds. of Southern States Mission

My Dear Brethren: ----

On account of conditions frequently presenting themselvs, it has become necesa for me to address you at some length on matters appertaining to our financial condition in general and our commisary

in particular. The business I desire to lay before you is of such a nature that I do not care to have it made public through the _Star, but the matter is of no less importance and I ask the brethren to pay close attention to what I may say. There is on future in this mission that makes it distinct from any other other mission in the Church, namely our commissary, and through it we are able to extend favors to the brethren which are not known to those whose lot has been cast in other parts of the world.

But with such favors this must necessarily follow obligations on your part, which I am desirous that you should understand thoroughly, and much ill feeling, which has arisen through misunderstandings in the past will never be known in the future.

In pleading with our Elders to well dressed and to appear respectable before the public we accompany that pleading with a helping hand stretch forth,

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by saying, "Brother," if you have not the means or deposit wherewith to purchase at present, we will be pleased to help you by advancing it until you can gain assistance from your loved ones at home. Elders have appreciated this offer very much in the past, and have availed themselves of the opportunity, as will be shown by our books where we note that this Mission is to-day relieving the Elders to the extent of \$5000. -- while we are in turn owing other Elders. ---

It should not be hard for our brethren to understand what a strain this becomes at times on the Office, and that too, we must have assistance. To whom should we go but to those who we have befriended in the time of need. We feel that our friends at home appreciate the Missions generously in this respect and are willing to assist us in carrying the burden, if it was only made known to them. We are most

willing to do our full share, but through circumstances which have arisen in the past we have sometimes been led to think that the more we do the more we are expected to do, and the more fault is found with us if we enter the slightest protest. We think we are doing our full duty when we say to our brethren: "If you are in need of any of the necessities of life, such as we carry in our commissary we will

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gladly send it to you post or express pre-paid and wait until your friends at home can send you the necessary assistance. We think that we are imposed upon when Elders send in for money, not necessary in their fields, unless they have it to their credit in the office from which to draw. Except in cases of severe sickness or Danger. We also feel it an imposition as well as showing the Elder guilty of ingratitude for the Elder to expect, or even desire to return home before his account at the office is first settled. We are in duty bound to look after the financial welfare of the mission, first to protect those Elders who have deposited here, and second for the spread and progress of the work. We can not extend privileges to one Elder and withhold them from another: We can, however, choose between two; viz: Refuse to allow an Elder to overdraw his account, or, if such a privilege is given, it must be with the distinct understanding on his part, and on the part of his friends at home, that he should not desire to leave this Mission with an honorable release and a debt that will be a source of annoyance to the cause and those he leaves behind. Elders have returned home in the past with settling their accounts, on the promise, that at once at home among friends they would forward means to liquidate all debts. Some have failed in keeping their words and consequently we have debts of that

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kind amounting to nearly a \$1000. ---
 and dating from Prest. Kimball's time, yes,
 and I am sorry to say that among such
 Elders are some that were most prominent
 in the missionay field. Now bethern do not
 be angry, nor thnk of us unkindly, but
 consider the responsibility resting upon
 us here by making your friends acquainted
 with the conditions upon which we favor
 our Eldes. ___ . . Still one thing more
 Elders should remember that when . ___
 Go home well dressed brethren.
 Uncomplementary remarks have been made
 about the shabby appearance of some
 of the Elds who have returned home from
 the South. Be jeleous of the Mission's
 honor. _____

Yours Brother in the Gospel

Ben. E. Rich

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June 30, 1899

June 30 -- 1899 -- Ga. --

I spent the entire day with
 a family by the name of M^c Clealand.
 While the time passed away I wrote
 some letters. Some time was also devoted
 to writing up my Jounal. ---
 Persuant to appointment a
 congregation come in at night
 and seated themselvs on the pizza.
 At about eight we called them
 to order and declared unto them
 the word of God.

July 01, 1899

July 1 -- 1899 -- Ga.

Persuant to invitation we called

on ~~up~~ a kind farmer. Here we passed the
day talking, singing and reading
Just as the sun was hiding its
face behind the Western horizon, we
stroled along the road leading to the
village church. The distance of
one mile was soon covered; and
before the shades of darkness had
settled upon us we were in view
of the little log church which
nestled peacefully 'neath the tall
oak trees. A short distance from
the church could be seen the
monuments marking the resting

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place of those who once worshiped
in the log building in which
we were to hold our meeting.
On entering I was struck with
the simplicity of the furniture. The
pulpit was constructed on the box
order, one side being left open
to admit the preacher.
When nearly all the seats were
occupied with anxiously waiting
hears we opened our meeting.

July 02, 1899

Sun. July 2 -- 1899 -- '99. --

At ten we were at the village
church. While the next half hour
passed away people coming in through
two doors filled all the seats. Services
we now commenced in the usual way.
My companion spoke a short time
on generalities Following him I
discussed on the necessity of obedience.
After meeting we accompanied a
Mr. Lewis to his house. At his place
we held meeting in the evening.
His piazza was used for the Church
house. A little table was placed
at one end to accommodate our
books.

At five we attended a Baptist meeting at another neighbor house.
(His At this meeting there was a large congregation ~~was large~~)

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owing to the fact that many had come out expecting that we were going to preach. Before we arrived on the scene several parties had interviewed Mr. Yeoman, the gentleman of the place, ~~for the purpose of~~ in an endeavor to obtaining his consent to let us preach after the Baptist preacher got through. It was stated by some that he at first gave his consent. The preacher being prejudiced came in and fabricated some lies, and administered them to the old gentleman as a dose of medicine. It took affect on his brains, and at once he also took the disease of prejudice. As soon as it was known that we could not preach at this house, a neighbor came forward and proffered the use of his house. I now uncovered my head and gave out the notice. Nearly the entire congregation followed us. Not long after getting to the house, our congregation was comfortable, seated on the piazza. And while the gentle breeze fanned our faces we spoke to them under the demonstration of that spirit that emanate from God.

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July 03, 1899
July 3--1899 Ga. ----

Douglas, the county seat of Coffee Co., was the place where our thoughts centered.

We had in view to canvass the town and if permissible to hold a few meetings. With this idea in view we left our grips at our night's stopping place and turned our faces Douglas-ward. The day was extraordinarily cool for July so we consumed but little time in covering the 3 miles. As we neared the town we could see horses and mules tied to nearly all the trees available-- manifesting ~~to~~ the presence in the city of a number of the country people; ~~They, who~~ had come in to attend court, and also to put in a supply for the "Fourth". At the court house we shook hands with several friends, who, ~~also~~ made us acquainted with others. Many of them manifested a desire to hear us speak. One gentleman offered to go with us and to interview a **Mr Peterson** who owned the building used for Court purposes. We had no trouble in obtaining his consent. He, however, referred us to the board of County Commissioners. As directed, I called on the commission. who also gave their consent. They advised us not to preach to-day owing

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to the disturbance resulting from people entering and reentering ~~through~~ the room. We now mentally changed our plans. Taking our tracts in hand we started to canvass the town. Having distributed a number of tracts: **we came to the Breeze office, where is published a little blade by a man who is an enemy to God's grace;** who had in one of the issues of his little paper maligned us and the people we represented. On entering the office I made myself acquainted. Being then offered a seat ~~I made myself acquainted~~ I asked him if he was at leisure. Being answered in the affirmative I proceeded at once to make plain the object of my call;

which was ascertain wether or not he would grant me space to make a reply to his slimy editorial. The making known of our business acquainted the Editor~~ial~~ with the fact that we were the two Elders that he had attacked. This knowledge shocked his nerves, and he shock as an aspen leaf- hardly knowing what to do or say. At first he was about to be radical. But I kept my posure I talked in a Christian spirit. My words caued by the Spirt melted the once obstinate heart of the editor. He now commenced to the

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water. In the meantine he took our names and ~~made~~ promised us that he would recall what he had said in opposition to our cause. Having finished our business here[^]we again ~~commenced~~ ~~o~~ resumed the work of canvass. Getting out side of the Breeze office, I notice a man on the opposte side of the streat dressed in a Prince Albert suit. This being the prevailing style ~~for the~~ of the preaching fraturty, I assured myself that he was a minister of the Gospel. I appoached him and ofered my hand, making myself acquainted. This done I pesented him a tract. My act in presenting the tract had the usual effect. The Pastor took the alos, and commenced to shake as if it was January. It was noticable at once that he was at sea, not knowing which piece of timber to get on. Erecting himsef a litle he got onto a piece of the wreck and tried hard to make for the shore. Looking at the tract he muttered in a low tune-- "Mormins." -- "We dont have any of that in this country." Is that so, said the writer,-- - - there are eight hundred members of the "Momon" church in Florida, and also a large numbr in Ga.. The Pastr now became conscous ~~o~~ of the fact that the

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stick of timber that he had got on would not carry him to shore; So exerted himself again and got onto another that was equally feeble. But ~~th~~ supposing that it would bear him to ground where he could stand, he again made use of his vocal organs.--"You have a different bible to ours."--was the next sentence that fell from the lips that had told more than one fable in the pulpit. You must be misinformed, said the writer in a tone that manifested the presence of the Spirit of God. True, said I, we have the B. of M. but we also believe the Bible -- in fact more than most denominations at the present time do. For instance: the Laying ~~of~~ on of Hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost was practiced in the Apostolic church, but is not practiced in any of the Churches in your midst. This brought before the church man a horse of a different color. Again he was amazed. And, in order to justify his church in omitting the practice of this ordinance, he ~~plead~~ ~~the~~ tried hard to make me understand that there were no more apostles. I soon sustained the opposite from the Law and Testimony. At this juncture a merchant

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stepped out and bid us come inside to talk. I thanked him and accepted the invitation. The preacher, however, wisely had business elsewhere. ___ Leaving this store we walked on up the road running East a distance of about 100 yards. Nearing a house we noticed a small gathering

at the gate. In this gathering the central figure was a heavy set well proportioned gentleman dressed in a princely Albatross suit. He was the regular pastor of the Douglas Church. At this place some of his "sheep" had called upon him to get some spiritual information. I never shall forget his actions when I approached him. He shook with madness as if the thermometer was 10° below zero. At first he treated us with contempt -- not even turning around to see who we were. In view of his strange actions I drew nearer and offered him a tract. He refused to accept, ~~and~~ In a trembling voice with his eyes turned to the ground he explained why he would not accept. He stated that he had lived in N. C. In the settlement where he lived there was a wealthy farmer who had only one daughter. When our Elders came through that section they stopped at this place several times. In the

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meantime one of them induced the young lady to go with him to Utah. After the young lady had been in Utah a few years she wrote to her parents of her sufferings - stating that she was in slavery and other things equally as pitiful, were it not for the fact that they were not true.

Being assured that the Pastor was fabricating, I asked my companion for a pencil and piece of paper, and at once made ready to take down the names of the parties. The "Gospel Man"-- not merchant-- now perceived that he was in a dilemma. He at first supposed ~~supposed~~ that his fabrication would be accepted without refutation. Not knowing which way to stir, he flew off the handle as it were. In a gruff gurgling tone he said; "Let me get through first". When he had talked to his wits' end,

I asked him if was through; he ansed in the affirmativ. Will you please give me the names of the parties, so I can report the case to the President "I have them at the hous in a book, said the preacher.

"You dont remembr the names of any of the neighbors of the family of whom you have spoken?

"No; I dont remember any of them."

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"That's strange in view of the fact that this insident came under your personal observation. It seams to me that this story is simlar other that have been told about us -- the partis implicated not being known. -- The peacher saw that he, hadcut his own throat. He turned and walked down the streat towards the busness center. -- We continued our canvss. In the couse of our rounds we came to the residense of the Prof. of the High School. Calling at his gate, he came out, and asked us in. We infornd hin that our time was precious, as we had an appontment out in the coutry. He then asked us if we would have a drink. We thankd him, and stepd to the well and siped from the "old open bucke that hung in the well. While at the well, our frend-- as was a true one -- spoke freely of our people and ther early psecutions. Befor leaving he bid us call on him when passing that way.

Retuing to the busnis portion of the city. we again met the fabracatng Paster. This time he was seated in front of a busness house suround by a large con - gregation, who were witnessing the word fight betwn the Pastor and

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a holiness man. The bible was the fighting ground. The sence descibed in few words, resemble a side show.

The big Pastor was making use of more brawn than brain. ~~The bible in his hat was beat harder than the holynes man.~~ He ~~bested~~ punished the bible in his hand harder than he did the holiness man. ---

At night we preached to a large congregation on ~~the~~ a Mr. Mc Cleland's pizza. _____

July 04, 1899

July 4-- 1899 -- Ga. ---

Another "Fourth" in the "Old Sunny South. When I ~~arose~~awoke this morning I heard nothing of the noicse heard at home on these occasions. All was as quite as if it was the Sabbath. When I arose and looked around I saw no flags adorning the house in which we had spent the night. Had it not been for the calender I would not have known what day it was.

We had promised ourselves a rest. So we betook to a silent grove to spend a few hours in solitu Here neath the shade of the green trees while about two hours passd

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away, we converted the last few days experince into history. We left this place in time to get to a weathy farmers place for dinner. At this place we spent the remainder of the day. A large melon patch near the house afforded us material for work.

July 05, 1899

July 5- 1899

To-day seemd to be the time of celebrations of the fourth. Early in the mornng all were buisly engaged in making ready to go fishing. Shortly another crowd came to join them. This faction brought the scas and nets. These having come no time was lost in getting on the road. We were invited to join them. In view of the fact that they were going our way we accompanid them to the lake. On arival-al at the lake opperations were conneced at once. Some were going on ahead of the sca taking out the brush; two old gents draging ther gray beirds in the water carried the long net stetched across the lake; and some of the younger lads followed up the rear taking out the obstructins

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In an hour they had covred the distance, havig carried the net from one end of the lake to the other. Now was the time of the sport. The fish being corelled up comnced to jump high above the water. Every time one would shew its bre sise in the sun light the fishr men and boys would make the grove ring with their ejactulatons. If one had not ben concious of what was taking place he would have been lead to believe that they were cheering a Fouth of Juily notes After witnessng these manifestons for some time we crossed over the lake in a boat. Folloing a trail through the woods we soon came to a famers house. _____

July 06, 1899

July 6 -- 1899 -- Ga. --

At eleven we attended Baptist Church. A preacher at which where a Baptist clergy was the principal participant. He delivered a sermon preached a sermon from Col. 3 -- From this it was proven that it was impossible for man to fall from grace or apostasy. The speaker was a man of attainments but not a public speaker.

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During the evening hours
I perused some of the church work
at my disposal.
At night we preached to a
large congregation. -----

July 07, 1899

July 7 -- 1899 ---

In a cozy little cabin in
the lane we spent the day.
During the morning hours I wrote
up my Journal. This done I
took a cool refreshing bath. after
which I wrote letters till noon.
After dinner I spent a half
hour in dreamland - sleeping
to make up for lost time.
In the evening a gentleman
came to see us, and to acquaint-
himself with our teachings.
He having taken a seat I at
once commenced operations. That
we might not be misunderstood
I explained the cause of our
people being persecuted. Now
I lead onto the principle of
Salvation -- and spoke at some
length on authority

At night we preached
to a full house, and enjoyed
the Spirit of the Lord.

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July 08, 1899

July 8 -- 1899 -- Ga. ---

Having been invited home by
a family which talked by little,
I spent most of the day to myself
in silent study.

At night we again met
at the Church in meeting capacity.
Owing to the lowring clouds most
of those who had ~~determined~~ ~~in view~~ to come out
remained at home; hence our con-
gregaton was limited. We, howvr
talked to them for a short time.

July 09, 1899

July 9 : 1899 -----

Many of the settlers of this
settlement had been looking forward
to this day for an oppertunity to hear
of the peculiar people known as
"Mormons". So at the apponted
time the ground around the chuch
was spotted with humanity. The exceses
of the Sunday School were soon over,
and w~~h~~ found ourselves seated before
a congregation of tipical Georgan;
some of whom had come out for curiosty;
not a few ~~to be seen~~ come out only
to be see; and be it justly said a
goodly number come out ~~to~~ hear the
truth. There was [^]some of the class who
would not endure sound doctrine

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who come near enough to the house
to hear what was said.
My theme was Salvation by Works.
The congregation listened with rapt
attention. ^{nealy}All were well pleased, and
we were invited home by several.
In the evening we again met
at the same place. My subject
this time was the birth of the water
and Spirit. Just as I sat down one
old gent who was predujiced, and was
out for the first time --turned to some
of his co-hears and asked -- "shall we
endorse it"? The co-hearer saaid: "Yes
sir we will have to." --

July 10, 1899

July 10 --1899 -- Ga. ---

Having mail at the PO. in Douglas
we determined to walk there and get
it. A distance of ten miles had to
be couvered in order to satisfy this
our desire. The weather was pleasent
so the miles were put behind in a
short time. At twelve we called
at a farm house to inquire our road.
The folks being kind bid us come in.
In view of the presence of a strong api-
tite we were not reluctant in ac--
cepting. On the pizza as usual we
spent the time till dinnr was an -
nounced. After eating we re--

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returned to the pizza, wehre I now
laad down and took a refreshing nap.
At about one ~~again~~ we
took the road for our destination.
Befor three we were in the city of
Douglas. In passing up the streets
the presence of two evangelists in the
town was ~~was~~ made appearant.
The people were in confusion. Bibles
adorned the counters in the merctilie

houses. Little congregations could be seen hither and thither discussing the plan of human redemption. Some as a result of having an over dose of "religion" had resulted to the bar rooms where they had tried to wash it down with fire water. One of these in particular had taken the "Preaches". This is a disease peculiar to the people of Douglas. The symptoms of this disease ~~are~~ varies according to the temperament of those who contract it. In this case the victim was affected in the region of the vocal organs. This caused some considerable noise. At times he could be heard singing about how he helped to kill the "Yankees"; the next instant he would be deliverig a Fouth of July Oration. As soon ~~er~~ ^{as} would the applaus ~~relting from the~~ after the oratin cal, ~~than he would~~ he would in DWitt

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Talmage style, declare the Gospel according to himself. The big Cowboy preacher from Texas was in town. He was to peach at eight. ~~In consequence of the talk about~~ By peasers he had by this time been elivated to the plane of Dwitt Dalmge. It was clamed by his admirers that no one could stand befor him. In view of ther circustances we determined to go and hear him. ~~While~~ We were at the church in good time. In order to be able to hear distinctle we took a front seat. Shortly a tall angularly uncultured gentlem came in and took a seat upon the rostrum. Is was the preacher from Txsas. I steped to him and offered my hand, making myslf accquainted. This done I immediatley made him accquanted with the fact that I was an Eld. of the chuch of Jesus Chist of L.D.S. and that I

had come out to hear him. The man thus was to preach the Big sermon expressed his pleasure in my presence. Changing the subject The Texas man said, 'I represent the Church that Christ established"-- What do you say if we take a twist"?- a debate. I informed the 'Big Preacher" that

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I was not out to contend nor to prove the doctrine of other churches false; but to prove the doctrine of our church true. Continuing I said, I would, however, be pleased to occupy this pulpit for an hour and explain the plan of salvation according to "Mormon" theology; after which I will privilege you to make use of an hour to deny my argument. The man that had lassoed more ~~heads of~~ cattle than he had preached sermons, disented. He gave me to understand that he wanted a debate and no thing else.

At about this time the meeting commenced. The big man took his text from Ephesians "By Grace are you saved," was the theme. The preaching consisted of reading a passage of scripture, commenting on the same, and damning all to hell that did not believe as the preacher. A number of times the boasting preacher would offer money to any one who would bring a passage of scripture refuting what he asserted. At the close of the sermon he permitted me to make my statement relative to a discussion. No sooner had I taken my seat than the regular pastor of the

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church. Mr Poslin, arose to his feet, and at once commenced to liberate the spirit of satan which was within him. In the course of this word he would at times shake as an aspen leaf. Sufice it to say that it was clearly manifested to all present that the Gospel man was not speakin but the Devil **within**. which was within him.

After meeting we walked out in the county. and spent the night with a kind young farmer. ---

July 11, 1899

July 11 --1899 -- Ga. --

When I arose this mornning I found myself in a settlement where we had held several meetings--resulting in moving some to investi--gate. Many of these in consequence of their aroused interest insisted on us holding meeting at night. We gladly consented and gave out appointment at the village church. The day was spent with some of the Farmers. ---

At night persuant to appontment, we met a small congregatin at the church and held an interesting meeting.

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July 12, 1899

July 12 -- 1899 --- Ga. --

In view of having an appointment some ten miles south, we turned our faces in that direction shortly, after pertaking of beakfast. Being aided by a gentle breeze we soon covered two miles. Here was the

P.O. to which we had had some mail forwarded. On calling we were informed that the mail would not be in until evening. Conscious of our surroundings -- knowing that we were in the immediate vicinity of several friends -- we determined to call on one and pass the time till the mail came. A mile through the timber brought us to the house of an ardent adherent of the Primitive Baptist Church. Being hospitable, the member of the so-called "Hard Shell" Church", bid us take shelter beneath his roof. As soon as we were seated on the piazza the man who believes that he is saved by grace, commenced to quote scripture to sustain the doctrine of predestination. I at once built bulwarks of Faith and Works to guard off the missiles that came in rapid succession. My fortifications were substantial, and in a short time I took the ground

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and explained the principles of salvation. After dinner I explained the B of M. and ~~we~~ proved conclusively that the Gospel should be revealed in the last days. My talk on this line resulted in Good. The entire family became interested, and expressed a desire of hearing us preach. Before leaving we sang several hymns. These were listened to with rapt attention.

At the P.O. we waited till about six o'clock when the mail came. Having gotten our mail we stepped up through the timber a distance of a mile where we spent the night we soon kindhearted people. -----

While eating supper the lady of the house told us of her feelings towards us before she heard us preach. When her husband left the

house to go and hear us for the first
time she strictly forbid him to bring
them home. She now expressed
her sorry at acting in this way
After supper while seated
on the piazza with a cool ~~gen~~ breeze
fanning our faces we sang several
of our Gospel hymns. ---

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July 13, 1899

July 13 -- 1899 -- Ga. ---

Leaving the place at which we
had spent the night, we walked a
distance of one mile to the South.
Here lived a well-to-do farmer
by the name of **Lott**. ~~With him~~
~~we had me~~ While with him
a few days previous we made
arrangements to dye our clothes
at his place. Acting upon this ar -
rangement we at once commenced
operations. It was our first attempt
at any thing of the kind, so it is
needless to state that we made
many blunders. The boiling of
the clothes was by far the most
disagreeable phase of the work. ~~bear~~
The sun was pouring down at
a Foraida rate, and it was necess -
ary to stir continually for 3/4 of
an hour.
After getting through with this
task, we enjoyed ourselves clapping
our lips of a big watermelon. ----
During the evening we passed
the time in the shade studying
and conversing with the members
of the family -. _____

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July 14, 1899

July 14 -- 1899 -- Ga.

At about eight o'clock we left **Mr. Dan. Lott's** place, and started in-route for Pearson, a settlement some distance South. At this place we had an appointment to meet at night. On arriving at our destination we learned ~~to our~~ that our appointment was not very widely narrated. We heard also that there was ~~already an~~ a protracted Methodist Meeting going on. In view of existing conditions we determined to give up our appointment. At a kind farmer's place we took supper, after which we accompanied a traveling salesman who was stopping at the place ---to church. -- At the meeting a **Mr. Beysmore** was the principal participant. He discoursed from Mk. 8:36. At some length he shewed how man was very mindful of the body. After his treatment on the core of the body, the Pastor exhorted the congregation with fervency to take better care of the inner man the soul. The talk on this line proved to be futile; and many were out of patience. Some more effective line of thought was now taken up. The Hell of burning hell of fire and brimstone was depicted

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and the good people were presented with the idea that they would all go to ~~hell~~ that place if they did not come to Jesus(?). The man in the pulpit exhausted his oratorical powers before he took his seat. The choir now sang a hymn while two preachers stood near the altar begging the people to come up and be prayed for. In a short time, a few surrounded

the alter. ~~and the beg~~ and the circus began. One of the Parsons knelt down and immediatle went into extor - tions. He pounded the air and yelled at the top of his voice. It remindd me of the Hypocrits who use vain repetitions and think they shall be heard for their much talking.

July 15, 1899

July 15 -- 1899 Ga. --

At eleven an appointment awaited us at the village school house. At the time given out for meeting the little building was seated with Georgia Farmers in their shirt sleeves. A short meeting was held, resulting in making some friends. With some kind folks we spent the evening convrsing on

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the plan of salvation. At night my companion attended the regular meeting held in the Methodist Church, and listend to the Pastor scouge the "Mormons".

July 16, 1899

July 16 -- 1899 Sunday

Persuant to previous arrangemts we met at the school house at eleven. Befor our sevices a Baptist preacher by the nane of Herald discoused for an hour on the claims etc. of his -- the Baptist Church. It was a spirited discouse. The Pastor stomped the floor and fomed at the mouth. At intervells he would be compleately exhaustd. Talking or yelling at the top of his

voice he said: "I am glad that I am a sheep".
After dismissal we took a position at the front and made redy for our meeting. At this **Mr. Herald**, not being able to endure sound doctrne, took his Bible and started for the door **using** making use of these words as he withdrew: "These men are going to preach now; If **any** you want to hear them you can." .This was a case of the

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hirling fleeing when the wolk comes.
While I discoursed upon the necessity of Obedience. some young men sheltered under the well-covering were brewing up Mob-violence. Their effort was fute, as the secret leaked out. Just after getting to the house were we contemplated to spent the time till meeting, two of our friends cone to the door and called us out. The object of their call was manifest to my compainions at once.

We were told by these men that that a mob was in store for us if we went out to the school house. They advised us to take our leave from the settlemnt, this we did and thus narrowly escaped a mob. --

In the evening we held a quite little meeting beneath some large oak trees. ---

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July 17, 1899

July 17 - 1899 -- Ga.

Again we were disappointed.
After giving out an appointment
to preach in a neighboring Church,
the Methodist held a meeting in
the same church, and gave the people
to understand that ~~we could not~~
the "Mormons" should not preach
in the house any more. In view
of this we [^]were disappointed. and found
only a half a dozen at the church.
~~to at~~ We took to a neighboring,
house and preached to the few
that desired to hear.

July 18, 1899

July 18 -- 1899. Ga. --

After visiting with several
families, we took to a **Mr M^cClellands**
place. At night a congregation
came in and we held a meeting
on the piazza. _____

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July 19, 1899

Wed. July 19 -- 1899 Douglas.

This was the day of our appointment
at the City of Douglas. So in order
to be there in good time we took
our [^]leave at **Mr. M^c Clellands** shortly
after breakfast. As we slowly strolled
along through the woods many thoughts
ran through our minds relative
to the result of our attempt to preach
in the County Court house. At times
our imaginative faculties would
try hard to have us believe that a
mob would intervene. Then again
we would be assured that all would
be smooth sailing.

In a short time we were in the little burg. I went directly to the P.O. and got our mail. Leavg here we went then to the scene of the day's activity -- the Court House. Here in an upper room was seat the clerk of the Co. Commissarie in company with the Parson of the church. ~~I had no sooner entered this room th~~ As soon as I entered the room a conversation was opend. Joseph Smith as a prophet was first discussed. ~~Then~~ We next talkd on miracles and prophesy at some length.

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The time had now arrived for ~~the~~ conveing in meeting in the hall below. I slowly stepped down and took my seat beside my companion in front of some of the leading men of the town. In order to call people in we sang a hymn. Befor commencing my discouse I read Isa. 8:20. Some of those who had come out manifested a desire to break up the meeting. They laughed and talked vehemently but to no avail -- I talked right on. When they learned that I was in earnest they settled down and listend just as attentively as any present. After meeting we walked out of town a distance of 5 miles and spent the night with a famly with whom we had stoped before.

July 20, 1899

Thur. July 20 - 1899 -----

At eleven we preached to a small congregation in a shed owened by a **Mr. Cannon**. Shortly after taking dinner we started on our

way back to a settlement in which
we had done a great deal of preachng.
In this settlment we peached to
a small con. in a farm house.

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July 21, 1899

Fri. July 21 -- '99. ----

Spent the day at a Widdow's
houes, reading and writing. ---
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July 22, 1899

Sat. July 22 -- '99. Ga.

It being a rainy day we passd
most of the time at a Mr. McCloud
place.

At about 12 a Baptist
preacher who had been wped
biblically by an Elder came in.
His presenc gave life to the occan.
At once we comenced to discuss
biblical subjects. ~~It but~~ In a very
short time the Pastor thought
it wise to take his leave; which
he did.

At night we held a little
meeting ~~with~~ in a farne's house

July 23, 1899

Sun. July 23 -- 1899 -----

Having no appontnent out
for to-day, we deterned to attend
church in-a neighboring settlmt.
The folks with whom we had spent
the night. hitched the Old mule
to the wagon ~~and-carried~~
carried us to the place

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The preaching was conducted by a **Mr. Poston** an avowed enemy to the cause of Truth. He was so filled with the spirit of hate that he even gave vent to his feeling in the prayer. Among other things that he thanked the Lord for, was the putting an end to prophecy -- "We thank thee that thou didst send thy son to do ~~awa~~ put an end to prophecy," -- rang out from the lips of one of those who "draw nigh me with their lips and with their mouths do honour me."

The sermon was from Jno. 14. - "I am the way." For about a quarter of an hour the man who would make a better blacksmith than preacher, tried to depict the disappointment of the Jews ~~in the coming of Christ~~ because Christ had not come in the way they had expected. Now the text was quoted, and another fable was told. In explaining the text ~~it was~~ the pastor strove hard to have the congregation understand that Christ was the way to heaven; the way to the Church; and the way to the ordinances of the Gospel. After meeting we retired to the settle three left and preached to a large congregation

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July 24, 1899

Mon. July 24-- 1899 -- Ga.

By letter we had been notified that a new **Eld. would be at Willicoochee** on the 26 inst. We were directed to be there on that date to meet him; so

in order to make light walking we started in that direction. Eight miles of sand was put behind us before one o'clock. We now found ourselves beneath the roof of a **Mr. Dan. Lotts** house. Here we spent the evening in pleasant conversation - ~~now and then, for a change,~~ Now and then we would reduce our friend's supply of watermelons, just to dispel monotony. __

July 25, 1899

Tue. July 25 -1899 - Ga.

During the day we walked eight miles -- canvassing all the houses in reach of the road we traveled. At **Liberton** a station on the R.R. we secured the use of a large Baptist Church for a meeting at night. At the appointed time we were seated in a well lighted house in front of a good congregation. Our meeting was a success rendered so by us enjoying the Spirit of the Lord. __ _____

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July 26, 1899

Wed. July 26 -- 1899 -- Ga.

In order to meet the Eld. that was due, we took our leave from the place where we had spent the night and started for **Willicoochee, the place of destination of the "New Eld."** We only had 3 miles to cover; ~~and we were only a short~~ so we were but a short time in getting to the little town. As we walked down the streets of the little burgs the eyes of all were set upon us, bent on ascertaining if possible whether "Mor

mon" Elds. looked like other people. We first called at the Depot. Here we were given to know that the Eld. had not arived and that the next train from the East was not due befor four oclock in the evening. In view of being thus suround, we detemnd to try to obtain permission to use the Methodist for the purpose of holding some meetings. We interviewed several prominent membes of the church and a majority of them expressed a willingness a desire of hearing "all things." Some, however, objected. So we calld upon the trustees of the academy they consented to let us make use of that building.

Eld. Mace came over from the

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neighboring county to join us. Our meeting was well attended. We enjoyed the Spirit of the Lord. and consequently made an empression upon the minds of many who came out to listen.

After meeting we were invited home by a merchant. In his bed room we had a good nights rest, notwithstanding the fact that we had only had one meal

July 27, 1899

Thur. July 27 -- 1899 - Ga.

In the last letter received from Prest. Paker I was instructed to wait at Willicoochee over to-day to meet the Eld. that was to have come yesterday. ~~Have a day befor me~~

Having a day to wait, I detemnd to accompany the 2 Elds. that we to leve me, ~~as far as~~ to a river that separated our counties.

Here we had a refreshing bath to-geather, as in days of yore.

Then we separated near the bridge
Elds. Sellers and Mace to go in
to Berring Co. and myself to
go back to Willicoochee and
wait for the train.

I managed to get back
to town in time to take dinner

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with our friend the merchant
with whom we had spent the
night.

While the evening hour passed
away I listened to the ~~p~~contending
arguments of two lawyers in a R-R.
case.

My companion came on the train.

After disposing of some of his business
we started out in the country.

At about seven o'clock we called ~~at~~
~~farmer~~ on a farm by the name
of **Newburn**. He kindly invited
us in. ~~Here~~ After supper we
accompanied the folks to a prayer
meeting. ~~A~~ When meeting was
over we returned and spent the
night with Mr. Newburn. ----

July 28, 1899

July 28 - 1899 --- Ga. ----

At eleven we met at the village
church with a good congregation, and
declared unto them the words of
eternal life. By speaking under
the demonstration of the Spirit we
made friends with those who came
out. At the close of the meeting
we were cordially invited to take
dinner with a farmer. At this
farmer's place we spent the evening.
At night we held services again

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July 29, 1899July 29 -- 1899 - Ga. --

Persuant to appointment we met at the Church at eleven. A small congregation came out. Notwithstanding this, we nevertheless held a meeting. ----

After services we accompanied a Mr. **Dan. Roberts** home. He being a Methodist Pastor forced a conersaton upon us. As we ploded through the hot sand the relative merits of "Mormonism" and "Methodism" was brought to light. We by no means ended the discussion on the road; ~~but~~ when got on the pizza we reasumed with renewed energy.----

During the evening we were left to our selves. Mr Roberts havin gone out to look after the welfare of the sheep. ---

At night the young folks of the settlement gathered at hoone house to have what they called as sing. By invitation we also attended. ---

July 30, 1899July 30-- 1899 ---

~~In accord~~ Persuant to previous appointment nearly all of the people in the vicinty met at the

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church for the purpose of holding a prayer meeting. We were there also and that too in time to get the ful benefits our the deliberations, which consisted mainly of singing and praying. ---

A sunday school was held
after the meeting. When this was
over Mr. Roberts spoke at some
length on generalites. His purpose
in doing this was to prevent
us from talking. ----

We now spent a few hous
with a school teacher and his famly.
While at their house we discussed
bible principles. _____

At three we attended another
S S.. Here we were privledged
to talk after the school was dismissed.

At night we held a meeting
at a dwelling house. This meeting
was so largely attended that half
of the people could not get inside.

The fense ~~the~~ near the house
afforded them as seat. _____

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July 30, 1899

July 30 -- 1899 -- Coffee Co. Ga.

Counceling together we ~~adoped~~ soon
adopted a plan for the day. A settlment
some ten miles to the West was our
objective point. We had in view to hold
some meetings at this place if the
settlers "could" endure sound doctrine
Our road for ~~the three~~ the first three
miles lay along the B & W. R.R. This
distance being couvered we found ourselves
in the little town of **Willicoochee**. We
called at the P.O., got our mail and then
called upon a merchant with whom
we took dinner.

At about 2 oclock we again foud
ourselves on the road plodding our way
to the north west. The sun was extremly
hot so we frequented the shade of
the trees along the road. ~~At abo~~ Just
Befor sundown we found ourselves
beneath the roof of a kind.hearted farmer
who made us welcome.

On the pizza we passed the evening

in pleasant conversation. The presence of a traveling man enliven the occasion.

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August 01, 1899

Aug. 1-- 1899 -- Ga. ---

Having aranged our affairs we started on our rounds. We first called upon a man who had in charge a building that had been used for preaching. An interview with him resulted in obtainng his permission use the building. Having obtaind this permission we took a strol aroug the settlement notifying people of our appointment at night. --- All who heard of our meeting came out, and we had an enjoy able time.

August 02, 1899

Aug 2 - 1899 ----

The entire day was spent in visiting.

August 03, 1899

Aug 3 - 1899 ----

This day was spent like yesterday -- -----

August 04, 1899

Aug. 4 -- 1899

After walking a distance of 7 miles we met with frinds, and also secured a building to preach in. At night we talked to a small congregation in a well furnished church at the corner of Coffee, Irwig and Berring counties. -----

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August 05, 1899

Aug. 5 -- 1899 Ga. ---

Beneath the roof of a kind-kearted farmer's house we passed nearly the entire day. I manipulated the time ~~in-varies~~ attending to various duties. In the evening we retuned to the little town of **Lax**, where we preached the past night. Here we took supper with a planter. As the shades of night commenced to lower we stroled to the church where we were joined by a large congregation.

August 06, 1899

Aug 6 -- 1899 -- Ga. --

Our appointment for ~~the~~ eleven A.M. was 5 miels to the East of where we spent the night. So in view of it being fast day we got on the road early. At about nine oclock we stoped at a friend's place and changed clothes. At the church we meet a large congregation; Some had come a distanse 8 miles to hear of the stange doctrine. We enjoyed the Spirit, consequently we had a good time. Owing to the fact that I had a cold we intimated to some that we would not hold services

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in the evenning. But at three a con - gregation was seated in the meeting

house so it was necessary for us to go and preach to them. ---

August 07, 1899

Aug. 7 --'99. Bridgtown Ga.

The forenoon was spent in the settlement. At about ten we called upon a Mr. Isa Lott. We remained at his place till after dinner. At three we started on the road. During the evening we covered about nine miles of hot sand. At a late hour we called upon a wealthy farmer; and were kindly invited in. Here we spent the night in a well furnished room. -----

August 08, 1899

Tue. Aug. 8 --'99, Carver Settle- Ga.

On leaving the place where we had spent the night we had in view a journey of five miles; but a mile on the road we were invited in. Owing to the weather being extremely hot we determined to stop over until the cool of the evening. Being surrounded with facilities for washing clothes we put in and ran our clothes through. During the evening we passed over about 5 miles of sand. Before dark we were at a ends' place.

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August 09, 1899

Wed. Aug. 9 --1899--McClelland, Ga.

We had been informed by friends that two Rev. gentlemen had arranged to preach the abituary of "Mormonism" on the following Sunday. Being desirous of being present on this memorial oc-

casion we meterially changed our arranged plan of work. We made up our mind to remain in the settlement and visit our friends.

We ~~first~~ called at a **Mr. McClelands.**

Here we took dinner. After eating we called at another place where we found several of the men-folks at work. Among the rest was a Hard Shell. His presence necesitad a discussion, which was p protracted.

With this member of the Primatve Baptist Church we spent the night. After supper we took our seats on the veranda. Here we discussed the doctrine of the Savior for some time; ~~after~~ which we sang some hymn's and retired for the night.

August 10, 1899

Thur. Aug. 10 -- 1899. McClelland.

The day was spent at kind friend's place. Nothing unusual happend. _____

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August 11, 1899

Fri. Aug. 11 -- 1899. McClelland Ga.

This day was spent as yesterday.

August 12, 1899

Sat. Aug. 12 -- 1899. -- McCel. Ga.

Yesterday we learned that there was to be a meeting at the Baptist Church in the settlements ~~at~~ eleven. Desiring "to hear all things," we made redy and started for the scene of actiton at about half past ten. As we drewed near

the little log church we perceived
that the meeting was dismissed.
No doubt the pastor "smelt the rat-"
learned that we would be present; and
not deaimg it desirably to preach
to a congregation composed partially
of "Mormons, he opened the services,
read a chpt. cmmented a littell
and dismissed -- consuming in all
about half an hour's time. ____
We accompanied some kind
friends home. At their house we
passed the evenning on the veranda.
The presence of several old folks renderd
it practicall to talk of the times of
eternal life. So all in all it was
a pleasant evenning. At times we
would read; ~~and then~~ now and then
we would sing some of our sweet
hymns to break the monotony.

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August 13, 1899

Sun. Aug. 13 -- 1899. McClelland, Ga.

This was a day, with me, that was pec-
uliar to itself. As I sat on the veranda of
the house at which I had spent the night,
patiently waiting for the hour ~~appointed~~
~~for preaching the "funeral of Mormonism"~~ to arriv
when I should witness "Mormonism" embalmed
by a Pharasee -- my thoughts sored alof; ~~and~~
~~Limma~~ I tried to immajine what effect
an anti-"mormon" discourse would have
on the minds of my friends. Those
around me were discussing the phisafie
of the plan that had be adopted by the
Rev. **Mr. Casen**. The [^]oldermembers of the
family were making redy for the
meeting, while the children -- not realizing
they ~~th~~ were so near those who, ~~would~~
in the next hour, [^]would~~would~~ be lowered to the
level of those who in the days of Paul
were counted the "offscouring of all things"
(I Cor. 3:13) -- played joyfully and unsus-
pectingly on my knees.

A glance at my companion's watch revealed the fact that it was time to start. We shouldered our grips, and in a few minutes we were in the woods by ourselves. As we ~~passed~~ stroled along through the ~~woods~~,lonely dell we talked freely of what we conjectured ~~that~~ would take place. Crossing a little branch and winding our way around a plantation, --

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we are in sight of the little log Chuch in which I had declared the principles of eternal life. Horses were tied to the trees. all around the little synagog manifesting the presence of a large con - gregation. As we ~~drawed~~,drew near the house we met sevrал of our friends who were pleased to see us; They ~~informed~~short time ~~we learned~~us that the ~~principal~~ man who was to do the scourging was alrely present. While conversing with our friends on the outside the Parson stepped out. A glance at his eye revealed to me that it yet sparkled with hate as it did some two weeks ago when he was a component part of a congregation to which I deivered five discouses ~~of~~on the Gospel. People continued to come. In the meantime another ~~Pharess~~ Pastor ~~put~~ makes his appearance. At about this time I stepped inside and quietly seated myself beside my humble companion. The Methodist Pastor, was now in the pulpit, and also in bewillderment. It had not entered his mind that the "false prophets" would be present to listen to the scourging. The house was now filled to its utmost capacity, and many who could not gain entrance took shelter from the hot Ga. sun under the large near the house.

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I caste my eye upon the man
in the pulpit; I see a smile onne his
countenance. Not knowing the cause of
this strange phenomonon, I turned about
and looked through the door; what should
I see but a Baptist Clergy, --in ~~th~~the
person of **A. B. Finley** -- the biggest
Orthodox gun in Soth Ga. Mr. Finley
is a fluent speaker, well versed in the sciptr
and is now in the thirtieth year of his
pulpit practice. But hes is, I am in -
formed, so idicted to blackgard, while in
the pulpit, that all the churches of his
own profession close their doors against
him. On this occasion, [^]however he was just the
man that the Methodist pastor was in
need of^f. No sooner had he got insid
the church than he was invited right
to the front. Of course **Mr. Cosen** gave
the meeting over to Mr. Finly.
The Pharasees fight the Sadusees, [^]while by them selves, but
when the Nazareens comes in their midst
they join hands ^f and wedge their war
upon the Nazareens. ----
Pastor Finley arises; takes the bible
and reads the text-"I find no fault
in this man." ~~At first one would one~~
Listening to the commencenet of the discs
one would be lead to belive that it
would turne out to be a regular orthodox
sermon. But the purpose of the speaker
was soon detectable. It was noticable

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in a short time that he had in view
to retain the frindship of the people
and at the same time embitter them
towards that sect which "is every where
evully spoken against." (Acts 28:22)
Acting [^]upon ~~upon this plan~~ his adopted plan
the man who represented that class of
people that "draweth nigh me with
their mouths." (Isa. 29-) used all the
retorical paint in his shop in beauti
fying the name of Jesus. ~~This was
done in an effort to retain the frindsh
of the hearers.~~ And while he would

have. Jesus on the highest pinnacle of glory, he would with the same brush paint the ignominy and torment of "Joe. Smith" and "Brigham Young," as they walk the sulphureous Streets of hell, because they invented that soul destroying religion known as "Mormonism"

~~This~~ The Pastor remained in the pulpit an hour and a half. During this time ~~he traveled over the~~ he ploughed a little ~~+~~ in every field of anti-"momon" thought -- starting at Dan and finishing at Bushiba.

Mr. Finley becomes exhausted and takes his seat, making way for the "Weslyan," Mr. Cosen holds up what proved to be an antimomon tract, and immediately commences to read.

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the people now commence to get tired of Satanity, and with daw one by one. When ~~half~~ about 3 paragraph's had been read the house was half empty. The more intelligent were among those who withdrew. One school teacher, a particular friend of mine, shook his head with disgust and walked out. ~~In speaking to those on the outside, he denounced the proceedings of the Pastors~~

The Methodist Preacher had in view to read the entire tract, but it was manifest to him that he would have no hears by the time he got through; so he changed his mode of procedure. **He dropped the tract and ~~com~~ at once commenced to warn the fairer sex of the daingir ther was in entertang those "wolves in sheek's clothing."** ~~It seemed that~~

Ⓔ Apparently his warning produced the wrong effect; for when he ~~w~~step out of the door he was met by one lady who rebuked him severely for his conduct. I ~~overheard~~ ~~what she said~~ heard her make use of this language: "I have a

Book of Mornon at my house, I
~~wish you~~ wish you would come
and read it; but I want you
to understand that you can not
stop over night at my place.

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While the ~~preaching was~~ scouging
was going on I silently asked the
Lord to open up the way for us to vin-
dicate our rights, and befriend the inn-
ocent people that we represented.
The Lord was mindful of us, and
worked in a misterious way in our
behalf. The Pastor receved such sever
rebuke that he hung his head in
shame and walked away from
the church. No one came to him
and asked: "Won't you go home to
dinner with with us?"

Late in the evenning we held
a meeting on a veranda. A large
congregation was present, and by
the asistance of God's Holy Spirit we
preached the Gospel in power. **After
services meeting nearly all of the
fairer sex came and shock us
by the hand.** _____

August 14, 1899

Mon. Aug. 14 - '99. Ryalo. Ga.

By a man, living in a neighborig
settlemet, who was present at our meeting
yesterday evenning we sent an appontmt
to preach at his house to-night. On
the way home this man met his pre-
acher who kindled a fire of predujce
in the heart of his deluded follower.
The pharasee also succeeded in

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persuading his blinded follower not to let us preach at his house. The slander of the Pastor was effective; and the man who we **entertained** supposed was a friend obeyed the council of his blind-leader. So in order not to have to meet us, he left his home, leaving his family to themselves. And when we called the whole was revealed. It was apparent to us that we could hold no meeting. We however, remained and took supper; after which we called upon a neighbor where we spent the night.

August 15, 1899

Tue. Aug. 15 -- 1899.

After eating breakfast I ^{was} had a seat on the veranda. In a short time I was surrounded by the members of the family and also my companion. A gentle breeze was fanning our faces, rendering our surroundings quite comfortable. **What could** Under these circumstances what could avert a discussion on religious matters. Nothing. **Mr. Roberts**, the gentleman of the place, led out by alleging **that** ^{the "Mormon" ~~our~~} method of interpretation of scripture to be **entirely**. Moreover, he took the position that all the O. T. had to be spiritualized. To divert our friend's mind of this erroneous idea that had lodged there, I cited him

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to the words of Peter: -- "Knowing this first that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation." This scriptural citation materially changed the subject of discussion. In the meantime talking became so monotonous that we deemed it wise to eat some watermelon. Then done we started on the road for **to** a settlement known as **Wilsonville**. **At a Mr. Mc Kincaid's** we took dinner. Here we were joined by two young men

who were traveling in our direction. One hailed from Illinois; he had been mustered out of the Army at Tampa Fla. Owing to his extensive travel he made good company.

At a little creek we stopped and took a cool swim as in days of yore. ___

August 16, 1899

Wed. Aug. 16-1899. Wilsonville Ga.

During the day we walked eight miles-- arriving at a settlement known as Wilsonville. Here we passed the night with a Mr. Wilson-- popularly known as **Yankee Wilson**. ----

August 17, 1899

Thur. Aug. 17, Wilsonville, Ga.

Our plan of work for the day was soon marked out. It was our purpose to hold a few meetings in the village school house, if permissible. Acting

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upon this plan, we called upon the trustee to get their consent. No trouble was experienced in getting their acquiescence.

At about ten o'clock we called upon a **Mr. Testont**, a wealthy terpenine man.

At his place we came in contact with an apostle of Predestination, or as they are popularly known--a hardshell.

He manifested a desire to prove that a certain class were predestined to ~~enter~~ pass through the pearly gates, and another class was predestined to walk up and down the sulphurous steeps of hell. Taking a seat he immediately quoted the text -- "By grace are ye saved;" and followed up with a regular line of Herdshell argument. When he got to his room and I followed with a short discourse on Faith and Works. The Tortoise-shell man hit back with Esau

and Jacob. In this discuson an hour was consumed. Dinner was now anncd. After eating we resumed the chat. ~~In a half hours talk a~~. In ~~a ha~~ half an hour the "what is to be will be" was at his ropes end. ----

Continueing the work in hand -- putting out our appointment -- we called at the school for the purpose of having ~~ther~~ notice of our meeting given out there. The young stripling at first was reluctat, but by persuasion we got him to promise ~~that he would~~

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to give out the notice. - - - Havng now finshed our work of canvassing we betook ourselves to the shade of some large trees. Here we took shelter from the hot Ga. sun, and devoted several hours to the study of the Gospel. As the sun was passing behind the western horizon, we brushed up our clothes and started, ^{for} the place appointed for meeting. We reached the house ~~by the time at the time when~~ ^{Just as the} the shades of night were falling. No one was yet present. We took a seat near the teacher's bench and ~~waited patently~~ waited patiently for our hears to put in their appearance. Fully half an passed awy while we were in this lonely position. We ^{now} commenced to doubt the phesability of holding a meeting. At this instant two men accompanied by the young teacher came to the door. We immedately greeted them with a pleasant good-eveninng; they did not reciprocate. The strangeness of their action ~~put on~~ excited my suspicion. In the meantine they staped inside and came right to the front. Remaining mute for an instant-- ~~one in~~ in a gorilla tune one of the company made use the following language: "I want you to know that you are not going to preach in this house"! - - "You see that road out there; you take it as soon as you can." Knowing that he was void of authority, I asked him if he was the govenor of state. Continuing my remarks, I said prove to me that your are the Gov. of the state then we will get out

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Our stubbornness raised the temper of the bigot. He in all probability had assured himself that we could be bluffed, but found that he was mistaken. He ran to the house as if for a weapon. ~~but returned in a few minits~~
~~without~~ In five minits he returned without the object of his errand. He now acted like the dog~~t~~ that had got underneath in the fight. Barking was the best he could do; and finly got back of the house to do that. __

When the fanatics returned to the house we also took our leave. In a short time we were seated on ~~the veranda of on~~ a kind frind's veranda, ~~rehearsing the our ou~~ talking freely of what had taken place.

August 18, 1899

Fri. Aug. 18-'99

Owing to our disappiontment last night the plan for to-day's work was metirelly changed. We had in vew to hold a series of meetings at the school house, ~~but~~ in this settlment, but owing to persecution, we were compelled to "flee into another city."

A walk of four miles brought us into a friendly neighborhood. Here by hard work we succeeded in appointing a meeting for the night

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August 19, 1899

Sat. Aug. 19: Fales. Ga. ----

The day was spent with frinds in the settlement. ____

August 20, 1899

Sun. Aug. 20 -- Fales Ga.

At eleven we found ourselves beneath the roof of what had been used for a commissary. In a short time ~~a-f~~ congregation most of the rough board seats were occupied. A spiritual feast ensued. By the demonstration of the Spirit we talked at some length on the first principles of the Gospel.

At four we meet at the same place and for the same purpose for which we meet in the morning ---

August 21, 1899

Mon. Aug. 21 -'99. Fales Ga.

Having in view to preach at a place four miles to the West, we took our leave from the place at which we had spent the night ~~at about nine~~ and started in that direction.

When the sun was at the meridian we were on the veranda of a ~~firen~~ friend's house.

During the evening I devoted some time to the study of the Gospel. ---

At about eight o'clock P.M. a congregation was seated on our friend's piazza. ~~Persuant to~~ Arranged to the purpose for which they I come out we held a meeting. ----

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August 22, 1899

Tue. Aug. 22 --'99. Pearson, Ga.

~~Between us and~~ In the morning, between us and the field of labor for the day was eight miles of sand. Shortly after eating breakfast we were on the road making towards a town known as Pearson. A mile is soon covered. We are on the banks of a little creek, which afforded us a splendid opportunity for a refreshing bath. On the road ~~a-hal~~ half a mile further on lives a farmer-

who treated us to watermelon.

At about five in the evening we found ourselves in the town of Pearson. It is needless to say that our presence in the town attracted the attention of the citizens. As we walked along the side-walk [17] many remarks were made concerning the object of our call and other kindred matters. At the P.O. we were made acquainted with some of the leading men of the town. They expressed a desire to hear all things, and hold fast to that which is good. A little exertion on our part secured for us the use of the town school house. Having laid the foundation of our work we now directed our attention to the super-structure. Leaving our grip at the school house we took a stroll through the principal streets ~~inviting people~~ in search of material for our congregation. Having completed our canvass we betook ourselves to the school house. ~~having~~ ~~At this place we had~~ in view to spend the time till the hour of meeting in stoing our minds. ~~But while~~ But our plan was changed. ~~While setting~~ Just as we had settled down to study an old man

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came in and kindly invited us homee. At about eight ~~we were back to were seated near the teacher's desk in the~~ we found ourselves beneath the roof of the village school house, seated near the teacher's desk. In a short time a goodly congregation was seated before us. To say that a majority of those present had come out for curiosity sake would only be making, what -- to "Mormon Eld's." -- would[^]be a self-evident statement. ~~Nevertheless~~, Notwithstanding existing conditions we nevertheless declared the word in boldness -- making prominent the fact that "those who live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." After meeting we were invited home by a Mr. Crosby, who made us welcome to his hospitality.

August 23, 1899

Wed. Aug. 23-'99. Pearson, Ga. ____

The day dawned hot and dry. ~~At nine the thermometer was higher, was high as afternoon usually.~~ In mingling with the people[^]of the town during the early part of the day ~~it was apparent~~ we were

led to believe that the mercury ~~that recorded the Spiritual~~
~~tempeture~~ in the thermometer that recorded the
Spiritual tempeture was equally as high. if not higher,
than the mercury in the thermomter that recorded the
physical tempeture. By our preaching last night
the water of truth came in contact with the fires
of Satan. Lusifer, supposing that our effort would
extinguish his fires, ~~was~~ was up early and
at work; ~~he was~~ His whole force was directed to
the fire of hate. ~~He~~ The poker and coal

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shovel -- ~~the~~ "lie and slander" -- had no rest.
~~A-gee~~ Moreover, a goodly numbr of his adherants
assited him. ~~One in partieuar~~. When we walked
into the P.O. the first thing that caught our
eye was a man setting on the counter performing
a chemical oppression on an Anti. Mormon "tract."
A reading of his countenance assured us that he
was in the act, ~~of~~ converting the slimy matter im-
pressed on the pages of the tract in his hand,- into
oil, which, of couse, was to be added to the fire of hate
in his heart.

Our presence in the Office ~~made-a~~ brought
about a revolution. The harp of polygamy
was taken up by the P.M. On it he played
~~what~~ a tune that he was persuaded would
be so obnoxious to us that we would go into spasms.
But not so; his tallent was not equal to the
occasion. The man with the anti-momon' tract
realizing ~~the ine inability of his brother in the cause~~
~~of error to~~ this, at once, stuck another tune
on the same instument. By him polygamy
was ~~elassed~~. catalogued with sin. And.
moreover, those who practiced it were doomed to
hell. As soon as silence was, ~~permitted to~~ reigns for an
instent, I put in a few words. In few clear
cut remarks -I made apperant the fact that the
anti "Mormom" had made God a sinner and Jesus
a Bastard. In view of the incontestability
of my argument our opponents become
enraged. The P.M. said that it was
a wonder that we were not shot befor
we got out of town.

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The whole matter comes to a focus. Pursuant to appointment we were at the school house at the regular preaching hour. Having released myself of my burden I commenced to raise the windows. While on the rostrum I glanced at my companion who was near the teachers desk; he was in a strange mode. My curiosity was excited, and stepped over to him he motioned me to the desk where my eyes beheld the following written in a scrawley hand: ___
 Pearson. Ga.
 8 - 23 -- 1899.
 "F Mormon Elder's"
 "If you want to get out of this town with hole skin and boons & no Scars on your Physiognomy, Dont let the next sun set on you here."
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~~Notwithstanding the subjoined was before us~~ We paid but little attention to the polite (?) note before us; but went right on with the meeting pursuant to appointment. After meeting we accompanied our friend Mr. Crosby home. At his home we ~~spent a~~ had a good night's sleep. ___

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August 24, 1899

Thur. Aug. 24-'99. Pearson - Ga. -

Realizing the danger of remaining in a town composed of partially of savages we determined to take our leave. Two miles from town we were bid cool ourselves on the veranda of a Mr. Henderson's house. Just as we had taken our seats we heard some one yelling off a distance. In a short time a wagon vehicle ~~came in via~~ containing a half a dozen intoxicated men drove by on a road a distance from the house. They were on the road which we intended to travel: so we ~~assrted~~ ~~that~~ assured ourselves that we had narrowly

escaped a mob.
At a neighbr's place we spent the
evenning and night. _____

August 25, 1899

Fri. Aug. 25-'99.--Mt. Zion Ga.

An appointment at ~~N~~ a ~~sell~~ church
by the nane of **Mt Zion** for the followng Sunday
attracted our attention in that diretion.
Moreover, we had in view to visit some frinds
living near this church; and ~~consequence of~~
~~view of~~ having to leave the Mt. Zion settlmt
Sunday evenng we determnd to make the
walk to-day, and therby make time to vist our
friends befor sunday. Acting upon this plan
we found ourselvs on hot sandy road befor nine
o'clock. Two miles are soon covered. ~~Doubting~~
Fearig that we were on the wrong road

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we called at a farm house to inquire our
~~And-bein~~ way. ~~An~~ Having obtaned the desired
information we asked for a drink. Of couse we
were invited in. Having siped from the "old
open bucket" we were bid have a seat on the
veranda. We ~~le~~ soon learned that we were in
the presence of an infidel. For some time we
talked on ~~his~~ rauisse spice. In the meantime
the Old Man's "grand daughter" makes her appearance.
Her eys were sparkeling with hate. Coming
to the front she asked in a trembling tone if
we would permit her to ask us one question.
I assured her that she was at liberty to ask
as many as she wanted. Leaing back in my
chair, and making acute my sence of
hearing, I kept my silence and waited for the
thunderbolt. And if came. --- - -
"What are you men out here for; ~~we~~
we are not heathens - we have got preaches
here."
Finishig her sentence she took a seat
in front of us and prepared for our reply.
I took to the helm. ~~Restoration and Apostacy~~
~~wer taken up~~ I infomed the young lady
that the Gospel had been restored by the

angle that John saw, and in fulfilment of his prophecy we were preaching to "every nation, kindred tongue and people". Moreover. I made appent the fact that she had not yet heard the true Gospel.

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In the course of our discussion at the P.O. one man - seamingly inteligent- doubted that the bible used by the "Momon's" was like the regular orthox bible. To dis - pel this erroneous idea from his minde I assured him that we used King James' Translation of the Bible. The anti "Moron" being ignorant of the term, and desiring to say something in opposition to the "Mormons"-- demanded in a harsh tone -- "who is King James -- "Yes, Joe Smith and King James went in to-geather and made a bibe"..

August 26, 1899

Sat. Aug. 26 -'99. Mt. Zion, Ga. -

The day was cool and pleasant. ~~In view of our appointment at the church the~~ In view of having appointed to preach at the village church on the morrow, we remained at the house at which we had spent the night the entire day. During the fornoon † I converted the insidents of the last few days into history. While the evenning hours passed away I perused Orson Pratt's Works.

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August 27, 1899

Mt Zion, Coffee Co., Ga. Sun. Aug 27 -'99.

Owing to the rains of the last few days the air this morning was cool and clear;- an ideal day for holding meetings. Our plan of work for the day was layed a week ago. A meeting ~~washad been~~appointed ~~at eleven~~ to be held at eleven. ~~In view of this app~~ Accordingly, when I aros I ~~ammedeately~~ commenced to make ready for this event. We were at the village church in due time. At the ~~ehureh~~ the little synagogue we shock hands with many friends who were delighted at our return. In a short time all were seated and our meeting was opened. After the opening exercises, my comp -- anion made some general remaks. I followed him with a dis course on the esentiality of Baptism. A ~~num~~ majority of those present were of the Baptist persuasion; owing to this the food ~~tha~~ we gave them was relished. Even those who were not of this persuasion manifested no aversion. At about half past three we conviened again with an equal number of heares present. After meeting we took a strol through the rain a distance of 7 miles to meet an appointment. At this place a large congregation had gathered in, and again we preached the truth. -----

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August 28, 1899

Fales Coffee Co., Ga. Mon. Aug. 28 - 1899

The heavy rains during the past night rendered it impossible to work on the plantations. € Consequently, in accordance with a prevaline practice of Ga. planters, they were attracted by their seocial natures to central places; where they could listen to current topics discussed. Morover, ~~our preaching~~ the doctrine preached by us during the last few days in the settlement had been converted into wind which was now making rough the sea of public opinion. Those who had boarded a sciff as a conveyance to get to "Uncles Jos." place to talk about that strange ism from Utah,

had rough sailing. But owing to the course of the gale they were but a short time in making the voyage. ~~Those,~~some who rode the "old plough mule" had to reign him up often to avoid listening to the disgusting braw ~~of~~ "False prophets"-- "False teachers"-- which had been wafted into the dumb beast's ear from some Pharasee's pulpit. Befor nine oclock a respectable congregation was conveyed in front of the house at which we had spent the night. Among the rest was one anti- "Mormon." who manifested his love for is coleagus in warning them to "Beware of fales prophets." His serices, howevr, was not accepted: for ~~many of the~~ a majorty of the little gathering had already ~~been~~ received the warnng, and, moreovr, had had expland

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how they could "know them by their fruits.' The aversion ~~of the~~ of our friends of any thing anti-Mormonistic, had a strange effect upon the man who had ~~taken a dose of~~ ~~at the instigation of~~ persuant to the council of his spiritual advices -- ~~taken so much~~ imbibed so long from a bottle containing "learn of the pharasees," that he had taken, what is know to the medical fraternity as Mad. head-a-mania. And ~~when a half a dozen of the boys~~ when one ~~of the~~ young man who had[^]heard the Elds. from Utah preach, asserted that "Mormonism" ~~was~~ and Bibleism were synomyns terms; and a half a dozen others voiced their affirmation of the assertion-- the man who would warn his friends of false propets, ~~commenced to look upwards~~ commenced to think that a shower of meteords was coming. ----

August 29, 1899

Mt. Zion, Ga. -- Aug. 29 -- 1899

At M^cDonald's a sawmill ton on the R-R. we called upon a Sunday School Supt. ~~for to get~~ to ascertain how he felt relative to the ism from Utah being preached for

the church in which he held fort. On making know the object of our call we were asked what "kind" of preachers we were. ~~I was persuaded that the churchman perceived that we were the despised "Mormons" and being activated by the spirit that~~

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~~activates all those who oppose the truth;~~

The asking of this question assured me that the church-man was inspired by the spirit that actuase all other Pharasees. He desired to have us know that he did not consider "Mormon" Elds ~~bearing~~ worthy of bearing the name of preachers. I, howevr, did not concur with the Pharasee in his assumed position; but ~~at~~ politely informed him that we were preachers of the Gospel of Christ.

Being persuaded that we were "Mormons" the Sunday School Supt. demanded some time to consider. We were informed that we could call at 2 P.M. and get the desision. Of course the decision ~~was~~ rendered was against us. As soon as we learned that it was not permissible to preach in the little chaple we took to the countrey. A distance of 5 miles brought us to a kind friend. Here we spent the night in peace

August 30, 1899

~~N~~Fales, Ga, Aug. 30 --'99.

In the cool of the mornning we made a walk of five miles, ~~ariving at a country store~~ making our appearance at a country store at about ten oclock. Here we exchanged a word or two with a traveling man who had met some of our Elders in Verginia.

Befor twelve we ~~had covered tow~~

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we were two miles futher on our way.
At a friends place we stoped and took dinner.
Late in the evenning we resumed our
task of pounding sand. Just as the sun
was hiding its face behind the Western
horizon, we ~~f~~ were taking a seat on
the verand of a house in which lived a
Predestinarian.

After supper found us again on the
veranda. Having been informed that our friend
was a scripturan, I ~~waited patiently for~~
expected every minute that he would take up
the "good book" and play us some of the old
"Hard-Sheel" tunes. ~~but~~ I was some what dis-
appointed, for the "what is to be will be" man was
reluctant. In order to lead him on I asked
a few questions. This method seamed to
be affective; for as soon as I had asked the
questions we ~~f~~ were faced with Esau &
Jacob and the Corn in Egypt. ----

August 31, 1899

Douglas, Ga. Aug. 31 -- '99.

During the day we walked nine miles.
At night we rested beneath the roof of a kind
farmer's house. _____

September 01, 1899

Douglas Ga. ~~Aug.~~ Sept. 1 -- 99

Nothing of importance happened
during the day. At night we held
a family meeting. _____

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September 02, 1899

D. P. Lott. -- Ga. Sept. 2 -'99.

Persuant to appointment we met
on ~~f~~ the veranda of a friend's house at night

in meeting capacity. A small congregation was present. ----

September 03, 1899

D. P. Lott -- Ga. - Sept. 3 --'99.

ⓓ While seated on the veranda ~~waiting~~ ~~for~~ after breakfast we were suddenly surprised. Prest. Parker ~~and~~ accompanied by Eld. Skidmore stepped to the gate. We knew the object of their visit; they had come to give counsel. Accordingly, our plan to go out to orthodox preaching at eleven was frustrated. We arranged to hold our [^]Priesthood meeting in one of the rooms of the house at which we were stopig. After partaking of the sacrament we listened to the instructions given by Eld. Scidmore and Prest. Parker. Tithing was the absorbing theme. Instruction ~~were also~~ relative to the sacrament were also given. At four a large congregation gathered in and we held an interesting meeting. Elder Scidmoe and Prest. Parker being the speakers. ____

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September 04, 1899

D.P. Lott. -- Ga. Sept. 4 - 1899 .

This was a day of trouble. During the past night I was kept awake about half the time by the tooth-ache, and when I awoke this morning it had not subsided. Of course my first thoughts were upon the tooth that was causing the trouble, and upon some means of alleviating the pain. I was not long in determining what to do. Information ~~was given me~~ to the effect that there was a dentist four miles distant, was given me; so I proposed to give him a call. The four miles of hot sand was soon covered; the tooth taken out; and we returned to ~~our~~ ~~friend's~~ Mr Lott's place, where we spent the night

September 05, 1899

Fales, Ga, Sept. 5 -'99. ----

During the day we walked 7 miles. At night we found ourselves beneath the roof a friends house._

September 06, 1899

Downing, Ga. Wed. Sept. 6 -'99.

Late in the evening we started for a place where lived a sinner, that is, a man who was neither a Pharasee nor a Sadusee. At about dark we called at his house, and were kindly invited in. It was not long befor we were

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comfortable seated and in the midst of a conversation that was agreeable to our friend, who, because of Pharaseeism, had become agnostially inclined. Our entertainer listened with rapt interest to our explanations of eternal judgment; and when we sustained by the Law and Testinoy the doctrne of reward acording to works, our friend voiced his agreement with us. The position of a hypocrite relative to God's economy was next shown. In this connection **of** the woes of Jesus pronounced upon this class of people were reiterated. After pointing out a few species of Hypocrisy supper was annonced. After supper found us **again** on the veranday. Again Pharaseeism versus Chrstinty was discussed. At a late hour we retired for the night. _____

September 07, 1899

McClelland, Ga. Thur. Sept. 7 -- 1899

For the purpose of having a tooth pulled

we walked to Douglas, a distance of seven miles. But on arriving there we were disappointed to learn that the Dentist had gone out of town. We returned from town and spent the night with a friend in the person of J. J. McClelland. _____

September 08, 1899

McClelland, Ga. Fri~~ur~~. Sep. 8 --'99.

Again we called at the Dentist's and learned that he was in the county. -Spent the night with C. _____

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September 09, 1899

Henry Minicks, Ga. Sat. 9- '99.

Our appointment at the above place necessitated a walk of six miles. Before noon we had covered five. At this time we called at a house for further directions. ~~We were invited in~~ The folks being clever invited us in. We stopped with them for dinner after which we walked on to the place of our appointment.

At night a large congregation gathered in, and we held an interesting meeting on the veranda. ____

September 10, 1899

Henry Minicks, Sun. Sep. 10 - '99

At eleven we met in meeting capacity on the veranda. The remainder of the day was spent in pleasant conversation. _____

September 11, 1899

D.P. Lott, Ga. Mon. Sept. 11 - '99.

At about four o'clock, after a walk

of ten miles, we were at the house of our old friend, **Mr Dan. Lott**. The presence at his place of a number of visitors made a way for us to converse on the Gospel. The evening passed away pleasantly while our minds were centered upon Religious topics.

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September 12, 1899

Fales, Ga. Tue. Sept. 12- '99

Through the woods a distance of six miles, we walked to a neighboring settlement, where we held a meeting at night.

September 13, 1899

Fales, Ga. Wed. Sept. 13 - '99 .

During the day we visited with friends

September 14, 1899

Zene Kerklan, Ga. Sept. 14-'99.

☺ At night we held a family meeting

September 15, 1899

Downing, Ga. Sept. 15 - 99 ---

Visited friends during the day ---

September 16, 1899

Dowing, Ga. Sat. Sept. 16 -99

We had an appointment at a school house in the neighborhood for the night, but owing to the heavy rains during the evening we failed to meet it. _____

September 17, 1899

Downing, Ga, Sun. Sept. 17 -- 1899

The mornning dawned wet and drisley.
Our hope of holding meeting at eleven was not
at all boyant. However, we called at the school
house at about ten oclock and found
two persons present. We waited till eleven,

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when took our leave,-- starting for a
neighboring settlement. On the road we
were stoped by two young,men who were anxious
to hear ~~ous~~ us preach. ~~They prevailed upon~~
~~us to~~ They profered to go around and notify
the people. Being presented a good oppertunty
for holding a meeting we conformed our actions
to the plan of the young men. So in a
short time we were seated in a little country
school house befor a small congregation.
After meeting we accompanied a kind
friend hom for the night. ---

September 18, 1899

McClelland, Ga. Mon. Sept. 18 - '99. ---

The day dawned wet a dearey. In consequence
of the inclemency of the weather I remained
in during the morning hours and devoted
my time to writing.

During the evenning we visited two famlis.
With the last we remained and took supper.
After supper we accompaned them to
our meeting at a neighborin house. --

~~P.L.P.~~ PPP -----

September 19, 1899

D.P.Lott. Ga. Tue. Sept. 19-99-

A five mile walk through the deep sand
brought us to the home of D.P.Lott, a friend's.

Here we held an interesting meeting at night. Some of those present listened to "Mormonism" for the first time.

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September 20, 1899

Pine Bloom, Ga. Wed. [18] Sept. ~~2020~~ - 1899

By letter we had notified the people of the above place that we would hold services in their church to-night. Pursuant to this appointment we set out for the above place shortly after breakfast -- arriving at our destination in the early part of the evening. Pine Blom is a Saw Mill town of few inhabitants. In at least one particular it differs from other towns of this kind. A majority of her inhabitants are on the white side of the color line; while, as a rule, at other Saw Mills, of this country the african predominates. In another respect it might be said that Pine Bloom has characteristics that are peculiar to itself. Her inhabitants are religious. This can not be said of all Saw Mill towns. Here the people worship the Lord under the auspices of the Holyness Baptist Union. While they believe in the Methodist doctrine of Sanctification they also concur with the Baptists in their belief that a man must be "born of the water." At the Mill we met the man to whom we wrote concerning our appointment. We found him to be an adherant of the Holiness Bap. Union, and also a hipocrite. His hipocry was manifested to us by his talk about other people. ~~Nor was the~~ This, however, was not the only means by which we were persuaded that some of holy people were not what they professed to be. As soon

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as we got inside the church at night our eyes beheld ~~one of the one~~ a middle

aged man kneeling in a corner praying to be seen of men, as did the hypocrites of old.

Our meeting was well attended. A majority, however, of those who come out had in view the satisfying of their curties Morons, not a few were confident that we would preach about the seven wives. This was particularly true of one ~~lone~~ young lady who told us afterwards that she came out fully persuaded that we would preach polygamy.

September 21, 1899

Pine Bloom, Ga. Thur. Sept. 21 - 99

We spent most of the day in visiting. At night we preached to a small congregation

September 22, 1899

Bridgetown, Ga. Fri. Sept. 22 - 99

Having in view to go to the above place we took our leave ~~from~~ of Pine Bloom in the cool of the day. As we walked along the R. R. past the mill an insident took place that evidenced to us the correctness of our belief that all the Holiness people were not without sin. At the mill somting had gone wrong. One of the men desiring to make it wright without any effort commenced to cursing one of his co-leages

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Finding after a few minutes that the argument of profanity was ~~not~~ in-eficacious, the man who now ~~wh~~ belonged wholly to the Devil reached for something more solid; ~~He~~ ~~four~~ which ~~he~~ found in a piece of scantling. With this he made his co-laborer dance to a tune sung in words that would please only the Devil and ~~the~~ some of the Holiness people at Pine Bloom. --

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September 23, 1899

Lax Ga. Sat. Sept. 23 -- '99. -

At the above place we spent the night. Just as we got through with supper. Elders Willians and John, who were laboring in the naboring Co., came in and took us by surprise. Their pesence made a plesant evening. On the veranda we spent several plesant hours, exchanging ideas and talking about our labors.

September 24, 1899

Lax. Ga. Sun. Sept. 24 - 99

su We were up at an early hour. On the veranda we past the time till eleven, the hour appointed for meeting. Seeing that the prospects for holding meeting were poor, Elders Williams & John took their leave going into their own county. At about three Elder Brewer any myself to our leave, starting for the interior of our Co. On the way we

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passed a colored church. Meeting was in cession, so we took a seat just opposite the church to listen to the proceedings; Some one was praying at the top of their voice. At intervals the congregation would say amen simultaneously. This contined on for about ten minuts, when we left

September 25, 1899

Bridgetown, Ga. Mon. Sept. 25- 99.

During the day we walked about 14 miles. On this journey we experienced scarcely any difficulty until about dark. At this time of day we found ourselves in a strange settlement. [21]and no place to spend the night

Our first attempt was at a place were lived a couple that had just united in wedlock. The husband was away, but a young man was at the house. We were asked in, and "bid set down to supper, which was then waiting. While eating we studied the situation closely, and finally concluded to journey right on after supper. We were directed to a neighbor's who lived but half a mile away. At this place the gentlema of the house was away also. So of course we had to journey right on. To where, we did not know. But walking through the lonely woods for a distanc of a mile or so we catch sight of a light in front of us. At once

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hopes were revived. At the gate of this place we were met by a young man who informed us that a widow women **of** was the occupant of the house; and that she did not take in travelers. We were refered to a gentlemen who lived neighbor to the window, who at this time was in the house. He was called out. From him we received a negative reply to our application for entertainment. This man, as usual, was kind enough to direct us to the next house. Thanking him for his information we took the road. Getting a short distance from the house we heard some loud talking back at the house which we had just left. Being persuaded that they were explaining their reasons for turning us away, we stoped for an instant to listen. **Just as** The first sounds that **I** we cought were the words of the old gentlemen -- "Why they run them out of Pearson". We listened closely for other words but could not catch them. As we walked on I said to my companion, we must be bad men, **for when** the devil is fighting us -- why he inspired some of his servants to run us out of Pearson. It was now late, and as a consequence people were retiring for the night. In the face of these circumstance our hope of

spending the night inside was growng
dim. We, hower, determined to try again.
So we did. At a **clolord man's** place

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we were directed to a white **man's**
farmer who, we were told, lived only a
hundred yards away. After walking
about 300 yards we were in front
of the house. Every thing was quite,
so we were almost lead to believe
that the folds were all to bed. But a
light in one room evedinced to us that
some had not yet retired. I hailed.
Ma The folks some of whom were already
in sleepland commenced to wake up.
All over the house could be heard queres --
"What is that."-- Who is it making that
noise. Finaly the lady of the house
called the "Old Man." While he was
just half awake he was asked what
he was going to do with the Mormon percher
Not knowing the meanig of the interogation
he replied indignantly -- "Nothing.
As soon as he was fully awakend **te**
and got the use of his sences, **he spoke**
he bid us come in." **Continueing his**
remarks he said: "I never turn any one
away."

In a short time a pallet was arranged
on the veranda. **We** Being tired we
lost no time in making the use of it
for which it was intended. Abot midnight
the wind commenced to blow. Befor
mornnig it was quite cool. In consequence
of this my nights rest was a poor one.

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September 26, 1899

John Spivy Ga. Tue. Sept. 26 -- 1899

During the day we walked a distance of

nine miles. Visted some friends. -

September 27, 1899

Wed. Sept. 27 - 1899. ----

Visited friends during the day. ----

September 28, 1899

Thur. Sept. 28 - 1899 ---

Visited some friends during the day. At night we held a meeting in a friend's house.

September 29, 1899

Fri. Sept. 29 - 1899

The day was spent in study. At night we met on the veranda of a friends house in meeting capacity. A large congregation gathered in and we held an interesting meeting.

September 30, 1899

Saturday Sep. 30--'99. ---

This day passed away as did yesterday. in study and meditation. At night a very good meeting was held.

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October 01, 1899

Sunday, Oct. 1 -- 1899 ----

Shortly after arising we were on the road to a neighboring settlement. At about ten we were at our destination. In the village church we took a seat te

write turning our attention to the study of the Gospel as a means of passing the time till our congregation would come. In a short time our friends commenced to make their appearance. Shortly some came in who were not our friends. Among the rest of this class was a bitter anti-"Mormon, who was very much opposed to letting us preach in the sacred sanctuary which had been rendered seceded by being used some time as a fable shop. He having but few adherents deemed it necessary to make use of his 'oratorical powers. Acting upon this plan he called to geth the few who would listen, and commenced to viligize the name of Christ and berlisque the leads of the ism from Utah. ~~It w~~ But it was manifest in a short time that his mode of proceedure was inefficaceous: for there were present some who had never listened to a sermon delived in defence of "Mormonism"

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When the time arrived for commencing meeting the people were called in. I took charge. After ~~sing~~ the commencing exceciss my companion made a few timely remarks. I followed him, skeaking at some length on the means of ascertaing who the true servants of God are. As soon as meeting was over we started for the place appointed for our evennings #meeting -- six mles distant. At our destination we were met by a large congregation. Many of those present had nevr heard a "Mormon" Elder discouse. ---- After meeting an over-dosing bully tried hard to get me to quarel with. I resented, telling him I did not want to talk with him. _____

October 02, 1899

Mon. Oct. 2 -- 1899 -----

A card received from two of the traveling Elders yesterday was part of the plan of to-day's work. In it we were instructed to meet them on the R.R. four miles distant. Accordingly, we left our grips at a friend's place, and started for the designated place of meeting. As it was cool and pleasant but little time was lost in covering the distance. At the station we waited anxiously

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for half an hour to see the form of two "Mormon" Elders come down the Tract. Becoming impatient we stroled down the tract in the direction from which the Elders would come. Shortly they appeared around a curve. A joyeous handshape was the next proceeding. Through the saw\mill town we walked four abreast, exciting the attention of the people; who not doubt, persuading themselfe that the "Mormon's" had come to set up "their kingdom"-- stepped out on the veranda to get an open view of us.

At a friends place we ate a hearty dinner; after which we walked to a neighborg settlement, to the place appointed for convening in meeting at night.

As soon as the clouds of darkness ~~commened to settle the neighbors~~ were falling the anixous people commenced to pour in.

In less than an hour the room was full. The meeting held was an interesting one. The Spirit was there in profussion

October 03, 1899

Tue. Oct. 3 -- 1899 ---

The day was spent at a friend's house. Nothing of importance

happened during the day.
At night we held a small
family meeting.

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October 04, 1899

Wed. Oct. 4 -'99. ----

The passed away quietly. -
At night we held a famly meeting.

October 05, 1899

Thur. Oct. 5 - '99.

Owing to the incessant rain, our
pre-adopted plan of work for the day meterially
changed. At a frend's place we
spent the time. ---

October 06, 1899

Fri. Oct. 6--99]

The hanging clouds rendered our
appointment a failure. ---
We passed the time at a frend's house.

October 07, 1899

Sat. Oct. 7 - '99. .

At eleven, persuant to appontmt.
we met at the village school house.
There being present a few who desired
to hears,us we held a short meeting.

October 08, 1899

Sunday Oct. 8 -'99. ---

During the day 4 Meetings

were held. _____

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October 09, 1899

Mon. Oct. 9 - '99 ----

During the day we visited with friends.
At night we held a well attended meeting.

October 10, 1899

---10 ---[22] ~~Doing~~ the day we visited with
friends and held meetings. ---

October 11, 1899

---11 --- After arranging our affairs we called
up a friend, and spent several hours at
his house in pleasant conversation.
At about two oclock we started for
a settlement a few miles to the South.
The weather being cool and pleasant, we
lost but little time in covering the distance
of five miles. Just as the sun was sinking
behind the Western horizon we walked
up to the house at which we would preach
at night. We had not been at the house
long befor we were invited to the supper
table. Shortly after ~~partispating in a good~~ ~~supper~~ ~~on the supper table~~ ~~partaking of the good things~~
I found myself seated beside my
companion in front of a congregation
of people who were anxiously waiting to
hear the word of truth.
Our meeting was a decided sucess.

October 12, 1899

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Arrangements having been made for us
to preach in a neighboring settlement
at eleven oclock, our attention was naturally
directen to that place. So after eating pinders
and chewing cane we started on the road,
--having six miles of sand befor us. As
there was four of us in the ~~co~~ ~~mpany~~ we made
use of time talking upon current topics

We arived at our destination in due season. At the appointed place we found a samall congregation patiently waiting our arrival. After ~~partaking of~~ eating dinner we assembled on the veranda and held our meeting. ---

October 13, 1899

---13----- Three honest souls haveing applied for Baptism, our attention was dirrected to making ~~application~~ preparations to perform the ordinance on the morrow. Knowing of some in a neighoring settlement who ~~would~~ deem it a priviledge to witness ~~it~~ the sermony, and desiring that they should, I was set apart to carrie the news. Accordingly I hitched one of our friend's mules into the buggy and in a short time I was on the road. The distance of 6 miles was soon covered. The news was appreciated by those for whom it was carried. ---

In this settlement I spent the afternoon by myself. At night a congregation came and I had the priviledge of addressing them.

October 14, 1899

--- 14 ----- The above paragraphs is the record of this date. ----

October 15, 1899

--- 15 ----- Owing to surroundings I was up early, and on the road back to the settlement which a left yersterday. It being cool very little time was required to make the drive. At my destinatin I found all in good spirits, and on the move-- making ready for meeting at eleven. The news that the "Mormons" were going to Baptize had spread like wild fire.

Although the it~~ws~~ had only been on the wing two days, people 20 miles distant had heard it, and many-desiring to witness "that peculiar people" perform a sacred ordinance -- were making their way to the place appointed for the event of the day. By eleven o'clock we had a large congregation. ----

After this meeting we proceeded to the creek followed by our entire congregation.

At the creek we were met by a large crowd, **composed of some [23]** who-- while desiring very much to see the Baptizing-- would not endure sound doctrine. They persuaded themselves that by going to the creek they would evade hearing the preaching. **but not so. my companion spoke 3/4 of an hour and I**

This time, however, their persuasion was wrong: for we both had something to say. My comp-- spoke at some length on Baptism. I followed him -- speaking on the charistics by which the servants of the Lord could be known.

At night we held another meeting at which we confirmed the baptized parties.

October 16, 1899

--- 16 ----- During the day we walked a distance of 20 miles, destinating in a neighborng Co. --

October 17, 1899

--- 17 ----- A miles walk from the place where we had spent the night brought us into the company of the four Elders that we were to meet. A short council was held and we

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desided to take to the village school house for the purpose of holding our Priesthood meeting. We secured some bread and water and therewith made the sacrament a feature of our meeting.

Circumstances rendered it possible for us to have an enjoyable time while con-
veined to geather. The weather was fine.

and each of the Elds. were enjoying good health and measure of the Spirit. After sacrament each of us bore our testmons. Following this we received some timely instructions from Eld. R.M. Robinson, counclor to the Con. Prest.

October 18, 1899

--- 18---- This day was spent in visiting. No thing of any moment took place. ---

October 19, 1899

---19 ---- Like yesterday, nothing unusual happen

October 20, 1899

---20 --- Having not appointments out we determed to go to a little R.R. town and hold a meeting. ~~Although we were~~ No trouble was experienced in securing the use of the Academy Bldg. But notwithstanding our meeting with sucess in this particular, our meeting was nearly a falure, as but few attended.

October 21, 1899

---21 ----- During the day we a ~~arranged~~ made arrangements to preach at a village church at night. Late in the evenning the cloudes commenced to rise, and befor night it look like rain so our meeting was a failure. --- We spent the night with an old Irshman who had been in the West. He made canpany as he could relate many stories in ealy Chuch histry

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October 22, 1899

---22 ---- The day dawned fair and cool. What we would do during the day was not known until night. However, after breakfast, we turned our faces to the Sothward. A distance of three miles was soon covered. Calling at a farmer's house we ~~learne~~ were informed that a Congregational Methodist would

preach in a church near by. Not having heard ~~th~~ any of the adhearts of this denomaton discourse ~~of~~ what they held to be the plan of redemption, we determined to make use of the oppertunity. Leaving our grips at the farmer's house we retraced ~~of~~ our steps a distance of a mile. On reaching the church we found the Pastor at his post making ready to start. Just as we entered he announced a hymn containing the following verse:---

"Shall I be carried to the skies On flowery beds of ease; While others fought to win the prize And sailed through bloody seas?"

Finishing the reading this stanzas, the Pastor spoke at ~~!~~some length of the persecutions of the ancient apostles, and made appearnt the fact that they "sailed through bloody seas." At this juncture I wispred in my compan ears -- "some of the modern apostles have done the same."

The discouse was on prayer. The pastor failed to reach the hearts of congregation with his limited oratory; and not having any

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not having any truth at his disposal ~~com-~~ commenced to shedding fictitious tears -- thinking no doubt, they would drop on some one's heart and melt it.

~~By the~~ The conduct of the congregation at the close of servicees es evidenced to us that the whole proceeding of the last hour had no more ~~Phars~~ foundation than had Pharazism when the Lollies Nazine preacher in Gallee. For notwithstanding the fact that I was acquainted with a number in the audience none would permit themselvs to belive that I was present. ----

October 23, 1899

---23----- Yesterday we took some steps towards making it possible ~~for us~~ to preach at a village school house to-night. Not desiring to permit our steps to have been taken in vain, ~~we devoted the mornig hours to m this~~ early in the morning we commenced to make other preparations. We called at different places, notifying

the people of our appointment. At a farmers house we met with some lively scenes. Approaching the old gent. we offered him a tract. He being a fanatic followed our act reciprocated our act of kindness with the following: "I want to inform you that I do not believe the doctrine." Not being able instantaneously to satisfy my own inquisitiveness relative to the farmer's disbelief in things he was ignorant of I followed his words with the question -- "How do you know when you have not read ~~the~~ whether you do or not before

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you know what it is. "O, said the farmer aptly, I have read all about you. The bible you use is not like ours." At this juncture I assured the cotton grower that we used King James's translation of the Bible. Again the farmer is heard from:-- "I don't know what translation it is, but I do know that it is not King James's translation." Being persuaded that the fanatic was better acquainted with cotton growing than ecclesiology, I deemed it necessary to explain expedient to make use of ~~me~~ with which the 'cracker' was conversant. So I drew his attention to the fact that we used the same bible that was found in all Methodist and Baptist pulpits. But even this explanation failed to bring within the boundary lines of the understanding of the farmer, the meaning that had in view to convey. His yet countenance yet evidenced symptoms of incredulity and fanaticism. Sizing him up once more I was fully convinced that his case would elude cure. When I was about to leave I questioned him relative to his belief in the Bible. Unreluctantly he followed my queries with in this style -- "Yes I believe the bible." Realizing the uselessness of waisting words upon a fanatic I turned to leave, saying as I did, we will preach at the school house to-night. "No, you won't," ejaculated the cotton grower. Here of course

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In those three words he let down the bars so that I could walk in on his own ground and thrash him with the Bible, that he beleve ? in. Of course I did not faile to walk in. I made use of the weapon proffered me. I asked him if he did not say that he belived the Bible. He answered in the affirmatve. Then said I, you have contradicted yourself: for the bible says "do unto others as you would like to have them do unto you."

Right here I must say that I became a little vile, and closed up the loop too tight. I said: now you have told a lie. Of course my rash words were more than the fanatic could bear. He flew into a passion; grabbed a club and started for us. Now was manifest his belief in the Bible: for he cursed and swore, calling us all kinds of vile names. ---

October 24, 1899

--24--- We spent the day visiting with friends.

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May 22, 1899

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